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THE PREAKNESS TOWER

PREAKNESS REFORMED CHURCH

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The World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) held its 27th General Council in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 14 to 23 October 2025, under the banner "Persevere in Your Witness," which is drawn from Hebrews 12:1. The timing was significant: it marked 150 years since the founding of its predecessor, the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System. The WCRC is considered one of the largest Christian communions in the world, after the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion.

The General Council brought together delegates from over 230 member churches in more than 100 countries, gathered in worship, engaged in Bible study, and discerned in small groups the next steps for mission, theology and justice in a changing world. The press-briefing held at the close of the General Council offered insight into both its tone and outcomes. The WCRC leaders expressed deep appreciation for how the gathering was characterized by prayerful deliberation and mutual respect surrounded by the amazing hospitality of the Thai people. Outgoing WCRC president Rev. Najla Kassab said, "I think Chiang Mai has given us a lot of lessons. We were enriched by the hospitality that we noticed, not only by the churches but by the local leaders." And I would add that that same hospitality was seen in the staff at the conference center and everyone you met in the city and beyond. The gracious hospitality was experienced in all its fullness on the 10-15 immersion trips offered to all participants. One of those trips was an overnight trip to the Thoo Mweh Khee Learning Center. It is a school for Myanmar (Karen) refugee students. The school has students from kindergarten through college Masters programs, including a seminary. We were able to meet and get to know about 150 of their college students while we toured their school. They graced us with a dance program and the most delicious meal ever eaten in all of Thailand.

Key outcomes of the General Council include the release of a message entitled "Hope Beyond the Tears," reflecting the global communion's recognition of suffering, perseverance and hope. In addition, the 150-year celebration service featured ecumenical collaboration, symbolic acts of humility and a call to ongoing Christian witness in the face of global challenges: environmental crises, economic inequalities, and rising nationalist and exclusionary movements. The General Council reiterated its commitment to gender balance in leadership and to a decision-making process rooted in discernment, worship and listening together. The General Council elected the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, United Church of Christ General Minister and President/CEO to serve as the next president of the General Council. The Rev. Philip Peacock, an ordained minister in the Church of North India was introduced as the new General Secretary of the WCRC.

Blessings,

Pastor Kim



PRC Adults' Night Out at In The Drink



Outreach for CASA's Open Door Store



Ladies' Lakeside Retreat



Bread of Life Mission



RISE Sunday



2025 Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Outing and Dinner























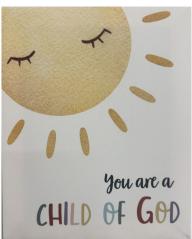










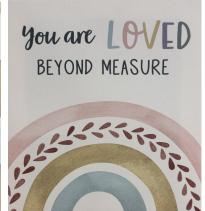












The renovation of our 3 Sunday School rooms, is nearly complete, featuring new floors, ceilings, fresh paint, and updated furnishings! We are deeply grateful to Wayne Tile for facilitating the flooring donation and to the many volunteers whose time and effort made this transformation possible. The rooms are now ready to welcome our children and teachers, each week. Please join us on Sunday, November 16 after the soup luncheon as we open up the Sunday School doors to all who would like to see the improvements!

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Daniel King	1	Annie McKay	1	Dave Panzitta	4			
Jessie Hinners	2	Anthony Pellechia	2	Patricia Lynch	6			
Denise Dunlap	4	Ron Franklyn	3	Kenneth Vander Pyl	7			
Kenneth De Berry	5	Thomas Powers	5	David Vanderbush	9			
Corbin Sinclair O'Brien	5	Nancy Rogers	5	Chuck Donovan	10			
Martin McKay	7	Michael Servideo, Jr.	8	Carol Lukacs	10			
Ernest Mezey	8	Jerry Declet	9	Michael Barch	12			
Carol Eltringham	10	William Weston	13	Juliette Panzitta	13			
Inge Dahl	11	Donna McKeon	15	Lauren Tiers	13			
Lorelai Marie DeRissio	11	Jordan Tanis	15	Linda Ullman	13			
Gaye Servideo	11	Elliot Franklyn	19	David Bach	15			
Jackson Michael Coyne	12	Kim Goerg	20	Richard Corbo	15			
Sarah Panzitta	15	Lyla Graf	21	Douglas Finale	15			
Cyndie Bach	19	Daniel O'Connell	22	Nancy Pier Sindt	15			
Jason Declet	21	Ted Curtin	28	Andrew Graf	16			
William Mariniello	26	Jo Admirand	30	Sarah Barch	20			
Jean Huntington	27	Vicki Lefelar	30	Paige Barch	20			
Tim Coyne	29	Evan McKay	30	Bruce Hinners	20			
Amanda Declet	29	Patricia Drake	31	Linette Bley	21			
Ben Frank	30	Jordan Ullman	31	Tania Janney	25			
				Hannah Kudrik	27			
				Michael De Block	31			
			- Data a	Hazel Hinners	31			

