

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO ASSEMBLY

February 27, 2024, 4:00 PM CST

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- 2:30 PM - ASSEMBLY CHECK-IN
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED
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- 3:00 PM - EDUCATIONAL EVENT
- 4:00 PM - ASSEMBLY CONVENES
- 7:00 PM - ADJOURNMENT AND EVENING MEAL

EDUCATIONAL EVENT:

Navigating the Waters of White Dominant Culture

Facilitated by CARE 

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Call to Stated Meeting - Presbytery of Chicago Assembly

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Elmhurst Presbyterian Church
367 Spring Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126

Dear Commissioners,

February 2, 2024

Grace and peace to you and yours in these cold and foggy days of winter, 2024.

The next **Stated Meeting** for the Presbytery of Chicago Assembly will be on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 4:00 PM.** There will be a Pre-Presbytery Meeting Educational event at 3:00, sponsored by the Commission on Anti-Racism and Equity.

The meeting will be in person – at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, at 367 Spring Road, Elmhurst, IL.

The meeting will be “live streamed” and can be watched at home; however those watching from home will not be able to speak or vote during the meeting.

Please note the following in connection with this February 27, 2024 Assembly meeting:

1. **Pre-registration is requested** - please go to this website to register:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Please indicate if you will be staying for the evening meal at the church.

2. Parking is available in the church parking lot, on neighboring streets, and at the York Community High School, 355 W St Charles Rd, a short walk from the church.

Sign-in and name badge pick up begins at 2:30 PM. A Pre-Presbytery Meeting Educational Event will begin at 3:00 PM. The Assembly meeting will begin at 4:00 PM.

We have a fair amount of business for this meeting, including:

- Installation of our Moderator Jim Davidovich and Moderator-Elect Shawna Bowman.
- Examination and transfer of Presbyterian Church of Korea minister Hyun Kim.
- Commissioning of General Assembly and Synod Commissioners
- Two proposed Overtures to the General Assembly, regarding Refuting Christian Zionism and Gun Violence Prevention.
- Updates from the CARE Commission, Mission Committee, and Self-Development of People Committee.
- Enabling motions for the sale of Ravenswood Presbyterian Church, Chicago.
- Recognition of retirements and entity members completing terms of service.
- Updates on Presbytery Office Relocation plans.
- Review of 2023 End of Year Financial Reports
- An evening meal catered by a local restaurant (cost covered by the Presbytery of Chicago, with Per Capita contributions from your churches).

An email notice will be sent out by February 20, 2024, with instructions on **downloading the Meeting Packet** from our website. The Meeting Packet will contain the Docket and Reports for this meeting; the Docket will be distributed at the meeting. The Meeting Packet will include an **Orientation Video**, which we encourage you to watch **before we meet**.

Looking forward to seeing and serving with you all as we gather on February 27th, I remain,

Yours in Jesus Christ,



Ken Hockenberry - Stated Clerk



Pre-Assembly Education Session

CARE & Living into Matthew 25:

Exploring & Understanding the Intersection between the
Anti-Racism work of the Presbytery of Chicago and Matthew 25.

facilitated by

**the Commission on
Anti-Racism & Equity**



COMMITTEE ON
Representation

We hope you will join us as we explore and engage in
dialogue around our calling to the work of justice and
liberation through Matthew 25 and the work of anti-racism.

NAVIGATING THE WATERS OF WHITE DOMINANT CULTURE

This workshop will explore the ways in which the characteristics of white dominant culture impact the norms and standards of organizations, including the Chicago Presbytery. We will look at the roadblocks these cultural “norms” present in becoming the multicultural anti-racist organization we strive to be. Being able to identify and name the white dominant cultural norms and working on antidotes to disrupt them, is a first step in becoming a truly multi-cultural organization.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

3:00pm

Elmhurst Presbyterian Church

367 Spring Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126

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Welcome Ruling Elder & Minister Commissioners:

Presbytery of Chicago Assembly –on February 27, 2024 – 4:00 PM , at
Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, 367 Spring Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126-3899

*Pursuing worship, service, and communities of justice,
we are the Presbytery of Chicago,
flourishing together by relating people, neighbors,
and churches to one another in Christ Jesus.*

Presbytery of Chicago Vision Statement

Dear First-Time and Returning Commissioners:

Welcome to this stated meeting of the Presbytery of Chicago Assembly. **You are most welcome!** Thank you for your participation and effort in living out our Vision Statement by your participation in today's meeting.

The guiding principles at presbytery assembly meetings are:

- Ruling Elders and Ministers serve as Commissioners to Assembly Meetings;
- Equality between ruling elders and ministers / teaching elders;
- Community decision-making that is not directed by popular opinion, but seeks to discern the will of Christ; and
- Respect and mutual forbearance for differences of opinion, subject to majority rule.

Presbytery Assembly meetings provide opportunities for the community to worship, learn, discuss issues together, and conduct the business of this church council.

Guidelines for Participation in this Assembly Meeting.

1. Please bring either an electronic copy or a printed copy of this Meeting Packet with you to this meeting at Elmhurst Church. We will distribute a hard copy of the docket and participant list (without the reports and attachments) for you to use during the meeting.
2. The Wi-Fi network name is EPC-Private - password is epc110564
3. When speaking during discussion or debate, **please remember to address the moderator**, not the gathered body.
4. Please introduce yourself by stating your name and congregation / place of service.
5. Please limit your remarks to three minutes - unless a different time period is specified for debate. For issues that are likely to generate debate, the assembly may vote to shorten the time limit.
6. Only ruling elder and minister / teaching elder commissioners may vote. Corresponding members may address the body, and visitors may speak if authorized by the body.
7. All the scheduled motions can be found in this Meeting Packet, in the **Action Items** section.

Basic Information – for Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024:

Assembly Meeting Location – Elmhurst Presbyterian Church
367 Spring Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126-3899

Registration – please [pre-register](#) at the link below. Sign-in and name badge pick up starts at 2:30 PM in Lobby. There will be an Assembly Educational Event beginning at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The Assembly Meeting starts at 4:00 PM. Dinner will be served around 7:00 PM.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

3:00 to 3:50 pm Assembly Educational Event – in the Sanctuary:

Navigating The Waters of White Dominant Culture

This workshop will explore the ways in which the characteristics of white dominant culture impact the norms and standards of organizations, including the Chicago Presbytery. *(See docket and flyer for more information)*

Transportation – by car or Pace Bus # 313 to St. Charles Rd /Spring Rd stop.

Parking Information – parking is available in the church parking lot, on neighboring streets, and at near-by York Community High School, 355 W St Charles Rd.

Childcare / Family Member Care: If family member care is needed for you to participate in this Assembly meeting, the Presbytery will reimburse parents/guardians up to \$120, at a rate of \$20.00 per hour to cover childcare or family care expenses while a parent(s)/guardian(s) attends a Presbytery Assembly meeting (including travel time). Please submit a reimbursement voucher:

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE CHILDCARE/FAMILY CARE VOUCHER](#)

Excused Absence: Commissioners are automatically excused if unable to attend the meeting. But we will miss you, and hope to see you next time.

Meeting Packet and Docket:

- This Meeting Packet contains the docket and reports needed for this meeting.
- A copy of the docket and worship liturgy will be distributed at the meeting.
- An **Orientation Video** for this meeting is being prepared – and a link to this orientation video will be sent out later this week. We ask that you review this video **before** we gather for our February 27, 2024 meeting. Thank you.

Upcoming / Approved Assembly Meetings – 2024:

May 21, 2024 – time and location TBA

September 17, 2024 – time and location TBA

November 19, 2023 – time TBA – meeting on Zoom

Thank you very much.

Ken Hockenberry – Stated Clerk

Dear Presbytery of Chicago,

In 2023 The Presbytery of Chicago focus was the Matthew 25 initiative. It was so timely as Matthew 25 is a foundational building block of our Christian faith.

A Matthew 25 commitment doesn't stop with the turning of the calendar to 2024. We talked about the next steps, should we continue Mathew 25 or is there a new focus for this year. So, we decided to move forward with a focus in 2024 on the passage from Micah 6:8 and how it actually complements what we are doing with Matthew 25:

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

The key to the Micah text is the verbs, the action words... To DO justice, a strong seminal call to action which includes calls to Build, Dismantle and Eradicate and Rebuild. It's not enough to just talk about Matthew 25, it is about DOING Matthew 25. We are called to walk the walk.

To love kindness or mercy is to embrace it, share it and fight for it. To love kindness or mercy leaves no room for racism or systemic poverty. To walk humbly with God, is to work together and proclaim the Good News. This call is for us to get out from behind the doors of the churches and to walk among the people and share the good news of kindness and justice. It calls for us to learn from each other and share our good news.

One of the key focuses for this Presbytery this year is to reimagine how we do Assembly and possibly trickle those learnings down to committees and commissions. We are a connectional church, so how can we better use Assembly time to connect with each other more than we have done in the past? To find time to share together in smaller groups the joys and challenges that are facing us and to help each other. Many churches are facing similar issues and there is power in sharing what is working and what is not. Highlight successes and see if those can translate into victories for others. We don't have to reinvent the wheel when we have such a wealth of experience and knowledge right here in POC.

Change is never easy. Charles Kettering said, "The world hates change, yet it's the only thing that has brought us progress." We embark on trying new things, some will work and some will not. We ask you to be an active participant in these changes and let us know what is working for you, what we can do better and yes what we can shed. Change is not done in a vacuum, but through collaboration, vision and energy can do amazing things.

We welcome everyone to share this next journey as we look to build on what was done in 2023.

Jim Davidovich; Moderator 2024

The Proposed Docket - for Worship and Work
of
The Presbytery of Chicago – Gathered in Assembly
at
Elmhurst Presbyterian Church – Elmhurst, Illinois
on
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 - 4:00 PM

Live-streaming is available via Zoom

New Ways of Being Together

2:30 Registration and Fellowship – Church Lobby and Calvin Hall

Pre-registration is required - [Please Click Here to Register](#)

Please "sign in" at the Registration Desk and pick up your name tag.

Please visit Lauren Rogers, Mission Area Coordinator, at the table in Calvin Hall.

3:00 Assembly Educational Event – in the Sanctuary

Navigating the Waters of White Dominant Culture -

(Sponsored by the Commission on Anti-Racism and Equity)

This workshop will explore the ways in which the characteristics of white dominant culture impact the norms and standards of organizations, including the Presbytery of Chicago.

3:50 Break

4:00 **Welcome and Orientation - and What to Expect**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer Jim Davidovich

Welcome to Elmhurst Presbyterian Church

Introduction of First Time Ruling Elder Commissioners

Introduction of First Time Minister Commissioners Julie Peterson

Seating of Corresponding Members Jim Davidovich

Declaration of a Quorum, Orientation,
and Approval of the Docket Ken Hockenberry

Updates from the Commissions and Committees

One way our work is bringing us hope; one way we're feeling challenged.

Commission on Anti-Racism and Equity (CARE) Pat Groenewold

CARE Report - [See Page 15](#)

Mission Committee - and
Self-Development of People Committee

Julio Peña
Hope Daniels and Paul Abraham

Mission Committee Report - [See Page 16](#)

Self-Development of People Committee Report - [See Pages 17-18](#)

Nominating Committee

Lauren Cochran

Nominating Committee Report - [See Page 19](#)

Election of individuals to serve on Presbytery Entities – **Action Item # 1**

Commission on Ministry

Julie Peterson

COM Report - [See Pages 20-21](#)

Transfer of Rev. Hyun Kim to PCUSA – **Action Item # 2**

A brief recess (10 minutes)

5:00 **Worship**

Gathering Music

EPC Praise Band

Elements of the Liturgy will be displayed on the screen

Call to Worship

Barbara Gorsky

Worship Song

“God of the Sparrow”

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Spoken Word

Sa-Jar Bryan

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:8

Craig Howard

Message

“Changes – a Way Forward”

Jim Davidovich

Confirmation of Ordination Vows and Prayer
– for Rev. Hyun Kim

Ken Hockenberry

Liturgy of Installation

- for the Assembly Moderator and Moderator-Elect

Opening Sentences

Barbara Gorsky, Past Moderator

If we remove the yoke from among us, the pointing of the finger,
the speaking of evil, if we offer our food to the hungry,
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

**then the light shall rise in the darkness
and our gloom be like the noonday.**

The church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely:
against injustice and with the wronged.

And the church, in following Christ,

**must stand by people in any form of suffering and need,
and witness against and strive against any form of injustice,
so that the foundations may be raised up, the breaches repaired,
and the streets restored to live in.**

Presentation of the Incoming Presbytery Leaders - Ken Hockenberry
Moderator Jim Davidovich and Moderator-Elect Shawna Bowman

Questions to Moderator and Moderator-Elect Barbara Gorsky

Questions to the Assembly Ken Hockenberry

Installation Prayer / Declaration and Blessing Barbara Gorsky

Presentation of the Gavel to Moderator Jim Davidovich Barbara Gorsky

Words of Appreciation for our Past Moderator Barbara Gorsky Ken Hockenberry

Commissioning of Commissioners: Craig Howard
to the Synod of Lincoln Trails and General Assembly

Thank you to those completing a term of service on a Presbytery Entity.

Offering and Closing Song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" EPC Praise Band

The Offering today will support the Faith Community Initiative Program, a ministry in cooperation with Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church, to help with housing for immigrant individuals and families.

