



## BENEVOLENCE INQUIRY

### **Mission**

The Benevolence Ministry seeks to respond to the practical needs of those in our Church community as an expression of and response to God's love for us.

#### *Galatians 6:2-10*

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ . . . So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (ESV)

#### *1 Peter 4:10*

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (ESV)

### **Who Should Submit an Inquiry?**

- If you are part of an SCC home group, please prayerfully consider reaching out to your home group for assistance before submitting an inquiry.
- SCC members, regular attendees, and people not associated with SCC may submit an inquiry for any special need. Members and regular attendees' requests may be given priority for financial assistance.

### **Examples of Qualifying Needs**

- Financial (e.g., help paying bills, medical expenses, gifts, groceries, etc.)
- Physical (e.g., help with moving, filing paperwork, babysitting, taxes, etc.)
- Emotional (e.g., counseling, addiction support, etc.)

### **Special Guidelines for Financial Assistance**

- The Benevolence Ministry is intended for crisis intervention and not ongoing support. As such, "cash" gifts are limited to twice in any twelve-month period unless special circumstances warrant otherwise.
- Qualifying types of aid include but are not limited to: utility bills, rent/mortgage payments, medical payments/procedures, Christmas baskets/gifts, food, gift certificates, funeral costs, transportation for employment, etc.

**Note:** Benevolence decisions may involve consultation with the Pastoral Staff or Church Council. If this is a problem, please contact the Benevolence Director.

After reading the guidelines above, to submit an inquiry, please [click here](#).

### **Contact**

Please direct any questions to [benevolence@solanochurch.org](mailto:benevolence@solanochurch.org).