

EASTERN REGIONAL  
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OF THE  
CHURCHES OF GOD



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INCLUDING THE MINUTES AND REPORTS  
FOR THE  
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
HELD AT  
DOUBLING GAP CENTER, NEWVILLE, PA

APRIL 16-18, 2018





Hello, Friends!

The time is fast approaching for our 2018 Conference sessions to be held at the Doubling Gap Center on April 16-18. Our focus will be centered on “Empowering Life-Giving Ministry.” As we begin to enact the new strategic plan to lead a majority of our churches to become healthy, life-giving, missional communities, led by healthy, life-giving pastors, and served by healthy, life-giving regional leaders; we want to provide you with an experience that will hopefully enable you to walk away feeling encouraged and refreshed for the opportunities that lie ahead.

To do that we have invited Dr. David Nelms to come and talk to us about discipleship and how we can multiply both disciples and churches. Dr. Nelms is the Founder and President of The Timothy Initiative and will cast a vision for impacting our region for Christ. We will also offer breakout sessions in our four areas of emphasis: Church Health, Pastoral Health, Multiplication, and Credentialing & Placement.

The key business item on the agenda will be the approval of our new Constitution. Please be sure to read over the document that is posted on the ERC web site. Of course, we will hear from the folks in Findlay – Winebrenner Seminary, The University of Findlay, and the General Conference. In addition, our local corporations, the Doubling Gap Center and the Church of God Home will update us on their work.

There will also be plenty of time to socialize and catch up with friends. It's always wonderful to chat with those folks we haven't seen in a while. On Monday evening the “Revolution Crew” led by Pastor Greg Hench will entertain and challenge us. And Tuesday evening we will celebrate with those receiving credentials and being ordained.

As you can see, it will be a busy few days. Pray for this event that we might come together as God's people and serve him for his glory.

Blessings,

James W. Moss, Jr.,  
Interim Executive Director



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# *Conference Organization*



**PROPOSED 2018 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**  
**THEME: "Empowering Life Giving Ministry"**

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

7:30 AM	Breakfast	
8:00 AM	Registration Begins	
9:00 AM	Business Session Call to Order Approval of the Secretary's Roster & Requested Absences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Constituting the Conference</li> <li>▪ Designate Voting Area</li> <li>▪ Appointments: Parliamentarians, Reporters, etc.</li> <li>▪ Adoption of the Order of Business with Privilege of the Chair</li> </ul>	Pastor Thomas Myers Pastor Thomas Myers
9:30 AM	Greetings from Doubling Gap Center	Mr. Stephen S. Long, Executive Director
9:45 AM	Song Service	Mr. Chris Clugh
10:30 AM	Ordinance Service	Pastors James W. Moss, Jr. and Thomas Myers
	Business Session Review of Administrative Council Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lifting Items for Separate Action</li> <li>▪ Discussion and Lifting of Additional Items for Separate Action</li> <li>▪ Approval of the Minutes</li> <li>▪ Presentation of Revised Constitution</li> <li>▪ Multiplication Commission Report</li> </ul>	Pastor John W. Selcher
11:00 AM	Keynote Speaker	Dr. David Nelms - The Timothy Initiative
11:45 AM	Announcements & Closing Prayer	
12:00 PM	LUNCH Multiplication Luncheon with David Nelms	Staff Dining Room
1:10 PM	Song Service	Mr. Chris Clugh
1:30 PM	Devotions	Pastor Larry Longenecker
1:45 PM	Break Out Sessions	
2:45 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	Business Session: Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Churches of God, General Conference</li> <li>▪ Winebrenner Seminary</li> <li>▪ University of Findlay</li> <li>▪ Commission Reports - Credentialing and Placement</li> </ul>	
4:00 PM	Honoring our Retirees	
4:30 PM	Celebration of God's Servants (Formerly Obituary Committee Report)	
4:45 PM	Announcements & Closing Prayer	Pastor Thomas Myers
5:00 PM	DINNER	
6:30 PM	Revolution Crew Pastor Greg Hench & Youth Group from Carlisle 1st Church of God	

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

7:30 AM	BREAKFAST	
8:10 AM	Song Service	Mr. Chris Clugh
8:30 AM	Devotions	Pastor Jory Tobias
8:45 AM	Break Out Sessions	
9:00 AM	Ministers' Wives Association Meeting and Program (Mt. View Room - Lower Level)	
9:45 AM	BREAK	
10:00 AM	Business Session - Commission/Committee Reports	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Financial Reports</li> <li>▪ 2018 Budget</li> <li>▪ Home Mission Council</li> <li>▪ Commission Reports - Church Health and Pastoral Health</li> </ul>
11:30 AM	Announcements	
11:45 AM	District Prayer Time	
12:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:10 PM	Song Service	Mr. Chris Clugh
1:30 PM	Devotions	Pastor Jason Cooksey
1:45 PM	Business Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitution Vote</li> <li>• Update on Search for an Executive Director</li> <li>• Honoring Pastors with 25 Years of Service</li> </ul>	
2:30 PM	BREAK	
2:45 PM	Break Out Sessions	
3:45 PM	Business Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Elections: Vice-President/AD Council/Nominating/Corporations</li> <li>▪ Church of God Home Report</li> <li>▪ Doubling Gap Center Report</li> <li>▪ Unfinished Commission Reports</li> <li>▪ Honoring Pastors with 40 &amp; 50 Years of Service</li> <li>▪ Recognition of Towel and Basin Award</li> </ul>	
4:45 PM	Announcements & Closing Prayer	
5:00 PM	DINNER	
6:00 PM	Gathering	
6:30 PM	Service of Ordination - Credentialing and Placement	Guest Speaker: Pastor Judd Spencer
8:00 PM	Reception & Fellowship Time at the Lodge	

### Wednesday, April 18, 2018

7:30 AM	BREAKFAST	
8:10 AM	Song Service	Mr. Chris Clugh
8:30 AM	Devotions	Pastor Nancy Boyer
8:45 AM	Business Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unfinished Business</li> <li>▪ Lay Organization Reports: CGWM, CGAF, Others</li> <li>▪ Chaplains Report by Recruiter</li> <li>▪ Statistical Report</li> <li>▪ Installation of Officers</li> </ul>	
10:15 AM	Break	
10:30 AM	Celebration of Worship, Testimony and Conference at Prayer	Mr. Chris Clugh
11:00 AM	President's Address to Conference	Pastor Thomas Myers
11:30 AM	Final Announcements and Closing Prayer for the Church	
11:45 AM	LUNCH - Camp's Chicken Barbecue	

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CHURCH	PASTOR/ADDITIONAL STAFF	DELEGATE	DELEGATE	DELEGATE
Agape Tabernacle of Praise	Cathy Coleman			
	Duane Coleman			
Altoona, First	Charles Riley			
Altoona, Fourth Street	Jon R. Neely			
Andersontown	Terry O. Frederick			
Auburn	Kerry Duke			
Bainbridge	Richard Vaughn			
Bare Memorial	Mark S. Halliday			
	Rachel Neely-Pletcher, Pastor of Youth & Family Life			
Beavertown				
Betesda	Ricardo Perez			
	Jeannette Perez			
Blair's Valley	John K. Cook			
Blue Mountain	Joseph Stoprya			
Bowmansdale	Michael C. Walker			
Bridge of Hope	Larry L. Longenecker			
Brisbin	Brian Vineyard			
Broad Top City				
Brownsville	Victor T. Johnson			
	Charles Jenkins, Co-Pastor			
Brunswick	Corey Berkey			
Burnside First	Ernest E. Witmer			
Camp Hill	Jason Cooksey			
Caring Community	Patrick E. Kelly			
	Sheldon Ames, Associate Pastor			
Carlisle	Michael Poe			
	Gregory L. Hench, Associate Pastor			
Carrollton	David L. Meador			
Center Church (Brooklyn, NY)	Brian Miller			
Central Manor	Scott Davis			
Chambersburg	Lawrence D. Metzler, Senior Pastor			
	Rodney Bistline, Youth Ministry Pastor			
	Kristal Bowers, Children's Pastor			
	Chad Chute, Executive Pastor			
	Chris Clugh, Worship and Arts Director			
<i>United Worship Experience</i>	Steve DiBiase			
	Donald Drury, Visitations Pastor			
	Kevin Elworth, Pastor of United Worship Experience			
Cherry Grove	Alann Schmidt			
Chuch of of God Home	Bradley V. Moore			
Churchtown	Brian Warner			
Columbia	Frederick Thomas			
Cornerstone Comm. Fellowship Ch.	Matthew Scott			
Doubling Gap	Donald C.Snyder			

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Duncannon	Dustin White			
East Hanover	Robert L. Bell (Pulpit Supply)			
Eberly's Mill	Edward L. Rosenberry (Interim)			
Edgewood	John Culbertson			
Elizabethtown	David Robinson			
Enola	George C. Jensen			
Exponential Church	Gilbert D. Thurston			
	William H. Butler, Worship Pastor			
Fairview Bethel	Daniel M. Masshardt			
	Eugene B. Hockenberry, Associate			
Freedom Worship Center of Charlotte	Randall Hall-Walker			
Friend's Creek	Nancy Lewis			
Friendship	Logan Ames			
	John Harman, Minister of Caring			
Germantown	Mark A. Hosler			
Glenvale	Larry L. Hale			
	John Gill, Associate			
	Carolyn Sites, Associate			
	Vickie Yontz, Associate			
Goldsboro	Charles Yost			
Golgotha Hatian	Guilbaud Val Israel			
Grace Fellowship	Reginald Byrdon			
Green Spring	Philip E. Steele			
Greenvillage	Matthew Tosten			
	Jeremy Garman			
Hagerstown	David Sword			
Hanover	Gerald E. Shoap, Lead Pastor			
	Jeff Harner, Director of Student Ministries			
	Diane Hakes, Director of Children's Ministries			
	Dan Thomas, Associate Pastor			
	Michael Sponseller, Pastor of Discipleship			
	Jen Sager, Director of Early Childhood Ministries			
Harmony (Hunt Co.)	Benjamin T. Grove			
Harmony Bethel	Jack Guyler			
Henrietta	Harold Corle			
Hepler's	Robert Cassell			
High View	Thomas Myers			
Higher Hope	Michael C. Schooley			
HUB	Jeremy Cranmer, Associate			
Highspire	Dave Anderson			
Hollidaysburg	Matthew Hornberger			
Home Faith Communities	Dennis Regitz			
House of Restoration	Mary Houston			
Iglesia Agua Viva	Sylvia Chavez			
Iglesia Evangelica Nueva Vida, Inc.	Anna Aquino			

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CHURCH	PASTOR/ADDITIONAL STAFF	DELEGATE	DELEGATE	DELEGATE
	Jose Aquino			
Kennedy's Valley	Dennis Bailey, Jr.			
Lakemont	Mark A. Rhodes			
Lancaster	Kenneth Vander Wiele			
Landisburg	R. Bruce Henneman			
Landisville	Timothy Bistline			
Last Days World Outreach Ministries	Victor Glover			
Liberty	Judd Spencer			
Lighthouse Christian	Michael S. Allen			
Linglestown	G. Barry Stahl			
Lisburn	Paul Albert			
Little Germany	Mark Snyder			
Living Faith	Nick Francis Stevens			
Locust Valley	Richard A. Frederick			
Logania	Michael A. Witmer			
Maple Grove	Norman Hege			
Martinsburg	Nathan Starr			
Marysville	Rodger A. Scheuing			
Mayberry	Robert C. Wills, Jr.			
Maytown	Scott Sweigart			
McClure's Gap	Bradley Culwell			
Mechanicsburg	Tracey A. Conner			
Mercersburg First	John K. Cook			
Middletown	Kimberly B. Shifler			
Mission 217	Antoine Lassiter			
Mount Briar	Joseph C. Burdette			
Mount Holly Springs	Daniel Murray, Pastor			
	Richard L. Reese, Co-Pastor			
Mount Joy	Ted Ewing			
Mount Laurel	Dale H. Miller, Jr.			
Mount Olivet	Darrell Schrade			
Mount Pleasant	Zack Wilt			
New Baltimore	C. Roy Daywalt			
	Lee E. Daywalt			
New Cumberland	Charles J. Zahora			
New Grenada	I. Kenneth Cornelius			
New Hope	Richard Warner			
New Life	John Ashbaugh			
Newberrytown	Jonathan Bowers			
Newburg	James W. Moss, Jr.			
Newport	Trevor Lightner			
Newville	Wayne A. Good			
	Heidi Guyer, Director of Children's Ministry			
North Middleton	Roddy A. Runyan			
Oak Hill	Mark F. Ginter			
Orchard Ridge	Jeffrey N. Hawbaker			

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Parkway Community	Howard L. Ruley			
Penbrook	Steve Dunn, Intentional Interim			
	Wayne Anderson, Worship Director			
Pine Grove	Gary Shew			
Plainfield	James R. Klock, Intentional Interim			
Pleasantville	Richard Frederick			
Progress	Barbara Maurice			
Providence	Dwight E. Lefever, Lead Pastor			
	Dustin Metzler, Student Ministry Director			
	Christina McLaughlin, Children's Ministry Director			
	Chad Young, Director of Worship Arts			
Real Life (East Petersburg)	Nancy Boyer, Intentional Interim			
Real Life (Shermans Dale)	David D. Dormer, Jr.			
Reality	Jeffrey Musser			
Red Hill	Mary Kay Miller			
Round Knob	Jeffrey Musser			
Sanidad Divina	Caleb Acosta			
	Christina Acosta			
	Eva Lezama, Associate Pastor			
Saxton				
Sheaffer's Valley	Dennis Bailey, Jr.			
Shippensburg	James Rogers			
	Gary Hornbaker, Director of Visitation and Discipleship			
	Antonio Dewayne Morton, Jr., Director of Campus Ministries			
	Bradley W. Mowery, Associate Pastor of Worship & Youth			
	Caulene Rogers, Director of Children's Ministries			
Shiremanstown	Floyd R. Carlen, Jr.			
	Stacie Reber, Director of Children and Youth Ministries			
Shope's Bethel	Stephen Lindemuth			
Six Mile Run	Richard Bair			
Smithville	Richard Miller, Intentional Interim			
South Fairview	Samuel Cunningham, Pulpit Supply			
Stone Glen	John W. Selcher			
Suedberg	Terry Jansma			
Swatara	Michael R. Nelson			
The Orchard (Greensboro)	Jimmy Grainger			
Trinity	Walter R. Dockens			
	Marsha Blackston, Associate Pastor			
Turning Point	George A. Spangler			
United	G. David Tressler, II			
Uplift Community	April Ocasio			
Valley View	Gerald A. Frey			
Walnut Grove	Adam Shawver			
Washington Boro	Donald Price, Intentional Interim			
Wells Cathedral Church of Deliverance	Ezra P. Davis			
Westminster	Raymond B. Duvall, Jr.			

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Windsor	Anthony Zumbo			
	Bob Collins, Associate Pastor			
Woodbury	James R. Shaffer			
Wormleysburg	Milton S. Brown, Jr.			
Yocumtown	Stefanie S. DiFrancesco			
York, First	Glenn A. Detter			
York, W. Poplar St.	Tracey Utermahlen			



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<b>Conference Staff Personnel:</b>			
Executive Director	James W. Moss, Jr.		
Director of Congregational Care	David S. Williams		
Director for Church Planting and Evangelism	Charles P. Frank		
Finance Manager	Colleen S. Gross		
Financial Secretary	H. Frank Arva		
Executive Assistant	Barbara A. Harris		
Office Assistant	Brenda J. Cooker		
Executive Director, HMC, Inc.	James F. Brandt		
<b>Approved Ministries:</b>			
University of Findlay Staff:	Dale R. Brougher	Professor	
Winebrenner Theological Seminary:	Dr. Brent Sleasman	President	
	Joel W. Cocklin	VP of Academic Adv. & Academic Dean	
Scotland Campus, Inc.:	David Newell	President/CEO	
Homeland Hospice:	John W. Good	Chaplain	
Church of God Home, Carlisle, PA	Bradley V. Moore	Chaplain	
Lancaster Goodwill	Kenneth E. Nitchman	Pastor	
Country Meadows	Dennis Hamsher	Chaplain	
Messiah Village	Charles H. Hostetter	Chaplain	
Director of Fruitbelt Farmworkers	Roddy Runyan	Pastor	
Holy Spirit Hospital	Johanna Monighan-Schaefer	Chaplain	
China Outreach Ministries	Glendon Osborn		
<b>United States Army:</b>			
Fort Sills, Oklahoma	Elizabeth R. (Kurtz) McGraw	Chaplain CH (CPT)	
16th Combat Aviation Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord	Matthew Shenton	Chaplain (Major)	
Church of God Endorsement Agent	Charles W. Yost	Chaplain (LTC)	
<b>Missionaries:</b>			
	John and Toni Thumma	Southwest	
	Caleb and Christina Acosta	Latino Ministries	
<b>Other Ministers Reporting to Conference:</b>			
Jean-Daniel Albert	Andrew Griffith	Travis R. Mellott	John Shubert
Sarah J. Baumgardner	Kelly E. Hall	Michael Miller	Jason Smith
David I. Bowers	Timothy E. Harper	Carl T. Miner	Mark C. Snyder
Bruce K. Boyles	Richard R. Hanshaw, Jr.	Judi Misere	Walter Thermidor
Nate Buck	Ammon L. Hochstetler	Robert E. Mundis	David R. Thomas
Gregory Cole	Nace D. Howell	Retta K. Murray	Sherry Verbeek
Doug Coldsmith	Dean Hull	H. Marc Nelson	David A. Way
Yoline R. Conley	Becky Jarrett	Gary L. Newcomer	Thomas P. Weil
Dory Crater	Travis Jarrett	Joel Ngarama	Daniel E. Winey
Clive Cyriljoe	Pamela J. Jordan	Brian Ocker	Clifford L. Wolaver
Kenneth Detweiler	Ricky Key	Jake Paugh	Bruce Workman
Kevin Dunlap	Martin R. Kiggins, Jr.	Anthony Pomfrey	David L. Wynn
Isaac B. Edwards	Catherine Kimmel	Brian L. Ramsey	
Richard Egolf	P. Dennis Koontz	Trevor Reece	
Chris Elliott	Daniel Kriel	I. Eugene Reineman, III	
Richard Fischl	Timothy D. Landis	Kevin E. Richardson	
Thomas C. Flanagan	Stevie L. Lawrence, Sr.	Timothy P. Robbins	
Bernard W. Fortna	David W. Learn	Bradley Rock	
James Franklin	Scott J. Lebo	Larry R. Schwenk, Sr.	
Sharon Garcia	Anita London	Linda K. Rosenberry	
Thomas R. Gardner	Terry Marshall	Trevor E. Rosenberry	
Brandon S. Goodling	Stanley A. Maughan	Mark S. Schory	
Lawrence V. Grandberry	James A. McKibbin	Kent Sheaffer	
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<b>Retired Ministers:</b>		<b>*Serving Part-Time or Interim</b>	
Leroy C. Achenbach	Cheryl A. Dorman*	Ernest Pletcher	Joseph E. Zimmerman
Paul R. Albert, Sr.	David E. Draper	Frederick C. Quade	Walter B. Zimmerman
Sandra K. Baney*	Ronald E. Dull	Patricia Robinson	
Timothy L. Bartlett	A. Gail Dunn	Edward L. Rosenberry*	
Dean L. Baublitz	Wayne E. Gosnell	Barry J. Sellers	
Duane L. Beck	William A. Groff, Jr.	R. Victor Shifler	
Robert L. Bell*	Dennis H. Hall	Richard F. Shover	
Larry L. Billet	Paul Hauk	Earl M. Sleasman	
Randall L. Bistline	Charles H. Hostetter	Kenneth E. Smith	
Richard Borger	Randy L. Jenkins	R. Keith Smith	
David I. Bowers	J. Thomas Lefever	William C. Smith	
J. William Brandt	Thomas L. Lucas	John A. Snyder	
Milton S. Brown, Jr.*	James E. Lynn	Philip H. Sturr, Jr.	
Lewis I. Button	Harry G. Madison	Lester Swope	
John E. Byers	Robert W. Malick, Jr.	Roger Templeton, Jr.	
Joseph C. Castanos	Jim G. Martin*	Paul E. Tobias*	
Harry C. Cole	Malcolm E. Martin	Andrew H. Weaver	
Stanley A. Cordell, Jr.	Michael D. Martin	Donald W. Weidner	
I. Kenneth Cornelius*	D. Alan Mathna	Robert J. Weidner	
C. Alvin Cott	Richard G. Miller	Michael A. Witmer*	
Leroy H. Cowfer	James A. McKibbin	David L. Wynn	
Mary Crampton-Moats	James W. Moss, Sr.	George E. Yerger	
Samuel R. Cunningham	Kenneth E. Nitchman	John O. Yoder	
W. Stanley Darrah	Glenn D. Peck	David A. Yost	
<b>Lay Organizations:</b>			
Home Mission Council, Inc. - President	Mr. Bradley Kearns		
Women's Ministries, Director:	Mrs. Katie Shradley	Mrs. Alison Buck	
Senior Life Fellowship, President:	Pastor Paul Albert		
Minister's Wives Association President:			
<b>Those asked to be excused:</b>	<b>Days to be excused:</b>	<b>Those asked to be excused:</b>	<b>Days to be excused:</b>
Robert Collins	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
Stanley A. Cordell, Jr.	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
C. Alvin Cott	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
C. Roy Daywalt	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
Lee E. Daywalt	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
Thomas Flanagan	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
William A. Groff, Jr.	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
Dennis H. Hall	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
Kelly Hall	Monday and Wednesday		
Richard Hanshaw, Jr.	Monday a.m., Tuesday a.m./p.m.		
Paul Hauk	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
Brian Ramsey	Monday and Wednesday		
Kevin E. Richardson	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
William C. Smith	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
Thomas Weil	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		



# Minutes



## EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

**MONDAY, May 1, 2017**

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference met on Monday, May 1, 2017, at Doubling Gap Center, Newville, PA.

