The Minutes Of

Mississippi Valley Presbytery

General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



Called Meeting August 2, 2014

Providence Reformed Church Bartlett, Tennessee

Fall Stated Meeting

October 6-7, 2014

Gospel of Grace Church Springfield, Missouri

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MVP Called Meeting

August 2, 2014

A called meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery met at the Providence Reformed Church in Bartlett, Tennessee, at 10 am. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Carl Patterson

The following items were taken up.

1. Minister & His Work Committee

Rev. Charles Todd presented the business from the Minister and His Work Committee, which pertained to the call of the Rev. Mark Miller to the New Albany ARP Church. Following an examination by members of the presbytery, the motion was made that his examination be sustained, and that Rev. Miller be accepted into Mississippi Valley Presbytery. The motion was seconded and passed. He was then given the right hand of fellowship by members of the court. A motion was then made to approve his call, upon its being accepted by the candidate (motion was seconded and passed; see **Appendix A**). It was noted that the moderator would appoint a commission to install Rev. Miller.

- 2. The second item of business was a report on the New Geneva Community Church in Paducah, Kentucky, asking presbytery to approve their request to purchase property. It was moved, seconded, and passed, that their request be approved.
- 3. Item three was the relationship of Rev. Dan Hazen and the Hopewell ARP Church. A motion was made to dissolve the pastoral relationship of Rev. Hazen with that congregation, and to grant transfer to First presbytery (pending request from First Presbytery). The motion was seconded and passed. Prayer was offered for the Hopewell church as they undertake a search for a new pastor. The request was also made that the clerk write the clerk of First presbytery regarding Rev. Hazen's having been received without first being released by Mississippi Valley presbytery.
- 4. Meredith Cavin reported on the process of dissolution of the Covington Presbyterian Church. The request was made that a report, with a financial statement, be included in the presbytery minutes to be made available at the fall meeting.

After a few brief announcements, the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Mark Miller.

Ministers Present

Meredith Cavin
Joey Donahue
Bill Everett
Gary Jones
Kent Moorlach
Troy Pritt
David Storment
Charles Todd
John Tucker

Elders Present

Gene Adams (Graceview)
Ed Dees (Ebenezer)
Troy Graham (Hopewell)
Shelby Lowrey (New Albany)
Bob Mitchell (Richland)
Richard Moore (Brighton)
Carl Paterson (Gum Tree)
David Strock (Providence)

Guests

Charles Browning (Hopewell)
David New (Providence)
Rev. Mark Miller (Catawba Presbytery)

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Gospel of Grace Church Springfield, Missouri

Spring Stated Meeting October 6-7, 2014

The registration of delegates began at 3 pm. Following an evening meal provided by the host church at 6 p.m., the Fall 2014 Stated Meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery began at 7 p.m. with an opening worship service led by Rev. Zech Schiebout (see **Appendix B**). Rev. Schiebout preached a sermon from Mark 10:35-45, entitled "Greatness in the Cross-Bought Church." Rev. Schiebout also led in the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Following the worship service and a brief recess, Moderator Carl Patterson called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Mr. Paul Walley, an elder at the Gospel of Grace Church, welcomed the presbytery.

The Principal Clerk confirmed a quorum was present.

Ministers Present

Thomas Braithwaite (*E*) Gary Jones Matthew Heathman (*E*) Ron Brunson (*E*) Meredith Cavin Mark Miller (*E*) Moises Chan (E)Kent Moorlach Conrad Cheatham Tim Phillips Gary Clowers (A) **Troy Pritt** James Coad III (*E*) Zech Schiebout Alex Coblentz David Searfoss (*E*) Joey Donahue Wayne Stanchfield (*E*) **David Storment** Bill Everett (*E*) W. Nale Falls (*E*) Charles Todd Michael Garvey (*E*) John Tucker Jodie Gaston (*E*) Don Watkins (*E*) Carl Geisik (*E*) Howard Wheeler Benjamin Glaser Robert White (*E*) Steve Hardy (*E*) Mike Yarman (*E*)

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

Ruling Elders Present

Bethany – none Ellisville – none
Brighton – Ken Boswell Elsberry – Pat Fakes
Ebenezer – Edwin Dees Faith – none

French Camp – Larry Littlejohn

Gospel of Grace – Marshall Snodgrass

Graceview – none Gum Tree – Joe Yerby

Helena – none

Hernando – Steve Rice

Hickory Springs – none Hopewell – Troy Graham

Midlane Park – none

Mt. Zion – Charles Bunner

New Albany – Shelby G. Lowery

New Geneva – none Pottsville – none Providence – none

Richland – Bob Mitchell

Salem – none Sharon – none

Wood Avenue - none

Student of Theology

Brad Robinson

Guests

Paul Walley, Sarai Storment, Marion Bunner, Mike Chipman, Martha Dees, Carl Patterson (note: serving as Moderator), Jane Patterson, Mavis Yerby, Ancie Lowery, Steve Nichols, **Lorraine Pritt**

Steve Nichols, Director of the ARP Foundation, was introduced as a first-time guest.

Mr. Paul Walley presented the agenda of the meeting to the presbytery (see **Appendix B**).

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.

The Principal Clerk noted the following ministers had submitted excuses to this meeting: Rev. Don Watkins and Rev. Moises Chan (n.b.: Rev. Mark Miller later submitted a request for an excused absence).

The minutes from the Spring 2014 meeting of presbytery were adopted.

Moderator Patterson appointed a committee to examine the records of sessions: Joe Yerby, Kent Moorlach, Paul Walley, Shelby Lowrey

Rev. Howard Wheeler nominated Rev. Alex Coblentz, pastor of the French Camp Presbyterian Church, as Vice-Moderator/Moderator-elect of Mississippi Valley Presbytery. There were no other nominations, and Rev. Coblentz was elected to the position.

Mr. Steve Nichols, Director of the ARP Foundation, was introduced and spoke to the presbytery about the work of the Foundation.

Susan Cavin, President of Mississippi Valley Presbytery Women's Ministries, was unable to attend the meeting. Her husband, Rev. Meredith Cavin, read her report to the presbytery. A motion was made to include the report in the minutes (seconded, passed; see **Appendix C**).

As an item of Unfinished Business, a report from the Covington Commission was presented to the presbytery by Rev. Meredith Cavin. The report was received as information (see **Appendix D**).

After announcements, there being no further business for the evening, the meeting recessed until the following morning. Moderator Patterson closed with prayer.

Tuesday Morning, October 7, 2014

The meeting of MVP reconvened at 8:00 a.m. Due to an illness, Rev. Mark Miller was not able to attend presbytery and deliver the devotion. Rev. Howard Wheeler led the morning worship service with a message from the book of Malachi.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Patterson. The MVP Educational Fund report was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix E**). The report was amended so that the investment choice in the report would be the moderate/aggressive one (seconded). There was discussion, and it was suggested that more information be gathered before the presbytery made such a decision. The motion failed. A motion was made that the recommendations in the report be handled separately (seconded, passed). The first recommendation (a loan of \$1000 to Brad Robinson) passed. The second recommendation (regarding investment options for the fund) failed. The report was then adopted by the presbytery.

The clerk gave information regarding two votes by the presbytery which are to take place at the spring meeting of MVP concerning changes in the Confession of Faith and the Form of Government.

A memorial for Lewis Ward, a deceased elder from the French Camp Presbyterian Church was presented to the presbytery by Mr. Larry Littlejohn. The motion was made to adopt the memorial (seconded, passed). See **Appendix F**.

The Report of the Stewardship Committee was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix G**). The recommendations were considered individually. Recommendation 1 passed.

Recommendation 2 was passed. Recommendation 3 was discussed, and there were suggestions noting that there was not a pressing need to withdraw funds and that more information needed to be gathered before making such a decision. The recommendation failed. A motion was made to table voting on Recommendation 4 until the ONA Committee submitted its report and budget to the presbytery (seconded, passed). There was some confusion about the item, and a vote was taken to remove the item from the table to consider it again (second, passed). Recommendation 4 was then reconsidered. The recommendation passed. The moderator instructed the clerk to clarify the recommendation by editorially removing the word "possibly" and then parenthetically comment about the recommendation (this was found agreeable to the presbytery). The approved recommendation therefore would read as follows:

That Presbytery, based on a suggestion from Mr. [John]Robinson, authorize the establishment of a Mississippi Valley Presbytery ONA bank account to house the funds currently called Parkway Place Funds including parts A, B, C, and D monies and the MVP Revitalization funds.

