

Addendum to 12/1/2015 Mission Study

All the information in the attached 2015 Mission Study remains valid unless specifically mentioned in this addendum.

Introduction:

The 2019 PNC Committee includes the following members: Rob Rollins (Chairman), Lisa Brandenburg (youth member), Jan Krier, Jerry Lutterbie, Bill Steenken, Kim Young, and Robert Young.

Pastor Janet Dillaman became our stated supply pastor in August, 2017 after serving as interim since August, 2012. Due to significant health problems, Pastor Dillaman resigned on September 1, 2018, and received disability from the Presbytery. We set up an interim search committee made up of three Session members: Richard Bohne, Gayla Young and Dale Hanson. We hired Pastor David Choate who started as our interim at the beginning of 2019. Pastor Choate was impressed with how well the church ran for the four months that we didn't have a minister.

Community Demographics:

Ross High School – 2018 information:

- National Blue Ribbon Award 2015
- US News and World Report April 2019 – Ross High School is in the top 10% nationally of 23,200 high schools and in the top 9% in Ohio

Ohio State 2018 Report Card:

- Achieved overall grade of B, which means that the average growth is greater or equal to +1 year but less than +2 year
- Highest performance index in Butler County 3 of the last 4 years
- Highest graduation rate in Butler County 7 of the last 8 years
- Our 4 district school buildings achieved the following grade:
 - Morgan Elementary A
 - Elda Elementary B
 - Ross Middle School A-
 - Ross High school A-

Finances

Venice Presbyterian Church is fortunate to have had members who left bequests when they passed on to be with the Lord. To manage these funds in a coordinated manner, the Trustees of the Church established an Investments Committee whose responsibility was to assure the funds were invested in a safe manner and to grow them in keeping with inflation.

We are fortunate to have both endowed and undesignated funds. The growth of the funds over and above inflation has been used for facility repair projects such as rebuilding the floor of the Fellowship Hall and repairing the church steeple. In recent years, the church has had to draw on these funds to meet the operational budget short fall while continuing to grow the endowment.

The church has a budget committee that is very conservative in its approach to spending the operational funds of the church. In fact, we budget contingency funds where experience has taught us they are needed.

The Pastor, Session, and Trustees are given monthly reports on income and expenses prepared by our Treasurer.

Leadership

Currently, our Session is comprised of seven members.
We have a part-time youth director with no young adult responsibilities.

Vision for Ministry

We did not undertake the landscaping plan.