

Committee Reports to Presbytery

Stated Meeting, October 22, 2020

FELD, Linda Reffert, Chair

- Fine-tuned Matthew 25 Resource Guide included with Presbytery materials
- Reviewed our budget line by line
- Decided not host a 2021 big event until it is safe to meet in-person, but work will continue for planning
- Reviewed feedback on the Stewardship Zoom workshop
- Heard reports from Worship & Youth subcommittees
- Discussed teacher and student friendly PCUSA curriculum and other reformed curriculum
- Agreed to meet by Zoom through end of 2020

Social Justice and Peacemaking, Carolyn Grice, Chair

Since the last stated meeting the committee met to discuss its role in helping to implement Matthew 25. It was decided to keep the list of resources updated since there are so many ways of dealing with each tenet of Matthew 25. We will assist churches that may want to partner with other churches or agencies to help eliminate systemic racism and eradicate poverty. We will assist other presbytery committees upon request to get needed resources.

PMRV Mission Evangelism Ministries, Debbie Kippley, Chair

Matthew 25

- Mission Evangelism would like to emphasize going and doing. Going and doing gives us understanding and perspective. It helps us understand how people feel, love, worship, and care for each other, how they feel about how they are treated.
- Relationships dispel stereotypes and are an avenue for changing how we “do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters.”
- Mission Evangelism has added a line item to their budget to promote Matthew 25 activities.

Sudanese American Presbyterian Fellowship

- PMRV needs to build on present relationships and covenant structure, see the Sudanese as a Matthew 25 entity, and how PMRV can more authentically partner with, learn from, and support the Sudanese Fellowship.

Arabic Fellowship

- Pastor Emad Tawadrous is passionate about his ministry to Arabic Speaking Christians and immigrants. We hope that a permanent home will be found for this ministry within a PMRV congregation or church building. Mission Evangelism is designating seed money toward the Arabic Fellowship and ministry.

Nicaragua Partnership

- This partnership is about relationships, as well as helping our partners in Nicaragua.
- As a long-standing partner of the Presbytery, we would like to encourage other congregations and individuals to support this ministry through the 2095.34 International Partnership account.

Continued Support

- Mission Evangelism continues to offer Mini-Grants and facilitate the Komarek grants. We continue to support Crossroads Connection, HELP Ministries, and Presbyterian Mission Co-Workers connected to our Presbytery or the Nicaraguan.
- Additionally, as a Presbytery, we need people to stand with Michael Kuach, teaching him personal budgeting and a PDA-like team to help with home repair. Anything we teach Michael will benefit the members of his congregation.

Transition Admin Group: Sarah Dickinson, Gregg Miller, Sally Carlson, Pat Shipley

- Finalized Leadership Team’s Vision 2021 for use with October presbytery materials
- Continue to discuss and address whatever administrative matters have surfaced and figure out how to be of help

Sudanese American Presbyterian Fellowship (SAPF), submitted by Sarah Dickinson

- Still working to support household that became victims/survivors/part of gun violence
- Working through safety and logistics of in-person/on-site worship at Discovery
- Invited to be a part of an October 11 Peace Walk with Discovery (anyone can come). (Kind of like CROP Walk. Will have Church World Service connection <https://cwsglobal.org/donate/>)
- Working with the Mission & Evangelism Committee through Debbie to understand needs for 2021.

PMRV Personnel, Sarah Dickinson, Chair

- Fall checklist: Touching base with each staff member; working to identify fair compensation
- Communications/Nicole is helping to identify tech/communications steps for 2021. Transitional Admin Group will work with Leadership Team to help guide this emerging opportunity.
- By way of reference: Nicole works Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (8:30-4:30)

Calvin Crest Conference Center

Calvin Crest has been open for business with just a few groups making use of the facilities. With enhanced cleaning protocols, providing additional distance in meeting rooms, making use of masks, frequent hand-washing, offering more private or semi-private lodging and making necessary changes in food service, we have successfully served a few groups that have wanted to hold an event at Calvin Crest.

We missed seeing our friendly Presbyterians in August as the Joint Presbytery Meetings moved online, but connected with many of you during the Calvin Crest UnEvent which took place instead of our annual Family Fun Day near the end of August. With activities to do at home and a virtual campfire, many friends of camp joined together to eat their favorite meal, listen to their favorite music, and spend time with their favorite people in support of their favorite camp.

As we look ahead, there are a few new groups that are making use of the space available. Additional projects around camp will be completed and the staff are working hard to ensure that when YOU are ready to attend an event or plan a family reunion or host a church gathering, we are ready for you! See you then!