

The Minutes Of Mississippi Valley Presbytery

General Synod of the
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



Fall Stated Meeting

October 2-3, 2017

Graceview Presbyterian Church
Southaven, Mississippi

Called Meeting

December 12, 2017

Providence Reformed Church
Bartlett, Tennessee

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY
Graceview Presbyterian Church
Southaven, Mississippi

Fall Stated Meeting
October 2-3, 2017

The registration of delegates began at 4 pm. Following an evening meal provided by the host church at 6 p.m., the Fall 2017 Stated Meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery began at 7 p.m. with an opening worship service led by Rev. John Tucker, pastor of the Graceview Presbyterian Church (see **Appendix A**). Dr. Brian Taylor, who has been helping fill the pulpit at the Gospel of Grace Church, preached a sermon from Romans 5:8-21, entitled “The Imputed Righteousness of Christ, Our Heroic Savior.” Rev. Tucker then led the presbytery in the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

Following the worship service and a brief recess, Moderator Mark Miller called the meeting to order and called upon David Strock, to open the meeting with prayer. Jack Anthony, an elder at the Graceview church, welcomed the members of presbytery to the meeting.

The stated clerk confirmed a quorum was present.

Ministers Present

Thomas Braithwaite (<i>E</i>)	Steve Hardy (<i>E</i>)
Ron Brunson (<i>E</i>)	Gary Jones
Meredith Cavin	Matthew Heathman (<i>E</i>)
Moises Chan (<i>E</i>)	Mark Miller
Conrad Cheatham (<i>E</i>)	Kent Moorlach
Mike Chipman	Tim Phillips
Gary Clowers	Troy Pritt (<i>E</i>)
James Coad III (<i>E</i>)	Wayne Stanchfield (<i>E</i>)
Alex Coblentz	David Storment (<i>E</i>)
Charles Covington	Charles Todd (<i>E</i>)
Joey Donahue	John Tucker
Bill Everett (<i>E</i>)	Don Watkins (<i>E</i>)
Michael Garvey (<i>E</i>)	Howard Wheeler
Jodie Gaston (<i>E</i>)	Robert White
Benjamin Glaser	Mike Yarman

(A) = Unexcused Absence (E) = Excused Absence

Ruling Elders Present

Bethany – David Frazier
Brighton – Milton Murphy
Ebenezer – Glenn Duckworth
Ellisville – none
Elsberry – none
Faith – none
French Camp – Larry Littlejohn
Gospel of Grace – Paul Walley
Graceview – John Kelley
Gum Tree – Carl Patterson
Helena – none
Hernando – Steve Rice

Hickory Springs – none
Hopewell – Troy Graham
Midlane Park – none
Mt. Zion – none
New Albany – Steve McCollum
New Geneva – none
Pottsville – none
Providence – David Strock
Richland – none
Salem – none
Sharon – none
Wood Avenue – none

Guests

Larry Taylor, Sandra McCollum, Gene Adams, Lori Taylor, Jack Anthony, Barbara Anthony, Charles Browning, Christopher Neiswonger, Wayne Frazier, Heiko Burklin, Randy Kolb,

The following procedural motions were presented to the court by the Reading Clerk and adopted without objection:

- That each minister or ruling elder delegate who has contacted the clerk requesting an excused absence from this meeting of presbytery be granted an excused absence.
- That honorably retired ministers not in attendance be granted an excused absence.
- That each minister and ruling elder delegate who must leave this meeting of presbytery before adjournment and who submits a request for an excused absence from the remaining portion of the meeting of presbytery be granted an excused absence.
- That ministers of other presbyteries of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church or other Christian denominations, who have been registered with the clerk for this meeting, may be seated as consultative members of the presbytery in accordance with the FOG, Chapter XII.C.3.
- That clergy and/or laity who represent institutions or agencies related to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church who have registered with the clerk for this meeting be invited to sit with the presbytery and be granted the privilege of the floor.

Rev. Wayne Frazier and Rev. Heiko Burklin were introduced as guests. The agenda for the meeting was presented to the presbytery by Mr. Johnny Kelley, an elder at Graceview (see **Appendix A**). The agenda was approved by the presbytery.

The Spring 2017 Minutes were adopted by the presbytery.

Under unfinished business, a brief oral report from the Dunlap Commission was give to the presbytery by Mr. Carl Patterson, a member of the commission. The matter of a lagoon on the

property is still a concern, but the matter is being handled. A motion was made to dissolve the commission (seconded). After much discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn. The oral report of the commission was then received as information by the presbytery.

Moderator Miller appointed a committee to examine the records of sessions: David Strock, Milton Murphy, Glenn Duckworth, and John Kelley.

There were no nominations for Moderator-elect/Vice Moderator of Presbytery at this time. A motion was made that nominations be postponed until the first item of business on Tuesday morning (second, passed).

The Reading Clerk read a report from Mrs. Susan Cavin, President of MVP Women's Ministries. A motion was made to receive the report as information and that it be printed in the minutes of presbytery (see **Appendix B**).

Rev. Wayne Frazier, the Church Vitality Coach for Outreach North America, spoke briefly to the presbytery, presenting information about how churches can reach the current generation.

After announcements, there being no further business for the evening, the meeting recessed until the following morning. Rev. Tim Phillips was called upon to close with prayer.

Tuesday Morning, October 3, 2017

The meeting of MVP reconvened at 8:00 a.m. Rev. Mansour Khajehpour led a time of devotion, using 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 12:27 and 1 Peter 1:7 as his primary texts. Rev. Khajehpour preached about the need for unity and faithfulness in the body of Christ.

As business resumed, nominations for Moderator-elect/Vice-Moderator were considered. The Rev. Mike Chipman was nominated (seconded). There being no other nominations, Rev. Chipman was elected by unanimous acclamation.

The Treasurer's report was distributed to the presbytery (see **Appendix C**). Mr. John Robinson, Treasurer of MVP, gave a thorough explanation of the report. The report was received as information.

The Stewardship Committee report was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix D**). The report was received as information by the presbytery. Mr. Mike Thomason, the chairman of the Stewardship Committee was unable to attend the meeting because of health issues. The Moderator called upon Rev. John Tucker to pray for Mr. Thomason.

The ONA Committee report was presented to the presbytery by Rev. John Tucker, the chairman of the committee (see **Appendix E**). Rev. Howard Wheeler gave an update concerning his exploratory work in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Rev. Wheeler answered questions from the members of the presbytery. Rev. Mike Chipman also gave an update about the Redeemer mission work in Murray, Kentucky. Rev. Chipman noted that attendance has

steadily improved, and the congregation is beginning to look at possibly purchasing a building for worship. Rev. Chipman also answered several questions from members of the presbytery.

The recommendations in the ONA Committee report were then considered individually. The first four recommendations all passed. It was noted by a member of the court that in order for recommendation 5 (appointing a provisional session) to be approved, River City would need to be moved to status as a mission work (i.e., status as an official church plant). There was much discussion.

The order of the day was reached and presbytery recessed for committee meetings. Rev. Mike Yarman was called upon to pray.

Recess for Committee Meetings (10 a.m.)

The presbytery meeting reconvened at 11 a.m. Rev. Heiko Burklin gave a presentation of the work of World Witness, especially missionary efforts in Poland and Pakistan. He also gave an update concerning Rev. Andrew Brunson, who is currently jailed in Turkey.

As business resumed, recommendation 5 from the ONA Committee report was withdrawn by the committee. Another recommendation was made by the committee: *That MVP designate River City mission status effective January 1, 2018* (seconded, passed). The sixth recommendation was then considered and passed. Rev. Charles Covington was called upon to pray for the River City mission. The seventh recommendation was considered and also passed. The report was then adopted as a whole. It was noted that in conjunction with the report, the Moderator was appointing the members of the Pottsville session as the provisional session for River City.

A report from the Christian Education Committee was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix F**). A report from the committee was read and received as information. The recommendations from the CEC report were considered together. All passed. Rev. Charles Covington then gave a brief presentation about the upcoming MVP Youth Fall Retreat. Rev. Joey Donahue also made an announcement about the upcoming Leadership Conference that was being sponsored by the presbytery

The order of the day was reached, and Mr. Carl Patterson was asked pray for the meal.

