

Of Interest

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Loan Fund News and Notes

Reintroducing *Of Interest*

Years ago, the Christian Reformed Church Loan Fund kept its supporters informed through a quarterly newsletter. Much is changing at the Loan Fund these days, just as we have seen in our denomination. We are reintroducing the *Of Interest* newsletter to remain connected to our committed supporters and to provide an opportunity for others to get to know the Loan Fund and get involved. Our hope is that it will be an encouragement to know that investments truly help to grow the kingdom of Christ and that this newsletter may help churches, ministries, and schools to be energized and informed about the resources available to support ministry.

Church and Ministry Collaborations

The face of the CRCNA is changing. Some long-standing congregations are aging, new church plants in gyms and basements are growing, and real-estate and maintenance costs are at a premium. Additionally, churches are now serving a very mobile society where lifetime membership in a single church is becoming a rarity. Shared common interests and causes are becoming more important factors in how individuals choose a church.

In response, many churches are forming partnerships with ministry organizations—both for mutual support and to strengthen connections with their communities. Madison Church: South Hill Campus, in Grand Rapids, Mich., for example, partnered with ICCF Community Homes, a local nonprofit housing organization, in redeveloping



Martial Arts Class at Ebenezer CRC, Berwyn, Ill.

the old Grand Rapids Christian High School and now leases its children's ministry wing to the regional YMCA for weekday preschool. Rudyard CRC in Michigan's Upper Peninsula recently partnered with a nearby Christian school to make a needed building expansion financially feasible; the school now leases classroom space during the week. In both cases, collaboration has led to wise financial stewardship and deeper community engagement.

These kinds of partnerships are not limited to shared space—they are also expanding the scope of ministry. Ebenezer CRC in Berwyn, Ill., uses its multipurpose gym addition to support the services of the Ebenezer Community Care Center and offers a food pantry, ESL classes, a legal clinic, and exercise programs. LaGrave Avenue CRC in Grand Rapids, Mich., which recently inquired about a loan, is partnering with nearby Mel Trotter Ministries and Dégagé Ministries to serve individuals facing addiction and homelessness. In these urban



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contexts, churches are using partnerships to address complex community challenges.

To support these kinds of efforts, the CRC Loan Fund aims to expand its lending to CRCNA-related organizations, including schools. Ratification of the Loan Fund’s amended articles of incorporation to enable this expansion is on the agenda for Synod 2026. If you know of a project that could benefit from a low-cost loan, please contact us at loanfund@crcna.org.

3rd Quarter (Jan.-Mar.) Highlights

Investment Certificates

Redeemed/Disbursed	\$6,000
Renewed.....	\$254,668
New/Additions	\$50,000
*Flex Building additions	\$30,000
*Flex Building disbursements.....	\$88,261

Loans

**Payoff Initial Loan Amount..... \$40,000

*Flex Building Fund Investment accounts support church building projects. Churches can use them to pay for repairs, save for a future project, or service debt. The accounts earn the same rate as a one-year investment certificate (currently 3.15% APY), and churches may withdraw or deposit funds at any time.

** This unsecured loan was retired two years ahead of its 2028 amortization date.

Gratitude

Our investors have made every loan possible. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and your commitment to advancing God’s kingdom through this work. Your investment makes a meaningful difference in the lives of congregations and communities across the denomination. Thank you for entrusting the Loan Fund with your financial resources.

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