

2023 Great Lakes/ Gulf Presbytery Meeting

Covfamikoi Report

2022 Conference Recap:

After a three-year break, we were excited that we were able to finally host a Covfamikoi conference last summer. The conference took place July 4 to July 9 at Johnson University near Knoxville, Tennessee. The attendance for the 2022 conference was 232.

The main speaker for the conference (adult and High school) was Dr. Barry York, President of RPTS. The theme for the conference and Dr. York's talks were "The Beauty of the Church". The Junior High Speaker was Drew Poplin. Due to having a long break between conferences, we had a completely new set of staff (counselors, teachers, and helpers). We are extremely thankful for all who assisted with making Covfamikoi 2022 a blessed time.

2023 Conference:

Lord willing, we are excited to hold Covfamikoi again this summer! We will be returning to Johnson University for our 2023 conference. The dates will be July 15 to July 20. This is returning to a Saturday -> Thursday schedule

Our main speaker (adult and High School) is George Gregory, Pastor of Hope Community RP Church. The theme for the conference is "Joy in the Lord." Aaron Murray will be the Middle School speaker. We are excited for the work of these two men.

Leadership/ Staffing:

The executive leadership team is made up of Ken & Christy Nelson as Conference Directors, Ross & Kaitlyn Cerbus as Conference Managers, and Stephen & Sarah Shipp as Youth Program Directors. We are currently in the process of finalizing the remaining open staffing positions. If you have suggestions for people in your congregation who may like to serve, please speak to someone on the leadership team. As always, in order to put on a successful conference, we need many people to be willing to fill roles of teaching, organizing activities, youth counselors, and several other roles.

Registration:

Registration for the conference will open Monday (March 6th.) We will keep registration open through June 23, or until the conference is full. Registration is completed through the website (www.covfamikoi.com).

Implementation of new Child Protection Policy:

For 2022, the staff worked extremely hard to implement as much of the policy as was feasible. We have since proposed a few changes to the policy based on “boots on the ground.” Thank you to Presbytery for adopting the changes that will help to ensure we can hold Covfamikoi and still maintain the requirements in the CPP.

For the background check requirements of the CPP, the Covfamikoi leadership has adopted the standard that a background check for an individual will remain in place for a 4-year cycle (or through the next international conference). Basically, if an individual had a background check for the 2022 conference, a subsequent background check for the same individual will not be needed until the 2025 conference. Steve Rhoda has also continued to help administer the background checks for Covfamikoi staff through the CYPU Ministry Safe account.

Future of Leadership:

Regarding executive leadership for the future, Ken & Christy Nelson, and Ross & Kaitlyn Cerbus are willing to remain on the executive leadership through the completion of the 2025 conference, but both couples are planning on stepping out of their roles as Conference Directors and Conference Managers following the 2025 conference. Stephen & Sarah Shipp will step down as Youth Program Directors following the 2023 conference. We need to start thinking and identifying the next people to fill these positions.

Financials:

Please see the attached Covfamikoi financials.

We are requesting the standard \$2000 support from Presbytery as has been allocated in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Nelson, Conference Director

Covfamikoi Family Conference
Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2022

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Petty Cash	\$ -
PayPal	-
Regions Bank	10,452.01
Total Checking/Savings	<u>10,452.01</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>10,452.01</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>10,452.01</u></u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accrued Expenses	168.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>168.00</u>
Total Liabilities	168.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	1,023.26
Retained Earnings	15,066.95
Net Income	(5,806.20)
Total Equity	<u>10,284.01</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u><u>\$ 10,452.01</u></u>

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Statement of Activities
For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2022

Income	
Registration Fee	\$ 4,480.00
Conference Fees	54,810.50
Offering	2,238.00
Laundry	62.00
Presbytery Contribution	2,000.00
Total Income	<u>63,590.50</u>
Expenses	
Meals	19,311.00
Lodging	24,820.00
Facilities	11,000.00
Main Speaker	2,500.00
JH Teacher	500.00
Staff scholarships	7,567.50
Registration cancellations	290.00
Liability Insurance	842.00
Youth Program (JH & SH)	447.36
Juniors (ages 9-11)	160.11
Elementary (ages 6-8)	250.00
Pre-school (ages 3-5)	76.20
Nursery (ages 0-2)	8.41
Office Supplies	233.66
Social Activities	417.76
Recreation	150.41
Morning Breaks	105.82
Popsicle Socials	46.27
Miscellaneous expenses	79.24
PayPal Fee	317.03
IOS publishing fee	105.93
Web Hosting	168.00
Total Expenses	<u>69,396.70</u>
Net Income	<u><u>\$ (5,806.20)</u></u>