[Click here to donate](#) or scan the QR code:



Benediction

A brief recess (10 minutes)

Announcements (60 seconds each)

6:00 **New Ways of Being Together**

Shawna Bowman

*A 20-minute time of conversation and feedback
– exploring new ways for the Presbytery Assembly to assemble.*

Look Outward

Constitutional Procedures Work Group

Wendy Boden

Proposed Overtures to the 226th General Assembly (2024)

Overture on Rejecting Christian Zionism - **Action Item # 3**
“Confessing our Complicity with Christian Zionism
Today.”

See Overture RE: Christian Zionism - [Pages 30-32](#)

Overture on Preventing Gun Violence - **Action Item # 4**
“An Overture Calling for Action
so that Children May Live Free from Gun Violence”

See Overture RE: Gun Violence - [Page 33-37](#)

Look Inward

Presbytery Coordinating Commission Report

Barbara Gorsky

PCC Report - [See Pages 22-23](#)

Enabling Motion for Sale of Ravenswood PC, Chicago – **Action Item #5**

Review of 2023 End of Year Financial Reports

Kathleen Bromley

Financial Report – [See Pages 55-64](#)

Update on Presbytery Office Relocation Plan

Craig Howard

Stated Clerk Report - [See Pages 25-28](#)

Ken Hockenberry

Action on Plan to address balance of Teaching Elders and Ruling
Elders

Action Item #6

Approval of Minutes and Receiving Items of Information
Action Items #7 and #8

New Business

7:00 **Adjourn with Prayer**

Jim Davidovich

– and Blessing of Evening Meal (and cake).

The evening meal will be served in Calvin Hall – you are most welcome.

Action Items

for action at this Assembly meeting of February 27, 2024:

A. Items Automatically Placed on the Docket

1. The Nominating Committee places the following individuals into nomination for election by the Presbytery Assembly, to serve in various entities of the Presbytery (Commission, Committees, Work Groups, and Teams) for the indicated class terms.

Background: The Nominating Committee continues to work diligently to ask individuals who feel the call to serve in various opportunities for service on the Commissions, Committees, Work Groups, and Teams of the Presbytery.

There continue to be many opportunities to serve. The Nominating Committee presents their nominations and requests the Assembly to elect them. Nominations from the floor are in order, so long as the nominee has agreed to serve and has spoken with a Nominating Committee member.

[See Nominating Committee Report – Page 19](#)

2. The Commission on Ministry recommends the transfer of the Rev. Hyun Kim, from membership in the Presbyterian Church of Korea PCK), to membership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and that the Presbytery Assembly grant an exception from the examinations required by candidates for ordination, permitted under G-2.0502a2, and enroll him as a member of the Presbytery of Chicago.

Background: The Rev. Hyun Kim, a minister member of the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK), ordained on May 6, 2010, has been serving as a Parish Associate at Evergreen Park Presbyterian Church, Wheeling IL, for the past five years. He is also serving as an Army Chaplain, having obtained the status of Battalion Chaplain with the 863rd Engineer Battalion in Darien, IL. He has been actively drilling with the unit since August 2023. Rev. Kim is currently studying for his Ph.D. with the University of Chicago. Last October 2023 Rev. Kim began making inquiries regarding a transfer of his ministerial status from the PCK to the PCUSA.

Working closely with Stated Clerk Ken Hockenberry and the Commission on Ministry, Rev Kim has furnished the credentials and evidence of good standing, as well as satisfactory evidence of possession of the qualifications of character and scholarship required of candidates of this church.

The Commission on Ministry concludes that a call to serve as a military chaplain, and his service as a parish associate at Evergreen Park PC of Wheeling, IL, constitute a call to a work properly under the jurisdiction of Chicago Presbytery, and thereby requests Chicago Presbytery recognize Rev. Kim's previous ordination, and transfer him from the PCK to the PCUSA.

The Commission on Ministry further requests that the Presbytery of Chicago examine Rev. Kim, and having established that Rev. Kim is a minister of another Reformed Church who has been ordained for 14 years (longer than the minimum requirement of 5 years), grant him an exception from all of the examinations required of candidates for ordination by a two-thirds vote of Chicago Presbytery.

If approved, the Rev. Hyun Kim would affirm, before the Presbytery, the Constitutional Questions required in the Book of Order, and be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery of Chicago. He would also furnish evidence of surrendering his membership in the PCK.

[See Submitted documentation RE: Hyun Kim - Pages 38-40](#)

3. The Constitutional Procedures Work Group places before the Assembly a proposed Overture to the General Assembly on rejecting Christian Zionism, titled "Confessing our Complicity with Christian Zionism Today," and requests the Assembly's approval to submit this Overture to the 226th General Assembly of the PCUSA (2024).

Background: This Overture comes from the Session / Council of the First United Church of Oak Park. The Session of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church of Chicago concurred with this Overture. The Constitutional Procedures Work Group reviewed this Overture, and concluded that it is appropriate for the Presbytery Assembly to consider, debate, and take action on submitting this Overture to the General Assembly.

The Presbytery also held a Zoom meeting to discuss this Overture on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

[See Overture RE: Christian Zionism - Pages 30-32](#)

4. The Constitutional Procedures Work Group places before the Assembly a proposed Overture to the General Assembly on preventing gun violence, titled, "An Overture Calling for Action so that Children May Live Free from Gun Violence," and requests the Assembly's approval to submit this Overture to the 226th General Assembly of the PCUSA (2024).

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[Overture RE Gun Violence - Pages 33-37](#)

- 5. The Presbytery Coordinating Commission (PCC) requests that the Assembly authorize the Presbytery Board of Trustees (aka members of the PCC) to approve the sale of the Ravenswood Presbyterian Church property, located at 4300 North Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613-1106, for a price not lower than \$3.5 million dollars.**

Background: The Session and Congregation of Ravenswood Presbyterian Church of Chicago (RPC) has engaged in a visioning process to address their future mission and ministry in the Ravenswood community. This process included addressing the use of their current facility, the spiritual growth of their church community, outreach to the surrounding community, the reality of current membership numbers, and the congregation's financial resources. The current membership stands at 30 active members.

The Session has worked closely with the Presbytery Staff, and our partners in property matters – Foundry Commercial Real Estate, and POC property attorney Crystal Bush. The Admin Team and PCC have been aware of this process since January of 2023.

The property was listed for sale beginning October 2, 2023. Several offers have been made to date. The Session is currently reviewing these offers. There are ongoing negotiations with the Montessori School and other community groups, currently leasing / sharing space with the congregation.

Because our Standing Rules require the Presbytery Assembly to approve the sale of the primary worship building of any congregation, this enabling motion will allow the Presbytery Trustees to approve a final offer between now and the May 21, 2024 Assembly meeting.

- 6. The Stated Clerk recommends that the Presbytery of Chicago approve the plan for the goal of numerical parity between minister members and ruling elder commissioners, as required by the Book of Order (G-3.0301), for 2024, using the same formula and plan used in 2023.**

Background – [see Stated Clerk's Report – Page 25](#)

- 7. The Stated Clerk recommends approval of the Minutes of the Presbytery Assembly Stated Meeting of November 14, 2023.**

Background: The "Summary Minutes" of the Stated Meeting of November 14, 2023 Presbytery Assembly (without attachments) were reviewed by the Recording Clerk and the Stated Clerk, were posted online (as a Meeting Summary), and sent to all Ruling Elder and Minister Commissioners / Members.

[See Summary Minutes – Attachment Pages 42-46](#)

- 8. The Stated Clerk recommends that the Information Items and Attachments in today's Meeting Packet be received as information.**

Committee on Antiracism and Equity (CARE) Assembly Report Submitted February 27, 2024

Email: care@chicagopresbytery.org

Action Items: CARE will hold a pre-assembly meeting education workshop prior to the February 27, 2024, assembly meeting. In addition, CARE will use 15 minutes of docket time during the stated assembly meeting.

Role/Function/Duties/Strategic Directions of CARE

<https://chicagopresbytery.org/teams-committees/care/>

1. Building the capacity of CARE to lead the work of antiracism, inclusion, representation, and participation in the Presbytery.
2. Increasing representation and participation of people of color and marginalized communities through the work of inclusion, representation, and participation (Committee on Representation).
3. Developing accountable relationships with communities, congregations, and fellowships of people of color within the Presbytery.
4. Engaging Presbytery leadership in antiracist understanding and analysis of the Presbytery of Chicago, leading to antiracist practices.
5. Equipping congregations with shared antiracist vision through understanding, analysis, the work of inclusion, representation, and participation, to strengthen congregational vitality and mission.

20-Year Vision for the Presbytery of Chicago

The Presbytery of Chicago as part of the Body of Christ will be a community of faith, hope, love, and witness (F-1.0301). Therefore, we are becoming:

- A multicultural, multigenerational, antiracist institution comprising congregations, fellowships, commissions, committees, work groups, and staff that consciously exposes, acknowledges, and works to dismantle systems of oppression through intentional antiracist practices.
- A system, intentional for impact, that shapes diverse and inclusive decision-making bodies at all levels who thrive by sharing power and seeking representation and participation for all marginalized communities.
- Resilient communities that on the journey toward unity claim the hope of our living God to interrupt white supremacy with solidarity and collective action.

CARE Updates and Highlights

- CARE continues its season of discernment to identify new members to serve on the Commission. Additional information on the CARE application process is available on the Presbytery website at <https://chicagopresbytery.org/teams-committees/care/>.
- CARE held its second onboarding retreat for its new Commission members December 9, 2023.
- CARE will hold a Pre-Presbytery Assembly workshop titled, *Navigating the Waters of White Dominant Culture*, Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The workshop will explore the ways white dominant values influence systems, practices, and the behaviors of organizations, including the Chicago Presbytery.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert A. Crouch, CARE Moderator

Mission Committee
2023 End of Year Report
Moderator: Pastor Julio C. Peña

Accomplishment

We met on Thursdays, February 9th via zoom, May 18th via zoom, August 10th in-person at Good Shepherd, and November hybrid with zoom and in-person at Church of the Cross.

- **Grants Application:**

February: Approved \$19,700 – Denied \$18,000

May: Approved \$ 54,750 – Denied 0

August: Approved \$30,380 – Denied \$15,000

November: Approved \$46, 698 – Denied 2

- The Salary Supplement & Self-Development of People Subcommittee are in partnership with the Mission Committee.

Our Goal for 2024

1. **Is to fine-tune Grants, Salary Supplement, and SDOP paperwork in which it will be very clear for everyone.**
2. **Advertising our Mission Committee and all the good work that we are doing to the Presbytery and even to Presbytery Connect**

2024 Meeting Dates

February 8th (zoom)

May 9th (hybrid)

August 8th (hybrid)

November 14th (zoom)



**PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO
COMMITTEE ON THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)
Hope Daniels and Paul Abraham, Co-Moderators
sdop@chicagopresbytery.org**

The Mid Council Presbytery of Chicago SDOP Committee is a subcommittee of the Mission Committee, and we are committed toward the self-development of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, who own, control, and benefit directly from projects that promote long-term change in their lives and communities.

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People celebrates SDOP Sunday on March 10, 2024. Please plan to observe SDOP Sunday by mentioning this program during your service. It is an opportunity for churches to give to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** and celebrate the work that SDOP does by engaging communities in addressing the issues of poverty and oppression.

Please check the Presbytery of Chicago (<https://chicagopresbytery.org/teams-committees/sdop/>) website for links to the PCUSA SDOP website for resources and stories that you can share with your congregations; Or consider extending an invitation for a SDOP Committee member to speak at your church. We pray that the work of the SDOP will inspire, encourage, and energize you and your congregation to help support this faith-based work.

If you are interested or know someone who is interested in serving on the Mid Council Presbytery of Chicago SDOP Committee please email us at SDOP@chicagopresbytery.org and please share our email and information with your church's partner organizations that meet the SDOP criteria.

The following is an outline of the primary funding criteria used by SDOP.

- 1) The grant request must be submitted by and equally controlled by the same group who will benefit.
- 2) Address long-term issues that keep people bound by poverty and oppression.

- 3) Describe, in detail, the goal(s), objective(s), methods, and how the beneficiaries will be involved in all stages of the project.
- 4) Be sensitive to the environment when accomplishing its goal(s).
- 5) Use peaceful means to accomplish its goal(s) and objective(s).
- 6) Describe various resources available for support.
- 7) Provide a balanced budget and financial plan, and
- 8) Specify an evaluation plan that includes progress toward the stated goal(s) and objective(s).

The complete Mid Council Presbytery of Chicago SDOP Grant Application Packet is available on the Presbytery of Chicago website. We will offer a community workshop early in the summer to provide guidance in applying for the SDOP grant – check the Presbytery of Chicago website for date and time.