A motion was made to table voting on Recommendation 5 until after the ONA Committee submitted its report and budget to the presbytery (seconded, passed).

The Treasurer's Report was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix H**). The report was received as information and adopted by the presbytery.

The order of the day was reached, and presbytery recessed for committee meetings.

Recess for Committee Meetings (10 a.m.)

The presbytery meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m. Mr. Milton Murphy, chairman of the Dunlap Board, gave a presentation on behalf of the Dunlap Retirement Center to the presbytery. The report from Dunlap was adopted by the presbytery and thanks was given to Mr. Murphy for his faithful service to the presbytery and Dunlap Board (see **Appendix I**).

A motion was made to take the Stewardship Report off the table (seconded, passed). Recommendation 5 was approved, and the report was adopted by the presbytery.

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

The Nominations Committee Report was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix K**). The report was adopted by the presbytery.

The Minister and His Work Committee report was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix L**). It was noted that Rev. Conrad Cheatham would also serve as the stated supply pastor for Elsberry ARP Church. The report was adopted by the presbytery.

The Christian Education Committee Report was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix M**). The report and all of its recommendations were adopted by the presbytery.

Two reports from the ONA Committee were presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix N**). The report from September 4 was considered first. The recommendation for Rev. John Tucker to serve as the chairman of the committee was approved. It was noted that Rev. Tucker would also serve as MVP's representative to Synod's ONA Board. This report was then adopted by the presbytery.

The ONA Committee report from October 6 and October 7 was then presented to the presbytery. The two recommendations were taken individually. Recommendation 1 was considered. The recommendation passed. Recommendation 2 was considered and passed. The report as a whole was then adopted.

The order of the day was reached, and Moderator Patterson prayed for the lunch meal.

Order of the Day (Lunch – noon)

Presbytery reconvened at 12:50 p.m. with a season of prayer.

It was announced that the Spring 2015 meeting of presbytery would be at the French Camp Presbyterian Church. Also, it was announced that the Spring 2016 meeting would be at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church. A motion was made that Gum Tree Presbyterian Church host presbytery in Fall 2016 (seconded, passed). No site was selected for Fall 2015.

A motion was made by Rev. Troy Pritt that MVP form a provisional session for the Wood Avenue Presbyterian Church consisting of Rev. Mike Garvey and Elder Wilmont Green (seconded, passed).

A motion was made to appoint Rev. Mark Miller as the moderator of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church session (seconded, passed).

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

After announcements, Rev. Meredith Cavin made a motion to adjourn (seconded, passed). The meeting concluded with the singing of Psalm 133 ("Christian Unity"), followed by a closing prayer and benediction by Rev. Zech Schiebout.

We the officers and members of The New Albany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of New Albany, Mississippi 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 Mark Jordan Miller to undertake the call as Pastor of New Albany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. 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 the Ministry of the Word, we promise and obligate ourselves to:

Basic compensation:

When a housing allowance is provided it may be divided to the best interest of the minister and shall provide:

- (1) Total Compensation of \$57.560 which includes:
 - Base Salary \$38,760
 - b. Housing Allowance \$10.800
 - c. Travel Allowance \$3,000
 - d. Social Security \$5,000
- 2. Pay your moving expenses.
- Pay into the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Retirement Plan Fund as prescribed by the General Synod <u>\$6907.20</u>
- 4. Pay 100% of Synod's life, health, and disability insurance for the paster and his family, but with the following provise that if a minister's spouse has group insurance that covers her and for their dependents for medical insurance that it be permitted for the minister to participate and waive medical insurance under the single rather than family category of insurance; and the Church will be responsible for reimbursing the family of the paster for their portion of the insurance premiums; and further, the paster may also elect to remain under his wife's policy if he is covered as a dependent and the church

assumes responsibility for reimbursing their portion of the insurance premiums, provided the minister's insurance package is supplemented to include disability and life insurance.

- a. Provide Synod's life, and health, and disability insurance package for the paster and his family \$17,677
- 1 weeks to be away for evangelistic or other church related meetings.
- One week and expenses for continuing education.
- 8. Review with you annually the adequacy of this compensation. As part of the review the congregation <u>shall provide a cost of living adjustment</u> based on the results determined by the Budget Committee and approved by the Congregation.
- Grant you an annual vacation of 4 weeks, starting in 2015.
- 10. Expenses for the meeting of General Synod and the meetings of Presbytery.
- 11. In the event of total disability, as defined in the Synod's insurance program, we promise:
- a. To continue for a minimum of three months the provisions of this call awaiting commencement of benefits from Synod's insurance program.
- 12. In the event you should die during the terms of this call, we promise:
- a. To continue the provisions of this call dealing with annual salary, housing, and group insurance for a minimum of three months.

In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 1st day of June

A.D. 2014_

SIGNATURES OF MEMBERSHIP

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Mississippi Valley Presbytery Gospel of Grace Church Fall Stated Meeting Springfield, MO

Monday, October 6

4:00pm Registration

6:00pm Supper

7:00pm Worship

The Call to Worship Revelation 4.6-11

Minister: Around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind... And the four living creatures each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, All: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before Minister: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and the throne, saying,

power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were All: "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glary and honor and created."

"Song of Praise #100 Holy, Holy, Holy!

"God's Greeting

Sermon Greatness in the Goss-Bought Church Scripture Reading Mark 10:35-45

The Lond's Supper

"Closing Song #246 Man of Sorrows! What a Nume

Brief Recess after Worship

Business Meeting

Constitution of Meeting of Presbytery with Prayer Welcome by Host Church Constitution of the Roll

Introductions

Address by Susan Cavin, President of ARP Women's Ministries, MVP Address by Steve Nichols, Director of ARP Foundation Election of Vice-Moderator/Moderator-Elect Unfinished Business Recess for Evening Announcements

Closing Prayer

Appointment of Moderator's Committee on Sessional Records

Adoption of Spring Minutes

Tuesday, October 7

7:00am Breakfast

8:00am Morning Worship, Rev. Mark Miller

8:45am Business

Overture from Synod concerning Changes to FoG concerning ARP Overture from Synod concerning Additional Chapters in WCF Retirement Plan

Memorial for Elder Lewis Ward, French Camp Presbyterian Church

10:00am Recess for Committee Meetings

11:00am Reconvene for Business

Address by Milton Murphy, Dunlap Retirement Center Board

2:00pm Recess for Noon Meal

12:45 pm Season of Prayer

E00pm Business

Announcement of Future Meeting Places for Presbytery Reading and Adoption of Minutes Motion to Adjourn

Song of Christian Unity (Psalm 133) Closing Prayer and Benediction

*Please stand if you are able

Report to Mississippi Valley Presbytery from President of MVP Women's Ministries

October 6, 2014

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make this report and thank you to my husband, Rev. Dr. Meredith L. Cavin for the presentation. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as President of the women of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

Many of you are aware of the reorganization of Women's Ministries that took place at the denominational level within the last ten years. Prior to this time, we had many officers and cause secretaries who completed and sent end of the year reports to the Women. Now women are represented on every Board and Agency within the denomination and these ladies have become the contact persons for each local church. We are working from within and no longer separately.

Another part of the reorganization was meant to streamline paper work for our women, simplifying accounting by sending donations directly to the receiving agency rather than through Presbyterial and then to Synodical to be distributed to the various agencies and boards. Now monies may be sent directly to the agencies and through the local church. All monies are accounted through central services using the codes and line items designated by Synod.

Unfortunately, through this process, many of our churches have become disenfranchised and withdrawn their support of Women's Ministries both at the presbytery and denominational levels.

Contingency fund (our operating fund) giving has decreased dramatically, we have no record of donations to any agency outside of presbytery other than our Jubilee Birthday offerings, AND only five churches were represented at the Annual Presbyterial Meeting held at Brighton in August.

Current Women's Ministries President Barbara Sherrill has asked for all of us to focus on a vision for the future. Our out-going President asked us to focus on the theme of CONNECTIONS.

