The Minutes Of

Mississippi Valley Presbytery

General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



Called Meeting - June 5, 2012 Called Meeting - September 8, 2012

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October 1-2, 2012

Brighton Presbyterian Church Brighton, Tennessee

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PROCEEDINGS MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY

Bonclarken Conference Center Flat Rock, North Carolina

Called Meeting June 5, 2012

A called meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery was held at Bonclarken on June 5, 2012 at 4:30 pm.

Moderator Larry Littlejohn called the meeting to order. He read from Psalm 104:31 and commented on the verse. He then opened the meeting in prayer. A quorum for the meeting was declared.

Ministers Present

Meredith Cavin
Conrad Cheatham
James Coad III
Alex Coblentz
Andy Coburn
Bill Everett
Jodie Gaston
Dan Hazen
Tim Phillips
David Storment
John Tucker
Charles Todd
Howard Wheeler

Elders Present

Edwin Dees (Ebenezer)

Louis DiBiase (Midlane Park)

Randy Goulder (Brighton)

Troy Graham (Hopewell)

Larry Littlejohn (French Camp)

Steve McCollum (New Albany)

Bob Mitchell (Richland)

Guests

Charles Browning Stewart Edwards Benjamin Glaser Lance Ragsdale Four items of business were considered. A report from the Committee on Nominations was presented to the presbytery by Chairman Howard Wheeler (see **Appendix A**). The report was approved by the presbytery.

A report from the Christian Education Committee was presented to the presbytery by Chairman Dan Hazen (see **Appendix B**). After examining the report, a question was asked about the size of the honorariums. Each of the recommendations in the report were considered individually, and all four recommendations were passed by the presbytery.

A report from the Outreach North America Committee was presented to the presbytery by Chairman Meredith Cavin (see **Appendix C**). Two items of business were considered. The first involved a one-month extension for Rev. Moises Chan for the Havana Mission. Discussion took place concerning the amount of support (approximately \$2000) and questions were asked concerning the progress of the Havana Mission. The question was called (seconded and passed). The recommendation was then considered and passed. Rev. Cavin also discussed the issue of revitalization with the presbytery – in particular, the steps the committee was taking to help with the Hickory Springs and Wood Avenue churches. Moderator Littlejohn called upon Rev. David Storment to pray for church revitalization in the presbytery.

The fourth item on the agenda was discussed (to discuss proposed changes in the regional composition of MVP as included in the committee reports from General Synod). A motion was made to ask Rev. Howard Wheeler to speak on behalf of the presbytery before Synod (the motion was seconded and passed).

Rev. Jodie Gaston was given permission to make an announcement to the presbytery concerning his family's move to the mission field in Wales.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and passed, and Moderator Littlejohn called upon Rev. Alex Coblentz to close the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of Called Meeting of MVP

9/8/12

Providence Reformed ARP Church

The meeting opened with the reading of Scripture and remarks from the moderator, who appointed Joey Donahue as acting clerk and then led in prayer.

The first item of business was the report from the Committee of Minister and His Work regarding the call of Rev. Gary Jones to the Hernando church.

After a few remarks Rev. Charles Todd opened the floor for questions. In response, Rev. Jones related his personal testimony regarding how he came to faith in Christ and his sense of call to the ministry, as well as answers to several other inquiries.

The motion was made and seconded that he be received from Second Presbytery into Mississippi Valley Presbytery. The motion passed.

A second motion was made and seconded that he serve as the Stated Supply at Hernando. The motion passed, and it was noted that the hope is that this will, in time, develop into a full-time position.

There were additional remarks affirming the leadership of the Hernando church for their diligence in leading the church through some difficult times, and in their efforts to secure qualified leadership for the future.

The second item of business was the report of the Committee of Minister and His Work regarding the transfer of Rev. Andy Coburn from the New Albany church to the PCA.

It was moved and seconded that the relationship of Rev. Coburn to the New Albany ARP Church be dissolved, pending his transfer to Covenant Presbytery of the PCA. The motion passed.

Following several announcements, the meeting was adjourned, and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joey Donahue,

Acting clerk

Roll of the Called Meeting 9/8/12

Ministers:

Meredith Cavin, Matthew Heathman, Joey Donahue, John Tucker, Charles Todd, and Gary Jones

Elders:

Larry Littlejohn (moderator) – French Camp Bill Morris – Hernando Steve Rice – Hernando Milton Murphy – Covington Gene Adams – Graceview David Strock – Providence Bob Mitchell – Richland

PROCEEDINGS MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY

Brighton Presbyterian Church Brighton, Tennessee

Fall Stated Meeting October 1-2, 2012

The registration of delegates began at 4 p.m. on October 1, 2012. Following an evening meal at 6 p.m., the Fall 2012 Stated Meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery began at 7 p.m. with an opening worship service led by Dr. Ken Priddy, Director of Church Renewal for Outreach North America. Dr. Priddy preached a sermon on Luke 11:1-10. The worship service also included the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, led by Rev. Meredith Cavin, pastor of Brighton Presbyterian Church, (see **Appendix D**).

Following the worship service and a brief recess, Mr. Larry Littlejohn, Moderator of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Mr. Randy Goulder, an elder at Brighton Presbyterian Church, welcomed the delegates to the meeting.

The Principal Clerk confirmed a quorum was present.

