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Welcome Packet

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Greetings from the Harvest Network of the Alliance of Reformed Churches,

We are grateful for your interest in the Harvest Network, and we look forward to the opportunity to partner with you in being servants of the Lord of the Harvest. We are a unique Network of Churches that want to see the Gospel take root in primarily rural communities or rural like communities. We believe these communities are widely diverse in some of their characteristics, but also have some shared challenges and opportunities. Therefore, we aspire to be a Network that empowers local churches in these contexts.

Our Network was born early in 2022 and is made up currently of 17 churches in 4 states and soon 5 states in the US. We have spent the last two years developing our teams, our structure and building relationships to best support our congregations in their mission. This year, 2024, we are focused on strengthening our support to churches in transition, building relationships within our Network, and strengthening our communication.

In this welcome packet you can find the information we think will be helpful as you consider the Harvest Network. It can also be helpful as you have questions and want to contact someone to learn more about our Network. We also want to direct you to our website to go deeper, subscribe to our YouTube channel, and join our Facebook group.

www.archarvest.org

[Harvest Network | Facebook](#)

[Harvest Network - YouTube](#)

On page 12, you will find a link to our Covenant of Agreement. When you complete and sign this Agreement, you are officially joining the Harvest Network. Welcome!

Blessings from the Harvest Network,

Harvest Network Board and Staff



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MISSION

Strengthening primarily rural churches for effective Kingdom-focused ministry through fellowship, mutual accountability, active equipping, and intentional prayer under the absolute authority of Scripture.

VISION

We believe God longs to see vibrant, thriving Rural Churches impacting the communities and contexts to which they are called in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ, and for His Kingdom, through Intentional Prayer, Bold Evangelism, Radical Discipleship, and Humble Service to bring Spiritual Revival to rural communities in North America.

KEY VERSE

Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

OUR VALUES

- *CHRIST-CENTERED*
- *BIBLICALLY GROUNDED*
- *KINGDOM MINDED*
- *INTENTIONALLY EQUIPPING*
- *MUTUALLY ACCOUNTABLE*

UNIQUE VALUES

- *RURAL OR SMALL TOWN CONTEXT*
- *LOCAL HUBS*
- *INTENTIONAL PRAYER*



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Meet our Staff

Fulfilling one or more of the five-fold equipping roles for the churches from Ephesians 4:11 in order to multiply ministry among leaders and members of the local churches in the Network.

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The Board of Directors

Purpose & Description:

The Board of Directors shall, lead, govern, and oversee the business and ministry of Harvest Network, serving as trustees of the Network, seeking to empower and hold accountable the Staff, and all team members as they serve in the places of their calling with the gifts that God has blessed them with.

Reports to:

The Alliance of Reformed Churches Global Board of Directors.

Alignment with Harvest Network Mission & Vision:

- Oversees Harvest-Wide Alignment to the Network Mission & Vision
- Trustees of Christ for setting policies, and adjusting the mission and vision to Christ's will.

Team Make-up

- President – Gary Jarvis (South Blendon Community Church)
- Vice President – Bob Hennip (Hopkins Community Church)
- Treasurer - Jeff Snay (Overisel Reformed Church)
- Treasurer in Training – Mark Timmer (North Blendon Reformed Church)
- Secretary – Glenn Emmert (Ottawa Reformed Church)
- Member at Large - Joe Stafford (Overisel Reformed Church)
- Member at Large - Matt Helmus (Overisel Reformed Church)
- At least one board member for every 5 churches or cluster.

Responsibilities:

- Prayerfully Set Direction for the Harvest Network
- Review and Revise By-Laws
- Assess Resources and Capacity to Achieve Mission Vision and Values
- Hold Accountable and Support Harvest Staff
- Hire Harvest Staff
- Set an Annual Budget
- Work with Staff in implementing an annual Network Gathering



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Covenant Keepers Team

Purpose & Description: First, to ensure that all Harvest Network congregations and pastors remain faithful to the Global Alliance Covenant. Second, to facilitate regular communication with Harvest Network pastors and periodic communication with Harvest Network congregations.

We are putting a strong emphasis on relationships with pastors and their congregations.

- We see the value of mentors or partners (“coaches”) or accountability partners for our Network pastors. We are designing structures and a pathway forward before implementation.
- We see the value of periodic and varied communication with Harvest Network congregations or the consistories. We are designing structures and a pathway forward before implementation.
- We see strategic and occasional contacts with pastors and churches throughout the year as very valuable.
- We see a proactive and relational ministry with our Network pastors and congregations as equal to or greater than a reactive approach.