Order of the Day (Lunch – noon)

Presbytery reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with a season of prayer.

The Moderator's Committee on Sessional Records was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix G**). The report was adopted by the presbytery.

The report of the MVP Education Fund Committee was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix H**). There was recommendation in the report that was considered (that presbytery allow the committee to invest 25% of the funds with the ARP Foundation). An amendment

was made to the recommendation, that the amount be invested in the moderate growth fund with the ARP Foundation (seconded, passed). The motion as amended then passed. The report was adopted by the presbytery.

The report of the Minister and His Work Committee was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix I**). The recommendation that Dr. Brian Taylor be approved as stated supply of Gospel of Grace Church passed. The recommendation that Dr. Taylor be examined as a candidate for ordination as a minister in the ARPC (i.e., as a licentiate) was then considered. The recommendation passed, and Dr. Taylor was then examined.

A question was asked about Bible translations and the distinction between “faith in Christ” and “faith of Christ.” A question was asked about the third use of the law (with particular attention to the 2nd and 4th commandments) and the use of the Psalms in the church today (Dr. Taylor expressed confessional views in both areas). A question was asked concerning Dr. Taylor’s conversion and call to the ministry. A question was asked about the creation account and the creation days in the book of Genesis (Dr. Taylor stated that he believed in literal 24-hour days and the historicity of the opening chapters of Genesis). Dr. Taylor was asked if he sincerely loved the Lord Jesus Christ. A question was asked about Dr. Taylor’s view of spiritual gifts (he identified himself as a cessationist). All questions were considered to be answered satisfactorily. A motion was made that the examination be sustained and Dr. Taylor be licensed to preach (seconded, passed). The Moderator asked the Formula of Questions for licentiates from the *Form of Government* (all answered in the affirmative). The Moderator declared Dr. Taylor to be licensed and then exhorted him, using Matthew 11:29-30 as the Scriptural text.

The presbytery considered the request for honorable retirement for Rev. John Tucker. A motion was made to honor the request (seconded, passed).

The remainder of the report was presented. As part the report, Larry Taylor was approved as stated supply of Faith Presbyterian Church. Under section 12 (on p. 6 of the report), concerning Rev. Mike Yarman, the report was amended to shorten the last statement to the following: “*Pastor Yarman has been cleared by MaHW to administer the sacraments.*” Under section 14, the request from Ebenezer Presbyterian Church was amended to include both Bill Everett and Randy Kolb to continue to serve as stated supply pastors for the congregation (the motion to do so passed as amended). Under section 17, Leslie Rhodes was approved as stated supply of the Helena ARP Church.

The final recommendations were considered by the presbytery.

Recommendation 1 (to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Benjamin Glaser and Ellisville): passed.

Recommendation 2 (to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Mark Miller and New Albany): passed.

Recommendation 3 had already been dealt with earlier during the presentation of the report.

Recommendation 4 passed.

The report was then received and adopted by the presbytery.

The Nominations Committee recommended Rev. Howard Wheeler to serve as Parliamentarian of MVP (due to Rev. Glaser's transfer to Catawba Presbytery). The recommendation passed.

A motion was made to appoint Mr. Charles Browning to continue serving as Vice Moderator of MVP (due to the impending resignation and transfer of Rev. Mark Miller).

The principal clerk announced the following locations for upcoming meetings of MVP:

- Spring 2018, Salem Presbyterian Church in Atoka, Tennessee
- Fall 2018, Brighton ARP Church in Brighton, Tennessee

A motion was made to have the Spring 2019 meeting at the French Camp Presbyterian Church in French Camp, Mississippi (seconded, passed).

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes (seconded, passed).

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (seconded, passed). After the singing of Psalm 133 ("Christian Unity"), the Fall 2017 meeting of MVP was closed with a prayer and benediction by Moderator Mark Miller.

Proceedings of Called Meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery

December 12, 2017

Providence Reformed Church, Bartlett, Tennessee

A called meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery was held at the Providence Reformed Church on December 12, 2017 at 11 am. The following were in attendance at the meeting:

Rev. Tim Phillips	Mr. Milton Murphy (Brighton)
Rev. Robert White	Mr. Troy Graham (Hopewell)
Rev. Joey Donahue	Mr. Blaine Falkema (Gospel of Grace)
Rev. John Tucker	Mr. Gene Adams (Graceview)
Mr. Charles Browning (Vice Mod, MVP)	Dr. Brian Taylor (Licentiate)
Mr. Mike Thomason (Richland)	Mr. Christopher Neiswonger (Student of Theology)
Mr. David Strock (Providence)	

Also in attendance as guests were Rev. Steve Woods and Mrs. Lori Taylor.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Moderator Charles Browning. Mr. Browning opened in prayer.

The Principal Clerk confirmed that a quorum was present.

There was one item of business for the meeting: *To approve the call of Dr. Brian Taylor to the Gospel of Grace Church, and conduct any business which may arise from this matter*

A call for Dr. Taylor was presented, and Reading Clerk Joey Donahue read the terms of the call to the members of presbytery (see **Appendix J**).

A motion was made to approve the call (second, passed), and Dr. Taylor confirmed that the call was acceptable.

Rev. John Tucker was called upon to pray for Dr. Taylor's ministry and for the Gospel of Grace Church.

The presbytery extended the right hand of fellowship to Dr. Taylor.

It was announced that a commission would be appointed to ordain and install Dr. Taylor at a date to be determined.

There was a motion to adjourn (seconded, passed). The meeting was closed with a prayer and benediction by Rev. Bob White.

Appendix A

Mississippi Valley Presbytery

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Fall Stated Meeting
Graceview Presbyterian Church
Southaven, Mississippi
October 2-3, 2017

Opening Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 96:1-2*

*Hymn # 211 *"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" (1-4)*

*Invocation *Rev. John Tucker*

Special Music *"A Mighty Fortress" Graceview Choir*

Scripture *Romans 5:18-21*

Sermon *"The Imputed Righteousness of Christ, our Heroic Savior"* Mr. Brian L. Taylor

*Hymn # 142 *"O Sacred Head Now Wounded" (1-3)*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper *Rev. John Tucker*

*Hymn # 16 *"Come we That Love the Lord (1-5)*

*Benediction *Rev. Tucker*

*Congregation Standing

Fall 2017 Meeting Agenda Monday, October 2

Registration 4 pm to 6 pm
Supper 6 pm

Opening Worship 7 pm
Opening of Business 8 pm

Constitution with Prayer
Welcome and Greetings by Host Church: Mr Jack

Anthony

Constitution of the Roll
Introductions and Procedural Motions
Presentation of the Program: Mr Johnny Kelley
Adoption of Spring 2017 Minutes
Unfinished Business
Appointment of Moderator's Comm. on Sessional Records
Nominations for Moderator of MVP
Presentation by Mrs. Susan Cavin, President of MVP
Women's Ministries
Presentation by Rev. Wayne Frazier, Church Vitality
Coach for ONA
Announcements
Closing Prayer

Tuesday, October 3

Breakfast 7 am

Morning Devotion 8 am

Rev. Mansour Khajehpour

Brief Recess 8:30-8:40 am

Recess for Committee Meetings 10 am

Presentation by Rev. Heiko Burkin, World Witness 11 am

Business Resumes 11:20 am

Lunch Noon

Season of Prayer 12:45 pm

Business Resumes 1 pm

Brief Recess 2:30 pm

Business Concludes 2:45 pm

Selection of Meeting Place for Spring 2019 meeting

Reading and Adoption of Minutes

Announcements

The Singing of Psalm 133, "Christian Unity"

Adjournment with Prayer and Benediction

Fathers and Brethren,

Thank you for allotting me time to share a few of the opportunities for ministry that the women of Mississippi Valley Presbytery have before us.

