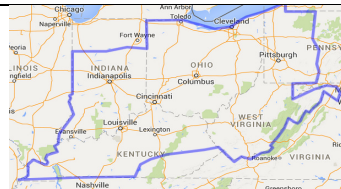




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Current Mission Efforts

Living Water OPC, E. Springfield, OH (Daniel Doleys)

This work became a separate congregation with the election of two elders and the installation and ordination of Daniel Doleys as their first pastor. While 2018 will be their last year of Presbytery and CHMCE support, the LORD has greatly blessed the growth of this church. Living Water has 48 members, with 3 in a membership class and attendance runs in the upper 50 and lower 60s.



Praise for God's continued blessings as the purchase of the building pictured here was finalized April 30! Please pray for ongoing outreach/evangelism opportunities: the Doleys' family move in May to new home/neighborhood, ministry to a reformed Hispanic church, ministry into the new community where the church resides and campus ministries at Cedarville.

Grace Fellowship OPC, Huron, OH Larry Oldaker

This work is under the oversight of Covenant OPC, Mansfield, OH. Grace Fellowship has 31 members, with 1 teen desiring to make profession of faith, and attendance currently is in the low 20's. There is one man in officer training. They have monthly Sunday evening services and meet in a rented country club



Praise for God's sustaining grace, care, and healing of several people. Please pray for: God to use his word to convict many of sin and regenerate to new life and add 4 families this year, contacts to turn into visitors and visitors to become regular visitors, outreach, such as at the local donut shop. Pray for some of the challenges of meeting in a rented facility and wisdom for Trustees in considering other possibilities.

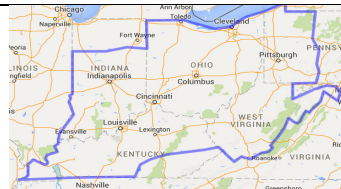


Wilmington Reformed Church, Wilmington, OH

This group of seven families had been traveling for an hour to worship at Trinity Presbyterian (PCA) in Ludlow, KY. After the group contacted Brad in December 2017, Brad and Mike Diercks met with the group and the session of Trinity PCA in January to discuss the options available to them within the OPC. Covenant (Vandalia) offered Brad's time to help support and develop the group with studies and worship services until they can bring in an organizing pastor. After taking a few weeks to consider, including a couple of days for prayer and fasting, the group decided to pursue mission work status in the OPC. The group began morning



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worship services on the campus of Wilmington College on March 25th and 60 – 65 currently attend. Elders Nathan Jones and Tom Dizer have offered to serve along with Brad as the overseeing session of the work. Praise God for the group's high level of commitment to the church and each other; pray for outreach planned for the summer and that God would send additional families.

Mission Works in Development

Living Hope Fellowship, Hermitage/Sharon, PA

The session of Covenant/Grove City, PA oversees this preaching station at St John's Episcopal Church in Sharon with worship services at 3 PM. Ministers from the POH lead worship and preaching, staying to converse with visitors. There has been good support from the presbytery and the members of COPC/Grove City who visit to support the worship services. Attendance is around 20 per week, about half are local visitors who typically have little church exposure. Pray for the core group to grow into a mission work in the Sharon, PA area.

Tri-Creek-West Reformed Bible Study, New Lebanon, OH

Tri-Creek-West is overseen by the session of Covenant (Vandalia). Core families, friends from Covenant (Vandalia) and Living Water (Springfield) and one man from Redeemer (Beavercreek) meet each week for evening worship in the town's library. Five men meet weekly in the morning to study different theological topics.

Hope Presbyterian Bible Study, Portsmouth, OH

The families in Portsmouth are very interested in continuing to work with the OPC in trying to establish a work in Portsmouth. CHEX and Grace (Columbus) are working together to determine how best to encourage the group. Please pray that the saints in Portsmouth remain optimistic about the work there and that a clear direction for Portsmouth will be made apparent to everyone involved.

Preliminary Works

Charles Town, WV – This effort is led by the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic though it is within our presbytery borders. Rev. Stephen Doe, RHM for the MAP, met with an interested group last year. During the winter, the group was encouraged to get to know each other. This spring, Rev. Doe will re-initiate discussions with the group. The group is currently content to stay informal and continue in their existing church relationships.

Perrysburg, OH – Pastor Oldaker has occasionally been filling the pulpit on Sunday afternoons at an EPC who is without a pastor. Their search for a pastor has been fruitless so far. The elders are interested to learn more of our ministry and determine if the OPC would be a better fit for this church theologically and ecclesiastically.

Pray for CHEX: to support sessions currently involved in church planting, vision for all the churches to support new works and for provision of pastors, God's wisdom for Pastor Peppo as he coordinates many different responsibilities simultaneously, create a vision and a plan for an RHM/C work, and outreach in new areas (shaded in the map). Contact mike.diercks@gmail.com to learn more about the work of CHEX. Pray for and plan to attend the upcoming Outreach conference to be led by John Shaw on June 24. See attached flyer.

