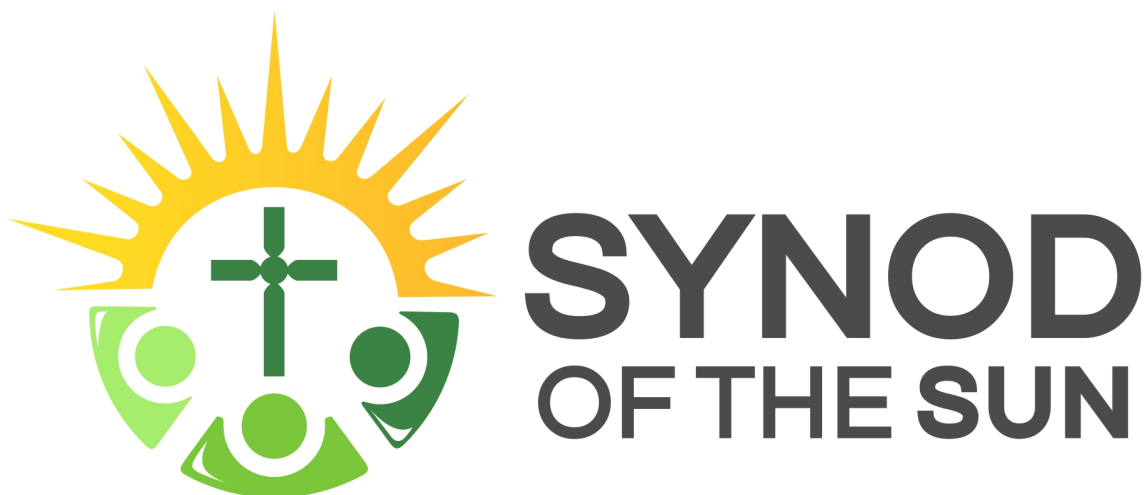


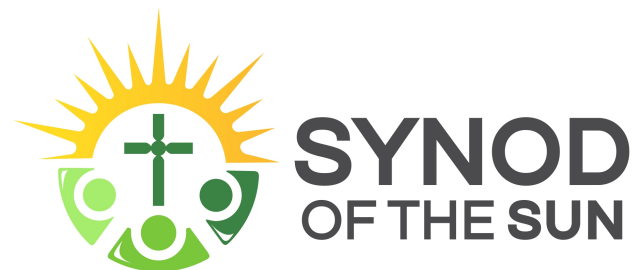


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Packet B - Additional Documentation



Event Schedule

Monday, October 26

4:00-6:00pm	Arrive/registration
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00-8:30pm	Introductions/Community Building

Tuesday, October 27

8:00am	Breakfast
9:15am	Opening Devotions and Plenary
Noon	Lunch
1:00pm	Plenary Continues
2:45pm	Ferncliff Tour/Service Project*
4:15pm	Free Time
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00-8:30pm	Committee Meeting Time

*Assembly split into two groups

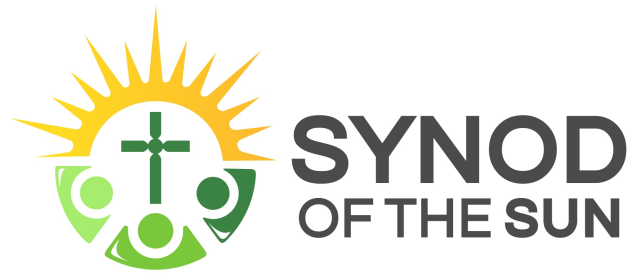
Group B - Ferncliff Tour and Update

Group A - Assembly Buckets

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9:15am	Opening Devotions and Plenary
Noon	Lunch
1:00pm	Plenary Continues
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6:00pm	Dinner
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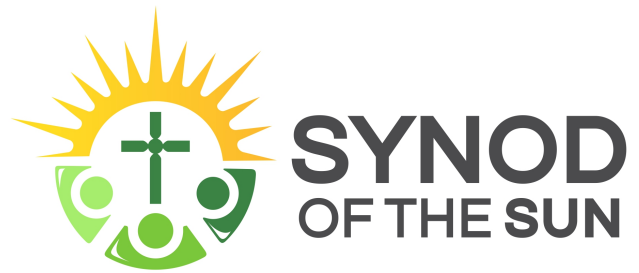
Thursday, October 29

8:00am	Breakfast
9:15am	Plenary
10:30am	Closing Worship and Installation of New Moderator
Noon	Lunch and exit

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Proposed Agenda - Tuesday, October 26

Welcome, Introductions, Opening Prayer

Synod Moderator, Ron Fike

Declaration of Quorum

Seating of Corresponding Members & Visitors

Adoption of Agenda

Acknowledgement of Land & People

Approval of Spring Stated Assembly Minutes

Finance Report

Bill Wiles, Treasurer

BREAK and Assignment of Afternoon Groups

HR Committee Report

Coordinating Team Report

Sharon Curry, Moderator

– Nominations

Greetings and Updates from the Office of Stewardship and Funds Development

Lemuel Garcia and Jason Smith

Greeting from the Co-Moderator of the General Assembly

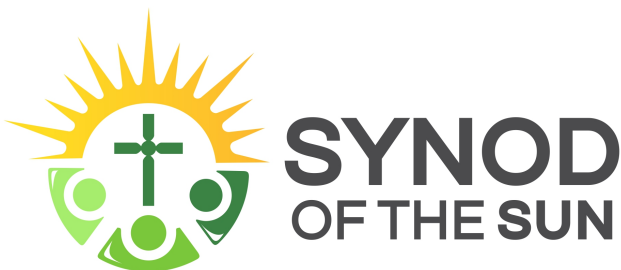
Marta Pumroy-Cordero

Committee Reports

– Connecting

Polly Williams, Moderator

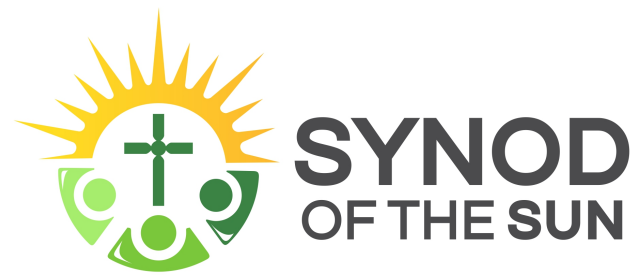
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Covenant Partner Reports

Ferncliff	
Gilmont	
Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincy	
NOROC	
Tres Rios Border Foundation	Marta Pumroy-Cordero
Project Vida	
Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services	
Evergreen Life Services	
Texas Presbyterian Foundation	
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	



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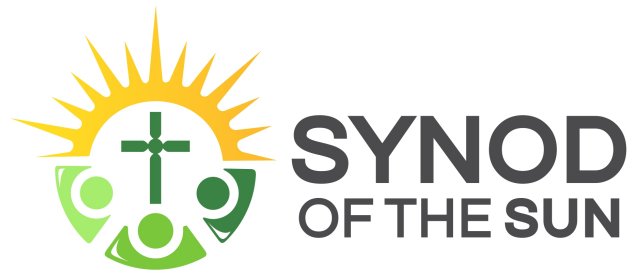
Plenary Continues

Communications Services Plan	Thomas Riggs, Director
Synod Leader/Stated Clerk Report	Mitch Miller
Synod Partnership for Disaster Recovery	Libby Janes, Director
Committee/Commission Reports	
Equipping	Molly Casteel, Moderator
Empowering	Leah Lynch McFadden
Grants and Scholarships	Polly Williams
Committee on Representation	Molly Casteel and Princeton Abaraoha
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Covenant Partner Reports

South Central Region of the Association of
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Presbyterian Historical Society of the Southwest