Women's Ministries are not new to our denomination; in fact, we have had organized Missionary and Benevolence Societies within our churches for over 100 years. Following the command of the Great Commission, women have been actively involved in service through prayer, teaching, missions, outreach and evangelism, and ministry for the members of our individual congregations, communities, as well as globally. What is new is the way we work within our presbytery and synod.

Instead of having separate "cause secretaries" and methods of sending and reporting monies through multiple levels, we are focused on being participants in the total church ministry. We are encouraged to contribute our offerings directly through our home church to denominational ministries. The exception is money sent to our presbyterial treasurer for the work of Presbytery and those funds designated to recognize or honor through Life Memberships, Memorials, and Partners in Ministry awards.

Our women serve faithfully on Synod boards and committees, with a two-fold purpose: to represent the work of the women within our churches to the boards and to communicate the directives and needs of each agency back to our local congregations. I want to recognize several women from our presbytery for their service. Mary Nell Coblentz has been a dedicated member of the Dunlap Board, and Barbara Thomason has served actively on the Board of World Witness. I have just been approved as a member of the Interchurch Relations Committee. I want

to develop a list of women from our Presbytery who would prayerfully consider service and be willing to place their names in nomination to serve on the boards of World Witness, Outreach North America, Stewardship, Bonclarken, Erskine, or Christian Education. The requirements and terms of service for each Board are varied. Time and travel are required to attend board meetings at Bonclarken, in Due West, or in Greenville, South Carolina. Please prayerfully consider the women within your ministries and forward names of potential nominees to me.

This year, we have begun a Prayer Partnership with freshman women at Erskine College. This ministry is one which we hope will serve to foster and encourage girls spiritually, emotionally, and mentally as they are away from home, reminding them that they are not alone, but are members of the greater community of faith. Freshman women were offered the opportunity to request a prayer partner at the “Signing of the Book” ceremony the opening week of school. Perhaps you can identify one or more women in your church that would be willing to serve as a “spiritual mother” to a college student.

We continue to raise funds providing support for our Jubilee Birthday Ladies, two women who are serving through World Witness and have viable ministries. Please ask your women if they have had a Jubilee Birthday Party, and if they haven’t, encourage them to support this ongoing need. Monies raised for this purpose should be sent directly to the ARP Synod office in Greenville and designated for World Witness, Jubilee Birthday Offering.

All women need encouragement to participate in small group and personal Bible Study. As part of Christian Education, a committee is appointed to read and recommend books for study within our

denomination. Study books and authors are carefully reviewed for adherence to reformed theological presentation and doctrinal accuracy. Consideration is given to readability, format and the availability of support materials. Stephanie Moorlach continues to graciously serve on the Spiritual Life Committee providing excellent commentary and evaluation.

Participating in a common study throughout our denomination supports the idea of a connected church. Each year the following year's study is introduced, preached and taught during the Family Bible Conference. The Bible Study for 2018 is from Genesis, focusing on the life of Abraham. Romans will follow in 2019 and looking ahead to 2020, we will be reviewing Daniel. Old and New Testament books are recommended in alternate years. Please encourage your women to use these study books each year as part of their circle or personal Bible study; and as you plan your teaching and preaching ministry, allocate a time of focus for each of these books of the Bible.

We are in the early planning stages of a Mini-Retreat for the women of our Presbytery. We look forward to announcing our dates, location, and speaker within a few months. This will be a time to reflect, evaluate and plan. New presbyterial officers will be elected. Please pray for me and for the women working with me to make this a reality.

I will be representing MVP Women's Ministries at the Annual Meeting of Women's Ministries at Bonclarken on October 14, 2017. We are allocated four at large voting delegates to this meeting. I am seeking to fill these positions. If someone from your congregation would like to attend, please have them contact me. An honorarium is available for help with travel expenses. I have included my contact information at

the end of this address.

During this year, as we recognize and celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, may God in His mercy grant each of us a renewed and refreshed filling of His Spirit, opening our eyes and hearts, and guiding our hands and feet in His service. May we be strong and vigilant, yet filled with compassion and love. And, may we know the peace that passeth all understanding as we work together for His Glory.

May God Bless each one of you.

Sincerely,

Susan Cavin

President, MVP Women's Ministries

October 2, 2017

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Appendix C

General Fund

Mississippi Valley Presbytery

	First Nine Months Of 2017	Full Year 2016
Balance January 1	<u>\$120,063.58</u>	<u>\$83,731.61</u>
Receipts:		
Assessments from Member Churches	\$9,568.00	\$14,520.00
Interest Income	560.96	310.14
Proceeds from Dunlap Sale	<u>4,470.06</u>	<u>56,208.13</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$14,599.02</u>	<u>\$71,038.27</u>
Disbursements:		
Contribution to Christian Education Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Contribution to Dunlap Retirement Home/Foundatic	-00	10,000.00
Printing, Postage and Clerk's Travel and Stipend	863.59	1,122.92
Commission Expense-Leaksville	-00	1,678.72
Pulpit Supply-Leaksville	6,050.00	4,350.00
Chaplain Fund to General Synod	-00	200.00
Books for Ministers	293.79	-00
Synod Committee Travel	244.41	-00
Loans to Dunlap	-00	11,000.00
Expenses associated with closing Dunlap	850.00	<u>1,354.66</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$13,301.79</u>	<u>\$34,706.30</u>
Excess Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>\$1,297.23</u>	<u>\$36,331.97</u>
Balance End of Periods	<u>\$121,360.81</u>	<u>\$120,063.58</u>
General Fund Bank Accounts:		
Renasant Bank 2200123455	\$21,360.81	\$20,063.58
Bank of New Albany Certificate of Deposit	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$121,360.81</u>	<u>\$120,063.58</u>

Schedule of Assessments Paid by Churches
 Mississippi Valley Presbytery
 For Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

Bethany, Guntown, MS	\$400.00
Brighton, TN	\$0.00
Ebenezer, Blue Mtn., MS	\$400.00
Ellisville Presbyterian, Ellisville, MS	\$250.00
Elsberry, MO	\$90.00
Faith Presbyterian, Leakesville, MS	\$0.00
French Camp, MS	\$900.00
Graceview, Southhaven, MS	\$900.00
Gospel of Grace, Springfield, MO	\$430.00
Gum Tree, Tupelo, MS	\$790.00
Helena, Moss Point, MS	\$0.00
Hernando Reformed, Hernando, MS	\$0.00
Hopewell, New Albany, MS	\$298.00
Midlane Park, Louisville, KY	\$300.00
Mt. Zion, Troy, MO	\$220.00
New Albany, MS	\$1,500.00
New Geneva, Paducah, KY	\$0.00
Pottsville, AR	\$300.00
Providence, Bartlett, TN	\$400.00
Richland, Rosemark, TN	\$500.00
Salem, Atoka, TN	\$1,600.00
Sharon, Brighton, TN	\$210.00
Wood Avenue, Monticello, AR	<u>\$80.00</u>
Total Receipts from churches	<u>\$9,568.00</u>

Christian Education Fund
Mississippi Valley Presbytery

	First Nine Months of 2017	Full Year 2016
Balance January 1	<u>\$8,645.68</u>	<u>\$5,846.07</u>
Receipts:		
Received from General Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Received from Summer Campers	16,380.00	15,780.00
Received from Fall Retreat Campers (net of refund)	-00	1,275.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$21,380.00</u>	<u>\$22,055.00</u>
Disbursements:		
Expenses of Summer Camp	\$20,149.43	\$17,423.00
Expenses of Fall Retreat	490.00	1,832.39
Synod CEM Travel Reimbursement	351.65	\$-00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$20,991.08</u>	<u>\$19,255.39</u>
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	<u>\$388.92</u>	<u>\$2,799.61</u>
Balance End of Periods	<u>\$9,034.60</u>	<u>\$8,645.68</u>
 Christian Education Bank Account:		
Bank of New Albany 162026003	<u>\$9,034.60</u>	<u>\$8,645.68</u>

Outreach North America Funds
Mississippi Valley Presbytery
For the Nine Months ended September 30, 2017