The SDOP Committee is a ministry that affirms God's concern for humankind. We are Presbyterians dissatisfied with poverty and oppression, united in faith and action through sharing, confronting, and enabling by participating in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, seeking to change the strictures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

SDOP Committee Members:

Hope Daniels, Co-Moderator

Paul Abraham, Co-Moderator

Lisa Dagher

Waltrina Middleton, Community Renewal Society

Julio Pena, Mission Committee Moderator

Julie Sanders

Barbara Wilson, AEP, Staff

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Presbytery of Chicago

February 2024

Report to Presbytery Assembly

The Nominating Committee places the following names in nomination for the indicated entity:

Commission on the Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

Rebekah Anderson, TE/ White/ Female, First Pres Arlington Heights, class of 2027

Sara Snowden TE/ White / Female, Heritage, Carol Stream, class of 2027

Moderator Elect of Presbytery of Chicago

Shawna Bowman, TE/white/ nonbinary, Friendship Presbyterian Church

Mission Commission

Ken Groenewold for Co-Moderator, RE/white / male, Church of the Cross Hoffman Estates, class of 2027

General Assembly Commissioners

Jeannine Forrest, RE/White/female for 2024, Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago

Jana Blazek, TE/White/female for 2024

Laurel Baumann, for YAAD (Young Adult Advisory Delegate) – Elmhurst Presbyterian

Commission on Ministry- February 27, 2024

Report to Presbytery of Chicago Assembly

Julie Peterson, Moderator

Recommendations: -

Action Item # 2 – To approve a Transfer for Rev. Hyun Kim, from the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK) to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); to grant an exception from the examinations required by candidates for ordination, and enroll him as a member of the Presbytery of Chicago.

See Action Item # 2 – Page 12

Information: - *(From the COM Stated Meetings of January 4, 2024 and Special Meeting of February 1, 2024.*

1. **Request for status of Honorable Retirement:** Lucy Forster-Smith (effective Feb 1, 2024)
2. **Session Moderator Appointments** – Matt Parker Wrzeszcz – for Community, Lombard.
3. **Service to Churches and Individuals** (approved by COM):
 - a. **Michael Sykes (UCC) and Sixth-Grace, Chicago – Extension** of Covenant as Interim Pastor, full time, for 6 months, effective January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024. Terms: Cash, Housing, and Utilities (6 months) \$28,500, Auto and other expenses up to \$1,500, Continuing Education \$350, Dental Plan \$513, Vacation two weeks, Study Leave one week.
 - b. **Peter Sung Chin Park and River Glen, Naperville** - Covenant as Temporary Supply Pastor, part time (20 hours/week), effective November 7, 2023 to February 6, 2024. Terms: Cash and Housing \$8,125, SECA \$622, Auto and other expenses \$375, Retirement Savings \$3,169, Continuing Education \$250, vacation two weeks, study leave 3 days.
 - c. **Ronald (Ron) Keith Beauchamp (Progressive Baptist Church) and Hope PC, Wheaton** – Following an examination and conversation with Ron Beauchamp, the COM approved his eligibility to serve at Hope, Wheaton, as a Stated Supply Pastor, should the Session of Hope Wheaton extend this invitation to serve. Should such an invitation be extended, COM recommended Ron take a seminary course in PCUSA Polity and Reformed Theology.
 - i. (follow up action). The COM approved a temporary pastoral relationship between **Ron Beauchamp and Hope, Wheaton**, as Stated Supply, full time, effective February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025. Terms: Cash \$28,000, Housing \$32,000, SECA \$4,590, Auto and other expenses \$3,000, Continuing Education \$722, Medical and Pension benefits with the Board of Pensions, Vacation four weeks, Study Leave two weeks.
 - ii. Ron Beauchamp took the PCUSA Polity Class at McCormick, taught by Stated Clerk Ken Hockenberry, January 22-26, 2024.
 - d. **Rebekah Anderson and First, Arlington Heights** – approved change in position from Director of Children's and Youth Ministries to Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families, and approve a call for Rebekah to be installed as Associate Pastor, if the way be clear (pending vote of the congregation).

4. Other Items:

- a. **Education Support** – COM approved grants for RE Jodi Craiglow – to attend APCE - \$1,000; for Jeff Lehn / First Wilmette – for sabbatical grant for help with three-month pulpit supply - \$2,000; for Peter Park / River Glen Naperville - for Transitional Pastor Training (\$500).
- b. **Administrative Commissions** - Administrative Commissions were approved for the Ordination of **Kimberly Mendoza** for Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 3:30 PM, at First, Libertyville; and for Installation of **Jon Wasson as Pastor at First, Lake Forest**, on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 9:30 AM.
- c. Validated Ministry status was approved for **Emily Heitzman**, serving as Associate Director of Campus and Community Resources, the Food Pantry, and THRIVE Center, National Louis University. Also for **Traci Smith** called to serve as Project Director for Faithful Families Every Day, with the Christian Board of Publications / Chalice Media Group.
- d. COM approved a waiver under G-2.0404, Terms of Service for Ruling Elders and Deacons, from Faith Community PC, to allow RE Edna Bartolommeo to serve an additional term as Ruling Elder on the Session.
- e. **Dissolution of Calls** were approved for Brent Anderson and Community PC, Lombard (effective 1-30-2024) and Traci Smith and Elmhurst PC, Elmhurst, (effective 2-1-2024).
- f. The COM met for a day-long Training Retreat on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at Church of the Cross, Hoffman Estates. Barbara Wilson reviewed the COM's work on the Intercultural Conflict Style Inventory.
- g. COM continues to work on efforts to strengthen the COM Regions, to provide support to pastors and others within each region.

Julie Peterson – COM Moderator
Craig Howard – Executive Presbyter
Ken Hockenberry – Stated Clerk

**Presbytery Coordinating Commission (PCC)
and Trustees of the Church Extension Board (CEB) -
Report to the Presbytery of Chicago (POC) Assembly
February 27, 2024**

Items Requiring Presbytery Assembly Action

Recommendations:

(from Constitutional Procedures Work Group)

Overture on rejecting Christian Zionism - See Action Item # 3

Overture on preventing gun violence - See Action Item # 4

(from PCC and Trustees)

Enabling motion on sale of Ravenswood Presbyterian Church property - See Action Item # 5

PCC / CEB Trustees Meeting Actions and Information Items

(From the PCC / CEB Trustee Special Meeting of January 9, 2024)

1. PCC acting as the Board of Trustees of the Church Extension Board of the Presbytery of Chicago (CEB), approved the sale of the Morton Grove Community Church (Presbyterian), located at 8944 Austin Avenue, Morton Grove, IL, to Light Upon Light for \$1,830,000.
 - a. The Morton Grove congregation will lease space on the property for approximately 6 months after the closing date.
 - b. While the property could have been sold to a private developer for over \$2 million, the congregation wanted to keep it as a community space.
 - c. The funds will be retained by the congregation, and 2% of the sale proceeds will be sent to the Presbytery, to cover attorney and legal costs. Any imbalance will be worked out between the Presbytery and the congregation.

(From the PCC / CEB Trustee Special Meeting of January 9, 2024)

- 1 PCC reviewed the 2023 Financial Reports, with thanks to Treasurer Kathleen Bromley. An End of Year 2023 report will be available to the Assembly at the February 27, 2024 Assembly meeting.
- 2 PCC heard reports of the Presbytery Assembly Planning Team, regarding preparation for the Stated Presbytery Assembly set for Tuesday, February 27, 2024, to be held at Elmhurst PC, Elmhurst.
- 3 PCC approved the recommendation by the Constitutional Procedures Work Group to present the Overture approved by the Session / Council of First United, Oak Park, to the POC Assembly, for submission to the 226th General Assembly meeting in June, 2024.
- 4 PCC reviewed an initial plan proposed by the Administration Team, to set up a POC Loan Fund, to help churches with needed building and related expenses, with a maximum loan amount of \$50,000. Funds from the 21st Century Fund could be used for this purpose. Applications would be similar to those used by the

Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) loans. The Admin Team will bring a proposal to a future PCC meeting.

5. PCC heard an initial report on a POC office relocation plan. The current lease for the POC Office in the Rice Building at 815 W Van Buren Street, Chicago 60607 expires in March, 2024. An office relocation department with Foundry Commercial Real Estate (the company used by POC for the sale of church buildings and properties) has been engaged to search for office space. After exploring several options, the best site is with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) Center, located at 8765 W Higgins Road Chicago, IL 60631. This location would allow for ease of parking at a decreased cost and is accessible to train (Blue Line L Service) and bus service. A chapel and large meeting rooms could accommodate an Assembly meeting and larger educational events, as well as entity meetings. Individual offices, rather than cubicles, would also help the current staff in their work. The new location increases parking, provides flexibility for staff to come and go, and allows the presbytery office to be used as a committee meeting space again.
6. PCC heard a report from AEP Barbara Wilson on the Matthew 25 Summit held by the Presbyterian Mission Agency.
7. PCC heard reports from POC Committees, Commissions, Work Groups, and Task Forces, including CPM, CARE, and Mission.
8. PCC, acting as the Board of Trustees of the Church Extension Board of the Presbytery of Chicago (CEB), approved the Legacy Gifts requests made by the Session of the Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, using 20% of the net proceeds from the sale of the property. The gifts will support nine organizations, including three POC congregations and various community organizations, with a total support of \$173,798. Per POC policy, 70% of the net sales is retained in the 21st Century Fund, and 10% is retained by the Presbytery for current operations.
9. PCC, acting as the Board of Trustees, received updates on property matters before the Presbytery:
 - a. The distressed property at 4038-4040 W Madison Street, Chicago, continues to cause stress. Efforts to donate the property to the Cook County Land Bank are underway, but the expectations for acceptance are low. Liability insurance is now being purchased, and the Admin Team is considering other possible options.
 - b. The Trustees approved the sale of the Morton Grove Community Church property on January 9, 2024, with a hoped-for closing in mid-February.
 - c. Ravenswood PC, Chicago, is listed for sale, and offers are coming in. An updated enabling motion will be brought to the Assembly, to authorize the Trustees to approve a final sale, at a cost not less than \$3.5 million.
 - d. First PC Itasca is considering a sale of their church property, with the congregation leasing back space from a new owner or a new location.
10. PCC agreed to meet for a Special Meeting on February 13, 2024 to continue discussions around the request from First PC, Chicago, for funding and other support over the next three years.

Barbara Gorsky - PCC Moderator / CEB President

Craig Howard - POC Executive Presbyter

Ken Hockenberry - POC Stated Clerk/ Business Manager / CEB Secretary

Jodi Craiglow - POC and PCC Recording Clerk

Mental Health Committee

*Monthly Films for Tough Times are recommended via Presbytery Connect.

*Planning 2024 Minister's Retreat based on evaluation and feedback of 2023 attendees. **The retreat will be held October 13-15 at The Hyatt Lodge, Oak Brook IL.**

*Partnership Opportunity: The Associate is in conversation with Advocate Health about opportunities for mission collaboration with congregations and the mental health committee, to support the new Advocate Trauma Recovery Center. The Center is a health care-based violence intervention program that provides quality services and resources to survivors of intentional trauma with compassion, respect, and care.

Mission Committee

a. SDOP committee continues its work with new co-moderators, Hope Daniels and Paul Abraham. **SDOP Report attached.**

c. Two congregations have begun the New Beginnings (NB) process. Thanks to Kathy Wennerstrum, Salary Supplement & Small Church Grants Programs Coordinator! The Associate and Kathy co-facilitate the NB program.

Commission on Antiracism and Equity (CARE) – See commission report.

The Associate continues to support implementation of the commission's initiatives and serves as a facilitator with FARE.

IDI Implementation: The Associate and Thom Cunningham, IDI Qualified Administrators, continue IDI work with presbytery entities/groups.

Congregational Vitality Task Force

Per the EP, the Associate collaborates in support of this team's work.

Congregations, Community Partners, Events (highlights)

2/3	Commission on Ministry Workshop: Workshop 1: <i>Building Awareness Using the Intercultural Conflict Style Inventory</i>
1/29	Partnership Dialogue, Advocate Health
1/28	Preaching & Adult Education Session, Clarendon Hills PC, <i>Restorative Practices for Building Resilience</i>
1/21	Attended worship at Western Springs in support of Havana Chicago Partnership
1/16-1/18	Matthew 25 Summit, Atlanta, GA See attached report.
12/2	Clement PC, New Beginnings Assessment (in-person)
11/29	Update, Crossroads Antiracism (virtual)
11/28	Community, Morton Grove, New Beginnings Assessment (in-person)
11/15	Ravenswood PC

Presbytery of Chicago Report of the Stated Clerk – February 27, 2024

Recommendations

1. That the Presbytery of Chicago approve the plan for the goal of numerical parity between minister members and ruling elder commissioners, as required by the Book of Order (G-3.0301), for 2024, using the same formula and plan used in 2023, with minor adjustments based on change in congregation membership. **(Action Item # 6)**

Background:

- a. For many years Ruling Elder and former Assembly Moderator Bill Dillon has assisted the Stated Clerks of Chicago Presbytery in formulating the plan to achieve the goal of numerical parity between minister members of presbytery who regularly serve as minister commissioners to presbytery assembly meetings and the ruling elders who serve as elder commissioner to presbytery meetings. Bill reviews the church membership numbers, the number of minister members of the presbytery, considering the number of honorably retired minister members who typically attend assembly meetings and the number of those who live out of state and do not attend.
- b. Upon reviewing the gains and losses in POC churches for 2022, as well as the number of minister members of Chicago Presbytery, the recommendation is we follow the same basic pattern used in recent years, with minor adjustments, with the following number of Ruling Elder Commissioners to Presbytery Assembly meetings per POC Congregation:

Presbytery of Chicago - 2024 Ruling Elder Commissioners

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>2022</u> 31-Dec Membership	2024 <u>Comm</u> Elders
Arlington Heights, First	973	6
Arlington Heights, Southminster	229	3
Barrington	370	3
Broadview, Community	18	1
Carol Stream, Heritage	72	1
Chicago Heights, First	234	3
Chicago, Crerar Memorial	122	2
Chicago, Edgewater	64	2
Chicago, Faith Community	86	2
Chicago, First	35	1
Chicago, Fourth	5376	7
Chicago, Friendship	58	1
Chicago, Good Shepherd	30	1
Chicago, Hope	136	2

Chicago, Lake View	240	3
Chicago, Lincoln Park	68	1
Chicago, Mayfair	40	1
Chicago, Morgan Park	63	1
Chicago, New Deliverance	103	2
Chicago, Pine Avenue	67	1
Chicago, Pullman	63	1
Chicago, Ravenswood	34	1
Chicago, Rogers Park	44	1
Chicago, Second	124	2
Chicago, Seventh	31	1
Chicago, Sixth-Grace	117	2
Chicago, United Hyde Park	23	1
Chicago, Vida Nueva Iglesia	54	1
Cicero, Clement	46	1
Cicero, Emmanuel	56	1
Clarendon Hills, Community	407	4
Deerfield, First	560	5
Des Plaines, Hahna Korean	31	1
Des Plaines, Taiwan PC of Greater Chicago	47	1
Downers Grove, St. Luke	158	2
Elk Grove (Dissolved in 2023)	47	
Elmhurst	167	2
Elmhurst, Yorkfield	298	3
Evanston, First	560	5
Evanston, Northminster	502	5
Glen Ellyn, First	903	6
Glen Ellyn, Southminster	154	2
Glenview, Chicago Joyful Community Church	98	2
Glenview, North Branch Bible	42	1
Grayslake, Wildwood	528	5
Hickory Hills	90	2
Highland Park	263	3
Hoffman Estates	64	1
Homewood, First	91	2
Itasca, First	77	1
LaGrange, First	473	4
LaGrange, Highlands	62	1
Lake Forest, First	970	6
Libertyville, First	946	6
Lombard, Community	185	3
Morton Grove, Community	35	1
Mount Prospect, Community	125	2
Naperville, Knox	958	6

Naperville, River Glen	146	2
Northbrook, Village	788	5
Northlake, Trinity	14	1
Oak Lawn, Community	16	1
Oak Park, Fair Oaks	364	3
Oak Park, First United	381	3
Orland Park	177	3
Palatine	84	2
Park Forest, Calvary United	38	1
Park Ridge	313	3
River Forest, First	331	3
Riverside	214	3
Skokie, Carter-Westminster	107	2
Skokie, Evanshire	20	1
Tinley Park, Faith United	85	2
Western Springs	310	3
Wheaton, First	1004	6
Wheaton, Hope	116	2
Wheeling, Evergreen	83	2
Wilmette, First	466	4
Winnetka	249	3
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- c. Ruling Elders who serve on Presbytery of Chicago Entities, Commissioned Ruling Elders, and Christian Educators who are Ruling Elders serving a presbytery congregation are entitled to voice and vote for all Assembly meetings.
2. That the Summary Minutes of November 14, 2023 Assembly Meeting be approved - **(Action Item # 7)**
3. That information Items and Attachments in this Meeting Packet dated February 27, 2024 be received as information. **(Action Item # 8)**

Information

1. The Stated Clerk reports with great delight the following ordination and/or installation services which have taken place in our Presbytery since the last Assembly meeting (since November 2023):
 - a. The Ordination of Candidate for Ministry Kimberly Faith Eleno Mendoza took place on Sunday, January 14, 2024, 3:30 PM, at the First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville, IL., with Moderator Jim Davidovich presiding. Kimberly continues serving as a Pastoral Resident at First, Libertyville, and is seeking a new call. *(Full report to be recorded in the Minutes)*

- b. The Installation of the Rev. Jon Wasson as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, IL took place on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 9:30 AM at First, Lake Forest, with Moderator Jim Davidovich presiding. *(Full report to be recorded in the Minutes)*
- 2. The Assembly Planning Team is seeking a host congregation for the May 21, 2024 and September 17, 2024 Assembly meetings. Please [contact the Stated Clerk](#) if your congregation is interested in hosting one of these meetings. *(Note – the plan for the November 19, 2024 Assembly meeting will be virtual, using Zoom.).*

Kenneth J. Hockenberry - Stated Clerk

Havana Chicago Partnership Report

Kathy Wennerstrum, Moderator

February 27, 2024

On behalf of the Havana Chicago Partnership, many thanks to the mission committee for its recent grant to our partnership. A portion of the funding allowed us to partner with other congregations and Presbyteries in New York & Colorado in inviting Rev. Izett Samá Hernández and her spouse, Glenda Martinez Cabrera to visit the United States in an extensive itinerary over the course of 3 1/2 weeks in January.

Rev. Samá, long-time pastor of a congregation in Los Palos, Cuba, is also the newly-installed Moderator of the Presbyterian (IPRC) Synod in Cuba, Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery of Havana, and Executive Director of the Martin Luther King Center in Havana.

Throughout the course of their week here (January 16 - 22), the itinerary offered many opportunities for work, worship and fellowship with a variety of congregations, groups and individuals, including:

- * Dinner with pastor and session members from host congregation, Presbyterian Church of Western Springs
- * Zoom meeting with representatives of Long Island Presbytery partner congregations
- * Lunch with pastor & mission representatives from Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Oak Park - Rev. Izett's partner congregation
- * Zoom meeting with the Steering Committee of the (US) Cuba Partners Network
- * Lunch with Executive Presbyter Craig Howard and Associate Executive Presbyter, Barbara Wilson
- * Sunday morning worship at the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs, joined by Rev. Dr. Barbara Wilson and guests from: Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago; Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Oak Park; Southminster Presbyterian Church in Glen Ellyn and Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills.
- * Sunday afternoon worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, where Izett preached the sermon and shared communion.

Both services are available on church websites, and we would particularly recommend checking out [Izett's sermon](#) during the afternoon service at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

We are grateful to the mission committee for their support of this partnership, and to Presbytery staff for joining us for several of the events. We are also grateful for website and social media posts, which helped us share both the story of this partnership and the interesting ways in which mission funds are being used to share faith and promise in our own communities and congregations, AND with our siblings in Christ, wherever they may live and worship.

Confessing our Complicity in Christian Zionism Today

Recommendation:

The Synod/Presbytery of Chicago overtures the 226th General Assembly to the PC(USA) 2024 to update and expand on the Resolution confronting Christian Zionism approved in 2004. Specifically, we call upon the General Assembly through the Office of Theology, Formation and Evangelism to:

- A. Reject Christian Zionism in all its forms
 - 1. See Appendix A - 2004 Resolution on Rejecting Christian Zionism
 - 2. Acknowledge the expansion of Christian Zionism in all its forms
- B. Issue a study document that addresses the expansion of Christian Zionism since our 2004 policy, including the following:
 - 1. Provides a record of General Assembly Resolutions dealing with Israel and Palestine since 2004;
 - 2. Covers the ways the heretical views of Christian Zionism have been expanded since our 2004 resolution, notably:
 - a. How mainstream Christianity implicitly and sometimes explicitly links the State of Israel to biblical views of Scripture's "promised land;"
 - b. The Global spread and adoption of Christian Zionism which focuses simply on the State of Israel as the Biblical kingdom; and
 - c. The growing understanding of settler colonialism with reference to the Doctrine of Discovery —rather than a conflict and occupation— showing how mainline Christians and those of other faiths are complicit, though unaware of connections with Zionism;
 - 3. Points to a biblical theology based on the Ten Commandments (Decalogue), a core requirement of Judaism, as it is found today in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Exodus 20:17 makes it clear that you shall "...not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." This directly contradicts the ideology that justifies taking land and displacing the indigenous people. All neighbors are to be treated with respect.
- C. Call upon the General Assembly through the office of World Mission to work with our partners across the world, who are also confronting the spread of Christian Zionism in their contexts, and convening spaces where experiences and resources can be shared through networks built to counter the spread of Christian Zionism globally. This would include holding events with partners in the United States, Africa and Asia where Christian Zionism is spreading.

Call upon people of faith to advocate for a just peace with full and equal human rights for all the people in Palestine and Israel.

Confessing our Complicity in Christian Zionism Today

Rationale

A. Rejecting Christian Zionism. We must reject Christian Zionism in all its forms. This rationale lists the many ways it has developed since 2004 and calls for a Study Document to assist the church in its understanding. Twenty years ago our denomination denounced as a heresy the theology undergirding Christian Zionism. As summarized by the Stated Clerk, Clifton Kirkpatrick in 2004:

The assembly declared that Christian Zionism is not consistent with the basic values of Reformed theology because it makes use of idiosyncratic interpretations of Scripture to undergird a certain reading of current events, and to generate support for specific political goals that do not bolster work toward peace and potentially endanger Palestinian and Israeli people.[\[1\]](#)

Kirkpatrick went on to note that the Resolution did not invite comparison of Israeli policies to those of apartheid South Africa and that the Assembly had not asserted any moral equivalency between the two at that time. That has changed and our understanding of Zionism and how it relates to “settler colonialism” has also changed. We need new study materials to understand this fully. That new study would address the issues listed in part B of the Overture, as follows.

B. I. Our History of Complicity in Christian Zionism. The theology of Christian Zionism, held by many millions of American Evangelicals, flourishes in many parts of the U.S., Asia, South America, and Africa. It is “gospel” to those who support Israel’s conquest and dispossession of Palestinians at any cost, in order to “return the Jews to the land of Is\rael and bring about the final battle of Armageddon so that our Messiah can return.” This is pure imperial theology which rose out of the British Empire but was taken to its current heights by US evangelicals.

Today, it is clear that mainline protestants are also complicit in this theology that oppresses and erases Palestinians but also exploits Jews. Here is an overview of the theology:

Christian Zionism (CZ hereafter) is a political and theological entity that uses Christian texts to support the modern nation-state of Israel out of the belief that Israel has a cosmic purpose to bring about the “End Times” which will culminate in the second coming of Jesus and the end of the world. CZ theology holds that Israel must gather all the Jews of the world, enlarge its territory, destroy Muslim holy places, and ethnically cleanse “the holy land” of all non-Jews. About 1/3 of evangelical Christians in the US believe that support for such actions from Israel will help hasten the desired end of the world. While most theologians consider it heresy, many Christians hold this far-right ideology without realizing its implications. [\[2\]](#)

B.2. How Zionism has expanded. Zionism is a political ideology that has been used by Israel to legitimize its “settler colonial” policies and practices today. It didn’t start out that way, but it is clearly in effect today. Jews needed a safe place to land because of the Holocaust of mass extermination of Jews and others and because Western powers would not admit them as refugees in numbers that would accommodate those fleeing Nazi rule. Christian guilt over complicity in persecuting Jews over a long history of antisemitism hastened their agreement to establish Jewish rights to live in Palestine. The Western practice of colonialism (ruling a land temporarily to use its resources) was just beginning to unravel at the end of WW II in 1945, but it did not stop the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

Since 1967, Israeli leaders have used Zionism to justify taking land from Palestinians. This practice is called “settler colonialism,” the practice of taking land and pushing out indigenous people. This has accelerated since 2000 under the

leadership of the current Prime Minister of Israel. Israeli leaders have established a theme of religious justification to take over land that belonged to Palestinians.

B.3. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR was adopted in 1948 and calls for equal human rights for everyone. Christians recognize its validity from the Ten Commandments; Exodus 20:17 makes it clear that you shall “...not covet your slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” All neighbors are to be treated with respect.

C. Call on the Office of World Mission (WM) to work with partners to confront the spread of CZ WM has partners to work with who are also confronting CZ in their contexts. WM should convene spaces where experiences and resources can be shared to counter the spread of CZ globally. Specifically, such conferences should be held in Asia, Africa, South America and the US.

D. Advocate for a just peace with full and equal human rights for all the people in Palestine and Israel. Recognizing the rights of all people and showing solidarity for all, Jewish Voice for Peace concludes their position paper, *Our Approach to Zionism*,^[3] with these words:

Rather than accept the inevitability of occupation and dispossession, we choose a different path. We learn from the anti-Zionism Jews who came before us, and know that as long as Zionism has existed, so has Jewish dissent to it. Especially as we face the violent antisemitism fueled by white nationalism in the US today, we choose solidarity. We choose collective liberation. We choose a future where everyone, including Palestinians and Jewish Israelis, can live their lives freely in vibrant, safe, equitable communities, with basic human needs fulfilled. Join us.

^[1] “Statement from the Stated Clerk concerning the 216th General Assembly regarding Israel and Palestine and outreach to Jewish people,” 7.20.2004, an Appendix, published in church and Society, PC(USA), Vol. 95, No. 1

^[2] FOSNA.org (Friends of Sabeel North America), an ecumenical group of Christians supporting Palestinian Christians.

^[3] “Our Approach to Zionism,” Jewish Voice for Peace. <https://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/resource/Zionism/>

An Overture Calling for Action so that Children May Live Free from Gun Violence

The Presbytery of Chicago overtures the 226th General Assembly to:

A. Call upon every congregation in the PC(U.S.A.) to take some specific action of love and responsibility for children as part of the movement to prevent gun violence.

Action Suggestions and Options for Congregations:

1. Actively support and pray for the emotional, spiritual and mental health needs of children as they grow up in an era of school lockdowns, active shooter drills and near-daily news of gun violence.