Ministers Present

Dan Hazen Thomas Braithwaite (*E*) Ron Brunson (\boldsymbol{E}) Matthew Heathman Meredith Cavin Gary Jones Moises Chan (*E*) Tim Phillips Troy Pritt (*E*) Conrad Cheatham Gary Clowers Zech Schiebout James Coad III (*E*) **David Searfoss** Alex Coblentz Wayne Stanchfield (*E*) Joey Donahue **David Storment** Charles Todd Bill Everett W. Nale Falls (*E*) John Tucker James Fee (*E*) Don Watkins Michael Garvey (*E*) Howard Wheeler Jodie Gaston (**E**) Robert White Carl Geisik (*E*) Steve Woods (*E*) T.J. Gentry (E)Mike Yarman

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

Ruling Elders Present

Bethany – none

Brighton – John Moore

Covington – Milton Murphy

Ebenezer – Edwin Dees

Elsberry – none

Faith – none

French Camp – Larry Littlejohn (serving

as Moderator)

Gospel of Grace – Marshall Snodgrass

Graceview – none

Gum Tree – Carl Patterson

Helena – none

Hernando – Steve Rice

Hickory Springs – none

Hopewell – Charles Browning

Midlane Park – none

Mt. Zion – Larry Buck

New Albany – Steve McCollum

New Geneva – none

Pottsville – none

Providence – David Strock

Richland – Bob Mitchell

Salem – Kerry Regen

Sharon – Thorton Fee

Wood Avenue – none

Guests

Benjamin Glaser, Michael Shotwell, Susan Cavin, Norma Columbus, Pat Hickman, Linda Boswell, Ann Wylie Blackmon, Howard King, Linda Clarke, Ken Priddy, Elijah Wheeler, Martha Dees, Charles, Bunner, Marion Bunner, Jane Patterson, David Norman, Joyce Mitchell, Barbara Cheatham, John Scott, Kathy Keiter, Joyce Donahue, Linda Strock, Randy Goulder, Nick Goulder, Denise Moore, Larry Crum, Ken Boswell, Gene Tate, Scott Fletcher

Mr. Goulder also presented the agenda for the meeting (see **Appendix D**).

The following procedural motions were read to the court by Reading Clerk Joey Donahue 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 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 reported that Rev. Troy Pritt, Rev. T.J. Gentry, Rev. Jim Coad, Rev. Moises Chan, Wilmont Green (ruling elder at Wood Avenue), David Frazier (ruling elder at Bethany), Al Herrington (stated supply at Ebenezer), and Leslie Rhodes (stated supply at Helena) had

submitted requests for excused absences from the meeting of presbytery. The clerk also noted that retired ministers, ruling elders, and stated supply pastors were not required to submit excuses for missing stated meetings of presbytery.

The minutes from the Spring 2012 meeting of presbytery were adopted.

Rev. Mike Yarman was nominated and elected as Vice-Moderator and Moderator-elect of MVP. Because of the transfer of the current Vice-Moderator Andy Coburn to the PCA, it was agreeable that Mr. Yarman would assume that position immediately.

The presbytery heard a brief report from Mrs. Kathy Keiter, Director of Dunlap Retirement Center. Rev. Howard Wheeler was called upon to offer up prayer for the work of Dunlap.

There was no unfinished business, but the clerk did present an item directed to MVP by General Synod (i.e., concerning new presbytery boundaries). The Moderator appointed a committee to report back to the spring meeting of MVP: John Tucker, Bob Mitchell, Meredith Cavin, Howard Wheeler, David Storment, and Charles Bunner. Rev. John Tucker was appointed convener of the committee, and Rev. Howard Wheeler was appointed as chair.

Moderator Littlejohn appointed a committee to examine the records of sessions: Revs. Joey Donahue and Conrad Cheatham, and Ruling Elders Carl Patterson, David Strock (chair), and Charles Browning.

Charles Browning spoke to the presbytery about the failed quorums at recent meetings of General Synod. He encouraged members of presbytery to urge Synod delegates to keep their commitments in representing the churches at the meeting.

There being no further business for the evening, the meeting recessed until the following morning. Rev. Zech Schiebout closed with prayer.

Tuesday Morning, October 2, 2012

The second day of presbytery began at 8:15 a.m with the singing of *Bible Songs* 313 and 26 ("in the back"), followed by a short devotion on Psalm 85:4-7 led by Rev. Meredith Cavin. Moderator Littlejohn reconvened the meeting and led in prayer.

Dr. David Norman, President of Erskine College and Seminary gave a brief address to the presbytery and answered questions about the college and seminary. Rev. Dan Hazen was asked to pray for Dr. Norman and the college and seminary.

Rev. David Searfoss was given permission to address the presbytery. He expressed his gratitude to the presbytery for receiving him as a retired minister.

At the Moderator's request, Rev. Gary Jones also introduced himself to the presbytery and spoke about serving the Hernando Presbyterian Church as the stated supply pastor.

The Report of the Stewardship Committee was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix E**). All three recommendations on the report were passed by the presbytery. Rev. John Tucker expressed thanks on behalf of the presbytery to Gene Tate and Martha Dees for their work with the committee. The report was adopted as a whole by the presbytery.

The Treasurer's Report was presented to the presbytery, and it was adopted as a whole (see **Appendix F**).

