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FOR THE
NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
HELD AT
DOUBLING GAP CENTER, NEWVILLE, PA
APRIL 29-30, 2019



“Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” As Paul greeted the church at Thessalonica, I bring greetings to you.

As we prepare for our annual gathering, scheduled for April 29-30 at Doubling Gap Center, I want to encourage you to begin a time of intense prayer. As you are well aware, each of us has a responsibility to reach the lost and this commission from Jesus becomes increasingly challenging in a world that sees all things as relative, except the love of self. This year’s annual conference will address the challenges each of us face and will present a unified vision, a battle plan, for introducing the Gospel to a generation that is desperately in need of Jesus.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Connect”. As ministers of the Gospel we need to connect to the Holy Word of God. As God’s ambassadors charged with bringing light into a very diverse world, we need to connect to the support and gifts of one another. As each of us seek to live a healthy life, lead a healthy church, and recruit and raise up healthy and talented disciples of our Lord, connecting into a healthy community of Christians is a must.

This year’s annual conference is all about our Eastern Regional family. It is about the individual pastors and leaders and the manner in which we all connect with a deliberate commitment of seeking to share the good news of Jesus Christ with a world in need.

Last year, the agenda focused on our Constitution. This year, the focus is on the vision and mission of our Conference and the impact we can have when we embrace a common goal.

As you review this docket and plan for our gathering, I pray the Holy Spirit of God convicts you. I pray you come to this gathering offering your very best. As you connect with others, I pray you are both inspired by the giftedness of your brothers and sisters in Christ and are uplifting to them as they seek to serve. Together, we can do more than build our churches. Together we can change the world by sharing the transformative Gospel and by loving a lost generation in a manner that reflects our commitment to Jesus.

Dominic D. DiFrancesco II
Executive Director

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Conference Organization

Proposed Eastern Regional Conference Schedule

Theme: “Connected” -- Acts 2:42

Monday, April 29, 2019

A.M.

7:00 Registration

7:30 Breakfast

8:30 Welcome and Morning Worship

President Tom Myers

9:00 Ordinance Service

Pastors Tom Myers and Don Snyder

9:45 Keynote Speaker

Mr. Nick DiFrancesco, ERC Executive Director

10:30 Morning Business Session

President Tom Myers

Approval of the Secretary’s Roster & Requested Absences

President Tom Myers

- Constituting the Conference
- Designate Voting Area
- Appointments: Parliamentarians, Reporters, etc.
- Adoption of the Order of Business with Privilege of the Chair

Greetings from Doubling Gap Center

Mr. Stephen S. Long, Executive Director

Review of Administrative Council Minutes

Pastor John W. Selcher, Conference Secretary

- Lifting Items for Separate Action
- Discussion and Lifting of Additional Items for Separate Action
- Approval of the Minutes

Elections

11:30 District Prayer Time

11:50 Announcements & Prayer

P.M.

12:00 Lunch

1:15 Afternoon Worship

1:45 Break Out Connections

Ministerial Spouses’ Gathering

(Mountain View Lounge)

2:45 Fellowship Time

3:00 Election Results and Introductions, Ordination Action

3:45 Celebration of God’s Servants

Commission of Pastoral Family Health

4:45 Announcements & Prayer

5:00 Dinner

6:30 Gathering Music

7:00 Service of Ordination
8:30 Reception at the Lodge

Commission on Credentialing and Placement

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Tuesday, April 30, 2019

A.M.

7:00 Registration

7:30 Breakfast

8:15 Morning Worship

8:45 Morning Business Session

Financial Reports, Audit
Commission Reports
Staff Reports

President Tom Myers

10:30 Fellowship Connection

11:00 Keynote Speaker

Pastor Brandon Kelly

11:50 Announcements & Prayer

P.M.

12:00 Lunch

1:15 Afternoon Worship

1:45 Break Out Connections

2:45 Fellowship Connections

3:00 Afternoon Business Session

General Conference
Winebrenner
University of Findlay
Statistical Review
Corporation Reports
Organizational & Other Reports: CGWM, Adult Senior Fellowship

4:15 Installation Service

4:30 Challenge & Prayer Time

President Tom Myers

Closing Business & Announcements

5:00 Dinner (Camp's Barbecue Chicken)

Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God
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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	Matthew D. Hornberger			
Andersontown	Terry O. Frederick			
Auburn	Kerry Duke			
Bainbridge				
Bare Memorial	Rachel Neely-Pletcher, Pastor of Youth & Family Life			
Beavertown				
Betesda	Ricardo Perez			
	Jeannette Perez			
Blair's Valley	John K. Cook			
Blue Mountain	Joseph Stopyra			
Bowmansdale	Michael C. Walker			
Bridge of Hope	Larry L. Longenecker			
Brisbin	Brian Vineyard			
Broad Top City				
Brownsville	Victor T. Johnson			
	Charles Jenkins, Co-Pastor			
Burnside First	Ernest E. Witmer			
Camp Hill	Jason Cooksey			
Caring Community	Patrick E. Kelly			
	Sheldon Ames, Associate Pastor			
Carlisle	Michael Poe			
	Gregory L. Hensch, Associate Pastor			
Carrollton	David L. Meador			
Center Church (Brooklyn, NY)	Brian Miller			
Central Manor	Scott Davis, Senior Pastor			
	Jeremy Melze, Assistant Pastor of Youth & Family Ministries			
Cherry Grove	Alann Schmidt			
Church of God Home	Robert W. Malick, Jr. (Chaplain - Part-Time)			
Churchtown	Brian Warner			
Columbia	Frederick Thomas			
Cornerstone Comm. Fellowship Ch.	Matthew Scott			
Doubling Gap	Donald C. Snyder			
	Brian L. Ramsey, Director of Discipleship Ministries			
Duncannon	Dustin White			
East Hanover	Robert L. Bell (Pulpit Supply)			
Eberly's Mill	Edward L. Rosenberry, Intentional Interim			
Edgewood	John Culbertson			
Elizabethtown	David Robinson			
Enola	George C. Jensen			
Exponential Church	Gilbert D. Thurston			
	William H. Butler, Worship Pastor			

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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			
Germantown	Mark A. Hosler			
Glenvale	Larry L. Hale			
	John Gill, Associate			
	Carolyn Sites, Associate			
	Vickie Yontz, Associate			
Goldsboro	Charles Yost			
Grace Fellowship	Reginald Byrden			
Grand Point	Lawrence D. Metzler, Lead Pastor			
	Rodney Bistline, Director of Student Ministry			
	Kristal Bowers, Director of Children's Pastor			
	Chad Chute, Executive Pastor			
	Chris Clugh, Worship and Arts Director			
	Donald Drury, Visitations Pastor			
<i>Shippensburg Campus</i>	Kevin Elworth, Senior Pastor			
Green Spring	Phillip E. Steele			
Greenvillage	Matthew Tosten			
	Jeremy Garman			
Hagerstown	David Sword			
Hanover	Gerald E. Shoap, Senior Pastor			
	Stephen L. Dunn, Executive Pastor			
	Jeff Harner, Pastor of Discipleship & Small Group Ministries			
	Dan Thomas, Pastor of Congregational Care			
	Michael Sponseller, Pastor of Youth and Student Ministries			
	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			
	Drew Thomas, Associate Pastor			
Higher Hope	Michael C. Schooley			
	John Bennett			
HUB	Jeremy Cranmer, Associate			
Highspire	Dave Anderson			
Holidaysburg	David Way			
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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Kennedy's Valley	Dennis Bailey, Jr.			
Lakemont	Mark A. Rhodes			
Lancaster	Dean 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. Wiltmer			
Maple Grove	Norman Hege			
Martinsburg	Nathan Starr			
	Ian Stiles, Associate Pastor			
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			
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			
	Richard L. Reese, Associate Pastor			
	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	Mark S. Halliday			
	Wayne Anderson, Worship Director			
Pine Grove	Gary Shew			
Plainfield	James R. Klock			
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	Gerald Frey			
South Fairview	Kevin Dunlap			
Stone Glen	Donald Price			
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				
Walnut Grove	Adam Shawver			
Washington Boro	David Johnson			
Wells Cathedral Church of Deliverance	Ezra P. Davis			

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Westminster	Raymond B. Duvall, Jr.			
Windsor	Anthony Zumbo			
	Bob Collins, Associate Pastor			
Woodbury	James R. Shaffer			
Wormleysburg	Milton S. Brown, Jr.			
Yocumtown	Stefanie S. DiFrancesco			
	Anthony J. Smith, Youth/Young Adult Director			
York, First	Glenn A. Detter			
York, W. Poplar St.	Tracey Utermahlen			