2. Promote Secure Gun Storage - Churches of the PC(U.S.A.) can share information about the **Be SMART for Kids** campaign, which provides strategies and resources to protect children from unintentional firearm injury and death. Congregations are gifted at sharing safety information in their communities, which can include life-saving information on the importance of secure gun storage in every home where there is a gun. Congregations can offer free or low cost gun locks to church members, neighbors and others, and encourage schools to send secure gun storage information home in backpacks for parents.

3. Encourage Parents and Caregivers to Take Gun Safety Action- Embolden parents and caretakers to always ask if there is a gun in a home and how it is stored before sending children to play in other homes. Churches can provide parents and caretakers with guidance on how to talk to children and adolescents about what to do if they discover unsecured guns and what to do if they know of a gun that has been brought to school, church or another gathering.

4. End Gun Marketing to Children - Congregations can monitor and advocate with their retail stores to stop the “normalization” of firearms that happens in the mind of a child when guns are advertised to appeal directly to children and displayed in stores where children may see them. This includes the need for retailers to refrain from including toy guns in Easter baskets, Christmas displays and other ways that train children to acclimate to the presence of guns, such as the promotion of the youth-sized JR-15.

5. Promote Gun Security Technology - Learn about and advocate for wide-spread use of existing technology that allows a gun to be fired only by the owner, preventing unintentional shootings, deterring gun theft and preventing youth and child suicide. Promote the use of biometric locks for secure gun storage, limiting access to the gun owner.

6. Act for Change - Demonstrate to children that adults will act to protect them from gun violence: Participate in efforts such as Be SMART for Kids, Guns to Gardens, Violence Interruption Programs; support youth-led gun violence prevention organizations, and gun violence survivors and their families; engage in advocacy with elected officials for gun-sense regulation such as comprehensive background checks, a ban on the future sale of semiautomatic assault weapons and raising the age for gun purchases to 21 or older. Where appropriate, involve children, teens and youth in these efforts.

7. Vote - As citizens, parents and grandparents, prayerfully prioritize the lives of America’s children in determining how to cast our individual votes in local, state and national elections.

B. Additionally, the 226th General Assembly calls upon the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness and the Presbyterian Decade to End Gun Violence to include secure gun storage and the other safety measures listed here in their ongoing gun violence prevention actions, advocacy and resources.

RATIONALE

Hearing Christ's Call

In Luke 18, we see Jesus on the final journey to Jerusalem. Many adults had been besieging Jesus with questions and challenges. Suddenly Jesus is interrupted by parents who are bringing their children, the “little ones” who in first-century Herodian Palestine were overlooked and expendable. The caregivers seek a blessing, a promise of a safe place to belong, to grow free of harm. The disciples who have been following Jesus dismiss these vulnerable ones. Jesus is indignant, but replies with great kindness, “Let them come to me. They know what my Kin-dom looks like.”

As disciples of Christ, we have the same call: to bless all God’s children with a place to belong, to grow, to become strong and filled with wisdom and the grace of God (Luke 2: 40). Continuously since the 1968 General Assembly, the Presbyterian family has called upon our officials to save lives through a reasonable regulation of firearms to keep them away from those who may be a danger to themselves or others. The PCUSA has never called for the restriction of guns typically used in hunting or shooting sports. To these prior actions we add steps that local churches can take to protect children in particular.

Acknowledging our Present Reality

We cannot ignore or dismiss the present reality in the USA: more children are being traumatized, wounded, and killed by guns than by any other danger. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, since 2020 firearms have been the number one cause of death among children and teens in the United States, surpassing even car accidents.¹ From 2017 to 2021, child and teen gun fatalities increased by 40% to 4,739, the largest annual number ever recorded.² In addition to those who die, thousands more young people survive shootings each year with injuries that reverberate for months and years, and with ripple effects on parents, siblings and communities.

A recent Harvard study³ shows that firearm deaths and injuries among youth exert a massive physical toll and mental health burden on survivors and their families. Financial costs are also high, with survivor health spending increasing by \$35,000 in the year following injury. Gun violence inflicts an enormous burden on children and on society, with a disproportionate danger for children of color.⁴ When compared to communicable and infectious diseases, gun violence often poses a larger burden on society in terms of potential years of life lost, as well as the long term impact of trauma on individuals, families and communities. These costs are immeasurable and reverberate through generations.

Recognizing Causes and Solutions

1. Unsecured Firearms: The easy access to guns exacerbates the rise in child victims, including gun sales that may not include background checks. There is also an access crisis at the point of gun storage. In America, 4.6 million children live in homes with guns that are both loaded and unlocked, and this number is growing.⁵ Secure gun storage saves lives. **Solutions that congregations can participate in:**

A. The Be SMART for Kids Campaign has been promoted nationwide and utilized by major hospitals, healthcare systems, the American Academy of Pediatrics, law enforcement agencies and schools. Community partners include national organizations like Injury Free Coalition for Kids, Safe Kids Worldwide, National PTA, as well as numerous other state and local partners.

SMART is an acronym that stands for:

S: Secure all guns in your home and vehicles.

M: Model responsible behavior around guns.

A: Ask about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes.

R: Recognize the role of guns in suicide.

T: Tell your peers to be SMART.

Congregations can join in monthly BeSMART conference calls and use printable resources that include:

--*Asking about Secure Gun Storage*, with examples of effective conversation-starters.

--*Keeping Your Home Safe with Secure Storage*, which show how gun owners don't need to choose between storing guns securely and maintaining quick access to them if necessary.
--*Secure Storage Toolkit*, a guide to getting secure storage resolutions passed within school districts.
--*Talking to Your Children about Guns*, a guide that includes specific tips for young children, adolescents.
Learn more at <https://besmartforkids.org/>

Additional Secure Storage Resources:

--Order Gun Safety Cards and the Gun Violence Prevention Congregational Toolkit (2024 Edition) from <https://www.presbypeacefellowship.org/gun-violence/congregational-toolkit/> (See Section 3: Action)
--Free cable locks for small firearms can be obtained at most local Veterans Administration facilities.

B. Normalize the Ask and Talk about Gun Safety: Child lives can be saved if parents and caregivers will regularly ask friends or neighbors about gun storage in homes where children may visit. Find information on "normalizing the ask" at: <https://www.bradyunited.org/program/end-family-fire/asking-saves-kids> and at https://besmartforkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Asking-About-Secure-Gun-Storage_09.2023.pdf

While it is always an adult's responsibility to prevent unauthorized access to guns and not a curious child's responsibility to avoid guns, we must talk with children about gun safety. Incorporate the conversation about guns regularly, just as you would about other crucial safety issues. Make sure they understand that any situation where there is an unsupervised gun is a dangerous situation. Simple language could include "If you see a gun, don't touch it. Tell an adult right away." Tell children not to touch a gun, even if it looks like a toy. They should always assume a gun is loaded, and they should tell an adult immediately.

We know that talking to children about guns is only a precaution, not a guarantee of safety. One study found that young children who go through a week-long gun safety training are *just as likely* as children with no training to approach or play with a handgun when they find one.⁶ The gun lobby is promoting legislation that requires the National Rifle Association's "Eddie the Eagle" program in schools. This program was deemed ineffective by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Alternatively, schools can pass secure storage resolutions, notifying parents of the importance of secure storage. The Be SMART for Kids program provides a toolkit as a guide for this action.

C. State Legislation: In addition to supporting a federal secure storage law, congregations can learn about those states that have already adopted laws to hold gun owners accountable for secure storage. States with secure storage laws have lower rates of child gun violence, including child suicide. In these states, the rate of gun suicide among young people ages 10 to 24 was lower in 2022 than in 1999. In states with no secure storage laws, the rate increased 36% during that time.⁷ Congregations have access to their state officials and can learn about gun safety legislation in their state at <https://everytownresearch.org/rankings/>

D. Preventing School Shootings: In addition to reducing child suicide and unintentional shootings, promoting a culture of secure gun storage can reduce school shootings. The US Secret Service has undertaken studies of targeted school violence, covering nearly 40 years of incidents. They found that 3/4 of school shooters simply took an unsecured firearm from the home of a parent or close relative. The number is even higher with school shooters under the age of 18 taking unsecured guns to commit school shootings.⁸ Secure gun storage can help prevent school shootings.

2. Gun Industry Marketing to Children:

The normalization of guns to children by retailers is about money and the gun industry. Advertisements and social media posts often appeal to minors, using cartoonish imagery or referencing video games as a way to capture future customers. Toy guns may be included in Christmas displays and Easter baskets. Real guns may be displayed openly where children can see them. And youth versions of guns are now coming on the market, such as the JR-15, a youth-sized version of the AR-15. Retailers that seek to normalize firearms in the mind of a

child are adding to the gun-related trauma that America's children are already living with. **Solutions that congregations can participate in:**

A. Legislation has a history of protecting children from being groomed as future consumers, such as banning toy cigarettes and prohibiting pornographic materials from open display. Learn what your state is doing to protect children from gun marketing. For instance, Illinois has passed legislation prohibiting advertising to individuals under 18 that encourages the use of a firearm in an unlawful manner, including advertising that uses cartoons, stuffed animals and clothing targeted towards children.⁹

B. Social media campaigns can add pressure to stores that sell guns, especially assault style rifles, where children and youth under the age of 21 can see them. As suggested in the June 2023 issue of *Presbyterian Outlook*, "Take photos of the displays and use social media to let retailers know that you don't want your children exposed to guns while buying household items like clothing or a soccer ball."¹⁰

3. Inadequate Approaches to Security: It may seem that child lives could be saved by simply arming more adults. That is not the intent of this Overture. Putting children in a setting where there are guns entails many risks. Where there are more guns, guns are more likely to be used, whether unintentionally or by escalation of conflict. Most parents, teachers, and members of law enforcement strongly oppose arming teachers. The National Association of School Resource Officers (school police) and a president of the Major Cities Chiefs of Police Association have each indicated their strong opposition to arming teachers.¹¹

Instead, we need more preventative and comprehensive ways to create secure communities and schools, including creating a culture where secure gun storage is a new norm, and the most destructive firearms are very difficult to obtain. A study by Everytown, the largest gun violence prevention group in the nation, can help congregations identify ways to enhance security in their own buildings and programs, as well as advocate for these policies with their local school boards. <https://everytownresearch.org/report/how-to-stop-shootings-and-gun-violence-in-schools/>

Resources about security in church settings:

Whom Shall I Fear? by Rev. Rosalind Hughes, covers the biblical and practical basis for a nonviolent plan for church security. <https://upperroombooks.com/book/whom-shall-i-fear/?cn-reloaded=1>

Fear Not, A Mennonite curriculum to address church security questions: <https://mcc.org/resources/fear-not-creating-plan-respond-active-violence>

Beyond these steps, security is based on the positive development of human beings. Schools and other settings for children will be more secure when every person has better access to dignity and to emotional and mental health support than access to firearms. Congregations can nurture the self-worth of each person as a child of God by supporting anti-bullying programs and other ways to foster healthy growth and relationships. One example of this positive approach to security is the **Choose Love Movement**, created by a parent whose child died in 2012 in the Sandy Hook school shooting. See <https://chooselovemovement.org/>

The Local Church: Putting Love into Action

Babies born the year of the watershed Columbine massacre are now 25 years old. No American youth today knows a world without the threat of sudden deadly gun violence. Yet, we affirm that "Children are a heritage from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3) and that our responsibility as a community of Christian adults is to put our love into action to save the lives of children and youth. With suicide representing 4 out of 10 child and youth gun deaths, we have a God-given calling to give America's children reasons to live and to thrive, as well as to reduce the access to guns for those who would harm themselves or others.

The local church can be one of God's great vehicles for healing our nation from gun violence. As one pastor put it a few weeks after a mass shooting at their local grocery store: "Don't underestimate our role as

conveners in the community. Our places and spaces as people of faith are game-changers. People are looking to transform all of this trauma.... We are made for such a time as this.”¹²

For the local church, preventing gun violence is about the sanctity of life. **We know what to do:**

- Have courageous conversations in our churches and communities about the causes of gun violence;
- Support gun sense legislation and vote as if the children’s lives depended on it;
- Securely store our firearms and encourage others to do so, using the BeSMART for Kids Campaign;
- Support the Guns to Gardens movement to reduce the number of unwanted guns, preventing them from being resold, stolen or used in a suicide or other shooting;¹³
- Hold the gun industry accountable for its impact on children and youth;
- Love our children and youth away from fear and into a sense of abundant life and reasons to live.

Let’s do it. Amen.

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13 Commended to congregations by the 225th General Assembly, Guns to Gardens information can be found at www.presbypeacefellowship.org/gun-violence

Certificate of Ordination

GangDong : no. 61-101

Name: Kim, Hyun

Date of Birth: Nov. 27, 1977

Address:

Date of Ordination: May 6, 2010

Usage: to be submitted to church

This is to certify that the above stated person has been ordained as a pastor at the 46th Gangdong Presbytery assembly Meeting (the place of ordination: Gume Church).