Solar Under the Sun

Austin College

Lyon College

Presbyterian Pan American School

Trinity University

University of the Ozarks

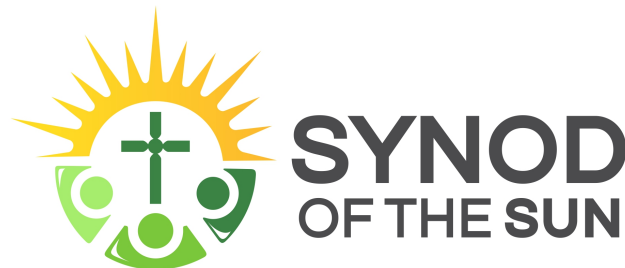
Schreiner University

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

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Plenary Continues

**Closing Worship and Installation of New
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Finance Report

SYNOD OF THE SUN
Financial Report Packet
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026

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Prepared by: William M. (Bill) Wiles
Treasurer, Synod of the Sun
October 14, 2026

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ASSETS		Balances at
<u>Unrestricted Assets</u>		<u>9.30.26</u>
Account	<u>Cash Balances:</u>	
10200	Pegasus Operating Account	45,546
10210	Pegasus Payroll Account	5,008
10100	Chase Operating Account	1,025
10300	NCTC Money Market	Note 2 84,971
10400	NCTC Certificates of Deposit	Note 2 421,673
10900	Undeposited Funds	Note 3 2,028
12111	PILP Certificate of Deposit	Note 4 <u>100,000</u>
	Total Cash Assets	660,251
12214	Gatewood Funds (TPF)	775,903
12229	Ministry Reserve Funds	71,892
12231	Year End Reserves	67,788
	Synod Budget Accrual Fund	13,000
15000	Equipment	8,384
15100	Accumulated depreciation	(5,221)
16101	Accounts receivable, net	Note 5 <u>6,342</u>
	Total	<u>1,698,339</u>
<u>Synod Designated Assets</u>		
12233	Disaster Assistance	18,876
12112	Regional PDA	122,709
12218	MACC Trust	87,428
12220	MAPPa Scholarship	<u>49,814</u>
	Total	<u>278,827</u>
<u>Donor Restricted Assets</u>		
12225	Crisp Scholarship	143,589
12223	Crisp Endowment	120,303
12235	Munson & Kerr Scholarship	<u>1,748,688</u>
	Total	<u>2,012,580</u>
	Total Assets	<u><u>3,989,746</u></u>

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LIABILITIES

20000	Accounts Payable	820
	Payroll Liabilities	1,387
20510	Due to SYW	(12,429)
20520	Due to SPDR	(13,210)
22200	Commerce Bank Credit Card	<u>7,727</u>
	Total Liabilities	<u>(15,705)</u>

FUND EQUITY

	Unrestricted Equity	1,171,834
	Synod Designated Equity	420,887
	Donor Restricted Equity	<u>2,412,730</u>
	Total Fund Equity	<u>4,005,451</u>

Total Liabilities & Fund Equity 3,989,746

2026 Review of Synod of the Sun Investment Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2026

Unrestricted Funds	Fund Description	Beginning \$	Portfolio		Income	Withdrawals	New Funds	Ending \$	Annual return	Net Change
			Gains	Losses						
Texas Presbyterian Foundation 12214 Gatewood Account 51392 Cole Monroe	TPF Balanced Pooled Fund	Q1 724,803.48	(15,695.20)		6,101.27			715,209.55	-1.3%	
		Q2 715,209.55	56,776.97		6,138.50	(5,000.00)		773,125.02	8.8%	
		Q3 773,125.02	(3,382.94)		6,160.87			775,902.95	0.4%	
		Q4						0.00	#DIV/0!	
	TOTALS FOR 2026	724,803.48	37,698.83		18,400.64	(5,000.00)	0.00	775,902.95	7.7%	
Texas Presbyterian Foundation 12229 Ministry Reserves 54201 Cole Monroe	TPF Balanced Pooled Fund	Q1 67,644.73	(1,464.81)		569.42			66,749.34	-1.3%	
		Q2 66,749.34	5,299.19		572.82	(500.00)		72,121.35	8.8%	
		Q3 72,121.35	(302.77)		573.43	(500.00)		71,892.01	0.4%	
		Q4						0.00	#REF!	
	TOTALS FOR 2026	67,644.73	3,531.61		1,715.67	(1,000.00)	0.00	71,892.01	7.8%	
Texas Presbyterian Foundation 12231 Year-End Reserves 54495 Cole Monroe	TPF Balanced Pooled Fund	Q1 62,919.54	(1,362.49)		529.65			62,086.70	-1.3%	
		Q2 62,086.70	4,925.07		534.02			67,545.79	8.8%	
		Q3 67,545.79	(295.56)		538.26			67,788.49	0.4%	
		Q4						0.00	#DIV/0!	
	TOTALS FOR 2026	62,919.54	3,267.02		1,601.93	0.00	0.00	67,788.49	7.7%	
Unrestricted Funds Totals		855,367.75	44,497.46		21,718.24	(6,000.00)	0.00	915,583.45		60,215.70

Synod Designated Funds

Texas Presbyterian Foundation 12233 Disaster Assistance Fund 54825 Cole Monroe	TPF Balanced Pooled Fund	Q1 16,594.18	(359.34)		139.69			16,374.53	-1.3%	
		Q2 16,374.53	1,290.43		143.47	(4,000.00)	5,000.00	18,808.43	8.8%	
		Q3 18,808.43	(82.30)		149.88			18,876.01	0.4%	
		Q4						0.00		
	TOTALS FOR 2026	16,594.18	848.79		433.04	(4,000.00)	5,000.00	18,876.01	7.7%	
Texas Presbyterian Foundation 12112 Synod Regional PDA 55716 Cole Monroe	TPF Balanced Pooled Fund	Q1 128,619.79	(2,676.91)		1,040.61	(5,000.00)		121,983.49	-1.3%	
		Q2 121,983.49	9,279.80		1,006.19	(5,000.00)		127,269.48	8.4%	
		Q3 127,269.48	(535.01)		974.35	(5,000.00)		122,708.82	0.3%	
		Q4						0.00	#DIV/0!	
	TOTALS FOR 2026	128,619.79	6,067.88		3,021.15	(15,000.00)	0.00	122,708.82	7.1%	
Texas Presbyterian Foundation 12218 Hispanic American Ministries 50900 MAAC	Large Cap Equity	Q1 79,913.59	(5,594.68)		146.13			74,465.04	-6.8%	
		Q2 74,465.04	9,883.65		207.42			84,556.11	13.6%	
		Q3 84,556.11	2,683.25		188.29			87,427.65	3.4%	
		Q4						0.00		
	TOTALS FOR 2026	79,913.59	6,972.22		541.84	0.00	0.00	87,427.65	9.4%	