Church Planting Funds:	
Balance January 1, 2016	<u>\$107,274.53</u>
Receipts:	
Contribution from Synod for Little Rock Mission	\$13,500.00
Collection on Covington Note	9,999.99
Collection on Dunlap Note	\$8,940.12
Donation designated for Little Rock Support	\$750.00
Interest Income	630.42
Royalties from Ross Exploration	412.16
Total Receipts	<u>\$34,232.69</u>
Disbursements:	
Howard Wheeler Salary and Benefits	\$44,188.88
Howard Wheeler Mileage and Expense reimbursement	\$7,549.13
Committee Meeting Expense	149.90
Total Disbursements	<u>\$51,887.91</u>
Balance Church Planting Funds September 30, 2017	<u>\$89,619.31</u>
Church Revitalization Funds:	
Balance January 1, 2016	<u>\$26,457.52</u>
Receipts:	
Received from Synod for Revitalization	<u>\$1,900.00</u>
Disbursements:	
Hernando Church Publicity Allowance	\$1,000.00
Travel to Revitalization Seminar	\$984.40
Books for Revitalization	\$749.32
Total Disbursements	<u>\$2,733.72</u>
Balance Church Revitalization Funds Sept 30, 2017	<u>\$25,623.80</u>
Combined Funds Church Planting and Revitalization	<u>\$115,243.11</u>
ONA Bank Accounts:	
Bank of New Albany 1620260-01 Checking	\$8,805.27
Bank of New Albany 1620260-09 Money Market	\$40,848.06
Bank of New Albany Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$65,589.78</u>
Total in Banks	<u>\$115,243.11</u>

Mississippi Valley Presbytery

Endowment Funds

	Moderate ARP Invest- ment Fund A	Conservative ARP Invest- ment Fund B	<u>Total</u>
Value of Accounts January 1, 2016	\$293,747.00	\$265,352.00	\$559,099.00
Payoff of Dunlap Note Invested in July	342,820.00		342,820.00
Increase in value of Accounts year to date	<u>33,860.68</u>	<u>12,206.95</u>	<u>46,067.63</u>
Value of Accounts September 29, 2017	<u>\$670,427.68</u>	<u>\$277,558.95</u>	<u>\$947,986.63</u>
Increase in Value since Inception	\$47,817.68	\$27,558.95	\$75,376.63
Initial Investment	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$450,000.00
Additional Contribution in 2015	79,790.00		79,790.00
Additional Contribution in 2017	<u>342,820.00</u>		342,820.00
Total Invested	<u>\$622,610.00</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>	<u>\$872,610.00</u>

Appendix C

CORNERSTONE
MANAGEMENT

HOLDINGS - ALLOCATION DETAIL for MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY - PART A, GENERAL SYNOD ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (98184250)

Expand all Collapse all As of 09/30/17

Symbol	CUSIP	Description	Quantity	Price	Value	Weight
▼ EQUITIES						
▼ Global Equity						
SGIIX	32008F606	First Eagle Global I	970.637	60.03	58,267.34	8.69%
GLOBAL EQUITY TOTAL					58,267.34	8.69%
▼ Int'l Developed Mkts						
APDIX	04314H675	Artisan International Advisor	1,822.139	32.25	58,763.98	8.77%
INT'L DEVELOPED MKTS TOTAL					58,763.98	8.77%
▼ Large-Cap Growth						
VUG	922908736	Vanguard Growth ETF	753.00	132.75	99,960.75	14.91%
LARGE-CAP GROWTH TOTAL					99,960.75	14.91%
▼ Large-Cap Value						
VTV	922908744	Vanguard Value ETF	1,006.00	99.82	100,418.92	14.98%
LARGE-CAP VALUE TOTAL					100,418.92	14.98%
▼ REITS						
CSREX	192476109	Cohen & Steers Realty Shares	487.861	66.08	32,237.85	4.81%
REITS TOTAL					32,237.85	4.81%
▼ Small-Cap Growth						
GSIIX	38143H183	Goldman Sachs Small Cap Gr Insights Instl	1,050.833	41.61	43,725.16	6.52%
SMALL-CAP GROWTH TOTAL					43,725.16	6.52%
▼ Small-Cap Value						
DPSVX	233203819	DFA US Small Cap Value I	1,110.815	38.70	42,988.54	6.41%
SMALL-CAP VALUE TOTAL					42,988.54	6.41%
EQUITIES TOTAL					436,362.54	65.09%
▼ FIXED INCOME						
▼ Intermediate Bond						
MVYIX	592905509	Metropolitan West Total Return Bd I	13,528.414	10.68	144,483.46	21.55%
PIMIX	72201F490	PIMCO Income Instl	2,651.909	12.44	32,989.75	4.92%
INTERMEDIATE BOND TOTAL					177,473.21	26.47%
▼ Long Bond						
EDV	921910709	Vanguard Extended Duration Trs ETF	170.00	116.74	19,845.80	2.96%
LONG BOND TOTAL					19,845.80	2.96%
FIXED INCOME TOTAL					197,319.01	29.43%
▼ CASH & EQUIVALENTS						
▼ Cash						
CASH		CASH			36,746.13	5.48%
CASH TOTAL					36,746.13	5.48%
CASH & EQUIVALENTS TOTAL					36,746.13	5.48%
TOTAL					670,427.68	100.00%



HOLDINGS - ALLOCATION DETAIL for MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY - PART B, GENERAL SYNOD ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (98236646)

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Symbol	CUSIP	Description ▲	Quantity	Price	Value	Weight
▼ EQUITIES						
▼ Global Equity						
SGIX	3200BF606	First Eagle Global I	358.306	60.03	21,509.11	7.75%
GLOBAL EQUITY TOTAL					21,509.11	7.75%
▼ Large-Cap Growth						
VWG	922908736	Vanguard Growth ETF	151.00	132.73	20,045.25	7.22%
LARGE-CAP GROWTH TOTAL					20,045.25	7.22%
▼ Large-Cap Value						
VTV	922908744	Vanguard Value ETF	193.00	99.82	19,265.26	6.94%
LARGE-CAP VALUE TOTAL					19,265.26	6.94%
EQUITIES TOTAL					60,819.62	21.91%
▼ FIXED INCOME						
▼ Intermediate Bond						
MWTIX	592905509	Metropolitan West Total Return Bd I	6,630.895	10.68	70,817.96	25.51%
PIMIX	72201F490	PIMCO Income Instl	1,645.561	12.44	20,470.78	7.38%
BND	921937835	Vanguard Total Bond Market ETF	861.00	81.96	72,206.76	26.01%
INTERMEDIATE BOND TOTAL					163,495.50	58.90%
▼ Short Bond						
CSI	464288646	iShares 1-3 Year Credit Bond	186.00	105.35	19,595.10	7.06%
SHORT BOND TOTAL					19,595.10	7.06%
FIXED INCOME TOTAL					183,090.60	65.96%
▼ CASH & EQUIVALENTS						
▼ Cash						
CASH		CASH			33,648.73	12.12%
CASH TOTAL					33,648.73	12.12%
CASH & EQUIVALENTS TOTAL					33,648.73	12.12%
TOTAL					277,558.95	100.00%

REPORT FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

We had a very good Synod stewardship meeting on September 21, 2017 at the new ARP Center located in Greenville. SC.

We had the first training for stewardship members ever. We covered the duty, responsibilities, and accountability, attendance, Confidentiality. Steve Nichols and I put the training books together and Rodger Wiles, Steve Nichols, and I presented the program. (Never had training before)

Items covered

- Putting stewardship/DM on web pages. (Will be sending info out before long.)
- Shortage of members on board: we need 7 more at large members if you have anyone interested contact me and I will send you the paperwork to send to nomination committee for synod. (Forms are on the web) We only meet 2 times a year April & September. 1 day meeting
- You will be receiving info and training material about DM giving and usage.
- Next meeting April 19,2018 at Bonclarken

Be looking for a lot of info from the stewardship / foundation committee.

