

# Boards and Agencies

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

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- Associate Reformed Presbyterian Foundation, Inc.
- Executive Board of the General Synod
- Board of Benefits
- Board of Trustees of Bonclarken Conference Center
- Brice Sanders Foundation
- Board of Trustees of William H. Dunlap Orphanage, Inc.
- Board of Trustees of Erskine College
- Board of Outreach North America
- Board of Stewardship
- World Witness, The Board of Foreign Missions

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- Bonclarken's mission is "to provide and promote a Christian environment for inspiration and renewal, worship, education, fellowship, and recreation by the power of the Holy Spirit."
- Our location, environment, hospitality, and facilities will provide your retreat or conference attendees the opportunity to find rest, rediscover their connection with God, and deepen their relationship with one another.
- God's providence led a realtor in Hendersonville to suggest a particular location: a beautiful sixty-three acre estate, containing a massive home and the Heidelberg Gardens, for sale in Flat Rock. The location was perfect for the conference and was purchased on August 31, 1921.

  Shortly thereafter, a contest was held to select a name for the Assembly Grounds. Mrs. Sallie Miller Brice of Chester, SC Offered the following:
- I submit a name for our Assembly Grounds. It is Bon-clar-ken, and it has this meaning. Bon- from the Latin, bonus "good", -clar from the Latin clarus "clear", -ken from the Scotch "vision". Bon-clar-ken Good-clear-vision.
- Since 1921, Bonclarken has had a good, clear vision to serve as "a Christian environment for inspiration and renewal."

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- Brice-Sanders Foundation

  - Camp Joy
     Jeff Lesslie, Executive Director

  - Camp JOY NC (4 weeks)
    Camp JOY SC (2 weeks)
    Camp JOY FL (1 week)
    Camp JOY VA (1 week)
    Camp JOY TN (Fundraising)

Mission: To enable those with special needs to experience a week long camp where they are loved, accepted and experience the love of Christ.

- The ministry committed to the Board of Trustees of William H. Dunlap Orphanage ("Dunlap") "to provide care, support, maintenance, and education of orphaned, or fatherless, or helpless, or needy children, and to support projects related to such children.'
- Our ministry then is to those made vulnerable by unfortunate circumstances and whose vulnerability is compounded by their youth. Our purpose is to assist those homes and services providing all the following to orphans:
- · Basic physical necessities;
  - Nurture for spiritual, mental and emotional wellbeing; and
  - · Assistance toward greater self-reliance.



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#### ERSKINE C O L L E G E

- Erskine College is located in Due West, a town of 1,200 residents located in historic Abbeville County, South Carolina, an area rich in colonial, Revolutionary War, and Coi/War history. The town and the college, with a number of artebellum buildings, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. An annual spring resturbablings a large number of tourists to have in the cultural and historic heritage of the county. Erskine's spacious 90-acc engines provides both classic and modern facilities. The signature towers of the Fishine Building are complemented by a state-of-the-art-science facility and a new manic and muth education complete. Centrally located on the campus is the Bowle Artic Centre, a modern state-of-the-artic central places on the campus in the state of the articles of the source of the campus is the Bowle Artic Centre, a modern training facility. The literary societies, as old as the college, are located on campus. Students eat at an award-winning cafeteria and in campus cafés.
- At Erskine, students are taught by professors, not graduate students, and the curriculum is based on the liberal arts tradition. Erskine is about
  mentoring and relational learning designed to spur greatness, orbance ascademic growth, and prepare tomorrow's leaders. Erskine is committed to
  providing a well-ounded deutacional experience designed to develop the whole person.
- Erskine faculty members share their lives and challenge students to excel in all aspects of life. Erskine is committed to educating the next generation
  of lifelong learners that will make an impact on their families, their communities, their country, and the world.
- The College maintains sound and varied recreational and athletic programs. The college encourages sports activities among all students in a belief that participation in sport at the intercollegiate, intramural, or recreational level aids in the overall personal development of the individual.
- Erskine competes on the intercollegiate level as a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II and as a member of Conference Carolinas.
- The College currently offers 23 sports: men's and women's basketball, golf, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, soccer, and volleyball; men's baseball and football; women's cross country, lacrosse, softball, and beach volleyball; cheer, dance, bass fishing, esports, and rodeo.

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## OUTREACH NORTH AMERICA

- OUR MISSION
- Helping you and your church reach your community for Christ!
- We do this by:
- Recruiting, assessing, resourcing, training, and supporting church planters who have been called and placed in the field by their Presbyteries
- $\bullet$  Coaching, training, and equipping established churches to flourish in their communities
- Training and equipping Christians to share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ



- World Witness is the foreign missions agency of the ARP Church. Our first missionaries were sent in 1875 to Mexico and Pakistan. Our fields have broadened to now include England, Germany, France, Lithuania, Spain, Wales and the SEED (Serve by Educating, Equipping, and Discipling church leaders) Ministry.
- This includes Christian Hospital Sahiwal in Pakistan, reaching 40,000 Pakistanis annually, and Christian schools in Pakistan, educating 700 students annually. In addition, satellite TV ministries are reaching into unreached areas in the Middle East.

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- We are a connectional church.
- A portion of our annual budget goes to the Denominational Ministry Fund which helps fund the work of the ARP Denomination – including these Boards and Agencies. In 2023 the DMF received \$2.5 million. FARP gives \$91,000 to DMF plus other funds (\$47k) to WW for our missionaries.
- In addition to supporting the work of the denomination as a whole; we replicate likekind ministries here at First ARP.
  - Missions: RUF, Spain Mission Trip, Appalachia, Manna House Food Pantry, HOPE House, along with supporting multiple missionaries
  - Education: Preschool

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### Facts about First ARP



- Our key ministries of the Church are outreach based:
  - Athletics
  - Just Joy
  - Preschool
- Our annual operating budget is a little over \$1 million
- Our membership as of 12/31/23 was 507