Fund Description		Beginning \$		Portfolio		Income		Withdrawals		New Funds		Ending \$		Annual return		Net Change	
				Gains													
Texas Presbyterian Foundation 12220 Hispanic American Ministries 50901	Large Cap Equity	Q1	47,051.83	(2,428.90)		148.99						44,771.92	-11.6%				
	Fixed Income	Q2	44,771.92	4,153.53		196.75						49,122.20	9.7%				
		Q3	49,122.20	495.33		196.71						49,814.24	1.4%				
		Q4										0.00					
	TOTALS FOR 2026			47,051.83	2,219.96		542.45		0.00		0.00	49,814.24	5.9%				
Synod Designated Funds Totals			272,179.39	16,108.85		4,538.48		(19,000.00)		5,000.00	278,826.72	7.6%				6,647.33	
Donor Restricted Funds																	
Texas Presbyterian Foundation																	
12225 Albert S Crisp Scholarship Fund #51736	TPF Balanced Pooled Fund	Q1	138,315.83	(2,058.06)		1,161.23						137,419.00	#REF!				
		Q2	137,419.00	7,474.43		1,190.36						146,083.79	6.3%				
		Q3	146,083.79	(435.91)		1,191.59		(3,250.00)				143,589.47	0.5%				
		Q4										0.00					
	TOTALS FOR 2025			138,315.83	4,980.46		3,543.18		(3,250.00)		0.00	143,589.47	6.2%				
Texas Presbyterian Foundation																	
12223 Albert S Crisp Scholarship Children's #51737	TPF Balanced Pooled Fund	Q1	114,705.63	(2,242.43)		964.79						113,427.99	-1.1%				
		Q2	113,427.99	8,143.99		977.88						122,549.86	7.6%				
		Q3	122,549.86	(474.96)		978.15		(2,750.00)				120,303.05	0.4%				
		Q4										0.00	#DIV/0!				
	TOTALS FOR 2025			114,705.63	5,426.60		2,920.82		(2,750.00)		0.00	120,303.05	7.3%				
Texas Presbyterian Foundation																	
12235 Betsy Kerr Munson & John Steele 55474	TPF Balanced Pooled Fund	Q1	1,625,354.17	(35,196.10)		13,681.95						1,603,840.02	-1.3%				
		Q2	1,603,840.02	127,225.72		13,794.91						1,744,860.65	#REF!				
		Q3	1,744,860.65	(7,570.89)		13,897.95		(2,500.00)				1,748,687.71	0.4%				
		Q4										0.00	#DIV/0!				
	TOTALS FOR 2025			1,625,354.17	84,458.73		41,374.81		(2,500.00)		0.00	1,748,687.71	7.7%				
Donor Restricted Funds Totals			1,878,375.63	94,865.79		47,838.81		(8,500.00)		0.00	2,012,580.23	7.6%				134,204.60	
TOTAL SOS FUNDS																	
			3,005,922.77	155,472.10		74,095.53		(33,500.00)		5,000.00	3,206,990.40	7.6%				201,067.63	
New Investment Funds																	
Withdrawals																	
Change in investment values																	
Net Change																	

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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted	Restricted	2026	2026
Unrestricted Revenues		Funds	Restrictions	Totals	Budget
41000	Presbytery Contributions	84,079		84,079	85,000
42100	Contributions	250		250	0
42110	Synod Foundation	Note 6 255,262		255,262	346,000
42150	Special Contributions	0		0	0
42210	Interest Income--PILP	1,820		1,820	3,500
42250	Interest Income--NCTC	14,225		14,225	25,000
42240	Interest Income--Other	162		167	
43100	Communication Services	66,737		66,737	70,000
4400	Other Income	31		31	
49100	Pass-Through Funds	35		35	0
		<u>422,601</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>422,606</u>	<u>529,500</u>
Unrestricted Expenses (See Detailed Expense Schedule)					
61000	Connecting Expenditures	77		77	9,500
62001	Equipping	23,926		23,926	28,400
63000	Empowering	12,695		12,695	30,500
64001	Coordinating Team	96,385		96,385	121,250
65000	Personnel	300,054		300,054	384,299
66001	Grants and Scholarships (#61040)	26,050		26,050	25,000
66002	Representation	0		0	2,000
66003	Permanent Judicial Commission	0		0	1,000
90200	Depreciation	0		0	0
90300	Credit card suspense	1,428		1,428	
	Total Expenses	<u>460,615</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>460,615</u>	<u>601,949</u>
OPERATIONAL FUNDS INCOME		<u>(38,014)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(38,009)</u>	<u>(72,449)</u>

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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Restrictions</u>	<u>2026 Totals</u>
USE OF RESERVE FUNDS (see details on page XX)			
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
Year-To-Date Income	0		
Year-To-Date Disbursements	<u>(22,750)</u>		(22,750)
<u>Synod Designated Funds</u>			
Year-To-Date Income		15,000	
Year-To-Date Disbursements		<u>(9,737)</u>	5,263
<u>Donor Restricted Funds</u>			
Year-To-Date Income		64,604	
Year-To-Date Disbursements		<u>(47,075)</u>	<u>17,529</u>
Net Reserve Funds Income			<u>42</u>
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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Restrictions</u>	<u>2026 Totals</u>
INVESTMENT FUND FLOWS			
<u>Unrestricted TPF Funds</u>			
YTD Income/Change in Values	66,216		
YTD Withdrawals:			
Disaster Assist. Trans.	(5,000)		
EOP Disaster Assist.	<u>(1,000)</u>		
Net Change	<u>60,216</u>		60,216
<u>Synod Designated TPF Funds</u>			
YTD Income/Change in Values		20,647	
Add from Gatewood Fund		5,000	
YTD Withdrawals:			
SPDR Support		(15,000)	
EOP Disaster Assist.		<u>(4,000)</u>	
Net Change		<u>6,647</u>	6,647
<u>Donor Restricted TPF Funds</u>			
YTD Income/Change in Values		142,705	
YTD Withdrawals:			
Crisp Funds Distributed		(6,000)	
Munson/Steel Scholar.		<u>(2,500)</u>	
Net Change		<u>134,205</u>	<u>134,205</u>
Total Investment Incomes			<u>201,068</u>
TOTAL EXCESS OF INCOME OVER DISBURSEMENTS			<u>163,101</u>

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Expense Item Details

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Administration & Operations		9.30.26	2026	
Connecting Expenditures		Actual	Budget	
61080	Presbyterian Women	0	0	
61100	Covenant Relationship Travel	0	0	
61110	Lyon College	0	0	
61120	Austin College	0	0	
61130	University of Ozarks	0	0	
61140	Schreiner University	0	0	
61150	Trinity University	0	0	
61160	Tulsa University	0	0	
61170	PanAmerican School	0	0	
61180	Austin Seminary	0	0	
61190	Presby Children's Home & Service	0	0	
61200	Evergreen Presby. Ministries	0	0	
61210	Vera Loyd Home & Family	0	0	
61220	Goodland Academy	0	0	
61230	Mo Ranch	0	0	
61240	Presby. Historical Society of SW	0	0	
61250	Texas Presbyterian Foundation	0	0	
61260	Multi-Cultural Youth Conf.	0	3,500	
61302	Connecting Initiatives	0	0	
61310	Critical Needs Fund	0	500	
61330	National Event Hospitality	77	5,500	
	Totals	77	9,500	
Equipping Expenditures				
61030	COM Event	0	0	
61035	Development Courses	0	0	
61060	Sexual Misconduct Resources	3,799	3,000	
61070	EP Forum	1,541	10,000	
61270	Synod School	10,000	22,500	note
	Use Carryover 2025 funds		(10,000)	
61280	Clerk Forum	76	0	
61285	Triennium	3,000		note
62030	CSP Operations (PassThru)	3,651	0	
62060	Synod/CSP Marketing	1,859	2,400	
64160	Racial Ethnic Ministries	0	500	
	Totals	23,926	28,400	
Empowering Expenditures				
61050	Network Nurture	5,013	5,000	
61100	Hispanic Mission Ministries Network	0	5,000	
61065	Raising Tomorrow's Leaders	0	10,000	
	(additional funding from reserve funds)			
63100	Synod Partnership for Disaster Support	0	3,000	
61270	Synod Youth Workshop + AV Equipment	7,682	7,500	
	Totals	12,695	30,500	
Grants & Scholarships				
	FPC Abilene: MASSA	5,000		
	Dubuque: Tobias Green	2,050		
	Camp Gilmont	4,000		
	Palo Duro: NOROC	5,000		
	FPC Garland	5,000		
	Friends of Gujranwala Seminary	5,000		
	Totals	26,050	25,000	note