The Report of the Minister and His Work committee was presented (see **Appendix G**). Since the order of the day was near, discussions on the report were suspended.

Recess for Committee Meetings (10 am)

The meeting of presbytery reconvened at 11:15 am with prayer by Moderator Littlejohn.

Dr. Ken Priddy of Outreach North America gave a presentation to the presbytery on the important topic of church revitalization. The presentation lasted until the order of the day. Rev. Meredith Cavin closed this portion of the meeting in prayer.

Order of the Day – Lunch (12:15 pm)

A season of prayer for renewal and revitalization of churches in the presbytery began at 12:45 pm

The Report from Minister and His Work was resumed. The recommendations were taken up individually. The first two recommendations passed.

Rev. Benjamin Glaser was then examined by the presbytery as to his qualifications as a minister. Rev. Meredith Cavin asked a question about the Virgin birth. Rev. Howard Wheeler asked a question about definite atonement, referencing *The Marrow of Modern Divinity*. Rev. Wheeler also asked if Rev. Glaser took any exceptions to the Westminster Standards (none taken), and asked him to comment on the statement about mental images in Question 109 of the Larger Catechism. Rev. Zech Schiebout asked a series of questions about theology, his ministry in Ellisville, Mississippi, personal devotion, and pastoral care. Having answered the questions satisfactorily, the examination was sustained, and Rev. Glaser was received into the presbytery and offered the right hand of fellowship. The Report from Minister and His Work was then adopted as a whole.

The report for the Committee on Sessional Records was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix H**). The report was adopted by the presbytery.

The report for the Mississippi Valley Presbytery Educational Fund was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix I**). The report was adopted by the presbytery, with the financial statement of the MVP Educational Fund being received as information.

The report of the Outreach North America Committee was presented to the presbytery (see **Appendix J**). Each of the recommendations was considered individually. Items 1-4 passed without objection. In keeping with item 4, John Tucker was called upon to offer prayer for the Wood Avenue, Hickory Springs, and Hernando churches. Item 5 was then considered and passed. The report as a whole was then adopted by the presbytery.

Rev. David Storment was asked to offer prayer for Rev. Benjamin Glaser and the Ellisville Presbyterian Church.

The report of the Christian Education Committee was presented to the presbytery by Rev. Dan Hazen (see **Appendix K**). There were no recommendations in the report, but the report was adopted and received as information by the presbytery. Rev. Howard Wheeler also asked a question about oversight by the committee concerning the subject matter of the teaching at the various camps and conferences sponsored by the committee.

It was noted by the Principal Clerk that presbytery was scheduled to meet at the Graceview Presbyterian Church in the spring of 2013 and the New Albany Presbyterian Church in the fall of 2013.

A motion was made by John Moore for the Moderator to appoint a committee to look into the Dunlap Retirement Center and bring back information and recommendations to the spring 2013 meeting of MVP (*seconded*). There was discussion, and it was explained that the purpose of the motion was to gather information concerning the financial situation of Dunlap. It was suggested that the Moderator could simply direct the chairman of the Dunlap Board to provide that information to the presbytery. The motion was considered and failed. The Moderator asked the Board of Dunlap to prepare a financial report and present it to MVP at its spring 2013 meeting.

Rev. Matthew Heathman asked a question concerning Recommendation 3 of the Stewardship Report – presbytery had not specifically acted on the recommendation. Rev. Heathman made a motion that \$2200 direct support be given to Dunlap Retirement Center. The motion was seconded and passed.

After announcements, being no further business, a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to adjourn was made (*seconded, passed*). The meeting of presbytery closed with the singing of "Christian Unity" and a closing prayer and benediction by Rev. Alex Coblentz.

Report of the Committee on Nominations Mississippi Valley Presbytery



The Committee on Nominations met on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 by email. Present were Chairman Howard Wheeler, Rev. Andy Coburn and Mr. Carl Patterson. The committee approved the following recommendations for Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted, Howard Wheeler, Chairman.

Recommendations:

1. That the following recommendations for service be approved by Presbytery.

Name	Position of Service	Term
Rev. Mike Yarman	Gutreach North America	lmm2013
Mr. Joe Yerby	Dunlap	2012-2016
Mr. Milton Murphy	Dunlap	2012-2016
Ms. Lisa Simpson	Dunlap	2012-2016

Minutes: Christians Education Committee of MVP May 26, 2012 Hopewell ARP Church

The meeting was called to order (following Coffee and Coconut Cake) shortly after 10:00 am with a reading from Deut. 6 and prayer by Chmn. Hazen.

In attendance: Charles Browning, Alex Coblentz, Dan Hazen, and John Moore.

Items discussed:

- 1. MVP Camp at Camp of the Rising Son, French Camp July 16-21
 - a) Female staff 7 apps. Are in, 2 pending.
 Male Staff 3 apps are in, 2 more expected.
 - b) Bible Lessons have been assigned, teachers are in place.
 - c) Tony Fernandez will lead the music.
- 2. Fall Retreat at Camp of the Rising Son, French Camp November 16-17
 - a) Hazen will check with CRS to secure the date.
 - b) in view of a deficit of about \$1000 incurred by this event in previous years, there was discussion on how to make the retreat financially solvent.
 - c) MSP to raise the cost from \$30 to \$40 per camper, and to raise the family limit from \$50 to \$60. (Counselors serve at no charge; churches are urged to subsidize where there is financial need.)
- 3. Officer Training Event Scheduled for Jan. 19, 2013.
 - a) Dr. Guy Richardson (RTS Jackson President) has been secured as speaker. He has been asked to devote special attention to ministries of the diaconate, outreach, and church growth.
 - b) Based on past experience, we expect a minimum of 60 to 70 in attendance (hopefully more if we can mobilize neighboring PCA churches.) \$20 Pre-registration, and \$25 at the door should cover expenses:

\$1000 honorarium plus expenses for Dr. Richardson. Approx. \$450 for food and snacks for the event.

c) Schedule: 10 am opening Session,

2 morning sessions,

Lunch,

1 afternoon session, 3 pm adjourn.