Pastor James W. Moss, Jr., Conference President, called the Conference-in-Session to order at 9:00 AM. The theme for this year's Conference is "More Than Conquerors ...."

**Roll Call:** There were 289 pastors and delegates registered for Conference for the morning session.

Steve Long welcomed everyone to Doubling Gap Center and gave instructions regarding lodging, meals and other items of information.

**ON MOTION APPROVED** the requests of various pastors for excused absences from Conference-in-Session.

**ON MOTION ACCEPTED** the Secretary's roster as adjusted as the official record.

**ON MOTION APPROVED** using the honor system with unassigned seating designating the voting area.

Parliamentarians appointed were Dr. Steve Dunn and Dr. Mike Walker.

Don Dennison recognized missionaries who were present at the Conference. No military chaplains were able to attend this year's Conference.

Pastor Nate and Allison Buck led a song service and Pastors Tom Myers and James W. Moss, Jr. led an Ordinance Service.

**ON MOTION ADOPTED** the minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Conference Session of the Eastern Regional Conference and the minutes of the Administrative Council since the Sixteenth Annual Conference Session.

**ON MOTION APPROVED** lifting from the Administrative Council minutes for separate action the ordination recommendations.

**ON MOTION ADOPTED** the business schedule with the privilege of the chair to adjust as needed.

The 2017 Nominating Committee members Pastor Kevin Richardson, Pastor Tom Myers, Steve Long, Pastor Jim Moss, Jr., Pastor Ed Rosenberry and Katie Kane were thanked for their work in preparing the ballot.

The ballots for Administrative Council, Secretary, Nominating Committee and Doubling Gap Board were presented. **ON MOTION APPROVED** closing the nominations. Votes were cast. Tellers were Pastor Mark Halliday, Head Teller; Pastor Bruce Henneman, Pastor Bob Malick, Pastor Matt Eding and Stacie Reber.

**Church Planting:** Pastor Chuck Frank introduced a video promoting the work of the Commission. Their report is on page 89 of the docket. He thanked everyone for their support of church planters. Church Plant Pastors in attendance were all recognized.

Dr. Kevin Richardson gave the State of the Eastern Regional Conference address. He advised us that when he started nine years ago, there were 141 churches and today we have 145; however, worship attendance is less now than nine years ago. He shared his concerns about the health of our churches and the age of leaders. Our Churches need to change, and we cannot continue as we are. He asked for prayer as he serves as Director. Pastor James Moss, Jr. talked about growing the Eberly's Mill Church of God. Our congregations are aging. Young people are not returning to the church after graduating from High School. He challenged churches with the need to change. Pastor Victor Johnson from Brownsville Church of God shared his concerns about the decline of our churches and challenged us to be life-giving churches focusing on revitalization and renewal. Churches need to be effective by 1) believing in Jesus Christ; 2) believing we are at a critical crossroads; and 3) believing that God wants us to reach the next generation. He challenged us to go and lead. A new strategic plan was introduced with the following four goals: 1) Refocus, restructure and if necessary, replace leadership; 2) Empower all ERC churches to become healthy; 3) Insure that the majority of ERC pastors are receiving support and accountability; and 4) Develop a culture of multiplication. **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Report of the Executive Director.

Conference was dismissed for lunch after announcements. Pastor Dwight LeFever offered prayer for lunch.

Pastor Nate and Allison Buck began the afternoon session with a Song Service and Pastor Antoine Lassiter led in devotions.

A video of the TKC2020 story was shown.

**Roll Call:** There were 293 pastors and delegates registered for Conference for the afternoon session.

**The results of the elections were as follows:**

Administrative Council: Pastoral: Dan Masshardt and Gilbert Thurston; Lay Persons: Joyce Hornbaker and Jim Starner.

Secretary: Pastor Jack Selcher

Nominating Committee: Pastor Edward Rosenberry, Steve Long and Katie Kane.

Doubling Gap Board: Pastor Ronald Dull, Phil Erb and Jamie Swope

Four Breakout Sessions were available: 1) Meet Your Church Planters facilitated by Pastors Chuck Frank and Rich Thornton; 2) Out of the Box Outreach presented by Pastors Charlie Zahora and Mark Halliday; 3) Expanding Your Church's Reach presented by Pastor Gilbert Thurston and 4) The Epidemic of Addiction and the Way to Biblical Wellbeing presented by Daniel DeLeon.

**General Conference:** Pastor Lance Finley, Executive Director of the General Conference, introduced staff, reported on the General Conference and encouraged everyone to read the information provided in their packet. James P. Thomas, Pension Administrator, presented his report. Pastor Benjamin Tobias, Cross Cultural Ministries Director, updated the Conference on cross cultural ministries and recognized members of the Commission. Pastor William Shoemaker, Director of New Churches, Pastor Michael Martin, Director of Communications and Technology and Pastor Brandon Kelly, Transformational Ministries Director, reported on their ministries.

**Winebrenner Seminary Report:** Dr. Brent Sleasman, President of Winebrenner Seminary, brought greetings from Winebrenner and updated the Conference on the seminary. He emphasized their commitment to high quality education and international education announcing classes were offered in Borel, Haiti, beginning in September 2016. He introduced trustees serving from the Eastern Regional Conference. Winebrenner will celebrate seventy-five years in August. Dr. Joel Cocklin, Vice President of Academic Adv. and Academic Dean presented his report. Dr. David Newell, President of Scotland Campus, gave an update on the programs and various groups now on Campus.

**University of Findlay:** Pastor Lance Finley, Trustee, presented the report on the University and encouraged everyone to read the information in their packet.

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the reports of General Conference, Winebrenner Seminary, Scotland Campus and The University of Findlay.

**Evangelism Commission:** A video was played featuring Pastor Mark Halliday summarizing the work of the commission. Their report is on pages 95-96 in the docket.

**Commission on Church and Pastor:** A video featured Pastor Floyd Carlen summarizing the commission's work. The report is on pages 87-88 in the docket.

**Grand Point Leadership Network:** Pastor Dennis Koontz and Pastor Chad Chute reported on this network.

**Leadership Commission:** Pastor Victor Johnson video-reported on the work of the commission. Their report is on page 97 in the docket.

**Missions Commission:** Pastor George Yerger video-reported on the work of the commission. The written report is on page 98 in the docket.

**Newburg Farmbelt:** Pastor Dale Miller reported on the Newburg Farmbelt Mission via video.

**ON MOTION, RECEIVED** the reports of the Evangelism, Church and Pastor, Leadership and Missions Commissions.

Pastor Tom Myers led a time of prayer.

After announcements and prayer offered by Pastor Floyd Carlen, Conference was adjourned until Tuesday morning, May 2, 2017.

A celebration service was held on Monday evening featuring Ryan and Friends. Ryan Bomgardner is a popular comedian in the U.S. who provided a laugh-inducing family show. An ice cream social followed the show.

## **EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017**

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference continued on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at Doubling Gap Center, Newville, PA. with Pastor Nate and Allison Buck leading in song and devotions by Pastor Zack Wilt. Pastor James W. Moss, Jr., Conference President, called Conference-in-Session to order at 9:00 AM.

**ROLL CALL:** There were 295 registered pastors and delegates for the Tuesday morning session.

An ABC 27 Mission On The Mountain Video was played highlighting the Mt. Pleasant Church of God mission program of revitalization of homes.

Five Break Out Sessions were available: 1) The Shifting Culture of Children's Ministry presented by Rachel Neely-Pletcher; 2) Dynamics of Making Disciples presented by Pastor Brandon Kelly; 3) Brotherhood Mutual Insurance presented by Kyle Butler; 4) For Men Only (Dealing with Depression) presented by Kurtz Cockley and 5) Multiplication in the ERC presented by Pastor Chuck Frank.

**Financial Reports/Stewardship Commission/2017 Budget:** Colleen Gross, Finance Manager, introduced Pastor Dean White who spoke about partnering with Biblical Generosity. Colleen's report is on page 75 in the docket. Colleen shared the financial items through a video. Financial reports are on pages 79-84 in the docket. Frank Arva, Financial Manager, talked about the finances of the ERC. His written report is on page 76 in the docket.

**Endowment Committee:** Jim Brandt reported for the endowment committee.

**Home Mission Council:** Jim Brandt presented the report for Home Mission Council. He recognized the board of trustee members and expressed the need for more trustees to serve.

**Discipleship:** Pastor Rachel Neely-Pletcher presented the report via video. The written report is on page 94 in the docket.

**Pulse Retreat:** A video presentation reported on the "Pulse Retreat." Pastor Dave Williams encouraged 16-21-year-olds to attend the next retreat being held on November 10-12, 2017, at the Doubling Gap Center.

**Renewal Commission:** Pastor George Jensen updated the Conference on the work of the commission through a video. The written report is on page 90 in the docket.

**Church Vocations:** Dr. Michael Walker reported on the Commission by presenting a video. The written report is on pages 92-93. Dr. Walker referred to the Commission's minutes of April 13, 2017, and reported the motion approved as follows: We affirm and support that women can be ordained to service in pastoral ministry and positions of leadership. We affirm that this has been the position of the Churches of God since at least 1858. Therefore, a candidate must affirm and support this theological

position in order to receive credentials. Upon approval of our minutes this action will be reported to the Conference in session in May, 2017. **ON MOTION APPROVED** the following persons for Life Ordination: David J. Anderson, Dennis William Bailey, Jr., Jeffrey C. Harner and Jason D. Smith.

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the reports of the Finance Committee, Stewardship Commission, Home Mission Council, Endowment Fund, Renewal Commission, Discipleship Commission and Church Vocations Commission.

Dr. Kevin Richardson introduced the keynote speaker, Pastor Brad McKoy. Brad and his wife, Adriane, have spent over two decades pastoring in the United States with a focus on reaching the “un-churched.” In 2011, they moved to Grove City, PA, with their daughter, Abigail, to pioneer the Antioch Overflow Experiment (AOX), a community of simple churches with a mission to “disciple, equip, and release sons and daughters of the King to transform every sphere of society for the glory of God.” His recent book is “Culture of the Few.”

After announcements, Conference was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Pastor James Moss, Sr.

The afternoon session began with Pastor Nate and Allison Buck leading a Song Service and Pastor Brian Warner leading devotions.

**ROLL CALL:** There were 282 registered pastors and delegates for the Tuesday afternoon session.

**Doubling Gap Center:** Steve Long, Executive Director, referred to pages 111 through 114 in the docket. He thanked staff and board members for their support and voiced appreciation for all the volunteers. 2016 was the 70<sup>th</sup> year for the camping ministry. He reported that over 146 groups used the facility last year. He encouraged delegates to check out the new cabins and announced that the cabin project was completely paid off at the end of 2016. Ryan Long, Program Coordinator, expressed his joy in serving Camp Yolijwa and thanked the churches for their support. They served 2,016 campers last year. He encouraged churches to send kids from their churches to camp. He announced they need counselors for their eighth grade campers and male campers are needed for Camp Hope. A promotional video is available to churches.

**Strategic Planning Document/Report:** Dr. Phil Thorne, head of the Strategic Planning Committee, explained the process in preparing the proposed ERC Strategic Plan. He explained the need for commitment of ourselves and our resources to reach the next generation for Christ. He reviewed the four goals necessary to reverse the ERC’s pattern of decline. The ERC will work together to empower all our churches to become healthy, life-giving missional communities led by healthy, life-giving pastors and served by healthy, life-giving regional leaders.

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the report of Doubling Gap Center and the Strategic Planning Report.

Four Break Out Sessions were available: 1) Culture of the Few presented by Pastor Brad McKoy; 2) Payroll presented by Mr. James Brandt; 3) For Women Only (Dealing with Depression) presented by Dr. Diana Coulson-Brown; and 4) For Men Only (Dealing with Depression) presented by Kurtz Cockley.

**Church of God Home:** Steven J. Reiter, President and CEO from Stoneridge, brought greetings from the home. He updated the Conference and reported that studies have been completed on the Orchard

Project and the board will make a decision in the next few months as to its development. Dr. Richardson reported on how the Church Home has moved forward since the merger. Mr. Frank Arva reported on the mission of the home and its well-being. **ON MOTION RECEIVED** the Church of God Home Report.

**A service of recognition** was held on Tuesday afternoon honoring Thomas L. Lucas and Earl M. Sleasman for 60 years of ministry and Howard L. Ruley for 50 years of ministry. Richard H. Borgner, Ronald E. Dull, David L. Meador, Kenneth E. Nitchman, Frederick C. Quade and Michael A. Witmer were honored for 40 years of ministry. John W. Good, Dennis E. Hamsher, Victor T. Johnson, Dale H. Miller, Jr., Mark A. Rhodes and Robert L. Stauffer were recognized for 25 years of service. Retirees recognized were John W. Shubert and Charles W. Yost. The Towel and Basin Award recipient was Ronald L. Bowman.

After prayer by Pastor Charlie Zahora, Conference was adjourned until Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

The **Service of Ordination** was held Tuesday evening with Dr. Earl Mills bringing the message. Those receiving Life Ordination were David J. Anderson, Dennis William Bailey, Jr., Jeffrey C. Harner and Jason D. Smith. Those receiving an Annual License were Doug Coldsmith, Theodore J. Ewing, James Franklin, Jory Tobias, Ian Stiles, David Way and Robert White. Recipient of a Transitional License was Nathan Starr and recipient of a Provisional License was April Ocasio. A reception followed in the Lodge.

## **EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

**WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2017**

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference continued on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at Doubling Gap Center, Newville, PA. Pastor Nate and Allison Buck led in song and Pastor Charlie Yost had devotions. Pastor James W. Moss, Jr., Conference President, called Conference-in-Session to order at 9:00 AM.

**ROLL CALL:** There were 239 registered pastors and delegates for the Wednesday morning session.

The Strategic Planning Committee had a question and answer period to open the morning session.

**Chaplain's Report** – Pastor Charlie Yost reported on our military chaplains Beth Kurtz-Worth who is serving in Korea and Matthew Shenton in Seattle, Washington.

**Statistical Report** – Pastor Dave Williams reviewed the statistical information. He reported that while some churches have their highest number in worship, others have their lowest number during the last ten years. Forty of our churches are worshiping thirty-five or less. Help is available for churches from Conference staff or commissions, and he encouraged churches to utilize these resources. He asked for anyone with a passion for pastor's children, to please contact him.

**Lay Organization Reports:** Mrs. Norma Klock reported on CGWM. She reminded everyone of Thank Offering Sunday on May 7, 2017, and the Silver Offering collected in the fall and talked about the disbursement of these funds. Fall Retreat will be held on September 22-24, 2017, at the Doubling Gap Center.

**CGAF** – Adult Fellowship provided a written report. Adult Fellowship Camp will be held on August 21-25.

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the reports of the CGWM, Adult Life and the Statistical and Chaplain reports.

**Obituary Committee:** Pastor Bradley Moore presented the obituary report and recognized members of the committee. **ON MOTION ACCEPTED** with appreciation the Obituary Committee's report.

**Installation Service:** Conference President, Pastor James W. Moss, Jr., installed those persons elected to various offices and positions within the Conference.

After a time of prayer, worship and celebration, Pastor James W. Moss, Jr., Conference President, addressed the Conference.

Pastor James W. Moss, Jr., Conference President, thanked everyone involved with Conference, recognizing Barbara Harris, Brenda Cooker, planning committee, Chambersburg Tech Group and many others.

**ON MOTION AUTHORIZED** the Administrative Council to finalize the minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Conference Sessions.

Having no further business, **ON MOTION APPROVED** to adjourn Conference with closing prayer by Pastor James W. Moss, Jr.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Wickard  
Conference Transcribing Secretary

#### **EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018**

A Special Session of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference met on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at Carlisle First Church of God, 705 Glendale Street, Carlisle, PA.

Pastor Tom Myers, Conference President, called the Conference to order at 9:00 AM. After announcements and devotions by Tom Myers, Interim Executive Director, James Moss, Jr. reviewed the strategic plan, originally introduced at the April, 2017, Conference Session and talked about changes since the Conference last met. He talked about the change in churches today and how Conference churches have lost an average of 8% in attendance.

**Roll Call:** There were 197 pastors and delegates registered for the Special Session of Conference.

Dr. Steve Dunn reviewed the proposed changes to the constitution.

**ON MOTION, APPROVED** by a vote of 172 Yes, 18 No, for Article VII, Commissions as follows:

**Section 1. The Church Health Commission** oversees the advancement and development of church health in the ERC. The Commission will seek to resource churches, pastors and leaders with best practices for ministry and church development.

**Section 2. The Pastoral Health Commission** will seek to improve the effectiveness and health of pastoral leaders in the Conference. The Pastoral Health Commission will seek to encourage and develop pastors for effective ministry through pastoral care and counsel, resourcing, mentoring and coaching and if needed professional counseling.

**Section 3. The Church Multiplication Commission** will seek to help churches multiply disciples, leaders, ministries, and churches. The Commission will oversee church planting as well as efforts for multiplication through our established churches.

**Section 4. The Credentialing and Placement Commission** will seek to work with pastors sensing a call to ministry, oversee their development and work to place them in ministry. The Commission will serve as the body for credentialing, both licensing and ordination for all pastors. The Commission will further work with the local church in placing pastors in ministry.

**ON MOTION APPROVED** by a vote of 154 Yes and 0 No, the Amended Article VI, Section 3, Subsection F as follows:

Replace Chairman of Church and Pastor and Chairman of Vocations with Chairman of Credentialing and Placement and Chairman of Pastoral Health.

**ON MOTION APPROVED** by 181 unanimous votes, to amend the original Amendment motion made on Article XI - Ministers by removing the word permanent from Section 5, Subsection C. It will now say "Candidates for all licenses."

**ON MOTION APPROVED** by a vote of 177 Yes and 2 No to Amend Article XI Ministers as follows:

Section 1. Original jurisdiction in relation to ministers belongs to the Conference.

Section 2. The church membership and responsibilities of the minister shall be in accord with General Conference policies and guidelines. The pastor shall be in charge of all worship services and ceremonies conducted in the Church, unless otherwise mutually agreed. He the senior pastor/lead pastor shall be responsible for whoever occupies the pulpit.

Section 3. Any minister belonging to the Conference who refuses to carry out an order or resolution thereof shall be liable to a charge of insubordination before the Conference.

Section 4. Procedures for resolving controversies shall be in accord with Eastern Regional Conference and General Conference policies and guidelines.

Amend this article add:

Section 5. Credentials for pastoral ministry include provisional license, annual license, and life ordination and shall be issued in accordance with General Conference standards.

A. If no General Conference standards exist, the commission shall have the authority to recommend credentials and appropriate standards and guidelines to the Administrative Council for approval. Modifications to General Conference standards must be approved by the Administrative Council and the General Conference.

