

**JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY  
SYNOD COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Finance Committee

The Synod of Mid-America Finance Committee continues to meet faithfully. We are expecting the results from the 2021 audit soon. We reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter investment funds performance as well as noted the socially responsible elements of the Synod's portfolio, in connection with the energy sector overall, and recent decisions of the PC(USA) General Assembly to divest from five companies engaged in fossil-fuel development which will not adversely affect future return levels.

This committee has also reviewed and detailed the standard operating procedures for handling the financial aspects of receiving and distributing the monies in the office, retainment of records, disposition of old computer equipment, and drafted a policy on non-traditional assets. As for digital records and sensitive data, the Synod is about to undergo a thorough technology review, including securing and data protection with Tech Impact.

Elder De La Rosa reported on the PC(USA) General Assembly's favorable treatment of the Synod's two concurred overtures. John Calvin Presbytery's call for benefits equity for ruling elders in mid-council leadership was approved with comments placing on the record the Board of Pensions' willingness to undertake to address the fairness issues presented. Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery's call for an apology to African Americans for the sin of slavery and its legacy was approved, with the Synod Mission and Ministry Support (MMS) Committee unanimously agreeing to cover the \$4,500 outstanding cost of generating new racial justice curriculum with a grant from Synod mission funds originally intended to underwrite housing costs for the now-cancelled 2022 Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by Reina Daleske