- d) MSP to accept French Camp ARP's offer to host the event.
 - FCPC will arrange for a Friday evening worship service for any who like to come and spend the night.
 - · FCPC will coordinate all meals.
 - Arrangements for overnight accommodations to be made separately.
- e) MSP to invite MVP Presbyterial to schedule a parallel event for women.
 - Hazen to contact MVP Women's leadership
 - Coblentz to contact FCPC Women's leadership
- 4. Disciplemaker's Conference for Training Lay Leaders, Hosted by Brighton ARP Church, Sept. 15, 2012
 - a) Speakers:
 - Dan Boulton representing Great Commission Publications
 - CEM Staff: Brent Turner, Judi Hodges, Ann Bryce
 - b) Funding:
 - Registration is set at \$10 to include a meal and resource packet for those who are pre-registered
 - Brighton ARPC will subsidize as needed up to \$300.
 - MSP to commit MVP CE funds of up to \$300 as needed.
 - c) Estimated costs:
 - Plane Ticket for Dan Boulton \$400 (housing & car rental covered by GCP)
 - Plane tickets for CEM staff \$600. (housing & etc, provided by Brighton ARPC)
 - d) Chmn Hazen will contact all MVP churches with "save the date" publicity
 - CEM will follow up with flyer and bulletin insert promotional materials.
 - Local churches will be encouraged to promote the event with their own members.
 - Other area churches (eg. PCA & EP) will also be invited, 1. By contact at the
 presbytery level through Tim Phillip's office, and 2. By invitation from neighboring
 churches.
 - Registrations will be taken online by CEM on their website.
 - e) MSP to recommend to MVP that the Disciplemaking Conference be promoted as a substitute for the Family Bible Conference that has traditionally been held near this date in previous years.
 - f) A proposed schedule including possible workshop breakout sessions was reviewed. Hazen will send the link to MVP churches so they can submit workshop ideas (on CEM website) as well as to indicate which workshops would be most useful to their church ministry. Workshop offerings will be presented based on feedback.
 - g) MSP to commend Brighton ARP for their initiative in hosting this event.
- 5. Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Charles Browning at 12:15 pm.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the price of the Fall Youth Retreat be changed to \$40 per camper, \$60 per family.
- 2. That Guy Richardson be approved as the speaker for the Officer Training Seminar in January, with a \$1000 honorarium plus expenses.
- 3. That French Camp ARP host the Officer Training Seminar in January 2013.
- **4.** That the upcoming Disciplemaker's Conference, Sept **15**, at Brighton be supported in lieu of having a family Bible Conference. The Committee will support the conference with up to \$300 as needed.

Mississippi Valley Presbytery O.N.A. Report

- 1. The committee recommends that an extension of support through August 2012 be given to the Havanah Mission. This will allow Rev. Chan's fulltime position to come into play.
- 2. As directed at our spring 2012 Presbytery meeting Rev. Mike Yarmen and Ruling Elder Marshall Snodgrass visited the Wood Avenue and Hickory Springs on Sunday, April 15. Rev. Yarmen preached at Hickory Springs at 9am and then at Wood Avenue at 11am. Ruling Elder Snodgrass attended worship and Sunday School at Hickory Springs. Marshall joined Mike at Wood Avenue for a fellowship meal where they entertained questions following the meal.
- 3. Because of the emphasis of the revitalization of churches in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, there was the need to have someone on our committee to oversee this monumental task. Rev. Don Watkins graciously agreed to head this up. He is also an at-large member of the O.N.A. Board. This means our committee will be in the ongoing process of identifying churches, sessions and pastors who are struggling and discouraged.
- 4. The church treasurer of the Wood Avenue Church suggested that his church and perhaps the Hickory Springs Church get their budgets to our committee by January 7 so they can be approved by our committee as their provisional session, and then be adopted by the congregations in late January.
- 5. If we are to visit these churches, what Ands are available to cover expenses?
- 6. I would ask that each session in our Presbytery commit season of prayer for those churches, sessions and pastors who are struggling and discouraged. I would also ask that we all would seeks ways to reach out to these churches.

Respectfully Submitted,
Moredath Cowin
Meredith Cavin, Chairman

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Mississippi Valley Presbytery Stewardship Committee Report October 1 – 2, 2012 Brighton, TN ARP Church

The Stewardship Committee consisting of Dr. Meredith Cavin, Rev. Charles Todd, Rev. Dan Hazen, and Mrs. Martha Dees along with Mr. Gene Tate, Treasurer, have communicated via email and present the attached 2013 budget for your consideration. The estimated receipts from the individual church are based on the active membership reported in the Minutes of Synod 2012. When the local church did not submit a report for 2011 then the newest figures available were used. In some cases they, the newest, were several years old.