B. Credentials for non-pastoral church vocations shall be issued in accordance with existing General Conference standards. If no General Conference standards exist, the commission shall have the authority to recommend credentials and appropriate standards and guidelines to the Administrative Council for approval.

C. Candidates for all licenses and ordination must be able to respond affirmatively to the following questions, which shall be asked during the annual ordination service:

1. Do you believe that in seeking the office of the Christian ministry you are influenced by a sincere love for God and your desire to promote His glory and the salvation of men?
2. Do you believe that the doctrines of the Word of God as taught by the Churches of God, General Conference are correct and true?
3. Are you willing to subscribe to these doctrines, to teach them, and to defend them against every attempt to minimize their value, guarding against those things which cause division in the church, and dedicating your powers to building the church you serve as pastor?
4. Do you promise to fully cooperate and carry out all the rules and regulations, and support all the agencies and enterprises of the Conference and the General Conference?
5. If for any cause the Conference should deem it proper to recall your certificate of ordination, do you promise to deliver the same upon official request?
6. Should you determine that you can no longer publicly affirm the doctrines of the Churches of God or fully adhere to the authority of the Churches of God, will you voluntarily surrender your credentials and resign your pastorate?

On Article XI –Ministers, Section 5, Subsection C, Number 1, referred to the constitution committee to change the salvation of men to read the salvation of persons.

**ON MOTION, DIRECTED** the constitution committee to review the qualifications of the Executive Director.

Staff Reports:

Dave Williams reported on the four tasks that he will be working on under the new strategic plan. He asked churches interested in the Healthy Church Checkup to contact him.

Colleen Gross introduced the new logo “Empowering life-giving ministries” and reported how they will celebrate and communicate generosity stories; celebrate and communicate successes

discovered through statistical reporting. She asked that churches participate in the “Feed my starving children” project.

Frank Arva spoke about helping churches become healthy churches.

Chuck Frank reported on Church Planting and emphasized saving lives is why they do what they do and reported on how they will develop multiplication in churches, by developing disciples. He encouraged people to attend the Feb 24 Evangelism Summit and Workshops.

Pastor James Moss, Jr. encouraged churches to take advantage of Conference resources.

Conference President, Pastor Tom Myers, led a time of prayer.

Having no further business, the Special Session of Conference was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Wickard  
Conference Transcribing Secretary

## **Administrative Council**

## **Meeting No. 4, May 3, 2017**

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at Doubling Gap Center. J. W. Moss, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 12:28 p. m.

**ROLL CALL:** K. E. Richardson, Executive Director; J. W. Moss, Jr., President; T. I. Myers, Vice President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; G. P. Breneman; C. A. Chute; J. A. Hornbaker; D. M. Masshardt; R. A. Scheuing; J. H. Starner; G. D. Thurston; C. J. Zahora. **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:** None. **STAFF:** C. P. Frank; D.S. Williams; C.S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory); H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary(Advisory); **ABSENT:** M. F. Schuch.

### **NEW ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

K. E. Richardson welcomed Jim Starner and Dan Masshardt as new members of the Administrative Council.

### **MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

**ON MOTION APPOINTED** Charles L. Jenkins as Member-at Large for a 2-year term.

### **2018 CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

**ON MOTION APPROVED** holding Conference Sessions April 16-18, 2018.

### **LIAISONS**

Liaisons until the April 16-18 Conference Sessions are as follows:

Church & Pastor – C. L. Jenkins  
Church Planting: G. D. Thurston  
Church Renewal: T. I. Myers  
Church Vocations: R. A. Scheuing  
Discipleship: J. H. Starner  
Evangelism: C. J. Zahora  
Leadership: C. A. Chute  
Missions: G. Breneman  
Stewardship – J. W. Moss, Jr.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN**

K. E. Richards submitted a Six-Month Plan for the Executive Director for the Development of the ERC Strategic Plan as follows:

1. Continue to cast vision for the ERC Strategic Plan through e-news, written publications, and town hall meetings; Meet with specific pastors and churches. Have at least one town hall meeting in each district by 10/31/2017.

2. Develop staff structure and job description in light of new plan. Meet with staff to determine compatibility with plan.
3. Meet with each Commission or chairperson to share strategic plan and how their commission fits into the new plan.
4. Have ERC Constitution Committee develop a draft constitution that would address structural changes.
5. Determine hub churches in each district and develop a plan for ministry through the hub.
6. Promote the Pastors' Prayer Retreat in the fall as first opportunity for day away/soul care.
7. Develop a working relationship with a leadership coach/mentor for the transition.
8. Meet monthly with the ERC Transition Team for accountability and progress reports.
9. Hold fall ERC Conference meeting for approval of plan if deemed necessary.
10. Have Transition Team evaluate the effectiveness and leadership of the Executive Director in the fall with a recommendation to the Ad Council for continued employment or termination.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Ad Council was **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 1:00 p.m. Gilbert Thurston closed in prayer. The next meeting is July 12, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the United Church Center.

## **Administrative Council**

## **Meeting No. 5, July 12, 2017**

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at the United Church Center. J. W. Moss, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** K. E. Richardson, Executive Director; J. W. Moss, Jr., President; T. I. Myers, Vice President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; C. A. Chute; D. M. Masshardt; M. F. Schuch; J. H. Starner; G. D. Thurston; C. J. Zahora. **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:** C. L. Jenkins; **STAFF:** C. P. Frank; D. S. Williams; C. S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory); H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary(Advisory); **ABSENT:** G. P. Breneman; J. A. Hornbaker; R. A. Scheuing; **Visitors:** Vic Johnson; Jim Brandt; George Yerger; Steve Dunn; Dean White; Michael Walker.

**DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER TIME** – J. W. Selcher read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 and shared six common drivers for Christians: guilt, resentment, fear, materialism, the need for approval and pleasure. God designed believers to be driven only by Christ's love. Jim Moss led in prayer.

### **RECEIVING OF ANNUAL LICENSES**

Alann D. Schmidt, Robert Cassel and Dylan Smith took vows and each received a Certificate of Annual License. Pastor Jim Moss, Jr. prayed God's blessings on their lives and ministries.

### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

- Minutes for ERC Sessions, May 1-3, 2017, were reviewed and **ON MOTION APPROVED** as amended.
- Minutes for Meeting No. 4, May 3, 2017, were reviewed and **ON MOTION APPROVED** as submitted.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- Dr. Richardson sent a letter to the Faith Community Church of God on April 5, 2017, informing them that on April 5, 2017, the ERC Administrative Council unanimously approved the ERC Commission on Church Renewal's recommendation to remove the Faith Community Church of God as a member congregation of the Eastern Regional Conference, believing this is in the best interests of both the church and the Conference. We also returned the church's check given for retired pastors' hospitalization.
- We received a letter from Pastor Charles Yost expressing thanks for the retirement gift he received at the Eastern Regional Conference Sessions.

## PRIORITY BUSINESS

**Expectations of ERC Ad Council Members** – Dr. Richardson emphasized the importance of attending meetings, sharing opinions while at the meetings and maintaining confidentiality.

**Reorganizational Roster** – Dr. Steve Dunn will be the Chair of the Constitution Committee; J. W. Moss, Jr. and T. I. Myers will serve on the Nominating Committee. The Conference Planning Committee will fill the Chair position of the Obituary Committee. **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Transition Team doing evaluations of the staff for 2017 with a future orientation. The Transition Team will report to the Ad Council at the October meeting.

Michael Walker updated the Ad Council about Winebrenner Seminary's no longer offering classes at the Scotland Campus. He also talked about the PTI program. He suggests the ERC administer the PTI program again instead of Winebrenner Seminary. Much discussion took place. We will decide at the October Administrative Council meeting whether the ERC should administer the PTI program.

**Review of 2017 Annual Conference Sessions** – 2018 Conference Sessions will be 2.5 days.

## STAFF AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Staff

Dr. Richardson – Dr. Richardson updated the development of the strategic planning process.

D. S. Williams – D. S. Williams has been dealing with conflict in two local churches. Eleven churches are open. He is preparing for the Pulse Retreat in November for 16-21 years-old. He reported on the Nehemiah Project.

Chuck Frank – Chuck Frank reported on the Multiplication Summit Workshop.

Finance Manager: Colleen Gross reported on learning about communication and what that involves. She asked how finances will be handled when there is no longer a stewardship commission, how the Endowment Committee work will be handled, etc. Income is up over last year for the ERC. **ON MOTION APPROVED** carrying over the ERC budget from 2017 to 2018.

Financial Secretary: Frank Arva reported that year to date ERC tithe income is 2.45% above budget and 6.16% higher than last year.

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the written and verbal reports of the staff.

### **Commission Reports**

**Church & Pastor:** C. L. Jenkins reported on the work of the commission.

**Church Planting:** G. D. Thurston reported plans to plant new churches in Charlotte and Lebanon.

**Church Renewal:** T. I. Myers reported some churches are struggling.

**Church Vocations:** No report.

**Discipleship:** J. H. Starner reported on the Prayer Retreat and organizing prayer for the strategic plan.

**Evangelism:** C. J. Zahora reported the Commission is planning for the 2018 Summit.

**Leadership:** C. A. Chute reported the Commission won't meet more than one more time unless there is a good reason to meet. The Commission is sponsoring 15 pastors to the Global Leadership Summit.

**Missions:** George Yerger clarified that construction of a building in Uluberia is not yet finished, contrary to a statement in the Commission's minutes. The Commission is no longer involved in supporting fish farming.

**Stewardship:** Jim Moss, Jr. reported the Endowment Committee allocated \$4000 for grants to Mechanicsburg Church of God and Mt. Pleasant Church of God.

**ON MOTION ACCEPTED** the reports of the Commissions.

### **Corporations Reports**

**Church of God Home, Forever Caring Fund** – No oral report

**Doubling Gap Center** – No oral report

**Home Mission Council** – Jim Brandt reported the Home Mission Council, Inc. is healthy financially. It had a net income of \$87,000 in 2016. \$650,000 are available to loan. HMC, Inc. is open to more investments. All loan payments are current. Brad Kearns, Ken Sollenberger, Dave Williams, Greg Nauman, Gary Shirley, Duane Bock and Tracy Miller serve on the HMC, Inc. Board of Trustees.

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the written reports of the Corporations.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS (\*No reports)**

**\*Cabinet**                    **\*Publicity**                    **\*Endowment**

**Conference Planning**    **\*Relocation**                    **\*Nominating**

**\*Constitution**                    **\*Discipline**                    **Strategic Planning**

**\*Obituary**                    **\*Pastoral Care**

### **ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**Adult Fellowship** – No oral report.

**Women's Ministries** – No oral report.

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the Organization Reports.

**Other Concerns/Action Items** - None

**Executive Session** – The members of the Transition Team were invited to join the AD Council in Executive Session. The Transition Team is serving as an advisory group for Kevin Richardson who is responsible for developing the strategic plan. The summaries of three meetings of the Transition Team were discussed extensively with many questions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Ad Council was **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 1:30 p.m. Jim Moss, Jr. closed in prayer. The next meeting is October 4, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the United Church Center.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John W. Selcher, Conference Secretary

**Items of Business from Commissions, Corporations, and Committees**  
**Approved by the Administrative Council on July 12, 2017.**

**Church and Pastor**

**Meeting No. 2, February 28, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the agenda for the day as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 1, January 24, 2017, as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** accepting with regret the resignation of William Smith from the Commission on Church and Pastor.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Pastor John Good's ministry status with Homeland Hospice.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** \$300.00 each be sent to Winebrenner Scotland in memory of Duane Sonny Putt and Lee Reed.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the resignation of Pastor Dale Miller from the Newburg Church of God effective May 5, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** paying for up to twelve people to attend a Healing Care Seminar on May 12-13 at Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church.

**Church and Pastor**

**Meeting No. 3, March 28, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the agenda for the day as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 2, February 28, 2017, as corrected.

**Church and Pastor**

**Meeting No. 4, May 1, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the resignation of Pastor James Lynn from the Beavertown and Cherry Grove Churches effective June 11, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** appointing Logan Ames as Pastor of Friendship Church effective July 6, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the retirement of Pastor Malcolm Martin from the Kennedy's Valley Church effective May 31, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** appointing Nancy Boyer as Intentional Interim at the Real Life Church.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** \$1265/month up to three months and \$650.00 for moving expenses for Charles Riley.

**Church and Pastor**

**Meeting No. 5, May 2, 2017**

- No motions were approved.

**Church Planting**

**Meeting No. 2, March 13, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from the January meeting.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** January and February financial reports.

**Church Planting**

**Meeting No. 3, May 15, 2017**

- No motions were approved.

**Church Renewal**

**Meeting No. 2, February 14, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 1, January 10, 2017, as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** granting \$7500 from the Seed Fund toward fourth and fifth building payments for Iglesia Sanidad Divina upon receiving the current contract and contingent upon receiving the financial reports and legal counsel.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** referring to the Standing Committee how to reestablish credentials for Bill Sloat.

**Church Renewal**

**Meeting No. 3, April 11, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 2, February 14, 2017, as corrected.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** appointing Nancy Boyer to take the lead on the Nehemiah Project for the Maryland area churches.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** contracting with Bob Lane for this year @ \$1000, which is Commission on Renewal's portion.

**Church Renewal**

**Meeting No. 4, May 9, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 3, April 11, 2017, as corrected.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** contracting Nancy Boyer to coordinate Maryland Nehemiah Project for a maximum of \$3500 plus expenses.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** giving permission for Brownsville to sell their former bethel for approximately \$35,000.

**Church Renewal**

## **Meeting No. 5, June 12, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 4, May 9, 2017, as corrected.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** placing Woodbury Church of God under revitalization, and recommending Tom Gardner to be the Revitalization Pastor for 6 months, at which time the viability of the church will be assessed.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** paying Tom Gardner a contract package of \$2000 per month, and all financial assets of the church will be utilized.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** appointing Pastor Dick Warner as a voting member of the Woodbury Church of God Revitalization Council.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** recommending two or more members of the Woodbury Church of God Revitalization Council to come from the Bare Memorial Church of God.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** giving Dave Williams authorization on behalf of Commission on Renewal to approach other churches in support of Woodbury Church of God financially, as necessary.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** to giving permission to Iglesia Sanidad Divina to seek a loan for up to \$100,000 from Home Mission Council.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** giving Providence Church of God permission to seek a short-term loan of \$1,000,000 and a long-term loan of \$250,000.

## **Church Vocations**

### **Meeting No. 2, March 9, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 1, February 16, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** recommending to the Eastern Regional Conference in Session that Jason Smith receive life ordination.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Central Manor Church's moving forward with consideration of Scott Davis as Pastor.

## **Church Vocations**

### **Meeting No. 3, April 13, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 2, March 9, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** giving Pastor Earl Mills an honorarium of \$250 for speaking for the Ordination Service, plus travel expenses.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** recommending Jeff Harner to the Eastern Regional Conference in Session for life ordination.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** we affirm and support that women can be ordained to serve in pastoral ministry and positions of leadership. We affirm that this has been the position of the Churches of God since at least 1858. Therefore, a candidate must affirm and support this theological position to receive credentials. Upon approval of our minutes this action will be reported to the Conference in Session in May 2017, and a letter will be sent to all churches informing them of this action.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Jonathan Knaub is not approved to receive a license.

## **Church Vocations**

### **Meeting No. 4, May 11, 2017**

- By common consent it was agreed that Camp Hill Church can proceed with consideration of Jason Cooksey as pastor.

### **Discipleship**

#### **Meeting No. 2, February 22, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 1, January 25, 2017, as circulated.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Financial Report dated December 16, 2016.
- **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 11:43 a.m.

### **Discipleship**

#### **Meeting No. 3, March 22, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 2, February 22, 2017, as circulated.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Financial Report dated March 17, 2017.
- **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 10:55 a.m.

### **Evangelism**

#### **Meeting No. 2, March 27, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of the January 23, 2017, meeting.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Commission expenses.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** a grant of \$250.00 to the Yocumtown Church for their youth Roller Bowl event.

### **Leadership**

#### **Meeting No. 1, February 28, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from the December 13, 2016, meeting, as corrected.

### **Leadership**

#### **Meeting No. 2, April 11, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 1, February 28, 2017, as corrected.

### **Missions**

#### **Meeting No. 1, January 26, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of November 17, 2016, as corrected.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the financial report.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Commission's sponsoring the Buckets for Haiti project this year and encouraging churches to bring filled buckets to the ERC Conference in May.

### **Missions**

#### **Meeting No. 2, March 23, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of January 26, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the financial report.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the resignation of Martha Yerger from the ERC Commission on Missions.

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** changing the annual VBS mission project to an ERC project.

### **Missions**

#### **Meeting No. 3, May 25, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of March 23, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the financial report.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** using the 2016 VBS/Conference fish farming project monies received to fund the medical clinic.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** \$200 honorariums for the Commission Treasurer and Secretary.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Commission's providing Hornbakers \$400 each toward their mission trip to work with the Frazier Grove Church of God in Meridian, MS.

### **Stewardship**

#### **Meeting No. 2, April 13, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** awarding the following grants:
  - Mechanicsburg 1st COG: Backpack Program, \$2,000.
  - Mt. Pleasant COG: Mission on the Mount Outreach, \$2,000.
- **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting by e-mail voting.

### **Doubling Gap Center Corporation**

#### **Meeting No. 1, January 7, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of meeting #6, November 19, 2016, as corrected.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** accepting the Treasurer's Report.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** accepting the 2017 budget as presented, including rates and wages. There will be an increase of \$4.00 to \$212.00 for a week of camp; increase of \$2.00 to \$108.00 for non-Church of God week-end retreat; increase of \$2.00 to \$92.00 for Church of God week-end retreat.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the report of the December 29, 2016, Finance Committee meeting.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the report of the December 8, 2016, Building and Grounds meeting.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report.

### **Doubling Gap Center Corporation**

#### **Meeting No. 2, March 18, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of meeting #1, January 7, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** accepting the Treasurer's Report.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the report of the March 6, 2017, meeting of the Promotion and Publicity Committee.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the January 30, 2017, meeting of the Personnel Committee.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report including the following 2017 Summer Staff: Activity, Michael Baker; Craft, Maddy Kinney; Lifeguard, Rachel Sandman; Music, Hannah Britcher; Nature, Logan Engle; Technology, Alex Shearer; Wilderness Coordinator, Richelle Corty.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report.

### **Adult Fellowship**

No minutes were submitted.

**The Forever Caring Fund**

No minutes were submitted.

**Home Mission Council**

No minutes were submitted.

**Women's Ministries**

No minutes were submitted.

**Administrative Council**

**Meeting No. 6, October 4, 2017**

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at the United Church Center. J. W. Moss, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** K. E. Richardson, Executive Director; J. W. Moss, Jr., President; T. I. Myers, Vice President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; G. P. Breneman; C. A. Chute; J.A. Hornbaker; D. M. Masshardt; R. A. Scheuing; M. F. Schuch J. H. Starner; G. D. Thurston; C. J. Zahora. **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:** C. L. Jenkins; **STAFF:** C. P. Frank; D.S. Williams; C.S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory); H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary(Advisory); **ABSENT:** No one. **Visitors:** George Yerger; Steve Dunn

**DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER TIME** – R.A. Scheuing noted our country is extremely divided. He read 1 Corinthians 1:10. Unity in the church is vital. We need to be united in mind and thought. The ERC needs to mend and repair. He led in prayer. Jim Moss, Jr. prayed for concerns of members of the Ad Council.

**RECEIVING OF ANNUAL LICENSES**

Christina Gray, Anthony Pomfrey, and James Shaffer took vows and each received a Certificate of Annual License. Pastor Tom Myers prayed God's blessings on their lives and ministries.

**Approval of Request for WTS to have PTI Program Returned to ERC** – Brian Warner and Edward Rosenberry discussed a proposal to return the PTI program back to the ERC centered at the Scotland Campus. We also received a letter from Brent C. Sleasman, President, Winebrenner Theological Seminary, requesting a second chance to administer the PTI program right.

We will ask for more information before our January meeting from Ed Rosenberry and Brian Warner about how the costs of returning the program to the ERC would be paid. We do not want the program to be associated with the Scotland Campus. We want information from Ed Rosenberry and Brian Warner about the long-term vision for the program, who would oversee it, and recommendations for who would be on the board.

