

# **The Minutes Of Mississippi Valley Presbytery**

General Synod of the  
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



## **Fall Stated Meeting**

**October 3-4, 2022**

Pottsville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Pottsville, Arkansas

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**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY**  
**Pottsville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church**  
**Pottsville, Arkansas**

**Fall Stated Meeting**  
**October 3, 2022**

The registration of delegates began at 4:00 p.m. on October 3, 2022. After a wonderful meal prepared by the host church, the meeting began at 7 p.m. with an opening worship service led by Rev. Howard Wheeler, the pastor of Pottsville ARP Church. (see **Appendix A**). Rev. James Ritchey preached a sermon from Exodus 12:1-28 entitled “Where the Blood of the Lamb Was Spilt.” Rev. Wheeler then led the presbytery in the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

Following the worship service and a brief recess, Moderator Kent Moorlach called the business portion of the meeting to order with the singing of “Come, Christians, Join to Sing.” He then opened with prayer. Mr. Matt Wylie, an elder at Pottsville, welcomed the members of presbytery to the meeting.

The Principal Clerk confirmed a quorum was present.

**Ministers Present**

Thomas Braithwaite (*E*)  
Ron Brunson (*E*)  
Meredith Cavin (*E*)  
Conrad Cheatham (*E*)  
Mike Chipman  
Gary Clowers (*E*)  
James Coad III (*E*)  
Alex Coblentz  
Charles Covington  
David Dively (*E*)  
Joey Donahue  
Bill Everett (*E*)  
Michael Garvey (*E*)  
Jodie Gaston (*E*)  
Steve Hardy (*E*)

William Holiman (*E*)  
Gary Jones  
Matthew Heathman (*E*)  
Kent Moorlach  
Christopher Neiswonger  
Tim Phillips  
James Ritchey  
Brian Taylor  
Charles Todd (*E*)  
John Tucker (*E*)  
Don Watkins  
Howard Wheeler  
Robert White (*E*)  
Mike Yarman

(A) = Unexcused Absence  
(E) Excused Absence

### **Ruling Elders Present**

Bethany – none	Hopewell – Charles Browning
Brighton – Milton Murphy	Midlane Park – none
Ebenezer – none	Mt. Zion – none
Ellisville – none	New Albany – none
Elsberry – none	New Geneva – none
Faith – none	Pottsville – Matt Wylie
French Camp – Larry Littlejohn	Providence – none
Gospel of Grace – Aaron Rozeboom	Redeemer – none
Graceview – Mark Paris	Richland – Mike Thomason
Gum Tree – John Robinson	Salem – Scott Fletcher
Helena – none	Sharon – none
Hernando – Steve Rice	Wood Avenue -- none
Hickory Springs – none	

### **Guests**

Joshua Monson (Student of Theology), Zephaniah Monson, Jim Liptrap, Steve Woods, Lars T. Griggs, Jacque Martin, Paulette Yarbrough, Ken Duncan, Sheila Duncan, David Orr, Aaron De Boer, Chris Noa, Randy Kolb, Glenn Van Enk, William Leslie Oates

Several first-time guests were introduced to the presbytery.

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 agenda for the meeting was amended to include a vote on a change to the Rules of Presbytery on Tuesday morning and to allow Rev. Mike Yarman to give a presentation on the work of World Witness on Tuesday (also, Mrs. Susan Cavin would not be able to give a

presentation on MVP Women's Ministries on Tuesday morning). The agenda as amended was approved by the presbytery (see **Appendix A**).

The Spring 2022 Minutes were adopted by the presbytery.

Nominations for Moderator of presbytery to serve in 2023 year were considered by the court. Rev. Brian Taylor nominated Mr. Aaron Rozeboom, an elder at Heritage ARP Church, as Moderator of MVP for 2023. There were no other nominations, and Mr. Rozeboom was elected by acclamation.

Under old business, the Bethany Commission was presented an update to the presbytery. Because Moderator Moorlach is chairing the commission, Vice Moderator Rozeboom presided over this portion of the meeting. Rev. Moorlach briefly reviewed the work of the commission for the past several months. The commission recommended that Brother Randy Kolb be allowed to serve as stated supply of Bethany. The commission will continue its work with the Bethany church and evaluate the situation over the next six months. The recommendation from the commission passed.

A second vote was taken on the following change to the *Rules of Mississippi Valley Presbytery* [changes are reflected with strikethrough and bold]:

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#### Chapter Six Standing Committees

The chairmen of standing committees must send the report of their committee and their recommendations to the Principal Clerk at least two (2) weeks prior to the Spring and Fall stated meetings of Presbytery so that they can be ~~mailed~~ distributed to the delegates. **Reports received within two weeks of the stated meetings cannot be presented to the presbytery.**

**Committee meetings held during the Fall and Spring stated meetings of presbytery are exempt from this rule. Standing committees are encouraged to finish their business before the stated meetings of presbytery.**

The chairmen of standing committees must also send the budget requests of their committee to the chairman of the Stewardship Committee at least one (1) month prior to the fall stated meeting of Presbytery.

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A special committee for reviewing session records for this meeting of presbytery, composed of Tim Phillips, Gary Jones, Mike Chipman, Don Watkins, Joey Donahue, Aaron Rozeboom, and Mike Thomason, was recommended to the court and was approved.

John Robinson, Treasurer of MVP, asked a question about the location of funds which formerly were under the supervision of the Christian Education Fund Committee. A

suggestion was made to contact retired minister Rev. Charles Todd, who had formerly served as chairman of the committee for many years.

After announcements, the meeting was recessed for the evening. Moderator Moorlach closed in prayer.

### **Tuesday, October 4, 2022 (8 a.m.)**

The second day of presbytery began with a devotion by Rev. Aaron De Boer from 2 Chronicles 18:18-22 and James 1:13-15 with the exhortation to resist temptation.

The meeting was called to order and Moderator Moorlach opened the business portion of the meeting with the singing of “Be Still, My Soul,” followed by prayer. The Principal Clerk presented an overture from Synod involving a proposed change in the *Directory of Public Worship* which will be voted on at the Spring 2023 meeting of MVP.