The proposed budget for Direct Support, consisting of Dunlap Retirement Center, MVP Christian Education, and MS Valley Presbyterial Annual Retreat, is the same as this year. No request for funds was received from the MVP Christian Education Committee. At this meeting concerns for Dunlap Retirement Center will be, or have already been, discussed and depending on that outcome the amount for Dunlap may be adjusted or removed.

ONA has requested a small increase in the committee's budget so committee members may travel as needed to visit with churches where efforts to revitalize them is being undertaken. We encourage their efforts.

Last month Mr. Tate sent a letter to all churches regarding the Presbytery Assessments for 2012. Please check with your church treasurer to see if they received this letter and that the amount shown as paid-to- date for your church agrees with your records. If your church has not paid the 2012 assessment yet we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Every church in the MS Valley Presbytery needs to help with the funding of the Presbytery's ministries and we express our grateful appreciation to those churches who faithfully continue to support the work of the MS Valley Presbytery.

Please submit the annual Statistical Report to the Presbytery Clerk as soon as possible after the close of the year. These forms are found on the ARP Website and are easy to complete and submit. The 2012 Minutes of Synod show MS Valley Presbytery had an increase of 124 members from 2010 to 2011 but that figure isn't correct since old data was used from at least four churches and one church is no longer in our Presbytery.

The purpose of this Presbytery as stated in Chapter 1, item 1, of the <u>Rules of Presbytery</u>, shall be "the initiation, planning, organization, and administration of programs designed to enable it to carry on the mission of God in Christ's Church by word and deed in the Presbytery and also in the local congregation, the General Synod and the whole world." If any of our local churches have special needs wherein the Presbytery might assist you let us know, whether it's Stewardship Committee or one of the other committees. Let's work together!

Recommendations:

- 1. That the Presbytery express its appreciation to Mr. Tate for his diligent work as Treasurer for our Presbytery.
- 2. That every church in the MS Valley Presbytery financially support the Presbytery in some amount.
- 3. That the Presbytery advise the Stewardship Committee and the Treasurer on the amount of funding for Dunlap Retirement Center.

Martha Dees Stewardship Committee Chairperson

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY PROPOSED 2013 BUDGETS FOR ALL FUNDS BUDGET GENERAL OPERATIONS

RECEIPTS FROM MS VALLEY PRESBYTERY CHURCHES:*

Bethany	\$ 210.
Brighton	1100.
Covington	290.
Ebenezer	400.
Elsberry	110.
Faith	780.
French Camp	780.
Gospel of Grace	530.
Graceview	750.
Gum Tree	670.
Havana Mission Church	140.
Helena	250.
Hernando Reformed	300.
Hickory Springs	40.
Hopewell	300.
Midlane Park	380.
Mt. Zion	280.
New Albany	2,040.
New Geneva	460.
Pottsville	360.
Providence Reformed	650.
Richland	500.
Salem	1,600.
Sharon	190.
Wood Avenue	<u>120</u> .

Estimated Receipts \$13,230. 95% collection \$12,569.

MVP Share of 2011 ONA Endowment

Total Estimated Receipts

\$\frac{200}{\$12,769}\$

EXPENDITURES

DIRECT SUPPORT:

Dunlap Retirement Center	\$2,200. (same)
MVP Christian Education	5,000. (same)
MS Valley Presbyterial Annual Retreat	500. (same)

Total \$ 7,700.

^{*}Based on membership shown in <u>2012 Synod Minutes</u> (latest copy available) or current year's contribution.

Appendix E

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Administrative (supplies, postage, printing, etc.) \$ 2,000. (same)

COMMITTEE OPERATIONS:

Minister & His Works Committee \$ 400. (same)
Stewardship Committee 100. (same)
Nominations Committee 200. (same)
Christian Education Ministries Committee 500. (same)
MVP ONA Committee 500. (up \$200.00)
Committees & Officers Travel 400. (same)
Special Committees/Commissions Expenses 400. (same)

\$2,500. (+\$200.)

MVP/ONA Revitalization Expenses \$ 200.

Total Estimated Expenses \$12,400.

Estimated Difference between receipts and expenditures \$ + 369.

Treasurer's Report - Mississippi Valley Presbytery October 1-2, 2012

Our total fund balances increased by \$1,226 during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 from \$612,451 to \$613,677. Of this total the general funds increased by \$2,624 while Parkway Place Funds decreased by \$1,398. Interest of \$8,126 was earned during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to \$9,100 for the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

Receipts for the general fund from sixteen (16) of our twenty five (25) member churches were \$8,723 in 2012 compared with receipts from ten [10] churches of \$6,094 in 2011. A listing of receipts by church for 2012 is shown on the enclosed budget report.

During 2012 the Havana Mission was provided \$12,406 of financial support - \$4,000 from Synod, \$8,000 from Presbytery and \$406 from Ross Explorations - Oil and Gas receipts.

All Presbytery funds are deposited in three local banks - Renasant Bank, BNA Bank and Bancorpsouth, with ninety eight [98%] percent of the funds placed in interest bearing accounts - \$600,127 at September 30, 2012. The effective interest rate for the year will be approximately 2.38%.

