



INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Pastor Austin Reifel

Greetings from Indy Reformed!

With hearts full of gratitude, we invite you to rejoice with us as the Lord continues to bless and sustain the church planting work at Indy Reformed, a mission work of Zeltenreich Reformed Church (ZRC) in New Holland, PA. Our story has been marked by God’s providence, steady growth, and the unfolding of His good purposes for our congregation.

Our Background

What began as a seed of inquiry back in 2013 slowly took root as a Bible study in 2018, eventually growing into a worshipping body in 2021. The work was first initiated and overseen by Ascension Reformed Church in Cincinnati, OH, and later entrusted to Zeltenreich Reformed Church in 2021. The Lord has confirmed again and again His faithfulness to build His church.

Current Progress

Over the past year, we’ve been blessed with five new families, seven professions of faith, six baptisms, and the ordination of another deacon. Indy Reformed is now home to 19 families and six singles, totaling 83 souls. With two elders and three deacons serving faithfully, we continue to pray that the Lord would raise up additional men to shepherd and serve the growing flock.

We’ve also welcomed new visitors, some of whom are preparing to join our upcoming membership class. We remain deeply thankful for the support of Classis Eastern U.S., the encouragement of churches in Classis Central U.S., and



the fellowship we share with the network of churches in the region of Reformation Ohio Valley.

Looking Ahead

With hope and expectation, we look to the future. This summer, we are eager to welcome an intern from Mid-

America Reformed Seminary, Kelvin Morales, who will assist with the ministry at Indy Reformed and support the early efforts of a prospective church plant in Fort Wayne, IN.

We are profoundly grateful for your ongoing prayers, encouragement, and generous financial support. We praise God for His steadfast love and faithfulness in building His church in Indianapolis—granting growth, providing local office bearers, and uniting His people in the gospel of grace.

We rejoice in the Lord’s provision and look forward to what He has in store for Indy Reformed.

In Christ,

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PRAYER ITEM: Ascension Reformed Church (Cincinnati)

Please be in prayer for the recently organized former church plant Ascension Reformed Church (Cincinnati). They have been renovating a historic property in the heart of Cincinnati, which will become their first church home. Their move-in date was just delayed because of unexpected repairs that are costly but necessary for occupancy and safety. Pray for:

1. the congregation during this time of transition,
2. that the Lord will provide for these new financial needs, and
3. that the building becomes an asset in the spread of the gospel.

 SCARBOROUGH, ON

Rev. Mitchell Persaud

A good thing is we continue to get a steady stream of visitors to our worship services.

Our people enjoy engaging with them and it makes my job easier.

Another good thing is we have 3 men preparing for membership. Daniel, an Orthodox Jew, came to know the Lord several years ago but wondered around quite a bit. Christopher, regular white guy, is a very gifted young man who was involved in drug abuse. The Lord is healing him. Sam is from Hong Kong (but he doesn't want to be associated with mainland China) and Charismania. He did seminary courses, but needs a good introduction to the Reformed faith. He needs a real second blessing. While these men have completed their catechism study individually, we are looking for a consistent extended period of faithfulness to the Lord before we accept them as members.

Another good thing is we have two couples interested in membership. One of couples is half-Reformed with the other half of that couple coming from a Mexican Christian background. He needs catechism instruction. Another couple hails from Ethiopia. Sam started worshipping with us but his wife wasn't keen on us,



as wonderful as we think we are! She didn't seem to be too impressed with our doctrines, as well as our lack of other Ethiopians. But one Sunday she came with Sam and we invited her to the fellowship time...and then there was cake...and there were conversations... Now she is much more open and showing an interest in Reformed doctrines.

A really bad thing is some have developed the habit of being careless about being consistently present for worship, or they are just worshipping once. Sadly, the older Christians helped set the bad example they are following.

Another bad thing is I am struggling to keep up with the regular house visits and frustrated at not having time to evangelize. (Sometimes a man must know his limitations...and learn contentment!) Preaching, counseling, preparing for membership, and mentoring is a 50-60-hour week job. One elder has a health issue and the other has asked to be excused from serving as he is completing seminary and needs to focus on his examinations. We need elders.

A final bad thing is a number of our young people are struggling to find work on account of a less-than-stellar economy. This is hindering their applications for permanent residence in Canada.

Praise God and pray. Also, we still need your support. Most of our 50 communicant members are quite young or studying. Please send support to Cornerstone URC, 180 Waterloo St. London, ON, N6B 2M9, and designate it for New Horizon. May Christ have dominion over land and sea.