I am challenging you, the ministers of our presbytery, to contemplate how these ideas, can be used to strengthen women's ministries in our presbytery.

My plan has two parts:

- Building Bridges through contacts and visits with women in small geographic cluster areas
- Collecting and sharing information
 - preparing and distributing a new treasurers report allowing local groups to communicate information to our Treasurer specifically including Camp Joy, and MVP ministries of interest to our women
 - sharing the names and contact information of the women serving on Synod Boards

The success of this plan involves reverse communication as well. Please encourage you women to contact me directly. This can be done through e-mail at cavinrev@bellsouth.net or by cell at 803-242-3606 or at home at 901-476-9315. My mailing address is:

Susan Cavin 79 South Main Street Brighton, TN 38011

I can assure you that every woman in every church in our presbytery is important and has a voice. We are Presbyterian because we believe it is Biblical to join together. I would love to have the opportunity to meet with other MVP Women.

More importantly, I ask that you commit to prayer for the women of our denomination as we seek to live Godly lives, serve the Lord with gladness, and be the Titus women that He would have us to be.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Cavin

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COMMISSION MEETING - COVINGTON ARP CHURCH - SATURDAY, NOV. 9, 2013 - 10;00 AM

PRESENT; CHAIRMAN MERIDITH CAVIN, MIKE THOMASON AND DAVID STROCK

ALSO PRESENT; COVINGTON PASTOR MATTHEW HEATHMAN AND ELDER MILTON MURPHY

Chairman Cavin called the meeting to order, thanked all for coming, and opened with prayer. The first order of business was to receive the roll of the Covington Church for Presbytery to issue certificates of transfer. M. Thomason will forward names and addresses of active members to Presbytery Clerk Rev. Tim Phillips.

Balance sheets and profit and loss statements were passed out for all to view. Discussed areas where costs could be reduced or eliminated, such as garbage collection. The Commission agreed that M. Murphy and/or Rev. M. Heathman be given authority to handle an emergency or maintenance expense up to \$500.00 without contacting the Commission. Also agreed that the financial obligations to Synod, Presbytery and Dunlap Retirement Center be honored for the year 2013. The Commission also agreed to allow the church To pay bonuses at a ¾ rate as has been customary to the church organist (\$1200), jamitor (\$110), nursery attendant (\$75), and Rev. Heathman (\$300).

Permission was granted to allow the Salem ARP Church to use the Covington van to transport youth to French Camp Youth Retreat provided that a letter of authorization is granted with one copy for the chairman and one copy in the van. Insurance coverage is to be maintained on the van as well as on the church property. Also, lawn maintenance will be maintained. A key to the church was issued to Chairman Cavin.

Joining the Commission at this time was a delegation from the First F. sbyterian Church of Covington, Rev. Scott Sealy and elder Ben Benton. David Strock offered a prayer after which M. Cavin explained the Commission's responsibility relative to the handling of the church property. Rev. Sealy expressed a desire on the part of First Presbyterian Church to look at the possibility of purchasing the Covington property, after which they were dismissed and the Commission resumed its business.

The Commission agreed that an appraisal of the church property must be obtained promptly. M. Thomason will contact an appraiser and will report back to the chairman. Also, the commission asked M. Murphy and Rev. Heathman to provide an inventory of furnishings and equipment.

There was no other business at this time and the next meeting of the Commission is set for Thursday, Nov. 14 at the Richland church beginning at 11:00 AM. The meeting was closed in prayer by M. Thomason.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

COMMISSION MEETING - RICHLAND ARP CHURCH - THURSDAY, NOV. 14, 2013 - 11:00 AM

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN MEREDITH CAVIN, MIKE THOMASON AND DAVID STROCK

Chairman Cavin called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. M. Thomason passed out the Covington ARP Church membership roll and addresses. Copies have been sent to Rev. Phillips, MVP clerk.

The commission discussed the fact that there are no guidelines in the Book of Standards relative to closing a church and felt it would be helpful if we would keep notes and provide written suggestions on how a commission of this type should function.

M. Thomason reported that he has contacted an appraiser, Van Boals, to set up a time to meet at the church for the appraisal of the Covington property. It has been reported to the commission that Rev. Heathman's contract will expire Dec. 31, 2013. A question has come about as to his occupancy of the church manse after that date. The commission agrees that this will depend on whether or not a possible sale of the property includes the manse. The commission approved Rev. Heathman be allowed to remain in the manse after Dec. 31,2013 rent free, but responsible for utilities, provided no contract has been received.

The sessional records of the Covington Church are to be sent to the Erskine College Archives. It is suggested that the records be transported by Rev. Donahue when he attends his next Trustee Board meeting At Erskine. D. Strock will contact him about this.

The minutes of the Nov. 9, 2013 meeting were approved as read. A copy will be forwarded to Rev. Yarman, moderator of MVP.

There was no other business to come before the commission and the meeting was closed in prayer by M. Thomason.

Meredith L. Cavin

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COMMISSION MEETING - MEREDITH CAVIN's HOME - THURSDAY, JAN. 9, 2014 - 2:00 PM

PRESENT; CHAIRMAN CAVIN, MIKE THOMASON AND DAVID STROCK

Chairman Cavin called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Secretary read the minutes of the Nov. 14, 2013 meeting and they were approved as read.

M. Thomason reported that the appraisal of the Covington property by Van Boals should be available Jan. 17, 2014.

M. Thomason will provide an inventory of the various hymn books at the Covington Church, the list to be forwarded to Rev. Phillips, MVP clerk, for distribution to MVP churches to see if there is a need at other churches.

The Covington sessional records are still at the church since a request was made to retain them for a while. It was decided to keep the last two books and pack the others for shipment to the archives at Erskine College.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed in prayer by M. Thomason.

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COMMISSION MEETING - MEREDITH CAVIN'S HOME - THURSDAY FEB: 20, 2014 - 10:00 AM

PRESENT; CHAIRMAN CAVIN, MIKE THOMASON AND DAVID STROCK

Chairman Cavin called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The secretary read the minutes of the Jan. 9, 2014 meeting and they were approve as read.

Various items were discussed relative to our report at the upcoming meeting of MVP at Ellisville, MS March 3 and 4. The major item discussed was a NADA estimate of the value of the Covington Church van. After reviewing the report, a motion was made and passed that the Brighton Church be allowed to purchase the van for \$4,500, the money to be place in the Covington operating account.

Mike Thomason presented a revised inventory list and the commission agreed that a monetary contribution should be made on large items requested by individuals or families, the money to be deposited in the Covington operating account.

A motion was made and passed to donate four six foot folding tables and sixteen chairs to Dunlap Retirement Center.

The commission agreed that the Covington sanctuary piano should be moved to the Brighton Church for storage.

Mike Thomason has been able to locate deeds to the properties owned by Covington Church. They are on file.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed in prayer by David Strock.

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COMMISSION MEETING - MIKE THOMASON'S APT. - THURSDAY JULY 31, 2014 - 2:00 PM

PRESENT; CHAIRMAN M. CAVIN, MIKE THOMASON AND DAVID STROCK

Chairman Cavin called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The secretary read the minutes of the Feb. 20, 2014 meeting and they were approved as read.

M. Cavin reported he has the latest financial report for the Covington Church and will present it at the MVP called meeting at Providence Aug.2, 2014.

M. Thomason reports that the insurance on the sanctuary, fellowship hall and manse expires on Sept. 17,2014 because of non-occupancy. After contacting Church Mutual, they would not reconsider. Contact has been made with Arlington/Roe Co. Indianapolis, Ind. and they will insure the properties for a premium of \$6,366,00 for six months. The Commission recommends that we secure this coverage.

D. Strock reports that the organ from Covington has been installed at the Providence Church and has enhanced its worship services...

The Commission reports that some green choir robes with gold stoles are available located at Providence and also a few more items are still available at Covington, such as pulpit furniture, folding tables and chairs.

There was no other business and the meeting was closed in prayer by M. Thomason.

SECRETARY

COMMISSION MEETING - MIKE THOMASON'S APT. - FRIDAY SEPT. 12, 2014 - 2:00 PM

PRESENT; CHAIRMAN M. CAVIN, MIKE THOMASON AND DAVID STROCK

Chairman Cavin called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The secretary read the minutes of the July 31 meeting and they were approved as read.