BROWN BAGS & BIBLES —Thursday afternoons at 12:00 pm in the Parlor

Bring a lunch and grab a seat as we gather together in shared faith and fellowship. Participants will engage in pastor-led discussions based on Bible readings and explore their meaning and relevance in their lives. We encourage open dialogue, allowing everyone to share their insights, questions, and experiences as they relate to Scripture.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE—Every Sunday before worship service at 9:15 am in Nan's Room

Join us as we come together to study and explore the teachings of the Bible as they relate to the day's worship service. The group provides a supportive and communal environment where members can both encourage and challenge one another in their faith journey. This is a wonderful opportunity to foster spiritual growth with a deeper understanding of the Bible while building meaningful relationships with fellow parishioners.

Statement of Our Stewardship for the nine months ended September 30, 2025, reflects a net deficit of <\$3,203> compared to Budget of <\$9,264>. Favorable to Budget of \$6,061 is primarily due to higher pledges received during the year coupled with lower overall Program costs. we are optimistic that we will end the year with a surplus that is very close to the Budget.

Ken De Berry, Treasurer

		ACTUAL	Al	PPROVED								
	RESULTS		BUDGET				YTD ACT				FAV	7
		2024		2025		ept 24	Sept 25		BUDGET		(UNFAV)	
OFFERINGS:												
Current Year Pledges	\$	398,071	\$	387,000	\$	278,460	\$	283,731	\$	279,000	\$	4,731
Loose & Other Unrestricted Offerings		4,341		4,500		3,331		1,760		3,400		(1,640)
Classical Assessment		7,444		7,500		6,844		6,500		7,300		(800)
Special Offerings		10,237		10,000	_	4,339	L	4,686		4,000		686
Total Offerings		420,093		409,000		292,974		296,677		293,700		2,977
Rental Income		120,896		123,864		88,766		90,590		91,464		(874)
Other Income -Interest		4,000		4,000		2,997	L	3,000		3,000		0
Total	\$	544,989	\$	536,864	\$	384,737	\$	390,267	\$	388,164	\$	2,103
PROGRAM COSTS :												
Worship	\$	171,017	\$	187,522	\$	127,464	\$	138,969	\$	137,766	\$	(1,203)
Music		73,180		73,170		53,109		52,520		51,615		(905)
Christian Education		40,307		50,295		30,330		35,919		39,609		3,690
Parish Life		1,726		2,000		1,474		1,852		1,900		48
Care Team		54		200		54		-		100		100
Outreach		-		200		-		-		150		150
Properties		139,749		313,015		96,121		90,108		88,480		(1,628)
Administration		59,634		61,930		45,794		41,339		45,999		4,660
Finance		2,143		2,290		1,232		1,637		1,369		(268)
Total Programs	\$	487,810		690,622	\$	355,578	\$	362,344	\$	366,988	\$	4,644
Deacons/Benevolences		57,881		52,725		44,983		31,549		30,863		(686)
Appropriation for Benevolences		(4,750)				(4,750)						0
Appropriation for Major Repairs- Parking lot				(200,000)								
Unused CE Grant		(842)		(10,000)		(800)		(423)		(423)		0
Appropriation for Church Signs		(3,725)				(3,725)						0
Appropriation for Safety Protocol equipment		(1,522)										0
Total	\$	534,852	\$	533,347	\$	391,286	\$	393,470	\$	397,428	\$	3,958
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$	10,137	\$	3,517	\$	(6,549)	\$	(3,203)	\$	(9,264)	\$	6,061