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		9.30.26	2026	
		Actual	Budget	
Coordinating Team				
61340	Moderator Expenses	0	1,000	
62040	Computer Hardware + subscriptions	305	500	
62050	Online Operations	4,689	5,000	
62055	Online Processing Fees (VANCO)	413	250	
62057	Synod Leader Discretionary Fund	0	20,000	
64010	Stated Meeting, Fall	5,515	22,000	
64020	Stated Meeting, Spring	20,036	15,000	
64030	Leadership Gathering	6,445	5,000	
64035	CP Conference	(2,042)		
64040	General Assembly	8,535	4,000	
64050	Administrative Commission	0	1,000	
64100	Other Committee Expenses	0	500	
66000	Office Expenses	82	0	
66010	Office Rent	0	0	
66020	Telephone	0	0	
66030	Postage	0	500	
66040	Copiers	0	0	
66050	Supplies	1,231	1,000	
66060	File Retention/Storage	894	1,000	
66070	Bookkeeping Services	35,667	22,000	
66071	Audit Fees	4,500	12,000	
66090	Insurance	6,352	7,000	
66100	Bank Charges	1,251	1,000	
66105	APLOS Fees	2,386	2,000	
65420	New Leader Search	0	0	
66110	Miscellaneous Charges	126	500	
66120	Contingency	0	0	
	Totals	96,385	121,250	
Personnel Expenditures				
65010	Synod Leader/SC Salary & House	83,383	111,178	
65020	Synod Leader/SC BOP	39,662	46,200	
65030	Synod Leader/SC FICA Share	6,379	7,200	
65040	Synod Leader/SC Prof Expenses	679	1,500	
65050	Synod Leader/SC Prof Development	0	2,500	
65510	Synod Leader/SC Travel	20,790	32,000	
	Totals	150,893	200,578	
65110	Comm & Admin Coordinator Salary	48,564	64,885	
65120	Comm & Admin Coordinator BOP	17,025	20,100	
65125	Comm & Admin Coordinator FSA	1,192	0	
65130	Comm & Admin Coord. Payroll Taxes	3,450	4,500	
65140	Comm & Admin Coordinator Prof Dev.	497	1,500	
65142	Comm & Admin Corrdinator Sabbatical	3,369	0	note
65520	Comm & Admin Coordinator Travel	833	2,500	
	Totals	74,930	93,485	
65170	Treasurer Salary	29,299	39,064	
65180	Treasurer Payroll Taxes	2,241	3,000	
65190	Treasurer Prof Expenses	375	2,000	
65195	Treasurer Travel	2,347	2,000	
	Totals	34,262	46,064	
65150	Administrative Assistant Salary	18,505	24,672	
65160	Administrative Assistant Payroll Taxes	1,415	3,500	
		19,920	28,172	
65220	Temp Staff & Other Staff Expense	18,980	15,000	note
65410	HR Committee	1,069	1,000	
	Totals	300,054	384,299	

Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc.
USE OF CASH RESERVE FUNDS
Transactions for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2026

		Balance	YTD	YTD	Balance
		12.31.25	Income	Distributions	Balance
	Unrestricted Reserves		@9.30.26	@9.30.26	@9.30.26
31100	Gatewood Fund	145,636 #			122,886
	SPDR Matching Funds Challenge			(11,000)	
	Kaleidoscope sponsorship			(750)	
	Pan American School			(3,000)	
	Tres Rios Foundation			(8,000)	
33100	Ministry Reserve	7,142 #			7,142
33110	Year-End Reserves	6,643 #			6,643
33120	Disaster Assistance Fund	357 #			357
	Totals	<u>159,778</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(22,750)</u>	<u>137,028</u>
	Synod Designated Reserves				
31140	Translation Fund	29,726			29,726
	Solar Under the Sun	300			300
31160	Racial Ethnic Ministries	0	7,500 CT		2,500
	Korean Pastor Conference			(5,000)	
31180	Special Meetings	17,655			17,655
31190	Synod Leadership Travel	3,212			3,212
31220	COR Network	471			471
31222	Commissioned Pastor Network	15,121			10,384
	CP Pre-conference costs			(4,737)	
31250	Promotional Swag	1,957			1,957
31260	Network Reserves	30,121			30,121
31270	Cross Cultural Intern	0	7,500 CT		7,500
31280	Presby. Leader Formation	12,734			12,734
31310	Mission Network Grants	0			0
31300	International Mission Trips	0			0
32130	Opioid Crisis	500			500
32140	Network for Dismantling Racism	0			0
32155	ESL Scholarship Fund	25,000			25,000
	Totals	<u>136,797</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>(9,737)</u>	<u>142,060</u>

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Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc.
USE OF CASH RESERVE FUNDS
Transactions for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026

		YTD	YTD	
		Balance	Income	Distributions
		12.31.25	@9.30.26	@9.30.26
Donor Restricted Funds				
33130	David Robinson Fund	2,646	687 PF	3,333
33140	Seminary Scholarship Fund	8,424	485 TPF	7,274
	Kate McGee			(1,635)
33150	Young Adult Volunteers	55,499	3,802 TPF	59,301
33160	Educational Programs	768	380 TPF	1,148
33170	Peacemaking	1,923	327	1,250
	Camp Gilmont counselor			(1,000)
33187	Aid for Pastors	14,976	2,558 TPF	13,934
	Rachael McConnell			(1,100)
	Indian Nations: Pastor Retreat			(2,500)
33188	Church Extension and Development	15,313	5,733 TPF	21,046
33190	National Missions in Texas	37,543	5,722 TPF	30,765
	New Covenant Presbytery			(3,500)
	First Presbyterian Garland			(4,000)
	FPC Kerrville			(5,000)
33200	Old Age Concerns	152,020	17,066 TPF	159,086
	Presbyterian Village			(5,000) B
	Presbyterian Village			(5,000) B
33210	Reserve for Higher Education	79,266	13,940 TPF	88,206
	Pan American School Chaplain			(5,000) A
33220	Child & Youth Schroeder	363	371 PF	2,910
	Child & Youth Schroeder	730	1,446 TPF	
22900	SOSPF Scholarship Fund	13,150	12,087 TPF	11,897
	ATS: Yoan			(2,500)
	Dubuque: Benny Thompson			(4,000)
	Benny Thompson returned \$\$			1,160
	Arkansas Presbytery: Rob Button			(2,500)
	Dubuque: Taylor Kronberg			(5,500)
Totals		<u>382,621</u>	<u>64,604</u>	<u>(47,075)</u>
Grand Totals		<u>679,196</u>	<u>79,604</u>	<u>(79,562)</u>
				<u>679,238</u>

These are funds in addition to similarly named TPF investment accounts.

A The Synod has committed \$5,000 annual support to the chaplaincy program through 2028.

B Funds disbursed in October, 2026

-----SPDR Support-----		-----SOTS Mission Funds-----									
Presbytery	2025 Members	-----Amounts as of 9.30.26-----									
		2025 Giving	2026 Giving	2026 Synod \$	2026 Totals	2027 Giving	2024 Giving	2025 Giving	9.30.26 Giving	2027 Giving	Per Member Thru 9.30
Arkansas	6,763	7,500	8,500	1,000	9,500	??	21,000	7,171	13,279	??	1.96
Cimarron	859	0	3,500	1,500	5,000	??	6,091	5,461	2,459	??	2.86
Grace	20,058	5,000	5,000		5,000	??	15,536	9,167	4,770	??	0.24
Eastern Oklahoma	4,339	5,000	7,500	2,500	10,000	??	6,667	6,132	8,333	??	1.92
Indian Nations	3,995	5,000	5,000		5,000	??	7,914	7,714	4,327	??	1.08
Mission	15,535	5,000	5,000		5,000	??	10,098	22,319	17,141	??	1.10
New Covenant	12,733	5,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	??	10,000	5,000	10,000	??	0.79
Palo Duro	3,330	5,000	5,000		5,000	??	16,021	8,118	9,839	??	2.95
Pines	2,298	5,000	5,000		5,000	??	0	0	10,066	??	4.38
South Louisiana	3,204	5,000	6,000	1,000	7,000	??	0	0	0	??	0.00
Tres Rios	1,787	2,500	3,500	1,000	4,500	??	5,000	2,740	3,865	??	2.16
Synod		20,000	15,000		15,000	20,000			NA		
PDA		70,000	50,000		50,000	50,000		NA	NA		
TOTALS	74,901	140,000	129,000	12,000	141,000	70,000	98,327	73,822	84,079	0	1.12

Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements
September 30, 2026

- Note 1 The Synod of the Sun ("Synod") utilizes the modified cash basis of accounting. This means that balance sheet items are normally recorded on the accrual basis and income statement items are recorded on the cash basis. This approach gives a clearer picture of the actual cash position of the Synod's incomes and expenses.
- Note 2 The Synod has both a money market and a series of certificates of deposit placed with the Presbyterian Foundation's investment branch known as the New Covenant Trust Company. The Synod has the following certificates of deposit with NCTC:
- \$50,000 maturing on 3.04.27 at 3.95%
 - \$175,000 maturing on 5.28.27 at 4.15%
 - \$100,000 maturing on 5.01.28 at 4.05%
 - \$100,000 maturing on 5.29.29 at 4.10%
- Interest earnings from these certificates of deposit are transferred to the money market account.
- Note 3 The Synod's CSP program uses the VANCO payment receiving service of the Presbyterian Foundation. The Foundation notifies us when they have received funds, but there is a lag time in our receiving funds from the Foundation. This account represents that lag time.
- Note 4 The Synod has a \$100,000 certificate of deposit placed with the Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program. Although the interest rate on this CD is below market rates, the CD provides a form of compensating balance allowing some of the churches within our boundaries to have lower borrowing costs.
- Note 5 The accounts receivable balance is composed of CSP program billings and an allowance for doubtful accounts.
- Note 6 The Synod receives the bulk of its annual operating budget from the Synod of the Sun Foundation. Generally the amount of these funds represent a 5% annual distribution rate. The Foundation has an authorized board of 11 members representing all of the presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod plus other specific representatives. The board meets annually.

Synod of the Sun **Preliminary 2027 Budget Notes**

An Overview of the Synod's Accounting Structure

The first step in diving into the 2027 budget of the Synod of the Sun ("Synod") is to understand that the accounting and reporting standards for churches and other non-profit organizations are different from those used in the for-profit business world. Those differences are driven by the fact that most non-profits depend upon distributions from their investment funds in order to sustain their operations.

The guidelines of the American Institute of Certified Professional Accountants require the assets and incomes of non-profit organizations (like the Synod and its presbyteries and churches) be segregated into two classifications:

- **Unrestricted Assets or Funds:**

Unrestricted Funds are the assets and incomes which have no restrictions on their use. The 2027 projected incomes and expenses of the Synod's unrestricted assets are shown in the green highlighted area on page 3. Account details are shown on pages 4 and 5.

- **Restricted Assets or Funds:**

Restricted Funds are financial assets which have restrictions on when and/or how they can be utilized by the Synod. There are two types of restricted assets:

- Funds the Synod has set-aside for designated uses:

These are financial funds which the Synod has designated for specific uses. These Synod Designated Funds can be redesignated for different uses from time-to-time by the Synod or they can be reclassified as Unrestricted Funds. The 2027 projected incomes and expenses of the Synod's Designated Funds are shown in the orange highlighted area on page 3. Account details are shown on pages 6 and 7.

- Funds restricted by the donor of the funds:

These are financial funds held by the Synod which were received from donors who attached restrictions to these funds. Those restrictions can be for the use of the fund, the income it generates, or time restrictions on when the funds can be used. Generally, such restrictions can be modified only by the donor or, under certain circumstances, actions taken by a court-of-law. Grants are generally considered to be donor-restricted funds.

Additionally, the periodic distribution of funds which the Synod receives from endowment funds are also considered donor-restricted funds which must be used for the purposes set forth by the donor.

The 2027 projected incomes and expenses of the Synod's Donor Restricted Funds are also shown in the orange highlighted area on page 3. Account details

are shown on pages 6 and 7. Disbursements of these funds are usually handled by the Synod's Grants and Scholarships Commission.

The AICPA also sets forth guidelines that require the receipts and disbursements associated with each of these three funds be tracked separately. This requirement for "fund accounting" is the second major difference from the accounting practices followed by business organizations. This is why the budget summary on page 6 is composed of three separate sections (Unrestricted, Synod Designated, and Donor Restricted).

Specific Changes Included in the 2027 Projected Budget

The changes proposed in the 2027 Synod budget vs. the 2026 Synod budget are highlighted in blue. This detailed information is being provided to you now so we can stream-line the budget presentation process while being fully transparent in our presentations. If you have questions, please bring them to our Fall Assembly or contact me directly. Below is a summary of the proposed changes.

Friends, budget amounts are just numbers, and they can quickly become mind-numbing and soul-killing. What is most important is what we are doing with our funds. How our budget funds help support and inform our mission and ministry together.

Your Coordinating Team has given a tremendous amount of thought and effort to making sure this budget not only strengthens what we are already doing, but also lays foundations for new work as the Synod seeks to serve our presbyteries and their congregations.

**Yes, we can make a real difference
when we pool our funds and work together!**

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Synod of the Sun Preliminary 2027 Budgets

-----9.30.2026-----				-----Proposed 2027 Budget-----		
	UnRestricted	Restricted	2026	UnRestricted	Restricted	
	Funds	Funds	Budget	Funds	Funds	Totals
UnRestricted Incomes						
41000 Presbytery Contributions	84,079		85,000	85,000		85,000
42100 Contributions	250					
42110 Synod Foundation Funds	255,262		346,000	380,000		380,000
42110 Administration Support (SOSFD)	0					0
42100 Contributions	0		0			0
42150 Special Contributions	0		0	0		0
42210 PILP Interest Earned	1,820		3,500	3,500		3,500
42550 NCTC Income (accrued)	14,225		25,000	20,000		20,000
42440 Other Income	162		0			
43100 Communication Services	66,737		70,000	75,000		75,000
44000 Other Income	31		0	0		0
49100 Pass-Thru funds	35		0	0		0
Total Revenues	422,601	0	529,500	563,500	0	563,500
UnRestricted Expenses (See Detailed Expenses)						
61000 Connecting Expenditures	77		9,500	15,300		15,300
62001 Equipping	23,926		28,400	12,000		12,000
63000 Empowering	12,695		30,500	35,900		35,900
64001 Coordinating Team	96,385		121,250	111,350		111,350
65000 Personnel	300,054		384,299	394,799		394,799
66001 Grants and Scholarships (#61040)	26,050		25,000	25,000		25,000
66002 Representation	0		2,000	7,000		7,000
See TPF funds schedule for new tool to assess Synod participation by minority groups						
66003 Permanent Judicial Commission	0		1,000	500		500
Total Expenses	459,187	0	601,949	601,849	0	601,849
OPERATIONAL FUNDS INCOMES	(36,586)	0	(72,449)	(38,349)	0	(38,349)
Transactions in Restricted/Unrestricted Reserve Funds						
Unrestricted Reserve Funds						
Projected Unrestricted Funds Income				0		0
Projected Use of Unrestricted Funds				(24,000)		(24,000)
Synod-Designated Reserve Funds:						
Projected Synod-Designated Funds Income					0	0
Projected Use of Synod-Designated Funds					(3,000)	(3,000)
Donor Restricted Reserve Funds:						
Projected Donor-Restricted Funds Income					91,049	91,049
Projected Use of Donor-Restricted Funds					(10,000)	(10,000)
Net Change in Value of Reserve Funds				(24,000)	78,049	54,049
Projected Changes in TPF Investment Funds						
Projected Increases in Value				76,700	186,200	262,900
Projected Uses of Investment Funds				(18,000)	(42,000)	(60,000)
New Additions to Investment Funds				0	0	0
Net Change in Value of Investments				58,700	144,200	202,900
Net Income Including Reserves & Investments				(3,649)	222,249	218,600

