

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Southside Indianapolis

Report to Great Lakes/Gulf Presbytery – Spring 2019

These things I write to you, ... so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:14-15

Fathers and Brethren,

We rejoice in another year of God's goodness as members of His house here at Southside Indianapolis. What a privilege it is to know, serve, and worship the living God who is "the alone fountain of all being."

Session met in constituted court sixteen times during the year. In addition to the monthly stated meetings, there were two special meetings for communicant membership interviews and two meetings to schedule and then conduct an election for an associate pastor. In three of our meetings, session set aside time to meet jointly with the deacon board to review and discuss our respective ministries. Session commends these able men who serve Christ well on our behalf.

Public Services

Session is thankful for our pastors' sound preaching, morning and evening, each Lord's Day. Pastor Hanson completed preaching a series from 1 Timothy, preached through Ezra, Psalm 139, Colossians, a series on anger and began a series from Hebrews. Pastor Wise preached from Joel and Amos.

In addition to the preaching ministry of our own teaching elders, the congregation heard guest preachers Hao Lu, Sam McCracken, Garrett Mann, Alex Tabaka, David Whitla, Ian Wise, and pastoral interns Jay Dharan and Joe Smith.

Session thanks John Cavanaugh and Rafa Perez who last Spring observed and met a need for simultaneous translation of the morning and evening worship services into Spanish. Each week John and Rafa alternate services using a short-range FM transmitter with receivers provided by the deacons to enhance the preaching ministry of our pastors for several regular listeners. The church also hosts a weekly bible study in Spanish.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed twelve times on the second Lord's Day of each month throughout the year. The sacrament of baptism was administered to seven covenant children: Phoebe Helen Cavanaugh, Ruby Kathryn Cerbus, Sebastian Paul Garcia, Makayla Ansley McBurney, Seth Matthew Mauser, Luke Gordon Ritenour, and Gloria Mirabelle Sturm.

In addition to corporate prayer in the worship services, a mid-week prayer meeting was held most Wednesday evenings throughout the year. The meeting was led by the pastors and occasionally by pastoral interns.

Pastoral Care

At the end of 2019, the total membership of the congregation stood at 243. The communicant membership was 173, a decrease of two, and the baptized membership was 70, a decrease of three, from 2018.

The following six individuals united with Southside RPC as communicant members: Allison Cavanaugh, Julianna Erney, Aaron Hardebeck, Austin Hochstedler, Colin and Christina Koons (by transfer from Christ Church RP, Indianapolis).

The following eight covenant children were added to the roll as baptized members: Phoebe Helen Cavanaugh, Ruby Kathryn Cerbus, Sebastian Paul Garcia, Jackson Koons (by transfer from Christ Church RP, Indianapolis), Makayla Ansley McBurney, Seth Matthew Mauser, Luke Gordon Ritenour, and Gloria Mirabelle Sturm.

The following members were transferred to other congregations at their request: Erich, Bobbie, Robert, Martin, Andrew, William, and Henry Baum (Merrimack Valley Presbyterian Church, North Andover MA); Stan and

Juliet McKenzie (Christ Church RP, Indianapolis); June, Kathryn, Ethan, Calvin, Owen and Cameron Whitla (Grace RPC, Gibsonia, PA). The following members were dismissed from the rolls: Carol Flanagan and Matt Johnson (communicants), Stuart Elder (baptized).

There were seven births during the year: Seth Matthew Mauser (3/24), Gloria Mirabelle Sturm (5/23), Luke Gordon Ritenour (6/14), Ruby Kathryn Cerbus (7/18), Phoebe Helen Cavanaugh (7/30), Sebastian Paul Garcia (8/7), and Charlotte Laura Koons (9/2). There were two weddings: Austin Hochstedler and Rebekah Forgey (10/5), and Aaron Hardebeck and Anna Manring (11/30).

Participation in the Higher Courts and Wider Church Ministry

Presbytery - Our ruling elder delegates to the Spring meeting of Presbytery held at Orlando RPC were Jerry Porter and Steve Sturm. John Hanson, David Kleyn, Jerry Porter and Steve Sturm also attended other special meetings of Presbytery in November.

