

## **East Main Adoption Ministry Grant Guidelines:**

### What type of adoptions will we fund?

- We fund domestic and international adoption.

### Who is eligible for grants?

- At the present time, we only consider grant applications from the East Main Presbyterian Church congregation.
- Single and married couples are eligible for grants.

### What are the financial guidelines for eligibility?

- We require a list of adoption costs.

### How far along in the adoption process must families be to apply for a grant?

- We require that families have a completed and approved dossier, and completed and approved home study.

### What percentage of the total adoption process will this grant supply?

- We hope to be able to cover roughly 10% of total adoption costs up to a maximum grant per child of \$2,500 for international adoption and up to a maximum grant per child of \$1,500 for domestic adoption.

### Who on the Adoption Ministry Team will make the actual grant decisions?

- Currently the chair of the adoption team, along with two team delegates will review the adoption grant applications and make a recommendation to the entire committee. Pastors will not be involved in this process, and we will actively seek to avoid conflicts of interest whenever they present themselves.

### To whom or to what organization will the funds be disbursed?

- We will disburse funds directly to the adoption agency, home study agency, or adopting parents. Any funds dispersed directly to the adopting parents will be accompanied by a IRS Form 1099.