

2022 SW Ohio RP Church (SWORP) Report to GLG Presbytery

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A.D. 2021 was our sixth year as an organized church. We had many reasons to give God thanks for his continual providential care. 2021, like 2020, was lived under the shadow of the COVID-Chinese Virus and its variants. Most churches have been stressed by this epidemic, and **Southwest Ohio R. P. Church** (SWORP) has been no different. We feel blessed to have maintained our worship and fellowship. This met our great need to 'bless the Lord,' and to maintain the living organism called the 'body of Christ' in Southwest Ohio.

Services were held weekly. Our weekly attendance has averaged 28 people, including members/adherents following us via our livestream broadcast. We average 30 additional livestream connections to our services every week, and 300+ Sermon Audio downloads per month. So, it would seem that many people find our ongoing services a thing that inspires and strengthens.

Our **financial support** has held-up through the epidemic. We seem to have dedicated members who tithe and continue to enjoy their worship and sanctification. We entered the year with a bank surplus of \$53,000.00, and ended with a \$54,000.00 balance. The pastor was given a 5% raise to combat inflationary growth.

It was our great joy to provide **TGB** (Temporary Governing Body) **support to Atlanta RPC**. Our Session plus the Rev. Frank Smith and TE T.J. Patillo make up this body. Ever present stresses continue, but by God's grace — a magnificent Reformed work is ongoing in Urban Atlanta. Most of our RPC/Atlanta members show God's grace in their lives. Lord's Suppers have been begun this past year, and the Rev. Steven Work and TE G. Scott Damerow have been our major Ohio contributors to this work. The Building was purchased with money contributed. Major repairs have been accomplished. Dr. Frank Smith has kept up an unbelievably heavy schedule of witnessing in the neighborhood, visitation of the membership and preaching/teaching. TJ Patillo seems to be maturing and becoming more and more helpful.

Our church has made further contributions to GLG Presbytery via the ministry of **TE Steven Work**. Steven has supply-preached any number of times at probably 3-4 churches — as well as some more distant places like Denver, Colorado.

Pastor Knodel has tried to maintain a wider witness in terms of both teaching and counseling. Where he has expertise, he has tried to represent Reformed positions publicly (for example on Social Media) — especially regarding Cultural-Political areas where most of our men have been more quiet. Dr. Knodel's writings are always replete with Scriptural references and reasoning — enabling the wider church to learn how to apply the Scriptures like the 'men of Issachar' (1 Chronicles 12:32) He has two Counseling Certifications (a BCCC and BCPC) awarded by the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP/<www.cpsp.org>).

SWORP is also excited about the start-up effort called **Christendom Bible College** (CBC). After purchasing a \$400,000 building in New Richmond — just east of Cincinnati — CBC proposes to establish an academic 'gap-year' program starting the Fall of 2022, whereby prospective college students can gain an academic preparation that would allow them to matriculate at other typical schools with a stronger Christian worldview. President Clauson is moving to our area beginning in March (to June 2022) and will be joining SWORP in Mason for worship.

Please see the attached Budgets for A.D. 2021 and 2022.

SWORP Budgeting 2022

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Projected</u>
Giving	\$63,021.68	\$64,256.31
General Fund	\$60,587.68	\$61,799.43
Diaconal	\$1,144.00	\$1,166.88
Special Designations	\$1,290.00	\$1,290.00
Expenses	\$61,938.80	\$62,620.12
Pastor's Salary	\$35,280.00	\$37,044.00
Pastor's Expense	\$1,860.00	\$1,860.00
Pastor's Insurance	\$5,286.60	\$5,286.60
Liability Insurance	\$305.00	\$305.00
Rent	\$3,675.00	\$3,750.00
Pulpit Supply	\$625.00	\$1,000.00
Synod Assessment	\$1,470.00	\$1,470.00
GLGP Assessment	\$450.08	\$600.00
Synod Registration	\$918.00	\$800.00
Sermon Audio	\$439.45	\$480.00
Zoom	\$175.56	\$191.52
Advertizing	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Reimbursement	\$874.52	\$800.00
Other	\$10,579.59	\$8,033.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$1,082.88	\$1,636.19