Synod of the Sun Preliminary 2027 Budgets Detailed Expenses

		-----9.30.2026-----			-----Proposed 2027 Budget-----			
		UnRestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals	2026 Budget	UnRestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals
Connecting Expenditures								
61080	Presbyterian Women	0		0	0	0		0
61100	Covenant Relationship Travel	0		0	0	0		0
61110	Lyon College	0		0	0	0		0
61120	Austin College	0		0	0	0		0
61130	University of Ozarks	0		0	0	0		0
61140	Schreiner University	0		0	0	0		0
61150	Trinity University	0		0	0	0		0
61160	Tulsa University	0		0	0	0		0
61170	PanAmerican School	0		0	0	0		0
61180	Austin Seminary	0		0	0	0		0
61190	Presby Children's Home & Service	0		0	0	0		0
61200	Evergreen Presby. Ministries	0		0	0	0		0
61210	Vera Loyd Home & Family	0		0	0	0		0
61220	Goodland Academy	0		0	0	0		0
61230	Mo Ranch	0		0	0	0		0
61240	Presby. Historical Society of SW	0		0	0	0		0
61250	Texas Presbyterian Foundation	0		0	0	0		0
61260	Multi-Cultural Youth Conf.	0		0	3,500	0		0
61302	Connecting Initiatives	0		0	0	0		0
61310	Critical Needs Fund	0		0	500	0		0
61330	National Event Hospitality	77		77	5,500	0		0
	Support Austin College Grant Writing Intern					11,300		11,300
	UnAllocated Allowances					4,000		4,000
	Totals	77	0	77	9,500	15,300	0	15,300
Equipping Expenditures								
61030	COM Event	0		0	0	500		500
61035	Leadership Development	0		0	0	0		0
61270	Synod School			0	22,500	20,000		
	Carryover from 2026			0	(10,000)	(10,000)		10,000
64160	Racial Equity Initiatives	0		0	500	1,500		1,500
	Totals	0	0	0	13,000	12,000	0	12,000
Empowering Expenditures								
61050	Network Nurture	5,013		5,013	5,000	5,000		5,000
61100	Hispanic Mission Ministries Network	0		0	5,000	5,000		5,000
61065	Raising Tomorrow's Leaders Today	0		0	10,000	10,000		10,000
	(additional funding from reserves)							0
61285	Youth Triennium (accrual)	3,000		3,000		3,000		3,000
62060	Synod/CSP Marketing	1,859		1,859		2,400		2,400
63100	SPDR Extra Support	0		0	3,000	3,000		3,000
61270	Synod Youth Workshop	7,682		7,682	7,500	7,500		7,500
	This committee also has funds for N4DR in the Synod Reserves budget							
	Totals	17,554	0	17,554	30,500	35,900	0	35,900

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Synod of the Sun Preliminary 2027 Budgets Detailed Expenses

		-----9.30.2026-----			-----Proposed 2027 Budget-----		
		UnRestricted	Restricted	2026	UnRestricted	Restricted	
Coordinating Team		Funds	Funds	Budget	Funds	Funds	Totals
61060	Sexual Misconduct Training	3,799		3,799	3,000	5,000	5,000
61070	EP Forum	1,541	}	1,541	10,000	5,000	5,000
61280	Clerk Forum	76	}	76	0	0	0
61340	Moderator Expenses	0		0	1,000	1,000	1,000
62030	CSP Operations (Pass-thru)	3,651		3,651			
62040	Computer Hardware	305		305	500	500	500
62050	Online Operations	4,689		4,689	5,000	5,000	5,000
62055	Online Processing Fees	413		413	250	250	250
62057	Synod Leader Discretionary Fund	0		0	20,000	5,000	5,000
62060	Synod Marketing Materials	0		0	2,400	1,000	1,000
64010	Stated Meeting, Fall	5,515		5,515	22,000	20,000	20,000
64020	Stated Meeting, Spring	20,036		20,036	15,000	15,000	15,000
64030	Leadership Gathering	6,445		6,445	5,000	5,000	5,000
64035	CP Conference	(2,042)		(2,042)			
64040	General Assembly (Accrual)	8,535		8,535	4,000	4,000	4,000
64050	Administrative Commission	0		0	1,000	500	500
64100	Other Committee Expenses	0		0	500	500	500
66000	Office Expenses	82		82	0	0	0
66010	Office Rent	0		0	0	0	0
66020	Telephone	0		0	0	0	0
66030	Postage	0		0	500	100	100
66040	Copiers	0		0	0	0	0
66050	Supplies	1,231		1,231	1,000	1,000	1,000
66060	File Retention/Storage	894		894	1,000	400	400
66070	Bookkeeping Services	35,667		35,667	22,000	21,000	21,000
66071	Audit Fees	4,500		4,500	12,000	8,000	8,000
66090	Insurance	6,352		6,352	7,000	9,000	9,000
66100	Bank Charges	1,251		1,251	1,000	1,200	1,200
66105	APLOS Fees	2,386		2,386	2,000	2,400	2,400
66110	Miscellaneous Charges	126		126	500	500	500
66120	Contingency	0		0	0	0	0
Totals		105,452	0	105,452	136,650	111,350	111,350
Personnel Expenditures							
65010	Synod Leader/SC Salary & House	83,383		83,383	111,178	111,178	111,178
65020	Synod Leader/SC BOP	39,662		39,662	46,200	46,200	46,200
65030	Synod Leader/SECA Offset	6,379		6,379	7,200	7,200	7,200
65040	Synod Leader/SC Prof Expenses	679		679	1,500	1,500	1,500
65050	Synod Leader/SC Prof Development	0		0	2,500	2,500	2,500
65510	Synod Leader/SC Travel	20,790		20,790	32,000	32,000	32,000
Synod Leader Totals		150,893	0	150,893	200,578	200,578	200,578
65110	Comm & Admin Coordinator Salary	48,564		48,564	64,885	64,885	64,885
65120	Comm & Admin Coordinator BOP	17,025		17,025	20,100	20,100	20,100
65125	Comm & Admin Coordinator FSA	1,192		1,192			
65130	Comm & Admin Coord. Payroll Taxes	3,450		3,450	4,500	4,500	4,500
65140	Comm & Admin Coordinator Prof Dev.	497		497	1,500	1,500	1,500
65142	Comm & Admin Coordinator Sabbatical	3,369		3,369	0	0	0
65520	Comm & Admin Coordinator Travel	833		833	2,500	1,000	1,000
Comm & Admin Totals		74,930	0	74,930	93,485	91,985	91,985
65170	Treasurer Salary	29,299		29,299	39,064	39,064	39,064
65180	Treasurer Payroll Taxes	2,241		2,241	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Treasurer Prof Expenses	375		375	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Treasurer Travel	2,347		2,347	2,000	2,000	2,000
Treasurer Totals		34,262	0	34,262	46,064	46,064	46,064
	Administrative Assistant Salary	18,505		18,505	24,672	24,672	24,672
	AA Payroll Taxes	1,415		1,415	3,500	3,500	3,500
Administrative Assistant Totals		19,920	0	19,920	28,172	28,172	28,172
65220	CSP Contract Staff	18,980		18,980	15,000	15,000	15,000
65410	HR Committee	1,069		1,069	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>Allowance for 2027 Salary Adjustments:</u>							0
	Salary adjustment allowance				8,000	8,000	8,000
	BOP, SECA offset, payroll taxes				4,000	4,000	4,000
Personnel Totals		300,054	0	300,054	384,299	394,799	394,799