You preachers and any full employee (30 hr. weeks) will be getting a form from Obama Care in January to fill out, save copy, return a copy to synod. This is to provide record that all employees have been given the opportunity to have Obama Care. (More to come closer to January.) If you church pays you insurance you still have to fill out forms. Any questions call me.

Sorry I could not make this meeting because of health problems and I know you all will pray for me and Barbara. I will miss seeing you all and may god bless you and you give you guidance in his work.

Presented By Mike Thomason

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Attendees were John Tucker, Chairman, Bob White, Mike Yarman, Milton Murphy and Carl Patterson. Troy Graham was unable to attend this meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bob White.

John Tucker asked Carl Patterson to serve as secretary for this meeting.

John welcomed everyone and thanked all for serving on this committee and then began reviewing the proposed budget for River City Reformed church for next year with the assistance of Howard Wheeler, pastor of the River City Reformed church. Howard gave a brief overview of where they are regarding meeting place, average attendance, etc.

Howard Reported on his ministry during the month of August.

September 2017 Report from River City Reformed Mission, Little Rock, Arkansas

Beloved ONA Committee, thank you for your prayer and support. My foci this month have been:

1. To expand the group participating in our weekly gatherings.
2. To expand our Thursday morning men's Bible Study for the purpose of discipleship and outreach.
3. Continue to focus on new contacts
4. Continue to develop and expand effectiveness of social media presence in order to "establish a name and identity" in Little Rock.
5. To cultivate relationships within the existing core group members and encourage expansion of influence through intentional hospitality.
6. To formulate careful plans for transitioning from Bible Study to Worship at the beginning of 2018.
7. To brainstorm about new ways to reach additional groups of people including new discussion groups: A Life Explored Group, A Contemporary Issues Group and a group centered around Keller's book, Making Sense of God.
8. To maintain focus while providing a high level of care-giving through logistics support for my extended family through the ongoing rehabilitation of my wife's father at home following a car accident and stroke in April.

Our Bible Study has met every week during September at St. Andrews Anglican. These Lord's Day evening gatherings in August averaged 17 individuals. We have had multiple families on vacation this month so it has been difficult to gain traction or momentum. This has been a little disappointing, especially since I was expecting the opposite effect. My expectation had been a strong, consistent group in September which would allow us to move clearly toward transitioning from Bible Study to Worship. Pursuant to this, I have formulated a general strategy for this transition and have reviewed it with the MVP ONA Committee and it's chairman, at length. I also formulated a budget based on this plan which the MVP ONA Committee approved to present to MVP at its Fall Stated meeting in October.

We continued our Men's Bible Study, Lessons in Nehemiah, each Thursday morning during September. This group meets every Thursday morning from 6:30-7:30 am at a restaurant located in Midtown Little Rock, not far from the church where we meet on Lord's Day evenings. We have averaged about 4 men

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each week. This has not grown as I hoped, but has been a good opportunity to develop relationships with heads of households in our core group. I have also continued to make many individual contacts and to meet with men interested in what we are doing at River City ARP.

The demands of family care-giving related to my father-in-law have required a greater need for me to support the logistics of getting him to and from outpatient therapy. I have settled into a good schedule which defines my days in Little Rock and days in Pottsville, so I have been able to schedule most of these therapy visits on my Pottsville days. In terms of training, I have made slow progress this month on the advanced track of ONA's training through www.ministrygrid.com.

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Going forward, my goals for October are:

1. To maintain stability in our group participating in our weekly gatherings after a roller-coaster summer.
2. To transition some elements of our Lord's Day gatherings to include elements of worship.
3. To meet with families individually to discuss their level of interest and commitment in participating in moving to worship and becoming a church and not just a Bible study.
4. To acquire resources and equipment and formulate specific plans for 2-3 preview services to be held during November and December.
5. To plan and schedule a special service of Lessons and Carols for December.
6. Plan and implement at least one community outreach event centered on issues concerning the church and family.
7. To expand our Thursday morning men's Bible Study for the purpose of discipleship and outreach.
8. To plan and implement regular opportunities for core group fellowship outside of Lord's Day evenings, such as game nights or a group picnic.
9. To mature my relationships within the existing core group members and encourage expansion of influence through intentional hospitality.
10. Complete ONA advanced online training through www.ministrygrid.com

Thanks for your prayers and support.

Howard Wheeler

There was quite a bit of discussions concerning what God is doing there and what future plans are being made for the continued establishment of the new congregation. In a nutshell, God has provided a great facility for regular meetings all at "no charge". These weekly meetings are averaging 20 plus folks per week in spite of the "summer slump" that most churches experience due to vacations, etc. A men's bible study has begun meeting weekly at a local restaurant with an average attendance of five men. Howard discussed the possibilities of beginning a "Worship" service on a somewhat regular basis in lieu of teaching time.

Along this line, there are several items required to enhance this Worship service. These needs will be presented to folks at MVP in hopes that items will be donated.

Next Steps for River City Church 2018

Beloved ONA Committee;

Thank you for your support of River City Reformed and your concern for our oversight and needs. This summer we have continued to meet every Lord's Day evening at 5:00pm for Bible Study at St. Andrews Anglican. These Lord's Day evening gatherings over the summer have averaged 20 individuals which represent 9 family groups. We have had lots of families on vacation this summer so it has been rare to have everyone there at one time. This has been a little frustrating as it seems to be a momentum killer, but this was not unexpected.

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We continued our Men's Bible Study, Lessons in Nehemiah, each Thursday morning during August. This group meets every Thursday morning from 6:30-7:30 am at a restaurant located in Midtown Little Rock, not far from the church where we meet on Lord's Day evenings. We have averaged about 5 men each week. I have also continued to make many individual contacts and to meet with men interested in what we are doing at River City ARP.

We are praying for more consistency regarding our core group during October and the fall will be focused on preparing to begin regular worship at the beginning of the year. In order to get to this milestone we will be following the basic steps listed below.

1. Transition from Lord's Day Bible Study to Lord's Day Worship by:
 - a. Incorporating elements of worship into Lord's Day Evening Gatherings, such as a scriptural call to gather, prayer of confession, confession of faith, limited singing of hymns and psalms together and benediction following the closing prayer. These can be naturally added to our current gatherings.
 - b. Taking a break from our studies in Genesis during October to examine Biblical Reformed Worship in order to express our vision and philosophy of ministry with respect to the nature and structure of our worship.
 - c. Scheduling additional times this Fall, apart from Lord's Day evenings, for our core group to meet together to discuss plans and expectations regarding worship
 - d. Visiting, individually, with each family during October to discuss our transition to weekly worship and to assess each family's spiritual gifts, commitment and availability to participate what is required for us to begin worship.
 - e. Plan for 2 – 3 preview services during November and December.
2. Develop a worship leadership team by
 - a. Requesting MVP appoint a Provisional Session,
 - 2 b. Identifying the various roles needed to begin worship which include:
 - i. musical accompaniment,
 - 2 ii. setup/breakdown,
 - 2 iii. hospitality/greeting.
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 - 2 c. Defining the specific duties that accompany each of the roles listed above along with the timeline and logistics of these roles, and
 - 2 d. Identifying the resources needed to empower each of these roles and those serving in them.
 3. Identifying and Acquiring Required Resources for Worship
 - a. Promotional literature and signage
 - b. Electronic Piano
 - c. Hymnals/Psalms/Bibles
 - 2 d. Projection Equipment
 - i. Projector that supports Rear Projection
 - 2 ii. Screen
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 - 2 e. Bulletin Supplies
 - 2 f. CCLI License
 - 2 g. Sacrament Supplies
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This final section details several resources that River City ARP will need to begin worship. I would ask the ONA Committee to budget for these expenses in addition to the expenses for support, promotion and mileage from the previous year and that the Committee permit me to publicize our needs through social media, email and personal correspondence so that our MVP churches might have opportunity to partner with us by either providing the resources themselves or a gift toward their purchase. I look forward to meeting with you before and at MVP to discuss the details further. In Christ,
Howard

The proposed budget for the River City Reformed congregation was reviewed item by item. The proposed budget shows an increase over previous year's budget by about 6500.00. (see attached budget proposal)

A motion was made by Mike Yarmen to approve the budget with a second by Milton Murphy. The vote to present this to MVP was unanimous.