M. Cavin stated that the purpose of this meeting is to prepare a written report as requested at the Aug. 2, 2014 called meeting of MVP at Providence to be presented at the fall meeting of MVP at Springfield, MO.

In review, the commission was appointed by moderator Mike Yarman at the fall meeting of MVP at New Albany, MS.. Its duty - to act on behalf of Presbytery and oversee the closing of the Covington ARP Church. It has met five times prior to this meeting on Nov. 9, 2013, Nov. 14, 2013, Jan. 9, 2014, Feb. 20, 2014 and July 31, 2014. Copies of all these meetings are available.

We would like to acknowledge the invaluable help and input of ruling elder Milton Murphy of the Covington Church.

At our first meeting we received the roll of members, balance sheets, profit and loss statements and met with a delegation from the Covington First Presbyterian Church

On Nov. 14, 2013 it was reported that an appraiser had been secured to give us an evaluation of the properties. Also, the sessional records were obtained for forwarding to the Erskine College Archives.

On Jan. 9, 2014 an inventory of various hymn books was provided and on Feb. 20, 2014 an additional inventory of items and equipment was provided. Approval was given for the purchase of the Covington van by the Brighton Church. Also of note, the deeds to the properties owned by the Covington Church have been located and are on file.

At the July 31 meeting the latest financial report was received. It was presented at the called meeting of MVP on Aug. 2. Also discussed was the necessity of obtaining and maintaining insurance coverage on the properties. It was noted that the sanctuary organ was removed and installed at the Providence Church to replace its aging instrument.

It must be noted that countless hours were spent in telephone calls and visits to the Covington Church especially by Mike Thomason who so graciously was always available to open the church and meet with those necessary to carry out the removal of equipment and other items that were of value to sister ARP churches.

At the Sept. 12 meeting, M. Thomason reported that our first real estate agent has retired and his duties taken over by Harold Morris. The commission approved this change. He also reported that we have obtained insurance coverage for a period of three months at a cost of approximately \$3,000. If sold before the three month period is over, a refund will be forthcoming. The commission voted in favor of this action.

At this point in time we have a party interested in the property.

The latest financial report is attached to this report.

There was no other business to come before the commission and the meeting was closed in prayer by David Strock.

Meredith L. Cown
CHAIRMAN SECRETARY

1:10 PM 10/02/14 Cash Basis

Covington ARP Church Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2014

	Aug 31, 14
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank of Tipton General Fund	
Benevolence/Diaconal Fund	-65.99
Boyd Estate Undesignated	9,398.58
Building Maint. Fund	-761.85
Carpet Fund - Designated	870.00
Roof Fund Drive (Designated)	3,944.00
Sunday School Funds Account	2,419.55
Van Fund - Designated	-1,852.40
Bank of Tipton General Fund - Other	14,150.27
Total Bank of Tipton General Fund	28,102.16
Total Checking/Savings	28,102.16
Total Current Assets	28,102.16
Fixed Assets	
Fellowship Hall Building	250,000.00
Manse	95,000.00
Sanctuary	350,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	695,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	723,102.16
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Equity	
3001 Appraised Value Increases	445,000.00
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	215,430.82
3010 · Retained Funds (Retained Earni	74 ,111.17
Net Income	-11,439.83
Total Equity	723,102.16
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	723,102.16

1:09 PM 10/02/14 Cash Basis

Covington ARP Church Profit & Loss August 2014

	Aug 14	Jan - Aug 14
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income Missionary Funds Other Income	0.00	62.75
Interest Income Checking	4.84	40.89
Total Other Income	4.84	40.89
Misc Income	0.00	-500.00
Total Income	4.84	-396.36
Expense A · Personnel A.5 · Pastor Retirement	0.00	92.90
A11 · Lawn Care	430.00	1,485.00
Total A · Personnel	430.00	1,577.90
B · Ministries B.9 · Women's Ministry	0.00	40.00
Total B · Ministries	0.00	40.00
G·Utilities/Insurance (Utilities) G.1·Electricity G.2·Water & Gas G.4·Church Insurance G.5·Van Insurance	137.74 124.28 0.00 0.00	1,123.48 1,161.20 3,683.00 115.25
Total G · Utilities/Insurance (Utilities)	262.02	6,082.93
H · Office Supplies (Office Supplies) H.1 · Stamps (Postage and Delivery)	0.96	14.89
Total H · Office Supplies (Office Supplies)	0.96	14.89
I · Building Maintenance & Repairs (Repairs and Maintenance) 6330 · Equipment Repairs (Equipment Repairs) I.1 · Terminix (Building Repairs) I.2 · Other	0.00 0.00 0.00	105.75 684.00 2,305.00
Total I · Building Maintenance & Repairs (Repairs and Mainten	0.00	3,094.75
K · Miscellaneous (Miscellaneous) K.2 · Accounting & Bookkeeping	25.00	233.00
Total K · Miscellaneous (Miscellaneous)	25.00	233.00
Total Expense	717.98	11,043.47
Net Ordinary Income	-713.14	-11,439.83
et Income	-713.14	-11,439.83

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Presbyter : Educational Fund committee was held on August 26th 2014 at the Salem church at 7 PM. Those in attendance were Rev. Charles Todd, Danny Hughes, Jimmy Rammage and Randy Goulder.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev Charles Todd.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasures report was read and approved

Business

- Rev Charles Todd read a historical letter regarding the starting of the educational fund.
- Brad Robinson has requested a loan to attend Mid America Seminary in Dyer Indiana. Randy Goulder made a motion to approve a loan of \$1,000. Jimmy Rammage seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Randy Goulder made a motion to request Presbytery to approve the investment of \$15,000 from the fund into the ARP Foundation Fund. Motion was seconded and passed. The committee suggests that if approved by Presbytery, the conservative option be selected.

Randy Goulder made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed.

Jimmy Rammage closed the meeting in prayer.

Randy Goulder

Mississippi Valley Presbytery Associate Reformed Presbyterian Educational Fund Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Net Assets Resulting From Cash Transactions For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

RECEIPTS AND ADDITIONS: Interest income - certificate of deposit No. 1	180.02
Interest income - certificate of deposit No. 2	105.21
Total Receipts and Additions	285.23
DISBURSEMENTS AND DEDUCTIONS:	
Disbursements	000.00
Increase in Net Assets	285.23
Net Assets Balance, September 1, 2013	77,739.33
Net Assets Balance, August 31, 2014	5 78,044.56
NET ASSETS REPRESENTED BY:	
Cash in the bank checking-Regions Bank Covington, TN	\$ 3,044.56
Cash in the bank certificate of deposit No. 1 -BancorpSouth Covington, TN (Matures 11/10/14 at 0.40%)	45,000.00
Cash in the bank certificate of deposit No. 2 -Regions Bank Covington, TN (Matures 02/15/15 at 0.350%)	30,000.00
*Net Assets, August 31, 2014	5 78,044.56

^{*(}Net Assets - one-half restricted at August 31, 2014 5 39,022.28)

MEMORIAL FOR LEWIS WARD

Whereas John Lewis Ward was born in French Camp, MS, on July 31, 1920, and

Whereas Lewis was called to new birth and made a public profession of faith before the Session of the French Camp Presbyterian Church on March 31, 1935, and

Whereas Lewis grew in that faith as a communing member of French Camp Presbyterian Church and as a student at French Camp Academy, and

Whereas after graduation from the Academy, Lewis left his beloved Choctaw County to serve his country with bravery, honor, and distinction in the Pacific front of World War II, and

Whereas Lewis returned to Choctaw County and married Dixie Austin and lived in faithful submission to his marriage vows for 68 years before his death, and

Whereas Lewis faithfully served the French Camp Presbyterian Church for over 30 years as an elder and treasurer, and

Whereas Lewis challenged and trained by word and life not only his own son Tommy, but also the many young men who sat in his French Camp Presbyterian Church Sunday school class and who were assigned to him on the French Camp Academy farm crew to be honorable, hard-working men of integrity, and

Whereas Lewis' word was his bond and his life was blameless which caused him to be highly esteemed in the French Camp community,

And whereas Lewis maintained a good testimony for his Lord until Sunday, September 21, 2014, when he was called home,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the session of the French Camp Presbyterian Church wishes to memorialize John Lewis Ward by spreading this proclamation before Mississippi Valley Presbytery, in the ARP Synod magazine, and on the pages of the Choctaw Plaindealer and Kosciusko Star Herald.

