

The Center for Pioneer Life Receives \$50,000 Grant

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The Center for Pioneer Life is pleased to announce it has received a \$50,000 grant from the Foundation for International Education (FIE). This grant is the result of a challenge given to The Center to secure 300 memberships during 2018. Over 300 individuals, groups, and businesses helped reach this goal by contributing \$100 or more toward The Center's membership campaign.

Pete Eberhart, chair of the Foundation for International Education, announced the award and added "We offered this challenge because we believe in the important work The Center is doing telling the story of the settlement of western North Carolina. This project also offers an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen the region's economic and educational environment".

Funds from this grant are restricted to planning and implementing programs that will serve Yancey County residents, visitors, and researchers including the development of field trips for Yancey County school children to learn about the history of this region, a professional development teacher training program, and a summer lecture series led by Dr. Lloyd Bailey. Additional sources of funding for this project will come from contributions by members.



The Foundation for International Education is a private, philanthropic foundation that has been in existence for twenty-five years. It promotes cultural understanding by provides funds for international education and historic preservation.

The Center for Pioneer Life was established in 2017 as a project of the Strawbridge and Martha Wilson Young Foundation. Its mission is to preserve the legacy of the pioneers who settled this region and experience how they live.

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Pictured from left to right: Alan Young, FIE board of directors, Geraldine Plato president and CEO of the Strawbridge and Martha Wilson Young Foundation, Jamie McMahan, Yancey County Planning and Economic Development Director and SMY board of directors.