A brief discussion was held concerning providing the "host" church that is providing free space for the River City group to meet, some type of a thank you for generous provisions. Howard will discuss the possible needs/ or gift to show our appreciation for use of these facilities.

Proposed 2018 Budget

2018 River City Budget

MVP Pastoral Support	Amount
Salary	\$36,000.00
Dental/Vision Insurance	\$1,500.00
Housing Allowance	\$12,000.00
SS Allowance	\$3,600.00
Retirement	\$6,192.00
Term Life & Disability	\$227.04
Subtotal	\$59,519.04

Ministry Expenses	Amount
Office Expense/Resources	
Computer	\$500.00
Printer/Supplies/Maint.	\$1,700.00
Subtotal	\$2,200.00

Bible Study/Worship Resources	
Bible Study Resources	\$500.00
Hymnals/Psalms	\$1,500.00
Sacrament Supplies	\$500.00
CCLI	\$100.00
Subtotal	\$2,600.00

Facilities	
Projector	\$500.00

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Projector Screen	\$500.00	
Electric Piano	\$2,200.00	
Hospitality Expenses	\$500.00	
Misc Equipment	\$500.00	
Rent Contingency	\$3,000.00	
Subtotal		\$7,200.00
Internet		\$500.00
Cell		\$900.00
Promotion		
Print Costs	\$500.00	
Signage	\$750.00	
Advertising	\$1,000.00	
Conferences	\$1,500.00	
Subtotal		\$3,750.00
Mileage Reimbursement		\$10,400.00
Education		\$1,000.00
Subtotal		\$28,550.00
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Total		\$88,069.04
ONA Support		(\$18,000.00)
MVP Budgeted Support		\$70,069.04
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Estimated 2017 Charitable Giving Support		(\$4,100.00)
Projected MVP Expenditure		\$65,969.04
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MVP Support YTD		
Pastoral Support	43,977.69	
Ministry Expenses	7,548.34	
ONA Support	(13,500.00)	
Designated Gifts to MVP	(42,750.00)	
Total YTD Expenditure to MVP		(4,723.97)

Due to increase of needs for more involvement of the ONA committee, a proposed budget of 3000.00 is being proposed to MVP for operating expenses. A motion was made by Bob White for this proposal with a second by Carl Patterson. After a brief discussion, this was also approved by all members present.

Report from Mike Chipman and Andy French for the Redeemer Church in Murray KY

A report from the Redeemer Church in Kentucky was reviewed and this is also attached for information. It's exciting to see how God is blessing this work in Kentucky.

As for the full-time person, we have decided to wait again. With us possibly moving on a building, we think it's best to wait till a better time for a full-time person. Everything is going great.

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- Avg Attendance is around 25
- Current money in the bank is around \$80k
- Recent marketing campaign and MSU involvement
- Great sermon series on 1 and 2 Timothy
- Good Sunday School and discussions

Current considerations

- Really great facility is available, may or may not be feasible
- Adding additional meeting times is a matter of prayer and buy in within our group
- Women's study has grown to around 10 people from our church and the community
- Men's study is going well.

The Arlington, Tn. area is experiencing quite a bit of growth due to folks moving out of the Memphis area. This area is located within a 30 or so mile radius of several of our churches in the Salem and Brighton area. Bob White will investigate the possibilities of a "church plant" in that area.

John asked that ONA committee members be in prayer for God to provide a couple of men to serve on a "provisional" Session in addition to ones from the Pottsville Church for the River City Reformed congregation. These men should be Ruling Elders from some of our congregations.

The meeting closed in prayer by Milton Murphy.

The ONA Committee met Monday, October 2 at 4:00 pm at Graceview Presbyterian Church.

Present: John Tucker chairman, Carl Patterson Secty, Mike Yarman, Bob White, Milton Murphy, Troy Graham and visitor John Kelley.

Meeting opened in prayer by Bob White.

Rev Wayne Frazier, Church Health Coach from Synod presented a new demographic tool that is available to Churches called Mission Insite. If Churches are interested they will have to request an Excel Spreadsheet form from ONA and fill some simple questions about the members of their Church: Name, address, and zip code. They will need to contact Conner Hips at ONA: chippers@arpsynod.org.

We discussed and evaluated the Church Health Discovery conducted by Wayne Frazier. The consensus was that it is beneficial and churches would benefit for next year. After discussion, motion was made to make this training available annually prior to Presbytery. Passed Unanimously.

Recommendations from the MVP ONA Committee:

That MVP express appreciation for Rev Wayne Frazier and his presentation on Church Health.

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That MVP approve the Next Steps Plan for River City Church

That MVP approve the 2018 Budget for River City

That MVP approve \$3,000 for Committee Expenses for 2018

That MVP appoint a provisional session for River City composed of the Pottsville Session and at least 2 other ruling elders.

That MVP be encouraged to pray for, visit and support this great work.

That MVP sponsor a Pre Presbytery Church Health Seminar next fall.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Troy Graham.

Respectfully Submitted Carl Patterson Secretary.

Committee on Christian Education

– Report to the Fall 2017 meeting of MVP –

The committee on Christian Education met at the Graceview Church prior to the meeting of presbytery on October 2, 2017.

Present were: Charles Browning (chm.), Alex Coblenz, Mark Miller, and Joey Donahue (guest)

After an opening prayer, the committee addressed a number of items, including:

- a report on activities conducted since the last meeting of presbytery, such as youth rallies held at some of the Memphis area churches, and the Religion in a 9/11 World seminar conducted at the Providence church in July
- the upcoming leadership conference featuring Leslie Holmes scheduled for October 14 at the Providence church
- the upcoming fall retreat at French Camp
- a report on the 2017 MVP Camp conducted at French Camp
- Items relative to the 2018 Camp

The committee makes the following recommendations to the presbytery.

1. That a report from Kent Moorlach be received as information
2. That Kent Moorlach continue as director for the 2018 Camp with specific responsibilities to set the theme for camp, recruit teachers, coordinate the curriculum, and oversee lessons and worship times
3. That Diane Clowers serve as registrar
4. That Avis Van Kampen serve as program/schedule coordinator
5. That these three meet before the March meeting of presbytery to finalize plans, communicate with CRS and prepare publicity for camp, and report to the spring meeting of presbytery

Submitted by Joey Donahue

Moderator's Committee on Sessional Records

No Exceptions:

French Camp

Bethany

Ebenezer

Exceptions:

Providence -- did not meet required number of meetings

Brighton -- No rules for keeping the rules of minutes

Hopewell -- No rules for keeping rules of minutes; March meeting not closed in prayer; date of session meeting in June not recorded

Ellisville -- 5 meetings w/o signatures

The following churches did not turn in minutes:

Elsberry

Mt. Zion

New Geneva

Pottsville

Redeemer

Richland

Submitted,

David Strock, Chairman

Appendix H

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery Educational Fund was held on September 5th 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Brighton ARP church. Those in attendance were Reverend Bob White, Russel McDaniel and Randy Goulder. Danny Hughes and Jimmy Ramage were absent.

A quorum was noted

The meeting was opened in prayer by Russell McDaniel

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasures report was read and approved.

Business

- There are no request for loans at this time.
- Brad Robinson paid off his loan in full.
- There are no outstanding loans at this time.
- Randy Goulder made a motion to elect Reverend Bob White as Chairman of the committee. Motion was seconded and approved.
- Russell McDaniel made a motion for other officers to remain for another year. The motion was seconded and approved.
- A note of communication – All request for loans should be sent to Reverend Bob White at MemphisRAWhite@bellsouth.net
- Discussion was held on how low rates of return are at this time on the CDs. Russell McDaniel made a motion to recommend that Presbytery allow the committee to invest 25% of the funds with the ARP trust fund. Motion was seconded and passed.
- Randy Goulder a motion to set the annual meeting for the committee on the 2nd Tuesday of September each year. Motion was seconded and passed.