The Principal Clerk presented information regarding Syond’s directive to receive 4 churches located in Texas and Louisiana from Catawba Presbytery into MVP. A motion was made: *that Catawba Presbytery be contacted to request the transfer of Calhoun Presbyterian Church, Hope Presbyterian Church, Good Shepherd ARP Church, and Faith Fellowship ARP Church into Mississippi Valley Presbytery on January 1, 2023* (seconded, passed). A motion was made to request the transfer of the credentials of the following 5 ministers from Catawba Presbytery to Mississippi Valley Presbytery: Rev. Steve Woods, Rev. David Huang, Rev. Timothy Wohlers, Rev. Dean Rydback, and Rev. David Winbourne (seconded, passed). A motion was made to allow the transfer of the following retired ministers to be at the discretion of Catawba Presbytery and the respective ministers: Rev. Jan Sattem, Rev. Robert Ferguson, and Rev. William Fitzhenry (seconded, passed).

The following overture from General Synod was discussed: *That the Florida and Mississippi Valley Presbyteries be requested to have discussions and to prayerfully consider merging the Oklahoma and Minnesota congregations into Mississippi Valley Presbytery at some point in the future, if deemed appropriate by all presbyteries concerned.* A motion was made to direct the ONA Committee to contact Florida Presbytery for discussions regarding the churches in Oklahoma and Minnesota (seconded, passed).

The Treasurer’s Report was presented to the presbytery by Treasurer John Robinson (see **Appendix B**). The report was received as information.

The Stewardship Committee Report was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix C**). A motion was made to amend the report to include an additional \$45,000 support to River City (in addition to the \$19,875 included in the report). The motion was seconded. After discussion, a motion was made to table the Stewardship Report until other committee reports had been presented (seconded, passed).

A motion was made to extend the privilege of the floor to elder representative guests from Catawba Presbytery (seconded, passed).

The Christian Education Report was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix D**). The report was amended to include additional information that the Elder and Deacon training would be held on January 21, 2023, at Richland ARP Church. The recommendations were approved by the presbytery, and the report was adopted.

A motion was made to allow Rev. James Ritchey to serve as chair of the Christian Education Committee (seconded, passed).

The order of the day was reached, and the presbytery recessed for committee meetings with prayer by Moderator Moorlach.

### **Recess for Committee Meetings (10 a.m.)**

After committee meetings had concluded, the meeting reconvened with the singing of “My Anchor Holds.” Moderator Moorlach opened this portion of the meeting in prayer.

The report from the Special Committee on Sessional Records was presented with the following results:

**No Exception:** Ebenezer, Richland, Hopewell, New Geneva, Providence, Brighton, Mt. Zion

**With Exception:** Pottsville, Redeemer, French Camp

**No Minutes Received:** Bethany, Ellisville, Elsberry

The report was approved by the presbytery.

The Minister and His Work Committee report was presented (see **Appendix E**). The first six recommendations were all approved by the presbytery.

Mr. Lars Griggs was presented to the presbytery. He spoke about his faith in Jesus Christ and gave his sense of call to the ministry. Mr. Griggs is currently attending Erskine Theological Seminary and is serving as an intern at Redeemer Community Church in Murray, Kentucky. Mr. Griggs was received by the presbytery as a Student of Theology. The Moderator asked Mr. Griggs the questions from the *Form of Government* 9.20, and following Mr. Griggs’ positive affirmation of the statements, he was offered the right hand of fellowship by the members of the presbytery.

Rev. John Brooks Pipher was presented to the presbytery for the purpose of transferring his credentials from Florida Presbytery to MVP. Rev. Pipher was examined by the presbytery. A question was asked about which seminary he attended (Erskine). He was asked about his view of Scripture. He was asked about how he became part of the ARP Church. He was asked about his view of the Lord’s Day and balancing that with the demands of the work week. He was asked about his views on some of the controversies affecting other Presbyterian denominations. He was asked about his previous church planting work in Boca Raton, Florida. His answers being viewed as satisfactory, the examination was sustained. The

committee's recommendation to receive Rev. Pipher was approved, and Rev. Pipher was extended the right hand of fellowship by members of the presbytery.

Rev. Aaron De Boer was presented to the presbytery. Chairman Mike Chipman noted that Rev. De Boer was a minister in good standing and was seeking to transfer his credentials from the Christian Reformed Church to the ARP. The floor was opened up for questions. A question was asked about his preaching style and the similarities and differences between the Three Forms of Unity and the Westminster Standards. A question was asked about theological issues within the Christian Reformed Church. A question was asked as to why Rev. De Boer was seeking to unite with the ARP Church. After hearing Rev. De Boer's answers, a motion was made to sustain the floor examination and receive Rev. De Boer as a member of MVP. He was then extended the right hand of fellowship by the presbytery.

The order of the day was reached. Rev. Brooks Pipher was called upon to pray.

### **Order of the Day (Lunch – noon)**

Presbytery reconvened with a season of prayer. After prayer ended, the Moderator led the presbytery in the singing of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Rev. Mike Yarman gave a report on the work of World Witness in the country of Pakistan.

A question was asked from the floor about the process of transfer from another denomination and if that would affect ordination vows.

The last recommendation in the Minister and His Work Committee report was considered by the presbytery. A motion was made to amend the amount included in the recommendation to \$500 (seconded, passed). The motion as amended was approved by the presbytery, and the report was adopted by the presbytery.

A supplemental report was presented to the presbytery by the Minister and His Work Committee (also included in **Appendix E**). There were no recommendations and the additional report was received as information.

The report of the Outreach North America Committee was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix F**). Because all paperwork had not been submitted, and because Minister and His Work had not yet examined the minister of the church, it was determined that recommendations 2 and 2B would not be considered by the presbytery until the next stated meeting. Rev. Brooks Pipher had already been received for transfer to MVP, so recommendation 3B was deemed moot.

A question was asked as to whether it would be better to call Rev. Pipher as a church planter or as an evangelist. After discussion, a motion was made to designate the work in Burbank, CA, as an exploratory work and to call John Brooks Pipher as an evangelist serving in Burbank (seconded, passed).



