

DOCKET
MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Maumee, Ohio
Tuesday, September 20, 2022

- 10:00 **GETTING ORGANIZED** Katie Treadway
 - Opening Hymn and Prayer
 - Call to Order
 - Adoption of the Docket Dean McGormley
 - MOTION:** *to approve the docket*
 - Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2022 as corrected
 - MOTION:** *to approve the minutes*
 - Seating of Corresponding Members
 - MOTION:** *to seat as corresponding members:*
 - Privileges of the Floor:
 - MOTION:** *to grant privileges of the floor to*
 - Report of the Clerk
 - Approval of Minutes of Commission to ordain Amy Remaklus (attachment 2)
 - Approval of Minutes of Commission to install Jeff Schooley (attachment 3)
 - Welcome from the Host Pastor Clint Tolbert
 - Recognition of First Time Commissioners
- 10:20 **GENERAL PRESBYTER’S REPORT** (attachment 4) Matt Meinke
- 10:25 **SYNOD REPORT** Chip Hardwick
- 10:30 **CLERK’R REPORT** Dean McGormley

Book of Order Amendments Booklet

The 225th General Assembly (2022) approved 33 proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*—including a replacement for the entire D-section—to be considered and voted on by the 166 presbyteries prior to **July 9, 2023**. For an amendment to be adopted, 84 presbyteries must vote to approve it.

[The booklet is now available in English](#); Spanish and Korean translations are in process.

- 10:35 **Central Support Report** (attachment 6, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E) Katie Treadway

Sale of the Tontagony Manse 18730 Main Street, Tontagony, OH 43565, Wood County Auditor Parcel V74-510-050306010000 for a price of \$132,500.

- 10:55 Reflecting on Our Story: Churches and Sharing Good News** Katie Treadway
- 11:10 Discipleship Commission Report** (attachment 7, 7A) David Hammond
- 11:15 Leadership Commission Report** (attachment 8)

For Action by Presbytery

ON MOTION that Maumee Valley Presbytery approve the following **minimum** salary for both Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE) and Certified Christian Educators (CCE): 85% of the Presbytery minimum salary for Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

For 2023 this would be: 85% of \$ 49,680 = \$ 42,228 (\$20.30/ hour for a 40 hour week); may be prorated for part time contracts.

4 weeks vacation including 4 Sundays (not prorated for part time contracts)

2 weeks of study leave, including 2 Sundays (not prorated for part time contracts)

In addition, Maumee Valley Presbytery recommends:

\$3500 for professional expenses including mileage reimbursed at the IRS rate for employees,

\$ 900 for continuing education.

Reimbursables may be prorated in consultation with the Leadership Commission.

Other Benefits: Minister's Choice; may opt out because medical insurance is otherwise available to the person. They can opt into the Board of Pensions menu available to church employees.

Note: \$ 49,680 is the 2023 Presbytery minimum for Ministers of Word and Sacrament and is calculated at 80% of the median effective salary published by the Board of Pensions. Reminder that this is entry level compensation.

Actions Taken on behalf of Presbytery

Approved the Installation commission for Jeff Schooley as pastor of FPC Bowling Green– Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 pm; Chas Myers, Moderator, Lance Wiesmann, Del Bevelhymer, Karen Vanderploeg and Amy Remaklus with Gavin B.J. Walton preaching.

Approved the Installation Commission for Doris Chandler as pastor of FPC Monroe on Sunday, November 6 at 3pm: the Revs. Katie Treadway, Karen VanderPloeg, Tom Steensma, Mary Beth McCandless and Elders Edward Bettendorf (Port Clinton), Carole Burnworth, (Eastside, Toledo). Kim Hooper (FPC Monroe).

Approved the Ordination Commission for Amy Remaklus- Saturday, October 29 at 4 pm: the Rev. Katie Treadway, Moderator, the Rev. David Montgomery, the Rev. Cathy Johnson-Paine, Chas Myers, ruling elder, Ottawa, Ken Krieger, ruling elder, Tiffin

Approved the Covenant between CRE Lora Manon and Tontogany Presbyterian Church: part time, not to exceed 25 hours per week: Cash Salary \$ 22075.21 annually; Housing Allowance \$ 5000; Medical coverage waived; Death and Disability \$ 236.49; Pension (11%) \$ 2428.27; Professional expenses \$ 1500, Continuing Education \$ 500 with 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave including Sundays.

Transferred the Rev. David Montgomery to Detroit Presbytery effective Oct 31, 2022.