The 22nd day of March, 2018

The General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in Korea
Seoul Gangdong Presbytery
Executive Presbyter Rev. Kim, Sangok



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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Chaplain Hyun Kim confirmation of service in US Army Reserve 863rd Engineer Battalion

1. Chaplain CH (1LT) Hyun Kim is currently serving as Battalion Chaplain with the 863rd Engineer Battalion in Darien, IL. He has been actively drilling with the unit since August 2023.
2. CH Kim is actively engaged as a drilling Army Reserve Chaplain whose duties include religious support, ensuring free exercise for 863rd Soldiers, confidential counseling, advising his commander and staff on ethics and morality, leading chapel services, and providing service as a staff officer developing policies and enacting the Commander's Master Religious Support Plan (CMRP).
3. He is qualified for service with a Masters of Divinity degree, completion of the Chaplain Officer Basic Course, and accession as a fully credentialed Army Chaplain.
4. Point of contact is CH Kim's supervisor, Chaplain (MAJ) Lucas Gleaves, with the 372nd Engineer Brigade at 303-889-9439, or lucas.j.gleaves.mil@mail.mil.

LUCAS J Gleaves
MAJ, CH
372 EN BDE Chaplain

This is 'Who I Am.'

My name is Hyun Kim. I was born in 1977. I am look forward to being a family of PCUSA Chicago Prebytery.

***This is a brief story about me.**

I was born in a Christian family. There was an episode about my birth which is related to my calling. My parents made a special vow, a separation vow to the Lord for me, 'not for them'. If they gave birth to a son, they promised God they make me a pastor like a Nazarite Vow in the Bible. Without my consent, my future career was set in stone. There is another behind story. My mom wanted to be loved by her mother-in-law. In our cultural tradition, if a woman becomes a wife of a man, she should give birth to a boy baby. Unless, the rest of the man's family blames her for that she cannot give birth to a son. In our society, a son used to have more value than many daughters. My dad's older brother wanted to have a son and finally he could become a dad of a son after four daughters. My mom really wanted to be a favorable daughter-in-law in my grandmother's eyes. Anyway, she could have a son as their vow to the Lord. That is me. But my mom's expectation did not go well as she wished.

Under the influence of Confucianism, I wanted to be a filial child to my parents. I just obeyed what they said to me without being reluctant and hesitant. Their dream for their child became the dream that I had to come true. I remember that I used to go to church after school, when I was a middle school student. I tried to spend some time for my spiritual growth at church. One day after school, I went to church and prayed to God as usual. But I had a weird, but spiritual, experience. In my prayer, I could see bright light to shine on the way I was about to take. I felt that there was a voice which said, "I will be with you." From that moment, my parents' dream for me truly became my own dream confirmed by God and agreed with me at the same time. From then, my own journey discovering my life purpose according to God's calling began.

***This is a brief account of my academic journey for His glory and calling.**

I went to Yonsei University majoring in theology and minoring in English literature after graduation from high school in 1996. After two years study in college, I had to go to Army for mandatory military duty. After the service, I resumed my study in college. I graduated from Yonsei University in 2004. I went to Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary in South Korea in 2005 and took M.Div. program. I graduated from the seminary in 2008. After graduation, I kept serving the same church for two more years and was preparing for a further study abroad during that time. I got ordained as a Presbyterian pastor from the Gangdong Presbytery of the General Assembly of Presbytery Church of Korea on May 6th, 2010. I came to USA, July 13th, 2010. I took Th.M program from Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA in 2011. I move to New Jersey and went to Drew University for my S.T.M. degree. I graduated from Drew University in 2013. And finally, I moved to Chicago to take my Ph.D. program from Chicago Theological Seminary. I finished my course work and comprehensive exam. I got approved of my dissertation propose. I'm still on the way of getting my Ph.D. degree.

***The following is a brief description of my ministerial work history in the chronological order from the recent to the old.**

- Serving Army Reserve as a chaplain(Aug. 2023 – present)
- Serving as an associate pastor at Evergreen Presbyterian Church at Wheeling, IL (Oct. 2018 – present)
- Ministered at Philippi Church as an associate pastor and English Ministry Preacher at Des Plaines, IL (Dec. 2016 – June 2018)
- Supervised Ministry at Dasom Community Church in Chicago as the Youth Ministry Minister, Sunday School Minister, and College group minister (2013-Jan. 2016)
- Supervised Ministry at Joeunson Church in New Jersey as the Youth Ministry Minister (2011-2013)
- Canaan church in Richmond, Virginia (2010-2011)
- Worked at Vision Church in Korea as the Associate Pastor (2010)
- Served the English Ministry and the Sunday School at Somang Church in Korea as the Education Minister (2005-2009)

I am working as an associate pastor at Evergreen Presbyterian Church at Wheeling, IL from Oct. 2018. This is my sixth year of serving this congregation. Our church belongs to PCUSA. We are a family like small church. Most of the members at our church are over 60 years old. I believe that I have become big helps for them in many ways as a technical supporter, a handy man, a janitor, a spiritual leader, a teacher, and so on. They usually find me when they need 'any' help. I try to do my best to meet their needs. I am very happy to help them and they love me so much as well. And I am serving Army Reserve as a chaplain. I lead religious service and invocations for any ceremony. I consult them and listen to them. Building a close relationship with Soldiers is one of the main jobs at Army Reserve.

The Presbytery of Chicago of the PC(USA) held a stated meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 4:00 PM, on the Zoom conferencing platform.

Gathering Virtually for Work and Worship

- A pre-assembly orientation video was provided at https://youtu.be/BhbnAkyUpqw?si=MEtJHOib_I6KNr91, which provided an overview of the events and business coming to this assembly.
- Sign-in for minister members and assembly commissioners began at 2:45 PM.
- The Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Work Group offered a pre-assembly education event titled “Tools for Talking in Trying Times: Tending Wounds of Antisemitism and Islamophobia.” Brian Paulson, Nanette Sawyer, and Heidi Hadsell led the event. A complementary study document titled “Denouncing Antisemitism and Islamophobia,” created by the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, is available at <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/denouncing-antisemitism-and-islamophobia/>.
- Assembly Moderator Barbara Gorsky called the meeting to order with prayer at 4:00 PM.
- Barbara Gorsky moderated the introduction of first-time ruling elder commissioners; COM Moderator Julie Peterson introduced first-time minister commissioners and announced pastoral transitions in the presbytery.
 - John Wasson, Lake Forest: First
 - Thomas Are, Chicago: Fourth
 - Paul Gaug, Le Grange: Highlands
 - Donna Marsh, River Forest: First
 - Stefanie Coleman, Chicago: Mayfair
 - Connie Leininger, Chicago: Morgan Park
 - Art Montoya, Glenview: North Branch Bible
 - Sarah & Trajan McGill, Ministers at Large
 - Karen Hartsfield, Minister at Large
- **Motion Approved by Consent:** To seat the following individuals as corresponding members to today’s assembly:
 - Barbara Wilson, Chicago Presbytery staff
 - David Staniunas, OGA Assistant Stated Clerk and Presbyterian Historical Society Record Archivist
- Under advisement of Ken Hockenberry, Barbara Gorsky declared that a quorum was present.
- Ken Hockenberry provided an orientation to today’s assembly, noting the video that was made available prior to the assembly.
- **Motion Approved by Consent:** To approve the assembly docket as found on pages 9-11 of the assembly call papers [Minutes, pp. **pages**].

Proclaiming and Responding to God’s Word

- Dan Robertson led the assembly in a responsive call to worship.
- Jason Nelson and Emma Kuehl from Morton Grove Community Church sang “All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises” via prerecorded video.

- Dan Robertson led the assembly in a prayer of confession and shared the assurance of pardon.
- Ashley McFaul-Erwin read and Brent Anderson preached on Matthew 25:31-46. Text of Brent's sermon is available at https://1drv.ms/b/s!AIVg1IvR07doht1oAW_W3tl1x6qOQg?e=Sy9lZg.
- Jason Nelson and Emma Kuehl sang "Revelation Song" via prerecorded video.

The assembly recessed for 10 minutes at 4:42 PM.

Our Ongoing Business—A Thank Offering to God

Announcements were shared as the assembly reconvened:

- Bob Cathey announced a service of song and healing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 16, at Ascension Roman Catholic Church in Oak Park.
- Nina Strnad commended to the assembly a presentation made by Michael McGillicuddy at Lake Forest: First on September 24 entitled "If We're Better Together, Why Are We So Far Apart?". A video recording can be found at <https://firstchurchlf.org/videos>.

Board of Pensions Update

Ken Green

- The pastors' participation package will be changing in January 2025, largely in response to a request from the 225th General Assembly (2022) to examine the structure of the Board's offerings for pastors. The current plan was designed back in the 1980s and was adjusted a few times, but this will be the most significant structural change since Reunion in 1983. More information about these changes will be available in March; updates can also be found at <https://seasonofrebuilding.pensions.org>.
- Due to the rising costs of the Board's Medicare supplement plan, they will be switching coverage to a Medicare Advantage passive PPO plan with Humana beginning in January 2024. More information can be found at <https://pensions.org/what-we-offer/benefits-guidance/medicare-advantage>.

Executive Presbyter Report

Craig Howard

- Craig expressed his appreciation to all the ministers and ruling elders who have volunteered their service in presbytery entities this year, and highlighted the individuals whose terms are ending in 2023. Craig also extended special thanks to Barbara Gorsky, who has served as assembly moderator in 2023 and will serve as PCC moderator in 2024.
- Craig is encouraging every congregation in Chicago Presbytery to have a stated plan for ministry and mission for 2024. More details can be found in his written report on pages 15-16 of the assembly call papers [Minutes, pp. **pages**].
- Craig wished all those in attendance at today's meeting a blessed Thanksgiving and Advent season.

Nominating Committee

Lauren Cochran

- **Motion Approved as Amended (128/0):** To elect the slate of individuals found on page 19 of the Assembly Call Papers [Minutes, pp. **pages**] and the individuals listed below for service with their respective presbytery entities.
 - Stuart Barnes Jamieson, Ecumenical and Interreligious Work Group (Class of 2026)
 - David Ezekiel, Commission on Ministry (Class of 2026)
 - Lolly Dominski, Commission on Ministry (Class of 2026)
 - Beverly Mayer, Constitutional Procedures Work Group (Class of 2026)
 - Chris Griggs, Personnel Committee (Class of 2026)
 - Erin Marth, Teaching Elder Commissioner, 226th General Assembly (2024)

Presbyterian Historical Society Update

David Staniunas

- David shared an overview of the Presbyterian Historical Society:
 - The PHS, located in Philadelphia, PA, serves as the national archives of the PC(USA). They have over 30,000 cubic feet of records (going back to the very first Presbyterian meeting in North America, in 1706).
 - They bring in more than 500 cubic feet of new records every year; the majority of that comes from PC(USA) congregations.
 - They also answer over 2,500 questions from the general public every year.
 - The PHS has an extremely active digitization program, imaging over 60,000 pages of text and images every year.
- David, on behalf of the PHS, requested that if your congregation has its records in a location that's "less than stellar," you would consider sending your original documents to them for archival storage. They can selectively digitize content for you, so that you can have it on hand for reference.
- Noting that the Historical Society has come to understand that the archives are largely filled with artifacts of white supremacy culture, David drew the assembly's attention to the new African American Leaders and Congregations Collecting Initiative.
 - The PHS will digitize the original records of historically Black congregations at no cost to them. This year, they've completed imaging of 10 churches; the previous year, they completed 9. (As a reference, in the prior 10 years, they had done digitization for 2.)
 - A highlight of this collection is the fully-digitized personal papers of Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, the first Black woman to be ordained in the Presbyterian Church and one of the founding voices in womanist theology.
 - The Historical Society also helps congregations to write anti-racist histories of their churches.
 - More information about this initiative can be found at <https://www.history.pcusa.org/collections/what-we-collect/african-american-leaders-and-congregations-collecting-initiative>.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

Amy Pagliarella

- Amy led the assembly in prayer for the 10 candidates who are currently under care in Chicago Presbytery, as well as for the churches who are seeking pastors.
- Amy also thanked the assembly for the opportunity to serve on CPM (her term ends this year) and encouraged anyone who might be discerning a call to ministerial leadership to reach out to Lauren Cochran.

Commission on Ministry

Julie Peterson

- Julie led the assembly in honoring Lesley Weir, who is retiring from her most recent service as the transitional pastor at Western Springs.
 - Lesley shared words of gratitude to the PC(USA) for affirming her gifts and giving her a place to exercise her call to ministry.
 - Julie led the assembly in prayer for Lesley and what the future may hold for her.

Presbytery Coordinating Commission

Barbara Gorsky

- Jim Davidovich moderated the assembly during Barbara Gorsky's report as PCC moderator.
- Barbara Gorsky noted that the PCC approved the distribution of the 20% legacy gifts designated by the former Session of Oak Park: Parkview. Those funds will be distributed starting this week.
- Kathleen Bromley presented the 2023 Chicago Presbytery financial reports.
- **Motion Approved (114/1):** To sell the Elk Grove Presbyterian Church property, located at Elk Grove Presbyterian Church, located at 600 East Elk Grove Boulevard in Elk Grove Village, IL, to the Village of Elk Grove Village, for the sale price of \$965,000.
- Jim Davidovich's Zoom connection failed; Barbara Gorsky resumed moderator responsibilities.
- **Motion Approved (121/0):** To authorize the Presbytery Board of Trustees (aka members of the PCC) to approve the sale of the Morton Grove Community Church property, located at 8944 Austin Avenue, Morton Grove, IL, for a price not lower than \$1.3 million dollars, between the Assembly Meetings of November 14, 2023, and February 27, 2024.
- Jim Davidovich reconnected to the meeting and resumed moderator responsibilities.
- **Motion Approved (115/2):** To authorize the Presbytery Board of Trustees (aka members of the PCC) to approve the sale of the Ravenswood Presbyterian Church property, located at 4300 North Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613-1106, for a price not lower than \$3.5 million dollars.
- **The 2024 Chicago Presbytery budget was approved (108/3).**
- Barbara Gorsky resumed moderator responsibilities for the remainder of the meeting.

