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2014 PMAB PILP REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dear Finance Committee,

Greetings from Detroit MI. Together with Jo Stewart, I have the privilege and honor to serve on the PILP board on behalf of our PMAB. For this report I would like to highlight my experiences in the following area: orientation for new board members, and the creative support from PILP to the new worshipping communities.

On July 25-26, PILP board convened at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Louisville, KY. The three new board members, Ron Patterson, Richard White and myself, we were invited to an orientation. It was one of the best, if not the best orientation, I have had ever sat through. My thanks to Stephen Bacons' leadership as the board chair and both Jay Hudson and Jim Rissler's participation and support for this orientation. We not only walked through the history of the PILP, but we, more importantly, walked through the vision of the PILP. PILP ministry and function are akin to the rocket fuel that makes sure the rocket can ignite properly and safely, and powerfully breaks the hold of the gravity to ascend to newer height for churches in expanding their buildings and ministry scopes.

As with any financial and legal matters, proper ethic and operating policy are in place to ensure transparent and clear action and relation between the people involved and the entities involved. I really appreciate the informative PowerPoint presentation of these ethical and legal boundaries by April Davenport. It was both informative and enlightening.

Each board member is placed into committees. For me, I was placed in the marketing and audit committees. In the marketing committee, Ben Blake gave us a comprehensive breakdown of the loans PILP had offered in the past few years and the projection of few years to come. As one may surmise, through the lean years of the economic downturn, the loan number and amount dropped. It sadly impacted the financial performance of our loans, which fuel other loans and programs. Challenges continue to stay with us in this time. Yet through marketing effort to broaden connections with more churches, and working with new worshipping communities, I saw innovative ideas from the committee and a very hopeful future to come.

Having said this, I was particularly inspired and touched by PILP work to support new worshipping communities. What I basically saw was this: we are doing church differently. Time for tall steeples is waning, and time for entrepreneurial, innovative, and creative method to support new worshipping communities is here. This is why I am so grateful for our staffs supporting PILP and for PILP board. They are looking ahead to find new fertile ground with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for electing me to serve on the PILP,

David Shinn