

This report covers the year ending December 31, 2021.

We are thankful to be a servant agency to our beloved church and to the Elder Body.



2022 Key Prayers & Opportunities

- **Local Discipleship** We would like to encourage discipleship and mentoring relationships within each local church family as an opportunity to share wise counsel, support, and accountability in our intergenerational brotherhood. We are seeking to continually develop resources to assist with these efforts.
- **Need for Counselors** – We are thankful for trained counselors within the Apostolic Christian Church. The ACCFS clinical staff is stretched to meet the counseling needs within the denomination and makes referrals outside our agency when we lack capacity or specialties needed. We encourage both sisters and brothers to consider going into the counseling field.
- **ACCFS Courses** – We are thankful for the development of our online course offerings and those who have taken advantage of the current courses we have available. We continue to pray for the Courses currently in development and that individuals and groups would be encouraged and strengthened as they take advantage of these resource opportunities.
- **Sharing Helps and Resources** – We want to encourage the sharing of helpful resources with others. ACCFS relies heavily on individuals sharing and forwarding our helps (resources) to others. We have designed our website content to be easily shared.

Services in 2021

Counseling

- ACCFS provided **3253** Christ-centered counseling session hours to 439 clients from 67 churches. Our counseling sessions help clients work through issues such as depression, anxiety, OCD/scrupulosity, trauma, marriage, parenting and family relationship struggles, addiction, and adjustment issues.
- Approximately **67%** of these sessions were remote counseling sessions (voice and/or video calls with clients at their location).
- **749** individual calls came into ACCFS seeking information about mental health issues or relationship problems for themselves or others. This includes elders and ministers who called regarding ways they could support others who were struggling. Many of these requests were handled with free triage calls.
- For those in need of psychiatry services, ACCFS offers telepsychiatry provided by Aaron Plattner, MD, a brother in our Alto, MI, church. This service is available to those located in Illinois or Michigan. Having a high-quality psychiatrist who works from a Christian perspective is a great blessing. We sincerely appreciate Dr. Plattner's heart for serving people from our church family and his efforts to make this service available. We served **61** individuals with **168** sessions thanks to the telepsychiatry program.
- ACCFS provided referrals to qualified mental health professionals and specialized services near callers' home locations. This year we continued to expand and update our Referral Index. We are partnering with Elders and local church leadership to identify high-quality referral options near their home. Also, as increasing numbers of mental health professionals are using telehealth to deliver services, individuals have more options for receiving referrals for telehealth counseling within their home state.
- ACCFS provided mentoring for those affiliated with our churches who are students or professionals in mental health-related fields. In 2022, we look forward to offering a scholarship along with the Eureka Home and AC LifePoints to assist students planning to go into social service fields.

Local Church Support

- There were **85** educational presentations and trainings provided to members and ministers from different churches. Over 4,100 individuals attended these presentations in their various venues.
- ACCFS has developed a series of online Courses in certain topic areas. These courses are offered to encourage discipleship as well as spiritual and emotional growth, and they can be used by individuals, those in mentoring relationships, or small groups. We offer **10** courses today, including: Identity, Core 8: Building Vulnerable Community, Way of Purity, Lessons on Grief, Emotional Intelligence, Sexual Integrity 1.2.3., Sexual Betrayal, Telling Myself the Truth, Biblical Decision Making, and Basic Counseling Skills. We encourage you to explore ACCFS Courses for your own growth as well as the growth of others.
- ACCFS continues to develop and offer video content for some of our communications. These include teaching videos for Courses, Counselor and Discipleship Moments (short teaching videos on key concepts), resource introductions, and awareness videos of our Marriage Conference.
- ACCFS released **26** *Breaking Bread* podcasts on various topics throughout the year. There are currently **161** podcast episodes available. To date, there have been over **290,000** downloads of these podcasts via AC Central, our website, and other venues, with an average of **1,850** downloads per episode.
- ACCFS held three additional Minister Webinars this year for AC ministers and wives. Since we have begun hosting minister webinars, we have conducted **14** total minister/wives webinars and over 230 ministers/wives from 82 different churches have attended at least one of these 14 webinars, with an average of 55 ministers and 38 churches per webinar.
- ACCFS resources continue to be shared out via social media to increase access and availability. We currently have over **1172** friends on Facebook and over **1274** followers on Instagram.
- ACCFS added a new full-time Church Outreach Teacher, Bro Isaac Funk (Peachtree City), to the team in August 2021. Isaac is helping ACCFS support discipleship in the church as well as coordinate ACCFS' new offering, the ABIDE discipleship program.