Stated Clerk's Report

Ken Hockenberry

- Julie Johnson was installed as associate pastor at Grayslake: Wildwood; several more installation services are upcoming but not yet scheduled.

- The February presbytery assembly will be hosted by Elmhurst; however, we still need host congregations for the remainder of our 2024 meetings. Interested congregations should contact Ken Hockenberry.
- **Motions Approved by Consent:** To approve the minutes of the presbytery assembly stated meeting of September 19, 2023, and to receive the information items and attachments in the assembly call papers as information.

Going Forth to Serve in the Holy Spirit

- Thanking everyone who helped to produce the meeting, Barbara Gorsky adjourned the meeting with prayer and benediction at 6:00 PM.
- The next stated meeting will take place at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Craiglow, Chicago Presbytery Recording Clerk



MATTHEW 25

Matthew 25 Summit – January 16-18, 2024

February 27, 2024 - Presbytery Assembly Report

January 23, 2024 - AEP Report – Barbara A. Wilson

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>



ABOUT THE MATTHEW 25 MARK

The circular shape represents unity and equality. Like God, a circle has no beginning and no end, and it symbolizes our continuing effort to help one another.

The shape also suggests a globe that points to our engagement with the world.

The three interlocking figures represent the equality of all people without gender or race bias. They have their arms around each other, symbolizing friendship, protection and service.

The number three suggests the three focus areas of congregational vitality, structural racism and systematic poverty, as well as the Trinity. The color palette is bright, lively, friendly and energetic — suggestive of our active commitment.

Finally, the legend “Matthew 25” below the symbol is the literal identification of the mark. We use a handwritten font to make the point that active engagement in the world requires human effort.

Matthew 25 Movement -- Current Numbers

- Congregations 1,180 – 15%
- Synods 11 – 85%
- Presbyteries 85 – 49%
- Other Groups 66 (colleges, nonprofits)
- Both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies

(2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to see our neighbors through Jesus' eyes and serve those who are marginalized or in need.

Congregational Vitality (Focus 1)

- **Congregational Vitality: A community's spiritual strength and demonstrated capacity of engaging in purposeful mission—and making disciples of Jesus Christ**



7 Marks of Congregational Vitality

- 1. Lifelong Discipleship Formation**
- 2. Intentional Authentic Evangelism**
- 3. Outward Incarnational Focus**
- 4. Empower Servant Leadership**
- 5. Spirit-Inspired Worship**
- 6. Caring Relationships**
- 7. Ecclesial Health**

Dismantling Structural Racism (Focus 2)

- **Structural Racism: Normalization and Legitimization of Dynamics and Systems – historical, cultural, institutional and interpersonal – that routinely produces adverse outcomes for people of color. Ongoing, persistent inequality occurs in accessing, money, land, housing, education, health, information and social power.**

Systemic Poverty (Focus 3)

- **The economic exploitation of people through laws, policies, and practices that lead to the perpetuation of poverty.**
- **All do not have equal access to education, transportation, fresh food, financial resources, clean air, water or healthy environments, employment with a living wage, healthcare, benefits, citizenship, and affordable housing.**
- **This lack of access creates generational cycles of poverty and a racial wealth gap that are systemic in nature.**

Suggested Group Discussion Questions

- How may Matthew 25:1-13 speak about congregational vitality?
 - How may Matthew 25:1-13 speak about structural racism?
 - How may Matthew 25:1-13 speak about systemic poverty?
- How may Matthew 25:14-30 speak about congregational vitality?
 - How may Matthew 25:14-30 speak about structural racism?
 - How may Matthew 25: 14-30 speak about systemic poverty?

Consider and reflect based on your congregation, community and presbytery. What action steps might we commit to together?

Thank You!

Presbytery of Chicago

Financial Reports December 2023 - Preliminary

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Preliminary Operating income in 2023 is \$614,708, primarily due to higher property sales. Excluding the proceeds from property, the legacy gifts distributed and the reimbursed costs of legal, the property management and the appraisals, 2023 shows a loss of (\$146,409). This loss is funded by 2024 receipts of 2023 per capita, \$91,812, and POC portion of property sales. 21st Century-funded activity in 2023 was \$185,391 related to salary supplement, Dia Nuevo and Next. Per Capita, including January 2024 receipts for 2023, was 93% of requested amount. Shared Mission receipts were \$252,069, 75% of 2022 amount. While Cash Balance in December in high due to property receipts, \$910,000 has been moved to investment accounts in early 2024 to earn a better return.

Results Summary:

	Balance December 31, 2023
Checking/Savings Acc	1,498,069
Investment Accounts	10,645,545

Jan-Dec 2023 Revenue and Expense Summary			
	Revenue	Expense	Net Income/(Loss) (Revenue - Expense)
Operations	2,460,118	1,845,410	614,708
Less: Property sale impact	1,008,378	247,261	761,117
Operations w/o property sale	1,451,741	1,598,149	(146,409)
% of Budget Received/Spent	103.1%	110.2%	
			Deficit covered by 2023 per capita receipts in Jan 2024 and POC 10% share of property sales
GA/Synod/Pass Through	496,340	514,192	(17,853)
% of Budget Received/Spent	91.0%	94.2%	
Investment Gain/(Loss) realized/unrealized vs. Dec 31, 2022	978,647		978,647
			1,575,502

Detailed Reports follow: Balance Sheet, Operations Income Statement, Pass-through Income Statement, Fund Balance Statement, Per Capita detail, Shared Mission detail

Presbytery of Chicago
Balance Sheet Comparison
As of December 31, 2023 - Preliminary

	As of Dec 31, 2023	As of Dec 31, 2022 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
1100 Banking & Cash		
1111 Chase Bank - Checking 1193	1,130,505	140,437
1114 Chase Bank - Savings 5316	349,458	113,948
1115 Dia Nuevo Checking 2826	18,106	-
1072 Bill.com clearing	6,828	-
Total 1100 Banking & Cash	1,504,897	254,385
Total Bank Accounts	1,504,897	254,385
Accounts Receivable		
Total 1200 Accounts Receivable	5,000	-
Total Accounts Receivable	5,000	0
Other Current Assets		
1000 Undeposited Funds	41,453	79,981
Total Other Current Assets	41,453	79,981
Total Current Assets	1,551,350	334,366
Fixed Assets		
1500 Property, Plant, & Equipment		
1500 D&L Right of Use of Assets	80,575	80,575
1501 Office Equipment/Furniture	40,814	40,814
1511 Church Property Held for Sale	-	570,000
1515 Accumulated Depreciation	(35,932)	(35,932)
Total 1500 Property, Plant, & Equipment	85,457	655,457
Total Fixed Assets	85,457	655,457
Other Assets		
1600 Investments		
1611 Northern Trust -- General Fund	6,978,423	6,126,475
1612 Northern Trust -- Camp Fund	2,108,568	2,056,063
1631 New Covenant -- 21st Cen Growth	1,024,232	818,079
1632 New Cov - 21st Century Treasury	534,322	508,877
1641 BMO Harris -- John Taylor Fund	-	201,802
Total 1600 Investments	10,645,545	9,711,296
Total Other Assets	10,645,545	9,711,296
TOTAL ASSETS	12,282,352	10,701,119
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Total Accounts Payable	25,464	1,572
Total Credit Cards	3,571	1,732
2414 Fidelity Payable	-	3,150

Presbytery of Chicago
Balance Sheet Comparison
As of December 31, 2023 - Preliminary

	As of Dec 31, 2023	As of Dec 31, 2022 (PY)
Payroll Clearing/Deferred Wages	(1,862)	
2498 Unearned Shared Mission	-	3,395
2499 Prepaid Per Capita	-	3,686
Total Current Liabilities	27,173	13,535
2500 Loans Payable		
2500 D&L Operating Lease Liability	81,732	81,732
Total Loans Payable	81,732	81,732
Total Liabilities	108,905	13,535
Equity		
3000 Opening Balance Equity	1,354,437	2,754,178
 3100 Net Assets -- Donor Restricted		
3121 Presbyterian League	945,825	945,825
3122 Higgins Scholarship	309,595	309,595
3123 Templeton Fund	153,520	153,520
Total 3100 Net Assets -- Donor Restricted	1,408,940	1,408,940
3150 Net Assets -- Unrestricted		
3151 Campus Ministry	1,241,301	1,241,301
3152 Undesignated	466,771	466,771
3153 Board Designated	3,009,465	3,009,465
3154 21st Century Designated Funds	1,908,012	-
Total 3150 Net Assets -- Unrestricted	6,625,549	4,717,537
3170 Equity Funds Offset	1,018,757	1,018,757
 32000 Unrestricted Net Assets	190,262	2,807,956
Net Income	1,575,502	(2,149,943)
Total Equity	12,173,447	10,557,424
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	12,282,352	10,570,959

Presbytery of Chicago
Schedule of Restricted and Unrestricted Fund Balance 12/31/2023

	Beginning balance Jan 1, 2023	% of Total	Total Return	Deposits	Total Disbursement	Mkt Value as of report date
Northern Trust General Fund						
Components:						
Presbyterian League (Doner Restricted)	945,824.60	15%	144,292		(46,500)	1,043,617
Higgins Scholarship(Doner Restricted)	309,594.54	5%	48,097		(25,000)	332,692
Templeton Fund (Doner Restricted)	153,519.51	3%	28,858		(9,300)	173,078
Campus Ministry Fund	1,241,300.69	20%	192,390		(62,000)	1,371,690
Board Designated	3,009,465.38	49%	471,355	200,000	a (142,400)	3,538,420
"Idle Cash Investment"	466,770.58	8%	76,956	-	(24,800)	518,926
Total Northern Trust General Fund	6,126,475.30	100%	961,948	200,000	(310,000)	6,978,423
Northern Trust Camp Fund	2,056,063		302,505		(250,000)	2,108,568
New Covenant Treasury Obligation Fund (21st Century)	508,877		25,445			534,322 b
New Covenant Growth Fund (21st Century)	818,079		206,153			1,024,232 b
BMO Harris Bank - John Taylor Trust	201,802		9,977		(211,779)	0
Total Investment Accounts						10,645,546
Checking/Savings Accounts:						
Chase Cash						1,130,505
Chase Savings (21st Century Fund)						349,458 b
Chase Dia Nuevo (checking account managed by church)						18,106
Total Checking/Savings						1,498,069

Note: 21st Century Fund total across accounts

a. Transfer funds from closed BMO Harris Bank - John Taylor Trust

b. Note: 21st Century Fund composed of these accounts, totaling

New Covenant Treasury Obligation Fund	534,322
New Covenant Growth Fund	1,024,232
Chase Savings	349,458
Total 21st Century Fund Balance	\$ 1,908,012

Presbytery of Chicago

Income Statement January to December 2023 - Preliminary

Summary Operations

	Jan-Dec 2022	Jan-Dec 2023	Annual Budget	Memo: 2024 Budget
SUPPORT and REVENUE				
Total 4100 - Per Capita Income	568,529	449,362	544,277	529,286
Total 4200-Shared Mission Income	252,575	169,833	225,000	225,000
Total 4700-Administrative Income	259,808	582,423	628,841	811,249
Total 4800-Church in Transition Income	860,985	1,016,498	65,000	102,000
Total 4900-Other Income	134,787	242,002	10,000	14,000
Total Support and Revenue	2,076,683	2,460,118	1,473,118	1,681,535
EXPENSE				
Total 5210 - Commission on Ministry	8,594	29,481	18,650	28,650
Total 5220 - Cmte on Prep for Ministry	300	6,409	5,250	7,150
Total 5230 - Presbytery Coordinatng Comm	5,119	13,994	51,000	53,000
Total 5240 - Personnel Team	516	0	250	250
Total 5250 - Permanent Judicial Comm	25	0	250	250
Total 5260 - Ecumenical & Interreligious	708	4,911	700	6,000
Total 5270 - Administration Team	0	99	250	250
Total 5280 - Creation Ministries	6,550	10,591	48,250	24,250
Total 5300 - Presbytery Event Expense	0	186	1,000	1,000
Total 5340 - New Worshiping Committee	73,863	38,600	111,000	168,500
Total 5350 - Mental Health Committee	42,760	37,145	40,750	40,750
Total 5360 - CARE Team	24,494	21,262	50,600	50,600
Total 5400 - Church Expenses	876,912	217,491	26,000	26,000
Total 5500 - Mission Committee	274,155	316,226	181,000	291,250
Total 5550 - Schoarships	2,000	25,000	13,255	14,000
Total 5600 - Payroll Expense	546,747	648,462	607,753	764,742
Total 5700 - Other Personnel Expenses	119,245	158,153	90,180	108,200
Total 5800 - Office Expenses	32,804	46,058	31,850	35,750
Total 5820 - Building Expenses	73,846	76,866	66,500	78,500
Total 5840 - Technology	35,937	24,893	20,200	21,200
Total 5900 - Other Administrative	257,876	169,583	110,069	100,069
Total Expense	2,382,451	1,845,410	1,474,757	1,820,361
Revenue - Expenses (Budget)	(305,768)	614,708	(1,639)	(138,826)
Total Non Budget Items	(1,866,101)	742,061		
Total Revenue - Expenses	(2,171,868)	1,356,769		