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Conference Staff Personnel:			
Executive Director	Dominic D. DiFrancesco II		
Director of Congregational Care	David S. Williams		
Director of Multiplication	Charles P. Frank		
Director of Communication and Finance	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		
Approved Ministries:			
University of Findlay Staff:	Dale R. Brougher	Professor	
Winebrenner Theological Seminary:	Dr. Brent Sleasman	President	
Scotland Campus, Inc.:	David Newell	President/CEO	
Homeland Hospice:	John W. Good	Chaplain	
Church of God Home, Carlisle, PA	Robert W. Malick, Jr.	Chaplain	
Lancaster Goodwill	Kenneth E. Nitchman	Pastor	
Country Meadows	Dennis Hamsher	Chaplain Manager	
Messiah Village	Charles H. Hostetter	Pastor of Enhanced Living	
Director of Fruitbelt Farmworkers	Roddy Runyan	Pastor	
Holy Spirit Hospital	Johanna Monighan-Schaefer	Chaplain	
China Outreach Ministries	Glendon Osborn	Facilitator of Church & Volunteer Partnerships	
United States Army:			
Fort Benning, GA (Serving Basic Trainee Battalions)	Elizabeth R. (Kurtz) McGraw	Chaplain CH (CPT)	
16th Combat Aviation Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord	Matthew Shenton	Chaplain (Major)	
CGGC Endorsement Agent	Charles W. Yost	Chaplain (LTC)	
Missionaries:			
	John and Toni Thumma	Southwest	
	Caleb and Christina Acosta	Latino Ministries	
Other Ministers Reporting to Conference:			
Sarah J. Baumgardner	Andrew R. Griffith	Judi Misere	Walter Thermidor
Corey A. Berkey	Kelly E. Hall	Robert E. Mundis	David R. Thomas
Bruce K. Boyles	Richard R. Hanshaw, Jr.	Retta K. Murray	Sherry Verbeek
Nathan Buck	Ammon L. Hochstetler	Gary L. Newcomer	David A. Way
Gregory Cole	Dean Hull	Joel Ngarama	Thomas P. Weil
Doug Coldsmith	Rebecca G. Jarrett	Brian Ocker	Dean R. White
Yoline R. Conley	Travis Jarrett	Jake T. Paugh	Ron Wilson
Dory Crater	Pamela J. Jordan	Anthony Pomfrey	Daniel E. Winey
Maatthew Decampo	Ricky Key	Trevor Reece	Bruce Workman
Kenneth Detweiler	Martin R. Kiggins, Jr.	I. Eugene Reineman, III	David L. Wynn
Steve DiBiase	Catherine Kimmel	Kevin E. Richardson	
Matthew Donaldson	P. Dennis Koontz	Timothy P. Robbins	
David D. Dormer, Jr.	Daniel Kriel	Bradley Rock	
Isaac B. Edwards	Timothy D. Landis	Larry R. Schwenk, Sr.	
Richard Egolf	David W. Learn	Linda K. Rosenberry	
Chris Elliott	Scott J. Lebo	Trevor E. Rosenberry	
Richard Fischl	Anita London	Mark S. Schory	
Thomas C. Flanagan	Harry G. Madison	Kent Sheaffer	
Bernard W. Fortna	Terry Marshall	Jason D. Smith	
James Franklin	Travis R. Mellott	Andre Sonnal	
Sharon Garcia	Michael Miller	Dale G. Stoops	
Brandon S. Goodling	Carl T. Miner	Edward A. Taylor, Jr.	
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Retired Ministers:		*Serving Part-Time or Interim	
Leroy C. Achenbach	Wayne E. Gosnell	R. Victor Shifler	
Paul R. Albert, Sr.	William A. Groff, Jr.	John W. Shubert	
Richard D. Bair	Dennis H. Hall	Earl M. Sleasman	
Sandra K. Baney*	Paul Hauk	Kenneth E. Smith	
Timothy L. Bartlett	Randy L. Jenkins	R. Keith Smith	
Dean L. Baublitz	J. Thomas Lefever	William C. Smith	
Duane L. Beck	Thomas L. Lucas	Jerry E. Sneath	
Robert L. Bell*	James E. Lynn	John A. Snyder	
Larry L. Billet	Robert W. Malick, Jr.	Robert L. Stauffer	
Randall L. Bistline	Jim G. Martin*	Philip H. Sturr, Jr.	
Richard Borger	Malcolm E. Martin	Lester Swope	
J. William Brandt	Michael D. Martin	Roger Templeton, Jr.	
Milton S. Brown, Jr.*	D. Alan Mathna	Paul E. Tobias*	
Lewis I. Button	Stanley A. Maughan	Andrew H. Weaver	
John E. Byers	James A. McKibbin	Donald W. Weidner	
Joseph C. Castanos	Richard G. Miller	Robert J. Weidner	
Joel W. Cocklin	Bradley Moore	Michael A. Witmer*	
Harry C. Cole	James W. Moss, Sr.	David L. Wynn	
Stanley A. Cordell, Jr.	Jon R. Neely	George E. Yerger	
I. Kenneth Cornelius*	Kenneth E. Nitchman	John O. Yoder	
C. Alvin Cott	Glenn D. Peck	David A. Yost	
Leroy H. Cowfer	Ernest E. Pletcher	Joseph E. Zimmerman	
Mary Crampton-Moats	Frederick C. Quade	Walter B. Zimmerman	
Samuel R. Cunningham	Richard L. Reese		
W. Stanley Darrah	Patricia Robinson		
Cheryl A. Dorman*	Edward L. Rosenberry*		
David E. Draper	John W. Selcher		
Ronald E. Dull	Barry J. Sellers		
Lay Organizations:			
Home Mission Council, Inc. - President	Mr. Bradley Kearns		
Women's Ministries, Director:	Mrs. Katie Shradley		
Adult Fellowship	Mike Howard		
Ministerial Spouses			
<u>Those asked to be excused:</u>	<u>Days to be excused:</u>	<u>Those asked to be excused:</u>	<u>Days to be excused:</u>
Stanley A. Cordell, Jr.	Monday and Tuesday		
C. Roy Daywalt	Monday and Tuesday		
Lee E. Daywalt	Monday and Tuesday		
Ronald E. Dull	Monday		
William A. Groff, Jr.	Monday and Tuesday		
R. Bruce Henneman	Monday and Tuesday		
Jim G. Martin	Monday and Tuesday		
Gary W. Shew	Monday and Tuesday		
Philip H. Sturr, Jr.	Monday and Tuesday		
Bob White	Monday and Tuesday		



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Minutes

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference met on Monday, April 16, 2018, at Doubling Gap Center, Newville, PA.

Pastor Tom Myers, Conference President, called the Conference-in-Session to order at 9:00 AM, opening with prayer. The theme for this year's Conference is "Empowering Life-Giving Ministries"

Roll Call: There were 267 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.

Mr. Chris Clugh led a Song Service and Pastors Tom Myers and James W. Moss, Jr. led an Ordinance Service.

Military chaplains, Captain Ted Hamm and Major Scott King introduced themselves and invited everyone to talk with them about their ministry and check out their display table in the lobby.

ON MOTION ADOPTED the minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Conference Session of the Eastern Regional Conference, the minutes of the January 2018 Special Session of Conference, and the minutes of the Administrative Council since the Seventeenth Annual Conference Session.

ON MOTION APPROVED lifting from the Administrative Council minutes for separate action the ordination recommendations and the constitution proposal.

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

Dr. Steve Dunn presented and reviewed the new constitution. He introduced the members of the Constitution Committee. Discussion and voting will take place on Tuesday.

Pastor Chuck Frank introduced the guest speaker, Mr. David Nelms from the Timothy Initiative. Dr. David Nelms is Founder and President of the Timothy Initiative. He is a former senior pastor and grew three different churches in Maryland, Iowa, and Florida. He received a Master of Arts degree from Moody Bible Institute, a Master of Divinity from Luther Rice University and His Doctor of Ministry from Luther Rice University. David is married to his wife Loretta and has three grown children and five grandchildren. He spoke to the Conference about making discipleship a priority and training those who are willing. He answered four questions: 1) What is the Great Commission? 2) What is a disciple? 3) What is a church? and 4) What is success? His challenge was to make disciple-makers by focusing on the Holy Spirit rather than programs, services, books or curriculum.

Conference was dismissed for lunch following announcements. Pastor Darrell Schrade offered prayer for lunch.

Mr. Chris Clugh began the afternoon session with a Song Service and Pastor Larry Longenecker led devotions.

Roll Call: There were 260 pastors and delegates registered for Conference for the afternoon session.

