

SWORP Report 2020/2019

SouthWest Ohio Reformed Presbyterian Church (West Chester/Mason, Ohio)
GL-G Presbytery Meeting 3/5-7/2020
by The Rev. Dr. Richard E. "Dick" Knodel, Jr.

Broad Overview: A.D. 2019 was our fourth year as an organized church. We focus on Sabbath Worship and Church life or *koinonia*. The Living God of the Bible draws us into his adoration, and enables us to live fulsome lives of love and excitement — as his people.



Statistics & Church life:
We **baptized two covenant youths**, who were born in early 2019, and we watched **Wesley Damerow**, one of our beloved older charter members, go on to be with the Lord. So our net membership grew by one. We have one new pregnancy in the church, and the prospects of two new families who have

requested membership. So we're looking forward to God's 2020 increase. SWORP membership now totals 33 members (19 Confessing, 14 Baptised) Our average attendance has grown to 30 worshippers on the Lord's Day. This represents a 300% increase from our first two years as a Mission Church.

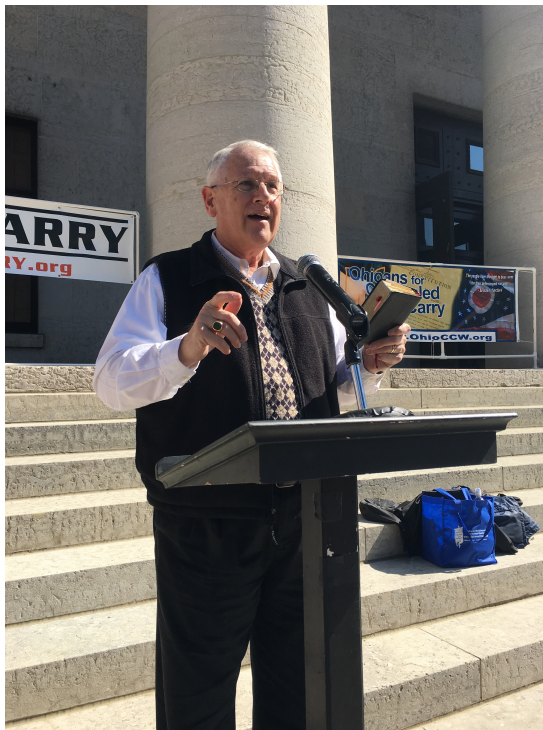
Our **Lord's Days** consist of a **morning service**, a **Westminster Shorter Catechism Recitation and tutorial Class** along with **weekly common meals** promoting church fellowship. Our Elders have taken major responsibilities for this, with **G. Scott Damerow** teaching Catechism, **Timothy Vincze** Presenting and Clerking Session, and **Steven Work** being our main Supply Preacher — as well as bringing our quarterly Communion (Table) Exhortations. Our Session is all involved with attending Presbytery and Synod meetings. Likewise, all of us make up the **TGB** (Temporary Governing Board) for the **Atlanta Reformed Presbyterian Church**. Scott and Steven have taken on the heaviest load with our Atlanta work, but all of us were involved with organizing them as Mission Church in the Spring of the year. This included a modest membership, with Dr. Frank J. Smith as pastor. We had scheduled more membership interviews for early 2020. With that having been executed, the Atlanta work now numbers about a dozen believers! This has been a great excitement for our **SWORP** fellowship in Mason. We report on and pray for this work often, so our people have a real sense of involvement with the Presbytery in Atlanta. We have also continued our work with the OhioGunowners.Org, and the OhioProLifeLeague.com (two political PACS) to try to influence Ohio for Christ's kingdom, in terms of the Bible's 'right-to-life' and 'self-preservation/defense' principles.

We rejoice that the Lord has been so gracious to us in allowing us to build another RPCNA in Ohio, adding to the Belle Center and Aurora (Northeast Ohio), Ohio RP Churches! We give him all the Glory!