Reports to:

The Harvest Network Board of Directors.

Alignment with Harvest Network Mission & Vision:

We will seek to align ourselves with our Network mission and vision for faithful ministry among the congregations God has planted within a rural community or context.

Team Make-up:

Mike Pitsenberger (616) 240-5546 pastormike@orcministries.org

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Responsibilities:

Each of us is currently attending and contributing to our Covenant Keeper’s meetings to discuss and define Covenant Keepers of the Harvest Network. We envision this process to launch by the spring of 2024 and not later than June 1 of the same.

We hope to present a draft of the Harvest Network Covenant Keepers responsibilities to the Harvest Network Board when we are completed with this assignment.

Along with this will come the responsibility to build a Covenant Keepers Team of helpers beyond our present team. We will need additional Christ-followers with Covenant Keepers gifts to maximize Network health impact in the months and years to come.



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Ordination Team

Purpose & Description:

We affirm that Christ has called His Church to be His Ambassadors and Witnesses and has called individuals as equipping leaders within churches to equip Christ-followers for Kingdom Focused ministry. This team provides oversight of the leadership formation of the ordained ministry within the Harvest Network

Reports to:

The Harvest Network Board of Directors.

Alignment with Harvest Network Mission & Vision:

- We are Equipping the Equippers.
- We want to make sure their formation is Christ-Centered, and Kingdom-Focused.
- We want to ensure that our Ordained Ministers are rooted in Scripture.
- We are raising up passionate and prepared leaders to equip congregations in our vision and mission.

Team Make-up

- One member of the Harvest Network Staff
- At least one Maximum Credit Officer
- At least one Network Ordination Coach
- Jonathon VanderWall (616) 901-9229 Jonathonvanderwall@gmail.com
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Responsibilities:

- Oversee the ordination process for any candidates for ministry through the Alliance Pathways program
- Work with Pastors to establish a guide team when necessary
- Work with Pastors to establish a Learning Covenant
- Regular check-ins with Network Pastors



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Partnering Team

Purpose & Description:

To connect church leaders and churches to ministry coaches, mentors, consultants, and spiritual directors for the purpose of empowering leaders and churches to implement the Holy Spirit's agenda for their life and ministry.

Reports to:

The Harvest Network Board of Directors.

Alignment with Harvest Network Mission & Vision:

- Strengthens churches and leaders through empowering them to listen and do what the Spirit calls.
- Contributes to fellowship through relational and a non-cookie cutter approach.
- Helps leaders and churches be accountable to their own calling from the Holy Spirit.
- Equips leaders and churches through resources and training the Spirit leads them to.
- Provides prayerful encouragers who support leaders and churches in their mission.

Team Make-up

There are no limits to the size of this team, but it will grow to consist of...

- Partner Trainers, Discipleship Partners, Ministry Leader Partners, Church Leader Partners, Church Planter Partners, Church Growth Partners, Parent Church Partners, Church Vitality Partners, Multiplication Movement Partners, Partner Group Facilitators
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Responsibilities:

- Train Effective Partners for ministries within local churches.
- Train Effective Partners for leaders and teams of local churches.
- Train Trainers of Partners so that capacity multiplies
- Train Partners in specialties that will be effective for multiple facets of ministry.
- Connect Partners with leaders and churches as needed.
- Gather leaders into Partner Groups and appoint a facilitator.



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The Prayer Team

Purpose & Description:

– To empower congregations in the Harvest Network to pray more effectively. Every congregation would have a prayer team that is taught to listen to the Holy Spirit and pray in cooperation with Him. (For example, prayer where some are getting pictures, others are praying through Scriptures as directed by the Spirit - - so that we birth those things in God's heart for Jesus' church). We gather as Prayer Champions to pray together, asking the Lord of the Harvest to raise up more workers and to see this being replicated in all of our congregations.

Reports to:

The Harvest Network Board of Directors.

Alignment with Harvest Network Mission & Vision:

- Intentional Prayer is the starting point and fuel for our Mission and Vision.

