

Aug 20th, 2019

Brothers in Christ,

This letter is written to provide fellow churches information on Rev. Vander Pol's work at MINTS, specifically with regard his ongoing support needs and 2020 budgeting. The council at Covenant Reformed continues to encourage each congregation to continue to, or start to, support Rev. Vander Pol's work now and in the upcoming 2020 year. His work at MINTS continues to rely solely on the gifts from congregations and individuals as these donations are his only income stream. These funds are critical in the training of men for ministry around the world.

Rev. Vander Pol's current financials for the first half of the year can be found in the attached statement from First United Reformed Church in Chino. As can be seen in the statement, the Lord has been gracious in directing giving towards Rev. Vander Pol's important work with MINTS for the past year. It should be noted that the third quarter of the calendar year typically has a significant reduction in donations since there is travel/vacation etc for many families. The fund currently sits at a surplus which will allow for much needed travel and work the second half of the year even with an expected slowdown in donations. In fact, this has allowed for additional travel plans to support the MINTS group in Serbia at the end of Aug/beginning of September. Rev. VanderPol will be traveling in place of another MINTS professor who cannot make the travel.

Rev. Vander Pol's work has taken him to several international locations to teach many who are hungry to learn. He will continue to need financial support in 2019 and 2020 in order to facilitate the work asked of him and to cover the costs associated with traveling overseas. This year he already spent a week in Rwanda in February and a week in the Philippines/Indonesia in May training men for the Lord's work. Additionally, he has been requested to travel to Kyrgyzstan/Serbia in September and Zambia in November to teach additional classes for the MINTS training grounds there. Outside of his travel for MINTS, Rev. Vander Pol is active in training men through online coursework. His expertise has been leaned on in MINTS courses covering everything from the Heidelberg Catechism, Survey of NT Greek, Liberation Theology, Christology and English Writing. In each of these courses Rev. Vander Pol actively communicates with students helping them grow in their understanding of the Word and their faith. Rev. Vander Pol is supervising the translation of 20 MINTS courses into the 15<sup>th</sup> most spoken language in the world, Telugu, an Indian language spoken by over 75 million. This work carries the expectation of enabling two Reformed denominations to train their future pastors.

The regular international travel offers opportunity for young men interested in and training for seminary to travel with Rev. VanderPol and experience firsthand the mission field around the world. Often there is an opportunity for one traveler per trip to join and observe/experience the work Rev. VanderPol does and better assess the direction the Lord is leading them in their ministerial calling. If your church has any such young men interested in seminary or currently in seminary and who desire to travel with Rev. VanderPol, we urge you to get in contact with either Rev. VanderPol or Covenant Reformed Church. This allows for

facilitating the trip including travel timelines and budgetary estimates for the travel costs associated with the trip. Speaking to several men who have traveled with Rev. VanderPol, the trip was extremely beneficial to them. They gained a deeper appreciation and experienced the joy of Christ shared with the globe. They treasured the time they had learning from a man who has a deep desire to share the gospel and an overflowing love for those in need of that Word.

The council at Covenant Reformed URC of Kansas City, which oversees the work of Rev. Vander Pol, will attest to the fruitful work being done through Rev. Vander Pol and MINTS. We are continuing to request support from other churches in order to maintain the much-needed work being done. While Covenant Reformed URC in Kansas City maintains the consistorial oversight for Rev. Vander Pol, his financial support should continue to be sent to (write "Rev. Vander Pol Support" on the memo line:

Vander Pol Support Fund  
First United Reformed Church  
6159 Riverside Drive  
Chino CA 91710

I know Rev. Vander Pol and his family would covet your prayers for them throughout the year. Pray for safety in travel in and out of many countries; not just safety in the air and on the road but also for a government open to allowing his transit throughout the area he is visiting. Pray for the men in the seminary studying the word and for wisdom for Rev. Vander Pol as he trains these men. And especially pray for fertile soil in these areas desperately needing the gospel; that the church universal will continue to grow and bring honor to our Lord.

We at Covenant Reformed thank you for your continued support of Rev. Vander Pol.

In Christ's Service,  
Council of Covenant Reformed Church  
Kansas City, MO

# First United Reformed Church – Vander Pol Fund

## Income and Expense Statement

January 1 – June 30, 2019

FUND BALANCE January 1, 2019*	<u>\$46,007.29</u>
CONTRIBUTING INCOME	
US Churches	\$42,538.04
Canadian Churches and Individuals	\$4,036.46
Individuals	\$5680.00
Telugu Translation Project	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$52,254.50</u>
EXPENSES	
Salary, Insurance, Retirement, P/R Taxes	\$51,720.00
Books/Supplies	\$192.32
Office Supplies/Postage	\$42.17
Office Equipment	\$0.00
Travel	\$9,350.15
Student Books	\$1589.70
Telegu Translation Expense	\$308.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$63,202.34</u>
FUND BALANCE June 30, 2019*	<u>\$35,059.45</u>
*Monies remaining for Telegu Translation Project	\$1,428.00