Recommendation 1 from the report was considered. Rev. De Boer briefly explained the history and background of the Friend of Sinners Reformed Church as information for the presbytery. The vote passed (per the *Rules of Mississippi Valley Presbytery*, a second vote will need to take place at the Spring 2023 meeting of MVP in order to receive the church).

Recommendations 4 and 5 involving the appropriation of funds for church plant work were approved. It was noted again that the \$24,000 of support for the Burbank work would be comprised of \$12,000 for housing and \$12,000 for ministry support (i.e., not salary). The report was then adopted by the presbytery.

The Stewardship report was then taken off the table and considered again. The report was amended to include the \$24,000 of support for Burbank work and the \$45,000 of support for the River City work. This would bring the total amount of support under Item 3 to \$88,875. The revised Stewardship Committee Report was then approved by the presbytery.

A motion was made to make a change to the *Rules for Mississippi Valley Presbytery*: **that the Moderator be allowed to appoint additional members of the presbytery to serve on the Sessional Records Committee on a temporary basis during a stated meeting if a quorum of the committee is not present at the meeting.** The motion was seconded and passed. A second vote will need to take place at the Spring meeting to finalize the change to the Rules.

A motion was made to make the 5 Procedural Motions a permanent part of the *Rules of Mississippi Valley Presbytery* so that they will not need to be read and approved at each meeting (seconded). After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

The Principal Clerk announced the following locations for upcoming meetings of MVP:

- Spring 2023 (March 6-7, 2023), French Camp Presbyterian Church in French Camp, Mississippi
- Fall 2023 (October 2-3, 2023), Heritage ARP Church in Springfield, Missouri
- Spring 2024 (March 4-5, 2024), Redeemer Community Church in Murray, Kentucky

A motion was made to allow Gum Tree Presbyterian Church in Tupelo, Mississippi, to host the Spring 2025 meeting of MVP (seconded, passed). Although no vote was taken, it is expected that Hopewell ARP Church and Richland ARP Church will host stated meetings in 2026. A site for the Fall 2024 meeting will need to be determined at the next stated meeting of MVP.

A question was asked about ways to help churches with travel costs in attending meetings of presbytery (particularly by flight). A motion was made to ask the Stewardship Committee to look into the possibility of reimbursement for distant congregations for travel to presbytery (seconded). After much discussion, there was a call for the question (seconded, passed). The motion then passed.

Rev. James Ritchey was asked to give a brief report on the River City mission.

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

After announcements, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting (seconded, passed). After the singing of Psalm 133 (“Christian Unity”), the Fall 2022 meeting of MVP was closed with prayer and the benediction by Rev. Howard Wheeler.

## Appendix A

### Mississippi Valley Presbytery Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Fall Stated Meeting  
Pottsville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church  
Pottsville, Arkansas  
October 3-4, 2022

#### Opening Worship Service

Call to Worship	Isaiah 12:1-4	
Response to Call	Isaiah 12:5-6	
Prayer of Adoration	Rev. Howard Wheeler	
*Song of Praise	“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”	<i>Trinity #1</i>
Call to Confession	Psalm 130:1-4	
Prayer of Confession	Rev. Howard Wheeler	
Assurance of Pardon	Psalm 130:7-8	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 133	
Song of Praise	“He Leadeth Me” (Psalm 23)	<i>Bible Songs #45</i>
Scripture	Exodus 12:1-28	
Sermon – “Where the Blood of the Lamb Was Spilt”	Rev. Ritchey	
Lord’s Prayer		
*Song of Invitation	“Come All Ye Pining”	insert
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper	Rev. Howard Wheeler	
*Song of Parting	“Lord God, Now Let Your Servants Depart”	insert
*Benediction	Rev. Howard Wheeler	
*Doxology		
*Congregation Standing		

#### Fall 2022 Meeting Agenda Monday, October 3

Registration	4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Supper	6:00-7:00 p.m.
Opening Worship	7 p.m.
Opening of Business	8 p.m.

Constitution with Prayer  
Welcome and Greetings by Host Church  
Constitution of the Roll  
Introductions and Procedural Motions  
Presentation of the Program  
Adoption of Spring 2022 Minutes of Presbytery  
Nominations for Moderator of MVP  
Unfinished Business  
*Report from Bethany Commission*  
Announcements  
Closing Prayer

#### Tuesday, October 4

Breakfast	7 a.m.
Morning Devotion (Rev. Aaron De Boer)	8 a.m.
Brief Recess	8:30-8:35 a.m.
Business Resumes	8:35 a.m.
<i>Overtures from Synod</i>	
<i>Transfer of Texas/La Churches; Florida Presbytery churches</i>	
Recess for Committee Meetings	10 a.m.
Presentation by President of MVP Women’s Ministries	11 a.m.
Business Resumes	11:15 a.m.
Lunch	Noon
Season of Prayer	12:45 p.m.
Business Resumes	1 p.m.
Brief Recess	2:30 p.m.
Business Concludes	2:45 p.m.
Selection of Meeting Place for Spring 2025 Meeting	
Reading and Adoption of Minutes	
Announcements	
The Singing of Psalm 133, “Christian Unity”	
Adjournment with Prayer and Benediction	

**General Fund**  
**Mississippi Valley Presbytery**  
For 2022 to date and all year 2021

	<u>2022 (to date)</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Balance January 1</b>	<b><u>\$121,660.58</u></b>	<b><u>\$138,661.56</u></b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Assessments from Member Churches	9,510.00	13,990.00
Transfer from Investment Fund	-00	50,000.00
Royalties from mineral interests	603.50	386.76
Interest Income	<u>149.59</u>	<u>183.61</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>10,263.09</u></b>	<b><u>64,560.37</u></b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Printing, Postage and Clerk's Travel and Stipend	398.56	1,003.71
Committee Expenses	1,304.58	557.64
Transfer to ONA Fund	-00	30,000.00
Ministerial student assistance	600.00	
Contribution to Ministers Retirement Fund	<u>-00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b><u>2,303.14</u></b>	<b><u>81,561.35</u></b>
Excess Receipts or (Disbursements)	<u>7,959.95</u>	<u>(17,000.98)</u>
<b>Balance December 31</b>	<b><u>\$129,620.53</u></b>	<b><u>\$121,660.58</u></b>
 General Fund Bank Accounts:		
Renasant Bank 2200123455	\$29,620.53	\$21,660.58
Bank of New Albany Certificate of Deposit	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b><u>129,620.53</u></b>	<b><u>\$121,660.58</u></b>