Jim Bishop continues to serve as Presbytery Treasurer. Mark Hart serves as the Presbytery Assistant Treasurer. Pastor Hanson serves on the Northern Church Extension Committee. Pastor Wise served on the Pageland Temporary Governing Body. Jerry Porter served as moderator of the Terre Haute Temporary Governing Body.

In June, John Hanson once again organized and led a team of Presbytery youth to serve at the ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) farm in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Synod – Our ruling elder delegate to the RPCNA Synod meeting held at Geneva College was Steve Sturm. Pastor Hanson serves as President of the Board of RP Global Missions.

Training and Transition

Jay Dharan, who had completed his second year at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, served as our summer intern. He preached a sermon series from the book of James and taught an adult sabbath school class on the Apostles' Creed.

Session continues to be encouraged with the young men in the congregation who have expressed interest in pastoral ministry. Joe Smith completed his one-year internship with us and has been taking online classes at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary. This past fall, session met with Jonathan Sturm to hear of his interest in pursuing pastoral ministry. Session invited Jon to participate in a one-year internship. At the September 27th meeting of the presbytery at Second RP Indianapolis, session presented Jon to the court with the recommendation he be taken under care and Presbytery agreed. Both Joe and Jon intend to begin full-time study at RPTS in the fall of this year. Also, last fall session heard from Abel Manring as he described his sense of call and invited him to enter a two-year exploratory pastoral internship.

At this time a year ago, we reported “Session is in the process of initiating a pastoral search for an Associate Pastor.” The Lord was certainly good to us in answering our prayers quickly and bringing Pastor Ian Wise to minister among us beginning in August following his acceptance of our call in July. Ian was installed as our Associate Pastor September 28th.

Session was encouraged by the initial response of the congregation in signing up for our first month of elder visitations. We look forward to meeting with each member and adherent in the first few months of 2020. We pray that God would help our church this year in living and proclaiming the word as we strive to be that “pillar and ground of truth.”

Respectfully submitted,
Southside Indianapolis RPC Session

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Southside Indianapolis
 Statements of Financial Position
 December 31, 2019 and 2018

| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash | \$ 798,636 | \$ 133,979 |
| Other current assets | 2,666 | 3,310 |
| Total current assets | <u>801,302</u> | <u>137,289</u> |
| Long Term Assets | | |
| Property & equipment | 2,271,631 | 2,271,631 |
| Accumulated depreciation | <u>(1,402,688)</u> | <u>(1,317,689)</u> |
| Total fixed assets | 868,943 | 953,942 |
| Total Assets | <u><u>\$ 1,670,245</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 1,091,231</u></u> |
| LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Accrued current liabilities | \$ 30,000 | \$ 40,000 |
| Total liabilities | <u>30,000</u> | <u>40,000</u> |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted net assets (general fund) | 868,580 | 953,581 |
| Unrestricted net assets - board designated | | |
| Mercy fund | 128,969 | 6,302 |
| Youth group fund | 5,728 | 4,436 |
| ECHO mission fund | 844 | 758 |
| Major repair & renovations fund | 68,949 | 58,949 |
| Savings Fund | 321,842 | 27,205 |
| Education Fund | <u>245,333</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Net Assets | <u>1,640,245</u> | <u>1,051,231</u> |
| Total liabilities and net assets | <u><u>\$ 1,670,245</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 1,091,231</u></u> |

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Southside Indianapolis
 Analysis of Net Assets
 December 31, 2019 and 2018

| | Beginning Balance | Receipts | Disburse- ments | Transfers | Ending Balance |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| General Fund: | | | | | |
| General fund | \$ 1,000 | \$ 707,776 | \$ (403,139) | \$ (304,637) | \$ 1,000 |
| Offering Funds: | | | | | |
| Mercy | 6,302 | 122,667 | - | - | 128,969 |
| Youth group | 4,436 | 1,292 | - | - | 5,728 |
| ECHO | 758 | 100 | (14) | - | 844 |
| Other: | | | | | |
| Major repair & renov. | 58,949 | - | - | 10,000 | 68,949 |
| Savings Fund | 27,205 | - | - | 294,637 | 321,842 |
| Education | - | 245,333 | - | - | 245,333 |
| Other net assets | 952,581 | | | | <u>867,580</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>\$ 1,051,231</u> | | | | <u>\$ 1,640,245</u> |