Four Breakout Sessions were available: 1) The Heart of Multiplication: What Disciple-Making and Multiplication is All About presented by Dr. David Nelms; 2) Tools of Multiplication presented by Pastor Gilbert Thurston; 3) Any Church Can Multiply presented by Jeff Musser, April Ocasio and Antoine Lassiter and 4) Behind the Scenes Conversation from the Front Lines presented by Pastors Lawrence Metzler, Dwight Lefever, Mike Schooley, Jeremy Cramner and Victor Glover.

Commission on Multiplication: Pastor Chuck Frank showed several videos promoting the work of the Commission through multiplication of disciples. Their report is on pages 66-69 of the docket. He thanked everyone for their support of church planters. Pastor Dwight Lefever introduced the pastors who are church planters.

Commission on Pastoral Health: Pastor Dale Miller reported on the work and purpose of the Commission. He presented a detailed slide show of their goals to promote pastoral health and pastoral family health. He introduced the members of the Commission and encouraged attendees to visit their display table in the lobby. ERC Day of Prayer will be held on May 12, 2018.

Winebrenner Seminary Report: Dr. Brent Sleasman, President of Winebrenner Seminary, brought greetings from Winebrenner and updated the Conference on the seminary. He thanked those who financially support the seminary. He recognized Pastor Ed Rosenberry for his years of service to Winebrenner and encouraged all to visit their display table in the lobby. He read a letter from Dr. David Draper, updating the Conference on David's health. Dr. Gregory Guzman, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Director of Development also reported on the Seminary.

Commission on Vocations: Pastor Mark Hosler gave a final report of the Vocations Commission and recognized members of that Commission. This Commission will transition to the new Placement and Credentialing Commission. He recognized and thanked Dr. Michael Walker for chairing this Commission for many years. Pastor Judd Spencer provided information on Theological Study Day coming up in May. **ON MOTION APPROVED** the following persons for Life Ordination: Logan M. Ames, John K. Cook, Kelley E. Hall, Matthew D. Hornberger, April D. Ocasio, Dale G. Stoops, Jimmy Tolbert Wayne Grainger, Dr. Randall Hall-Walker, Antoine Cornelius Lassiter, Linda K. Rosenberry, and Dustin R. White.

ON MOTION RECEIVED the reports of Winebrenner Seminary, the Commission on Multiplication, the Commission on Pastoral Health and the Commission on Church Vocations.

A time of recognition was held for retirees. Those honored were John Good; Dennis Hall; Dennis Hamsher; R. Bruce Henneman; Robert Malick, Jr.; Jon Neely and Charles Riley.

Celebration of God's Servants: Linda Rosenberry presented the obituary report and recognized members of the committee. **ON MOTION ACCEPTED** with appreciation the Celebration of God's Servants report.

After announcements, Pastor John Cook offered prayer and Conference was adjourned until Tuesday morning, April 17, 2018.

A service was held on Monday evening featuring Pastor Greg Hench and the Revolution Crew from the Carlisle First Church of God. An ice cream social followed the program.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference continued Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at Doubling Gap Center, Newville, PA. with Mr. Chris Clugh leading in song and Pastor Jory Tobias leading devotions.

ROLL CALL: There were 272 registered pastors and delegates for the Tuesday morning session.

Four Breakout Sessions were available: 1) Having a Kingdom Mindset presented by Pastor Lance Finley; 2) What is a Healthy Life-Giving Church presented by Pastor David S. Williams; 3) Panel Discussion -- Living Externally as a Church presented by Pastors Zach Wilt, Charlie Zahora and Victor Glover; and 4) Prayer Focused Ministry – Stronger Together presented by Mrs. Diana Thomas.

Pastor Tom Myers, Conference President, called Conference-in-Session to order at 10:00 AM.

Financial Reports/Endowment Committee/2018 Budget: Colleen Gross, Finance Manager reported on the financial reports, referring to pages 71-79 in the docket. She referred to the 2018 budget and encouraged anyone with questions to contact her. Colleen shared a video on “Feed My Starving Children” and Pastor George Spangler of Turning Point Church of God, thanked all churches who helped in this project and encouraged more churches to become involved next year. Colleen recognized the many churches who are doing things in their communities such as having block parties and providing community meals. Frank Arva, Financial Secretary, talked about the finances of the ERC. His written report is on page 67 in the docket. He encouraged churches to use the financial staff as resources to make sure they are compliant with government regulations.

Home Mission Council: Jim Brandt presented the report for Home Mission Council. He recognized and thanked all who serve on the board. He asked anyone interested in serving on the board to contact him.

Chaplain Report: Captain Ted Hamm reported on his ministry. He is currently in the U.S. Army stationed in Maryland. He shared what he does and encouraged anyone to stop by the display table in the lobby and get information on the chaplain ministry.

Commission on Church Health: Wayne Pope, chairman of the Commission, reported this Commission oversees the advancement and development of church health in the ERC. It seeks to resource churches, pastors and leaders with best practices for ministry and church development. He recognized the core group of people who are currently serving on the Commission. Pastor Dave Williams shared a video on “ConNEXTion Groups,” identified their purpose and asked any pastor interested in joining one to contact him. Dave reminded churches planning to renovate or build to contact the commission.

General Conference: Pastor Lance Finley, Executive Director of the General Conference, shared a video on “The Well” at the University of Findlay and campus ministry. He thanked the ERC for their generosity and for partnering with them in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He introduced staff and reported on the General Conference. James P. Thomas, Pension Administrator, presented his report and encouraged pastors to join the pension plan. Pastor Finley encouraged people to attend the General Conference Sessions to be held on the Campus of Findlay University on July 22-24, 2019.

ON MOTION RECEIVED the Financial Reports, and the reports of the Endowment Committee and Home Mission Council, the Chaplain report, and the reports of the Commission on Church Health and the General Conference.

Conference was dismissed for lunch after a time of prayer.

The afternoon session began with Mr. Chris Clugh leading a Song Service followed by Pastor Jason Cooksey leading devotions.

ROLL CALL: There were 277 registered pastors and delegates for the Tuesday afternoon session.

The new constitution was presented. **ON MOTION DENIED** removing the word “preferred” from Article III, Section A. **ON MOTION DENIED** removing the word “preferred” from Article III, Section A, and adding “preferably” to Line 1 to read: Has proven to be a faithful ordained servant in the Kingdom of God for preferably at least five years, and adding “preferably” to Line 2 to read: Has been a Christian preferably for at least seven years.

ON MOTION APPROVED under Article VII – Commissions, Section 2, changing the name the Pastoral Health Commission to the Pastoral Family Health Commission.

ON MOTION APPROVED the new constitution as amended.

Pastor Jim Moss Jr., acting Executive Director, updated the Conference on the search for a new Executive Director.

Four Breakout Sessions were available: 1) Development of the Pastor presented by Pastor Wayne Good; 2) Discussion on the Physical Health of the Pastor presented by Kara Shifler; 3) Leadership Pipeline presented by Brandon Kelly; and 4) Facing the Fear: Preaching Generosity presented by Colleen Gross.

Ballots for Administrative Council, Vice President and Nominating Committee were presented. Votes were cast. Tellers were John Fetterhoff, Anthony Pomfrey, Dwight Lefever, and Donna Sturr.

Ballots for Doubling Gap Board and Home Mission Council, Inc. were presented. Votes were cast. Tellers were Teresa Schrade, Steve DiBiase, A.J. Smith, Heidi Smith, Rachel Neely-Pletcher and Amy Wilt.

Commission on Credentialing and Placement: Pastor Brian Warner reported on this new commission and its responsibilities.

Church of God Home: Steven J. Reiter, President and CEO from Stoneridge Retirement Living, brought greetings from the home. He updated the Conference on the home and asked for prayers for more employees who will serve the elderly willingly and faithfully. The home has hired recruiters to help find more qualified people. Orchards Marsh Run concept will be presented at the next board meeting.

Doubling Gap Center: Steve Long reported on the camp referring to pages 97-100. He recognized board members and shared a video on Camp Yolijsa. He reported on the various upgrades to the buildings. The cabin project has been completed and is paid for. Ryan Long, Program Director, reported in 2017 there were 2089 campers. He highlighted the camp’s 21 programs. In 2018, 22 programs will be offered. He thanked all the volunteers at camp and emphasized the need for counselors. He encouraged everyone to pick up various brochures on the display table in the lobby. The Camp Open House will be held June 9th.

ON MOTION RECEIVED the reports of the Commission on Credentialing and Placement, The Church of God Home and the Doubling Gap Center.

A service of recognition was held on Tuesday afternoon honoring C. Roy Daywalt, Roddy A. Runyan and David Sword for 25 years of service. The Towel and Basin Award recipient was Judith A. Lucas. David I. Bowers was recognized for 50 years of ministry. Yoline R. Conley, Gerald E. Shoap and Richard Thornton were recognized for 40 years of ministry.