## Appendix B

### Schedule of Assessments

Paid by

Churches

Mississippi Valley Presbytery

For Years 2017 through 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Bethany, Guntown, MS	0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$400
Brighton, TN	0	750	1,250	500	-00	1,040
Ebenezer, Blue Mtn., MS	400	400	400	400	400	400
Ellisville Presbyterian, Ellisville, MS	0	-00	-00	-00	-00	250
Elsberry, MO	70	70	70	70	90	90
Faith Presbyterian, Leakesville, MS	0	900	1,000	800	1,600	-00
French Camp, MS	1000	1,000	1,000	1,000	900	900
Graceview, Southaven, MS	900	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Heritage ARP Springfield MO	700	700	500	500	500	430
Gum Tree, Tupelo, MS	850	850	820	820	810	790
Helena, Moss Point, MS	500	500	500	250	500	250
Hernando MS ARP	0	200	200	200	200	200
Hickory Springs, AR	50	-00	100	-00	-00	-00
Hopewell, New Albany, MS	500	-00	300	-00	800	698
Midlane Park, Louisville, KY	300	300	300	300	300	300
Mt. Zion, Troy, MO	0	160	180	180	180	220
New Albany, MS	1500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
New Geneva, Paducah, KY	350	840	-00	420	1,110	-00
Pottsville, AR	0	300	300	300	300	300
Providence, Bartlett, TN	600	600	600	600	500	500
Redeemer Murray KY	0	330	-00	-00	-00	-00
Richland, Rosemark, TN	0	600	600	600	500	500
Salem, Atoka, TN	1600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Sharon, Brighton, TN	190	190	190	190	190	210
Wood Avenue, Monticello, AR	0	-00	-00	-00	-00	80
Total Receipts from churches	<u>\$9,510.00</u>	<u>\$13,990</u>	<u>\$13,610</u>	<u>\$12,430</u>	<u>\$14,180</u>	<u>\$12,358</u>

**Christian Education Fund**  
**Mississippi Valley Presbytery**  
For the Years 2022 to date and 2021

	<u><b>2022 (To Date)</b></u>	<u><b>2021</b></u>
<b>Balance January 1</b>	<u><b>\$10,885.18</b></u>	<u><b>\$10,885.18</b></u>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Received from Campers	<u>16,596.29</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u><b>16,596.29</b></u>	
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Camp Supplies and T Shirts	1,367.01	
Camp of the Rising Son (net of 2020 deposit)	<u>15,613.00</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u><b>16,980.01</b></u>	
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	<u>(383.72)</u>	
<b>Balance End of Period</b>	<u><b>\$10,501.46</b></u>	<u><b>\$10,885.18</b></u>
 <b>Christian Education Bank Account:</b>		
Bank of New Albany 162026003	<u><b>\$10,501.46</b></u>	<u><b>\$10,885.18</b></u>

Note: There were no camps in 2020 or 2021 due to Covid  
A deposit in amount of \$2262 was paid in 2020 that  
was applied to reduce the 2022 camp cost  
therefore total 2022 camp cost was \$19,242

**Outreach North America Funds**  
**Mississippi Valley Presbytery**  
For the years 2022 to date and All of 2021

	<b><u>2022 (To Date)</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
<b><u>ONA FUNDS:</u></b>		
Balance January 1	<b><u>\$22,808.60</u></b>	<b><u>\$35,203.55</u></b>
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Received from Synod for Revitalization funds and other	-00	2,676.18
Transfer from General Fund and Investment Accounts	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$30,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$52,676.18</u></b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Contribution to River City Reformed Church	<u>\$38,560.50</u>	<u>\$65,071.13</u>
<b>Balance ONA Funds End of Periods</b>	<b><u>\$14,248.10</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,808.60</u></b>
 <b><u>Restricted Funds:</u></b>		
Balance Restricted for Louisville KY Church Plant	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Interest earned to date	<u>1941.19</u>	<u>1,757.53</u>
<b>Balance in Restricted Funds</b>	<b><u>\$151,941.19</u></b>	<b><u>\$151,757.53</u></b>
 <b>ONA and Bank Accounts:</b>		
Bank of New Albany 1620260-01 Checking	\$14,248.10	\$22,808.60
BNA Bank 1620260-09 Money Market (Restricted)	<u>151,941.19</u>	<u>151,757.53</u>
<b>Total in Banks</b>	<b><u>\$166,189.29</u></b>	<b><u>\$174,566.13</u></b>



# Mississippi Valley Presbytery

## Endowment Funds

	<b>Moderate ARP Invest- ment Fund A</b>	<b>Conservative ARP Invest- ment Fund B</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Value of Accounts January 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$886,967.36</b>	<b>\$328,623.64</b>	<b>\$1,215,591.00</b>
Withdrawals in 2021	(70,000.00)	0	(70,000.00)
Increase in value of Accounts during 2021	<u>124,768.89</u>	<u>14,004.95</u>	<u>138,773.84</u>
<b>Value of Accounts December 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$941,736.25</b>	<b>\$342,628.59</b>	<b>\$1,284,364.84</b>
Withdrawals in 2022	(30,000.00)	-00	(30,000.00)
Decrease in value of accounts in 2022	<u>(157,440.25)</u>	<u>(43,192.59)</u>	<u>(200,632.84)</u>
<b>Value of Accounts September 22, 2022</b>	<b><u>\$754,296.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$299,436.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,053,732.00</u></b>
 Increase in Value since Inception	 <b><u>\$221,686.00</u></b>	 <b><u>\$49,436.00</u></b>	 <b><u>\$271,122.00</u></b>
Initial Investment	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$450,000.00
Additional Contribution in 2015	79,790.00	-00	79,790.00
Additional Contribution in 2017	342,820.00	-00	342,820.00
Additional Contribution in 2018	100,000.00	-00	100,000.00
Withdrawals in 2020	(90,000.00)	-00	(90,000.00)
Withdrawals in 2021	(70,000.00)	-00	(70,000.00)
Withdrawals in 2022	<u>(30,000.00)</u>	<u>-00</u>	<u>(30,000.00)</u>
Net Invested	<b><u>\$532,610.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$250,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$782,610.00</u></b>