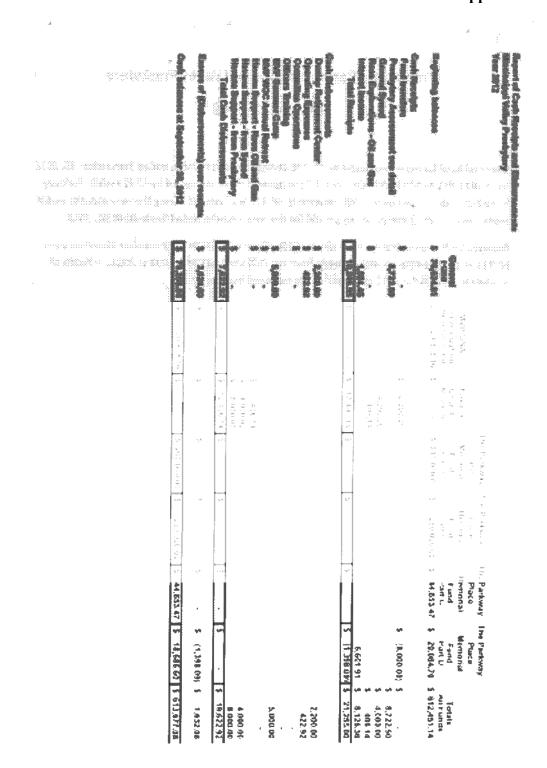
Thanks for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve as your treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Tate

Treasurer

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Appendix F

Fund Balances Mesicsippi Valley Presbytery Year 2012

Summary of Funds by Location and by Fund Balances

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Minutes of the Minister and His Work Committee October 1, 2012 Brighton ARP Church

Present: Mr. Kerry Regan, Mr Milton Murphy, Mr. Steve McCallum, Rev Charles Todd Chairman, Rev Zack Schiebout and Rev John Tucker

The meeting was called to order with prayer.

Mr Mark Jones requested that because of his heavy work load he be removed as a Student of Theology. Motion passed unanimously.

A progress report was received from Charles Covington stated supply at Gum Tree. He has completed 14 hours out of 60 needed for a MAR degree from RTS. He will take another course in Nov. Received as information.

The following requests for Stated Supply status to be extended another year were approved:

Charles Covington at Gum Tree

Conrad Cheatham at Elsberry and Mt Zion

Dale Whitlock at Bethany.

Charles Todd at Sharon

Pat Hickman was examined and approved for Richland for another year.

The Committee examined Rev Ben Glaser, pastor of the Ellisville Presbyterian Church and the committee recommends that he be received from North East Presbytery and he be allowed to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as pastor of the Ellisville Presbyterian Church, Ellisville, MS. Motion made and passed unanimously.

Recommendations:

That Mark Jones be removed as a Student of Theology at his request.

That the following men be approved as stated supply at their respective churches.

Charles Covington at Gum Tree

Conrad Cheatham at Elsberry and Mt Zion

Dale Whitlock at Bethany

Charles Todd at Sharon

Pat Hickman was examined and approved for Richland for another year.

That Rev Ben Glaser, pastor of the Ellisville Presbyterian Church be received from North East Presbytery and he be allowed to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as pastor of the Ellisville Presbyterian Church, Ellisville, MS.

The Meeting was closed with prayer. Respectfully Submitted John Tucker Secretary

Moderator's Committee on Sessional Records

The moderator's committee on Sessional Records, consisting of David Strock (chm.), Charles Browning, Carl Patterson, Conrad Cheatham, and Joey Donahue, met at the Brighton ARP Church on Tuesday, October 2.

There were no records from the Havana and Pottsville churches.

The records from Bethany, Brighton, Ebenezer, Elsberry, Hopewell, Mt. Zion, and Providence were received without exception.

The records from French Camp, New Geneva, and Richland were received with the following exceptions:

French Camp – no record of a meeting in June

New Geneva – no record of meetings in December of 2011, nor for February, April, June, July, or August of 2012, and there was no record of an annual congregational meeting. In addition, there is no indication that the November 2011 meeting was closed in prayer.

Richland – no minutes for August and September of 2012.

In addition, while this does not constitute a violation of established rules, it is not necessary to record weekly meetings (presumably conducted for prayer before the worship service) where no business is undertaken. The inclusion of such simply clutters up the Sessional records with unnecessary material.

Recorded for the Committee,

Joey Donahue

Mississippi Valley Presbytery Educational Fund

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery Educational Fund was held at the Salem ARP Church on Tuesday evening, August 28, 2012 at 7:00 P. M.

The following committee members were present: Danny Hughes, Russell McDaniel, Jimmy Rammage and Rev. Charles Todd.

Randy Goulder, the committee's secretary, was on vacation and could not attend.

The Chairman, Rev. Charles Todd, declared that there was a quorum present.

The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Danny Hughes, Acting Secretary, kept the record of the meeting.

The minutes of last year's meeting, August 30, 2011, were read by the Chairman and subsequently approved without amendment.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved. The treasurer stated there were no ourstanding loans at the present time.

The Chairman stated that there is one seminary student at this time. However, he has not asked for any funds. Accordingly, there have been no other requests for loans since last year's meeting.

The Chairman asked if there was any other business, there was none and the meeting was adjustened after proper by Jimmy Rammage.

Respectfully submitted.