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Southside Indianapolis
 Statements of Functional Activities
 For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| Receipts | | |
| 1001.0 General fund | \$ 706,151 | \$ 566,693 |
| 1004.0 Interest Income | 185 | 61 |
| 1104.0 Reformation Indy Conf. | 1,440 | 1,703 |
| Total receipts | <u>707,776</u> | <u>568,457</u> |
| Congregation expenses | | |
| 101.0 Pastor's Salary | 97,234 | 108,242 |
| 102.0 Parsonage Allowance | 42,159 | 49,835 |
| 104.0 Pastor's Pension | 6,092 | 7,350 |
| 105.0 Secretarial Services | 12,802 | 13,015 |
| 106.0 Worker's Compensation | 1,259 | 1,295 |
| 107.0 Ministry Expenses | 3,566 | 5,451 |
| 108.0 Church Office | 5,841 | 5,907 |
| 109.0 Benevolence | 1,275 | 756 |
| 110.0 Summer Intern | 16,000 | 11,000 |
| 111.0 Financial Compilation Fees | - | 1,850 |
| 112.0 Traffic Security Officer | 4,695 | 2,450 |
| 113.0 Child Protection Background Checks | 89 | 2,060 |
| Total congregational expenses | <u>191,012</u> | <u>209,211</u> |
| Education expenses | | |
| 201.0 Bible School | 3,573 | 3,231 |
| 203.0 Youth Group | 1,154 | 1,000 |
| 204.0 Conferences & Guest Ministry | 10,909 | 6,521 |
| 205.0 Fellowship Activities | 3,829 | 3,875 |
| 206.0 Library | 90 | 361 |
| Total education expenses | <u>19,555</u> | <u>14,988</u> |
| Mission expenses | | |
| 301.0 Local Evangelism | 870 | 2,193 |
| 302.0 Missionary Support | 60,000 | 46,250 |
| 304.0 Ministry of Mercy | 5,904 | 4,686 |
| 305.0 Special Missions Projects | - | - |
| 307.0 Local Ministries | 6,500 | 4,000 |
| Total missions expenses | <u>73,274</u> | <u>57,129</u> |
| Denomination expenses | | |
| 401.0 Presbytery Assessment | 7,359 | 6,924 |
| 403.0 Synod Assessments | 12,506 | 9,768 |
| 405.0 Synod Presby. Expenses | 331 | 1,203 |
| 406.0 R.P. Institutions & Pensions | - | 1,750 |
| 407.0 R.P. Missions/Ministry | 37,500 | 30,000 |
| Total denomination expenses | <u>57,696</u> | <u>49,645</u> |
| Property expenses | | |
| 503.0 Maintenance & Supplies | 28,378 | 29,140 |
| 504.0 Capital Purchases | 7,832 | 6,787 |
| 505.0 Utilities | 16,621 | 20,782 |
| 506.0 Insurance | 8,771 | 7,873 |
| 510.0 Debt service | - | 95,697 |
| Total property expenses | <u>61,602</u> | <u>160,279</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>403,139</u> | <u>491,252</u> |
| Net increase/(dec.) in General Fund Net Assets | <u>304,637</u> | <u>77,205</u> |
| Other receipts | 369,392 | 370 |
| Other expenses | (14) | (187,427) |
| Total increase/(dec.) in Net Assets | <u>\$ 674,014</u> | <u>\$ (109,852)</u> |

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Southside Indianapolis
Proposed Budget for 2020 - General Fund