**Commission Reports**

**Church Vocations:** R. A. Scheuing reported the Commission wants to set a term limit on annual and provisional licenses granted by the ERC to be active for a maximum of seven years. The expectation is

that any candidate who is approved for an annual license and desires lifetime ordination will pursue ordination during this seven-year-period. ON MOTION, APPROVED tabling this request and referring it to the yet to be formed Credentialing and Placement Commission.

#### **Executive Session – Report of the Transition Team and Staff evaluations**

Chad Chute shared results of the evaluations of Dr. Kevin Richardson conducted by the Transition Team. Much discussion and many questions followed. The Administrative Council voted by ballot whether it had confidence in Kevin Richardson to implement a new strategic plan that would move the ERC significantly forward. A “yes” vote expressed confidence and a “no” vote a lack of confidence. The vote was two “yes” votes and ten “no” votes. The Ad Council will meet again on November 1, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. to consider next steps for the ERC. Tom Myers, Jim Moss, Jr. and Chad Chute will meet to develop next steps before the November 1, 2017, meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Ad Council was **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 12:45 p.m. Jim Moss, Jr. closed in prayer. The next meeting is November 1, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the United Church Center.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John W. Selcher, Conference Secretary

#### **Items of Business from Commissions, Corporations, and Committees Approved by the Administrative Council on October 4, 2017.**

##### **Church and Pastor**

###### **Meeting No. 7, June 27, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 6, May 23, 2017.

**ON MOTION, APPROVED** paying an additional amount of \$172.00 for moving expenses for Chuck Riley.

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the yoking of Kennedy’s Valley and Sheaffer’s Valley.

##### **Church Planting**

###### **Meeting No. 3, July 11, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of the May 15, 2017, meeting.

##### **Church Renewal**

###### **Meeting No. 6, July 11, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 5, June 12, 2017, as submitted.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** giving Swatara Church of God permission to sell office building to further ministry.
- **On MOTION APPROVED** giving Middletown Church of God permission to sell two small parcels of undeveloped land.

##### **Church Vocations**

###### **Meeting No. 5, June 8, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 4, May 11, 2017.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Alann Schmidt an annual license which will remain valid, pending successful completion of the ordination exam (both oral and written) within one year.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Bob Cassel an annual license.

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Dylan Smith an annual license.

### Church Vocations

#### **Meeting No. 6, July 13, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 5, June 8, 2017.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** assisting students who are currently enrolled in the M. Div. program at Winebrenner Seminary, Scotland Campus to continue the pursuit of their degree at Evangelical Seminary.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Chambersburg First Church of God the Apostolic Authority to grant ministry license under the current senior pastoral leadership.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** not granting Matt DeCampo a license now.

### Church Vocations

#### **Meeting No. 7, August 10, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 6, July 13, 2017.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED**, from this point forward, annual license will be valid for a maximum of 7 years with the expectation that an individual receiving an Annual License will pursue Life Ordination.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Commission secretary assuming responsibility to keep track of tuition payments paid by WTS students, and issue orders to reimburse their payments after their education is completed.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Christina Gray an annual license.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Anthony Pomfrey an annual license.

### Discipleship

#### **Meeting No. 4, May 24, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 3, March 22, 2017, as circulated.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the May 2017 Financial Report.

### Discipleship

#### **Meeting No. 5, June 28, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 4, May 24, 2017, as circulated.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the June 2017 Financial Report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** Dave Williams' ordering two sets of Xchange discipleship books for leaders.

### Evangelism

#### **Meeting No. 3, June 26, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 2, March 27, 2017.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the financial report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the following honorariums: \$200 Barb Maurice--Nehemiah Project, January 5, 2017; \$200 Mark Halliday-- They Like Jesus, Not the Church, April 29, 2017; also approved when dates completed: \$200 Steve Dunn—Contagious Christian, Duncannon; \$200 Barb Maurice –Nehemiah Project, July 13, 2017.

### Leadership

#### **Meeting No. 3, June 13, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 2, April 11, 2017.

### Missions

- No minutes were submitted.

### Stewardship

- No minutes were submitted.

### Doubling Gap Center Corporation

#### **Meeting No. 3, May 20, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of meeting #2, March 18, 2017.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting the Treasurer's Report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the offering of an appointment to Dirk Detweiler to a one-year term to the board.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the report of the April 24, 2017, Camp Committee meeting.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report.

### Doubling Gap Center Corporation

#### **Meeting No. 4, July 15, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of meeting #3, May 20, 2017.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting the Treasurer's Report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report.

### Adult Fellowship

No minutes were submitted.

### The Forever Caring Fund

No minutes were submitted.

### Home Mission Council

#### **Meeting No. 1, January 12, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of the October 27, 2016, meeting as corrected.
- By common consent it was decided to propose to Scotland Campus Inc.:
  - Beginning July 6, 2017 Scotland Campus will pay interest plus \$1000.00 per month on the original loan of \$1,250,000.00. The balance of this loan is still to be paid off by May 6, 2034.
  - Amortization on the \$350,000.00 boiler loan will begin June 2017 with the first payment being July 2017 retaining the original maturity date May 2025.
  - The cost to draft and record modifications will be paid by Scotland Campus Inc.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** retaining J. Brandt as Executive Director at \$650.00 per month for 25 hours of work plus expenses effective January 1, 2017.

### Home Mission Council

#### **Meeting No. 2, April 20, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of the January 12, 2017, meeting as submitted.

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the 2017-2018 Offering Circular.

### **Women's Ministries**

No minutes were submitted.

### **Administrative Council**

### **Meeting No. 7, November 1, 2017**

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at the United Church Center. J. W. Moss, Jr., President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** K. E. Richardson, Executive Director; J. W. Moss, Jr., President; T. I. Myers, Vice President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; G. P. Breneman; C. A. Chute; J.A. Hornbaker; D. M. Masshardt; R. A. Scheuing; M. F. Schuch; G. D. Thurston; C. J. Zahora. **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:** None. **STAFF:** C. P. Frank; D.S. Williams; C.S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory); H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary(Advisory); **ABSENT:** C. L. Jenkins, J. H. Starner. **Visitors:** None.

**DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER TIME** – J. W. Moss, Jr. read 1 Cor 4:1-2. Those whom God has given a trust must prove faithful. Life is not about us. We are first servants of Christ. We must fulfill God's purpose for our lives. We follow his word and the leading of his Spirit. J. W. Moss, Jr. led in prayer.

### **2018 BUDGET**

**ON MOTION, APPROVED** the 2018 budget of \$788,000 broken down as follows: Support Ministries - \$318,000; Church Health - \$78,300; Disability Insurance - \$23,000; Multiplication - \$193,838; Pastoral Health - \$43,600; Credentialing & Placement - \$ 106,300; CGGC/ERC Conference Sessions - \$ 10,000 plus \$14,962 undistributed.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**Dr. Richardson** – Dr. Richardson did not have anything to add to his written report.

**D. S. Williams** – D. S. Williams shared details about churches that need a pastor and those that no longer do.

**Chuck Frank** – Chuck Frank reported on the church planting dinners, the XChange Discipleship Program, good things happening at Higher Hope Church, a forthcoming boot camp, and on what is happening with April Ocasio's ministry.

**Finance Manager:** Colleen Gross reported as of September 30<sup>th</sup> commissions have underspent by \$32,000 compared to budget.

**Financial Secretary:** Frank Arva reported that year to date ERC tithe income is 1/3 of 1 percent below budget as of October 31, 2017.

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the written and verbal reports of the staff.

### **Commission Reports**

**Church & Pastor:** Dave Williams reported on the work of the commission.

**Church Planting:** G. D. Thurston reported Victor Glover has a more permanent facility in Warsaw, NC.

**Church Renewal:** Dave Williams reported on the possibility of Reality Church purchasing a former elementary school.

**Church Vocations:** Rodger Scheuing reported Theological Study day is November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Discipleship:** Dave Williams reported on the Prayer and Pulse Retreats.

**Evangelism:** C. J. Zahora reported the Commission is planning for the 2018 Summit on February 24, 2018.

**Leadership:** This commission will not be meeting any more.

**Missions:** Greg Breneman reported on the work of the commission.

**Stewardship:** Jim Moss, Jr. reported the commission has not met recently.

**ON MOTION ACCEPTED** the reports of the Commissions.

#### **Corporations Reports**

**Church of God Home, Forever Caring Fund** – No oral report

**Doubling Gap Center** – DGC is rejoicing that finances are at the same place they were before the cabin project, and that project is completed. Summer YoliJwa Camps were very well attended. Part of the forest owned by DGC will be logged out.

**Home Mission Council** – Dave Williams said the Council needs someone to sign a document. He talked about issues concerning loans to Scotland Campus, INC.

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the written reports of the Corporations.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** (\*No reports)

**\*Cabinet \*Publicity \*Endowment**

**Conference Planning \*Relocation \*Nominating**

**\*Constitution \*Discipline Strategic Planning**

**\*Obituary \*Pastoral Care**

#### **ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**Adult Fellowship** – No oral report.

**Women's Ministries** – No oral report.

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the Organization Reports.

#### **Other Concerns/Action Items - None**

**Executive Session – ON MOTON, APPROVED** a severance package for Dr. Kevin Richardson. He will complete his service as Executive Director on November 24, 2017. He will purchase from the ERC the car he drove as Executive Director, and the ERC will donate to him the laptop he used. The ERC will pay him six months full compensation as part of the severance package. Because of his faithful service for many years, we are sharing these details.

**ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing Jim Moss, Jr. as Interim Executive Director effective November 24, 2017, upon his resignation as President of the ERC. He will not be eligible to serve as the next Executive Director. He will receive no financial compensation for the position. He will continue to serve as Pastor of the Eberly's Mill Church.

**ON MOTION, APPROVED** a special meeting of the ERC in Session on January 6, 2018, at the Carlisle Church of God from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The snow date is January 13, 2018.

**ON MOTION, APPROVED** Tom Myers; Jim Moss, Jr; Chad Chute; Charles Zahora; Gilbert Thurston; Joyce Hornbaker and Lance Finley (ex-officio member) for the Search Committee for the next Executive Director of the ERC.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Administrative Council was **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 11:30 a.m. Jim Moss, Jr. closed in prayer. The next meeting is January 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the United Church Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Selcher,  
Conference Secretary

#### **Administrative Council**

#### **Meeting No. 1, January 10, 2018**

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at the United Church Center. T. I. Myers, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** J. W. Moss, Jr., Interim Executive Director; T. I. Myers, President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; G. P. Breneman; C. A. Chute; J.A. Hornbaker; D. M. Masshardt; R. A. Scheuing; M. F. Schuch; J. H. Starner; G. D. Thurston; C. J. Zahora. **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:** C. L. Jenkins. **STAFF:** C. P. Frank; D.S. Williams; **ABSENT:** H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary(Advisory); C.S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory). **Visitors:** Steve Dunn, Thomas Gardner, P. Dennis Koontz, Steve Long, Brent Sleasman, Michael Walker.

**DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER TIME** – T. I. Myers read Ezra 8:21-23. Ezra fasted and prayed. Tom challenged the Administrative Council members to fast and pray before Saturday's Special Conference Session. The Administrative Council spent time in prayer with everyone in the room praying.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Minutes for Meeting No. 7, November 1, 2017, were reviewed and **ON MOTION APPROVED** as circulated.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Letter from George Yerger**

**ON MOTION APPROVED** the Commission on Missions' request that the \$1000 set aside for Kevin and Ruth Richardson's trip to India and Bangladesh that is now in the ERC Discretionary Fund be sent to Cross-Cultural Ministries in Findlay, Ohio, to be distributed, \$500 to our work in India and \$500 to our work in Bangladesh, to be applied to those ministries at the discretion of CCM.

#### **PRIORITY BUSINESS**

##### **Report on Doubling Gap Center** – See Corporations Reports

**PTI Program** – Michael Walker suggested a Ministry Training Institute (MTI) take over the educational development currently done through the PTI program which Winebrenner Seminary administers. Dr. Brent Sleasman, President of Winebrenner Seminary, said the seminary will significantly revise the PTI program, emphasizing on-line learning and working through local churches. Winebrenner Seminary

would like to work with the ERC to develop non-degree training. **ON MOTION RECOMMENDED** MTI, CGGC and Winebrenner Seminary meet to discuss educational development. Depending on the outcome of the conversation among the three, MTI has permission to do market research, if necessary.

**Approval of 2018 Nominating Committee Report – ON MOTION APPROVED** the recommendations of the Nominating Committee of the Eastern Regional Conference for elections to be held April 16-18, 2018, at ERC Sessions.

**Approval of 2018 Staff Housing Allowance – ON MOTION APPROVED** the housing allowances David Williams, Charles Frank, Victor Glover and Richard Thornton requested.

#### **Report on Special Session – January 13, 2018**

Jim Moss, Jr. gave an overview of the reason for the amendments to the current constitution that will be considered at the January 13, 2018, Special Conference Session. Steve Dunn reported the Constitution Committee will present a new constitution at Conference Sessions April 16-18, 2018. He reviewed the proposed amendments that will be submitted for approval at the Special Session of Conference on January 13, 2018.

#### **Search Committee**

Jim Moss, Jr. reported the Search Committee is developing a profile for the next Executive Director. Jim projected it will take four or five months to complete the hiring process.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

**J. W. Moss, Jr.** – J. W. Moss, Jr. has asked the staff to develop goals and objectives.

**D. S. Williams** – D. S. Williams is working on developing new commissions. The Church Health Commission will be doing church checkups. Dave is working with Dale Miller to get the Pastoral Health Commission up and running.

**C. P. Frank** – C. P. Frank reported on a 3-D approach to multiplication. He talked about the Evangelism Workshop.

**Finance Manager:** Jim Moss, Jr. reported income exceeded spending in 2017 by \$59,619.54. **ON MOTION APPROVED** placing \$59,619.54 in the Administrative Council Discretionary fund. Colleen Gross will oversee communications for the ERC.

**Financial Secretary:** H. F. Arva wasn't at the meeting but reported income for 2017 was under budget by .42 of 1 percent. The total tithe in 2017 was \$14,345 more than in 2016 (+1.88%).

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the written and verbal reports of the staff.

**Commission Reports** – There were no verbal reports.

**Church & Pastor:** C. L. Jenkins

**Church Planting:** G. D. Thurston

**Church Renewal:** T. I. Myers

**Church Vocations:** Rodger Scheuing

**Discipleship:** J. H. Starner

**Evangelism:** C. J. Zahora

**Leadership:** C. A. Chute

**Missions:** G. P. Breneman

**Stewardship:** J. W. Moss, Jr.

**ON MOTION ACCEPTED** the reports of the Commissions.

### **Corporations Reports**

**Church of God Home, Forever Caring Fund** – No report

**Doubling Gap Center** – Steve Long reported on DGC's ministry. 2017 had the highest participant count in Yolijwa camps history. The First Aid Room was renovated and two new first floor bedroom suites were completed. In 2018, the porch will be improved, a new water treatment system will be installed and both girl's dorm restrooms will be renovated. Necessary work will take place to rebuild the dam breast spillway. DGC had a record year for revenue in 2017. Wilderness Camps had a record attendance in 2017 as did the Father-Son Minicamp.

**Home Mission Council** – No report

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the written reports of the Corporations.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS (\*No reports)**

**\*Cabinet \*Publicity \*Endowment**

**Conference Planning \*Relocation \*Nominating**

**\*Constitution \*Discipline Strategic Planning**

**\*Obituary \*Pastoral Care**

The Conference Planning Committee will organize breakout sessions around Church Health, Pastoral Health and Church Multiplication.

### **ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**Adult Fellowship** – No verbal report

**Women's Ministries** – No verbal report

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the Organization Reports.

### **Other Concerns/Action Items - None**

**Executive Session** – By common consent 2018 salaries of ERC staff will remain the same as in 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Administrative Council was **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 12:12 p.m. T. I. Myers closed in prayer. The next meeting is a Special Session of Conference, January 13, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the Carlisle Church of God. The next regular meeting is April 4, 2018, at the United Church Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Selcher, Conference Secretary

### **Items of Business from Commissions, Corporations, and Committees**

**Approved by the Administrative Council on January 10, 2018.**

#### **Church and Pastor**

**Meeting No. 8, August 22, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the agenda for the day as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 7, June 22, 2017, with corrections.

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** giving Charles Hostetter approved ministry status for working at Messiah Village.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** certifying Charles Riley for retirement, effective August 22, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** certifying Dennis Hamsher for retirement, effective October 1, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** certifying Robert Malick for retirement, effective August 21, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** giving up to \$500.00 from the Contingency Fund to support counseling for a pastor.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** helping Pastor Don Price with his hospitalization while he seeks employment by giving him \$450.00 per month for up to three months.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Jason Cooksey as pastor of the Camp Hill Church pending receipt of a contract.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Nancy Boyer to serve as the intentional interim pastor at Real Life Church, effective September 1, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Don Price as the intentional interim pastor at Washington Boro Church, effective September 17, 2017.

### **Church and Pastor**

#### **Meeting No. 9, September 26, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the agenda for the day as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 8, August 22, 2017, as circulated.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** John Good's retirement, effective September 26, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** sending Richard Frederick's church \$1000 from the contingency fund to help with repair on the building.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Pastoral Search Packet with changes as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Bruce Henneman's retirement, effective December 31, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Chuck Riley as part-time pastor at Altoona 1<sup>st</sup> Church, effective September 17, 2017, pending receipt of contract.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Cherry Grove Church's calling Alan Schmidt as pastor, pending receipt of contract.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Harry Madison's resigning as pastor of the South Fairview Church, effective December 31, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Dr. Dean VanderWiele's serving as full time pastor at the Lancaster Church, pending receipt of contract.

### **Church Planting**

#### **Meeting No. 4, October 23, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 3, July 11, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** transferring the remaining \$75,000 from Home Mission Council account to the Multiplication & Church Planting account.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Victor Glover's proposal 1 for funds to get into the Warsaw, NC campus location.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Victor Glover's proposal 2 with changes, for funds to assist startup income initiatives towards becoming self-sustaining through the Warsaw, NC campus location.

## Church Planting

### **Meeting No. 5, December 4, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 4, October 23, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Rich Thornton's and Victor Glover's annual contracts for 2018 at the same rates as 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** securing Tracey Utermahlen as Administrative Coordinator at the same hourly rate for 2018 as it was for 2017.

## Church Renewal

### **Meeting No. 8, September 12, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 7, August 8, 2017, as presented.

## Church Renewal

### **Meeting No. 9, October 10, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 8, September 12, 2017, as corrected.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** confirming the email vote giving Churchtown approval to get a loan to replace the heating system.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** sending J. Guyler to National Intentional Interim Network training November 1-2 in Maryland for an expense of \$600 or less.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** sending N. Boyer to the Q Conference in Nashville, TN, April 11-13, 2018 with an expense of \$500 or less.

## Church Renewal

### **Meeting No. 10, November 14, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 9, October 10, 2017, as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** giving Real Life Church of God approval to repair their roof for a loan up to \$50,000.

## Discipleship

### **Meeting No. 7, September 27, 2017**

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 6, August 16, 2017, as circulated.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the most recent financial report, dated September 2017.
- **ON MOTION, we ADJOURNED** at 11:00 a.m.

## Evangelism

### **Meeting No. 4, September 25, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 3, June 26, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** commission expenses.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** a \$400.00 honorarium and a \$300.00 advance for expenses for Tracy Utermahlen, and \$500.00 to the Carlisle Church for use of their facilities.

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** disbursing \$241.00 to Greg Hench for expenses for the Youth Day at Doubling Gap Center, and \$250.00 for a youth event for Reality Church of God.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** disbursing an additional \$500.00 to the Commission on Church Planting for the Exponential Summit.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** not meeting again unless the chairman deems it necessary.

### **Leadership**

#### **Meeting No. 4, August 15, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** recommending to the Ad Council, the dissolution of the Commission on Leadership after the August meeting to give the Strategic Planning group and Ad Council the freedom to move forward with the reorganization.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the amended minutes of Meeting No. 3, June 13, 2017, to include the recommendation for dissolution of the Commission on Leadership.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Kevin Richardson's request to cover the meal costs for the GLS attendees at the Harrisburg site.

### **Missions**

#### **Meeting No. 4, September 28, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 3, May 25, 2017, as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the financial report as corrected.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** contributing \$500 to each of the four ERC district mission rallies.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** reimbursing the McIntyres \$640 for the expense incurred in getting school supply buckets out of customs in Haiti.