Stewardship Committee Report to the Mississippi Valley Presbytery Meeting October 6 – 7, 2014, Gospel of Grace ARP Church, Springfield, MO

At the spring meeting Presbytery voted to invest \$450,000.00 of the Parkway Place Funds with the ARP Investment Program, Part A funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 in the Moderate option and Part B funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 in the Conservative option. Setting up of accounts, getting funds from CDs, etc. was completed in mid-April. Additional information about these investments is in the Treasurer's report. The ending value of these funds August 31, 2014 was: Part A \$207,561.27 Part B \$257,820.90

The chairperson of the Stewardship Committee has been contacted about how much a local church would need in order to invest with the ARP Investment Program. Per Paul Bell at the ARP Center there is no minimum dollar amount but the proposed use of the funds being invested needs to be weighed. Placing funds that will be needed in a short period time in the program is not a wise idea.

Synod's Christian Education division is developing a Treasurer Training session, developed around questions they get at Central Services and feedback given by treasurers. It will most likely be presented at locations in the Greenville, SC or Charlotte, NC areas and then made into several brief videos on a number of topics and posted on the website for people to use at their convenience.

The proposed 2015 MVP budget is attached. Receipts and expenditures are the same as 2014 with a few adjustments to Receipts from Churches. The obligation of \$10,000.00 to the Hernando ARP Church is fulfilled this month, thus that's not a budget item. It has been some time since Presbytery has received a request for funding of a new effort. Churches are encouraged to submit a request if they have a project they would like Presbytery to consider.

There is no budget proposal for new ONA efforts. The ONA committee will either have their own proposal at this meeting or will need to submit a budget request at the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. Dan Hazen is no longer a member of the MS Valley Presbytery. We need official approval to remove him from the Christian Education bank account at BNA Bank, New Albany, MS. Mr. Robinson, MVP Treasurer, is serving as the treasurer for this fund also and it's a system that's working well.

MVP Treasurer, Mr. John Robinson, in his report has requested clarification of income from Parkway Place A and B funds. He has suggested we define "Income" for this purpose as: Option A: Income shall be paid to Part D at least annually and shall include interest and dividends collected but **shall not** include realized and unrealized gains and losses. This

option is consistent with Uniform Principal and Income Acts and should allow for a build-up in principal value to shelter losses that may occur in a future year. After sufficient build up has occurred, Presbytery may take action to move some of the gains and losses to Part D.

Or

Option B: At the end of each year, if the total value of the funds has increased above the original amount invested, such increase shall be paid to Part D. If at the end of the year the fund has decreased in value, no amount shall be transferred to Part D for that year or any future year until the value has returned to above the original amount invested

The Stewardship Committee makes the following recommendations:

- That Presbytery vote to remove Rev. Dan Hazen as a signer on the Christian Education account maintained at BNA Bank, New Albany, MS and that the Clerk of Presbytery prepare a notice of the official action of the Presbytery removing Rev. Hazen as a signer on the Christian Education Account for Mr. Robinson to present n to the bank.
- 2. That the Christian Education Account remain under the care of the Presbytery Treasurer. (Mr. Robinson is okay with this recommendation.)
- 3. That Presbytery approve Option A of Mr. Robinson's suggestions concerning the income from the investment of Parkway Place funds.
- 4. That Presbytery, based on a suggestion from Mr. Robinson, authorize the establishment of a Mississippi Valley Presbytery ONA bank account to house the funds currently called Parkway Place Funds including parts A, B, C, and D monies and possibly the MVP Revitalization funds. (NOTE: The money of the MVP Revitalization Fund is funds received from General Synod for revitalization work. Maybe they do not need to be co-mingled with the Parkway Place funds.)
- 5. That the proposed 2015 MVP budget be adopted.

The Stewardship Committee expresses their sincere appreciation to Mr. John Robinson for his faithful service as Treasurer for the Presbytery.

Martha Dees Stewardship Chairperson

Appendix G

	– ALL FUNDS
GENERAL FUND for OPERATIONS	
Receipts from Mississippi Valley Presbytery Churches:	
Bethany	\$ 300.
Brighton	970.
Ebenezer	400,
Ellisville	250.
Elsberry	160.
Faith	750.
French Camp	760.
Gospel of Grace	690.
Graceview	770.
Gum Tree	640.
Havana Mission Church	100.
Helena	250.
Hernando Reformed	300.
Hickory Springs	40.
Hopewell	200.
Midlane Park	290.
Mt. Zion	280.
New Albany	1,900.
New Geneva	490.
Pottsville	300.
Providence Reformed	300.
Richland	500.
Salem	1,600.
Sharon	190.
Wood Avenue	<u>100</u> .
* Receipts from churches	\$12530. @95% collection = \$11,90
MVP Share of 2013 ONA Endowment	\$ 20
Total Estimated Receipts	\$12,10
Expenditures:	
Dunlap Retirement Center	\$2,200. (same)
MVP Christian Education	5,000. (same)
MS Valley Presbyterial Annual Retreat	500. (same)
Administrative cost (supplies, postage, etc.)	2,000. (same)
Minister & His Works Committee operations	400. (same)
Stewardship Committee	100, (same)
Nominations Committee	200. (same)

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MVP ONA Committee	500. (same)	
Committees & Officer Travel	400. (same)	
Special Committees/Commissions Expenses	400. (same)	
Total Expenditures		\$12,200.
MVP/ONA Revitalization Expenses		200.
Total Estimated Exper	nses General Fund	\$12,400.
Difference between estimated receipts and estima	ited expenditures	-297.
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TREASURER'S REPORT MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014

Please find attached the Treasurer's Reports for the first eight months of 2014 which include the following reports:

- -Report of Bank Balances
- -Report of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
- -Schedule of Assessments paid by Churches compared to Budget
- «Summary of the ARP Investment Funds managed by Morgan Stanley

Please note that previous treasurer's reports have not included the funds in the Christian Education Fund. As treasurer, I have managed this bank account since the relocation of the previous chairman of this committee and have included that committee's activity for the year in my report.

We are on schedule to meet our budgeted amounts by the end of 2014.

I regret I am unable to attend Presbytery and be available to explain or answer questions that may come from the delegates. I have listed my contact info below and invite any delegate to contact me with questions or comments.

I request that Presbytery clarify action taken in the previous meetings regarding the income from Parkway A and B Funds. The "Income" from these funds are to be paid to Part D and be used for Church Planting. Please take action to define "Income" for this purpose as:

-Option A: Income shall be paid to Part D at least annually and shall include interest and dividends collected but shall not include realized and unrealized gains and losses. This option is consistent with Uniform Principal and Income Acts and should allow for a build up in principal value to shelter losses that may occur in a future year. After sufficient build up has occurred, Presbytery may take action to move some of the gains and losses to Part D.

-Option B: At the end of each year, if the total value of the funds has increased above the original amount invested, such increase shall be paid to Part D. If at the end of the year the fund has decreased in value, no amount shall be transferred to Part D for that year or any future year until the value has returned to above the original amount invested.

I also ask Presbytery to consider combining all ONA Funds into one fund in order to give clarity to the ONA Committee's available funds. Presbytery now has ONA Church Revitalization funds (\$23,323), funds from the Special offering in February 2014 (\$3884), and Parkway Part D funds (\$7391). Combining these into one fund with a separate bank account for the ONA Committee would be consistent with the way the Christian Education Committee is structured.

