

Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church

Terre Haute, Indiana

Report to Presbytery

Spring Meeting 2020

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in Christ's name from Terre Haute, Indiana, where we are just seven months into our life as an organized congregation, which means that this is a historic report, our first ever report to Presbytery as an established church, but we hope and pray it is the first of many, well into the future, even until our Savior and King returns in glory by His second coming. Maranatha, Lord Jesus!

Our new pastor, Steve Rhoda, arrived in July, began full-time ministry in August, and was officially installed at an organizational worship service on September 13, 2020, at which meeting two ruling elders were also ordained, Russell Lodge and Josh Reshey. We want to give praise and thanks to God for this new beginning, but we also want to acknowledge and thank the Lord for the ten years of hard work and faithful ministry of Pastor Bill & Rachel Roberts, along with many others throughout Presbytery and especially the support of our brothers and sisters in Bloomington, by which Christ has established us in Terre Haute and put us in a position to forge ahead with eagerness and vitality for the kingdom and glory of Christ.

Ministry is going well for us in Terre Haute. We have our own building with adequate space for worship and, right now, five separate Sunday School classes meeting on Lord's Day mornings: three elementary age children's classes, one high school age class, and one adult class. We do have some Sundays on which we feel pressed for space in the worship service, not that all seats are filled, but then again, our sanctuary is pretty much wall-to-wall with chairs. So we are finding ourselves already discussing a bit the need and possibility of a larger building. But, in the meantime, it is a terrific blessing to have a building, centrally located in Terre Haute, affording space for ministry not only on the Lord's Day but during the week as well for various meetings and purposes, including the following: 1. women's fellowship and Bible study (monthly); 2. a current profession of faith class for two persons regularly attending and desiring membership; 3. a Thursday night study of the Westminster Confession of Faith; 4. newly set up study and office space for our pastor; 5. the occasional special event.

Some new things since our Session was formed and began overseeing the flock and ministry are as follows: 1. We are celebrating monthly communion on the first Sunday each month; 2. Thinking about the future possibility of a second full worship service each Lord's Day, we have expanded and accelerated an existing pattern and format of meeting in the afternoon in order to start, what we call, "Afternoon Assembly," a time of Psalm singing, study in the Word, for which the elders are currently taking turns

providing a detailed Psalm explanation; 3. Anticipating that there may be those in our community who have become, or are becoming, more Reformed in their faith via internet/radio ministries like Ligonier, White Horse Inn, and others, we have set plans in place to begin a monthly "Reformation Roundtable" discussion group on a week night, to encourage such persons and perhaps draw them into our fellowship, starting, the Lord willing, in March.

Otherwise, the financial giving of the congregation and other income was good for 2019, yet leaving us to draw some upon our reserve funds. Our financial report is attached. Our membership stands at 21 communicant members, 11 baptized, with a good number regularly attending. Our Lord's Day worship attendance ranges from 30-40 from week to week.

Each week in our worship of God we pray for one of our sister churches in Presbytery, and we would ask that you pray for us as well. We look forward to the day when, the Lord willing, we might be the same blessing to another congregation that our sister churches in Presbytery have been to us.

Blessings to you in Christ,

The Session of Terre Haute RPC

Terre Haute Reformed Presbyterian Church 2019-2020 Budget				
		2019	2019	2020
		Budget	Actual	Budget
Income				
	Local contributions	\$75,000	\$73,995	\$82,000
	H. M. B. support	\$0	\$0	\$0
	G. L.-G. support	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Intern support	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Books sold	\$0	\$261	\$250
	Gifts - Presbytery, etc.	\$10,000	\$14,125	\$10,000
	One Great Day of Sharing	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Preaching -- reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Pension supplement/Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Income		\$85,000	\$88,381	\$92,250
Expenditures				
	Pastor's compensation	(6 mos.)	(6 mos.)	(12 mos.)
	Salary	\$18,000	\$27,500	\$36,000
	Housing allowance	\$15,000		\$30,000
	Medical	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Pension	\$2,250	\$0	\$6,750
	Total compensation	\$35,250	\$27,500	\$72,750
	Stated Supply compensation	(6 mos.)	(6 mos.)	(N/A)
	Salary	\$0	\$8,270	\$0
	Housing allowance	\$7,700		\$0
	Taxes	\$0		\$0
	Pension	\$5,400	\$4,500	\$0
	Total compensation	\$13,100	\$12,770	\$0
	Total compensation for pastor	\$48,350	\$40,270	\$72,750
	Advertising/outreach committee	\$750	\$553	\$750
	Book table	\$0	\$189	\$250
	Church supplies	\$750	\$752	\$750
	Denominational assessment	\$1,700	\$1,865	\$2,050
	Giving to RP M&M	\$500	\$1,100	\$500
	Building Expenses			
	Cleaning	\$1,300	\$1,000	\$1,300

	Equipment/furniture	\$300	\$260	\$2,500
	Improvements	\$9,300	\$6,269	\$2,150
	Mortgage	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
	Utilities	\$2,300	\$2,443	\$2,500
	Upkeep	\$1,000	\$2,600	\$2,600
	Fellowship Activities/Gifts/Nur	\$450	\$3,209	\$300
	Give Away Literature	\$100		\$100
	Guest preaching	\$2,200	\$3,882	\$1,000
	Insurance	\$575	\$570	\$578
	Intern	\$0		\$0
	Mercy	\$300	\$2,077	\$1,500
	Office supplies	\$800	\$628	\$700
	Pastor Expense Account	\$3,000	\$1,758	\$3,000
	Rent & deposits - apartment	\$0	\$0	\$0
	SS materials	\$800	\$823	\$800
	Synod delegate expense	\$400	\$0	\$0
	Transfer to furnace repl. fund	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
	Miscellaneous	\$1,100	\$933	\$0
	Total Expenditures	\$86,975	\$82,181	\$105,078
	Change in Year End Balance	-\$1,975	\$6,200	-\$12,828
	Furnace Replacement Fund			
	Incoming	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
	Expense	\$0	\$0	\$5,750
	Balance	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$250