

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

Spring 2026

The Home Mission Board met twice during the year of 2025, on April 16-17 at RPTS and on October 15-16 at Grace Reformed Church in Columbia, MO. The HMB discussed and approved funding for many church plants and ministries. The Beckwith, ON congregation was approved to begin receiving reducing aid. The Las Vegas congregation received their final three years of reducing aid. The Atlanta, GA congregation began their reducing aid. The work in Dallas, TX received an exploratory grant. We also approved funding for two years for Rev. Tim McCracken's work in the California prison system. The Board also approved the 2026 Church Planter's Retreat which is to be held this fall at Orlando RPC. In our presbytery, we have two exploratory works happening: one in Gainesville, FL and one in Celebration, FL. Our prayer is that the Lord would bless these works, and we would see them become fully organized congregations. There are currently 11 open pulpits within our denomination. Please pray that the Lord will raise up laborers for the harvest field and establish sound and faithful men as pastors within these congregations. Overall, there is much to rejoice over in regards to the church planting efforts of our denomination. May we ask Jehovah to continue to work through us in building the Church of Christ here in this nation.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua M. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joshua M. Smith