THE FOLLOWING WAS NOT INCLUDED IN MY 2020/2019 REPORT

Preaching & Sacraments: We have focused

Other involvements: I've counseled a numbe



Dick Knodel speaking/praying at the Columbus Rally

Conclusion: Despite all our trials and tribulations, we rejoice that God has blessed us. He has given us an amazing sense of affection for each other, love of the truth — and unity in the spirit.

SWORP Finances 2019

| Month: | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | Total | Monthly Average |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Starting Balance | \$34,143.20 | \$33,675.25 | \$31,655.91 | \$34,214.67 | \$34,500.44 | \$35,657.83 | \$31,971.09 | \$33,079.85 | \$35,115.95 | \$37,120.65 | \$33,285.13 | \$32,470.00 | \$34,143.20 | \$4,526.87 |
| Income | \$2,270.05 | \$2,637.00 | \$6,625.00 | \$5,513.00 | \$4,493.50 | \$2,219.06 | \$5,558.35 | \$5,509.00 | \$4,868.69 | \$2,643.03 | \$2,574.75 | \$9,411.00 | \$54,322.43 | \$4,526.87 |
| Tithes and Offerings | \$2,240.05 | \$2,557.00 | \$6,455.00 | \$5,513.00 | \$4,433.50 | \$2,041.06 | \$5,498.35 | \$4,979.00 | \$4,808.69 | \$2,413.03 | \$2,544.75 | \$8,744.00 | \$52,227.43 | \$4,352.29 |
| Diaconal | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$40.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$78.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$537.00 | \$655.00 | \$54.58 |
| Special Designations | \$30.00 | \$80.00 | \$130.00 | \$0.00 | \$60.00 | \$100.00 | \$60.00 | \$530.00 | \$60.00 | \$230.00 | \$30.00 | \$130.00 | \$1,440.00 | \$120.00 |
| Expenses | \$2,738.00 | \$4,656.34 | \$4,066.24 | \$5,227.23 | \$3,336.11 | \$5,905.80 | \$4,449.59 | \$3,472.90 | \$2,863.99 | \$6,478.55 | \$3,389.88 | \$5,461.36 | \$52,045.99 | \$4,337.17 |
| Pastor's Salary | \$2,333.00 | \$2,997.00 | \$2,667.00 | \$2,667.00 | \$2,667.00 | \$2,667.00 | \$2,667.00 | \$2,667.00 | \$2,667.00 | \$2,667.00 | \$2,667.00 | \$2,667.00 | \$32,000.00 | \$2,666.67 |
| Pastor's Expense | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$155.00 | \$1,860.00 | \$155.00 |
| Pastor's Insurance | \$0.00 | \$1,321.65 | \$0.00 | \$1,321.65 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,321.65 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,321.65 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,286.60 | \$440.55 |
| Liability Insurance | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$305.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$305.00 | \$25.42 |
| Rent | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$825.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$975.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,600.00 | \$300.00 |
| Pulpit Supply | \$250.00 | \$125.00 | \$0.00 | \$125.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$375.00 | \$0.00 | \$250.00 | \$1,125.00 | \$93.75 |
| Sermon Audio | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$29.95 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$29.95 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$59.90 | \$0.00 | \$74.90 | \$224.65 | \$18.72 |
| Reimbursements | \$0.00 | \$57.69 | \$114.24 | \$157.63 | \$63.01 | \$0.00 | \$75.99 | \$90.95 | \$41.99 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$601.50 | \$50.13 |
| Other | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$771.00 | \$451.10 | \$2,108.80 | \$200.00 | \$530.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$567.88 | \$2,314.46 | \$7,043.24 | \$586.94 |
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| Expenses | \$52,045.99 | \$53,871.60 |
| Pastor's Salary | \$32,000.00 | \$33,600.00 |
| Pastor's Expense | \$1,860.00 | \$1,860.00 |
| Pastor's Insurance | \$5,286.60 | \$5,286.60 |
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| Rent | \$3,600.00 | \$3,750.00 |
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| Synod Assessment | \$1,195.00 | \$1,195.00 |
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