



March 1, 2023

Dear Corinth family,

The members of Corinth Reformed Church will gather on **Sunday, March 26 following the 11:00 service** for our Annual Meeting. More details regarding how to participate in person and online are available at corinthtoday.org/vote.

The agenda for this meeting will include:

1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget of \$2,609,959. The proposed budget is below, with notes on the budget enclosed (pg. 2).
2. Elections for Consistory. Brief biographical info on each nominee is enclosed (pg. 4). Additional nominees may be made from the floor if the nominator has the nominee's prior consent. The "Class of" notation indicates the end of the term that the nominee will fill (i.e., those elected for the Class of 2026 will complete their service on December 31, 2026).

No other business may be introduced without the unanimous consent of those present.

As we move into 2023, we are keenly aware that change is in store for Corinth Reformed Church. It is likely that we will see a new senior pastor within the year. Change can be hard but as we know, God does some of his best work in the hard places. The Pastor Search Team continues to prayerfully and deliberately pursue God's choice for us and our congregation is in a season of prayer for every element in this transition. God invites each of us to partner with him and to see his glory revealed in extraordinary, as well as ordinary, ways here at Corinth. Please pray as you consider this year's budget and these nominees who are willing to serve us with wisdom and care. Pray that God continues to bless Corinth, as we proclaim Jesus Christ. It is my joy and honor to serve God and his church with you.

In Christ,

Shirley B. Huffman
President of the Consistory and Chair of the Board of Elders

	FY2022 Budget	FY2023 Budget
Staff Salaries and Expenses	1,218,891	1,360,584
Board of Elders	46,500	56,000
Board of Adult Ministries	41,075	41,075
Board of Children's Ministries	26,100	28,200
Board of Student Ministries	38,750	38,750
Board of Evangelism	23,500	23,500
Board of Community Life	37,000	37,000
Board of Deacons	147,100	174,300
Board of Property Management	419,700	459,050
Board of Missions	339,000	391,500
Total Budget	2,337,616	2,609,959

Notes on the 2023 Budget

1. Overall Notes
 - We expect FY2022 contributions to be approximately \$2.5 million.
 - FY2023 budget spending request is \$2.6 million.
 - Increase in contributions would need to be 4.4%; historically, our annual increase in giving is approximately 8%.
2. Staff Salaries and Expenses
 - FY2023 assumes a 6-month overlap with two senior pastors; 5.5% increase for everything else.
3. Board of Children's Ministries
 - Record participation levels leads to increase costs in materials and special events.
4. Board of Deacons
 - Increased insurance premiums on buildings, grounds, liability.
5. Board of Property Management
 - Inflation on property maintenance costs and budget for Christmas lights.
6. Board of Missions
 - Calculated as 15% of budgeted contributions.
 - During FY2022, over \$500,000 has been given to missions in addition to the budgeted amount.
 - A breakdown of the missions budget is enclosed (pg. 3).

