# Seeds of Faith, Roots of Care

### Foundation Grant Awards

Each year, the Foundation for the Episcopal Church in Wyoming sets aside funds to support congregational initiatives that restore people to unity with God and one another in Christ. These grants empower ministries that provide for worship and prayer, proclaim the Gospel, relieve human suffering, promote justice, and equip both lay and ordained leaders.



Kristi Wallin, executive director of the Foundation, and the Rev. Bernadine Craft present Erin Hastey with a grant check supporting mental health care access in Sublette County.

The Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following grants awarded in the first half of 2025:

**Congregational Grant Awards** 

# POWR Documentary - St. John's in Jackson & Our Father's House in Ethete

Prayers of Wind River is a collaborative documentary exploring the resilience, identity, and culture of the people on the Wind River Reservation, and the historical and present-day role of the Church.

#### Pantry Project - St. John's in Powell

This grant addresses food insecurity and health care through St. John's Pantry, First Stop Help Center, and Rocky Mountain Manor.

Digital Hymnal & Labyrinth - St. Luke's in Buffalo St. Luke's is revitalizing its worship and contemplative life with a new digital hymnal and a painted labyrinth open to the community.

Dining for a Cause – St. Peter's in Sheridan
A matching grant supported Dining for a Cause, a
ministry of The Food Group. In total, \$121,387 was
raised, enough to help feed over 800 children each
week

Wyoming Immigrant Advocacy Project - St. John's in Jackson, St. Peter's in Sheridan, St. Matthew's Cathedral in Laramie & St. Barnabas' in Saratoga WIAP is a legal aid clinic offering low-cost services tailored to the needs of immigrants across Wyoming.



Community members gather to plant heirloom apple trees at St. David's, Shoshone Mission in Fort Washakie

#### Mental Health Access - St. Andrew's in the Pines in Pinedale, St. Hubert the Hunter in Bondurant & St. John the Baptist in Big Piney

These congregations are improving access to mental health care by providing funding for free or reducedcost services in Sublette County.

#### Community Outreach - St. Paul's in Dixon

In partnership with the Assisted Care Facility Village, this ministry offers transportation assistance and a homemaking program for residents with limited mobility.

### A History of Canterbury - Canterbury Fellowship in Laramie

A local historian and alumnus will research and preserve the rich history of the Canterbury Fellowship, which has served the University of Wyoming community for more than 100 years.

#### Celebrating God's Gifts - St. Andrew's in Meeteetse

St. Andrew's will host four community-wide events this summer, concluding with a concert by The Craft Brothers. These gatherings celebrate the beauty of music, dance, and creation.

#### Roberts Apple Orchard - St. David's, Shoshone Mission in Fort Washakie

Eighteen heirloom apple trees will be replanted in the historic orchard first established by the Rev. John Roberts in the late 1800s.

# The Foundation Board On the Road and On a Mission

#### Sacred Spaces Grant Awards

The Foundation and the Episcopal Church in Wyoming have launched a new partnership focused on building restoration and maintenance across the diocese. Funded by the Foundation's Capital Expenditures Fund and guided by the Diocesan Property Committee, this initiative is designed to assess and support structural needs in every congregation.

The Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the first grant recipients and expresses gratitude to the Diocesan Property Committee for their leadership.

## Opportunity Shop Parking Lot - St. Thomas' in Dubois

The parking lot for the Opportunity Shop Thrift Store—a vital ministry in the community—will be resurfaced.

### Rectory Repairs - St. Andrew's in the Pines in Pinedale

Renovations and structural improvements will be made to the rectory serving this congregation.

If your church has a dream for sacred spaces, ministry, or community outreach, contact Kristi Wallin, Executive Director of the Foundation, to explore grant opportunities.



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This spring, the Foundation hosted its first-ever Financial Discernment Regional Workshop in Pinedale. The gathering invited lay and clergy leaders to explore church finances through a spiritually grounded lens—rooted in discernment, stewardship, and mission.

Participants reflected on how to faithfully align resources with ministry goals, while also learning practical tools for financial planning and grant-seeking. The workshop was designed to meet congregations where they are, recognizing the unique context and capacity of each church.

#### Want to host this workshop in your region?

Let's grow our tools together! Contact Kristi Wallin or Kira Bachus to bring a Financial Discernment Workshop to your community.