Special Programs in 2021

- In February 2021, we held our annual Cultivating Connections Marriage Conference in Bloomington, IL. The main sessions were also shared “live” over a video conference so participants who could not be there in-person could still attend virtually. We had nearly 550 attendees whether in-person or virtually.
- In April 2021, we held our first Discipleship Conference in West Lafayette, IN. The main sessions were also recorded and shared out via video on the ACCFS website. We had 62 attendees from 19 different churches attend this in-person only conference.
- The Elders Teaching Resource (ETR) continues to grow its offerings. There are now seven different courses available for ministers in the ETR minister curriculum. The ETR continues to work on several projects for the Elder Body. The Apologetics committee hosted their second Apologetics Conference in October 2021 in Gridley, IL, with over 130 in attendance from 40 different churches. The videos of the Apologetics conference are available on the ETR website.
- At the August Elder Meeting in Rittman ACCFS held a workshop with the Elder’s wives to support them in their important role.
- ACCFS supported the Elder Body by facilitating discussion around the Guiding Principles at the Illinois and Indiana regional Minister Forums.
- ACCFS is very thankful for all the contractors who work on our facility, many who even donate their talents and products.

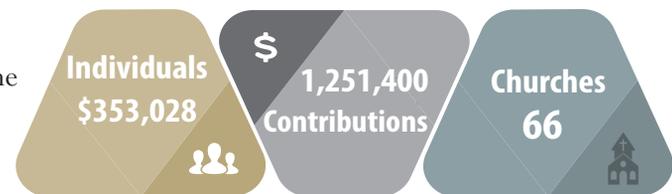
Conclusion

Board & Staff

In 2021, two Board members completed their term: Elder Bro Dan Kilgus and Bro Shayne Fehr. We want to thank them both for their selfless effort over their many years of service to ACCFS. Bro Dan has served on the Board starting in 2010. Bro Shayne has served on the Board starting in 2017. In 2022, we welcome Elder Bro James Fehr (Tremont) and Bro Linn Stoller (Peachtree City) to the Board.

ACCFS currently has 11 full-time staff (including 4 counselors, 3 church outreach teachers, 1 Elder Teaching Resource teacher, 2 front office staff, and an administrator) and 8 part-time staff (including 2 counselors, 3 church outreach staff, 2 front office staff).

Finances for operations were received from **66** Apostolic Christian churches. Of the **\$1,251,400** received in contributions, **\$353,028** came directly to ACCFS from individuals. ACCFS is greatly appreciative for the contributions, both from churches and from individuals.



ACCFS received funds from the National Brotherhood Fund to help cover expenses incurred from activities related to direct support of the national church. These expenses result from services such as Elder Body support, minister support, *Breaking Bread* podcasts, etc.

ACCFS received a generous grant from the Apostolic Christian Endowment Fund which enabled ACCFS to upgrade our conference room with new video conferencing equipment to provide an effective hybrid-format of in-office and remote participants for meetings with staff and/or board members.

While client billings does help cover some operational cost, these billings are based on a sliding scale that corresponds with the client’s annual household income. The average rate paid by clients was \$94.65/session, which is 73% of the full-rate charge. Money received from billings represents **20%** of our total operating expenses. Thus, ACCFS relies heavily on contributions.

As always, we are thankful to God for His loving guidance, and are appreciative of the support and encouragement provided by the Elder Body as well as the brotherhood.

In Christian love,
ACCFS Board of Directors and Staff