After announcements, Pastor Brad Culwell closed with prayer. Conference was adjourned until Wednesday morning.

The **Service of Ordination** was held Tuesday evening with Pastor Judd Spencer bringing the message. Those receiving Life Ordination were Logan M. Ames, John K. Cook, Kelly E. Hall, Matthew D. Hornberger, April D. Ocasio, Dale G. Stoops, Jimmy Tolbert Wayne Grainger, Antoine Cornelius Lassiter, Linda K. Rosenberry, and Dustin R. White. Those receiving an Annual License were Robert M. Cassel, Christina Gray, Carl Miner, Alann Schmidt, Dylan Smith, Matthew DeCampo, Anthony Pomfrey, and James Shaffer. Recipients of a Transitional License were Jason Cooksey, Adam Shawver, Dr. Dean Vander Wiele, Ronald Wilson, Scott Davis, Everett Spencer and Richard Vaughn. A reception followed in the Lodge.

EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, April 18, 2018

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference continued on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at Doubling Gap Center, Newville, PA. with Mr. Chris Clugh leading in song and Pastor Nancy Boyer leading devotions. Pastor Tom Myers, Conference President, called Conference-in-Session to order at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL: There were 210 registered pastors and delegates for the Wednesday morning session.

The results of the elections were as follows:

Administrative Council: Pastoral: Charlie Zahora, three-year term; Nate Buck, three-year term; Dustin White, two-year term; Barb Maurice, two-year term

Lay Persons: Mark Schuch, three-year term; Howard Bink, three-year term; Diane Hakes, two-year term; Andy Lamonna, two-year term

Vice President: Pastor Don Snyder

Nominating Committee: Ryan Long, Pastor Bob Malick and Pastor George Jensen

Doubling Gap Board: Heidi Guyer, Cory Britcher and Marla Sheaffer

Home Mission Council Inc.: Brad Kearns and Greg Nauman

Constitution Change: Because of the confusion surrounding the amended Constitution vote on Tuesday, another vote was taken. **ON MOTION ADOPTED** the new constitution as amended with the Pastoral Health Commission being renamed the Pastoral Family Health Commission.

Statistical Report: Dave Williams reported that 15 congregations reported their highest worship average during the last decade, 54 reported their lowest worship average in the last decade and three churches ceased to exist.

The report is available in the docket. It was requested that churches who do not provide statistical information should be held accountable.

Dave Williams thanked Pastor Jim Moss, Jr. for all he has done and is doing. Pastor Moss is currently serving as Executive Director until the Administrative Council hires a new director.

Women's Ministry: Mrs. Norma Klock reported on Women's Ministries and encouraged churches who do not have this ministry in their church to organize a group. She also encouraged women to attend the various events held throughout the year.

ON MOTION RECEIVED the Statistical Report and Women's Ministry Report.

Installation Service: Conference President, Pastor Tom Myers, installed those persons elected to various offices and positions within the Conference.

Following a celebration of worship, testimony and prayer time, President Tom Myers gave the closing message.

President Tom Myers thanked all staff and those involved in the planning, music and sound ministries needed for the Eighteenth Annual Conference Sessions.

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

Having no further business, **ON MOTION APPROVED** to adjourn Conference with closing prayer by Pastor Bob Cassell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Wickard
Conference Transcribing Secretary

Administrative Council

Meeting No. 3, April 18, 2018

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at the United Church Center. T. I. Myers, President, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL: J. W. Moss, Jr., Interim Executive Director; T. I. Myers, President; D. C. Snyder, Vice President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; N. A. Buck (2021); D. R. Hakes (2020); J.A. Hornbaker; C. L. Jenkins; D. M. Masshardt; B. H. Maurice (2020); M. F. Schuch (2021); J. H. Starnier; G. D. Thurston; D. R. White (2020); C. J. Zahora (2021). **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:** None. **STAFF:** H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary(Advisory); C. P. Frank; C.S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory). **D.S. Williams;** **ABSENT:** Howard Bink (2021) and Andy Lamonna (2020). **Visitor:** Richard Thornton.

Tom Myers led in prayer.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE – ON MOTION APPROVED Zack Wilt and George Spangler as Members-at-Large of the Administrative Council.

MTI COMMITTEE - ON MOTION APPROVED Steve Dunn, Dennis Koontz and Brian Warner to serve on the MTI Committee with the freedom to appoint three other members to the committee who will be considered for approval at the July 11, 2018 Administrative Council meeting. Tom Myers will contact the committee to make sure they include someone on it who manages MTI's finances.

LIAISONS – We will no longer have liaisons who serve on Administrative Council and a commission and report for that commission to the Administrative Council. Staff persons responsible for each commission will report for that commission to the Ad Council.

2019 ERC CONFERENCE-IN-SESSION – Next year's Conference will be held April 29 - May 1, 2019 at Doubling Gap Center.

NEXT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING - The next meeting is July 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boldosser Room of the United Church Center.

ON MOTION ADJOURNED at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John W. Selcher, Conference Secretary

Administrative Council

Meeting No. 4, July 11, 2018

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, July 11, 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; D. C. Snyder, Vice President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; Howard Bink (2021); N. A. Buck (2021); D. R. Hakes (2020); C. L.

Jenkins; Andy Lamonna (2020); D. M. Masshardt; B. H. Maurice (2020); J. H. Starner; G. D. Thurston; D. R. White (2020); C. J. Zahora (2021). MEMBERS-AT-LARGE: George Spangler. STAFF: H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary(Advisory); C. P. Frank; C.S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory). D.S. Williams; ABSENT: J. A. Hornbaker, M. F. Schuck (2021) and Zack Wilt. Visitors: Jim Brandt, Steve Dunn and Ed Rosenberry.

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER TIME – J. W. Selcher read 1 John 2:15-16 and focused his comments on the importance of our defining passion being loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

RECEIVING OF ANNUAL LICENSES –Jeremy R. Metze took vows and received a Certificate of Annual License. Scott J. Davis took vows and received a Transitional License. Pastor Tom Myers prayed God’s blessings on their lives and ministries.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Session of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, which met April 16-18, 2018, were reviewed and **ON MOTION, APPROVED** as circulated.

The minutes for Meeting No. 3, April 18, 2018, were reviewed and **ON MOTION, APPROVED** as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE

We received a letter of resignation from Pastor Richard Bair from the Six Mile Church dated April 1, 2018.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Home Mission Council Update – Jim Brandt updated the Council regarding the health of Home Mission Council. All is well. Interest rates have not changed recently. About 212 certificates have been issued. Nineteen loans are outstanding.

The Council keeps a 15% reserve. He shared about the connection between Scotland Campus and the Home Mission Council. It has been determined after much consideration that the Home Mission Council’s past loans to Scotland Campus are legitimate, but no new loans will be granted to Scotland Campus. Home Mission Council is behind what is happening at Scotland Campus.

Review of 2018 Annual Conference Sessions and Comments – Most of the comments were positive.

Update on Executive Director Search – Eight candidates have been reduced to three. Further Interviews of these three will take place in the early part of August.

STAFF AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

J. W. Moss, Jr. – J. W. Moss, Jr. said he can give one day a week to his work as Interim Executive Director.

D. S. Williams – D. S. Williams reported on the status of the commissions on which he serves.

C. P. Frank –Antoine Lassiter shared about his experience with the Exponential Multipliers Learning Communities. These communities help individuals unpack practical principles and apply them in their

own context. Those in the community also help one another. It has been life-changing for Antoine and has enhanced his vision. C. P. Frank asked for \$10,000.00 to fund six persons to be part of these cohorts which meet three times each year. The Commission on Multiplication will pick up the remaining expenses. **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting \$10,000.00 for this request to the Commission on Multiplication. The money will come from the Administrative Council Discretionary Fund.

Finance Manager: C. S. Gross shared that finances are healthy right now in the ERC. Income is up, and expenses are down. Colleen visited Conference Sessions for some other denominations to see how they do things. ERC giving is about \$11,000 above budget, year to date. Fund Balances are over \$100,000.00. All commission budgets need to be submitted by September 4th.

ON MOTION, APPROVED funding Colleen Gross to do teaching in Kenya at a cost of \$2000.00 to be taken from the Administrative Council Discretionary Fund.

Financial Secretary: H. F. Arva reported that we are about \$11,000 above budget to date. We are 1.39% above last year's giving to date.