## Appendix B



### COMPARATIVE REVIEW for MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY ACCOUNTS, GENERAL SYNOD ARP (ARPMsvalley)

Account	12/31/21 Value	Net Contribution	Net Investment Gain	09/22/22 Value ▼
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY - PART A, GENERAL SYNOD ARP (98184250)	941,736	(30,000)	(157,441)	754,296
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY - PART B, GENERAL SYNOD ARP (98236646)	342,629	0	(43,193)	299,436
<b>MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY ACCOUNTS, GENERAL SYNOD ARP (ARPMsvalley)</b>	<b>1,284,365</b>	<b>(30,000)</b>	<b>(200,634)</b>	<b>1,053,731</b>

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August 30th, 2022 6pm Central Standard Time  
Mississippi Valley Presbytery, ARPC  
Stewardship Committee Meeting - Paul Walley Moderating  
In Attendance: Mike Chipman, James Ritchey, John Robinson

Absent:

Visitors:

- I. Chairman Walley opened the meeting with a devotion from 2 Cor 9:6-12.
  - II. Rev. Mike Chipman opened the meeting with prayer.
  - III. The committee discussed holding an officer training seminar for the presbytery. The seminar would be some time from January to April of 2023. (see #1 request below)
    - a. MSA - \$2000 be approved for the CE Committee to host an officer training seminar in 2023.
  - IV. The committee discussed funding related to summer MVP Camp. Discussion was held concerning camper scholarships and counselor travel reimbursement. (see #2 Request below)
    - a. MSA - \$10,875 be approved for MVP Camp funds. Funds cover normal costs, including scholarships and counselor travel reimbursements. Other costs are outlined in the report.
  - V. The stewardship committee strongly encourages churches who have an abundance to give above and beyond the \$10/member amount.
  - VI. The committee discussed the 2023 budget requests from various committees of MVP. (see Budget Proposal for 2023 below)
    - a. MSA - To approve the committee budget requests for 2023. See report for details.
  - VII. MSA - Accepted the minutes as read.
  - VIII. Rev. Jame Ritchey closed the meeting in prayer.
  - IX. MSA - To adjourn
- **(REQUEST #1)** I did want to let you know that we would love to use the \$1500 that had been approved and set aside for officer training in the fall of 2019 that was not used. I think it may be helpful for us to go ahead and request an extra \$500 in addition to that to make sure we can cover food costs in addition to honorarium and travel expenses for the speaker. We may not actually need all of that since I believe we would have everyone pay 10 dollars for food, but it might help on the front end to have it available. That would make the total budget for officer training \$2000. If there are any concerns about that request please let me know, and I'm happy to amend it.
    - Thanks very much,
    - James Ritchey
  - **(REQUEST #2)** Request from Christian Education Committee via Reverend Howard Wheeler

Per our discussion recently regarding MVP Camp. Based on input from former camp director, Stephen Ewing and MVP Treasurer, John Robinson and our desire to allocate more resources

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for camp scholarships and counselor honorariums, I offer a revised line item for MVP Camp in the CE Budget that increases the amount from \$6,500.00 to \$10,875.00.

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With all that said, below is my analysis and attached is my spreadsheet.

CE Committee, please offer any necessary helpful critique and if we are in agreement, Paul please include this in the proposed CE budget for 2023.

In Christ,

Howard

### MVP CE Camp Allocation Request October 2022

Projected # of Campers 100

Projected # of Counselors 25

Description	# of Campers	Cost	Extended Cost
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		\$		\$	
Counselor Cost	25		175.00		4,375.00
		\$		\$	
Counselor Honorarium	25		100.00		2,500.00
		\$		\$	
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				\$	
Misc Supplies					500.00
				\$	
Subtotal					10,875.00

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Stewardship:	\$1000
Christian Education:	\$10,875 + \$2,000 = \$12,875
Total:	\$19,875

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### i. 2022 Budget proposal (REVIEW)

Minister and His Work:	\$3000
ONA:	\$3000
	\$51,413 Little Rock
Stewardship:	\$3000
Christian Education:	\$0 (normally \$6,500)
Chaplin Fund	\$1000
Total:	\$61,413

- X. Reading of Minutes
  - XI. Closing Prayer - James Ritchey
  - XII. Motion: To accept the minutes as read & adjourn
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Members of Presbytery:

The Stewardship Committee bring these Three 2nd' Motions to your attention:

And One Encouragement:

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Report of the Christian Education Committee

The Committee met on Tuesday August 16 at 7 PM.

Members present were Rev. James Ritchey, Rev. Howard Wheeler, Rev. Charles Covington, Mr. Randy Goulder, Mr. Bruce Hosket, Mr. Charles Browning, and Rev. Kent Moorlach as an ex officio member

- I.Meeting was opened in prayer by Rev. James Ritchey
- II.The Committee received a report from the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. Kent Moorlach on MVP Summer Camp (See attached report)
  - A. The committee discussed the possibility of extra help for students with special needs and considered cultivating a more thorough process for pastors to work with individual families regarding their children's needs while at camp.
  - B. The committee discussed a request to be made to the stewardship committee and to presbytery to raise the amount set aside for camp to \$10,875 (See report attached from Rev. Wheeler, who provided us with thorough research on the realistic expenses related to camp).
  - C. Special thanks was given to Rev. Kent Moorlach for directing camp this year.
- III.The Committee discussed an officer training seminar to be held in the Spring of 2023 (likely January).
  - A. Funds were set aside for an officer training in 2020 at the Fall 2019 meeting of Presbytery, but that training never came to fruition due to Covid-19.
  - B. The committee asked Rev. James Ritchey to give consideration to the possibility of this event being held next year and the potential costs that would be incurred.
  - C. Richland ARP is willing to host, and Rev. Charlie Wingard of Reformed Theological Seminary is willing to speak, should the event be approved.
- IV.The Committee discussed the possibility of a CE online resource, but this discussion was tabled as Rev. Moorlach indicated that MVP was already working toward an updated website, as well as making the Pastors and Elders Facebook page more readily accessible.
- V.The Committee discussed Camp Joy and MVP's involvement for helping with recruiting volunteers.
  - A. Camp Joy was canceled this year due to Covid concerns.
  - B. Discussion was tabled as more information was needed before churches could effectively recruit volunteers.
- VI.The Committee discussed the possibility of WOC falling under CE oversight, but no actions or recommendations were made, and the discussion was tabled.
- VII.The Committee voted to adjourn.
- VIII.Mr. Bruce Hosket closed in prayer.