Danny Hughes

Mississippi Valley Presbytery Associate Reformed Presbyterian Educational Fund Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Net Assets Resulting From Cash Transactions For the Year Ended August 51, 2012

RECEIPTS AND ADDITIONS: Interest income – certificate of deposit No. 1 Interest income – certificate of deposit No. 2	120,100 \$ 200,600
Total Receipts and Additions	(y , \$.)
Dishursements	96.0
Increase in Net Assets	373.25
Net Assets Balance, September 1, 2011	77,108.48
Net Assets Balance, August 31, 2012	\$ 77,493.73
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Cash in the bank certificate of deposit No. 1 -BancorpSouth Covington, TN - (Matures 11/11/12 at 0.50%)	15,090.00
Cash in the bank certificate of deposit No. 2 -Union Planters Bank Covington, TN (Matures 12/14/12 at 0.50%)	30,000,00
Net Assets, August 31, 2012	5-77,483.73

^{*(}Net Assets - one-half restricted at August 31, 2012 \$ 38,741.87)

ONA Committee Meeting Fall Meeting of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church October 1, 2012

Those present: Charles Bunner RE, Meredith Cavin TE chairman, Marshall Snodgrass RE, Don Watkins TE.

Opening prayer was given by Rev. Meredith Cavin.

Topic 1: Meeting began with Rev. Cavin giving the committee an update of the meeting between the Minister and His Works committee and Rev. Glaser. The recommendation was that Ellisville Presbyterian Church be accepted for provisional status in the Mississippi Valley Presbytery. Following this explanation of circumstances Rev. Benjamin Glaser and Michael Shotwell RE were invited into the meeting and were allowed to answer questions and ask questions.

A motion was made by Charles Bunner to accept Ellisville Presbyterian Church for provisional status and to be finalized at the spring MVP. It was seconded by Rev. Watkins. A vote was taken and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Topic 2: Rev. John Tucker presented Rev. Gary Jones to the committee as the stated supply of the Hernando ARP Church. Rev. Tucker reported on the current situation of the Hernando church. Rev. Tucker made a request for future funds to allow Rev. Jones to focus solely on the church rather than being a tent making pastor. Rev. Tucker reported the location of the funds could come from the Parkway place which has around \$48,000 and mentioned that \$20,000 will be needed. Rev. Tucker reported that ONA Synod has a fund from which monies can be borrowed but said strings are attached.

ONA Committee has agreed to bring this to the front of the Presbytery floor for information only. It will be noted that the financial state of Hernando will be forth coming and the amount of money needed for help will be presented at a subsequent MVP meeting. Rev Tucker and Rev. Jones are asking the MVP for prayer at this time.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Watkins and seconded by Charles Bunner. Vote was taken and the result was unanimous.

Evening session closed with prayer by Marshall Snodgdrass.

October 2, 2012

Those present: Rev. Mike Yarman, Charles Bunner, Rev. Don Watkins, Marshall Snodgrass, Rev. Meredith Cavin, Chairman.

Opening prayer was by Rev. Yarman.

Topic 3: A motion was made by Marshall Snodgrass to have Rev. Mike Garvey continue as stated supply for Hickory Spring and Wood Ave. The motion was seconded by Rev. Yarman. Discussion was held. A vote to accept the motion resulted in it passing unanimously.

Topic 4: A discussion was held on the topic of revitalization. Dr. Ken Priddy was present and explained some of the ways the program of revitalization could work. The initial portion of the program is called G.O.1. He explained it can be delivered live at a physical site in a training format. The coming aspect of G.O. 1 is such that it can be delivered online in 9 sessions.

Topic 5: A discussion on the state of Hickory Spring and Wood Avenue Churches was held. The needs of the churches were discussed including leadership, evangelism, and a session. Dr. Ken Priddy gave some insight of ways to revitalize those churches with regard to replants, transfer of assets and renewal. The idea of a full time pastor, combining churches, growth potential, and the possibility of an internship were discussed. The discussion of an internship involved working with the Minister and his works committee. Rev. Cavin brought up the need to visit these churches in the next couple months. Rev. Yarman said he would go back to visit the churches and it was mentioned that Larry Littlejohn also desires to visit.

Topic 6: Rev. Cavin brought up the letter from Moises Chan to discuss the change in support from Havana Mission work. Rev. Howard Wheeler explained the mission work that has occurred in the Hispanic community by Moises Chan. He brought up a need for strategic oversight. He reports the session at his church has worked with Moises Chan. Rev. Wheeler has asked that the mineral rights that were originally part of the Havana Church be returned to that church.

A motion was made to transfer the mineral rights ownership back to Havana ARP Church was made by Mike Yarman and seconded by Charles Bunner. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A recess was taken and this portion of the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Watkins.

The meeting was reconvened during the lunch period. Those present were: Rev. Mike Yarman, Rev. Don Watkins, Rev. Meredith Cavin, David Strock, Charles Bunner, and Marshall Snodgrass. This session was opened with prayer by Marshall Snodgrass

Topic 7: A discussion was held to officially establish a subcommittee for the purpose of revitalization. It was agreed upon by the committee as a whole that the term "liaison for revitalization" was better suited at this time. A motion was made by Marshall Snodgdrass to establish a liaison for revitalization and to have Don Watkins serve in that position. Rev. Watkins had already volunteered to serve in that capacity. The motion was seconded by David Strock. A vote and taken and the motion passed.