Enrolled the Rev. Diane Christopherson as a Temporary Member of Maumee Valley Presbytery, effective August 7, 2022, for the length of her contract with Christ Presbyterian Church, Toledo. Diane is a United Church of Christ minister.

If the way be clear, the Commission voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Bluffton Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Karol Farris Schilling, effective December 5, 2022. (Karol, along with her husband, Chris, have accepted a call as associate pastors at First Presbyterian Church, Normal, IL). The congregational meeting to dissolve the pastoral relationship is to be held on November 13.

Comings & Goings

Welcoming:

Saying Goodbye:

- 11:25 Mission Commission Report** Cathi King
- 11:30 Worship & Installation** (attachment 9) Rev. Clint Tolbert
- 12:30 Lunch**
- 1:30 UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM BEFORE LUNCH**
- 1:45 WORKSHOPS** (attachment 10)
- 3:00 ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of Maumee Valley Presbytery will be Tuesday, February 21, 2023 on Zoom TBA

Items:

1. Docket
2. Amy Remaklus Ordination Commission Minutes
3. Jeff Schooley Installation Commission Minutes
4. General Presbyter Report
5. Summary of GA Amendments
6. Central Support Minutes and Financials
7. Discipleship Report and Rekindle
8. Leadership Report
9. Installation Liturgy
10. Open Space Workshops



MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AS TEACHING ELDER

Amy Remaklus

The Administrative Commission appointed by the Maumee Valley Presbytery met at Ottawa Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, OH at 3:30 PM on October 29, 2022 in the Pastor's study to ordain Amy Remaklus as Minister of Word and Sacrament. A quorum was present.

Chas Myers acted as Moderator of the commission and asked Amy Remaklus to constitute the meeting with prayer.

Present were Members of the Commission:

Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke, Teaching Elder and General Presbyter, Maumee Valley Presbytery, Findlay, OH

Rev. Cathy Johnson-Paine, Teaching Elder, Adrian Dominican Sisters, Adrian, MI

Rev. David Montgomery, Teaching Elder, Maumee Valley Presbytery

Rev. Kathryn Treadway, Teaching Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Tiffin, OH

Chas Myers, Ruling Elder, Ottawa Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, OH

Ken Krieger, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Tiffin, OH

1. The commission voted to allow the following to participate in the service: Beth Myers, Ottawa Presbyterian Church; Shayla Remaklus, Anna Remaklus, Jane Doepker, and Brandon Font. M (David Montgomery)/S (Cathy Johnson-Paine)/P
2. The commission voted to proceed with the ordination of Amy Remaklus as Teaching Elder with the benediction at the conclusion of the service of worship serving as the concluding prayer for this meeting of the commission. M (Katie Treadway)/S (Cathy Johnson-Paine)/P

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Kathryn Treadway, Moderator, Maumee Valley Presbytery

Charles Myers, Vice Moderator, Maumee Valley Presbytery

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION TO INSTALL AS TEACHING ELDER

Rev. Dr Jeffrey A Schooley

The Administrative Commission appointed by the Maumee Valley Presbytery met at First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, OH at 6:00 PM on November 1, 2022 in the Pastor's study to install Rev. Dr Jeffrey A Schooley as Called and Installed Pastor. A quorum was present.

Chas Myers acted as Moderator of the commission and asked Rev. Dr. Jeff Schooley to constitute the meeting with prayer.

Present were Members of the Commission:

Rev. Amy Remaklus, Teaching Elder, Toledo Campus Ministry

Rev. Karen VanderPloeg, Teaching Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Waterville

Dar Bevelhymer, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, OH

Chas Myers, Ruling Elder, Ottawa Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, OH

Lance Wiesmann, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Tecumseh, MI

Also present:

Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke, Teaching Elder and General Presbyter, Maumee Valley Presbytery, Findlay, OH

Rev. Jake Clawson, Teaching Elder, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Flower Mound, TX

Beatrice Guenther, Deacon, First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, OH

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A Schooley, Teaching Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, OH

Rev. Gavin B. J. Walton, Teaching Elder, Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA

1. The commission voted to allow the following to participate in the service:
Rev. Dr. Meinke, Rev. Clawson, Deacon Guenther, Rev. Walton.
M (Karen VanderPloeg) S (Lance Wiesmann)
2. The commission voted to proceed with the installation of Rev. Dr Jeffrey Schooley as Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, Ohio with the benediction at the conclusion of the service of worship serving as the concluding prayer for this meeting of the commission.
M (Lance Wiesmann) S (Amy Remaklus)

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Myers, Vice Moderator, Maumee Valley Presbytery

General Presbyter Report

November 2022

For our Common Life:

1 Land Acknowledgement: Highlight of the First Peoples of Ohio



I offer you a warm welcome, and as is our practice, we remember that the land on which we meet today is, was, and always will be native land. We acknowledge those indigenous tribes to Ohio: the Shawnee, Seneca-Cayuga, Lenape, Wyandot, Ottawa, and Myaamia People, as the original custodians of the land in this place. We grieve the violence done to native language, culture, and personhood, and honor the sovereignty and dignity of native peoples, especially the Historic Native Peoples of Ohio.