| | Actual 2018 | Budget 2019 | Actual 2019 | Budget 2020 | % Chg-20 Budget vs. 19 Budget |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Total contributions | \$566,693 | \$460,000 | \$505,293 | \$480,000 | 4.3% |
| Other income | 1,764 | 2,000 | 202,482 | 2,000 | 0.0% |
| Total receipts | 568,457 | 462,000 | 707,776 | 482,000 | |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| CONGREGATION | | | | | |
| 101.0 Pastor's Salary | 108,242 | 117,859 | 97,234 | 120,434 | 2.2% |
| 102.0 Parsonage Allowance | 49,835 | 43,534 | 42,159 | 63,612 | 46.1% |
| 104.0 Pastor's Pension | 7,350 | 8,600 | 6,092 | 18,800 | 118.6% |
| 105.0 Secretarial Services | 13,015 | 14,770 | 12,802 | 15,390 | 4.2% |
| 106.0 Worker's Compensation | 1,295 | 1,460 | 1,259 | 1,510 | 3.4% |
| 107.0 Ministry Expenses | 5,451 | 7,930 | 3,566 | 12,900 | 62.7% |
| 108.0 Church Office | 5,907 | 7,000 | 5,841 | 7,250 | 3.6% |
| 109.0 Benevolence | 756 | 1,000 | 1,275 | 1,000 | 0.0% |
| 110.0 Pastoral Intern | 11,000 | 17,000 | 16,000 | 6,000 | -64.7% |
| 111.0 Financial Compilation Fees | 1,850 | - | - | - | - |
| 112.0 Traffic/Security Officer | 2,450 | 3,240 | 4,695 | 8,100 | 150.0% |
| 113.0 Child Protection Background Checks | 2,060 | 560 | 89 | 560 | - |
| Sub-total | 209,211 | 222,953 | 191,012 | 255,556 | 14.6% |
| EDUCATION | | | | | |
| 201.0 Bible School | 3,231 | 3,500 | 3,573 | 3,750 | 7.1% |
| 203.0 Youth Group | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,154 | 1,000 | 0.0% |
| 204.0 Conferences & Guest Ministry | 6,521 | 7,000 | 10,909 | 4,000 | -42.9% |
| 205.0 Fellowship Activities | 3,875 | 6,100 | 3,829 | 5,800 | -4.9% |
| 206.0 Library | 361 | 450 | 90 | 450 | 0.0% |
| 207.0 Seminary Assistance | - | - | - | 4,488 | - |
| Sub-total | 14,988 | 18,050 | 19,555 | 19,488 | 8.0% |
| MISSIONS | | | | | |
| 301.0 Local Evangelism | 2,193 | 3,500 | 870 | 3,000 | -14.3% |
| 302.0 Missionary Support | 46,250 | 46,000 | 60,000 | 48,300 | 5.0% |
| 304.0 Ministry of Mercy | 4,686 | 6,000 | 5,904 | 6,000 | 0.0% |
| 305.0 Special Missions Projects | - | 1,500 | - | 1,500 | 0.0% |
| 307.0 Local Ministries | 4,000 | 6,500 | 6,500 | 4,900 | -24.6% |
| Sub-total | 57,129 | 63,500 | 73,274 | 63,700 | 0.3% |
| DENOMINATION | | | | | |
| 401.0 Presbytery Assessment | 6,924 | 7,359 | 7,359 | 6,288 | -14.6% |
| 403.0 Synod Assessment | 9,768 | 11,369 | 12,506 | 10,106 | -11.1% |
| 405.0 Synod/Presby. Expenses | 1,203 | 1,500 | 331 | 1,500 | 0.0% |
| 407.0 R.P. Missions/Ministry | 30,000 | 22,500 | 37,500 | 24,000 | 6.7% |
| Sub-total | 49,645 | 42,728 | 57,696 | 41,894 | -2.0% |
| PROPERTY | | | | | |
| 503.0 Maintenance & Supplies | 29,140 | 31,000 | 28,378 | 37,680 | 21.5% |
| 504.0 Capital Purchases | 6,787 | 15,000 | 7,832 | 20,000 | 33.3% |
| 505.0 Utilities | 20,782 | 21,610 | 16,621 | 17,270 | -20.1% |
| 506.0 Insurance | 7,873 | 7,840 | 8,771 | 8,975 | 14.5% |
| 510.0 Debt Service | 95,697 | - | - | - | - |
| Sub-total | 160,279 | 75,450 | 61,602 | 83,925 | 11.2% |
| Total expenditures | 491,253 | 422,681 | 403,139 | 464,563 | 9.9% |
| Net increase/(dec.) in General Fund Assets | 77,204 | 39,319 | 304,637 | 17,437 | -55.7% |
| Other receipts | 370 | - | 369,392 | - | |
| Other expenses | (187,427) | - | (14) | - | |
| Total increase/(dec.) in Net Assets | \$(109,853) | \$39,319 | \$674,014 | \$17,437 | |