Presbytery of Chicago
Income Statement January-December 2023 Preliminary
Summary General Assembly, Synod of Lincoln Trails and Pass Through

	Jan-Dec 2022	Jan-Dec 2023	Annual Budget	Memo: 2024 Budget
SUPPORT and REVENUE				
Total 4100 - Per Capita Income	307,999	268,413	325,518	325,518
Total 4200-Shared Mission Income	82,358	56,628	75,000	75,000
Total 4300-Directed Mission	100,832	94,478	98,000	98,000
Total 4400-Missions Grant Income	50,995	38,354	13,000	13,000
Total 4700-Pass Through Investment Funds	28,321	38,468	34,110	34,110
 Total Support and Revenue	 570,505	 496,340	 545,628	 545,628
EXPENSE				
Total 5110 - Per Capita Expense	312,243	325,538	325,518	325,518
Total 5120 - Shared Mission Expense	94,355	58,106	75,000	75,000
Total 5130 - Directed Mission Expense/other	64,760	79,743	92,000	92,000
Total 5500 - Pass Through Investment	77,203	50,805	53,110	53,110
 Total Expense	 548,561	 514,192	 545,628	 545,628
 Revenue Minus Expenses	 21,944	 (17,853)	 0	 0

Presbytery of Chicago - Per Capita Reports for 2023				
Per Capita Received - January - December 2023				
Church Name	Members as of 12/31/202	Receipts for 2023 Per Capita	Request for 2023	Note: Request for 2024
Arlington Heights, First	973	\$ 26,562	\$ 35,515	\$ 35,515
Arlington Heights, Southminster	221	\$ 13,399	\$ 8,067	\$ 8,359
Barrington	397	\$ 15,991	\$ 14,491	\$ 13,505
Broadview, Community	12	\$ 657	\$ 438	\$ 657
Carol Stream, Heritage	72	\$ 2,628	\$ 2,628	\$ 2,628
Chicago Heights, First	243	\$ 7,270	\$ 8,870	\$ 8,541
Chicago, Crerar Memorial	127	\$ 3,477	\$ 4,636	\$ 4,453
Chicago, Edgewater	83	\$ -	\$ 3,030	\$ 2,336
Chicago, Faith Community	91	\$ -	\$ 3,322	\$ 3,139
Chicago, First	31	\$ 1,059	\$ 1,132	\$ 1,278
Chicago, Fourth	5400	\$ 198,962	\$ 197,100	\$ 196,224
Chicago, Friendship	57	\$ 2,052	\$ 2,081	\$ 2,117
Chicago, Good Shepard	28	\$ 1,022	\$ 1,022	\$ 1,095
Chicago, Hope	140	\$ -	\$ 5,110	\$ 4,964
Chicago, Lakeview	236	\$ 8,198	\$ 8,614	\$ 8,760
Chicago, Lincoln Park	63	\$ -	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,482
Chicago, Mayfair	40	\$ 1,497	\$ 1,460	\$ 1,460
Chicago, Morgan Park	64	\$ -	\$ 2,336	\$ 2,300
Chicago, New Deliverance	124	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,526	\$ 3,760
Chicago, Pine Avenue	67	\$ -	\$ 2,446	\$ 2,446
Chicago, Pullman	70	\$ 2,164	\$ 2,555	\$ 2,300
Chicago, Ravenswood	30	\$ 1,545	\$ 1,095	\$ 1,241
Chicago, Rogers Park	44	\$ -	\$ 1,606	\$ 1,606
Chicago, Second	109	\$ 3,906	\$ 3,979	\$ 4,526
Chicago, Seventh	31	\$ 1,132	\$ 1,132	\$ 1,132
Chicago, Sixth Grace	133	\$ 4,855	\$ 4,855	\$ 4,271
Chicago, United Hyde Park	23	\$ -	\$ 840	\$ 840
Chicago, Vida Nueva	53	\$ -	\$ 1,935	\$ 1,971
Cicero, Clement	45	\$ 1,643	\$ 1,643	\$ 1,679
Cicero, Emmanuel	56	\$ -	\$ 2,044	\$ 2,044
Clarendon Hills, Community	441	\$ 16,096	\$ 16,097	\$ 14,856
Deerfield, First	563	\$ 18,837	\$ 20,550	\$ 20,440
Des Plaines, Hahna Korean	27	\$ -	\$ 986	\$ 1,132
Des Plaines, Taiwan	47	\$ -	\$ 1,716	\$ 1,716
Downers Grove, St Luke	163	\$ -	\$ 5,950	\$ 5,767
Elk Grove	48	\$ 329	\$ 1,752	
Elmhurst, Elmhurst	170	\$ -	\$ 6,205	\$ 6,096
Elmhurst, Yorkfield	306	\$ 11,169	\$ 11,169	\$ 10,877
Evanston, First	654	\$ 29,310	\$ 23,871	\$ 20,440
Evanston, Northminster	504	\$ 13,797	\$ 18,396	\$ 18,323
Glen Ellyn, First	903	\$ 33,252	\$ 32,960	\$ 32,960
Glen Ellyn, Southminster	151	\$ 5,512	\$ 5,512	\$ 5,621
Glenview, Chicago Joyful	101	\$ 3,431	\$ 3,687	\$ 3,577
Glenview, North Branch Bible	42	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,533	\$ 1,533
Grayslake, Wildwood	538	\$ 19,637	\$ 19,637	\$ 19,272
Hickory Hills, Hickory Hills	90	\$ 3,066	\$ 3,285	\$ 3,285
Highland Park	284	\$ 10,366	\$ 10,366	\$ 9,600

Presbytery of Chicago - Per Capita Reports for 2023				
Per Capita Received - January - December 2023				
Church Name	Members as of 12/31/202	Receipts for 2023 Per Capita	Request for 2023	Note: Request for 2024
Hoffman Estates	69	\$ 2,738	\$ 2,519	\$ 2,336
Homewood, First	96	\$ 4,129	\$ 3,504	\$ 3,322
Itasca, First	71	\$ 2,811	\$ 2,592	\$ 2,811
LaGrange, First	477	\$ 18,615	\$ 17,411	\$ 17,265
LaGrange, Highlands	66	\$ 2,409	\$ 2,409	\$ 2,263
Lake Forest, First	1079	\$ 39,384	\$ 39,384	\$ 35,405
Libertyville, First	1011	\$ 37,814	\$ 36,902	\$ 34,529
Lombard, Community	186	\$ 6,519	\$ 6,789	\$ 6,753
Morton Grove, Community	55	\$ 2,008	\$ 2,008	\$ 1,278
Mt Prospect, Community	125	\$ 2,363	\$ 4,563	\$ 4,563
Naperville, Knox	1025	\$ 37,413	\$ 37,413	\$ 34,967
Naperville, River Glen	154	\$ 5,621	\$ 5,621	\$ 5,329
Northbrook, Village	785	\$ 17,000	\$ 28,653	\$ 28,762
Northlake, Trinity	14	\$ 100	\$ 511	\$ 511
Oak Lawn, Community	22	\$ 803	\$ 803	\$ 584
Oak Park, Fair Oaks	358	\$ 13,395	\$ 13,067	\$ 13,286
Oak Park, First United	381	\$ 17,500	\$ 13,907	\$ 13,907
Orland Park	195	\$ 7,118	\$ 7,118	\$ 6,461
Palatine	84	\$ 3,066	\$ 3,066	\$ 3,066
Park Forest, Calvary United	57	\$ -	\$ 2,081	\$ 1,387
Park Ridge	277	\$ 11,500	\$ 10,111	\$ 11,425
River Forest, First	331	\$ -	\$ 12,082	\$ 12,082
Riverside	224	\$ 8,145	\$ 8,176	\$ 7,811
Skokie, Carter-Westminster	105	\$ 3,540	\$ 3,833	\$ 3,906
Skokie, Evanshire	19	\$ 730	\$ 694	\$ 730
Tinley Park, Faith United	95	\$ 3,906	\$ 3,468	\$ 3,103
Western Springs	323	\$ 11,790	\$ 11,790	\$ 11,315
Wheaton, First	1004	\$ 35,770	\$ 36,646	\$ 36,646
Wheaton, Hope	116	\$ 9,098	\$ 4,234	\$ 4,234
Wheeling, Evergreen	83	\$ 2,988	\$ 3,030	\$ 3,030
Wilmette, First	537	\$ 19,601	\$ 19,601	\$ 17,009
Winnetka Presbyterian	258	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,417	\$ 9,089
PY receipts/other		\$ 3,686		\$ 219
FY receipts		\$ 219		
Total Per Capita	23,777	\$ 809,587	\$ 867,861	\$ 842,493
Receipts recorded 2024		\$ 91,812		
Receipts recorded 2023		\$ 717,775		
2023 Per Capta Rate - \$36.50				
2024 Per Capta Rate - \$36.50				Budget \$843,991

Presbytery of Chicago - Shared Mission Contributions
Shared Mission - January to December 2023

Church Name	Jan - Dec 2022	Jan-Dec 2023	Pledge for 2023	Pledge for 2024
Arlington Heights, First	\$ 18,000	\$ 13,500		
Arlington Heights, Southminster	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500		
Barrington	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500		
Broadview, Community	\$ 420	\$ 420		
Carol Stream, Heritage	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
Chicago Heights, First	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,250		
Chicago, Crerar Memorial	\$ 3,600	\$ 2,714		\$ 1,200
Chicago, Edgewater	\$ 2,750	\$ -		
Chicago, Faith Community	\$ 3,600	\$ -		
Chicago, First		\$ -		
Chicago, Fourth	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000		
Chicago, Friendship		\$ -		
Chicago, Good Shepard	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,312		
Chicago, Hope	\$ 1,000	\$ -		
Chicago, Lakeview		\$ -		
Chicago, Lincoln Park	\$ 5,000	\$ -		
Chicago, Mayfair		\$ -		
Chicago, Morgan Park		\$ -		
Chicago, New Deliverance		\$ 500		
Chicago, Pine Avenue		\$ -		
Chicago, Pullman		\$ -		
Chicago, Ravenswood		\$ 450		
Chicago, Rogers Park		\$ -		
Chicago, Second		\$ -		
Chicago, Seventh		\$ -		
Chicago, Sixth Grace		\$ -		
Chicago, United Hyde Park		\$ 281		
Chicago, Vida Nueva		\$ -		
Cicero, Clement	\$ 500	\$ 500		
Cicero, Emmanuel		\$ -		
Clarendon Hills, Community	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000		
Deerfield, First	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600		
Des Plaines, Hahna Korean		\$ -		
Des Plaines, Taiwan		\$ -		
Downers Grove, St Luke	\$ 7,440	\$ 8,043		
Downers Grove, First	\$ -	\$ -		
Elk Grove	\$ 1,200	\$ -		
Elmhurst, Elmhurst	\$ 6,685	\$ -		
Elmhurst, Yorkfield	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000		
Evanston, First	\$ 1,000	\$ -		
Evanston, Northminster	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		
Glen Ellyn, First		\$ -		
Glen Ellyn, Southminster	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
Glenview, Chicago Joyful		\$ -		
Glenview, North Branch Bible	\$ 36	\$ -		
Grayslake, Wildwood	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,000		
Hanover Park		\$ 500		
Hickory Hills, Hickory Hills	\$ 3,395	\$ -		

Presbytery of Chicago - Shared Mission Contributions
Shared Mission - January to December 2023

Church Name	Jan - Dec 2022	Jan-Dec 2023	Pledge for 2023	Pledge for 2024
Highland Park	\$ 13,000	\$ -		
Hoffman Estates	\$ 4,050	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
Homewood, First		\$ -		
Itasca, First		\$ -		
LaGrange, First	\$ 21,000	\$ 26,250		
LaGrange, Highlands		\$ -		
Lake Forrest, First	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000		
Libertyville, First	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,300		
Lombard, Community	\$ 500	\$ -		
Morton Grove, Community		\$ -		
Mt Prospect, Community		\$ -		
Naperville, Knox		\$ -		
Naperville, River Glen	\$ 2,000	\$ -		
Northbrook, Village	\$ 500	\$ -		
Northlake, Trinity		\$ -		
Oak Lawn, Community		\$ -		
Oak Park, Fair Oaks	\$ 15,625	\$ 12,500		
Oak Park, First United	\$ -	\$ -		
Orland Park	\$ 1,000	\$ -		
Palatine	\$ 1,000	\$ -		
Park Forest, Calvary United	\$ -	\$ -		
Park Ridge	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		
River Forest, First		\$ -		
Riverside		\$ -		
Skokie, Carter-Westminster	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000		
Skokie, Evanshire		\$ -		
Tinley Park, Faith United	\$ 1,200	\$ -		
Western Springs	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500		
Wheaton, First	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000		
Wheaton, Hope	\$ 4,900	\$ -		
Wheeling, Evergreen		\$ -		
Wilmette, First		\$ -		
Winnetka Presbyterian	\$ 4,500	\$ -		
Donations via Pres. Foundation		\$ 55		
Prior Year Contributions		\$ 3,395		
Total Shared Mission	\$ 334,901	\$ 252,069	\$ -	\$ 2,200
		Incl Jan 2024 receipts for 2023		Budget \$300,000