

Dear AIC,

We write with the request for your approval for the disbursement of funds from the remaining funds of First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, which have been entrusted to the Board of Trustees of the RPCNA.

Upon the closure of First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, the remaining assets of the congregation were turned over to the Board of Trustees of the RPCNA. We have received instruction from that Board that request for issuance of funds must be processed through the AIC of the Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery. Therefore, we are submitting this request to you, with the understanding that you will communicate your decision to Board of Trustees for processing, if you approve. We expect that this will be our last request for the disbursement of funds from the remaining funds of First RPC, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

We request the following:

Payment to the Craig Scott 403B Pension Fund, Clergy

Advantage Amount: \$750

Contact/Mailing: Sonja Pancoast, sonja@cleryadvantage.com; (970) 667-5819 x129

Explanation: Upon the death of treasurer Jeff Wykstra in July of 2022, this regular payment fell behind, and we would like to make amends to Pastor Scott for what is due to him in pension funds during his time as pastor of First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Please contact Jake Schwartz if/when this is approved, and he will give instructions on how to remit.

Payment to Doug Gentry

Amount: \$2,000

Contact/Mailing: Doug Gentry, 10128 Bennett Street, Lowell, MI 49331; (616) 340-9454; douglasdgentry@gmail.com

Explanation: Mr. Gentry contributed \$2,000 toward pulpit supply for Craig's sabbatical, May-June 2022. However, the local session petitioned support for pulpit supply from the Vital Churches Committee, which is bundled in the requested \$5,913 from VCC. Thus, we unintentionally received double support for pulpit supply. As we did not use the full

amount of \$5913 from the Vital Churches Committee (Pastor Steve Rockhill, Chair), we feel that Mr. Gentry's contribution to this cause should be sent back to him. See next request for further details.

Payment to the Vital Churches Committee of the

RPCNA Amount: \$3,615.30

Contact/Mailing: Steve Rockhill, Chair; (979) 721-0717;
revrock402@gmail.com

Explanation: The Vital Churches Committee (Pastor Steve Rockhill, Chair) provided a grant of \$5,913 toward Pastor Scott's sabbatical (May-June 2022). Of these funds, \$2,297 was used. We feel the balance of unused funds should be returned to the Vital Churches Committee (Pastor Steve Rockhill, Chair).

Payment to Namsik Yang – Mercy Ministry

Amount: \$1,000

Contact/Mailing: 6200 Hanna Lake Avenue SE, Caledonia, MI 49316

Explanation: The Yang family has been struggling with health concerns and expenses for one of their children, and we feel this would be a good use of remaining funds from First RPC, Grand Rapids, Michigan, of which they were members for many years.

Payment to CYPY

Amount: \$750

Contact/Mailing: CYPY, Anna Roberts, CYPY Treasurer, 603 Chapel Hill W Drive, Indianapolis IN 46214

Explanation: There was a designated fund in the First RPC budget toward funeral costs of a member, which costs did not exceed the designated fund. Given the deceased's personal interests and perceived wishes, we judge that the balance of the funds should go toward youth ministry. Given that CYPY is our Presbytery youth ministry, we recommended that the remaining funds of \$575, plus a little extra to total \$750, go to CYPY.

Payment to RP Global Missions

Amount: \$7,392.56

Contact/Mailing: RP Global Missions

Explanation: This is the amount remaining in a restricted fund designated for missions. We believe that it would meet the wishes of the deceased

donor to forward these funds to RP Global Missions.

Payment to Jake Schwartz

Amount: \$112.35

Contact/Mailing: 115 Carnegie Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15208 Explanation:

Upon the death of treasurer Jeff Wykstra in July of 2022, Ruling Elder Jake Schwartz took up the duties of the treasurer, during which time he incurred the cost of QuickBooks in order to keep the financial records of the church.

Payment to Zion Protestant Reformed Church

Amount: \$200

Contact/Mailing: 7551 12th Avenue, Jenison, MI 49428

Explanation: In the summer of 2022, First RPC, Grand Rapids, secured an arrangement with Zion Protestant Reformed Church (ZPRC) to rent space in their building for Lord's Day ministry. An initial payment of \$400 for the month of August 2022 was made to ZPRC, which check the church graciously declined to cash, given the closure of the church shortly thereafter. However, we feel that payment is still due to them for the two weeks of using their facilities, thus \$200.

Other restricted funds

The final balance sheet for First RP of Grand Rapids also contains the following restricted funds balances:

- Building Fund - \$2,573.07 – Please designate for building-related aid within the GLG Presbytery.
- SermonAudio Fund - \$ 136.35. Please designate this for IT services in the GLG Presbytery.
- Deacon fund - \$1,992.69. Please distribute this to mercy needs as you judge best.

This accounts for all due reimbursements and all restricted funds prior to the transfer of funds to the RP Trustees of Synod.

We sign this letter in concurrence with each other as the former Session of First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sincerely in Christ,

Steve Rhoda
Jake Schwartz