

1 **REPORT OF THE**
2 **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA FOUNDATION, INC.**
3 **TO THE FORTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
4 **OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

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6 The PCA Foundation is pleased to report that, by God’s grace, the PCA Foundation engaged
7 in 2019 in significant work of the Church as set forth in the Great Commission. We are
8 pleased to see how the Lord continues to enable the PCA Foundation to advance and manifest
9 His Kingdom.

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11 Total gifts to the PCA Foundation during 2019 were \$17.7 million.

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13 We are pleased to report that the PCA Foundation distributed, or granted to ministry, \$11.3
14 million during 2019. Distributions to PCA churches were \$4.1 million, distributions to PCA
15 Committees and Agencies were \$2.2 million, and distributions to other Christian ministries
16 were \$5.0 million.

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18 We continue to look for opportunities to work with PCA churches and their members, and are
19 desirous of serving with individuals and their families in making Kingdom grants.

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21 The 2019 distributions and grants to ministry by the PCA Foundation were as follows:

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Mission to the World	\$ 403,000
Mission to North America	278,000
Committee on Discipleship Ministries	81,000
Administrative Committee	59,000
RBI-Ministerial Relief	34,000
Reformed University Ministries	391,000
Covenant College	36,000
Covenant Theological Seminary	185,000
PCA Foundation	617,000
Ridge Haven	99,000
<i>Total Committees & Agencies</i>	<u>\$ 2,183,000</u>
PCA Churches	4,071,000
Other Christian Ministries	<u>5,038,000</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$ 11,292,000</u></u>

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25 The PCA Foundation’s total assets were \$104.0 million as of December 31, 2019. This
26 compares to \$86.4 million as of December 31, 2018. The primary reasons that total assets
27 increased \$17.6 million during 2019 were that gifts to the PCA Foundation to fund accounts
28 exceeded grant distributions by \$6.4 million, and asset valuation increased \$10.8 million due

1 to financial market gains. Much of the funds contributed to the Foundation goes out as grants
2 within a relatively short period of time—often within the same or the following year.
3 Therefore, the PCA Foundation may realize significant amounts as both contributions and
4 grants in a given year, and total assets may stay about the same or experience substantial
5 increases or decreases from year to year.

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7 The PCA Foundation has and continues to make significant progress in serving with members
8 and friends of the PCA. Over the last 20 years, total assets have grown from \$25.0 million to
9 \$104.0 million. These total assets provide a sound base for future financial support of PCA
10 Churches, PCA Committees and Agencies, and other Christian ministries.

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12 Coincidental with the growth of its assets over the last 20 years, the PCA Foundation has
13 received \$219.9 million in gifts, and made distributions to ministries totaling \$159.7 million.

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15 During 2019 the PCA Foundation continued its increased intentional outreach to individuals
16 and families, churches, presbyteries and ministries. The PCA Foundation rebranded its look
17 with a new logo, website, and marketing materials in 2016, during which time it also began
18 using various social networking platforms to introduce its services to individuals and
19 churches. It introduced in 2019 several online tools for donors to open accounts and provide
20 for grant recommendations.

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22 The donor portal, which went live in 2016, continues in its increasing popularity with donors.
23 The donor portal allows PCA Foundation donors to access their account information online,
24 from which they can also recommend grant distributions from their accounts.

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26 The PCA Foundation does not participate in the PCA’s Partnership Shares or Ministry Ask
27 Programs, nor does it rely on the financial support of churches to help underwrite its operating
28 budget. Rather, its operations are funded primarily by account charges, earnings on
29 investment accounts, and by charitable contributions from individuals, including current and
30 former PCA Foundation Board Members.

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32 Because the main focus of the PCA Foundation is not on raising funds for its own operations,
33 or for any other particular ministry, it has a unique opportunity and niche within the PCA. We
34 assist Christians to carry out their stewardship responsibilities and charitable desires, working
35 with them to provide for and make substantial, effective Kingdom grants. Our most popular
36 giving-granting program is the Advise & Consult Fund®, a donor-advised fund. We also
37 create, manage, and receive endowments, charitable trusts, bequests, and church, presbytery,
38 and PCA-ministry designated funds, and provide information on tax-efficient charitable
39 giving.