Corinth Reformed Church – Proposed Missions Budget – FY2023

CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRIES		Description
\$ 5,000	CRU (North Africa)	<i>Details withheld for security; contact amy@corinthtoday.org with questions</i>
\$ 18,000	Doxa Deo (Moldova)	Fyodor Lupanciu leads a church in Chisinau and plants churches in the former USSR
\$ 3,000	East-West Ministries	Adam Yount equips short-term mission teams to serve unreached people groups
\$ 5,000	Global Ministries (Colombia)	Alex Maldonado and Xiomara Cintron teach and work in reconciliation ministries
\$ 18,000	Hungry4Him - Benard's Vision School (Kenya)	Benard & Pamela Ondiek run free schools for kids in Ahero and Wachara
\$ 3,000	JAARS (Cameroon)	Tatchum "Gideon" Noussi works to translate the Bible into African languages.
\$ 9,000	Jesus Film Project	Matt Pursley works to translate the gospel and films for non-English audiences
\$ 4,000	Liebenzell USA	Chris Matthews teaches at seminaries in Spain, Ecuador, Guam, and Zambia
\$ 10,000	Little Samaritan Mission (E. Europe)	Florin Pindic Blaj runs a radio station and leads a variety of humanitarian relief efforts
\$ 3,000	Mission to the World (South Africa)	Shaun & Becky Hurrie are involved in teaching and church planting in Cape Town.
\$ 3,000	Pioneers (Central Asia)	<i>Details withheld for security; contact amy@corinthtoday.org with questions</i>
\$ 10,000	Pioneers (United Kingdom)	Jared & Emily Clark are moving to the UK to evangelize Muslims
\$ 6,000	SEND International (AK, NW Canada)	Larry & Kelly Bigelow provide personnel and accounting support for missionaries
\$ 3,000	SIM – USA (Middle East)	<i>Details withheld for security; contact amy@corinthtoday.org with questions</i>
\$ 3,000	SIM – USA (West Africa)	<i>Details withheld for security; contact amy@corinthtoday.org with questions</i>
\$ 18,000	The Hope Project (Nicaragua)	Farrell Burton brings education, food, and vocational training to impoverished people
\$ 4,800	Wycliffe Bible Translators (Waxhaw, NC)	Corey & Delisa Wenger provide solar, electrical solutions to support Bible translators
\$ 6,000	Youth With a Mission (Salem, OR)	Richelle Roithner plans and leads short-term mission experiences for young adults
LOCAL MINISTRIES		Description
\$ 5,000	Backpack Program (Hickory)	Provides food for the weekend for children in local schools who face food insecurity
\$ 500	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts (Hickory)	Corinth's Troop 1 and Pack 1 teach leadership, service, and faith
\$ 1,000	Carolina Caring (Hickory)	Provides end-of-life hospice care for 12 counties in western NC
\$ 9,500	Catawba Valley Young Life (Hickory)	Teaches adolescents about Jesus and helps them grow in their faith
\$ 2,500	Children's Advocacy & Protection Center	Protects Catawba Co. kids through prevention of and response to child abuse/neglect
\$ 8,000	Christian Community Outreach Ministry	Steve Workman provides emergency assistance and shares Jesus with those in need
\$ 18,000	Cornerstone Counseling Center (Hickory)	Offers professional Christian counseling, life coaching, educational services, seminars
\$ 6,000	CRU (Spartanburg, SC)	Drew & Emma Renno minister to students at USC Upstate and Converse University
\$ 5,000	Family Care Center (Hickory)	Serves homeless families with children through an emergency residential program
\$ 5,000	Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Hickory)	Lance Shealy spreads the Gospel through athletic programs in local public schools
\$ 18,000	Forgiven Ministry (Taylorsville)	Scottie Barnes leads a ministry to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of inmates
\$ 2,500	Gathering House Ministries (Hickory)	Karen Johnson offers Christian community and discipleship to Lenoir-Rhyne students
\$ 10,000	Good Samaritan Fund (Hickory)	Corinth fund that provides financial assistance to church/community members in crisis
\$ 12,000	Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Min.	Ecumenical organization that offers assistance to those in crisis or poverty
\$ 7,500	Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley	Builds, renovates, and repairs affordable housing for low-income families
\$ 7,500	Hickory Soup Kitchen	Provides free, nutritious meals to hungry individuals in our community
\$ 1,500	Hope Garden (Hickory)	Corinth garden grows fresh produce for the Hickory Soup Kitchen, ECCCM, and others
\$ 2,500	InterVarsity (Hickory)	Greg Little disciples Lenoir-Rhyne students, and encourages them to grow in their faith
\$ 2,500	InterVarsity (Hickory)	Danci Khang disciples Lenoir-Rhyne students, and helps them to grow in their faith
\$ 6,000	Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley	Offers free spiritual, physical, emotional care for people facing unplanned pregnancies
\$ 18,000	Safe Harbor (Hickory)	Provides a residential program, day program, and other recovery tools for women
\$ 5,000	Strong Life Ministries (Hickory)	John Hays leads the Life House homeless shelter and men's transitional housing
\$ 3,500	The Corner Table (Newton)	Offers nutritious meals in a comfortable environment for any person in need
\$ 4,000	Valley Haven Camp & Retreat Center	Christian camp and retreat center located in the mountains just outside Hickory
\$ 3,500	WNC Epilepsy Association (Hickory)	Christine Cofer provides transportation, advocacy, resources to those with epilepsy
UCC-RELATED MINISTRIES		Description
\$ 1,000	Abernethy Laurels	Continuing Care Retirement Community in Newton, NC
\$ 1,000	Blowing Rock Conference Center	Retreat and conference center in Blowing Rock, NC
\$ 5,000	Faithful & Welcoming Churches	Network of evangelical, conservative, orthodox, or traditional UCC clergy and churches
\$ 250	Franklinton Center at Bricks	Former slave plantation in Whitakers, NC that is now a UCC retreat/conference center
\$ 1,500	Johns River Valley Camp	UCC camp in Collettsville, NC that hosts summer camps, mission camps, and retreats
\$ 250	Lancaster Theological Seminary	The closest UCC seminary to North Carolina
\$ 500	Nazareth Children's Home	Serves vulnerable children through outpatient and residential services, foster care
OTHER MINISTRIES		Description
\$ 1,500	Minnie and B.B. Lane Mission House	Hospitality expenses for visiting missionaries and other guests of Corinth
\$ 20,000	Mission Trips	Travel and ministry costs for domestic and cross-cultural Corinth mission teams
\$ 64,200	Discretionary	Meets emergency and special funding requests throughout the year
\$391,500	Total Proposed Missions Budget for FY2023	



Adam Payne – Board of Adult Ministries, Class of 2026

“I accepted this nomination because I am passionate about discipleship and supporting the groups where we gather to learn about and practice Kingdom living. God is hard at work in the tight bonds that form in our smaller communities, and I am humbled to be a part of that.”