Synod of the Sun Preliminary 2027 Budget Use of Reserve Funds

		Projected Balance 12.31.26	Projected Income YE 2027		Projected Fund Use	Projected Amount	Projected Balance 12.31.27
Unrestricted Funds							
31100	Gatewood Fund Balance	110,000	0		Triennium accrual	(4,000)	86,000
					GA Accrual	(3,000)	
					SYW Scholarships	(17,000)	
				discuss	Tres Rios Foundation	0	
31110	Ministry Reserve Balance	7,500	0		None projected	0	7,500
31120	Year-end Reserves	6,900	0		None projected	0	6,900
	PILP CD	100,000	0		None projected	0	100,000
		<u>224,400</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>(24,000)</u>	<u>200,400</u>
Synod Designated							
31130	Disaster Assistance Fund	357					357
31140	Translation Fund	29,726	discuss				29,726
31150	Future Church	0					0
31180	Special Meetings	17,655					17,655
31190	Synod Leadership Travel	3,212					3,212
31220	COR Network	471					471
31222	CP Network	5,500 *					5,500
31250	Promotional Swag	1,957					1,957
31260	Network Reserves	30,121	discuss		Research/report on N4DR	(1,500.00)	28,621
31270	Cross Cultural Interns	0					0
31280	Presbytery Leader Formation	12,734					12,734
31300	International Mission Trips	0					0
31310	Mission Network Grants	0					0
32130	Opioid Crisis	500					500
32140	Network 4 Dismantly Racism	0	discuss			1,500.00	1,500
32150	Regional PDA	0					0
32155	ESL Scholarships	25,000					25,000
	Totals	<u>127,233</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>	<u>127,233</u>
Donor Restricted							
33130	David Robinson Fund--PF	3,600	1,000				4,600
33140	Seminary Scholarship	6,000	1,200				7,200
33150	Young Adult Volunteers	58,000	10,000				68,000
33160	Education Programs	1,500	500				2,000
33170	Peacemaking	1,800	650				2,450
33187	Aid for Pastors	14,500	3,449				17,949
33188	Church Extension	22,000	7,500				29,500
33189	National Missions in Texas	36,000	7,500				43,500
33200	Old Age Concerns	180,000	22,000				202,000
33210	Reserve for Higher Education	92,000	18,000		Reserve for Pan American Chaplain Support	(10,000)	100,000
33220	Child & Youth Schroeder	2,900	1,950				4,850
	Child & Youth Schroeder--PF	500	300				800
33900	SOPF scholarship	7,500	17,000				24,500
	Totals	<u>426,300</u>	<u>91,049</u>			<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>507,349</u>
	Totals	<u>777,933</u>	<u>91,049</u>			<u>(34,000)</u>	<u>834,982</u>

Synod of the Sun Preliminary 2027 Budget Use of TPF Funds

		Projected Balance 12.31.26	8% Projected Growth YE 2027	Projected Fund Use	Projected Amount	Projected Balance 12.31.27
Unrestricted Funds						
31100	Gatewood Fund Balance	812,000	65,000	None projected	0	877,000
31110	Ministry Reserve Balance	75,000	6,000	Funds to develop a new tool to assess and address equitable participation by minority groups across the Synod's boundaries	(18,000)	63,000
31120	Year-end Reserves	71,000	5,700	None projected	0	76,700
	Subtotals	<u>958,000</u>	<u>76,700</u>		<u>(18,000)</u>	<u>1,016,700</u>
Synod Designated						
	Disaster Assistance Fund	19,500	1,600	None projected	0	21,100
	Synod Regional PDA Fund	123,000	9,800	SPDR Quarterly Support	(20,000)	112,800
	Hispanic MAAC Fund	74,500	3,300	(was \$19,000 expense in 2026)	0	77,800
	Hispanic MAAPA Fund	51,500	4,100	None projected	0	55,600
	Subtotals	<u>268,500</u>	<u>18,800</u>		<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>267,300</u>
Donor Restricted						
	Crisp Scholarship Funds	146,000	11,700	Designated Distributions	(7,000)	150,700
	Crisp Endowment Funds	122,000	9,700	Designated Distributions	(5,000)	126,700
	Kerr/Munson Funds	1,830,000	146,000	Anticipated scholarships	(10,000)	1,966,000
	Subtotals	<u>2,098,000</u>	<u>167,400</u>		<u>(22,000)</u>	<u>2,243,400</u>
	Grand Totals	<u>3,324,500</u>	<u>262,900</u>		<u>(60,000)</u>	<u>3,527,400</u>



**SYNOD
OF THE SUN**

Committee/Commission Reports Connecting Committee



October Report to Nominations for the Synod Assembly

Grants and Scholarships

Please make sure this is on the agenda for the assembly:

Class of 2028: Commissioners Polly Williams, Chair, from Grace;
and Commissioner at Large Linda Trueblood, from South Louisiana,

Class of 2029: Commissioners at Large: Lynn Hargrove and Ruth Roman Meza;
and Commissioner Fred Bray of Oklahoma.

The body approves the slate and especially specifically our three members at large. Thank you!

CONNECTIONS **Please make sure this is on the agenda for the assembly:**

Serving on the University of Ozarks Board representing the Synod of the Sun is proposed colleague and brother in Christ, Rev. Dr. Ben Kane of 2nd PC; Little Rock, AR.

Yours in Christ, Polly Williams

Moderator, Synod of the Sun Connecting Committee 2026 and

Member, H/R pollywarren@icloud.com *

the Rev. Miss Polly Warren Williams*

Chair, Grants and Scholarship Commission 2026

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**SYNOD
OF THE SUN**

**Covenant Partner Reports
Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family
Services**

How We Care for YOUTH IN NEED

Workforce Education

- On-campus jobs and life skills training
- Career field trips and guest speakers
- Goal-setting and financial literacy

Recreation & Creativity

- Art, gardening, sports and music
- Off-campus enrichment like swimming and field trips
- Opportunities for creativity, fun and self-expression

Mental & Physical Health

- Stable residential care in Monticello
- Nutritious meals and safe living spaces
- Individual and group counseling
- 24/7 trauma-informed staff support

Training for Foster Families

- Online Resource Parent Training
- Expert-led classes on trauma, mental health and communication
- Supportive community for foster and adoptive parents

EVERY DAY ON CAMPUS

Trauma-Informed Care

Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®) helps youth heal from early-life trauma.

Independent Living Skills

Cooking, budgeting, social skills and chores with earned allowances.

Nutritious Meals

Prepared under USDA guidelines.

Professional Counseling

Focused on behavior, education, relationships and substance abuse recovery.

Spiritual Growth

Opportunities for church, Bible study and personal Bibles.

Transportation

Support for school, activities, medical, court and cultural needs.

Academic Support

Tutors and GED programs to strengthen educational outcomes.

Fitness Activities

Basketball, weight training, paddle boats, bikes and instructor-led classes.

Basic Needs

Clothing, hygiene items, supplies and recreational activities.

TRANSITION SERVICES

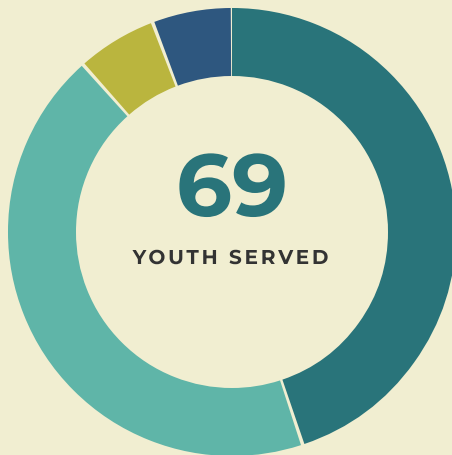
Empowering youth with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive as independent adults.

- ✓ Financial literacy classes
- ✓ Job search skills and support
- ✓ Life skills classes
- ✓ On-campus work program
- ✓ Family stabilization
- ✓ College prep and tours
- ✓ Healthy relationships

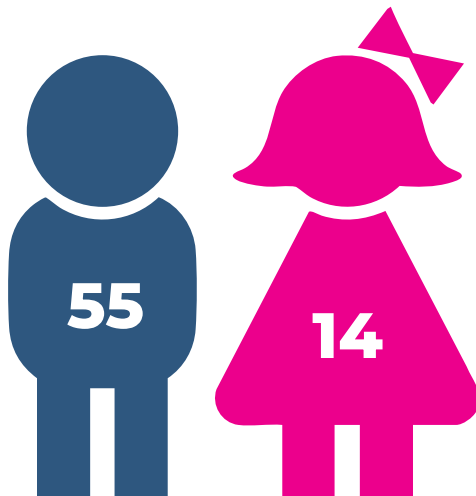
Vera Lloyd is accredited through the Council on Accreditation and is one of the first childcare facilities in Arkansas to use the TBRI® model of care.