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41 The PCA Foundation is “donor driven,” which means that it engages donors to identify and
42 recommend the grants it makes. This is grass-roots, democratized grant-making. But the
43 Foundation also works increasingly to make those donors better grant advisors by informing
44 them of charitable endeavors worthy of support. We provide information to individuals
45 without pressuring them to give to the PCA Foundation for its own operations, or to any other
46 particular ministry.

1 The PCA Foundation will continue to strive to effectively serve with its present and future
2 donors and the churches, presbyteries, Committees, and Agencies of the PCA to carry on the
3 work of the PCA as set forth in the Great Commission. By God’s grace, the PCA Foundation
4 will be able to do so.

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6 On July 1, 2019, I became President of the PCA Foundation. Please pray that I will be faithful
7 as its president and will experience and live out the love of Christ in this new calling.

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9 Also, please pray for the board and staff of the Foundation as they seek to continue leading
10 the PCA Foundation successfully into the future. The PCA Foundation is financially sound,
11 and is postured well for continued growth.

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13 **Recommendations:**

- 14 1. That the financial audit for the PCA Foundation, Inc., for the calendar year ended
15 December 31, 2019, by Capin Crouse, LLP be received and acknowledged.
- 16 2. That the General Assembly approve the proposed 2021 Budget of the PCA Foundation,
17 Inc. with the understanding that it is a spending plan and will be modified as necessary by
18 the PCA Foundation’s Board of Directors to accommodate changing circumstances
19 during the year.
- 20 3. That the Minutes of Board meetings of August 2, 2019, and March 6, 2020, be approved.
- 21 4. That the General Assembly revoke the schedule for distribution of undesignated gifts to
22 the PCAF prescribed by the 26th General Assembly in 1998, and approve and adopt the
23 following amendment to the PCAF bylaws recommended by its Board of Directors:

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25 Add a new section 7.3 to read as follows:

26 Section 7.3. Distribution of Certain Gifts. For purposes of this section, “undesignated
27 and unadvised gift” means every gift with regard to which the donor never has
28 designated or recommended use for particular grantees or for particular purposes, and
29 no person ever has received advisory privileges with regard to grants or investment,
30 as well as the portion of every fund with regard to which the donor who so designated
31 or recommended or every person enjoying such advisory privileges has revoked or
32 waived same expressly in writing. The Foundation must distribute each unrestricted
33 and unadvised gift, after retaining 5% of such gift for its own discretionary use, to the
34 permanent committees and agencies of the Presbyterian Church in America in
35 accordance with the schedule prescribed by the General Assembly that last concluded
36 before the date of gift (or date of receipt of revocation or waiver), and in the event
37 such General Assembly did not prescribe a schedule for the purpose, in the same
38 proportions as the permanent committees’ and agencies’ “Ministry Asks” last reported
39 before such date to any General Assembly pursuant to the Partnership Share Giving
40 Program bear to the total of such Ministry Asks.

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42 Respectfully Submitted,
43 /s/ Timothy W. Townsend
44 President

**Attachment
PCA FOUNDATION
PLANNED GIVING REPORT**

January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

New Gifts “IN”		\$17,722,000
Total Distributions Made		\$11,292,000
Distributions Made:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Total C&A	\$ 2,183,000	19%
PCA Churches	<u>4,071,000</u>	<u>36%</u>
TOTAL PCA	6,254,000	55%
Other Christian	<u>5,038,000</u>	<u>45%</u>
TOTAL 2019	<u><u>\$11,292,000</u></u>	<u><u>100%</u></u>

1980 through December 2019

New Gifts “IN”		\$272,930,000
Total Distributions Made		\$193,708,000
Distributions Made:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Total C&A	\$ 46,129,000	24%
PCA Churches	<u>77,815,000</u>	<u>40%</u>
TOTAL PCA	123,944,000	64%
Other Christian	<u>69,764,000</u>	<u>36%</u>
TOTAL 1980 – December 2019	<u><u>\$193,708,000</u></u>	<u><u>100%</u></u>