**Recommendations:**

1. **That Presbytery approve the increased budget request amount to the Stewardship Committee for MVP camp to \$10,875.**

2. That Presbytery approve an officer training seminar to be held at a time determined by the CE committee in Spring 2023.
3. That Presbytery approve an increase to the funds already set aside for the officer training seminar—the increase would be from \$1,500 to \$2,000. This request has also been made to the Stewardship Committee.

Personal Reflections on MVP Summer Camp 2022

Up front, I believe our MVP Summer Camp 2022 was a success. I am personally pleased with the fact that the camp was indeed held this year (again at CRS, who is a wonderful host for our camps), and I continue to commend it to all our churches. I believe that it should be our goal to engage our students with clear Biblical instruction, to encourage their ongoing discipleship, to assist them in the knowledge of the Reformed faith, and to enable them to develop life-long friendships.

The following will be a random collection of notes, thoughts, and overall assessments of our current camping ministry.

- CRS continues to improve each year in their mission of being an ideal location for Christian camping. Director Carrie Browning is helpful, accommodating, and patient. In past summers, we benefited from using CRS summer staff to act as counselors for our MVP Camp. This year, a concurrent "Teen Camp" was also onsite with most of the CRS Staff used for this camp. We will need assistance with counselors next year if this continues to be the case. We barely had enough full time counselors (several part-time adults also assisted), and I am thankful for the parents who served in this capacity (although a few of them said that while they appreciated the experience, we should not expect them back next time.)(I probably should be a little honest here and state that the boys shower and restroom building is in need of upgrades.)
- The program set in place from the previous year was a great template for our camp this year. Stephen Ewing provided invaluable assistance with helping to organize the registration process and the financial obligations. Mr. Ewing helped with securing and delivering our camp T-shirts to French Camp by the conclusion of camp.
- The online registration works rather smoothly. It is a program that takes a while to manage because of the amount of information gathered. Having said that, it would be helpful to have a "church" and "pastor" field to determine who to contact in case of questions. Some people did not respond to emails toward the end of the registration period, and we had no idea with whom we were interacting.
- The registration process was also an accurate "predictor." Without getting into all the details, we determined from the registration answers gathered, it was clear which students were going to "require assistance" at camp. Of the several students who left camp early for whatever reason, this could have all been predicted by the registration process. For example: two campers should have been sent home due to the amount of "attention" required; but were kept because counselors wanted to "work with them." These two were also identified through the registration process. It is my suggestion that in the future, such students be informed that they should be required to have their own, full-time counselor, to oversee their participation at camp. I also suggest that another document be



added to the registration page for parents to acknowledge with verbiage to the effect: "Summer Camp is a high-intensity event requiring constant cooperation with fellow campers and counselors in close quarters, students unable to..." (I don't have the exact language right now; but students who avoid crowds and activities will have a difficult time at camp).

- The teaching times, which focused on select parables of Jesus were ideal for engaging the students. Special kudos to Rev. Coblentz and wife Mary Nell who really accommodated the instructional level of the younger students with fully interactive lessons (hands on, tactile, demonstrable, memorable)!
- Special "Thanks" to the Neiswonger family who provided the music for the camp. There were some technical issues; but on the whole great songs were selected with great lyrics for the students. Anna Neiswonger really has an impressive skillset at the piano, and it was nice to have a "father / daughter" partnership. Related to this was the actual "cost saving" to the camp from having to hire a song leader. Our group singing is a major aspect of camp, and we should always seek to prioritize it.
- As the "Acting" Director, I also greatly benefitted from the assistance of my daughter, Faith (a junior in High School). She assisted with the registration process, organized teams, cabin assignments, constructed our counselor packets, and oversaw the onsite registration process. All this to say, I suggest that all future Camp Directors employ a dedicated full-time assistant. In the last days before camp, and while at camp, a flurry of questions must be handled, paperwork organized -- changed -- organized again, emails responded to, materials purchased, lists, lists, lists... While at Camp Miss Judy Baum, who was serving as a counselor, essentially stepped into that position and helped the camp to run smoothly. In a day when everyone says, "You need to delegate responsibilities," my reply is, "You just don't know what is going to happen when you get there, and the decisions are often related to individuals, groups, and activities that are always unexpected. A single Director can't do it all.
- It was also recommended that the students receive a more sophisticated "team wrist band" made of rubber that are more popular today, rather than the colored yarn. It would also serve as a "keepsake" of the week.
- Finally, I did receive a few comments on camp at the Richland ARP website (which I encouraged people to do via a camp-wide email -- OH! Our Facebook page: ARP MVP Camp has many new members now! Please see the video review posted there assembled by Avis Storment!) and they have all been positive except for my changes to the "Banana Biggie" event (I am eager to defend my changes!). I'm very excited to turn over the responsibility of MVP Summer Camp to the next Director.

By God's Grace,

Rev. Kent Moorlach

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**Minster and His Work Committee**

**July 12, 2022**

The Minister and His Work Committee met on July 12, 2022 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. In attendance were Chairman Mike Chipman, Don Watkins, David Jones, Bill Holiman, Charles Browning, and Tim Phillips. Chairman Chipman opened the meeting in prayer.

A motion was made to nominated Larry Littlejohn to serve as Vice Chairman and Tim Phillips to serve as Secretary (seconded passed).