### **Missions**

#### **Meeting No. 5, November 16, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 4, September 28, 2017, as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the financial report.
- **ON MOTION RECOMMENDED** the \$1,000 set aside for Kevin and Ruth Richardson's trip to India and Bangladesh be disbursed to those ministries, \$500 to each country.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** applying the remaining Commission on Missions funds, after all expenses are paid, to the support of Devin and Tabitha Dillinger in New Mexico in honor of George Yerger's service to the Commission on Missions.

### **Doubling Gap Center Corporation**

#### **Meeting No. 5, September 16, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of meeting No. 4, July 15, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** accepting the treasurer's report.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the report of the Camp Committee's meeting on September 11, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report, including the 2018 schedule, the proposed list of 2018 directors to be contacted for service and the establishment of a new 2018 7th grade wilderness camp.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report, including authorization of an

upgrading of our porch at a projected cost of \$35,000.00, and the addition of an acid-water treatment system and a new pressure reducing valve on the main waterline, using Negley's Clean Water Center, possibly at a projected total cost of \$25,000.00.

**Senior Life Fellowship**

No minutes were submitted.

**The Forever Caring Fund**

No minutes were submitted.

**Home Mission Council**

No minutes were submitted.

**Women's Ministries**

No minutes were submitted.

## Administrative Council

## Meeting No. 2, April 4, 2018

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at the United Church Center. T. I. Myers, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** J. W. Moss, Jr., Interim Executive Director; T. I. Myers, President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; G. P. Breneman; J.A. Hornbaker; D. M. Masshardt; R. A. Scheuing; M. F. Schuch; J. H. Starner; G. D. Thurston; C. J. Zahora. **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:** None. **STAFF:** H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary(Advisory); C. P. Frank; C.S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory). D.S. Williams; **ABSENT:** C. A. Chute; C. L. Jenkins. **Visitors:** Steve Dunn, Lance Finley, Ed Rosenberry, Rich Thornton.

**DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER TIME** – C. S. Gross read Scripture and talked about traveling light and stay in the present moment lest we miss what God is doing now.

### REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes for Meeting No. 1, January 10, 2018, were reviewed and **ON MOTION APPROVED** as circulated.

Minutes for the Special Session of Conference, January 13, 2018, were reviewed and **ON MOTION APPROVED** as circulated.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Letter Transferring Credentials

**ON MOTION APPROVED** transferring the ordination of Pastor Matthew Eding to the Great Lakes Conference from the Eastern Regional Conference in accord with their request and recommending Pastor Eding to their fellowship and care.

### PRIORITY BUSINESS

**MTI Proposal** – The proposal includes charging \$50/credit hour instead of \$150/credit hour. **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Ministry Training Institute concept.

**Lance Finley, CGGC Executive Director** – CGGC is focusing on reconciliation between the General Conference and local conferences. Discussion focused on four questions. What's working? What's not working? What's missing? What's confused? We as ERC churches need to think more about the big picture than our own silo. We need leadership that pulls churches together. World missions is a vital ministry of the General Conference. General Conference needs to communicate the benefits it can provide for local conferences. What would it look like if regionalization really worked? Various suggestions were offered. Tom Myers prayed for Lance and his ministry.

**New Constitution** - Steve Dunn reported on the new Constitution & By-Laws of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference. **ON MOTION APPROVED** John Culbertson, Nancy Boyer, Becky Jarrett, Steve Dunn, Alan Mathna and Ron Dull as members of the Constitution Committee.

**Conference Schedule** – Jim Moss, Jr. gave an overview of plans for Conference Sessions.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**J. W. Moss, Jr.** – J. W. Moss, Jr. had no additional report.

**D. S. Williams** – D. S. Williams has been working on getting new commissions going and helping commissions work together.

**C. P. Frank** – C. P. Frank talked about the concept of micro-churches. **ON MOTION APPROVED** bringing in New Dimensions Church as an associate member of the ERC.

**Finance Manager**: C. S. Gross reported on the ERC financial picture.

**Financial Secretary**: H. F. Arva reported that year to date our tithe receipts are \$15,090 or 7.8% above budget and we are \$14,915 or 7.71% above last year.

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the written and verbal reports of the staff.

## **Commission Reports**

**Church Health** – No report

**Credentialing & Placement** – No report

**Multiplication** – No report

**Pastoral Health** – T. I. Myers reported the focus will be on the pastoral family.

**Church & Pastor**: No report

**Church Planting**: No report

**Church Renewal**: No report

**Church Vocations**: No report

**Discipleship**: No report

**Evangelism**: No report

**Leadership**: No report

**Missions**: No report

**Stewardship**: No report

**ON MOTION ACCEPTED** the reports of the Commissions.

## **Corporations Reports**

**Church of God Home, Forever Caring Fund** – No report

**Doubling Gap Center** – No verbal report

**Home Mission Council** – No report

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the written reports of the Corporations.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (\*No reports)**

**\*Cabinet \*Publicity \*Endowment**

**Conference Planning \*Relocation \*Nominating**

**\*Constitution \*Discipline Strategic Planning**

**\*Obituary \*Pastoral Care**

## **ORGANIZATION REPORTS**

**Adult Fellowship** – No verbal report

**Women's Ministries** – No verbal report

**ON MOTION RECEIVED** the Organization Reports.

**Other Concerns/Action Items** - None

**Executive Session** – Jim Moss, Jr. reported on the search committee process regarding the next Executive Director. Interviewing will take place after Conference Sessions. Jim reported observations about the work of ERC staff members.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Administrative Council was **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 12:12 p.m. The next meeting is April 18, 2018, at Doubling Gap Center following ERC Conference Sessions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John W. Selcher, Conference Secretary

## **Items of Business from Commissions, Corporations, and Committees**

**Approved by the Administrative Council on April 4, 2018.**

### **Church Health**

**Meeting No. 1, January 30, 2018**

- Wayne Pope is the chairperson by action of the Administrative Council. By common consent Steve Dunn was chosen as commission secretary and Jim Klock as financial secretary.

### **Church Health**

**Meeting No. 2, March 6, 2018**

- By common consent, the minutes from January 30, 2018 were approved as corrected.
- By common consent it was agreed to adopt the procedure from the former Commission on Evangelism that once the minutes were circulated by email to the commission members, there would be one week to correct them and afterwards the minutes would be considered approved and forwarded to the Ad Council.
- A spread sheet for tracking Healthy Church Check-Ups and the related information was presented by Dave and Mark. After review and additions, this spread sheet format was approved.

### **Church and Pastor**

**Meeting No. 10, October 24, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the agenda for the day as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 9, September 26, 2017.
- **ON MOTION ACCEPTED** the resignation of Dean White effective October 1, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Dick Miller as intentional interim pastor at Smithville effective November 1, 2017.

### **Church and Pastor**

**Meeting No. 11, December 5, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the agenda for the day as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 10, October 24, 2017, with corrections.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Jack Selcher's request for retirement from Stone Glen Church effective November 1, 2018.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** receiving the resignation of Pastor James Moss, Jr. from the Eberly's Mill Church, effective March 4, 2018.
- **ON MOTION TABLED** discussion of question of where to send memorial gifts until the next meeting.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** ministry status for Jason Smith as Personnel and Community Support Gordonville EMS.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Alann Schmidt as Pastor at Cherry Grove effective January 1, 2018.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Pastor Jim Moss, Jr. as pastor of Newburg Church of God, pending receipt of contract, effective March 12, 2018.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Steve DiBiase as Pastor of United Worship Experience at Chambersburg effective January 1, 2018.
- **ON MOTION TABLED** until next month consideration of Plainfield Church's hiring Jim Klock, the current interim.
- **ON MOTION TABLED** until next meeting a proposal to go to Ad Council for a return of the PTI program to the ERC since the Scotland Campus no longer offers PTI.

### **Multiplication and Church Planting**

#### **Meeting No. 1, January 22, 2018**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of the December 4, 2017 minutes.
- They discussed the focus, goals, values, functions and challenges of the commission.

### **Multiplication and Church Planting**

#### **Meeting No. 2, February 9,10, 2018**

- The scope of the commission is to determine how to multiply disciples, leaders, ministries, and churches.
- The top three core values of the Commission include being Spirit-led and Scripture-based, Kingdom thinking and disciples making disciples.
- Goals for the future include:
  - Re-structure future Multiplication Meeting agendas.
  - Create task lists, possible sub-committees
  - Identify and Partner with Churches who multiply
  - Partner with "Church Health Commission"
  - Connect with previous commissions for consultations. (i.e. Previous Commissions on Discipleship, Evangelism, Renewal, and Leadership)
  - Begin defining terms

### **Church Renewal**

No additional minutes were submitted.

**Commission on Vocations**  
**Meeting No. 8, September 14, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 7, August 10, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Commission on Vocations endorses the proposal to have the ownership and administration of PTI program returned to the ERC.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** Jim Shaffer's receiving an annual license, with the provision that Pastor Mark Halliday serve as his mentor.

**Commission on Vocations**  
**Meeting No. 9, October 12, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 8, September 14, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** providing \$1,000 to assist Chaplain Beth McGraw take a class.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** granting Ron Wilson a Transitional Credential to pursue a pastoral position within the ERC.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** granting Matt DeCampo an annual license.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** recommending Matthew Hornberger to the Eastern Regional Conference for life ordination.

**Commission on Vocations**  
**Meeting No. 10, November 9, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 9, October 12, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** inviting Pastor Judd Spencer to speak for the 2018 Ordination service.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** recommending Logan Ames to the Conference in Session for life ordination.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** granting Scot Davis a transitional license.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** recommending Dustin White to the Conference in Session for life Ordination.

**Commission on Vocations**  
**Meeting No. 11, December 21, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 10, November 9, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** not recommending Dory Crater for Life Ordination at this time.

**Commission on Vocations**  
**Meeting No. 1, January 11, 2018**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 11, December 21, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** recommending John Cook to the conference in session for life ordination.

**Commission on Vocations**  
**Meeting No. 2, February 8, 2018**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 1, January 11, 2018.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** recommending Pastor Linda Rosenberry to the conference in session for life ordination.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** granting Adam Shawver a transitional license, contingent upon membership.

#### **Discipleship**

Minutes of all meetings have previously been submitted.

#### **Evangelism**

Minutes of all meetings have previously been submitted.

#### **Missions**

Minutes of all meetings have previously been submitted.

#### **Doubling Gap Center Corporation**

##### **Meeting No. 6, November 18, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the corrected minutes of meeting No. 5, September 16, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** accepting the treasurer's report.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report, including the approval to contact a possible couple to serve as directors for the new 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Wilderness Camp, and for

Tracy

Miller, Mount Joy Church of God to co-direct the current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Wilderness Camp along with Justin

Neideigh, the summer camp theme of "Fortress," with the theme verse Psalm 94:22, and the moving of

the Mother and Daughter weekend to Sunday-Monday, August 12-13, 2018.

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report, including approval of an appreciation gift to staff member Dan Graham for thirty years of service.

#### **Doubling Gap Center Corporation**

##### **Meeting No. 1, January 6, 2018**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of meeting No. 6, November 18, 2017.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** accepting the treasurer's report.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the 2018 budget as presented, including rates and wages, and keeping the same rental policies as 2017. There will be an increase of \$2.00 to \$214.00 for a week of camp; increase of \$2.00 to \$110.00 for non-Church of God week-end retreat; increase of \$1.50 to \$93.50 for Church of God week-end retreat.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report.

#### **Senior Life Fellowship**

No minutes were submitted.

### **The Forever Caring Fund**

No minutes were submitted.

### **Home Mission Council**

#### **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, Annual Meeting July 27, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of the April 20, 2017 meeting as presented.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** affirming the May e-mail vote to approve Duane Bock and Tracy Miller as Board members.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** affirming the May 25, 2017 e-mail vote to amend by-laws to read, "The Board of Trustees (the "Board") will consist of five (5) to nine (9) members."
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** affirming the May 24, 2017 e-mail vote to approve six-month interest only payments for Woodbury Church of God.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** B. Kearns as President.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** G. Nauman as Vice President.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** D. Williams as Secretary.

### **Home Mission Council**

#### **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, October 24, 2017**

- **ON MOTION APPROVED** the minutes of the July 27, 2017 meeting as corrected.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** affirming the email vote to grant Sanidad Divina a mortgage for \$100,000 at 5% fixed for five years, amortized over 20 years. This will be a payment of \$659.96.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** granting the Churchtown Church of God a mortgage to replace their furnace for \$32,000 at 5 1/4% fixed for 5 years amortized over 10 years. This will be a payment of \$343.33.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** contingent upon Renewal commission approval, offering Providence Church a \$250,000.00 mortgage at a rate of 5% fixed for 5 years amortized over 10 years.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** contingent upon Renewal commission approval, consolidating the current loans for Real Life Church of God with HMC, PNC and a private roof loan not to exceed \$350,000.00 which would also include future roof work. We request invoices by contractor before this additional amount would be approved. This would be interest only at 5% through June 30, 2018 amortization to begin July 1, 2018 fixed for 3 years amortized over 20 years. First principal and interest payment would begin August 2018.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** extending the interest only payments on the Woodbury COG mortgage until July 2018.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** renewing the interest rate for Friendship Community Church of God at the current rate at 5.5%.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** renewing the interest rate for Mt. Pleasant COG at the fixed rate of 5.5% retroactive to September 2016 for three years.
- **ON MOTION APPROVED** renewing the contract with James Brandt as the Executive Director January 1, 2018. His monthly rate will increase from \$650 per month to \$750.00 per month.

### **Women's Ministries**

No minutes were submitted.





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## Director of Church Health Report

For the past year, I have been drawn to Romans 12:1-2, especially the phrase, “be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” It seems that God is in the process of making things new within the ERC. As we are live into the strategic plan of working together to create healthy-life giving missional communities, lead by healthy life-giving pastors, served by healthy life-giving conference leaders, many new things have begun, and I trust God will renew us as we journey with Jesus.

Since the first of the year, I have been developing the Church Health Commission, helping formulate the Pastoral Health Commission and, following the conference sessions, starting the Credentialing and Placement Commission. At the same time, the regular work needs done. Pastors retire or follow God’s call to another place of service. Pastors need care, counsel and prayer. Discipling relationships deepen. Churches seek guidance in living out God’s mission. Conflicts arise between believers which need settled. The physical and the spiritual battles continue. This is neither a lament, nor a complaint, rather a statement of being. As new ministry areas begin, the typical ministry continues. A change creates internal transitions, which God turns into transformation, a renewed mind with a new way of living.

I am excited about the new ministries occurring within the commissions. There seems to be a willingness to embrace new ideas so we can be faithful to God’s mission. We are developing ways to work together within the commissions, for churches to help each other and for pastors to learn from one another. The Church Health Commission has begun conducting healthy church check-ups. Our goal is to meet with every congregation by mid-2020. The purpose of these visits is to develop relationships with each congregation and to learn from one another during the two hour on site visit. Three new ConNEXTion groups have been formed, with three more to start by the end of this year. In addition, ways to train our pastors to be more effective are being investigated. The Pastoral Health Commission is investigating ways to not only help the pastors be more life-giving but ways to care for spouses and children. The Credentialing and Placement Commission, though no formal meetings have occurred yet, through informal meetings goals have been formulated, and we look forward to improving the way we credential, support, track, provide formal theological education, and place pastors. Also the Multiplication Commission is challenging us to investigate how all of the commissions will work together and not duplicate ministries. Much has been accomplished in the past year. We are not finished, but progress is being made toward becoming healthy and life-giving.

- Since Conference sessions last year I have
- Worshiped with 23 churches, preaching 28 times
- Counseled 34 congregations
- Visited, counselled and prayed with 38 pastors
- Taught 4 sessions of the Nehemiah Project.

Once again it has been a joy to serve God’s kingdom work through my service to the ERC and I look forward to see what God has in store for this coming year.

Yours in His service,

David S. Williams

## **2018 ERC Annual Conference Report: Chuck Frank and Rich Thornton**

### **2018 ERC CHURCH PLANTING/MULTIPLICATION REPORT**

We continue to see God doing amazing things in the ERC in 2017/2018!

- We are ordaining 5 church planters at this year's Annual Conference: Jimmy Grainger, Antoine Lassiter, Randall Hall Walker, Everett Spencer, and Reginald Byrden.
- Planning a Multiplication Boot Camps in Kannapolis, NC on May 4-5 and early November with emphasis on training in multiplying disciples, leaders, ministries, and churches.
- We held four multiplication summits in the last year: three with 360 Church's Pastor Steve McCoy concentrating on Discipleship Exchange, and one with Exponentials' Bill Couchenour giving us "Level 5" Multiplication training. WE also had 2 Boot camps, and two Exponential Church Multiplication conferences, and one Andy Stanley leadership training conference, giving us a total of 9 training events attracting 388 people from 52 churches.
- Took a group of 27 people to Exponential 2018 Conference in Orlando in February with the theme of Hero Maker.
- I (Chuck) have the privilege of being part of a national 25-person Exponential cohort focused on networking and multiplication with one gathering in 2017 and two more gatherings in 2018. Exponential Church Multiplication Movement is enabling us to receive coaching, and training through the largest multiplication and church planting organization in the world!
- We look forward to David Nelms, founder of The Timothy Initiative, which has planted almost 50,000 churches internationally, giving the keynote address at our ERC Annual Conference, as well as a multiplication workshop.
- Recommended Think Kingdom Planter/Pastor Antoine Lassiter to participate in a 75 person Exponential national cohort for young and emerging multiplication-minded leaders.
- Seeing our "Multiplication Vision" Conference-wide and Church Planting-wide sync together with a commitment to "Reach, Train, and Send" by multiplying disciples, leaders, ministries and churches!
- Starting to form multiplication-minded connection groups of pastor, leaders, and churches to spur on a movement of our ERC churches – both established and new – that will produce an exponential multiplication of disciples of Jesus Christ and an explosion of leaders and churches for the exponential growth of God's Kingdom!
- Being challenged to fuel the "multiplication explosion" with enough resources and pastoral leadership that buys into supplying and joining the movement. We have at least 4 churches and multiplication-minded planters in Chambersburg, Washington Boro, Robertsdale, Pa., Raleigh, Charlotte, and Elmira, NY.
- Formed a new ERC Multiplication Commission of fifteen people that sees our focus being in 4 specific areas: Multiplying disciple-makers, Leaders, Ministries, and New Churches.
- However the GREAT news is, we know a supernatural God is waiting for the supernatural moment to "show off" a response to our faith . . . a faith that just simply says: "Go . . . and multiply!"

Now here's what God has and is doing now in our twenty twenty initiative multiplication projects (Ephesians 3:20):

**Jeremy and Trish Cranmer launched HUB Church in Elmira, NY on Easter Sunday, 2018.** Already they had been building a team with a strong core from the sending church of Higher Hope in Horseheads, NY led by Michael Schooley. Because of the growing presence of Higher Hope Church who have moved into their own building, a community center was given to the church for continued daily ministries and now the **HUB Church**. It was

exciting to see the Hub (His United Body) launch on Easter Sunday with 91 in attendance. This new church meets in the Transformation Center, a community center in the real HUB for the community of Elmira.

**Dennis Regitz** has established [Home Faith Communities / House Churches in Pennsylvania](#). Their first group is in [Washington Boro](#) and they are hoping to multiply another Home Community in [Elizabethtown](#). They also are continuing to look to develop future leaders and home locations.

**Victor and Carliethia Glover** lead [Last Days World Outreach Ministries](#) in [Hillsborough, Warsaw, and Raleigh, North Carolina](#). The Warsaw location that had met in a home has secured a 24/7 rental facility that is being renovated for a public launch. The Raleigh location recently received a free rental space to hold worship and other events in including Fathers On The Move which is a major ministry begun by Victor Glover and his team. [Sisters on the Move](#) is a new organization under the leadership of his wife Carliethia and other women. Victor continues to mentor young pastors in the Southeast ERC as well as in PA and other places as well.

**April and Angel Ocasio** launched [Uplift Community Church of God in Halifax, PA](#) on February 5, 2017. The first Sunday of February in 2018 they celebrated one year of ministry. While continuing to draw people to worship with them and be part of bible study, a big part of Uplift is to have given away more than half of what they took in during 2017. They accomplished this by giving away 54% to be exact! What a generous people who God is blessing with new opportunities. This summer the church is taking a group of 12 on a mission trip to Niagara Falls.

