

Deacons' Fund Use Policy

As part of the mission of mercy of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church in America, Volant, PA, and at the direction of Session, the Deacons' Fund has been established for the Deacons to offer financial assistance to those affected by circumstances beyond their control. The Deacons will, through prayer and with the skills and reasoning ability gifted them by God, seek to discern needs within the church community and, on occasion, outside of the church community, for the purpose of sharing God's provision without enabling dependency.

While anyone may give to the Deacons' Fund and may suggest a specific condition or circumstance for which it could be used, it remains the sole responsibility of the Deacons, through prayer and due diligence, to determine need and the extent of any financial assistance.

The Deacons may seek counsel from Session, and/or Session may initiate counsel to the Deacons as to specific needs and circumstances of congregational members.

The Deacons may also, from time to time, offer gifts of compassion as determined appropriate (i.e. flowers to shut-ins).

Full disclosure of all deposits and disbursements of the Deacons' Fund, accompanied by regular and/or executive session minutes reflecting disbursement considerations, will be available at any time to Session for their audit and review.