

2024 Great Lakes/ Gulf Presbytery Meeting

Covfamikoi Report

2023 Conference Recap:

In 2023 the Covfamikoi conference took place July 15 to July 20 again at Johnson University near Knoxville, Tennessee. The attendance for the 2023 conference was 255 (an increase of 23 from 2022).

The main speaker for the conference (adult and High school) was George Gregory, Pastor at Hope Community RPC. The theme for the conference and Pastor Gregory's talks were "Joy in the Lord". The Junior High Speaker was Aaron Murray. We are extremely thankful for all who assisted with making Covfamikoi 2023 a blessed time.

2025 Conference:

At the end of our 2023 conference Johnson University informed us that they were looking at adding a larger youth conference to fill up the available open week during the summer of 2025 and unless one of their current existing conferences declined to renew, they would not have availability for us. This news was disappointing to us, but we are thankful that we had the RPIC year coming up in order to give us time to find a new facility.

In the fall of 2023, our leadership team started conducting searches for a new facility. We are excited to announce that we have signed a contract with Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia to hold Covfamikoi at their facility in the summer of 2025. Covenant College is the college associated with the PCA. It is a beautiful setting on top of Lookout Mountain. The conference will return to the Monday -> Saturday format. The dates will be July 7- 12, 2025.

Leadership/ Staffing:

The executive leadership team is made up of Ken & Christy Nelson as Conference Directors, Ross & Kaitlyn Cerbus as Conference Managers, and Tyler & Anastasia Kniess as Youth Program Directors. As we mentioned in our report last year, Ken & Christy and Ross & Kaitlyn are planning on stepping down out of their roles following the 2025 conference. We would ask Presbytery, specifically the Covfamikoi Advisory Committee, to start identifying who will fill these roles for the 2026 conference and beyond.

Financials:

Conference fees continue to rise. We have worked as diligently as possible to keep the costs as low as possible while still holding an enjoyable and enriching conference. We would continue to encourage local congregations to consider providing scholarships to help offset the costs for your members to attend Covfamikoi in future years.

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, 2023

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Petty Cash	\$ -
PayPal	-
Regions Bank	8,737.59
Total Checking/Savings	<u>8,737.59</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>8,737.59</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>8,737.59</u></u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accrued Expenses	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	-
Equity	
Retained Earnings	10,452.01
Net Income	(1,714.42)
Total Equity	<u>8,737.59</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$ 8,737.59</u>

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Statement of Activities
For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2023

Income	
Registration Fee	\$ 5,200.00
Conference Fees	64,251.00
Offering	1,464.07
Lost Keys	150.00
Presbytery Contribution	2,000.00
Total Income	<u>73,065.07</u>
Expenses	
Meals	19,383.30
Lodging	27,468.00
Facilities	11,132.70
Main Speaker	2,200.00
JH Teacher	500.00
Staff scholarships	9,907.50
Liability Insurance	826.00
Youth Program (JH & SH)	372.92
Juniors (ages 9-11)	225.14
Elementary (ages 6-8)	226.51
Pre-school (ages 3-5)	197.30
Nursery (ages 0-2)	75.56
Office Supplies	93.14
Social Activities & Morning Breaks	845.19
Recreation	152.74
Miscellaneous expenses	144.72
PayPal Fee	405.26
New Facility Search	349.58
IOS publishing fee	105.93
Web Hosting	168.00
Total Expenses	<u>74,779.49</u>
Net Income	<u><u>\$ (1,714.42)</u></u>