Youth Demographics

LIVES CHANGED**RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS**

	Black	31 • 44.9%
	White	30 • 43.5%
	Bi-Racial	4 • 5.8%
	Hispanic	4 • 5.8%

**55** boys 79.7%**14** girls 20.3%**13-19**

age range served

15½

average age at referral

**BASKETBALL SHOE DRIVE****Every player deserves shoes that fit.**

Help us provide basketball shoes for any resident who wants to play.

LACE UP A PLAYER ›



VERA LLOYD
PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY SERVICES

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WORKFORCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Vera Lloyd empowers young men and women in need to build their futures from the ground up.

Our goal is to ensure that every resident leaves our care with a clear pathway to a career, education, job training, or military service.



ABOUT WORKFORCE EDUCATION



Career Planning

Residents take the O*NET assessment and review viable career pathways with the program coordinator.



On-The-Job Training

Residents apply, interview, and work. They learn responsibility, open a savings account, and earn a stipend.



Hands-on Learning

Residents use on-campus simulators in driving, electrical engineering, welding, childcare, and cosmetology.



Industry Partnerships

SeaArk welders provide real-world training and simulator coaching. Residents toured the SeaArk jobsite and the Welding Academy in Jacksonville, AR.



GET INVOLVED

If your organization wants to get involved or you are interested in learning more about Vera Lloyd's Workforce Education Program, don't hesitate to reach out.

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RESOURCE PARENT TRAINING (RPT)

Vera Lloyd's Free Program of Education & Support for Foster & Adoptive Parents

ALL ABOUT RPT



Expert Led

Program is run by a licensed counselor with experience raising foster and adoptive children



Interactive Classes

Classes are conversational and topics are based on participant feedback & requests



Online Format

Removes financial, geographical, and childcare barriers

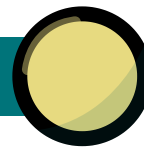


Builds a Community

Provides an outlet and a sense of community for participating families

TOPICS FROM 2026

- The Impact of Trauma on Development
- Understanding Attachment Styles
- Supporting Children Through Foster Care Transitions
- Positive Parenting Strategies for Children with Autism and other Behaviors



PARTICIPANT QUOTES

"Helpful to know we are on the right track in teaching our foster kids... also helping us with our bio kids as well."

"We were blessed with a good group that was eager to chime in and it's always a blessing to learn from other foster parents."





**SYNOD
OF THE SUN**

Committee/Commission Reports Equipping Committee

Equipping Committee Report 10/26/26

26 October 2026

MEMBERS

Maggie Alsup, Laurie Barker, Jim Barker, Tim Blodgett, Fred Bray, Martha Bumpas, Molly Casteel, Loretta Credo, Chris Lee, Danita Nelson, Kristy Rodgers, Sandra Watson

PARTNERS: Thomas Riggs, Mitch Miller

ACTIONS

- **Goals/Objectives for Synod Priorities**
- **CP and Small Church Retreat Report** - Kristy led content at the Oct 5-7 event
- **Trained Elder Listening Sessions** – lessons learned
- **Survey rubric** - tabled
- **EC Budget 2027** Changes
- **CSP** updates

NOTES

1. **Meetings** in 2026 are held on the **second Tuesday** of the month at **4:00 pm Central** via Zoom.
2. Equipping is blessed to have 12 members and we are excited to regularly have the majority present in our meetings. That was a challenge in the past and we are finding the work easier with more hands. The team is great – and it is easy to gather them and do the work. Thank you!!! We had 2 members take their sabbaticals this year and our primary staff connection also went on sabbatical – and we continued getting our work done.
3. **Goals/Objectives** adopted to align with Synod 2026 Priorities
 - a. Supporting **Commissioners** for resourcing and greater participation – The EC will produce support materials for Synod Commissioners before the next Assembly meeting (adjusted to Spring 2027) and coordinate with the Synod Leader on orientation support.
 - b. **Race Equity and Intercultural Communities** - the EC will be readers and commentators on the antiracism policy drafted by the Network for Dismantling Racism (N4DR).
 - c. **Commissioned Pastors and Small Churches** – The EC will be attentive to concerns of smaller congregations and those led by commissioned pastors in any content created for the synod this year.

- d. Most of this work is ongoing. A small work group is planning orientation content and reviewing materials from previous assemblies.
4. **CP and Small Church Retreat** – Kristy Rodgers attended planning meetings on our behalf and supported content on spirituality and elder training frames. The event was held October 5-8, 2026 at Camp Gilmont.
5. **Listening sessions with elders and Next Steps.**
 - a. Because the rubric work stalled with a member's sabbatical. We shifted to learning what we could about the various ways presbyteries and congregations are approaching elder training. We determined that enough folks have been trained in the last 12 months that we could gather those trained and listen. The **listening sessions** held were: Tuesday, Sep 15, 2026 at 7 pm Central, and Thursday, Sep 17, 2026 at 12 pm Central
 - b. In the debriefs, committee members cited **frustrations** with trying to get folks to gather and at the same time a curiosity that those who gathered are hungry for the resources. Continuing conversations are about using the synod **website** to distribute resources and connect folks with elder training content that exists. Negotiating access with those who have the content. Last meeting we determined we will use the podcast as a way of highlighting regions and approaches. **Sunspots** will be used to host an occasional series of conversations with elders in the synod – by region – for conversations about the good, bad and ugly of training they have experienced or wished for. **Fred** spoke about the EOP training in Southern areas of the presbytery, the good turnout and how valuable they are. He is willing to host a first conversation for a Sunspots episode. Details will be worked out while we are in person.
6. **Big Survey** follow-up – a rubric was developed over the first months of 2026 meetings and turned into the Grace Presbytery leadership for consultation with the data scientist. Chris Lee's sabbatical interrupted progress and the work has not been returned to to date. The continuing challenges of getting folks to respond to invites will factor into the project. The purpose is to determine the travel limits, means of gathering, use of technology and the topics of concern that would appeal for equipping content in the synod. Care is being taken to coordinate with the EP forum and Clerks.
7. **Budget (2027) for Equipping Committee** -- Molly highlighted some new funds coming in 2027 and the shifting of some budget lines to the Empowering and Coordinating Team where more appropriate and one item to Connecting. Racial Equity resources added in 2027. Additional funds going to N4DR to support their antiracism policy drafting work.
8. **CSP** - The Communication Team offers monthly reports on progress and this year Thomas took a sabbatical so we had a gap. Many new presbyteries (or newly reorganized presbyteries) have created new websites. The staff are very busy covering the clients we have. In September

Thomas highlighted the Presbytery of Northwest FL (new name, formerly Pby of Florida) and their new website coming soon; Lindsay (contractor who does the websites) is on a work break and in US; There is a long-term process happening now to plan for the next iteration (after January) and future of CSP - charges for services, etc., personnel changes (anticipating Thomas' Retirement end of March 2028). The plan for Equipping in the synod will use the synod website and the other communication means so we will build a firmer plan while in Ferncliff. At least one Sunspots series is slated for the remainder of 2026.

9. **For any who might want to join us in 2027** – come to our meeting on Tuesday evening and find out more.

THIS MEETING'S AGENDA

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 27, 2026, after dinner, in person at Ferncliff** The next meeting may have several actions:

- **Election of 2027 leadership**
- **Goals for 2026 review/accomplishments**
- **2027 Budget preview**
- **Intention setting for early 2027**
 - **Orientation Content Planning** for Commissioners in Spring 2027
 - **Communication Plan** - Series on Elder Training - group who were trained talking about its - start with Fred hosting a conversation with South EOP group
 - Clearinghouse Idea for **Resource Distribution** using website - permissions/participation
 - **Survey** project?
- **CSP** update
- Any new business that emerges.