



September 21, 2022

Dear Pastors and Clerks of Session,

Greetings from the Finance Committee. This is our annual Stewardship letter from the Finance Committee. First of all, thank you. We are so grateful for your contributions to our shared ministry in the Presbytery. We know that every financial decision made by you as individuals and congregations, begins with a look at “the books.” And, in our organizations there are always competing priorities.

Our letter this year serves as an eight-month report to the Presbytery on how our mission funds are being spent in 2022. And to ask you to continue to walk together with us through your Presbytery pledge.

Our largest funding source comes from you in pledge giving (2023 estimated \$505,984). We also project \$40,000 in investment income. Expenses are projected to be down approximately \$36,000 due to staff changes. The 2023 budget is on track to be presented to the Presbytery at its November 10, 2022 meeting.

We also share with you an update for Presbytery expenses. Like most organizations we have the usual expenses for staff and operations. The attachment details how our mission dollars were spent. You can see that many churches and organizations across the presbytery from Allardt to NaCoMe, receive support. However, our largest single line item is the per capita that goes to the General Assembly and the Synod. One way you can help reduce this expense (\$209,538 for 2023), is for your session to update its membership rolls.

With this letter comes a Commitment form for your church. *We ask that your Session deliberate on your pledge amount this fall and return your form to Presbytery no later than **January 5, 2023.***

We will pray with and for you as you deliberate this Fall. Please know that you are loved, and that God’s love will guide us. Thank you again for your faithful giving.

May God bless the Presbytery and all our churches,

The Finance Committee

TE Steve Thomas, Honorably Retired
RE Steve Douse, Chair, First, Nashville
TE Evelyn Graham, Member At Large
RE Anders Hall, Westminster, Nashville
TE Bruce McVey, First, Fayetteville

RE Cristi Scott Ligon, PMT Moderator,
St. Andrew’s, Nashville
RE Melinda Sanders, Woodland, Nashville
RE Hal Sauer, First, Nashville
TE Stephen Yates, Chair, Admin, First, Tullahoma

Presbytery Direct Mission Support in 2022

From Mutual Support

NaCoMe Camp - \$25,000
MTSU Campus Ministry - \$19,250
TTU Campus ministry - \$16,500
Vanderbilt Campus Ministry - \$19,250

From Church Transformation

Sudanese Church - \$8,250
Nueva Vida - \$25,000

From Grants Awarded

1. Social Media and Technology Fund awarded to churches: \$23,000
(3 churches/organizations)
2. Matthew 25 Fund (Church Transformation)
 - East Brentwood - \$5,000
 - Normandy - \$3,000
 - Iglesia Presbyteriana Nueva Vida ESL classes - \$8,320
3. Centsability Fund - \$22,500 (6 churches/organizations)
4. Synod Technology Grant awarded to churches within the Presbytery:
\$35,000 (8 churches/organizations)
5. Grants received from Foundations*
 - Latin-X - \$25,000
 - Matthew 25 Food Bank - \$20,000
 - Telos/Southminster NWC - \$30,000

**The Presbytery has partnered with organizations outside the Presbytery to help accomplish the missions of the Presbytery.*

Presbytery of Middle Tennessee
2023 INTENDED GIVING COMMITMENT FORM

On behalf of the Administration and Finance Committees of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, thank you for your generous support of this Presbytery as an expression of your commitment to the connectional church and the Body of Christ. We recognize the significant commitment that your congregation has made and appreciate your partnership in this ministry.

In addition to the Presbytery's mission programs, personnel and operations, one of the major expenditures of Presbytery is the payment of per capita amounts to the General Assembly and the Synod of Living Waters for all our member churches.

Give this commitment your prayerful consideration as your congregation identifies its financial commitments for 2023. Please complete and return the Intended Giving Commitment Form below to the Presbytery, either by mailing to:

Presbytery of Middle Tennessee
1113 Murfreesboro Rd.
Suite 106 #216
Franklin, TN 37064
or email to acctg.midtennpres@gmail.com

PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE
2023 INTENDED GIVING COMMITMENT FORM

CHURCH _____

2023 INTENDED GIVING COMMITMENT: _____

Accepted by: _____ Date: _____
Moderator/Clerk of Session

Email: _____

Phone: _____