2 Let's talk about FSAs, HSAs, and

HRAS — I recently attended CREDO, which is a week-long conference and retreat intended to renew ministers in their vocational, financial, health, and emotional lives. One of the presentations was by Doug Portz who many of us know because he was our Church Consultant from the Board of Pensions for many years. He is now the VP of Church Relations. In his presentation he pointed out that statistics show FSAs and HSAs are some of the most underutilized tax-sheltered options through the Board of Pensions.



Did you know that one of the things we offer as Maumee Valley Presbytery, free to all ministers, is Flexible Spending Accounts and Health Spending Accounts, which can be set up for each minister and used for the family's medical expenses, dental care, vision care, even dependent care (FSA). The amount you decide to contribute to the account for the year is deducted from your salary before income taxes and can reduce your taxable income, saving you money on your taxes. Joel Youkers is an employee of Maumee Valley Presbytery and our Third Party Administrator with this plan. To read more about our Section 125 Employee Dues-Share with Health and Dependent Care Flexible Savings Arrangement Plan, see <https://maumeevp.org/resources/documents-forms>. Under the FINANCE heading there is a full write-up on the plan. If you feel this might assist you and your church, just know

there will soon be a 2023 Enrollment Form, and Open Enrollment is the entire month of November. Contact Joel for more details, or to see if you could benefit from an FSA: joelyoukers@gmail.com

Another option is a Health Reimbursement Account, which I will talk about at the presbytery meeting. These are handled "in house" in each church/organization. These employer-funded group health plans from which employees are reimbursed tax-free for qualified medical expenses up to a fixed dollar amount per year. Unused amounts may be rolled over to be used in subsequent years. The employer funds and owns the arrangement.

3 Open Spaces Returns!

After an almost 3 year hiatus because of COVID restrictions, Open Spaces returns. This will be time set aside to discuss any topic you want, explore ideas, and connect with others around topics your passionate about. Want to revitalize your church? You can have an Open Space on that. Want to share about your church's mission in Haiti? This is the place to do it. Already five or six folks have come forward with topics on their hearts. Check the packet for a the write up of the offerings so far. This will happen 2-3pm on the day of Presbytery. These events are open to all, not just voting commissioners. Guests and visitors are encouraged. If you are wanting to lead a discussion on any topic, or present something of benefit to all, please connect with me (matt@maumeevp.org).



[See the Open Spaces brochure](#) for information about the dynamics and concept of Open Space.

4 MVP Newsletter - The Newsletter is a great way to connect in with the many resources we have. As presbytery commissioner you may want to include in your report to your session an invitation to join the newsletter list. <https://mailchi.mp/4fbe4c4d95a5/newslettersignup>

Help us be the connectional people we desire to be!

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the PC(USA)
Approved by the 225th General Assembly (2022)

- 22-A F-1.0302c THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH (POL-16 1a)
Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity
- 22-AA W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 7)
Adds “particular specialized pastoral care” rather than adding to an existing list of such specialties
- 22-B F-1.0404 OPENNESS (POL-16 1b)
Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity
- 22-BB W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 8)
Adds clarifying language in a section on “services of wholeness” to better express a Reformed understanding of those services
- 22-C G-1.0501 MEETINGS (ROD-06 2)
Establishes Robert’s Rules of Order (RONR) as the default parliamentary authority for congregational meetings, and authorizes electronic congregational meetings
- 22-CC D-3.0106 WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS (ROD-05)
Allows a disciplinary process to continue after an accused has renounced jurisdiction
- 22-D G-1.0503 BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS (ROD-06 1)
Adds receiving a disciplinary decision against a church member (as opposed to a minister) to the list of proper business at a congregational meeting
- 22-DD D-10.0302 IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED (ROD-04 3)
Grammatical change to an existing provision of the Rules of Discipline
- 22-E G-2.0503 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (POL-07)
Removes “honorably” before “retired” as the category for retired ministers
- 22-EE D-10.0303 PETITION FOR REVIEW (ROD-04 1)
Amends the current Rules of Discipline to include notifying the person accused if no charges will be filed (instead of just the person(s) who made the accusation)
- 22-F G-2.0505a(1) TRANSFER OF MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS (POL-15)
Adds the requirement to consult with the other denomination when receiving immigrant pastors without otherwise acceptable PC(USA) ordination educational requirements