**Everett and Carol Spencer** lead [New Dimensions Church in Newnan, GA](#) outside of Atlanta. The church meets for worship on Sunday mornings in Sky Zone, a trampoline park, where they use the café area and after worship the children can jump for free for an hour. Everett teaches an online Bible Study each week, there are prayer nights each month, and discipleship is being taught and modeled. They have just accepted becoming an ERC Associate Church.

**Larry and Trish Longenecker** lead [The Bridge of Hope Church in Womelsdorf, PA](#). They are filling up the building they use on Sundays and are looking at expansion possibilities. They had their largest attendance ever for Easter with 241 people attending. They have many small groups, do mission trips, and just had a big community Easter egg Hunt held in the town park.

**Antoine and Tonia Lassiter** continue to lead the [Think Kingdom Network](#) which includes [Think Kingdom Atlanta](#) and [Think Kingdom Austin](#) faith communities where groups meet and ministry takes place. This past fall Antoine merged the Think Kingdom Church he was leading with [Mission 217 in Kannapolis, NC](#). Details are still being worked out as this now very diverse congregation is spreading out to a larger community in a variety of settings.

**Mary Houston** leads [House of Restoration Church in Charlotte, NC](#). Once again, this year on Easter they fed many homeless and others in need in downtown Charlotte. They minister to many people including those with addictions, as they seek to see restoration happen in individual lives. Currently they are relocating to another building for their worship experiences and to work with community organizations who reach a diverse population.

**Reginald and Dorothy Byrden** lead [Grace Fellowship Church of Columbia, SC](#). The church has weekly Sunday morning worship and a Tuesday Empowerment Hour/Discipleship Training night. Reginald plans to multiply new ministries and churches as they have begun multiplying disciples and leaders.

**Randall and Birdella Hall-Walker** lead **Freedom Worship Center of Charlotte, NC**. Right now, they are focusing on building a team to relaunch the church. They just completed a month of every night worship in March as they move toward relaunching this Spring. Training is held each Sunday morning and adult classes are being readied along with a children's class for the relaunching of the church.

**Jimmy and Lana Grainger** lead **The Orchard Thomasville**. They meet one Saturday a month downtown to feed those in need and encourage people with music and a good Word. Weekend worship is a part of The Orchard as well. To date they have served over 7,000 meals! They have multiplied into a second city with a leader being sent out to begin **The Orchard Winston-Salem**. **John Stuckey** leads that group on Saturday mornings.

**George and Rebecca Spangler** lead **Turning Point Church of Mechanicsburg, PA**. They have weekly worship and many outreach opportunities along with children, teen, and adult activities and groups. A big Easter outreach was held and 210 attended Easter service! They have seen a growing increase in attendance and involvement and they have added a second pastor, **Bob White**. They are leading, and hosting an event along with Mechanicsburg First Church of God, with other churches to prepare more than 20,000 meals for Haiti in April.

**Gilbert and Lisa Thurston** lead **Exponential Church in the Harrisburg, PA area**. Growth is occurring as they encourage participants to not only come to church but be the church by starting ministries of their own. One on one discipleship is happening with the XChange multiplication and discipleship strategy.

**Jeff and Cindy Musser** lead **Reality Church in Robertsdale, PA**. They meet for worship and Bible Study each week and serve the community in various ways. They also are looking to plant another church and activate 7 potential future pastors in the future. Jeff also pastors Round Knob COG.

**Daniel and Paola Sanchez** lead **Iglesia Nuevo Comienzo in York, PA**. The church grew in 2017 and moved into a larger rental facility in November where they are holding worship, bible study, conferences, and events to reach out to the community. They have had special services and a kids camp and continue to impact their York community. They look to hold classes for English as a Second Language and also computer training.

**Stuart and Miriam Delony** serve **Lumen in Chapel Hill/Carrboro, North Carolina**. They minister to people with no faith and of various faiths and help them to take steps towards Jesus.

**Kelly Hall** is leading **The Gathering** which is now a "church within a church." A couple of months ago they lost their gym/community center facility in Newville, so the group now meets at Newburg COG on Sundays.

**Latino Ministries (Caleb and Christina Acosta)** are seeing God do amazing things. In 2017 they moved into a permanent building in **Columbia, PA** that they just purchased. In addition to serving as a church facility, it serves as a ministry training center and a clothes shelter.

**Dave Dormer** is relaunching **Real Life Church** in the Lebanon area with a Bible Study at a coffee shop called "A Bag of Chips" and envisions ministry focusing on singles.

**Deejay and Amber Roberts** are working to build a team to launch **Viszion Ministries in Charlotte NC** and to minister on campuses in the area.

**Kennard and Esung Weever** are working to plant **Innovation Park Church in the Atlanta, GA** area in Fall 2018. They have connected with a high school to jointly do activities for children and youth and help parents.

2018 promises more challenges and opportunities as our new ERC Strategic Plan is growing our 3D vision and focus to be more intentional about multiplication of disciples, leaders, ministries, and churches. Our current vision is going to be driven by a 3D engine of Discover, Develop, and Deploy. Specifically it will look like this:

- **Discover** and cast vision to the ERC region for a multiplication culture!
  - This will take place through vision casting and promotion on local and regional levels.
- **Develop** and train disciples, leaders, and churches in multiplication!
  - This will happen through internships, residencies, co-horts, and networks, utilizing national training conferences, multiplication learning communities, expert discipleship trainers, and ERC coaches and leaders
- **Deploy** disciples who are sent to multiply ministries and churches!
  - Disciples are SENT disciples and will be encouraged by pastors and churches, who embrace a “sending capacity” ministry philosophy ahead of a “seating capacity” vision. Scorecards and measurable multiplication goals will help determine and reveal the effectiveness of our 3D vision of the ERC filled with multiplying, healthy, life-giving churches and disciples!

We would like to help your church multiply disciples, leaders, ministries, and churches! Put on your 3D glasses and start seeing a NEW MAGNIFICENT VISION . . . that sees multiplying as the key!

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Colleen Gross  
Communications/Finance Director  
2017 Staff Report

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2017...

Wow...when looking back to write this summary of my year it feels like chaos. But the discovery: through chaos God creates, showing us more of himself and less of us. I like that.

I'd say the most encouraging part of the year was speaking to congregations regarding what God wants us to believe about generosity. We're beginning to knock down the walls of fear surrounding finances in our ministries. One of the churches I ministered to wrote to give a testimony of what happened after I spoke. During one of the messages they are told that if they are giving because they feel guilty, they should keep their money! What God desires is that your heart trusts and knows that He'll meet your need when you give your resources away! Here's what happened...

*I knew that God was using Colleen to speak to us about things to come, how to handle finances practically and spiritually BUT just as important, how to shepherd people to a rich, loving relationship with God through our giving. In a very loving way (per Colleen's instructions), I asked one individual why he had stopped giving. He immediately confessed to me that he had overextended himself financially and was drowning. He had stopped trusting God. He was literally giving out of obligation and fear. I could see and feel his pain; we had many more conversations and began working through shame and guilt; exposing the lies satan was feeding him.....Colleen didn't give us an excuse not to give but exposed satan's devices....She inspired us all from leaders to laypersons to question 'the why' and reasons we give.*

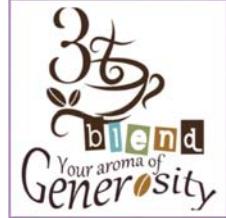
Note: after this pastor graciously walked beside this fearful giver, he returned to giving! Only God's love can do that! It's life-giving!

If there's any way I can help your ministry to be more life-giving, please reach out!

Privileged to serve,

*Colleen S. Gross*

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#### We can help...

- Generosity messages
- Accounting/IRS/Payroll assistance
- Business administration consulting
- Promotion of life within your body
- ACA Compliance

#### Some 2017 Highlights

- Generosity journey with 3 churches: Think Kingdom, Goldsboro, Smithville
- Individual generosity messages to: Living Faith, Landisburg, Friendship, Yocumtown, Duncannon, COG Home, MOPS, Elizabethtown, Uplift
- Met with Communications Directors from BIC & UCC
- Branding for ERC with beginnings of new website & logo
- Strategic Planning
- Nehemiah Project
- Church Network Convention with Communications emphasis
- Global leadership
- Treasurer transition for local ERC church in crisis

## Report of the Financial Secretary



There are many attributes of God we celebrate. We talk about God's love, mercy, forgiveness, long-suffering, etc. Another attribute of God is generosity. The God of creation shared all that was created with his greatest creation, you and me. Not only does he share creation but he shared himself in the incarnation and the ultimate act of generosity, the cross of Calvary. *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* (John 3:16 NIV)

In the October/November addition of the Church Advocate, Eric Ferguson from our Great Lake Region penned an article titled, "Unstoppable Generosity". In the article he talks about the Church being part of an unstoppable movement as empowered by Holy Spirit. This is evidenced in the Acts Church that distinguished itself by its generosity. As the Eastern Regional Conference Churches of God celebrates "Empowering Life Giving Ministry" let us never forget the essential part that generosity plays.

We praise God for the generosity of the Churches of the Eastern Regional conference. Tithes received from our churches in 2017 totaled \$1,523,643 and were distributed equally between the General and Eastern Regional Conference Churches of God. The Eastern Regional Conference portion of the tithe, \$761,822 was only slightly below the budgeted amount of \$765,000 and when taking into consideration those tithes received with a 2018 post mark we would have slightly exceeded budget for the year. Praise God for His faithfulness as seen through your generosity. Tithe receipts for the first quarter of 2018 totaled \$416,882 of which \$208,441 was allocated to the ERC. This amount exceeds our budget by approximately \$15,000.

As your Financial Secretary, part of my job is to make sure that the money your church sends to the Conference is properly accounted for and directed as you designate. To that extent, we ask that you carefully fill out the remittance form making sure that donations are properly identified as to where you want them to go. In the case of the General Conference mission items, please utilize the designated numbers that are provided by the General Conference.

If I or the ERC staff can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us. Be assured that you and your church are in our prayers. We believe that together we can make a difference in the world for the Lord.

Your servant,

*Frank*

H. Frank Arva,  
Financial Secretary





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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Previous YTD	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>						
4.005.002	Church & Pastor Tithe	1,034.32	12119.64	11,964.80	(35.20)	12,000.00
4.010.003	Ch & Pastor Contingency Tithe	691.79	8104.99	8,002.45*	2.45	8,000.00
4.020.015	Ch Planting Tithe	9,470.07	90821.48	109,547.93	(452.07)	110,000.00
4.030.007	Conference Ofc Tithe	10,087.98	111121.84	116,695.74	(436.26)	117,132.00
4.040.006	Conf Ofc Salaries/Ben. Tithe	32,963.91	378738.47	381,320.04	(1,472.96)	382,793.00
4.050.010	Evangelism Tithe	1,806.70	18179.44	20,899.55	(100.45)	21,000.00
4.050.101	Discipleship Tithe	953.72	10074.43	11,032.48	(67.52)	11,100.00
4.051.085	ERC/CGGC Conf. Sessions Tithe	772.38	9089.72	8,934.76	(65.24)	9,000.00
4.052.029	Hospitalization Tithe	429.85	5075.1	4,972.39	(27.61)	5,000.00
4.054.081	Leadership Commission Tithe	362.68	5075.1	4,195.46*	20.46	4,175.00
4.055.077	Mission Commission Tithe	644.77	7044.54	7,458.60	(41.40)	7,500.00
4.060.064	Pastoral Care Tithe	1,719.39	25223.97	19,889.56	(110.44)	20,000.00
4.063.082	Renewal Tithe	1,403.72	20224.64	16,237.95	(62.05)	16,300.00
4.070.011	Stewardship Tithe	947.01	11134.93	10,954.81	(45.19)	11,000.00
4.080.004	Vocations Tithe	3,875.34	45448.61	44,829.18	(170.82)	45,000.00
	<b>Total Tithe Income</b>	<b>\$67,163.63</b>	<b>\$757,476.90</b>	<b>\$776,935.70</b>	<b>(\$3,064.30)</b>	<b>\$780,000.00</b>

**2017 Zero Balancing Action - Administrative Council - 1-10**  
**Eastern Regional Conference COG - Harrisburg PA**

2017 Zero Balancing Action - Administrative Council - 1-10-18					
Account #	Account Name	Fund	Period Activity	YTD Balance	
<b>Fund Balance</b>					
3.020.002	Church & Pastor Fund	Church & Pastor	5,486.92	13,734.54	5,580.00
3.030.003	Church & Pastor-Contingency Fund	Church & Pastor-Contingency	241.79	1,919.71	
3.035.077	Missions Commission	Missions Commission	573.41	2,234.48	
3.040.004	Vocations Fund	Vocations	1,973.62	12,483.02	
3.060.006	Conf Ofc. Salaries/Benefits	Conf Ofc Salaries & Benefits	2,712.11	2,598.07	
3.070.007	Conference Office Fund	Conference Office	(2,394.29)	290.55	
3.100.010	Evangelism Fund	Evangelism	1,806.70	15,512.11	
3.103.101	Discipleship Fund	Discipleship	1,791.91	716.46	
3.105.082	Renewal Fund	Renewal Fund	1,255.19	7,463.40	
3.108.081	Leadership Fund	Leadership Task Force Fund	(1,037.32)	2,875.46	
3.110.011	Stewardship Fund	Stewardship & Finance	480.96	(200.51)	
3.210.064	Pension/Pastoral Care	Pension/Pastoral Care	8,300.10	5,572.25	
	<b>Total Unrest. Fund Balances</b>		<b>\$21,191.10</b>	<b>\$65,199.54</b>	<b>59,619.54</b>
3.134.085	ERC/CGGC Conference Sessions Fund	ERC/CGGC Conf. Sessions	772.38	5,991.69	
3.148.029	Health Insurance - Retirees	Hospitalization	4,927.89	20,316.22	
3.150.015	Church Planting Fund	Church Planting	73,175.88	31,566.59	
	<b>Total Conference Designated</b>		<b>\$78,876.15</b>	<b>\$57,874.50</b>	
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$100,067.25</b>	<b>\$123,074.04</b>	
	NOTE: \$5,580 under Church & Pastor is Clergy Couples Retreat income received in 2017 and expensed in 2018.				
	Action of Ad Council for remainder of \$59,619.54:				
	1/10/18: Ad Council voted to place the \$59,619.54 into the Administrative Council Discretionary Fund				
	01/10/2018				

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3.000.000	Unrestricted Fund Balance	158,837.80	0.00	0.00	15,323.00	174,160.80
3.010.001	All Relief Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.020.002	Church & Pastor Fund	11,058.00	19,340.80	16,664.26	(8,154.54)	5,580.00
3.030.003	Church & Pastor-Contingency Fund	0.00	8,167.45	6,247.74	(1,919.71)	0.00
3.035.077	Missions Commission	834.00	11,208.48	9,808.00	(2,234.48)	0.00
3.040.004	Vocations Fund	0.00	51,174.03	38,691.01	(12,483.02)	0.00
3.060.006	Conf Ofc. Salaries/Benefits	10,000.00	381,320.04	388,721.97	(2,598.07)	0.00
3.070.007	Conference Office Fund	0.00	121,000.49	120,709.94	(290.55)	0.00
3.075.012	Staff Development & Training Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.080.008	Interest Fund Fund	6,276.80	3,029.14	697.16	8,608.78	0.00
3.090.009	Miscellaneous Fund	2,166.99	0.00	0.00	2,166.99	0.00
3.100.010	Evangelism Fund	0.00	22,336.55	6,824.44	(15,512.11)	0.00
3.103.101	Discipleship Fund	0.00	14,805.48	14,089.02	(716.46)	0.00
3.105.082	Renewal Fund	0.00	17,087.95	9,624.55	(7,463.40)	0.00
3.108.081	Leadership Fund	0.00	5,943.46	3,068.00	(2,875.46)	0.00
3.110.011	Stewardship Fund	0.00	10,954.81	11,155.32	200.51	0.00
3.112.000	Pastoral Care Workers Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.115.020	Administrative Council Discretionary Fund	119,681.97	0.00	6,750.29	59,619.54	172,551.22
3.120.150	Endowment Fund- Unrestricted	(7,403.92)	118,128.47	6,017.02	(92,819.85)	11,887.68
3.130.013	Youth & Family Life Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.210.064	Pension/Pastoral Care	0.00	34,468.39	28,896.14	(5,572.25)	0.00
3.125.000	FUSE Projects Balance	4,785.65	0.00	0.00	4,785.65	0.00
3.134.085	ERC/CGGC Conference Sessions Fund	6,422.30	47,395.71	47,826.32	0.00	5,991.69
3.140.014	Auto Replacement Fund	25,000.00	0.00	17,506.00	5,000.00	12,494.00
3.148.029	Health Insurance - Retirees	39,920.21	154,137.19	173,741.18	0.00	20,316.22
3.150.015	Church Planting Fund	(55,953.10)	218,680.63	206,160.94	75,000.00	31,566.59
3.152.015	NE Planting Field Director Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.154.019	Church Planting Loan Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.156.000	Generosity Ministries Balance	128.33	0.00	59.16	0.00	69.17
3.160.016	CM Honorarium Fund	2,117.60	1,726.35	0.00	(3,668.95)	175.00
3.170.017	ERC Conference Sessions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.180.087	Seed Fund Renewal	56,957.48	11,700.00	15,400.00	0.00	53,257.48
3.190.079	Sacred Retirement Fund	52,313.39	5,836.90	1,980.00	0.00	56,170.29
3.195.080	Widows Fund Fund	23,797.11	0.00	1,440.00	0.00	22,357.11
3.223.000	Lititz Property Loan Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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3.225.000	Denver/Faith Property Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.230.023	Vocation Escrow	43,898.98	14,909.52	0.00	(3,252.00)	55,556.50
3.235.000	Faith Church Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.116.000	Student Aid - PTI	2,597.72	250.00	0.00	0.00	2,847.72
3.158.000	Lumen Church Plant Balance	2,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,650.00
3.159.000	FUSION Manheim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.165.000	Encouragement Fund Balance	(127.59)	1,603.98	910.42	0.00	565.97
3.175.000	Bus Trips Balance	(326.53)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(326.53)
3.240.024	Church of God Home Fund	0.00	8,687.50	8,687.50	0.00	0.00
3.250.025	General Conference Escrow Fund	0.00	1,057,453.94	1,057,453.94	0.00	0.00
3.260.026	Doubling Gap Center Fund	0.00	8,339.00	8,339.00	0.00	0.00
3.280.046	Hershey, Harvey Fund 2	276.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	276.27
3.285.084	Wenger Fund Fund	172,403.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	172,403.72
3.287.086	Daubert Estate Fund	10,227.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,227.48
3.300.030	Mutual Beneficial Society Fund	7,600.00	0.00	7,600.00	0.00	0.00
3.310.067	Powell, William Memorial	2,931.48	0.00	0.00	163.62	3,095.10
3.320.032	Vacation Bible School Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.327.002	Frye, Walter & Mary	1,232.59	0.00	500.00	394.15	1,126.74
3.330.033	Y&FL Designated Sturt/Wil	36,474.32	1,101.34	0.00	0.00	37,575.66
3.335.000	Discipleship - Haiti Journey Balance	1,662.26	6,711.62	4,536.96	0.00	3,836.92
3.370.037	Brightbill, H.L. & Maggie	10,000.01	0.00	394.15	394.15	10,000.01
3.380.038	Brightbill, Maggie Fund	5,000.00	0.00	197.07	197.07	5,000.00
3.400.040	Chubb, Alfred Fund	3.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.75
3.410.041	EPA Mission Fund	10,483.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,483.41
3.420.042	EPA Women Miss. Society	4,083.94	0.00	160.97	160.97	4,083.94
3.430.043	Feltly, John S. & Wife	7,500.00	0.00	295.61	295.61	7,500.00
3.440.044	Frye, Walter & Mary Fund	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
3.460.046	Hershey, Harvey Fund	152,415.71	0.00	5,149.26	5,149.26	152,415.71
3.480.048	Hostetter, A.J.	5,728.74	0.00	112.90	112.90	5,728.74
3.500.050	Hovertier, George Fund	1,136.04	0.00	22.39	22.39	1,136.04
3.510.051	Kennedy, Katherine Fund	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
3.545.083	Lauver, Paul Fund	84,979.02	0.00	985.37	985.37	84,979.02
3.620.062	Ott, Rebecca Fund	3,000.00	0.00	78.83	78.83	3,000.00
3.640.064	Pastoral Care Fund	170,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	170,000.00
3.650.065	Perm. Foreign Mission Fund	3,114.15	0.00	122.74	122.74	3,114.15
3.670.067	Powell, William I. Memorial	4,151.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,151.25

