



Synod Board/Committee Member Needs Analysis for 2015

Name of Board/Committee: **Board of Stewardship & Directors of ARP Foundation**

Purpose as stated in *Manual of Authorities and Duties*:

The purpose of this Board is to:

1. Promote the general ministries and programs of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church;
2. develop and/or identify, and keep current, resources that can be used for the teaching of biblical stewardship in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church;
3. assist in developing financial stewardship models for presbyteries, congregations, and agencies of the General Synod;
4. develop and implement programs for securing the funds required to meet the operating needs of the General Synod;
5. prepare for presentation at the annual meeting of the General Synod a recommended allocation of Synod's anticipated unrestricted income;
6. prepare and maintain denominational budget preparation guidelines;
7. receive and maintain a fund or funds of real and personal property and to use, make donations of, and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal exclusively for religious, charitable, literary, scientific and educational purposes and for no other purpose;
8. initiate and carry out programs in support of the religious, charitable, missionary, and educational programs of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, or its successor;
9. solicit and accept by gift, grant, devise, bequest, purchase or otherwise and to hold for investment or reinvestment and to sell, donate, lend or otherwise dispose of money, real estate, personal property, stocks, bonds, or other securities or any other kind of property;
10. refrain from engaging, either directly or indirectly, in any activity that would (1) prevent it from obtaining exemption from federal income taxation as a corporation described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or (2) cause it to lose such exempt status;
11. invest endowment-type funds and other long term investments of the General Synod and of those agencies of Synod which commit funds to the Foundation, in accordance with guidelines approved by the General Synod;
12. serve as the Audit Committee for the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church: a. To receive and review audit reports and management letters for all entities audited. (2007 Synod) b. To select the audit firm to recommend for use by all agencies. (2006 Synod)

Skill sets/experience desired in persons appointed to serve terms beginning July 1, 2015:

1. Persons nominated should have extensive knowledge of the workings of the ARP Church and the Boards and Agencies which receive funding from the General Synod Budget.
2. A general knowledge of accounting principles.
3. Persons who have good understanding of connectional churches and the ability to influence fellow church members and congregations toward supporting the financial causes of the General Synod.
4. Persons who have basic knowledge of investment principles and an understanding of planned giving through bequests and gifts to the ARP Foundation.

Submitted by: James D. McLurkin
Name

**Chairman, Board of Stewardship and Board of Directors of ARP
Foundation**
Title