



June 27, 2017

To: Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley
Re: Laboring Out of Bounds Report

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in our Lord's great Name.

During the past year I have continued in the privilege of serving with Mission to North America as Associate Coordinator, completing 24 years of service as of April 30, 2017. A highlight of my work continues to be that of working with the Antioch Fund for Church Multiplication, a major donor gift for the purpose of training and mentoring growing numbers of PCA church planters going to the field each year. Please pray that God will use this funding to greatly increase the harvest in people coming to Christ and in church planting. Already, God is using these new resources to bring a greater focus on mentoring men into ministry, especially church planting.

A close companion initiative is The PCA Unity Fund, launched by MNA during this past year at the direction of the General Assembly. The purpose of the fund is to assist with seminary and seminary-equivalent training costs for African American and other minority candidates, as well as to assist in launching new positions for ministry. This endeavor also will take a major portion of my time for the foreseeable future.

Janet and I are enjoying the Lord's goodness in sharing married life together. Our grandson Joe, now age 10, continues to live with us fulltime as he has since June 2010. We thank the Lord for His blessing us with good health and with growth in God's grace as a family.

Along with the MNA Permanent Committee and Staff, I rejoice in the completion of the first full year of Paul Hahn's service as MNA Coordinator. Please pray that God will continue to prosper MNA in our calling to coordinate the extension of the church in United States and Canada.

Thank you for your prayer support and encouragement personally in my work, and for the generous participation of the churches of the presbytery in the Lord's work through MNA. I ask that the presbytery permit me to continue to labor in this call for another year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fred Marsh
MNA Associate Coordinator