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3.680.068	Reinhard, Sue Fund	1,000.00	0.00	39.41	39.41	1,000.00
3.690.069	Ritter, Annie Fund	37,496.00	0.00	738.95	738.95	37,496.00
3.710.071	Simonetti, A.J. Fund	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
3.162.000	Glover Van Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.270.000	Brotherhood Partnership Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,250,533.33</b>	<b>\$2,357,499.22</b>	<b>\$2,228,403.93</b>	<b>\$4,437.62</b>	<b>\$1,384,066.24</b>

**Eastern Regional Conference COG - Harrisburg PA**  
**Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017**

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>			
1.003.000	BB&T - Checking	85,907	179,895
1.005.000	BB&T - Money Market	201,082	201,686
1.105.079	American Exp. Sac Ret/Widows	76,863	79,280
1.125.005	AMX Financial (Vocations)	120,826	125,932
1.145.000	Spring Hill Cemetery	150	150
1.147.000	2016 Honda Accord	0	18,206
1.150.000	HMC CD-2.5% #1120	100,416	100,416
1.152.015	HMC CD Planting-NW HOR #502	7,608	7,780
1.153.026	HMC CD -DGC Booser #102	4,016	4,016
1.154.033	HMC-Y&FL Sturr Sch. #874	31,193	32,295
1.175.000	Ambassador (Endowment Fund)	698,327	717,618
1.412.000	'04 Chevy Venture	14,499	14,499
1.414.000	'09 Nissan Versa	16,734	0
1.416.000	2012 Kia Sorento	24,389	24,389
1.424.000	Accum Deprec - Nissan Versa '09	(16,734)	0
1.425.000	Accum Depr - Chevy Venture '04	(14,499)	(14,499)
1.426.000	Accumulated Depreciation - 2012 Kia	(24,389)	(24,389)
1.427.000	Accum Depr - 2016 Holda Accord	0	(2,883)
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,326,393</b>	<b>\$1,464,395</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
2.000.000	<i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i>	109	999
2.120.006	PA State Taxes	481	0
2.125.006	Local Taxes	1,070	1,004
2.128.006	LST Tax	24	24
2.131.000	<i>HRA</i>		
2.131.002	Colleen S. Gross	0	3,948
2.131.003	Barbara A. Harris	0	6,248
2.131.005	David S. Williams	0	515
	<i>Total HRA</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$10,712</i>
2.145.006	Biblical Generosity Fund - Gross	262	227
2.200.000	Vocations Escrow Payable	73,912	67,360
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$75,859</b>	<b>\$80,329</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>			
3.000.000	Unrestricted Fund Balance	158,837	174,160
3.020.002	Church & Pastor Fund	11,058	5,580
3.035.077	Missions Commission	834	0
3.060.006	Conf Ofc. Salaries/Benefits	10,000	0
3.080.008	Interest Fund Fund	6,276	8,608
3.090.009	Miscellaneous Fund	2,166	2,166
3.115.020	Administrative Council Discretionary Fund	119,681	172,551
3.120.150	Endowment Fund- Unrestricted	(7,403)	11,887
	<b>Total Unrest. Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$301,451</b>	<b>\$374,955</b>
3.125.000	FUSE Projects Balance	4,785	4,785
3.134.085	ERC/CGGC Conference Sessions Fund	6,422	5,991
3.140.014	Auto Replacement Fund	25,000	12,494
3.148.029	Health Insurance - Retirees	39,920	20,316
3.150.015	Church Planting Fund	(55,953)	31,566

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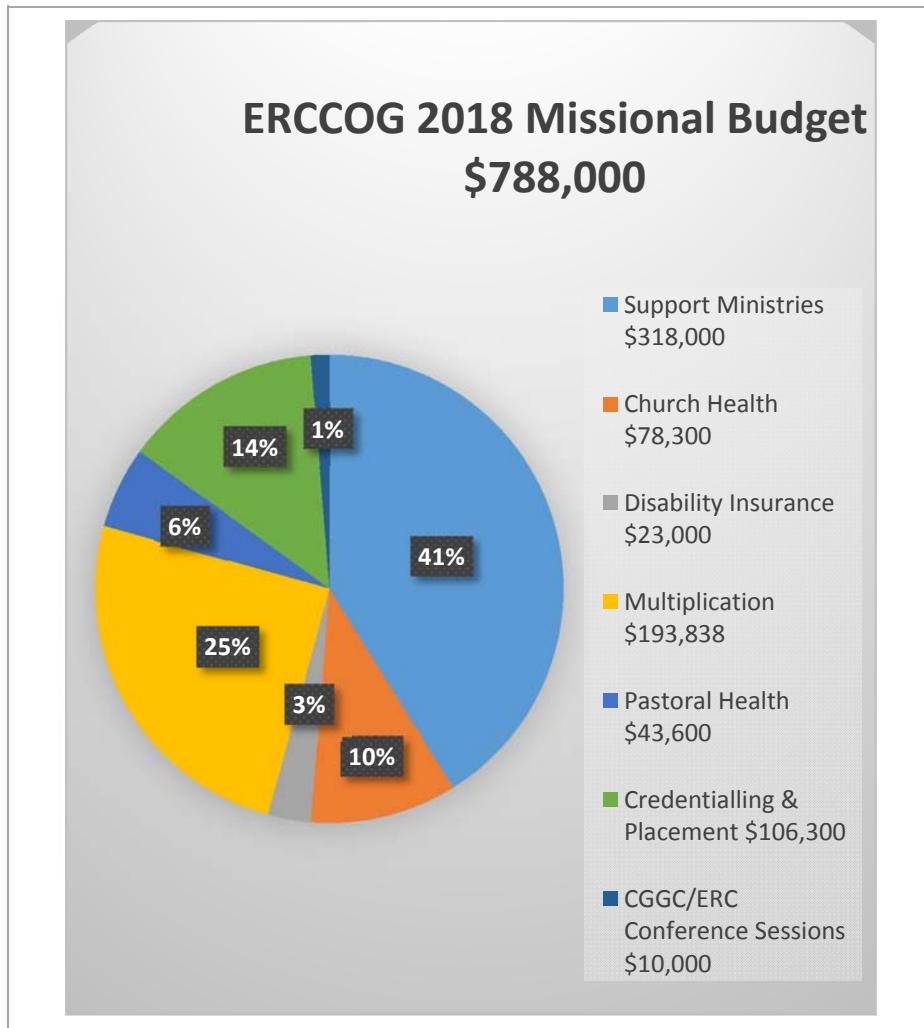
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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
3.156.000	Generosity Ministries Balance	128	69
3.160.016	CM Honorarium Fund	2,117	175
3.180.087	Seed Fund Renewal	56,957	53,257
3.190.079	Sacred Retirement Fund	52,313	56,170
3.195.080	Widows Fund Fund	23,797	22,357
3.230.023	Vocation Escrow	43,898	55,556
	<b>Total Conference Designated</b>	<b>\$199,387</b>	<b>\$262,739</b>
3.116.000	Student Aid - PTI	2,597	2,847
3.158.000	Lumen Church Plant Balance	2,650	2,650
3.165.000	Encouragement Fund Balance	(127)	565
3.175.000	Bus Trips Balance	(326)	(326)
3.280.046	Hershey, Harvey Fund 2	276	276
3.285.084	Wenger Fund Fund	172,403	172,403
3.287.086	Daubert Estate Fund	10,227	10,227
3.300.030	Mutual Beneficial Society Fund	7,600	0
3.310.067	Powell, William Memorial	2,931	3,095
3.327.002	Frye, Walter & Mary	1,232	1,126
3.330.033	Y&FL Designated Sturr/Wil	36,474	37,575
3.335.000	Discipleship - Haiti Journey Balance	1,662	3,836
	<b>Total Donor Rest.-Temporary</b>	<b>\$237,601</b>	<b>\$234,279</b>
3.370.037	Brightbill, H.L. & Maggie	10,000	10,000
3.380.038	Brightbill, Maggie Fund	5,000	5,000
3.400.040	Chubb, Alfred Fund	3	3
3.410.041	EPA Mission Fund	10,483	10,483
3.420.042	EPA Women Miss. Society	4,083	4,083
3.430.043	Felty, John S. & Wife	7,500	7,500
3.440.044	Frye, Walter & Mary Fund	10,000	10,000
3.460.046	Hershey, Harvey Fund	152,415	152,415
3.480.048	Hostetter, A.J.	5,728	5,728
3.500.050	Hooverter, George Fund	1,136	1,136
3.510.051	Kennedy, Katherine Fund	1,000	1,000
3.545.083	Lauver, Paul Fund	84,979	84,979
3.620.062	Ott, Rebecca Fund	3,000	3,000
3.640.064	Pastoral Care Fund	170,000	170,000
3.650.065	Perm. Foreign Mission Fund	3,114	3,114
3.670.067	Powell, William I. Memorial	4,151	4,151
3.680.068	Reinhard, Sue Fund	1,000	1,000
3.690.069	Ritter, Annie Fund	37,496	37,496
3.710.071	Simonetti, A.J. Fund	1,000	1,000
	<b>Donor Restricted-Permanent</b>	<b>\$512,092</b>	<b>\$512,092</b>
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$1,250,533</b>	<b>\$1,384,066</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$1,326,393</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,464,395</u></b>

<b>Statement of Income &amp; Expenses for Calendar Year 2017</b>		
<i>Dr. CH Forney Estate, Colleen S. Gross, Trustee</i>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Wells Fargo - Checking	\$ 2,022.02	
Well Fargo - Money Market	\$ 14,688.98	
HMC CD	<u>\$100,000.00</u>	
<i>Total</i>	\$ 116,711.00	
<b>Income</b>		
Interest on Investments	\$ 2,504.41	
<b>Expenses</b>		
General Conference, Income on \$1000 for Publications	\$ 25.00	CK1048
Board of Christian Ed., Income on \$1000 for UF Scholarship	\$ 25.00	CK1049
ERCCOG, Income on \$1000 for Forward Movement	\$ 25.00	CK1050
ERCCOG, Income on \$2000 for Home Missions	\$ 25.00	CK1050
ERCCOG, Income on \$2000 for Home Missions in Honor of L. Forney	\$ 50.00	CK1050
Univ. of Findlay, Income on \$25,000 for President's Chair	\$ 625.00	CK 1049
Colleen S. Gross, Trustee Compensation	\$ 125.00	CK1051
General Conference, Cross Cultural Ministries	<u>\$ 1,604.41</u>	CK1048
	\$ 2,504.41	

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*Commission requests total \$773,038 leaving \$14,962 undistributed.*





# *Commission Reports*



# *Honorees for Recognition*



## 25 Years of Ministry

C. Roy Daywalt ✕ Roddy A. Runyan ✕ David Sword

## 40 Years of Ministry

Yoline R. Conley ✕ Gerald E. Shoap ✕ Richard F. Thornton

## 50 Years of Ministry

David I. Bowers

## Retirees

John W. Good ✕ Dennis H. Hall ✕ Dennis E. Hamsher ✕ R. Bruce Henneman ✕  
Harry G. Madison ✕ Robert W. Malick, Jr. ✕ Jon R. Neely and Charles W. Riley

## Towel and Basin Award Recipients

Judith A. Lucas

We the Church express our appreciation to Almighty God for these servants given to us and we pray that they may find much joy and continued service; and that we the Church desire them to know that we appreciate them far more than we can express by word or pen.

## Evangelism Commission

Report to 2018 Conference

### Transitions

Just as 2017 was a year of transitions for our conference, it was a year of transitions for the Evangelism Commission. Anticipating the new commission configuration beginning in 2018, we held our final meeting in September. Mostly, the ministries and tasks of the Evangelism Commission will become part of the responsibility of the new **Church Multiplication Commission**.

The commission was primarily proactive in ministry during its existence, establishing ministries to help local churches in their evangelism efforts. Ministries established toward that effort were The School of Evangelism, Bridgebuilder seminars, local church training on various evangelism topics (Contagious Christian, Walk Across the Room, They Like Jesus But Not the Church, Networking and Tactics), youth ministry outreach, the annual Summit for Evangelism and Discipling (held this past February 24 with 104 persons in attendance), the deployment of a Field Worker, and various media ministries (Website, Facebook, Blog).

Commission members this past year were Pat Bailey (financial secretary), Larry Cross, Ron Dull (recording secretary), Steve Dunn (Director of Bridgebuilders), Chuck Frank (ERC staff members), Christina Gray, Mark Halliday (chairman), Greg Hench, Dan Masshardt, Barb Maurice, Jeff Musser, Steve Oberman, Vicki Oberman and Charlie Zahora.

We were saddened by the tragic and sudden loss of commission member, Steve Oberman, who served faithfully on the commission on several occasions, and inspired us all with his concern for the lost.

**Thanks** to the many who served the conference evangelism mission over the years. We commend the persons and churches which recognized the need for evangelism training and effort. Sadly, despite the many efforts of the commission, that group remained small. Our hopes and prayers are that as the new strategic plan is implemented, evangelism focused churches will be the norm.

Respectfully Submitted, Ronald Dull, Secretary, Commission on Evangelism



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# *Additional Reports*



## 2018 Nominating Committee of the Eastern Regional Conference

**ROLL CALL:** James W. Moss, Jr., President; Thomas Myers, Vice-President; Steve Long, Katie Kane and Edward Rosenberry.

**NOTE:** The Conference Constitution requires 1/3 more names on the ballot, than are to be elected. -- Not required in the election of the Conference Secretary, or Corporation Boards.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:

### C-Article VI

Notes: Two pastoral and two lay members to be elected by the conference in session.

(One member at large appointed each year by the Administrative Council for a two-year term)  
Three year term with two successive term limits.

Lay Nominees have a three-year membership requirement.

Must be a member of the Conference in Session and/or be members in good standing of the CGGC for at least three years.

#### Terms Expiring:

*Pastoral: Chad A. Chute, Roger A. Scheuing & Charles Zahora*

*Lay: Greg Breneman and Mark Schuch*

*\*Indicates not eligible for re-election.*

#### TO BE NOMINATED:

#### PASTORAL

1. Sheldon Ames
2. Nate Buck
3. John Cook
4. Barbara Maurice
5. Jory Tobias
6. Dustin White
7. Charles Zahora

#### LAY PERSONS

1. Howard Bink
2. Diane Hakes
3. Andy Lamonna
4. Mark Schuch
- 5.

### VICE PRESIDENT

Notes: One to be elected by the conference in session in even number years. (C-VI:1B)

Next election in 2018.

Must be a member of the Conference. (C-V:4)

Two-year term with succession to president for the following two years. (C-IV)

May be lay or pastoral.

#### Terms Expiring:

*Thomas Myers*

#### TO BE NOMINATED:

1. Donald Snyder
3. Zack Wilt

2. Dan Masshardt

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (C-V:2)

Notes: Three to be elected by the conference in session.

Two appointed by the Administrative Council from its members.

One-year term.

#### Terms Expiring:

*All*

#### TO BE NOMINATED:

1. Bob Malick
2. Ryan Long
3. George Jensen

**DOUBLING GAP BOARD:**

Notes: Three to be elected by the conference in session.  
Three-year term.

**Terms Expiring:** *All*

**TO BE NOMINATED:** (Names supplied by the Doubling Gap Board.)

1. Cory Britcher
2. Dirk Detweiler
3. Heidi Guyer
4. Marla Sheaffer

**HOME MISSION COUNCIL, INCORPORATED:**

Notes: Two to be elected by the conference in session.  
Three-year term.

**Terms Expiring:** *Brad Kearns and Greg Nauman*

**TO BE NOMINATED:** (Names to be supplied by the Home Missions Council)

1. Brad Kearns
2. Greg Nauman



## 2018 BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION MINISTERS (Updated as of 4/4/18)

### AMES, Sheldon

Credentials: Ordained. Pastoral service: Associate Pastor, Caring Community, 2014 to present. Education: Bachelor of Science, Education, California University of Pa, 1974; Master of Divinity, Winebrenner Theological Seminary, 2013. Prior service/experience: Harrisburg Police Officer, 1977 to 2004; International Police Advisor (Iraq), 2006 to 2007; Drivers Education Teacher, 2008 to 2010; Elder, Caring Community, 1992 to 2010.

### BUCK, Nathan A.

Credentials: Ordained 2000. Pastoral Service: The Catalyst Church - Founding/Lead Pastor (Findlay, OH) 2000 - 2012 (Crosspoint Church - Planter in Residence (Findlay, OH) 2000-2001) Currently: Mentoring leaders, preaching/teaching as needed, writing weekly teaching blogs for [WorldviewWarriors.org](http://WorldviewWarriors.org), and ministering to co-workers while serving as Client Manager/Recruiter in a global company. ERC Service: Church Planting (now Multiplication) Commission 2015 – present. GLC Service: Pastoral Leadership Commission 2006 - 2012 - heavily engaged in credentialing, discipline, restoration, and counsel of leadership on sensitive critical issues. Special Projects: We Believe - writer (selected sections) and part of content review trio 2010 - 2012; Missional Leadership Initiative - pilot group 2009 - 2011. Strengths: strategic vision/planning/consulting/implementation, Bible teaching/preaching, leadership development, team building/organizing, writing, music, arts, communication, entrepreneurial drive and determination.

### COOK, John

Credentials: Recommended for Life Ordination 2018. Licensed 2015. Pastoral Service: First Church of God, Mercersburg 2015 – present, Blair's Valley First Church of God 2016 – present. Delegate to ERC 2015. Previously a sinner saved by grace (1976).

### GUYER, Heidi

Shippensburg; Licensed 2004; Ordained 2008. EDUCATION: Shippensburg University 2001, BSW; Winebrenner Theological Seminary 2004, M.A.F.M. CHURCHES SERVED: Middletown (Associate) 2004-2009. Newville (Associate) 2010-

### JENSEN, George

Camp Hill; Licensed 1996; Ordained 1997. EDUCATION: Millersville University 1991, B.S.; Winebrenner Theological Seminary 1996, M. Div. CHURCHES SERVED: Mount Carmel/Weishample 1996-2001; Enola 2001 - .

### MALICK, Robert W., Jr.

Credentials: Life Ordination (Ohio) 1989. Pastoral Service: Shawnee (OH) 1988-94, Mechanicsburg 1994-2005, Mount Joy 2005-2/2012; Camp Hill 3/2012-2017. ERC

Positions: Member of the Commission on Church Vocations 1996–2017. Administrative Council 2004-2006 and 2006-2008; ERC Vice-President 2008-2009; ERC President 2010-2012. CGGC Service: Delegate 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010.

**MASSHARDT, Daniel M.**

Credentials: Ordained 2010. Pastoral Service: Fairview Bethel (Associate) 2004-2011, Lead Pastor (2011-present); ERC Service: Member Evangelism Commission: 2007-2017, Ad Council, 2016 to 2017.

**MAURICE, Barbara H.**

Credentials: Life Ordination: 2015. Annual License 2012. Pastoral Service: Progress Church of God 2014-present (Part time, by-vocational through 2017). ERC Services: Member Evangelism Commission 2016-2017.

**SNYDER, Donald C.**

Education: Penn State University (B.S. in Agriculture Economics/Farm Management 1983); Winebrenner Theological Seminary (PTI Certificate 2009); Pastoral Service: Plainfield First Church of God (Associate/Youth Pastor 2006-2009; Interim Pastor 2007-2008); Doubling Gap Church of God (Pastor 2009-present) Credentials: Ordained 2009 ERC Service: Commission on Vocations 2010-present; ERC Ad Council for a term 2011-2012, and CGGC delegate in 2016. Also currently serve as President of the Cumberland Valley Ministirium 2011-present. Been a regular in serving at Camp in some form or another since 1991. Currently co-teach Bible with Rodger Scheuing for Adult Life Camp. Been doing that for about 5 years. Previously was Bible Teacher for 9th grade and before that 7th grade Bible.

**TOBIAS, Jory**

**WHITE, Dustin**

Ordained 2018. Licensed with ERC 2014. Pastoral Service: Duncannon Church of God 2016-present. Pulpit Supply 2014-2016. Bible Teacher at Camp YoliJwa, 8th Grade Camp 2017-present. Education: M.A.R. from Evangelical Seminary (2014) B.S. Kutztown University (2008).