Respectfully submitted,

John Robinson, Treasurer

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Report of Bank Balances Mississippi Valley Presbytery For the Eight Months ended AUGUST 31, 2014

- vi	Balance	Receipts	Investment	Transfers	Special		Balance
Cash Balances	01/01/14		arcone.	1.0	offering ONA	Expenses	8/31/2014
BNA Bank 01-620260-09	010,004,40 04,010,40		5537.03				5571.49
Renasant Bank 2200123455	\$11,732.39	\$10,460,00	\$596.43	-S5.000.00	C3 884 (M)	50.77.05	530,226.22
BNA CE Committee Account	\$1,057.09	\$20,650,00		\$5,000.00		\$21,607,09	SS 100 00
Total in checking accounts	\$53,016.26	\$31,110,00	\$1,167,36	\$10,000,018	\$3,884,00	\$32,378.14	\$46,799.48
Cert of Deposit and Investments:							
Renasont Bank	\$50,000.00			-\$50,000.00			803
Renasort mark	\$180,000.00			\$180,000.00			00.05
DNA Benk	\$130,000.00						\$130,000.00
BNA Bank	\$70,000,00			-\$70,000,00			8
Bancop South	\$140,000.00			-\$140,000,00			8 5
ARP Moderate Growth Fund A			\$7,561.27	\$200,000,00			70 195 7005
ARP Conservative Fund B			\$7,820,90	\$250,000,00			\$247.820 an
Total Cash Balance	\$623,016,26	\$31,110.00	X6.22.53		\$3,884.00	\$32,378.14	\$642,181.65
Fund Balances:	01/01/14						08/31/14
General Fund	\$88,986.73	\$10,460.00	\$571.00	.\$5,000.00		\$2,771.05	592.746.68
MVP ONA reutalization	\$23,323.72						522 222 23
MVP ONA Church Planting					\$3,884,00		Co been to
C E Committee funds	\$1,057.09	\$20,650.00		\$5,000.00		\$21,607,09	S-100.00
Parkway Place Part A	\$200,000,00		\$7,561.27				5207 561 77
Parkway Place Part B	\$250,000,00		\$7,820.90				\$257,820.90
Parkway Place Part C	\$44,853.47						\$44,853.47
Parkway Place Part D	\$14,795,28		\$596.36			58,000.00	\$7.391.61
Total Fund Balance	\$ 623.0 16.2 <u>5</u>	\$10,460,00	516.549.53	80.03	53,884.00	\$32,378,14	\$642,181.65
Dunlap Retirement Home (6/30/13)	\$61,177,00						

Report of Cash Receipts and Disbursements Mississippi Valley Presbytery For The Eight Months ended August 31, 2014

	General	MVP ONA Rev Fund	MVP ONA Church Plant	_	MVP CEThe Parkway Place Memorial Funds	ray Place N Fund B	Nemorial Fu Fund C	spur Fund D
Balance January 1, 2014	\$58,986	\$23,324		\$1,057	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$44,853	\$14,796
Cash Receipts: Assessments from Churches Special Offering Transfer to CE Committee Camp Fees	\$10,460		\$3,884	\$5,000				
Investment Income Total Receipts	\$11,031		\$3,884	\$25,650	\$7,561 \$7,561	\$7,821		\$596
Cash Disbursements: Direct Support. Dunlap Retirement Center Transfer to CE Committee	\$2,200 \$5,000							
Operating Expenses: Supplies, postage, Printing	\$571			\$447				\$8,000
Camp Expenses Total Disbursements	\$7,774			\$21,180				\$8,000
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	\$3,260	08	\$3,884	\$4,043	\$7,561	\$7,821	श्र	-\$7,404
Balance August 31, 2014	\$92,246	\$23,324	\$3,884	\$5,100	\$207,561	\$257,821	\$44,853	\$7,392

Note: After the close of the year, the income on the ARP Investment Funds will be transferred from Parkway A and B to Parkway D

Schedule of Assessments paid by Churches Mississippi Valley Presbytery For the eight months Ended August 31, 2014

	Actual	2014
	Receipts	Budget
Bethany, Guntown, MS	\$0	\$300
Brighton, TN	\$215	\$1,000
Ebenezer, Blue Mtn., MS	\$400	\$400
Ellisville Presbyterian, Ellisville, MS	\$0	\$300
Eisberry, MO	\$90	\$90
Faith Presbyterian, Leakesville, MS	\$800	\$750
French Camp, MS	\$1,000	\$800
Graceview, Southhaven, MS	\$743	\$750
Gospel of Grace, Springfield, MO	\$710	\$690
Gum Tree, Tupelo, MS	\$690	\$670
Havana Mission, Havana, AR	\$0	\$100
Helena, Moss Point, MS	\$0	\$250
Hernando Reformed, Hernando, MS	\$0	\$300
Hickory Springs, AR	\$100	\$40
Hopewell, New Albany, MS	\$300	\$200
Midlane Park, Louisville, KY	\$490	\$380
Mt. Zion, Troy, MO	\$280	\$280
New Albany, MS	\$1,463	\$2,000
New Geneva, Paducah, KY	\$510	\$490
Pottsville, AR	\$0	\$350
Providence, Bartlett, TN	\$50	\$300
Richland, Rosemark, TN	\$500	\$500
Salem, Atoka, TN	\$1,600	\$1,600
Sharon, Brighton, TN (paid 2013 and 2014)	\$380	\$190
Wood Avenue, Monticello, AR	\$140	\$140
Total Receipts from churches	\$10,460	\$12,570

Names in bold have met or exceeded their budgeted amount

ARP Investment Funds managed by Morgan Stanley/Graysto

Parkway Place Part A Moderate Growth Model

Funds transferred to Morgan Stanley	\$200,000.00
Interest Income	\$485.45
Dividend Income	\$1,151.06
Realized Gains	\$4,282.20
Unrealized Gains (appreciation in value)	\$2,392.85
Fees Paid	-\$750.29
Value on August 31, 2014	\$207.561.27

Parkway Place Part B Conservative Model

Funds transferred to Morgan Stanley	\$250,000,00
Interest Income	\$780.29
Dividend Income	\$1,465.06
Realized Gains	\$3,574,19
Unrealized Gains (appreciation in value)	\$3,069.51
Fees Paid	-\$1,068.15
Value on August 31, 2014	\$257,820.90

Note: At the close of the year the "income" from these funds are to be transferred to Parkway Fund D to be used for Church Planting

MVP investment funds2014

GREETINGS FROM DUNLAP RETIREMENT CENTER:

The financial condition of the center has improved with annual income exceeding expenses. Occupancy has been slightly under capacity some of the time (presently residents 17-18 and apartments 2/3.) Cost of food services and utilities have been greatly reduced as a result of staffing changes made by the Director and improvements to the buildings.

At the recommendation of Gene Tate (past board member) more insulation was installed which resulted in lower cost of utilities. Upon the installation of the new heating/A/C being installed in the Director's house, electrical problems were identified. The board authorized a thorough inspection by a licensed electrician who reported the wiring inadequate. These problems are being addressed with good results.

During his term as Chairman Meredith Cavin acknowledged the need for an internal audit and appointed members to: evaluate resident satisfaction, inspect facilities, review tax returns, insurance coverage, financial records, employment contracts and hiring practices, review compliance with state and federal regulations, and review the conflict of interest policy. Findings of the internal audit were reported at the February 17,2014 meeting. In order to address concerns identified in the audit, board members consulted with Robert Wooten (CPA) who attended the August 18,2014 meeting to clarify IRS regulations and other legal requirements applicable to tax-exempt corporations.

A review of the terms of the conflict of interest policy emphasized the need for guidelines with respect to employment of individuals or businesses supplying maintenance and repairs. Such guidelines have been adopted. The board also is doing regular inspections of the facilities.

It is the recommendation of the Board of Directors that the By-laws of the William H. Dunlap Retirement Center, Inc. be amended as follows: Amend Article III, Section 3-Meetings, by changing the annual meeting date from December to June. (Rationale: The Board does not meet in December. Since membership on the Board changes each July, at the beginning of the fiscal year, July is the logical month to elect officer of the corporation, and Article IV, Section 2, requires officers to be elected "at the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after each regular annual meeting of the member.")

