

Lilly Foundation Grant Information

Newton Covenant Church | March 4, 2021

The Lilly Foundation in its conviction of the important of pastors taking sabbaticals offers grants to churches of up to \$50,000 (up to \$35,000 in pastor sabbatical costs and up to \$15,000 in church costs related to their absence).

The Personnel Committee and Leadership Team have approved seeking congregational approval to apply for this grant.

While some of the details will be adjusted if the application is accepted, the request will be.

Dates: May 20th to August 20th, 2022*

*The Lilly Foundation will only accept applications for Sabbaticals of at least three-months in length.

The Leadership Team has made a preliminary plan for the church in Garrett's absence of:

- Pastor Kelly Ladd-Bishop to serve as head-of-staff with increased hours.
- Pastor Jean Risley serving part-time as additional staff is needed.
- The Church will intentionally focus on "Exploring and Renewing our Mission as a Church" during this time. We will have guest speakers for each area of mission focus, and the LT will meet with ECC Superintendent Howard Burgoyne about overall church health direction.
- Preaching will be done by current staff and lay leaders along with mission focused guest speakers.