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

Commission Reports

Church Health – 15 Healthy Church Checkups have been conducted. Pam Kaylor has resigned, and Sam Williams will resign next year from the leadership of Bible Quizzing. **ON MOTION, APPROVED** Barb Maurice to serve as a member of Commission on Church Health. Church Health is seeking training venues for local churches. Church Health is working on developing ConNEXTion Groups in the conference. The commission is wrestling with how to do training with bi-vocational pastors.

Credentialing & Placement – **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Commission's credentialing policy, retroactive to June 14, 2018 as follows:

The Eastern Regional Conference of the Churches of God, General Conference recognizes four credentials for ministry.

1. Lifetime Ordination
2. License
3. Transitional License
4. Provisional License

LIFETIME ORDINATION

Lifetime Ordination is the standard credential for ministry in the Churches of God, General Conference. It signifies that the ordained person is fully qualified and authorized to perform all pastoral duties and offices. It is valid for the lifetime of the ordained person unless surrendered or recalled following due process by the conference/eldership in which ordination is currently held.

Every person ordained by the Eastern Regional Conference must:

- a. Have been a member of a local congregation of the Churches of God, General Conference for at least three years immediately prior to ordination.
- b. Have completed an approved course of academic preparation including but not limited to an undergraduate degree in Bible or ministry, an M.Div Program, PTI or MTI.
- c. Have completed a course on the history and polity of the Churches of God, General Conference and an approved course on homiletics. An exception to the homiletics requirement may be granted if the Commission on Credentialing and Placement recognizes a candidate's previous preaching experience as meeting this need.
- d. Have completed at least one year of licensed ministry experience in a local congregation of the Churches of God, General Conference or a ministry approved by the Commission on Credentialing and Placement.

- e. Have been recommended for ordination by the Commission on Credentialing and Placement.
- f. Have passed the required steps as outlined to them by the Commission on Credentialing and Placement which may include but is not limited to a written and oral theological examination.

LICENSE

License is the preliminary credential for ministry granted to most ministers (exceptions would include those receiving a Transitional or Provisional License as outlined below). It signifies that the licensed person is fully qualified and authorized to perform all pastoral duties and offices, though their education may be incomplete. It is the expectation that all those candidates who receive a license and remain active with the Churches of God, General Conference will continue their study with the motivation of receiving Lifetime Ordination. A license is valid for a maximum of five years and may be renewed on an annual basis upon expiration. It becomes valid upon ministerial placement in a local congregation of the Eastern Regional Conference or an approved parachurch ministry.

All persons licensed by the Eastern Regional Conference must:

- a. Be a member of a local congregation of the Churches of God, General Conference.
- b. Have completed at least forty percent of their education as outlined above.
- c. Have completed an approved course on homiletics. An exception to this requirement may be granted if the Commission on Credentialing and Placement recognizes a candidate's previous preaching experience as meeting this need.
- d. Have completed appropriate background checks and a Pastoral Readiness Inventory or similarly demonstrated personal readiness of pastoral ministry.
- e. Have passed the required steps as outlined to them by the Commission on Credentialing and Placement which may include but is not limited to an oral theological examination.

TRANSITIONAL LICENSE

Transitional License is the preliminary credential for ministry in the Churches of God, General Conference, granted to those candidates who are ordained by another denomination or church and wish to serve under that ordination. It signifies that the licensed person is fully qualified and authorized to perform all pastoral duties and offices, and that the Commission of Credentialing and Placement recognizes their ordination as coming from a valid ministry partner. It is the expectation that all those candidates who receive a transitional license and remain active with the Churches of God, General Conference will seek Lifetime Ordination with the Churches of God, General Conference. Should such a goal be reached it will be required of the candidate to surrender their former ordination as the Churches of God, General Conference does not recognize dual ordination. A transitional license is valid for a maximum of five years and may be renewed on an annual basis upon expiration. Should a candidate wish to remain serving with the Churches of God, General Conference under their former ordination for a period longer than five years, they will be evaluated on a case by case basis and exceptions may be allowed. A transitional license becomes valid upon ministerial placement in a local congregation of the Eastern Regional Conference or an approved parachurch ministry.

All persons granted a Transitional License by the Eastern Regional Conference must:

- a. Be able to produce proof of Ordination with another church or denomination.
- b. Be a member of a local congregation of the Churches of God, General Conference.
- c. Have completed at least forty percent of their education as outlined above.
- d. Have completed an approved course on homiletics. An exception to this requirement may be granted if the Commission on Credentialing and Placement recognizes a candidate's previous preaching experience as meeting this need.
- e. Have completed appropriate background checks and a Pastoral Readiness Inventory or similarly demonstrated personal readiness of pastoral ministry.

- f. Have passed the required steps as outlined to them by the Commission on Credentialing and Placement which may include but is not limited to an oral theological examination.

PROVISIONAL LICENSE

Provisional License is the preliminary credential for ministry in the Churches of God, General Conference, granted to those candidates who are authorized to minister either in specific locations or under specific provisions (including but not limited to oversight/mentoring assigned by the Commission on Credentialing and Placement). This credential is granted to those who either because of calling or qualifications/ability are licensed for specific ministry within the Churches of God, General Conference but are not necessarily licensed to perform all pastoral duties and offices. Those candidates who receive a provisional license may seek a license or lifetime ordination as appropriate. A provisional license is valid as long as the provisions as stated when the license is conferred remain in effect. Should these provisions change the candidate must meet with the Commission of Credentialing and Placement to reevaluate the status of their license. A provisional license becomes valid upon ministerial placement in a local congregation of the Eastern Regional Conference or an approved parachurch ministry.

All persons granted a Provisional License by the Eastern Regional Conference must:

- a. Be a member of a local congregation of the Churches of God, General Conference.
- b. Have completed at least forty percent of their education as outlined above.
- c. Have completed an approved course on homiletics. An exception to this requirement may be granted if the Commission on Credentialing and Placement recognizes a candidate's previous preaching experience as meeting this need, or if it is recognized that a candidate's provisional ministry will not include pulpit ministry.
- d. Have completed appropriate background checks and a Pastoral Readiness Inventory or similarly demonstrated personal readiness of pastoral ministry.
- e. Have passed the required steps as outlined to them by the Commission on Credentialing and Placement which may include but is not limited to an oral theological examination.

Ministry Training Institute Steering Committee – Steve Dunn updated the status of Ministry Training Institute. Sixteen students are registered for Churches of God History and Polity class at the Newville First Church of God. Classes have been planned and instructors secured for the fall semester which begins September 4th. MTI has secured \$2,150 in donations. Potential donors will be visited in about three weeks. Dennis Koontz is heading up this process and the goal is to raise at least \$15,000 for the remainder of 2018. MTI has developed curriculum offerings with course descriptions yet to be written. The pastoral track includes 13 required courses, plus mentored ministry and three electives. MTI has also developed proposed curriculum offerings for the Ministry Enrichment Track. Courses cost \$150 per cost or \$100 to audit. Thanks to the pastors and elders at Grand Point Church, MTI will have a physical office to replace the current virtual office. A website has been set up and can be found at www.ercministrytraining.com. Tammie Gitt is the webmaster. The Facebook page ERC MINISTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE has reached over 1000 persons. **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the board of directors and job descriptions of MTI. **ON MOTION, APPROVED** Don Snyder as the liaison from the Administrative Council to MTI.

Multiplication – Gilbert Thurston shared the commission's focus of multiplying disciples, leaders, ministries and churches.

Pastoral Family Health – Tom Myers said districts are being developed within the region for pastoral family care. Each district has an overseer. The commission is developing resources for pastoral families and more opportunities for pastors to interact.

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 – Reported earlier in the meeting
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**

Missionary Rally – The Cumberland Valley Mission District raised \$41,847.00 for missions in 2018.

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 we will recompense Dave Williams for the additional work he is doing in the absence of a full-time Executive Director.

ADJOURNMENT: The Administrative Council was **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 12:09 p.m. The next meeting is October 3, 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 July 11, 2018.

Church Health

Meeting No. 3, April 10, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** transferring the Lakemont Church's deed to 441 Logan Avenue in Lakemont, PA from the church to Randy Auto and Body on Logan Avenue in Lakemont, PA.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** funding the first \$2,000.00 for training for Diane Hakes for a program called Younique (Will Mancini) to help raise up people within the church who are healthy and focused on their purpose, trying to help raise up younger leaders. She will become a resource person for the ERC.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** purchasing several copies of *Pastor Unique* by Gordon Penfield.

Church Health

Meeting No. 4, May 8, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the sale of Lot 5-2 for the price of \$20,000.00 and Lot 5-3 for the price of \$30,000.00 by the Brownsville Church.
- **BY COMMON CONSENT, AGREED** to have an e-mail vote, if needed, on participating in Training for Rural Church Pastors at the Billy Graham Center.