Team Make-up

- Jim Harrison (616) 796-5952 jimharrison7@gmail.com
- Todd & Carrie Klaasen (616) 836-6636, (616) 218-0313 klaasen7@gmail.com
- Prayer Champions from Harvest Network congregations
- Prayer Cluster Facilitators
- Congregational Prayer Team Equippers

Responsibilities:

- Relationally invite people into prayer fellowships
- Fostering a culture of prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit
- Equipping churches in effective prayer, discernment, healing, and deliverance



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Partnership Contributions

The Alliance of Reformed Church's partnership expectation is that each Church contributes 3% of their income to the Denomination. Of that 3%, 1% would be sent directly to Alliance Global, and the other 2% goes separately to the Network the church has covenanted with.

Here are the steps for sending your 1% to Alliance Global

1. Go to arc21.org/give
2. Find the Partnership Offering section and select "Step1: Reach out"
3. A form will pop up for you to fill out and submit
4. Once the form is submitted, Jeff Maatman, Alliance CFO, will reach out with an email that will provide the exact title of the church in our database and instructions for setting up the account.
5. Once the email arrives, you can set up an account. This account will allow monthly giving to be set for regular monthly partnership offerings or allow you to login and provide a partnership offering amount each month.
6. Jeff will be available to coach and confirm that your account is set up correctly and answer any questions you have through this process.

Here is the information to send your 2% to the Harvest Network:

Mail checks to:
Harvest Network
PO Box 131
Zeeland, MI 49464

ACH:
(Not yet Set up)



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Joining the Harvest Network

Once a Church affiliates with the Alliance of Reformed Churches the next step is to Join one of the Alliances Networks. As you consider which Network to belong to, here are the simple steps for Joining the Harvest Network.

1. Explore the Harvest Network. This step involves learning more about our Mission, Vision, and Values. Then have conversations with our Staff and Board members to learn more and get to know us. Finally, discern with your Board or Consistory if the Harvest Network is the best fit for you.

2. Read our By-Laws. When a Church joins by signing the Covenant of Agreement of the Harvest Network, they will have to subscribe to our By-Laws, so it is wise to read them first. You can find our By-Laws here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wwUBtTFw4fwfBXk0rW-xVrRCSrb0wRmv/view?usp=sharing>

3. Sign the Covenant of Agreement. The last step to become an official Member Church of the Harvest Network is to sign the Covenant of Agreement through this online form. <https://forms.gle/oC9ukNFXME9ZZ1ki6>

4. Subscribe to us Online. To receive information about the Harvest Network and its opportunities, connect with us on Facebook, YouTube, our website, along with email updates and zoom meetings. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/archarvestnetwork>
<https://www.youtube.com/@HarvestNetwork-kq4qk>
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5. Join a Team. Contact our Team Leaders to serve in an area of your passion and gifts.



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This is a current list of churches in the Harvest Network:

Abbe Reformed Church - Clymer, NY

Annville Community - Annville, KY

Bentheim Reformed - Hamilton, MI (Pastor Kristoffer Popovitch)

Bethabara Reformed - Indianapolis, IN (Pastor Felipe Rios)

Community Reformed - Lafayette, IN (Pastor Mark Withers)

Conklin Reformed - Conklin, MI

Doster Community - Plainwell, MI (Pastor Rick Christy)

Dunningville Reformed - Dunningville, MI (Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone)

Gray Hawk Community - Gray Hawk, KY (Pastor Jason Elam)

Hamilton Reformed - Hamilton, MI (Pastor Ron Lugten or Rev. Kevin Hart)

Harlem Reformed - Holland, MI (Pastor Matt Wohlford)

Haven Reformed - Hamilton, MI (Pastor Mike Drew)

Heartland Community - Lafayette, IN

Hope Church - South Haven, MI (Pastor Anton Badenhorst)

Hope Community - Lowell, IN (Pastor Ryan Smith)

Hopkins Community - Hopkins, MI (Pastor Jonathon Vander Wall)

Lifetree Community - Allendale, MI (Pastor Jeff Elzinga)

Mount Greenwood Community - Chicago, IL (Pastor John Rehling)

New Era Reformed - New Era, MI (Pastor Benjamin Oliveira)

North Blendon Reformed - Hudsonville, MI

Ottawa Reformed - West Olive, MI (Dr. Jim Poit)

Overisel Reformed - Holland, MI (Rev. Mike Pitsenberger)

Rehoboth - McBain, MI (Pastor Kathy Vana)

South Blendon Community - Hudsonville, MI (Pastor Gary Jarvis)

West Copake Reformed - Copake, NY (Rev. Dr. Warren Seibert)

Word of Life - McKee Reformed (McKee, KY)