Congratulations, Holston Conference! The second round of grant applications from the Mission Offering for Ministry with Children in Poverty revealed creative initiatives in churches from every district. Through food distribution programs, backpacks of school supplies, tutoring, and friend-building, our congregations are reaching out to their youngest neighbors. Another $53,000 was distributed in grants, giving a grand total of $93,800 in ministry support so far. The next grant deadlines are February 15 and May 15. The Conference Missions team hopes to award a grant from every district. For more information or to submit your church’s application, visit waytogiveholston.org or contact Mike Sluder (mikesluder@holston.org) at the Holston Conference Office.

The Oak Ridge District recipient was the Morgan, Scott, Roane Parish. These four churches, Oakdale, Rugby Road, Sunbright, and Woods Chapel, work together with the Morgan Scott Project. Together they provide monthly food boxes to families in need, backpacks filled with school supplies, Christmas packages, summer meals, and seeds, plants, and fertilizer for family gardens. Thirty percent of families in their community live in poverty. The average attendance of each of these congregations is under fifty, yet the hearts of the people are big enough to see their neighbors and to reach out with the love of Jesus Christ.
One of Morgan Scott’s ongoing programs provides plants, seeds, and fertilizer to families so they can grow their own food.

Our conference efforts on behalf of children in poverty are ongoing. Each congregation is challenged to give 10 hours of service and $10 toward the mission offering per average worship attendee. Visit waytogiveholston.org to record your hours, make a contribution, and learn more about this exciting work.

Last year Morgan Scott provided vegetable seeds, plants, and fertilizer to 364 families.

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