- 22-FF AMENDING THE USE OF “THE ACCUSED” IN THE CURRENT RULES OF DISCIPLINE (ROD-04 2)
Changes “the accused” to “the person accused” wherever it occurs in the current rules of Discipline
- 22-G G-2.0603 PURPOSE OF INQUIRY (HSB-05 2)
Adds the requirement of boundary training during the inquiry phase of preparation for ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament
- 22-GG REPLACING THE CURRENT “RULES OF DISCIPLINE” WITH A NEW “CHURCH DISCIPLINE” SECTION (ROD-03)
Proposed a complete revision of the Rules of Discipline,
- 22-H G-2.0605 OVERSIGHT (HSB-05 1)
Adds a requirement of sessions to “report to the presbytery of any matters of sexual misconduct” of their members who are enrolled as inquirers or candidates
- 22-I G-2.0804 TERMS OF CALL (HSB-06)
Adds the requirement of a minimum of twelve weeks of paid family leave in terms of call for all installed pastors/associate pastors
- 22-J G-2.1001 FUNCTIONS (MC-08)
Adds language allowing Commissioned Pastors to be commissioned to more than one validated ministry at a time
- 22-K G-2.1002 TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND COMMISSIONING (HSB-05 3)
Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be Commissioned Pastors
- 22-L G-2.1103 CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (HSB-05 4)
Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be certified as Christian Educators
- 22-M G-3.0104 OFFICERS (MC-05)
Adds language that “it is appropriate” to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings
- 22-N G-3.0105 MEETINGS (ROD-06 3)
Adds provision that all councils and their commissions and committees may meet electronically
- 22-O G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (HSB-05 9)
Adds language regarding boundary training, including sexual abuse to the requirement for sexual misconduct policies required of councils
- 22-P G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (POL-10)
Adds the requirement of an antiracism policy to the required policies of councils, and clarifies other language in that list

- 22-Q G-3.0303c RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS (MC-03)
Authorizes presbyteries to establish minimum requirements for severance packages in terms of call
- 22-R G-3.0401 COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MC-06)
Authorizes synods to enroll those serving terms in elected offices of the synod as additional members of the synod as a way to fulfill principles of participation and representation
- 22-S G-4.0301 TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY (ROD-07)
Expands and clarifies “confidentiality” requirements for ministers and commissioned pastors
- 22-T W-3.0205 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (TWE-05 1)
Adds administration of the sacrament of Baptism to the list of appropriate actions following the proclamation of forgiveness in a service of worship
- 22-U W-3.0409 THEOLOGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (TWE-05 2)
Adds “when appropriate” to the recommended act of providing an invitation to baptismal preparation for those who come to the table who are unbaptized
- 22-V W-3.0414 COMMUNION (TWE-05 4)
Removes the current requirement that a minister of the Word and Sacrament lead the prayer of thanksgiving that concludes the Lord’s Supper liturgy
- 22-W W-4.0403 ORDER OF WORSHIP (TWE-06)
Adds a sentence about “signs and symbols of blessing” to the section on ordination and installation services
- 22-X W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 5)
Adds a sentence on the importance of household worship in faith formation in the Reformed tradition
- 22-Y W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 6)
Adds an additional paragraph to the existing section on household worship
- 22-Z W-5.0201 THE CHURCH’S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH (TWE-05 9, 1 & 2)
Adds “discipleship” to a list of the Church’s ministries that are connected to its worship, and adds references to statements in the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity

Central Support Minutes

October 18, 2022 at 1pm via Zoom

Roll: Katie Treadway; Acting Central Support Moderator and Presbytery Moderator; Ed Bettendorf; Peter Haff, Ken Wessler, Chas Myers, Presbytery Vice-Moderator; MB McCandless, Dane Nelson; David Bartley, Treasurer, Ex Officio, Dean McGormley, Stated Clerk, Ex Officio
Excused: Gary Saunders, Matt Meinke, General Presbyter, Ex Officio

Call to Order, Prayer, and Devotion – Moderator of Central Support

Clerk's Report – Dean McGormley

On Motion to approve the minutes of 7/16 and 8/21. So ordered

Treasurer's Report - David Bartley

Dave reported we are where we should be but a future concern about mission giving to MVP.

Moderator's Report

Katie reported being in contact with Clint Tolbert and all is proceeding for presbytery worship and the possibility of table talks.

