



Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

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DATE: December 2023

TO: **Clerks of Session and Teaching Elders/Moderators:** (If you are no longer Clerk, please let us know and pass this on to the person who is)

Enclosures – Letter, PMRV Mission & Ministry Information Sheet, Explanation of Mission Support, Pledge Form, Remittance Form

FROM: Gregg Miller, Chair-Stewardship of Resources

RE: General Mission Pledge for 2024

Included you will find the **Mission & Ministries Pledge - 2024** form for your church and an explanation sheet on the types of mission support.

Clerks of Session – please complete the Mission & Ministries Pledge form and return to the Presbytery office by February 15, 2024. Please note that the Session makes the pledge on behalf of the congregation. This does NOT have to wait for approval at a congregational meeting.

Please fill in the total dollar amount pledged to mission and ministry support and designate how much of that amount is to go towards General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery (recommended allocations of the total amount pledged are 25% to General Assembly, 25% to Synod and 50% to Presbytery).

Complete the next section to identify which special mission projects your congregation wishes to support by entering in the total dollars pledged. You may use the back of the form if there are not enough lines.

Even if your church has chosen not to make any gifts, please return the form to the Presbytery office. It is important that we receive the Mission & Ministries Pledge form back from **ALL** churches.

When the Session has taken official action on the Mission and Ministries Pledge and this form is completed and signed, please send the completed form to the Presbytery office by February 15, 2024 and retain a copy for your Church Treasurer and Clerk of Session.

If you have any questions about the Pledge form or about types of giving, please call or email Tina Claus at the Presbytery Office at 402-553-8300 (or 1-800-603-8980) or acctg@pmrv.org.

Enclosures: As noted above

PMRV MISSION & MINISTRIES

PMRV is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), composed of 42 congregations, a Sudanese Fellowship, and an Arabic Christian Fellowship, all located in the Greater Omaha area and southwest Iowa.



VISION

The Book of Order gives us guidance for why PMRV exists. G-3.0101 shares: "Councils of the church exist to help congregations and the church as a whole to be more faithful participants in the mission of Christ."

PMRV simplified covenant: With God's help, we covenant to... pray, act, accept, and be good stewards.

Your church's mission gifts make a difference!

Commission on Ministry (COM)

- Assists churches seeking a pastor
- Provides emergency funds for pastors in crisis

Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

- Provides training for lay pastors
- Shepherds inquirers and candidates for ministry through the process of ordination

Mission & Evangelism

- Financially supports HELP Adult Services, Crossroads Connection, Nicaraguan Partnership, Arabic Christian & Sudanese Fellowship, and World Mission
- Provides grants to churches seeking funding for mission-ministries
- Offers a variety of programs to support congregations growing in evangelism

Youth Ministry Group

- Provides scholarships for Triennium
- Offers youth events and programs to PMRV youth

Faith Education and Leadership Development (FELD)

- Supports continuing education for PMRV pastors
- Supports training for Christian educators
- Provides camp and Synod School scholarships
- Hosts the Healthy Congregations Workshop
- Provides Camp Calvin Crest support

Social Justice & Peacemaking

- Provides peace and justice education programs
- Hosts international speakers at Presbytery meetings and churches

Worship & Spirituality Group

- Provides meaningful worship experiences at Presbytery meetings
- Offers pastors an opportunity to worship without leading worship

SCRIPTURE FOCUS 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Unity and Diversity in the Body | Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by[a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Explanation on Types of Mission Giving

MISSION SUPPORT

This section is for remitting general, undesignated mission funds – to be distributed to Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly according to the percentages approved by Presbytery (currently set at – 25% GA, 25% Synod, 50% Presbytery) *or* alternate percentages approved by Session.

SPECIAL DIRECTED MISSION SUPPORT

This section is for remitting designated or directed mission funds – to be distributed to particular projects within the mission budgets of Presbytery, Synod, and/or General Assembly.

Theological Education Fund

Supports Presbyterian Theological Institutions.

Presbytery Projects

Calvin Crest, Crossroads Connection, Kid's Club, Nicaraguan Partnership, HELP Adult Services, the Arab Christian & Sudanese Fellowship, World Mission and the local Pantry Program.

Synod Projects

Native American Ministries, Synod School, Racial Ethnic Ministries, Campus Ministries, Ecumenical Media Centers, Career Development Centers

GA Projects

Presbyterian World Mission Giving Opportunities booklet:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/ministries/>

Please make sure you include the project number and complete the World Mission Support Pledge form and send a copy with your General Mission Pledge.



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MISSION & MINISTRIES PLEDGE 2024

Church: _____

PIN: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

In 2024, our congregation intends to send a total of \$ _____ for mission support (amounts indicated below) with the understanding these dollars will be forwarded regularly.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MISSION (suggested giving 25% of total) \$ _____

SYNOD MISSION (suggested giving 25% of total) \$ _____

PRESBYTERY MISSION & MINISTRIES (suggested giving 50% of total) \$ _____

In 2024, our congregation intends to send a total of \$ _____ for special mission projects as recommended by our Session and indicated below. Our understanding is that these dollars will be forwarded regularly to the indicated designated projects as approved by the appropriate governing body.

SPECIAL MISSION PROJECTS (use back if needed):

Theological Education \$ _____

Calvin Crest \$ _____

Crossroads Connection \$ _____

HELP Adult Services \$ _____

Project # _____ \$ _____

Project # _____ \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED FOR 2024 (TOTAL OF ALL LINES) \$ _____

Please complete and submit this form by February 15, 2024 to the address or email below:

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

Submitted by: _____

302 S. 74th Street

Phone: _____

Omaha, NE 68114

Email: _____

402-553-8300

acctg@pmrv.org



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MISSION & MINISTRY REMITTANCE FORM

Church: _____

PIN: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Enclosed is/are:

- 1. General Assembly Mission \$ _____
- 2. Synod Mission \$ _____
- 3. Presbytery Mission & Ministries \$ _____
- 4. Special Offerings:
 - a. One Great Hour of Sharing \$ _____
 - b. Pentecost (Congregation retains 40%) \$ _____
 - c. Global Witness –Peace Making (Congregation retains 25%) \$ _____
 - d. Christmas Joy \$ _____
 - e. Theological Education \$ _____
- 5. Special Mission Projects (use back if needed):
 - Calvin Crest \$ _____
 - Crossroads Connection \$ _____
 - HELP Adult Services \$ _____
 - Project # _____ \$ _____
 - Project # _____ \$ _____
- 6. Per Capita (Apportionment) \$ _____
- 7. **TOTAL REMITTANCE (Amount of check)** \$ _____

Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____

e-Mail: _____

Questions? Contact us at (402) 553-8300 or acctg@pmrv.org

Please enclose this form with a check payable to:

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