

## Report of the Home Mission Board Representative to the Great Lakes - Gulf Presbytery

Spring 2020

Here is what is going on in each of the U.S. presbyteries. I have left off the Great Lakes Gulf, because their reports will be given at this meeting of Presbytery.

### **ATLANTIC**

**Aid-receiving works:** Gabriel Wingfield, RIT in Christ Church, Providence RI

**Areas for prayer:** Each of the congregations have been urged to begin and to continue praying for two areas apiece, asking God to raise up new congregations there. The congregations that responded to a recent survey supplied the following:

Cambridge: Framingham/Natick (to their west) Chelsea/Revere (to their east)

Christ Church: Groton-New London CT (west) Falls River-New Bedford MA (east)

Elkins Park: South Jersey (Bible study meets bi-weekly) Philadelphia

Ridgefield Park: Allendale NJ (northwest) Southern Westchester Co (northeast)

White Lake: Is starting regional evangelistic Bible studies to discern the Lord's will

These groups represent a wide range from actual groups meeting for Bible study to pure aspiration.

**Vacant pulpits:** Walton NY, Ridgefield Park NJ, Coldenham-Newburgh NY (has Zach Dotson, a student under care, in place)

**Theological Students:** Zach Dotson (Greenville Seminary online), Hunter Jackson (Westminster)

### **ALLEGHENIES**

**Works receiving aid:** Regional Home Missionary, Harrisonburg, VA

Work continues in the following areas: Harrisonburg, VA, and Birmingham, AL under the leadership of Regional Home Missionary, Paul Martin.

**Open Pulpits:** Grace (State College, PA), Covenant (Aurora, OH), First RP (Beaver Falls)

**Students Under Care:** Edgar Ibarra, ~~Joshua Giesler~~, Mark Brown, Caleb Allen, Joe Dunlap, ~~Jeremiah Wilson~~, Jason Thoman, Keith Dewell, Jordan Feagley, Matthew Bates, Michael Labutta, H.L., P.Z. and F. D.

**Eligible To Preach:** Matthew Bates, Joe Dunlap, and Edgar Ibarra

**Eligible to Receive a Call:** Caleb Allen, Timothy Bloedow, Chris Villi (currently serving as a RE at Grace RPC in Gibsonia), Dan Woodring and H. L.

### **MIDWEST**

#### SNAPSHOT OF CHURCH EXTENSION EFFORTS

1. **Columbia, MO** - Mission church seeking a pastor, with a TGB appointed by Presbytery.
2. **Grandview, MO** – Fully organized congregation. Newly received from the PCA.

2. **Casper, WY:** Mission church recently vacant, seeking a pastor, receiving reducing aid.
3. **Dallas, TX:** Fully organized congregation.
4. **Bryan, TX:** Fully organized congregation receiving reducing aid.
5. **Houston, TX:** Exploration to begin. Families regularly meeting on the Lord's Day.
6. **Oklahoma City, OK:** Exploration under the oversight of Stillwater RPC, monthly evening worship services since April.
7. **San Antonio, TX:** Mission church with a pastor and a TGB.

Bob Hemphill serves as Regional Home Missionary.

#### **VACANT PULPITS**

Columbia, MO; Casper, WY; and Denison, KS are all vacant. Casper has short term pulpit fill scheduled (Bill Roberts. From Nov. 2019 to April 30, 2020).

#### **MEN FOR THE MINISTRY**

**Licensed to preach:** Garrett Mann and Romesh Prakashpalan.

**Ministers transferring in:** Ross Fearing (PCA) is taking exams at our November meeting to transfer his credentials into the MWP of the RPCNA.

### **PACIFIC COAST**

#### **Missions:**

(Coram Deo RPC) Squamish, BC: They have on average 30 people in attendance. There are two households considering membership with frequent visitors. He and his wife, Jaclyn, are expecting a baby. They have also recently purchased a home. The Lord has been good to this small church plant. Numbers are stable. People are unified. Income remains strong.

(North Shore Bible Church) West Vancouver, BC: This is only a Bible study for the time being. This is a Mandarin-speaking work.

(Great Basin RPC) Reno, NV: The Ad Interim (Brea) took over as the TGB in September. Rev. Sawtelle reported that since then attendance has been in the mid-twenties, giving is above what is budgeted, Rev. Samul is laboring there.

Las Vegas: This work has been seven years without a pastor. The presence of new visitors is very encouraging. Attendance remained strong in the 30s-40s each week.

**Open Pulpits:** Las Vegas

#### **Students Under Care:**

*\* Noah Shepherd, Stephen Mulder, Trace Turner, Sean Holm, Jerry Foltz*

### **ST LAWRENCE**

**Christ Church:** The Christ Church congregation is beginning an internship with Chris Goerner with a view toward home missions.

The Lord has blessed St. Lawrence Presbytery with four new teaching elders for their churches. Jason Housewright in Syracuse, Ryan Somerville in Rochester, Dan Dupuis in Hudson St. Lazare and Garrett Mann in Lisbon.

**Vacant Pulpits** – None

**Students under care** – Scott Doherty, Reuben Lindeman, Chris Goerner, Micah Wright, Mark Goerner

**Licensed to preach** – Reuben Lindeman

**Eligible to receive a call** – Scott Doherty, Mark Goerner

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### **HMB Website Update**

Please check out our newly revamped website which is under construction.

<http://www.rphomemissions.org>

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) That the Presbytery appoint a replacement for Andy McCracken as its Representative on the Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy McCracken, GLG HMB Rep.