**WILT, Zachary G.**

Credentials: Ordained 2011, Licensed 2009. Pastoral Service: Camp Hill Church of God Youth Director (2001-8/2004 & 2/2005-5/2006); Bacton Hill Bible Church Youth Director (8/2004- 5/2006); Bowmansdale Church of God Youth Director (6/2006-9/2010); Mt. Pleasant Church of God Associate Pastor (2011-2012); Mt. Pleasant Church of God Sr. Pastor (2013-present). ERC Service: Youth & Family Life Commission, Discipleship Commission, Camp YoliJwa Family Bible Camp Staff (2009-present). Education: Eastern University (B.A. in Youth Ministry & Communications 2006); Winebrenner Theological Seminary (M.A. in Church Development 2011)

**ZAHORA, Charlie**

Credentials: Ordained April 2009, Licensed March 2006; Pastoral Service: New Cumberland 2008-present, Director of Youth Ministry at Glenvale COG 2002-08; Associate Pastor at Glenvale 2007-08. Pulpit Supply Pastor 2007-08; Founder & Director of Community Youth Center at Glenvale 2002-06; Camp YoliJwa's Family Bible Camp Staff 2004-2017. Local Conference Service: Administrative Council 2016 – present, Executive

Director Search Committee 2018, Commission on Church Health 2017 - present, Evangelism Commission 2014 - 2017, Education: Graduate Winebrenner Theological Seminary 2009, Missional Leadership Initiative, 2014 - 2015.



## 2018 BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION LAY PERSONS

### BINK, Howard

#### BRITCHER, Corey L.

Member: Currently a member and Elder at Newburg First Church of God, formerly a member of the Newport First Church of God. Local Church Service: Elder, Deacon, Council President, Council Secretary, Sunday School Teacher, Jr. Church Leader, Facilitator of Master's Way Christian Karate Ministry. ERC Service: Camp Yolijwa (1987-present); Counselor, Team Leader, Bible Teacher, Vesper Leader, Director, Summer Staff. Christian Service: Served as Youth Coordinator Central PA Men at the Cross, current member/instructor for the Gospel Martial Arts Union. Occupation: Director PA Fish and Boat Commission's Bureau of Law Enforcement. Education: B.S. Criminal Justice, West Chester University of PA 1992.

### DETWEILER, Dirk

#### HAKES, Diane

Education: MEd Shippensburg University, BS Lock Haven University, Counseling Certificate: McDaniel College, Certified John Maxwell Leadership Coach and Trainer. I was an educator for 15 years prior to becoming the full-time Children's Director for HFCOG in 2001, where I continue to serve in that role today. Service: I recently served on the Strategic Planning Team for the CGGC, I am currently a member of the Multiplication Commission for the ERC. I also provide coaching for churches in transition, as well as leadership training and mentoring for churches and leaders across the denomination. I have a great deal of training and experience in leadership, reaching the younger generation, and empowering people to live out their calling. I have also served on the Youth and Family Commission, as a Bible teacher at Camp Yolijwa, and on council for HFCOG prior to coming on staff. Currently, I am a part of the Missional Leadership Initiative along with my husband, Todd, who serves on Cross Cultural Missions, we have two adult children, Kylie and Noah, and a son in-law, Clayton Noble.

#### KEARNS, Bradley H.

Member: 33 years. Church: Greenvillage. Local Church Positions: Church Council Member; Sunday school Board Member; Chairman of Long-Range Planning Committee;

Church Treasurer; and Sunday School Teacher. ERC Service: President of the Home Mission Council, Incorporated and President of the Forever Caring Fund of the Church of God Home. Community Involvement: Member of the Franklin County Farm Bureau, member of the Chambersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, member and board member of the Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce, board member and treasurer of the South Central Pennsylvania Estate Planning Council. Occupation: CPA and member of the Firm with Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC.

**LAMONNA, Andy**

**LONG, Ryan**

Member: Newburg First Church of God. Local Church Service: Elder, Deacon, Sunday school Teacher. ERC Service: Ad Council, Stewardship Commission, Evangelism Commission, Strategic Planning Committee. Camp Yolijwa service: Counselor, Team Leader, Vesper Leader, Director, Summer Staff. Occupations: Past-Gettysburg High School Teacher (Business Ed); Current-Program Coordinator at Camp Yolijwa. Education: B.S.B.A, Shippensburg University.

**NAUMAN, Gregory**

Member: 38 years. Church: Landisville. Local Church Service: Sunday School Teacher, Small Group Leader, and various committees. Local Conference Service: Delegate and Board of Trustees, Doubling Gap Corporation. Occupation: Financial Advisor with American Express.

**SCHUCH, Mark**

Schuch, Mark Member: Yocumtown. Co-owner: The Pines Nursery and Landscape Company in Kenosha, Wisconsin, 1972-1985.

After a born-again experience in 1985, Mark sold his portion of the business and enlisted in the Peace Corps, where he served as the horticulturist for the capital city of Malawi, Africa, and as a small business advisor at the Malawi Entrepreneurial Development Institute. During his career, Mark managed garden centers for 40 years and currently is retired from the position of Assistant Director for Stauffers of Kissel Hill Garden Centers.

Mark and his wife, Elaine, moved from Virginia to Etters, Pennsylvania, in November of 1990. Shortly after the move, they became involved in a North American Baptist church planting in Mechanicsburg, Pa., where Mark served as one of 2 elders alongside the Pastor. The church disbanded several years later.

An active member of the Yocumtown Church of God in Etters for the past 10 years, Mark has served as trustee, deacon, member of the Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team and council vice-president; currently, he holds the position of elder, council president and director of the Missions Ministry Team. He has been a church delegate to the Eastern Regional Conference of the Church of God for the past 3 years, served as a counselor for the youth retreat and has served as a bible teacher for 8th grade camp week at Camp Yolijwa.

Mark was instrumental in developing the men's Bible study group and has been leader or co-leader for the past 9 years. He has served as a listener with the church's Joy El program, and is also responsible for landscape maintenance, both at the church and for the New Life for Girls ministry in Dover, Pa.

Most recently, Mark is planning and coordinating the new "Grow It Forward" garden project on the grounds of the Yocumtown Church of God. The mission of the garden is to provide fresh produce to the Downtown Daily Bread organization, which feeds the homeless in Harrisburg, and to Redcap, a local aid agency/food bank that provides food for needy families

**SHEAFFER, Marla**

Membership: Caring Community COG. Current Church Positions: Projection, Hospitality, Women's Bible Study Leader, Women's Retreat Co-Director, Financial Peace Class Leader. Camp Service: Counselor for 7th Grade, 9th Grade and Youth Camp; Team Leader for 5th Grade Camp; Co-Director of Youth Camp since 2002; Board Member 2004-2014; Board Treasurer 2008-2014. Occupation: Program Manager, Leadership Harrisburg Area. Married to Pastor Kent Sheaffer.





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# **DOUBLING GAP CENTER - CAMP YOLIJWA**

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## **2017 Year-Round STAFF**

Stephen S. Long - Executive Director	Ryan S. Long - Program Coordinator
Amy L. Long - Office Secretary (p/t)	Coulson Shaul - Support Services
Daniel J. Graham – Maint. Supervisor	Karen A. Barrick, Kathy Myers – Housekeeping (p/t)
Bryan K. Eichelberger - Head Cook	Kathy Myers, Wendy Noel – Cooks (p/t)

## **2017 – 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Greg Nauman - President 1132 Devonshire Road Lancaster, PA 17601 Landisville COG	Phil Erb – Vice President 2523 Mt. Pleasant Road Mt. Joy, PA 17552 Mt. Joy COG	Pastor Ron Dull - Secretary 12 Dogwood Court Shippensburg, PA 17257 Newville FCOG
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Jamie Swope 62 A Cardinal Drive New Providence, PA 17566 Providence COG	Pastor Dave Williams ERC Staff & Discipleship Rep 900 S. Arlington Ave, Suite 120B Harrisburg, PA 17109 Mt. Pleasant COG	

## 2017 CAMP YOLIJWA REPORT -- DOUBLING GAP CENTER

	YOUTH RESIDENT CAMPS						WILDERNESS CAMPS						ADULT/FAMILY CAMPS						2016 RETREATS										
	YOUTH			JR. HIGH			JUNIOR			YOUTH			JR. HIGH			YOUTH			Camp	Family	Father	Mother	Adult	Bike	Jr.	High	Sr. High	Grand	
	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#4	Adven.	Sr. Hi	#1	#2	Total	HOPE	Bible	Son	Daughter	Fellow	Trek	Blast	Breakaway	Bash	Jr.	High	Sr. High	Bash	Total
ERC COG Campers	117	49	78	100	100	74	72	57	5	14	21	18	705	17	144	41	32	72	20	52	55	29	1167						
Other Churches	90	61	69	94	79	66	65	37	2	8	14	15	600	55	37	33	26	19	4	35	82	31	922						
<b>TOTAL CAMPERS</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1305</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2089</b>						
ERC COG Staff	23	12	20	31	21	27	26	16	3	6	7	5	197	20	20	3	5	10	2	21	19	20	317						
Other Churches	17	14	10	4	12	5	9	13	1	1	0	4	90	7	4	3	2	3	0	3	11	6	129						
<b>TOTAL STAFF</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>446</b>						
New Staff	10	8	10	9	7	6	6	3	1	1	0	0	61	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64						
Decisions for Christ	0	6	0	13	16	27	35	n/a	0	0	0	0	97										97						
Rededications	43	54	74	62	109	41	0	n/a	0	2	4	4	393										393						
First Year Campers	16	19	30	54	56	51	72	85	0	5	8	6	402	8	22	n/a	n/a	16					448						
Three Year Campers	15	11	14	23	44	48	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	163	4									175					
Six Year Campers	19	18	26						0	2	4	2	71	4										78					
Nine Year Campers	26								1	1			28	7										36					
Twelve Year Campers	98													1										5					
Fifteen Year Campers														3										6					
Twenty Year Campers														1										1					
Twenty-Five Year Campers																													
<b>FIVE YEAR REVIEW</b>																													
2017 Totals	207	110	147	194	179	140	137	94	7	22	35	33	1305	72	181	74	58	91	24	87	137	60	2089						
2016 Totals	206	85	137	177	195	150	148	76	18	16	28	25	1261	64	153	65	74	79	18	105	113	73	2005						
2015 Totals	198	129	140	147	178	159	138	117	18		32	16	1272	68	174	48	65	81	25	84	139	55	2016						
2014 Totals	119	194	172	148	182	151	155	107	18		25	28	1299	76	163	51	98	87	16	87	118	52	2047						
2013 Totals	186	118	158	192	149	168	118	120	13		31	23	1276	68	175	40	81	77	17	70	123	52	1990						

### ERC CHURCHES REPRESENTED WITH CAMPERS: 85

#### CHURCHES WITH HIGHEST SUMMER REGISTRATIONS:

Chambersburg	107	Green Spring	17	(These figures do not include Family Camp and paid staff.)
Newburg	53	Yocumtown	17	
Glenvale	50	Eberly's Mill	17	
Hanover	47	Shiremanstown	16	
Doubling Gap	42	Camp Hill	15	
Carlisle	33	Caring Community	14	↔
Newville	30	New Cumberland	14	→
Middletown	26	United	13	
Enola	23	Landisville	12	
Penbrook	20	Mount Joy	12	
		New Providence	12	

### ERC CHURCHES REPRESENTED WITH STAFF: 57

#### CHURCHES WITH GREATEST SUMMER STAFF SERVICE:

Newburg	18	Mount Laurel	8	YOUTH
Caring Community	17	Shiremanstown	8	Jr. High #1
Mount Joy	16	Glenvale	7	Jr. High #2
Doubling Gap	15	Newport	7	Jr. High #3
Camp Hill	9	Newville	7	Junior #1
Eberly's Mill	8			Junior #2
				Junior #3
				Junior #4
				Family
				HOPE
				Wilderness
				Parent/Child
				Adult Fellowship
				<b>TOTAL:</b>

### TOTAL CAMP OFFERINGS:

\$481.95  
315.57  
552.48  
443.25  
567.00  
279.55  
444.81  
54.25  
378.69  
1130.00  
194.95  
90.25  
1561.50  
**\$6494.25**

### 2017 marked the 84<sup>th</sup> season of Yolijwa camping and the 71<sup>st</sup> season at Doubling Gap Center

## **CAMP YOLIJWA (YOuth LIving Jesus' WAY) – 2017 Ministry Summary (Full Statistical Report Printed Separately)**

**84<sup>th</sup> Consecutive summer for ERC's YoliJwa camping ministry: 1934 – 2017**

**21** **YoliJwa Camps & Retreats** conducted in 2017 with **2080** total campers!

**12** **Summer Youth Camps** were held with a total of **1305 Campers** participating  
**705 youth (54%)** - were affiliated with an **Eastern Regional Church of God**  
**109 youth (8%)** - indicated **NO church affiliation** (representing a great outreach by Camp)  
**97 youth** - made a **first-time decision** to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior  
**393 youth** - made a **re-dedication** of their life for Jesus Christ as their Lord.  
**56 youth** - from 37 different families received **financial aid** totaling \$4,469.

**6** **Adult/Family Camps & Retreats** – Camp HOPE, Family Bible, Adult Fellowship, Father/Son, Mother/Daughter, & Fall Bike Trek – **487 Total Participants**

**3** **Weekend Winter Retreats** (Junior, Junior High, & Senior High) were attended by **291 campers**.

**85** ERC Churches were **represented with campers** during the summer YoliJwa program. (-2 from 2016)  
**57** ERC Churches provided **317** of the total **422 “short-term missionaries”** as a 2017 YoliJwa volunteer staff.

**\$ 6,494** YoliJwa Summer Camp offerings - **\$3,247** to India Schools and **\$3,247** for Camp's Game Room Tables

## **DOUBLING GAP CENTER – 2017 Retreat Ministry Summary**

**DGC hosted 177 rental groups + 21 Camps** involving **14,714 participants** with **\$ 838,144. Income**

<b>33</b>	<b>CoG Overnight Groups</b>	<b>with 2,055 participants</b>	<b>and \$ 132,435 Income</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>CoG Overnight Families</b>	<b>with 161 participants</b>	<b>and \$ 3,693 Income</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Other Overnight groups</b>	<b>with 2,772 participants</b>	<b>and \$ 295,984 Income</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>CoG Day-Only groups</b>	<b>with ,3978 participants</b>	<b>and \$ 26,318 Income</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>Other Day-Only groups</b>	<b>with 3,246 participants</b>	<b>and \$ 28,827 Income</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>YoliJwa Camps/Retreats</b>	<b>with 2,080 campers + 422 staff</b>	<b>and \$ 350,887 Income</b>

### **Building & Grounds** -

#### **Projects Worked On in 2017**

- \* Completed renovation of Rx Room with two new 1<sup>st</sup> floor Bedroom Suites - \$ 55,000
- \* Built new outdoor game area : 9-Square-In-The-Air - \$ 4,200
- \* Replaced carpet in gym lobby area - \$10,900

#### **Work Scheduled for 2018**

- Improvements to main porch around lodge with ceiling soffit and new LED lighting - \$30,000
- Install new water treatment system to increase pH and reduce water pressure - \$ 25,000
- Renovate both Girl's Dorm restrooms in main lodge - \$ 10,000
- Begin planning & permitting to rebuild dam breast spillway at Lake Henrietta - ???

**Year-Round Staff** - Steve Long - Exec. Director; Ryan Long - Program Coordinator; Coulson Shaul - Support Services; Amy Long - Secretary ; Dan Graham - Maintenance; Bryan Eichelberger - Food Service & Maintenance; Kathy Myers – Kitchen & Housekeeping; Karen Barrick - Housekeeping

[www.campyolijwa.org](http://www.campyolijwa.org) Includes pictures and virtual tour of facilities at Camp, a short info video, seasonal promotional blurbs, a current calendar of events, and links to the ERC, GCCG, and the Christian Camping Association (CCCA).

# **DOUBLING GAP CENTER – 2017 Financial Summary Report**

## **January 1 – December 31, 2017**

**GENERAL FUND (Operations)** **Beginning Balance as of 1/1/17:** **\$ 234,264.**

## 2017 OPERATING REVENUE:

**Beginning Balance as of 1/1/17:**

\$ 234,264.

## 2017 OPERATING REVENUE:

<b>YoliJwa Camping Program (21)</b>	<b>\$ 350,887</b>
<b>CoG Rental Groups (57)</b>	<b>\$ 162,446</b>
<b>Other Churches &amp; Groups (89)</b>	<b>\$ 324,811</b>
<b>Store &amp; Other Sales</b>	<b>\$ 61,598</b>
<b>All Other (Interest &amp; Misc)</b>	<b>\$ 14,159</b>

**TOTAL General Fund Revenue:** **\$ 913,901.**

## **2017 OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Personnel - wages, benefits, taxes	\$ 433,728
Kitchen Food, supplies, equipment	\$ 162,471
Utilities - Electric, Phone, Propane, etc	\$ 97,169
Building & Grounds supplies, equipment	\$ 91,787
YoliJwa Program	\$ 34,120
Insurances - Property, Liability, Comp	\$ 32,524
Store Merchandise	\$ 32,234
Corporation & Administration	<u>\$ 29,201</u>
TOTAL Operating Expenses:	
2017 Gen'l Fund Operating Balance:	\$ + 667.00
	<u>\$-913,234</u>

## **2017 GENERAL FUND DONATION INCOME:**

<b>Individual Donors (117)</b>	\$ 82,922
<b>ERC Church Donations (24)</b>	\$ 20,393
<b>ERC Church Organizations (9)</b>	\$ 13,025
<b>YoliJwa Camp Offerings (18)</b>	\$ 6,846
<b>Businesses &amp; non-church groups (3)</b>	\$ 9,043
<b>Estates, Trusts, Commemoratives</b>	<u>\$ 25,984</u>
<b>TOTAL General Fund Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 165,213</b>

**FISCAL 2017 NET GENERAL FUND: \$ +165,880.**

**Transfer To Expansion Fund – Nurse’s Project Gifts** \$ - 10,000  
**Transfer To HMC - 2017 Campership Fund Gifts** \$ - 4,050

**CLOSING GENERAL FUND BALANCE as of 12/31/17:** **\$ 386,094**

**EXPANSION FUND (Future Development)**      **Beginning Balance: 1/1/17**      **\$ 81,629**

Transfer In From General Fund – Nurse’s Project \$ 10,000

## 2017 REVENUE:

<b>Donations – Individuals (17)</b>	<b>\$ 36,408</b>
<b>DCNR – Reimb of Wastewater line</b>	<b>\$ 22,924</b>
<b>ERC Churches &amp; Groups (2)</b>	<b>\$ 3,200</b>
<b>Donations – Groups &amp; Businesses (1)</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>
<b>Fundraising – Hike-n-Rock</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
<b>Misc. &amp; Interest</b>	<b>\$ 110</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	

## **2016 EXPENSES :**

**Administration** \$ 124  
**Nurse's Project – Materials** \$ 23,751  
**Nurse's Project – Sub Contractors** \$ 30,624

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** **\$ 54,499**



# Appendix





Churches of God  
2018 Eastern Regional Conference  
**EVALUATION FORM**

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Dear Friend!

As the Program Committee, we want to “Thank You” ahead of time for filling out this EVALUATION FORM. We have sought to plan a dynamic Conference that will provide all participants with a meaningful and uplifting experience. The best way for us to know if this goal was achieved is to hear from each of you. We want to continue and enhance what worked and change or eliminate what didn’t. Let us know your thoughts.

Thanks again and we remain.....

Yours in His service,

## The Conference Planning Committee

1. What was your overall impression of the 2018 Conference?

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2. Please share what you liked most and/or any ways you think the following aspects of Conference could be improved:

#### A. Events (Ordination, Ordinance Services, & Monday Evening Program).

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## B. The daily devotions.

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C. The Business Sessions (Reports, testimonies, etc.)

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D. The Breakout Sessions

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E. Guest Speaker – Dr. David Nelms, Founder & President of *The Timothy Initiative*

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F. Other Areas (Pastoral Recognition, Worship, Prayer, etc.)

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3. Do you have any overall recommendations, comments, ideas, keynote speaker names, program ideas, schedule, etc. for next year's Conference?

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4. What did you like best about the 2018 Conference Sessions?

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5. What did you like least about the 2018 Conference Sessions?

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Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You!