Respectfully Submitted,

Milton G. Murphy-Chairman

Appendix I

PM 8/14 Basis	William H. Dunlap Retirement Center, Inc. Profit & Loss July 2013 through June 2014	
		Jul '13 - Jun 14
Ordinary Inc	come/Expense	essection of a transport
Income		
40100	Rent income	332,484.94
40600	Interest Earned	63.88
40700	- Donations	17,401.98
	· Donations - Fish Fry	1,385.00
41200	· Donations - Grandparent's Day	3,288,00
	· Donations - Memorials	975.00
	· Donations - MVP	11,814.04
	Donations - Spring Fund Reiser	2,865.00
	- Donations - Friends & Family	600.00
42600	- Yard Sale Proceeds	1,098.00
Total Inci	ome	371,775.84
Expense		1,115.34
	- Advertising	395.00
	Accounting Services Bank Service Charges	10.00
	Bookkeeping Fees	1,925.00
	Building Repairs & Maint.	5.359.75
	- Building Supplies	4.218.54
	· Dues - 3 Star VFD	100.00
	Education	563.00
	Equipment Rental	1,380.00
68200		1,689.58
	Groceries	21,430,53
87100	· Gifts	813,66
68500	· Insurance	8,435,96
68501	· Insurance - W/C	5,525.00
71001	· Labor - Holiday	3,114.50
	Labor - Overtime	585.07
	Labor - Salary	38,500.08
	Labor - Vacation	2,142.00
	Labor - Regular	164,761.35
	Mileage	394.05
	· Office Supplies	908.81 15,726.68
	Payroll Tax Expense	1.125.00
	Pest Control	925.00
	- Placement Service	195.08
	⊹ Postage → Professional Services	2,010.00
	· Professional Services · Repairs	830.17
	· Departs · Springfest/Fallfest Expense	24.00
	State Taxes	270.00
	· State Licenses	2,450.00
	Telephone	5,704.08
	- Trash Removal	3,530.25
	· TCCA Services	210.00
82000) · Utilities	46,061.39
Total Ex	pense	343,436.87
Net Ordina	ry Income	28,338,97
Net Income		28,338.97

Duniap Retirement Center Annual Report 2013-2014

Our Board Members are:

Milton MurphyCovington ARP	Rotating off	2015 (Chairman)
Carolyn Ramage Sharon ARP	%	2015
Carolyn StricklinSalem ARP	и	2015 (Secretary)
Erik KrullCovington First Baptist	94	2015
Terry Griffith_Holly Grove Cum. Pres., Brighton "		2016
Don Tabb., Richland ARP	7.€	2016
Robert Simpson_Covington, 1st Presbyterian "		2016 (Vice-Chairman)
Barbara McFarlandSalem ARP	*	2016 (Treasurer)
Tim Pilkington_Richland ARP	#	2017
Tina Russell, Randolph UMC	6	2017
Mike Thomason_Richland ARP	is	2017

We are extremely happy to report, since last year, we have accomplished several projects here at Dunlap...

- 1. We have put new insulation in all the building attics
- We have installed Central Heat & Air in the Director's house, (replacing window units & electric wall & cailing heat)
- We have had to replace rotting floors in 3 resident bathrooms, along with installing a much needed shower door
- 4. We have just completed re-roofing all the buildings because of wind & hall damage
- 5. We are in the process of a licensed electrician, going through all the buildings to assure the safety of our residents

We are very thankful to the Lord for providing the funds for these renovations! We are also very thankful to you all for allowing us to carry on here at Dunlap Retirement Center, this 32 year ministry. Praise be to God!!!

Respectfully Submitted, Dunlop Retinement Center Board of Directors

Committee on Sessional Records

The Committee on Sessional Records met with the following members present: Shelby Lowery, Joe Yerby, Kent Moorlach, and Paul Walley. The churches' sessional records were read and approved as follows:

Without Exception

Mt. Zion New Albany Providence Ebenezer Elsberry Bethany Ellisville

With Exception

Salem Sharon Brighton Pottsville Havana Hopewell

Needed

Richland French Camp New Geneva

Nominations Committee Report

The Nominations Committee met briefly on October 6, 2014, at 9 pm. Present were the following members: Chairman Gary Jones, Carl Patterson, and Tim Phillips

Chairman Jones opened in prayer.

At the Spring 2014 meeting of MVP, permission was given by the presbytery to make recess appointments to be affirmed at the Fall 2014 meeting. Those appointments are as follows:

Rev. Tim Phillips, Nominations Committee (2014-2018)

Linda Clarke, Dunlap Board (2014-2017)

Rev. Tim Phillips, MVP rep to Synod Nominations Committee

Rev. Joey Donahue, MVP rep to Synod CEM Committee (note: Rev. Donahue is also serving as chair of MVP's CEM Committee)

A motion was made to present these recess appointments to the presbytery (seconded, passed). The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Tim Phillips.

Submitted,

Gary Jones, Chairman

Appendix L

Minister and His Work Committee

Present: Charles Todd: Kent Worlach: Benjamin Glasser: Zech Schiebout

- 1. The motion to approve the following stated supplies was approved:
 - a. Charles Todd as supply for Sharon ARP;
 - b. Contrad Cheatham as supply for Mt. Zion ARP. a. d Els berry
 - c. Charles Covington as supply for Gum Tree ARP
- Met with Mike Chipman who is working with a possible church plant at Murray, KY under the auspices of New Geneva Church.
- The request from Bethany ARP to approve Adron Home as interim pastor was not approved because we have not examined him; however, the committee will sock to examine him as soon as possible.

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Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee of Mississippi Valley Presbytery met on Monday, October 6, at the Gospel of Grace A.R.P Church in Springfield, Missouri.

Present were: Joey Donahue (chm.), Alex Coblintz, David Storment, and Meredith Cavin as a guest consultant.

The following items of business were discussed.

- 1. The chairman reported on the 2014 MVP Camp (see attached report).
- 2. Plans for the 2015 MVP Camp were discussed.

Pending their approval, the 2015 MVP Camp will return to French Camp following the end of their camping season in mid-July. David Storment has agreed to serve as director. He was informed that he was responsible to recruit his leadership team, communicate with the director at the Camp of the Rising Son regarding future costs and arrangements for the upcoming year, and provide detailed accounting for finances.

It was noted that five MVP kids were hired to work CRS for the summer – a tremendously positive experience for them and for our MVP kids to have that connection. We also agreed to continue the practice of including Day Campers for half price.

- In addition to camp itself, a Leadership Retreat for MVP Camp counselors is being planned around the end of February, or perhaps earlier.
- Out of concern regarding the ability of some members of the committee to actively
 participate, Meredith offered to serve if we felt it was necessary to replace someone on the
 committee.

The consensus, however, was that it is important that we utilize the gifts and insights of as many laymen as possible. In an effort to accommodate them, it was agreed that we make use of skype as a means of conducting business.

5. Plans for the Fall Retreat were discussed.

The retreat is to take place at French Camp the weekend of November 21-23. The cost will be \$40 per camper with a cap of \$100 per family. The theme is taken from Ephesians 5:15-17, which admonishes us to wise living, making the most of the time because the days are evil. The age groups will include Jr. High (7-9), Sr. High, and College. The retreat leaders will be Joey Donahue, Kent Morlach (teaching sr. highs), David Storment (Jr. High), and Alex Coblentz (College). Scott Fletcher will lead music. Joey and Ben Storment will lead recreational activities.

6. The Elder / Deacon Training workshop was the next item discussed.

The featured speaker this year will be Derek Thomas, pastor at First Presbyterian in Columbia, South Carolina. It will be conducted at the Providence church in Bartlett, Tennessee. The cost will be \$25, or \$20 if pre-registered.

 The Disciple-Makers Workshop scheduled for October 25 – which was postponed due to a lack of response and schedule conflicts – was discussed.

Number one – it was agreed that travel expenses incurred by Synod's Director of Christian Education in the amount of \$273 should be reimbursed.

Number two – the workshop has been tentatively rescheduled for a weekend in March.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the 2014 Camp Report be received as information.
- That the plans for the 2015 MVP Camp, including the camp leaders retreat, be approved.
- 3. That the plans for the fall retreat be approved.
- That plans for the elder-deacon workshop be approved.
- 5. That presbytery reimburse Synod's Director for CE for travel expenses of \$273.
- That plans to reschedule the Disciple-Makers Workshop for the spring of the year be approved.

Joey Donahue

2014 MVP Camp

MVP Camp was conducted at French Camp the week of July 14 - 19.

This year we had just over 80 campers with around 20 counselors provided by our churches, who, in turn, were supplemented by the Camp of the Rising Son staff. In addition to our own young people we were joined by ten Chinese Foreign Exchange Students (4 girls, 6 boys and two Leader / Translators). A total of ten churches were represented, eight of which were from MVP, as well as one PCA and one EPC church.

The Theme of the Week was "One Lord, One Truth," our theme verse being I Peter 3:15.