Family: Wife – Sarah
Children – Knox (3), Eva (1)
Work: Home Inspector
Joined Corinth: April 2017

Previous Church Service and Leadership:

Board of Adult Ministries	A/V Team
Wilderness Ministry Leader	Bible Study
Sunday School	Small Groups



Marty Simmons – Board of Missions, Class of 2026

“I have graciously accepted this nomination as Missions has the ability to touch so many lives, both near and far. I am humbled to serve in a congregation where missions are a top priority.”

Family: Husband – Michael
Adult Children – Ethan, Emily (Zac)
Granddaughter – Paisley
Work: Allstate—Marty Simmons Agency, Inc.
Joined Corinth: 1988

Previous Church Service and Leadership:

Board of Stewardship	Consistory
Board of Congregational Life	Board of Missions
Nicaragua Mission Team	Youth Leader
Service Sunday Coordinator	Greeter/Usher
Vacation Bible School	



Natalie Barkley – Board of Student Ministries, Class of 2026

“I am excited to serve on the Board of students because they are the future of the church. Their impact is meaningful and I hope to help foster leadership and servanthood in our youth.”

Family: Husband – Wes
Children – Sydney (16), Ella (13), Liam (9)
Work: Pharmaceutical Sales Representative for Amgen
Joined Corinth: April 2013

Previous Church Service and Leadership:

Board of Community Life	Sunday School teacher
Vacation Bible School	Bible Study



Kevin Konecny – Board of Deacons, Class of 2025

“I am grateful to be nominated to serve on the Board of Deacons and I look forward to doing whatever I can do to help Corinth create and grow our relationships with Jesus.”

Family: Wife – Teresa
Work: Software Development
Joined Corinth: July 2013

Previous Church Service and Leadership:

Wednesday Night Bible Study	Board of Deacons
Nominating Committee	Men’s Workout Group
Sanctuary Sound Team	



Brock Long – Board of Deacons, Class of 2026

“It would be a great honor to serve Christ and Corinth as a Deacon. I do not take this opportunity lightly and feel that it is an answered prayer. I have been yearning to be more involved in the work of God and will faithfully serve this church.”

Family: Wife – Mandi
 Children – Jonah (16), Isaac (13)
Work: Emergency Manager; Executive Chairman of HAGERTY Consulting
Joined Corinth: March 2019

Previous Church Service and Leadership:

Corinth Kitchen	Wednesday Night Youth
Strong Life Homeless Ministry	Disaster Relief
Church & School Safety Summit	



Diana Williams – Board of Deacons, Class of 2026

“I have accepted the nomination to the Board of Deacons because I am called to serve my church in anyway the Lord can use me. I value the duty of a deacon and am excited to serve and learn more about the fiscal responsibilities and stewardship of the church body to better honor its members, community, and God.”

Family: Husband – Allan
 Children – Everly (8), Anniston (5), Amelia (2), Jack (deceased)
Work: Family Nurse Practitioner; Owner/Founder of Strategic Wellness Center
Joined Corinth: January 2016

Previous Church Service and Leadership:

Nursery Committee	Small Group Facilitator
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Wayne Miller – Board of Elders, Class of 2026

“I am humbled to be asked by my church to serve as an Elder. At this pivotal time in our church life, I will look to God to serve the Pastors and the church body.”

Family: Wife – Gigi

Adult Children – Sarah (Larkin), Keaton (Cassie),
Lindsay

Grandchildren – Beau (6), Brooks (2)

Joined Corinth: April 2013

Previous Church Service and Leadership:

Adult Sunday School Teacher	Consistory
Board of Adult Ministries	Men’s Bible Study
Marriage Ministry Leader	



Susan Pearce – Board of Elders, Class of 2026

“I am so humbled to be nominated to serve Corinth as an elder. I trust that God equips those that He calls and anticipate this opportunity to prayerfully serve the church body and staff.”

Family: Husband – Ed

Adult Children – Andrew, Matthew (deceased)

Work: Retired Neurological Adult and Pediatric Physical
Therapist

Joined Corinth: July 2013

Previous Church Service and Leadership:

Board of Adult Ministry (chair)	Stephen Ministry
Women’s Ministry Team (chair)	VBS Volunteer
Sunday School (Travelers Class)	