Randy Goulder made a motion to adjourn seconded by Russell McDaniel. Motion passed

Reverend Bob White closed the meeting in prayer.

Randy Goulder

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Mississippi Valley Presbytery

MaHW Committee

Minister and His Work

Rev. Kent Moorlach, Chairman (2018)
Mr. Randy Goulder (2018) Absent
Rev. Don Watkins (2019) Absent
Mr. Larry Littlejohn (2019)
Rev. Mike Chipman (2020)
Mr. Shelby Lowery (2020) Absent
Rev. Howard Wheeler (2021)
Mr. Michael Shotwell (2021) Absent

Visitors: Rev. Benjamin Glaser, Rev. Mike Yarman, Brian L. Taylor (stated supply GoGARPC), Christopher Neiswonger SOT, Mr. Paul Walley RE, Pastor Randy Kolb, Pastor Larry Taylor, Mr. Frazier and Fitzgerald of the session of Bethany ARP, MS.

Agenda: (This is the culmination of extended email conversations begun on August 24, 2017 in preparation for our Called Meeting of October 2, 2017. The material is in partial form in order to expedite the proceedings and to reduce the content (This material is accessible for reproduction). Some material is new to this report and included in quotes. Letters received via USPS are available for reference and inspection at our meeting.)

- A. Open in Prayer: Rev. Moorlach
- B. Comments on Minutes of last meeting (Spring 2016, Gumtree)
- C. Approve / amend agenda
- D. Christopher Neiswonger: Approved as clerk by mutual consent

1. Examination of "GoG "stated supply," Brian L. Taylor.

Dr. Taylor has satisfied the educational requirements; we have a resume and data form, we have conducted a phone interview; we have heard from references and MaHW Chair has visited the church. GoG Church would like to extend a call to Brian L. Taylor.

It is the assessment of the Chair that Brian is a suitable candidate for ordination in the ARP. We must discuss and interview candidate."

An MaHW committee phone conference took place between Pastor's Moorlach and Chipman with Doctor Taylor. Pastor Moorlach also visited GoG for the purpose of the edification of the church and to gain a better understanding of the conditions that apply. The clerk of the PCA presbytery confirmed that Mr. Taylor was a Licentiate of the

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Missouri Presbytery. As to education, Dr. Taylor has a Ph.D from Concordia and an M.Div from Covenant Theological Seminary. Doctor Taylor was questioned by Pastors Moorlach and Wheeler on: the Federal Vision, Paedo-Communion, Pastoral challenges in regard to Home Schooling, Theonomy and Eschatology. RE Paul Walley of Gospel of Grace ARP gave witness to Doctor Taylor's teaching ability, ability to interact with families, and their intent to call Dr. Taylor.

Motion: To approve Dr. Brian Taylor as stated supply for Gospel of Grace ARP.
MSA

Motion: To request that Presbytery examine Dr. Taylor as a candidate for ordination as a Minister in the ARPC.
MSA

2. The retirement of Rev. John Tucker:

9/25/17

"Please include this on your agenda for the meeting of MS Valley Presbytery, Oct. 2-3, 2017: That Graceview Presbyterian Church in Southaven MS be allowed to employ Rev. John Tucker as Stated Supply, and also as Moderator of Session, beginning in January 2018, if necessary, until such time that Graceview has installed another Pastor due to Rev. Tucker's retirement on Dec. 31, 2017.

*The above request was approved in Graceview's Stated Session meeting on Sept. 24, 2017, with Pastor Tucker's knowledge and agreement.
With best regards,*

Jack Anthony, Clerk of Session"

The MaHW Committee received the request from Rev. Tucker and the congregation for Tucker's retirement on December 31st, 2017. He intends to remain as stated supply until a replacement can be found.

The Committee gratefully acknowledges Pastor Tucker's 33 years of faithful service to Graceview ARP, the Southaven community and the Mississippi Valley Presbytery of the ARP.

3. August 12, 2017 email from Rev. Alex Coblentz in regard to Rev. David Storment.

"The September 8, 2017 email from the French Camp Session calling for formal charges against Rev. Storment. My reply as MaHW Chairman. Reply of present MVP

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ARPC

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Moderator, Rev. Mark Miller."

The Committee has decided to contact Rev. Storment in order to address concerns and gain meaningful answers to pertinent questions in regard to his status. Rev. Mike Chipman and Don Watkins will pursue a conference with Rev. Storment addressing the concerns, form an assessment and return to the Committee for a resolution.

4. Communication from Rev. Benjamin Glaser regarding the dissolution of his call:

9/22/17

"Gentlemen,

Humbly and gracefully want to report that I received word late last night that Bethany ARP Church in Clover, South Carolina has extended a call to me (which i have accepted) to be their next pastor.

Details are still being worked out (dates, transfer exams, etc...), but I wanted to pass along this news to y'all as this will need to be taken up at our stated meeting this Lord's Day, per Form of Government 9.56. Basically that line says I have informed the session and presbytery of a desire to dissolve my call at Ellisville to take up a call somewhere else.

This is probably the most difficult e-mail I've ever had to write. If you have any questions about this just let me know.

Love y'all dearly.

Blessings and Thanks,"

9/24/17

"At our congregational meeting today the congregation voted to approve the request to dissolve my call.

Blessings and Thanks,"

Pastor Glaser explains that an existing financial grant at Ellisville has changed in status and this leads to an inevitable revision of his agreement with the church. The church will not under current conditions be able to support his call. Even having grown from 17-35 members mortality and changes in membership preclude continued service. Pastor Glaser asked permission to seek outside work and during this time received a call from Bethany ARP in Clover, SC. and at this time requests to transfer his membership to Catawba Presbytery. The start date is expected be the 5th of November contingent upon his transfer examination. He meets with committee of MaHW of Catawba on Tuesday October 12th at 9:00 AM. Moving expenses will be

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provided, Pastor Glaser considers the offer to include acceptable full time pay and a manse will be provided.

This information is received with thanks by the MaHW Committee.

5. An Email sent to the MVP Clerk and MaHW Chairman from Rev. Zech Schiebout regarding intent to transfer credentials.

Rev. Schiebout has submitted a request to transfer his credentials to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The MaHW committee receives this news with thanks.

6. Report on Midlane Park ARP, Louisville, KY (Stated Supply, Dave Dively (PCA))

Midlane by their presentation is ready to call a Pastor and enlists the aid of Presbytery in organizing and conducting their search. They have adequate funding, a manse, regular attendance of 30+, location in a good neighborhood and the intent to grow their church upon calling a new Pastor.

6A. Report on Faith ARP, Leaksville, MS (Stated Supply, Ron Pierce, (EPC))

Pastor Benjamin Glaser has been serving on the session at Faith ARP in Leaksville, MS. Attendance is at about 60, the church has grown in attendance and the community has grown together as a body. Stated supply Ron Pierce has been successful in these matters and Pastor Glaser considers him capable of serving well until they are ready to call a Pastor. Pastor Glaser has coordinated an inflow of students from RTS Jackson to develop possible candidates. Students are currently preaching one Sunday per month with Pierce serving 3-4 Sundays.

The committee received Pastor Glaser's report with thanks and prayed for him in regard to his efforts, transition and future ministry.

7. Former Student of Theology, Bradley Robinson

Mr. Robinson has paid back his student loans from MVP.

8. Conference on Reformed Use of the Sacraments (Review)

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Rev. Kent Moorlach and MVP Student of Theology Christopher Neiswonger recorded a conference on the Reformed understanding of the sacraments with defense of our understanding for distribution through video and audio.

9. MVP Student of Theology, Christopher Neiswonger

Serves as the Director of Ministries at Richland ARP (served previously in the PCA and OPC)

He preaches on Sundays when filling in for Pastor Moorlach, teaches adult Sunday School, the youth group and organizes the out-reach and in-reach events.

Has also preached at Providence ARP, Graceview ARP and Midlane Park ARP in Louisville.

Also at several congregations outside of the ARP, including: Covington EPC, AllSaints EPC, Mt. Carmel EPC, Hickory Witte PCA and Trinity Reformed Church in Collierville TN.