David Storment was called on at the last minute to replace Dan Hazen as Camp Director. In addition to him, there were four MVP Ministers who participated this year. There were four Teachers: Gary Clowers, Alex Coblentz, Meredith Cavin and Scott Fletcher, with worship sessions being led by Alex Coblentz and Scott Fletcher.

Campers are broken down as children, Middle School, and high School, with Bible Studies, team sports, and activity periods structured around those age groupings. Some of the Team Competition Activities included "Skit in a Box", "Sand Sculptures", "Team Skits", "Boat Building / Boat Race", "Gold Rush", "Capture the Flag / Frisbee Style", "Ultimate", and the "Banana Biggie" to name a few. In addition to the team related activities, there is a wide range of program activities including archery, crafts for the children, swimming pool, lakefront activities (Including swimming, kayaking and canoeing), climbing wall, low ropes course, nature trails, water slide, and Horse-back riding.

We anticipate greater participation and an expanded list of churches in 2015 due to a Promo Video produced last year and released late in the Spring of 2014. We plan to change a few activities next year (i.e., exchanging the Boat Race of the Oider Campers for Paintball) and adding a Night of Camping in the Woods, one for the Boys and another for the Girls. We try to improve camp each year based on participation and suggestions of the Staff and the Campers. We had five of our College Kids that Worked the Summer for CRS and brought a number of new ideas to MVP for next year.

Expenses: \$21,607 (including payment to Camp of the Rising Son, T Shirts, and misc. expenses). Fees collected from campers: \$20,650 (@ \$250 per camper).

David Storment Director Minutes of the ONA Committee on September 4, 2014

Those present via Skype: David Strock, Charles Bunner Sr., John Tucker, Howard Wheeler, and Marshell. Snedgrass. Mike Yarman was present via phone connection with external speaker.

The meeting was began with prayer and devotions by Rev. John Tucker.

The first order of business was to discuss having the chairman of the ONA committee be the same person who attends the Synod ONA committee meetings. John Tucker has volunteered to serve as the Synod representative for our Presbytery. It was the committee's decision to place Rev. John Tucker before the Presbytery for a vote as Chairman of the Presbytery ONA Committee.

The second order of business was to discuss the request from Hernando ARP Church for one more year of financial support in the amount of \$10,000 with the understanding that no additional funds would be requested in the future. The committee recognized that Steve Rice. Elder had been sending out updates in regard to the activities of Hernando in its effort to revitalize. Ray John Tupker suggested that a condition to receiving this additional year of support would be for Rey. Gary Jones to have the opportunity to take some additional classes on church revitalization to help their elforts and that these classes would be funded by the Presbytery. A poll of those present was taken and all were in favor of making this recommendation to the Presbytery. It was noted that part of the funds would come from the interest from Part C and the remaining would be taken from the funds set aside for church revitalization which is part D.

The third proces of business was discussion regarding a church plant. It was discussed that the funding needed for this could partially be met by the Presbytery funds set aside for planting churches. It was noted that more demographic study needed to be done to determine a location. It was also noted that information regarding the newer plant Synod has in regard to helping plant churches should be reviewed and all this is to be discussed at the Fall MVP meeting.

The meeting was closed with crayer by Charles Bunner.

Respectfully submitted.

Marshall Snodgrass

Recommendations from this meeting to be presented at Presbytery.

1 Rev. John Tucker be appointed as Chairman of the MVP ONA Committee

Fall Presbytery

ONA Committee

October 6, 2014

Monday Afternoon

Those present were Howard Wheeler, John Tucker, Charles Bunner, and Marshall Snodgrass

Opening devotions were by Marshall.

Opening prayer was by John Tucker.

Committee discussed the church planting ideas and reviewed the Synod ONA Church Manual for Planting. Marshall made a motion to use the Synod Manual for Presbytery/ONA and the Appendices that are associated with it as guidelines for effort towards church planting by the MVP ONA committee. It was seconded by Charles Bunner. Motion passed.

Minutes of the September 4, 2014 were read and approved.

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It was agreed by the committee members to ask Gary Jones and an elder from Hernando to meet with committee on Tuesday.

The question was raised as to the status of Havana. Rev. Wheeler informed us that it is still considered a mission work, and that Pottsville ARP still provides oversight. The committee discussed the status of the Havana Church. The committee agreed to encourage Mike Yarman continue to meet with Moises and gather info as to how Moises regards the church. It was also determined to ask the Pottsville session to encourage Moises to provide regular reports to the ONA committee.

Budget discussion centered on the application of funds and how we use the funds of the Presbytery. The budget presented by John Robinson was reviewed.

Discussion next centered on the difference between a revitalization pastor and a church planting pastor. Charles Bunner presented a report from the Synod.

Closing prayer was given by Charles Bunner.

ONA Committee Oct 7, 2014

Those present Howard Wheeler, John Tucker, Charles Bunner, and Marshall Snodgrass

Opening prayer by Howard

Opening Devotions by Howard Wheeler

Discussion was held with Gary Jones and Steven Rice from Hernando with regard to their need for additional funds for the period of one year.

On November 6 Ken Priddy is going to speak at Graceview regarding church revitalization. John Tucker brought up the need for some money to pay for food in that amount of up to \$200.

The committee has agreed to have a meeting on January 10, to include John Robinson and Matt Wylie, to discuss the Issues of how the Presbytery would benefit most effectively from their investments and the use of them. After this meeting the information will be complied so it will be ready to be reported to the MVP at the spring meeting.

The question was raised and briefly discussed as to how the ARP is making itself known. This discussion will be continued later.

A report regarding the church plant in Murray, KY by the Paducha church did not include any requests of the Presbytery at this time.

Closing prayer was provided by Marshall.

Recommendations from the ONA Committee

- 1. That Hemando ARP church raceive an additional funding of \$10,000 for 2015 under the condition that additional training in the area of church growth and revitalization be accomplished by Gary Jones. The ONA committee recommends that the Presbytery fund this in the amount not to exceed \$2000. An additional aspect of this is to ask the session of Hemando to continue to provide updates of the churches activities during the year not to be less than quarterly reports. It is also expected that John Tucker will meet with Gary Jones at intervals to be determined by John Tucker and Gary Jones for the purpose of mentoring Gray and helping develop ideas for the Hemando Church. Gary is also to be encouraged to meet with other pastors to find out what they are doing in their respective churches to reach the lost and encourage those members who attend currently. The funding would come from the newly established ONA fund.
- For the Presbytery to approve the use of up to \$200 for meals at the Ken Priddy seminar. The money would come from the newly creacted ONA fund.

HOST CHURCHES OF STATED MEETINGS OF MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY

- 1991 Graceview, Salem
- 1992 Ebenezer, Midlane Park
- 1993 Brighton, Parkway Place
- 1994 Graceview, Covington
- 1995 Pottsville, New Albany
- 1996 St. Paul, Graceview
- 1997 Brighton, Salem
- 1998 Providence Reformed, Elsberry/Mt. Zion
- 1999 Hopewell, Covington
- **2000** New Albany, Graceview
- 2001 Hopewell, Parkway Place
- 2002 Pottsville, Richland
- **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)
- 2011 Hopewell, Providence Reformed
- 2012 French Camp, Brighton
- 2013 Graceview, New Albany
- 2014 Ellisville, Gospel of Grace
- 2015 French Camp, (none yet scheduled for fall)
- 2016 Hopewell, Gum Tree

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Appendix Q

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Rev. Conrad Cheatham

Rev. James Coad III (retired missionary)

Rev. Bill Everett Rev. W. Nale Falls

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Rev. Troy Pritt

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Rev. Wayne Stanchfield

Rev. Mike Yarman (retired chaplain)

Churches Served by Stated Supplies

Bethany: none

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Elsberry and Mt. Zion: Rev. Conrad Cheatham

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Schedule for Review of Minutes of Sessions

Spring Meeting Fall Meeting

Covington Bethany

Faith Brighton

Gospel of Grace Ebenezer

Graceview Ellisville

Gum Tree Elsberry

Helena French Camp

Hernando Havana

Hickory Springs Hopewell

Midlane Park Mt. Zion

New Albany New Geneva

Salem Pottsville

Sharon Providence Reformed

Wood Avenue Richland