Church Health

Meeting No. 5, June 12, 2018

- **BY COMMON CONSENT, AGREED** to create a Property Task Force with Wayne Pope as chair or member and to recruit three other persons to serve on it.

Vocations

Meeting No. 3, March 8, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 2, February 8, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** recommending Dale Stoops to the Eastern Regional Conference in Session for Life Ordination.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** recommending Kelly Hall to the Eastern Regional Conference in Session for Life Ordination.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** recommending April Ocasio to the Eastern Regional Conference in Session for Life Ordination, contingent upon completing the History and Polity Class.

Vocations

Meeting No. 4, March 15, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** recommending Pastor Antoine Lassiter to the Eastern Regional Conference in Session for Life Ordination.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** recommending Pastor Jimmy Grainger to the Eastern Regional Conference in Session for Life Ordination.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** recommending Pastor Randall Hall-Walker to the Eastern Regional Conference in Session for Life Ordination.

Vocations

Meeting No. 5, April 12, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from meetings No. 3 and No. 4 on March 8, 2015 and March 15, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Carl Miner an Annual License.

Credentialing and Placement

Meeting No. 1, May 10, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Vocations minutes from meeting No. 5, April 12, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting the resignation of Pastor Richard Bair from the Six Mile Run Church, effective April 1, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** authorizing those members from the former Church and Pastor Commission who are working with churches to continue working with those churches until they

find a new pastor. We will ask them to report to our Commission as needed and at the end of the process.

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** Pastor Judd Spencer's writing a document which lists the various credentials that we will provide, with the provision that the Annual and Transitional licenses will have a 5-year limit.

Credentialing and Placement

Meeting No. 2, June 14, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 1, May 10, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting Pastor Anthony Zumbo's resignation from the Commission with appreciation for his service.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing Pastor Mark Hosler as Secretary for the Commission on Credentialing and Placement.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the credentialing document outlining the criteria for receiving a license or Lifetime Ordination which will be presented to the Administrative Council at their next meeting.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting Pastor Brad Moore's resignation as Chaplain of the Church of God Home.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** reimbursing Pastor Jack Guyler for his expenses for his travel and work related to Intentional Interim Ministry.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing Pastor John Culbertson to serve as the commission's representative on the Intentional Interim Task Force.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting a license to Jeremy Metze.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing Jeremy Metze to serve as Pastor of Youth and Family at Central Manor Church.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** recommending Alann Schmidt to the Eastern Regional Conference in Session for Life Ordination.

ERC Ministry Training Institute Steering Committee

Meeting No. 1, May 8, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** identifying this group as the Board of Directors for the ERC Ministry Training Institute.
- **BY COMMON CONSENT, AGREED** to set up staggered terms in consultation with the Administrative Council.
- **ON MOTION, ELECTED** Ed Rosenberry to serve as chairman.
- **BY COMMON CONSENT, AGREED** to adopt the following financial operation guidelines in principle:

The operating budget is \$39,925.00. Proposed income is \$5,520 from tuition and fees (based on seven courses averaging five students), a \$15,000 grant from the ERC, and \$19,675 from fund-raising efforts. The tuition to be charged is \$50 per credit hour or \$150 per course. Courses may be audited for \$100 per course. Steve Dunn shared an outline for financial operations developed in coordination with Colleen Gross and Frank Arva. A question has been raised about treating instructors as 1099 contractors. This is our preference. This will be taken back to the ERC for further discussion. It was agreed that any non-budgeted or non-contracted expenditure would require Board action before an order for payment will issue. Also, mileage reimbursements when appropriate will at the IRS rate after the first 20 miles.

- **BY COMMON CONSENT, AGREED** that each member of the Board will be asked to contribute to MTI no matter how small or large so that we can have 100% participation.
- **BY COMMON CONSENT, AGREED** Dennis Koontz will be the Chief Development Officer.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** employing Steve Dunn as the part-time Director, effective May 5, 2018.
- **BY COMMON CONSENT, APPROVED** Steve Dunn's contract.
- **BY COMMON CONSENT, ELECTED** Vice Chair-Michael Walker, Secretary-Judd Spencer and Tammie Gitt, with final minutes coming through the Director, Development Director-Denny Koontz and Financial Secretary-Kim Shifler.
- **BY COMMON CONSENT, AGREED** to establish a \$10 registration fee for first time students in the Pastoral Track and persons in the Ministry Enrichment track intending to take more than one class.

ERC Ministry Training Institute Steering Committee

Meeting No. 2, May 31, 2018

- **BY COMMON CONSENT, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 1, May 8, 2018 as circulated.
- **BY COMMON CONSENT, ACCEPTED** the resignation of Brian Warner from the committee and asking the Ad Council to do the same.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** Ed Rosenberry's working document to govern the initial operations of the ERC Ministry Institute Board.
- **BY COMMON CONSENT, APPROVED** a job description for the MTI Program Director.

Multiplication and Church Planting

Meeting No. 3, March 12, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 2, February 9-10, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** February 2018 Financial Reports.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** aligning the York Churches to connect them with Iglesia Nuevo Comienzo of York, seeking financial assistance over a 6-month period at \$500 per month. The Commission to fill in as needed.

Multiplication and Church Planting

Meeting No. 4, April 9, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 3, March 12, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** March 2018 Financial Reports.

Multiplication and Church Planting

Meeting No. 5, May 30, 2018

- No motions were approved.

Pastoral Family Health

Meeting No. 1, February 6, 2018

- This was an organizational meeting with no motions passed.

Pastoral Family Health

Meeting No. 2, March 6, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 1, February 6, 2018.

Pastoral Family Health

Meeting No. 3, May 1, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 2, March 6, 2018.

Doubling Gap Center Corporation

Meeting No. 2, March 17, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of meeting No. 1, January 6, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting the treasurer's report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report including the approval of summer program staff, and the addition of a new Wilderness Camp technology leader.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report, including the approval of Camping Ministry Fund gifts of \$5,000.00 to the WLD Ranch near Erie, PA, which had some fire damage in February and \$1000.00 to Mike Baker (a former camp volunteer and summer staff employee) for a summer intern trip with ZIMA.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the redemption of coupons which release time students from Church of God families earn for free or reduced rate camp at Camp Yolijsa.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the 2018 ERC Doubling Gap Board ballot of Corey Britcher, Dirk Detweiler, Heidi Guyer and Marla Sheaffer.

Doubling Gap Center Corporation

Meeting No. 3, May 19, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of meeting No. 2, March 17, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** subsidizing 50% of the camp cost of actively serving pastors and spouses for the current year.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting the treasurer's report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of the March 17, 2018, Promotion and Publicity Committee meeting.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the verbal report of the April 23, 2018, email meeting of the Camp Committee, in which there was a review and electronic vote approval of the curriculum of the various Summer camps.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report, including the approval of Pastor Dan Murray as a 2018 8th Grade Camp Director.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report.
- **BY COMMON CONSENT, INVITED** the ERC Bible quiz team leaders to formulate a proposal for the board for both sponsoring the quizzing ministry and offering discounted camp scholarships to various categories of quizzing achievement.

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** a donation of \$1,000.00 in memory of Dr. A. Gail Dunn, toward a generator for Project Hope, Haiti.

Senior Life Fellowship

No minutes were submitted.

The Forever Caring Fund

No minutes were submitted.

Home Mission Council

Board of Trustees Meeting No. 1, January 18, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from the October 24, 2017 meeting, adding October 16, 2018 to the list of meeting dates.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** Attorney Nicole Kaylor reviewing the bylaws and proposing amended language to allow for electronic signatures via email.

Women's Ministries

No minutes were submitted.

Report from the 2018 Cumberland Valley Mission District Celebration

- On April 15, 2018, a total of \$41,847.00 was given and distributed to mission projects as follows:
 - **\$2,500.00**, or \$500.00 each to 5 Local Church Mission Teams (Mt. Holly, Green Spring, Shippensburg, Newburg, Doubling Gap) reporting at the Celebration
 - **\$13,115.66** Church Planting in the Eastern Regional Conference
 - **\$13,115.67** Support for Pastors Caleb & Christina Acosta – Latino Ministries (CC 2764)
 - **\$13,115.67** Community Development in Bangladesh (CC 2709)
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Administrative Council

Meeting No. 5, October 3, 2018

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, October 3, 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; D. C. Snyder, Vice President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; Howard Bink (2021); N. A. Buck (2021); D. R. Hakes (2020); J. A. Hornbaker; C. L. Jenkins; Andy Lamonna (2020); D. M. Masshardt; B. H. Maurice (2020); M. F. Schuck (2021); G. D. Thurston; D. R. White (2020); C. J. Zahora (2021). **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:** George Spangler and Zack Wilt. **STAFF:** H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary (Advisory); C. P. Frank; C.S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory). **D.S. Williams;** **ABSENT:** J. H. Starner. **VISITORS:** Lance Finley, Richard Thornton, Chad Chute.

