

RUF Committee Manual

I. Purpose

- A. General: The objective of Covenant Presbytery's Reformed University Fellowship Committee (RUF-CP) is the extension of the church of Jesus Christ through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel and relational ministry to students, faculty and staff on college campuses within the bounds of Covenant Presbytery.
- B. Specific: The specific objectives of RUF-CP are,
 - 1. To oversee the RUF operations on college campuses within the presbytery bounds.
 - 2. To oversee the work of the MJCCW by,
 - 1. Appointing representatives from RUF-CP to the MJCCW.
 - 2. Receiving reports and recommendations from MJCCW.
 - 3. To relate to the MJCCW consistent with the function of the MJCCW as an arm of Covenant, Grace, and Mississippi Valley Presbytery's so that campus work in the three Presbytery's may be conducted in a more orderly and efficient manner (See Covenant Presbytery Standing Rules, Appendix I dealing with the formation of the MJCCW).
 - 4. To assist in fund raising for the RUF operations.
 - 5. To provide pastoral care and support to RUF Covenant Presbytery Ministers.

II. Organization

- A. The committee shall be composed of not less than 8 members, with parity of Teaching and Ruling Elders or Deacons to be divided into 4 or more classes of equal number. Two Alternate members with parity of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders or Deacons shall be elected annually and shall be expected to attend the committee meetings and to vote in the absence of any Principal member. Election shall normally be held at the October Stated Meeting with term beginning of the following November 1 except when unexpired terms are being filled. The initial Committee will serve until the October 2012 Presbytery meeting at which time new members will be elected upon nomination by the Nominating Committee. Members will not be eligible to serve consecutive terms unless they have been chosen to fill an unexpired term.
- B. A quorum shall be at least one-half of the Principal members.
- C. The committee shall elect its own chairman and other officers from its membership annually.
- D. The committee may elect its own treasurer if desired.
- E. This Committee shall report to presbytery at each stated meeting of Presbytery.

- F. All current Campus Ministers of Covenant Presbytery are ex-officio, non-voting members of the RUF-CP.

III. Responsibilities:

- A. Report to presbytery at each presbytery meeting. The report shall cover finances, activities and status of RUF, activities and status of the MJCCW, and any proposed new works or changes in current campus works. Campus Minister Reports are to be presented to each Presbytery, the number to be determined by the Committee.
- B. Appoint four representatives from the RUF-CP Committee to the MJCCW with parity between Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders to serve in four classes.
- C. Recommend to presbytery any action bearing on the operation of RUF and MJCCW.
- D. Assist the RUF ministers and staff in their operations and provide pastoral care to RUF Ministers.
- E. Each RUF campus is to be visited annually by designated representatives of RUF-CP who will attend the large group meeting and provide pastoral care to the campus minister and his wife.
- F. Process the call of each campus minister within Presbytery's bounds.
- G. When a teaching elder called by Covenant Presbytery as a campus minister wishes to accept a call to another work, and that call is in order, the RUF Committee may act as a commission on behalf of Presbytery to concur with his resignation as campus minister.