Delinquent Per Capita Task Force Report - Ed Bettendorf (do we need this?)

Ed reported that many churches had paid past Per Capita back to the Presbytery and will still look at the need to continue talking a few in the future.

Personnel report

Nominating Committee: Nominations are needed before November meeting

Property Report:

Tontogany Manse has been sold. 18730 Main Street, Tontogany, OH 43565, Wood County Auditor Parcel V74-510-050306010000 for a price of \$132,500.

Upcoming Presbytery Meeting /Other

ON MOTION to receive all reports

Next Pres meeting November 15,2022 at 10 AM, Maumee First

Docket prep –

How to present GA overtures

After much discussion, it was recommended that they be presented briefly in November, voted on by Omnibus Motion in February, and any overtures needing discussion prior to voting be handled at the May meeting of Presbytery.

Upcoming Ordinations/Installations:

Ordination of Amy Remaklus: October 29, 2022 at 4 PM at Ottawa

Installation of Jeff Schooley: November 1, 2022 at 6:30 PM at Bowling Green

Installation of Vanlial Hraia: December 18, 2022 at 3 PM at VanWert

Closing Prayer

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Balance Sheet

10/26/2022 12:04 PM

Consolidated - September 2022-Balance Sheet Summary

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		Current Year
ASSETS	1000	
CURRENT ASSETS	1050	
CHECKING ACCOUNTS	1100	\$389,212.35
OTHER ASSETS	1230	43.68
CHURCH REVOLVING LOANS	1401	16,540.46
PASTORAL HOUSING LOANS	1460	100,026.39
LOANS TO STUDENTS	1471	1,264.23
Subtotal Current Assets	1050	507,087.11
NEW COVENANT TRUST	1605	1,347,308.58
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$1,854,395.69</u>
FUND BALANCES	3000	
UNRESTRICTED	3100	\$74,104.96
DESIGNATED	3200	
FUNDS IN CKG	3201	47,039.93
FUNDS IN FDTN	3207	425,664.07
Subtotal Designated	3200	472,704.00
MISSIONS PASS-THRU FBS	3300	
SYNOD SHARED MISSION	3313	43.68
GA SHARED MISSION	3316	-680.00
EXTRA COMMITMENT PROJECTS	3370	680.00
Subtotal Missions Pass-thru Fbs	3300	43.68
CHURCH LOAN FBS	3400	
MANDATORY 4% RESERVE FBS	3434	7,997.77
CHURCH REVOLVING FD	3438	47,788.59
PASTORAL HOUSING LOANS	3460	100,251.39
LOANS TO STUDENTS	3470	1,264.23
Subtotal Church Loan Fbs	3400	157,301.98
DONOR DESIGNATIONS	3501	46,649.29
NEW COVENANT TRUST ACCTS	3600	1,103,591.78
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>1,854,395.69</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		<u>\$1,854,395.69</u>

Balance Sheet

10/26/2022 12:10 PM

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		Current Year
ASSETS	1000	
CURRENT ASSETS	1050	
CHECKING ACCOUNTS	1100	
Ckg - Operating Bank	1110	\$86,105.22
Ckg - Designated	1110-200	231,375.73
Ckg - Loans	1110-400	25,082.11
Ckg - Donor Designated	1110-500	46,649.29
Subtotal Checking Accounts	1100	389,212.35
OTHER ASSETS	1230	
Owed from Synod Overpaymt	1232-232	43.68
CHURCH REVOLVING LOANS	1401	
1st Presb. Church Forest	1452-452	4,540.46
Delphos	1456	12,000.00
Subtotal Church Revolving Loans	1401	16,540.46
PASTORAL HOUSING LOANS	1460	
Pastoral Housing Asst. Lo	1461	86,668.31
Holmes, Douglas	1462-462	13,358.08
Subtotal Pastoral Housing Loans	1460	100,026.39
LOANS TO STUDENTS	1471	
Wiesmann Loan	1474	1,264.23
Subtotal Current Assets	1050	507,087.11
NEW COVENANT TRUST	1605	
Cash/Cash Equivalents	1611	15,700.73
BOND FUNDS	1615	395,359.28
EQUITIES	1620	936,248.57
Subtotal New Covenant Trust	1605	1,347,308.58
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$1,854,395.69</u>
FUND BALANCES	3000	
UNRESTRICTED	3100	
General Fund Balance	3110	\$60,003.98
Con Ed. Rollover	3111	2,290.00
HRA #6 Fb	3114	8,810.98
Triennium Budget	3115	3,000.00
Subtotal Unrestricted	3100	74,104.96
DESIGNATED	3200	