Devotions: Tom Myers read 1 Samuel 16:6-13. God will lead us in the direction we are supposed to go. We can't depend on our own logic to make God-honoring decisions. We must trust in the Lord's leading. Tom led in prayer.

Jim Moss, Jr. shared a history of the search committee's work. The committee is looking for someone who would serve in an executive capacity. Jim summarized some strengths and weaknesses of both candidates.

The candidates were asked to address the following two questions in their presentations:

1. What do you perceive are the needs of the ERC? How would you address these needs?
2. What would your first 60 days look like? What would you hope to accomplish by the end of the first year?

Each candidate made a presentation and answered questions.

A discussion about the candidates followed. It was agreed that the Executive Director must receive at least 2/3 of the votes of Administrative Council members to be selected. Those who can not be present at the October 17th meeting will vote by e-mail. All Administrative Council members will receive a ballot through e-mail. Those who will be present at the October 17th meeting should bring their ballot with them.

ADJOURNMENT: The Administrative Council was ADJOURNED at 3:37 p.m. The next meeting is October 17, 2018, at the United Church Center at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John W. Selcher, Conference Secretary

Administrative Council

Meeting No. 6, October 17, 2018

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, October 17, 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; D. C. Snyder, Vice President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; Howard Bink (2021); N. A. Buck (2021); J. A. Hornbaker; C. L. Jenkins; D. M. Masshardt; M. F. Schuck (2021); J. H. Starner; G. D. Thurston; D. R. White (2020); C. J. Zahora (2021). **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:** George Spangler; Zack Wilt **STAFF:** H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary (Advisory); C. P. Frank; C.S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory); D.S. Williams. **ABSENT:** D. R. Hakes (2020); Andy Lamonna (2020); B. H. Maurice (2020). **Visitors:** Steve Dunn, Rich Thornton.

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER TIME – H. F. Arva read Proverbs 3:5-6. He talked about the significance of today's decisions for the future of the Eastern Regional Conference. He read James 1:5 which tells us we need God's wisdom. God has a plan for our lives, his church and the Eastern Regional Conference.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes for Meeting No. 4, July 11, 2018, were reviewed and **ON MOTION, APPROVED** as corrected.

The minutes for Meeting No. 5, October 3, 2018, were reviewed and **ON MOTION, APPROVED** as corrected.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SELECTION – The Administrative Council is responsible for all hiring and firing. All members of the Administrative Council are voting members today except for the Interim Executive Director. Nick DiFrancesco was selected to be the next Executive Director.

STAFF AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

J. W. Moss, Jr. – J. W. Moss, Jr. had no oral report.

D. S. Williams – D. S. Williams reported on two training events he attended. One was at Wheaton College. Co-vocational ministry needs more attention. More than half the pastors in ERC churches serve on a part-time basis. Dave attended Turnaround Pastors Boot Camp in Portland, Oregon. He reported on the Pulse Retreat.

C. P. Frank – C. P. Frank reviewed the last ten years of church planting in the ERC. We have had 55 planting projects in the last ten years with 29 of them still active in the ERC today. These 29 have a present active attendance of 1572 persons. Church plants have returned \$275,000 in tithes.

Finance Manager: C. S. Gross shared that spending is below budget. We have received \$144,000 more than we have spent thus far in 2018. The financial secretaries of the commissions have the details of each commission's spending.

Financial Secretary: H. F. Arva reported that giving has declined the last two months compared to budget. As of the end of September, giving is slightly below budget for the year. Giving to date is \$9500 more in 2018 than 2017.

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

Commission Reports

Church Health – ON MOTION, APPROVED Jeff Musser as a member of the Church Health Commission. Dave Williams reported for the Commission.

Credentialing & Placement – Don Snyder talked about educational requirements for apostolic churches and licensing pastors connected to apostolic churches.

Ministerial Training Institute Steering Committee – Their goals include having 50 students in the program by the winter-spring semester; offering two pastoral track classes and two ministry enrichment classes per semester; raising at least \$10,000 by December 31, 2018; adding ten hours of administrative help per week by January 1, 2019 and increasing the Director's time from half time to three-quarter time in 2019 ASAP; finding a permanent home for the Resource Library and having the first graduation in December 2019.

Multiplication – Gilbert Thurston shared that the Commission's focus is on multiplying disciples, leaders, ministries and churches and providing three tools in each of these areas.

Pastoral Family Health – Tom Myers reported on the work of the commission. The Commission is doing Pastor Appreciation Dinners and a Clergy Couples Retreat. Tom Lucas and Terry Jansma have resigning from the Commission.

ON MOTION ACCEPTED the reports of the Commissions.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT – The Constitution Committee ruled that local churches that have been granted apostolic authority may issue provisional licenses to church planters they are sending out.

The Commission on Credentialing and Placement is responsible to see everything is done decently, legally, and in good order. The Committee suggests that the Commissions on Credentialing and Placement and Multiplication should meet to discuss moorings for operation of apostolic churches and write them down.

ON MOTION, APPROVED that conflict resolution in the local church shall be the responsibility of the Commission on Church Health. This shall include the authority both to recommend to the local church a solution to the conflict and if necessary to compel a solution. Should the local church or parties want to appeal the decision of the Commission, that appeal shall go to the Administrative Council or in some cases to the Standing Committee.

Corporations Reports

Church of God Home, Forever Caring Fund – Two persons have been hired as Chaplains at the Home. Both are part-time.

Doubling Gap Center – The ministry is doing well.

Home Mission Council – Dave Williams reported the HMC has \$750,000 that is available to loan. SCI is behind on their payments to HMC. HMC is asking for a realistic payment plan from SCI.

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**

Missionary Rally – The Cumberland Valley Mission District raised \$41,847.00 for missions in 2018.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Adult Fellowship – No verbal report

Women's Ministries – No verbal report

ON MOTION RECEIVED the Organization Reports.

Other Concerns/Action Items - Tom Myers reported to the Administrative Council concerning an event with which the ERC wants no association that The University of Findlay held in the building formerly owned by Winebrenner Seminary. The next step is for ERC leadership to meet with Dr. Katherine Fell, the University's President, with the hope there will be no reoccurrence.

Executive Session – Staff salaries for 2019 will be frozen at 2018 levels. **ON MOTION, APPROVED** adding \$6,000 to the Executive Director's salary package amount to match what we promised Nick DiFrancesco during the interviews. **ON MOTION APPROVED** the 2019 budget as amended at \$806,838. Zach Wilt closed in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: The Administrative Council was **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 12:32 p.m. The next meeting is January 9, 2019, 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 17, 2018.

Church Health

Meeting No. 6, July 9, 2018

- No motions were passed.

Church Health

Meeting No. 7, August 14, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** “Revitalization-How to Restore the Church to the Heart of God” and to forward to the final version.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** “Effective Church Councils” and to forward to the final version.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** “Building an Elder Team” and to forward to the final version.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting the Glenvale Church approval to seek a loan up to \$60,000.00 to resurface their parking lot.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** sending two persons to the Turnaround Pastors Boot Camp to be held September 23-27 in Portland, Oregon.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** requesting a commission budget of \$35,200.00 plus staff salary expense for the 2019 budget.

Church Health

Meeting No. 8, September 11, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** “Revitalization-How to Restore the Church to the Heart of God” in its final version.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** Providence Church’s purchasing 1.86 acres at a cost of \$310,000. The property is located at 211 Fairview Road in the Township of Providence, County of Lancaster, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 17560.

Credentialing and Placement

Meeting No. 3, July 12, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from our meeting of June 14, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** extending the ministry of Pastor Steve Dunn as Intentional Interim at Penbrook by 6 months.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing Pastor Matt Hornberger to serve as Pastor at the Altoona 4th Street Church of God.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** certifying Pastor Brad Moore for retirement.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Pastor David Johnson a license for ministry in the Eastern Regional Conference (contingent upon membership).
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing Pastor David Johnson as Pastor at the Washington Boro Church of God, effective August 1, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Drew Thomas a provisional license to serve as the Associate Pastor at the High View Church of God, under the mentorship of the Senior Pastor.

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing Pastor Drew Thomas as Associate Pastor at the High View Church of God.

Credentialing and Placement
Meeting No. 4, August 9, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 3, July 12, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing Pastor Kevin Dunlap as Pastor at South Fairview Church, contingent upon receipt of contract.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** Pastor Mike Walker's request for a ten-week Sabbatical.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** a proposed 2019 budget that will be presented to the Budget Committee.