There was discussion about implementing a meeting schedule for the committee. A motion was made to schedule regularly monthly meetings for the MaHW Committee (seconded). During discussion, it was decided to schedule meetings for the first Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. (the motion was amended to include this) The motion passed. The next meeting was therefore scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, at 4 p.m. The chairman instructed the secretary to notify the presbytery about this new schedule so that business could be forwarded to the committee in a timely manner.

A list of ministers serving in MVP was discussed by the committee. In particular, the statuses of Carl Geisik, Steve Hardy, and Jodie Gaston were discussed, as they were all living outside the bounds of MVP while being more involved with Second Presbytery. The chairman will make contact with the appropriate chairman of Second Presbytery to discuss this concern with them.

Issues with the Bethany ARP Church and the Ellisville Presbyterian Church were discussed. Randy Kolb is currently serving as a stated supply for Bethany (per actions of the Bethany Commission) and some progress is being made with the situation at that church. Rev. Bill Holiman also gave updates about Chaplain Matthew Heathman (Rev. Heathman will be moving to Jacksonville, FL, later this year) and Retired Chaplain Mike Yarman.

Rev. Phillips reported to the committee that a sub-committee of MaHW had recommended Christopher Hardaway to serve as stated supply for Salem Presbyterian Church.

The Students of Theology in MVP were discussed. Members of the committee volunteered to work with the students: Rev. Chipman will work with Stephen Ewing, Bill Holiman will work with Josh Munson, Tim Phillips will work with Marty Smithhart and James Weir.

Prayer was offered for Matthew Heathman by Bill Holiman.

Rev. Chipman mentioned that an intern working at Redeemer Community Church, who is currently taking classes through Erskine Seminary, would likely be brought before the committee at the next meeting to be considered as a Student of Theology.

Methods for solidifying the educational requirements for non-traditional Students of Theology was discussed. Having a document that can be presented to students to clarify the process would be beneficial. The chairman will present some ideas before the next meeting of the committee.

Updates were given on the progress of Salem Presbyterian Church in calling a pastor. A concern was raised that Sharon Presbyterian Church not be lost in this process.

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A motion was made to adjourn (seconded, passed), and the meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Tim Phillips

### August 2, 2022

The Minister and His Work Committee of MVP met on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Present at the meeting were Chairman Mike Chipman, David Jones, Charles Browning, Bill Holiman, Tim Phillips, Larry Littlejohn, and John Scott. Also present were guests Lars Griggs, Aaron De Boer, and Brooks Pipher. Charles Browning opened the meeting in prayer.

The committee interviewed Mr. Lars Griggs, who is being recommended by the session of the Redeemer Community Church to come under the care of the presbytery as a Student of Theology. Mr. Griggs spoke with the committee about his conversion, his faith in Jesus Christ, and his sense of call to the ministry. The committee asked Mr. Griggs other questions, and a motion was made to recommend Lars Griggs to the presbytery as a Student of Theology (seconded, passed).

Due to a church emergency, the committee was not able to meet with Rev. Jim Misner, a retired PCA minister who is seeking to serve Ellisville Presbyterian Church as a stated supply. Rev. Chipman had spoken with Rev. Misner over the phone and had no reservations about his serving in this capacity. It was decided to postpone this item of business to the September meeting of the committee.

The committee spoke with Rev. Brooks Pipher, who is seeking to transfer his credentials from Florida Presbytery and also bring a potential church plant into the presbytery. Rev. Pipher was asked questions about his view of Scripture, the Westminster Standards, women's ordination, and current social issues. He was asked about language barriers to ministerial opportunities and evangelism in the city of Burbank, California. Rev. Pipher was also asked about the difficulties of meeting in person coming out of COVID-19 restrictions in California. He was also asked about his educational background and his willingness to be in attendance at presbytery meetings. His answers were satisfactory to the committee, and a motion was made to recommend Rev. Brooks Pipher's transfer to MVP from Florida Presbytery, pending the approval of the Burbank mission by the presbytery.

The committee met with Rev. Aaron De Boer, who is seeking to transfer his ministerial credentials from the Christian Reformed Church into the ARP. After briefly discussing his background, the committee asked Rev. De Boer questions, including his views of the direction of the CRC and the ordination of women. He was also asked about his view of Scripture and whether he took any exceptions to the Westminster Standards. He was asked about differences between Presbyterianism and Dutch Reformed in terms of polity and catechesis. He was asked why he wished to join the ARP. Rev. De Boer's answers were found to be satisfactory, and a motion was made to recommend Rev. De Boer's transfer of ministerial credentials from the

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Christian Reformed Church to MVP. If approved, Rev. De Boer will be laboring outside the bounds of presbytery until his current congregation is received into the ARP.

The chairman gave a brief update on Student of Theology Marty Smithhart and spoke briefly about creating a working document to evaluate the educational requirements of students.

A motion was made to adjourn (seconded, passed). Larry Littlejohn closed the meeting in prayer.

### September 6, 2022

The MaHW of MVP met on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, via Zoom. Present at the meeting were Chairman Mike Chipman, Tim Phillips, Bill Holiman, Don Watkins, Charles Browning, Larry Littlejohn, and David Jones. Also in attendance was Moderator of MVP Kent Moorlach. Rev. Chipman opened the meeting in prayer.

The Chairman reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting (August 2). The minutes were approved by the committee.

Rev. Chipman and Rev. Phillips gave an update on the pastoral search at Salem ARP Church. The search committee has a candidate in mind and they may be seeking to call him as their pastor in the near future. They will not be ready to issue a call in time for the Fall meeting of MVP, however.

The committee discussed the possibility of Rev. Randy Kolb's serving communion (the Lord's Supper) at Bethany ARP Church. It was suggested that this recommendation come from the Bethany Commission rather than the committee.

The committee acted on the requests of Mt. Zion and Elsberry for Rev. Conrad Cheatham to continue as stated supply of those churches, as well as the request of Helena for Leslie Rhodes to continue as stated supply there (motion, seconded, passed).

Rev. Phillips gave a brief update on Student of Theology Marty Smithhart.

Rev. Holiman gave a brief update on Chaplain Matthew Heathman.