Topic 8: A motion was made by Rev. Cavin for the Presbytery to facilitate bringing Dr. Ken Priddy to the MVP to present the G.O.1 program for the entire presbytery. The motion was seconded by Marshall. Discussion followed. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

It was further agreed that the MVP would accept the cost of travel for Dr. Priddy and the food expenses for this training session.

Recommendations:

- 1. Ellisville Presbyterian Church be accepted for provisional status to be voted on for full membership status in the MVP at the Spring 2013 stated Presbytery meeting.
- 2. That the Presbytery will transfer the Ross Gas Mineral rights ownership back to Havana ARP Church.
- 3. That Mike Garvey will continue as stated supply for Hickory Spring ARP and Wood Avenue ARP Churches.
- 4. That the ONA committee specifically asks for prayer for Wood Avenue, Hickory Spring, and Hernando Churches.
- 5. That the Presbytery accept fiscal responsibility to bring Dr. Ken Priddy to present the G.O.1 to Presbytery which would include travel expenses and food for the meeting. This meeting is to be hosted by Graceview ARP Church and to be held on a Saturday.

A motion to adjourn was made by David Strock and seconded by Charles Bunner. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Closing prayer was given by Charles Bunner.

Mississippi Valley Presbytery Christian Education Committee Meeting October 1, 2012

4:20 pm: Meeting Called to order with prayer by Moderator Dan Hazen

In attendance: Alex Coblentz, Dan Hazen, Charles Browning

I. Old Business

A. Officer Training Event at French Camp, January 2, 2013

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Guy Richardson

Theme - to be determined

Dan Hazen will contact Dr. Richardson and encourage him to pick a theme that can be used for publicity purposes.

B. Women's Ministry Event to be held concurrently with Officer Training

Speaker: Mrs. Margie Newman, Immediate Past President of French Camp ARP Women's Ministry. Her topics will be available for publicity

C. Friday Evening Event (January 2013)

Tentatively scheduled: presentation by Edwin Faughn, Director of Rainwater Observatory

D. Discussion was held concerning the need to address the revitalization of stalled or declining. ARP churches. "Embers to a Flame" ministry was mentioned as a possible resource.

II. New Business

- A. Fall Retreat at CRS, November 16-18, 2012
 - 1. Contract with CRS \$2360.43
 - Saturday lunch will be provided by Charles (& friends) Cost Approx. \$300.
 - 3. Dan Hazen will check to be sure we have a NURSE for the Fall Retreat.
 - 4. Theme: TBA
 - To be approached as potential speakers: Joe Donahue, Tim Phillips, Charles Covington.
 - Dan Hazen will send out promotional material once a speaker and theme have been determined
- B. Spring Counselors' Retreat

Dan Hazen will contact Carrie Browning to secure Feb. 17-18 on the calendar.

C. Report on 2012 MVP Summer Camp @ CRS

80 students / 20 adults in attendance

Debrief / Eval Forms are available for review.

Dan Hazen presented a draft of "The Talk" (relationships / sexuality) that was presented this summer, with the suggestion that a four year cycle of presentations be prepared for use at MVP camp each summer.

D. Report on the Disciplemakers Conference (CEM) held Sept. 15, 2012 at Brighton ARP.

Expensive, but worth it (approx. \$400 in the hole) Special thanks to Brighton Church for their financial assistance

There were approximately 40 in attendance

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HOST CHURCHES OF STATED MEETINGS OF MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY

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- 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)
- 2011 Hopewell, Providence Reformed
- 2012 French Camp, Brighton
- 2013 Graceview, New Albany

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(Fall 2014)

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Rev. Dan Hazen, Chairman (2014)

Mr. Charles Browning (2013)

Rev. Moises Chan (2013)

Mr. Steve Rice (2014)

Rev. Alex Coblentz (2015)

Mr. John Moore (2015)

Presbyterial Youth Chair – Ex Officio

Minister and His Work

Rev. Charles Todd, Chairman (2015)

Mr. Milton Murphy (2013)

Rev. T.J. Gentry (2013)

Mr. Kerry Regen (2014)

Rev. John Tucker (2014)

Mr. Richard Moore (2015)

Mr. Steve McCollum (2016)

Rev. Zech Schiebout (2016)

Nominations

Rev. Howard Wheeler, Chairman (2014)

Mr. Carl Patterson (2013)

Rev. Andy Coburn (2015)

Mr. Mike Thomason (2016)

Outreach North America

Rev. Meredith Cavin, Chairman (2014)

Mr. Charles Bunner (2013)

Rev. Mike Yarman (2013)

Rev. Don Watkins (2014)

Mr. Marshall Snodgrass (2015)

Mr. David Strock (2015)

Pres. Witness/Outreach Chair – Ex Officio

Stewardship

Mrs. Martha Dees, Chair (2015)

Rev. Dan Hazen (2014)

Rev. Meredith Cavin (2014)

Rev. Charles Todd (2015)

Mr. Gene Tate – Ex Officio

Pres. Spiritual Life Chair – Ex Officio

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Mr. Danny Hughes

Mr. Russell McDaniel

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Gum Tree Elsberry

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Hernando Havana

Hickory Springs Hopewell

Midlane Park Mt. Zion

New Albany New Geneva

Salem Pottsville

Sharon Providence Reformed

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