



Church Periodical Club

The Ministry of the Printed Word Report 2014

The Church Periodical Club (CPC) is a worldwide "Ministry of the Printed Word." It was founded in 1888 by Mary Ann Drake Fargo, wife of a member of the Wells-Fargo Express firm. Mary Ann and her friends in the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, sent their bundles of books and periodicals westward to missionaries and pioneers via stagecoach.

It is an independently affiliated organization of the Episcopal Church. The only organization in the Episcopal Church providing free literature and related material, both religious and secular, through grants to people all over the world who need and request them and who have no other source for obtaining them. Books and printed materials are needed for many reasons: to spread the Good News, to supply essentials for Educators, Physicians, Technicians, various professionals, and to encourage literacy. *CPC depends entirely on voluntary contributions to carry out its unique ministry.* The Church Periodical Club operates at all levels of the church, national, provincial, diocesan and parish. Through the national granting program, the grants are allocated worldwide, based on contributions available in two funds.

The **National Books Fund** (NBF) helps meet religious and secular needs by providing printed and audio-visual material to individuals, organizations, and churches affiliated with the Anglican Communion. Grant applications to NBF are processed twice a year, after receiving the endorsement of the Episcopal or Anglican Bishop of the Diocese.

"Miles of Pennies" The Miles of Pennies Fund (MOP) was established in 1988 on the 100th anniversary of The Church Periodical Club. The Miles of Pennies Fund Committee awarded its first grants in 1991. The maximum grant given by Miles of Pennies is \$844.80 which represents one mile of pennies. The grants serve the needs of children only, pre-school to grade 12, supplying reading and educational material, and providing shipping costs of recycled children's books. This is a wonderful way to spread the Word to the remotest corners of the world, especially to children in poverty stricken countries, who would never hear the written word or learn about the Lord. Within the United States, grant applications to MOP are endorsed by any active CPC Representative. Applications from outside the continental United States are processed by the local Diocesan Anglican or Episcopal Bishop. The Miles of Pennies Committee distributes the contributions in the MOP fund year round.



Contributions to either fund may be sent to:

Diocese of Central PA Coordinator – Cindy Mohr
203 West Market Street, Marietta, PA 17547

Please volunteer to represent your parish and send the following membership form below.

For additional information go to Website: www.churchperiodical.com or E-mail: cpc@episcopalchurch.org

Yes, I want to be a member of the Church Periodical Club

My check for \$20.00 for the year 2014 is enclosed

My name _____

Address _____

Parish _____

Send check to: The Church Periodical Club, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017