The committee discussed the responsibilities of churches without full-time pastors seeking a full-time pastor rather than having a stated supply (or whether having a bi-vocational pastor would be a better option) and what assistance the presbytery can offer to these churches. Moderator Kent Moorlach volunteered to look into creating a website for the presbytery to help in this area.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (seconded, passed). Rev. Kent Moorlach closed the meeting in prayer.

### Recommendations:

- That Christopher Hardaway be approved as stated supply for Salem Presbyterian Church
- That Mr. Stephen Ewing's status as a Student of Theology be extended for another year



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- That Mr. Ewing continue serving as stated supply of the New Albany Presbyterian Church
- That Rev. Bill Everett continue serving as stated supply of the Ebenezer ARP Church
- That Rev. Conrad Cheatham continue serving as stated supply for Mt. Zion and Elsberry
- That Leslie Rhodes continue serving as stated supply for Helena
- That Lars Griggs be received as a Student of Theology
- That Rev. Brooks Pipher's credentials be transferred to MVP from Florida Presbytery, pending the approval of the Burbank mission by the presbytery
- That Rev. Aaron De Boer be received as a member of MVP pending the transfer of his ministerial credentials from the Christian Reformed Church
- That \$300 be appropriated for Rev. Kent Moorlach to conduct another visit to Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi

**Minister and His Work**

The MaHW Committee met on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 10 a.m. Present were committee members Mike Chipman, Larry Littlejohn, Don Watkins, Charles Browning, and Tim Phillips. Also present was Student of Theology Joshua Monson. Rev. Chipman opened the meeting in prayer.

Mr. Monson gave an update on his studies at seminary. The committee encouraged Mr. Monson to receive input from the committee and the Heritage session as he pursues the challenges of academia and future ministry. Rev. Phillips was called upon to pray for Mr. Monson.

The call of Brooks Pipher (received from the ONA Committee) was discussed by the committee. Rev. Pipher will be pursuing bi-vocational work and will not be employed full time as a minister (therefore, there is no requirement for insurance or retirement in the call). It was clarified that the call will be comprised of \$12,000 for ministry support and \$12,000 for housing (\$24,000 total). The terms of the call were viewed as adequate by the committee.

There were no recommendations. The meeting was adjourned, and Larry Littlejohn closed the meeting in prayer.



**The Report of the Outreach North America Committee for the  
Mississippi Valley Presbytery**

Fall Meeting 2022  
Friday, September 23, 2022

The Committee met by phone as that was most convenient for the members on  
Thursday September 8th at 6:00 PM.

Present Chris Neiswonger (chair)  
Elder Mark Paris (Clerk)  
Elder Steve Rice  
Reverend Bob White

As you gentlemen know, the Mississippi Valley Presbytery was encouraged at Synod to enlarge our boundaries and to seek new member churches to the MVP. At least possibly, the next era of growth in the ARPC will arrive through the administrations of the MVP. We are ready for that increased responsibility, if cautious as to the maintenance of high confessional, theological and moral standards.

We received and reviewed applications for membership in the Mississippi Valley Presbytery from two existing churches currently outside the ARP - and one prospective mission work that would like to transfer from the care of Florida Presbytery to MVP, currently located in Burbank, CA.

Friend of Sinners Reformed Church  
Pastor Aaron De Boer  
204 N Washington St, Everson, WA 98247  
[www.friendofsinnerreformed.org](http://www.friendofsinnerreformed.org)

Grace Presbyterian Church of Redding, CA  
Pastor David Th. Stark  
2095 El Verano Street, Redding, California, United States  
[www.gpcredding.org](http://www.gpcredding.org)

Proposed Mission work, Burbank CA (referred by the Florida Presbytery of the ARPC)  
Rev. Brooks Pipher (ARPC)  
[www.covenantburbank.com](http://www.covenantburbank.com)

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All three were referred to the MaHW committee of the MVP for proper ministerial interviews and to receive good and necessary counsel as to their status and the qualifications for transfer to the Mississippi Valley Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

After receiving the request for continued funding from the River City Church mission work in regard to Pastors Ritchey and Wheeler, the committee requests that Presbytery approve \$45,000.00 to continue the work in Little Rock, AR.

The ONA committee also requests that presbytery approve \$24,000.00 for the support of a new mission work for Burbank, CA (the same referred to earlier) so that that work can function for a period of one year, renewable upon yearly review and the approval of the Presbytery.

We have begun communications with other churches about the possibility of MVP - ARPC membership and with persons as to the possibility of new church planting in the next calendar year. Those situations have not developed to the point where they are worthy of discussion at this time.

There are no other requests for funding at this time.

There are no new requests for synod funding at this time.

There are no further requests for the approval of churches, church plants or mission works in the Mississippi Valley Presbytery at this time.

Request for action:

1. Approve the membership of Friend of Sinners Reformed Church to the Mississippi Valley Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

- 1.B Approve the transfer of Rev. Aaron De Boer.

2. Approve the membership of Grace Presbyterian Church of Redding to the Mississippi Valley Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

- 2.B Approve the transfer of Rev. David Stark.

3. Approve the request to establish a mission work (church plant) in Burbank CA.

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3.B Approve the transfer of Rev. Brooks Pipher

4. Approve \$24,000.00 for the support of the church plant.

5. Approve \$45,000.00 for the continued support of River City Church, Pastors Ritchey and Wheeler

With our thanks for your consideration,

Christopher Neiswonger  
MVP ONA

## **HOST CHURCHES OF STATED MEETINGS OF MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY**

- 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, Providence
- 2016** – Hopewell, Richland
- 2017** – Gum Tree, Graceview
- 2018** – Salem, Brighton
- 2019** – French Camp, New Geneva
- 2020** – New Albany, Providence (moved from Pottsville)
- 2021** – Hopewell, Graceview
- 2022** – Providence, Pottsville
- 2023** – French Camp, Heritage
- 2024** – Redeemer (Spring)
- 2025** – Gum Tree (Spring)

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## Appendix I

### **Honorably Retired Ministers**

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Rev. Conrad Cheatham  
Rev. Gary Clowers  
Rev. James Coad III (retired missionary)  
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Rev. Carl Geisik  
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Faith  
Graceview  
Gum Tree  
Helena  
Heritage  
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