He has participated in the presentation of 2 theological conferences, including: at Providence ARP with Pastor Joey Donahue, "True religion and comparative religions" and at Richland ARP with Pastor Kent Moorlach "Marks of the true church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper"

He is currently scheduled to preach over the next two months at: Richland ARP, Salem ARP, Brighton ARP, Sharon ARP, All Saints EPC, Mt. Carmel EPC and Millington Pentecostal Church.

10. Bethany ARP, Bethany, MS. seeking permission for Larry Taylor to serve as Stated Supply.

Pastor Moorlach's recent visit to Bethany confirmed that the church is vigorous and inviting. The location is good and neighborhood traffic seems strong. The church may need to implement a few basic outreach tools such as the creation of a website and social media. The Session is seeking permission for Pastor Larry Taylor to act as stated supply. Pastor Taylor has been serving in ministry since 1975. He has a BA in Bible and a BA in English from Blue Mountain University. Has Pastored in Monroe and Lee Counties serving at 4 different churches during his time in ministry. However, all of these churches have been Baptist churches. Pastor Taylor had been retired and did not intend to receive a call but is currently willing to serve while a member of Victory Baptist Church. Ruling Elder David of the Bethany session testifies to their intent to have Pastor Taylor serve in this capacity, as to his ability and holiness of life. Pastor Taylor was examined briefly by Pastors Moorlach, Wheeler, Chipman and E Littlejohn in regard to: Baptism, Dispensationalism, Justification, Eschatology and how any

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possible conflicts of theology would be handled between the church and the stated supply. Pastor Kent explained that the administration of sacraments would be reserved to ARP Ministers.

Motion: "To approve brother Larry Taylor to serve as stated supply of Bethany ARP."
MSA

11. "The committee will interviews Randy Kolb in regard to permission to administer the sacraments at Hopewell ARP."

The MaHW Committee discussed differing views and the practical administration of the sacraments with Pastor Kolb, including: the history, hermeneutics, the interpretation of key texts, the spiritual nature of the sacraments and distance from memorial views and dispensationalism.

The Committee, per their examination, has granted Pastor Kolb permission to administrate the sacraments at Hopewell ARP.

11A. "The Committee shall discuss Randy Kolb's continuing service to Ebenezer ARP, MS as regular supply"

The MaHW committee recognizes that Pastor Kolb is also serving as regular supply to Ebenezer ARP.

12. Update on the service of Rev. Mike Yarman

Reverend Yarman has been serving at a church of 125 members, Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church, PCUSA, in the Fairfield Bay Retirement Community. Their previous Pastor retired and Pastor Yarman is considered their present interim. He does not currently serve on the session. Pastor Yarman has been cleared by MaHW to administrate the sacraments and expects to be invited to serve in a permanent capacity.

We are thankful for his leadership and service.

12A. Updates on ministers:

Meredith C.
Gary C.
Gary J.
Moises?
Charles T.

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Mike Garvey
And Conrad Cheatham

13. Letter from Reverend Conrad Cheatham

Currently serving at Mt. Zion church in Elsberry and will need to ease back on duties. Has Peter Bringe preaching twice a month in his stead, a Deacon at Covenant Family Orthodox Presbyterian Church and student at Covenant Seminary.

14. Letter from Ebenezer stated supply Bill Everett

Bill Everett will continue to serve as stated supply.

15. Transfer of credentials of Rev. Mark Miller to Catawba Presbytery

Rev. Miller has received a call from Clover ARP. We dissolve his pastoral relationship pending the acceptance of his resignation by the session of New Albany ARP.

16. MaHW Chairman will seek to access funds from MVP Treasurer for recent travel

17. Received a communication from Leslie Rhoads

Rhoads, stated supply Hellena ARP of Mosspoint, MS. was called at a special meeting of the congregation as stated supply for the next year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To dissolve the relationship between Benjamin Glaser and Ellisville ARP.
2. To dissolve the relationship between Mark Miller and New Albany ARP, pending the session's acceptance of his resignation.
3. That Brian Taylor's sermon on the floor of Presbytery be sustained as part of his examination.
4. To remind all churches with stated supply ministers who are not ordained by a NAPARC church that they may not administer the sacraments express approval by the MaHW Committee.

Gospel of Grace Church (ARPC)
Call to Dr. Brian L. Taylor

We the officers and members of the Gospel of Grace Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Springfield, MO, being well satisfied with your ministerial qualifications, and confident that we have been led to you by the Holy Spirit as one whose ministry will be profitable to our spiritual interest, do earnestly call you, Dr. Brian L. Taylor., to undertake the office of pastor of this congregation. On the acceptance of this our call we promise you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord.

That you may devote yourself wholly to Ministry of the Word, we promise and obligate ourselves to:

- a. Pay you an annual salary of \$18,400, in at least monthly payments
- b. Housing (Check all that apply):
 - (1) Provide you with the free use of a manse with utilities.
 - (2) Provide you with the free use of a manse without utilities.
 - (3) Provide you with a housing allowance of \$1,500, in at least monthly payments.
- c. Pay your moving expenses up to \$1,000.
- d. Grant you a travel allowance of \$2,000 annually.
- e. Pay into the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Retirement Plan Fund as prescribed by the General Synod.
- f. Group Insurance (Check all that apply):
 - (1) Pay % of the cost of your participation in Synod's insurance programs (life, dependent life, medical, dental, accidental death and dismemberment, and disability).
 - (2) Pay % of the cost of your family's participation in Synod's insurance programs (medical and dental).
 - (3) Pay \$750/mo of the cost of your family's participation in a private insurance program (medical and dental).
- g. Review with you annually the adequacy of this compensation.
- h. Grant you an annual vacation of 2 weeks.
 - i. Other. We desire also to express our commitment to you and to your family for events which could occur in the providence of God. Every effort will be made to assist and lovingly sustain and uphold you and/or your family should such an event occur.
- a. In the event of total disability, as defined by Synod's insurance program, we promise (Check all that apply):
 - (1) To continue the provisions of this call during the prescribed waiting period for

commencement of benefits from
Synod's insurance program.

(2) To continue the provisions of this call for a period not to exceed three months from the onset of total disability.

(3) If you are residing in the manse, and during the month following the terms outlined in "(1)" or "(2)" above, to assist you in relocating and to contribute \$ _____ toward your relocation expenses.

(4) Other. (Attach)

b. In the event you should die during the terms of this call, we promise (Check all that apply):

(1) To continue the provisions of this call dealing with annual salary, housing, and group insurance for a period of three months.

(2) If you are residing in the manse, and during the month following the terms outlined in

"(1)" above, to assist your family in relocating and/or contribute \$ _____ toward those relocation expenses.

(3) Other. (Attach)

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In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 19th day of November,
A.D. 2017

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- 1992 – Ebenezer, Midlane Park
- 1993 – Brighton, Parkway Place
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- 1995 – Pottsville, New Albany
- 1996 – St. Paul, Graceview
- 1997 – Brighton, Salem
- 1998 – Providence Reformed, Elsberry/Mt. Zion
- 1999 – Hopewell, Covington
- 2000 – New Albany, Graceview
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- 2003 – Providence Reformed, Covington
- 2004 – Salem, Brighton
- 2005 – New Albany, Graceview
- 2006 – Hopewell, Helena
- 2007 – Ebenezer, Dunlap/Sharon
- 2008 – Pottsville, Richland
- 2009 – Midlane Park, Mt. Zion
- 2010 – Gum Tree (*no Spring meeting in 2010 due to called meeting of Synod*)
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- 2013 – Graceview, New Albany
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Spring Meeting

Faith
Gospel of Grace
Graceview
Gum Tree
Helena
Hernando
Hickory Springs
Midlane Park
New Albany
River City
Salem
Sharon
Wood Avenue

Fall Meeting

Bethany
Brighton
Ebenezer
Ellisville
Elsberry
French Camp
Hopewell
Mt. Zion
New Geneva
Pottsville
Providence Reformed
Redeemer
Richland