Multiplication
Meeting No. 6, July 2, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** a contribution for expenses for the Celebration Party for the Community and Re-Launch Opening of Freedom Worship Center.
- **ON MOTION, ACCEPTED** the resignation of Nancy Boyer from the Multiplication Commission.

Multiplication
Meeting No. 7, August 13, 2018

- Proposed a 2019 budget for the Multiplication Commission of \$366,000.

Pastoral Family Health
Meeting No. 4, June 19, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 3, May 1, 2018.

Pastoral Family Health
Meeting No. 5, July 17, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 4, June 19, 2018.

Pastoral Family Health
Meeting No. 6, August 14, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 5, July 17, 2018.

Doubling Gap Center Corporation
Meeting No. 4, July 21, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of meeting No. 3, May 19, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting the treasurer's report.

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the verbal report of the June 26, 2018, meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the proposal presented by the Bible Quizzing Leadership Team for awarding partial camp scholarships to quizzers for achievement in the Bible Quizzing program. The top three quizzers in each of Little League, Jr. High, and Sr. High in the final tournament will receive a 50% scholarship for one week at Camp Yoliwja. Additionally, throughout the coming 2018-19 year, at both District Quizzes and Tournaments, quizzers saying: 87 (100% of verses for John) of the memory verses will receive a 50% scholarship for one week at Camp Yoliwja; 65 verses, 35%; 40 verses, 25%; 15 verses, 10%. Numbers will be adjusted for Little League. These scholarships are good for any Camp Yoliwja sponsored camp or retreat. They are non-transferrable. The camp will create certificates to be distributed at the final tournament. Verse requirement numbers for scholarships will change from year to year depending on the total number of Bible memory verses for that year.

Senior Life Fellowship

No minutes were submitted.

The Forever Caring Fund

No minutes were submitted.

Home Mission Council

Board of Trustees Meeting No. 2, April 12, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from the January 18, 2018 meeting.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** of financials as submitted.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** a ballot for Home Mission Council for ERC Sessions.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** maintaining the present rates on loans.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** extending interest only payments for the Woodbury Church for six additional months.

Constitution Committee Report – The Constitution Committee at a September 10, 2018, meeting ruled that local churches who have been granted Apostolic Authority may issue provisional licenses to church planters they are sending out.

Women's Ministries

No minutes were submitted.

Administrative Council

Meeting No. 1, January 9, 2019

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at the United Church Center. T. I. Myers, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: D. D. DiFrancesco II, Executive Director; T. I. Myers, President; D. C. Snyder, Vice President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; Howard Bink (2021); D. R. Hakes (2020); J. A. Hornbaker; C. L. Jenkins; Andy Lamonna (2020); D. M. Masshardt; B. H. Maurice (2020); M. F. Schuck (2021); J. H. Starnes; G. D. Thurston; D. R. White (2020); C. J. Zahora (2021). **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:** Zack Wilt. **STAFF:** H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary (Advisory); C. P. Frank; C.S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory); D.S. Williams. **ABSENT:** N. A. Buck (2021); George Spangler. **Visitors:** Steve Dunn, Edward Rosenberry.

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER TIME – D. D. DiFrancesco II read Genesis 1. Each of us must be humble and know our place. God wants to use us as tools for His plan. We are here to serve. God is in charge. His Holy Spirit is working in us and leading us to where He needs us to go. Nick led in prayer.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes for Meeting No. 6, October 17, 2018, were reviewed and **ON MOTION, APPROVED** as presented.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Ad Council Dates for 2019 – We discussed whether Ad Council meetings should be held during an evening rather than during the day. Points made during the discussion include:

- Are we making too many changes at one time?
- The Ad Council should reflect on where we want the ERC to go.
- We should wait a year to introduce any changes.
- The idea of changing the meeting time should be reported at the next ERC Sessions.
- Bi-vocational pastors can't serve on AD council if meetings are during the day.
- Do we have time to delay changing the meeting time?
- Why do we meet?
- How are our meetings making a difference?
- Does the Ad Council understand its role?
- Nick wants the Ad Council to set the pace.
- Should AD council members have responsibilities between meetings?

Granting of Ministerial Credentials

Jeremy Garman from the Greenvillage Church took vows and received a Certificate of Pastoral License. Pastor Tom Myers prayed God's blessings on his life and ministry.

Report on Doubling Gap Center – Steve Long, Executive Director of Doubling Gap Center, reported that 2018 was the 85th year of the YoliJwa Camping Program. 2018 had the highest camper totals in our history – 2128. Youth ministry total attendance was the second highest ever. Over 400 youth made a spiritual response. 81 ERC churches had at least one summer camper. That is 35-year low. The percentage of Church of God youth at camp is trending down. 419 volunteers participated in 2018. Our

volunteer participation helps make Camp YoliJwa as successful as it is. There were 208 different rental groups in 2018. Many college groups come to DGC. The girls' dorm restroom project was completed. Project are planned to replace the ceiling lights in the gym and to install a treatment system for drinking water. Another project is rebuilding the lake's spillway which will cost about \$80,000.00. Donations of \$170,000 from individuals were received in 2018. A plan is being developed to build a meeting house on the other side of the road. The lake will need dredged before we build a meeting house.

STAFF AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

D. D. DiFrancesco II – No oral report.

D. S. Williams – No oral report.

C. P. Frank – No oral report.

Finance Manager: C. S. Gross shared her report.

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the housing allowances for 2019 that Charles Frank and David Williams requested. They are included with the minutes of this meeting.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** paying the registration fee for ERC delegates in 2019 and reimbursing one quarter's worth of Retirees' and widows' health insurance and putting the remaining unspent balance from 2018 in the AD Council Discretionary Fund. Nick will come to our March 13th meeting with suggestions how to strategically use the unspent balance from 2018 that was put in the AD Council Discretionary Fund.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** that the Eastern Regional Conference COG will reimburse each eligible employee up to the annual IRS allowable reimbursements for Employee and Eligible Dependents for any IRC 213(d) out-of-pocket medically necessary expense including, but not limited to the expenses listed on the original Schedule A, which is included with these minutes.

Financial Secretary: H. F. Arva reported the tithe received in 2018 was \$1,585,503.00. The ERC retained 50% of it. 50% was sent to CGGC. The amount the ERC received was \$19,751.00 or 2.55% in excess of budget. The tithe for 2018 exceeded the tithe for 2017 by \$61,859.00 or 4.06%. Frank also reported that reserved parking spots for church employees might be taxed by the federal government in the future. It is best for churches not to have reserved parking spots for their employees.

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

Commission Reports

Church Health – The Church Health Commission acted to close the Brunswick Church of God, effective December 30, 2018. The congregation agrees with this decision. **ON MOTION, APPROVED** this action. Dave Williams reported on healthy church check-ups and is looking for help to conduct church visits and follow-up.

Credentialing & Placement – Dave Williams recommended to the Administrative Council that Apostolic Authority be granted to credential only those who serve in ministry under the credentialing Church. The Interview process has improved in last four months.

Ministerial Training Institute Steering Committee – 56 students are registered. 5 classes are being offered per semester. December 7th will be the first graduation. Fund raising is going well. Board members have contributed almost \$10,000.00. Steve Dunn's remuneration will increase, and some support staff will be added. The proposed budget for 2019 is \$81,500.00.

Multiplication – Chuck Frank reported on the work of the Commission. Feb 23rd is the Evangelism Summit. Over 1600 people per week are attending new ERC churches. Over 95% of their pastors are bi-vocational.

Pastoral Family Health – No verbal report

Pastoral Family Health Commission Operations Handbook – The handbook was approved with the acceptance of the reports of the Commissions.

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 earlier in the meeting.

Home Mission Council – Dave Williams reported SCI is not as far behind in their payments to HMC as they were.

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**

Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee shared those they would like to contact as Conference Secretary candidates, pastoral Ad Council candidates and lay Ad Council candidates. **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the people the Nominating Committee wants to contact. We discussed changing how persons are nominated for ERC positions. We need a better process. Nick will send Charles Jenkins his thoughts about developing a process for the work of the 2020 Nominating Committee.

Missionary Rally – The Cumberland Valley Mission District raised \$41,847.00 for missions in 2018.

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 – None

ADJOURNMENT: The Administrative Council was **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 12:40 p.m. The next meeting is March 13, 2019, at the United Church Center at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
John W. Selcher, Conference Secretary

Items of Business from Commissions, Corporations, and Committees

Approved by the Administrative Council on January 9, 2019.

Church Health

Meeting No. 9, October 10, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 8, September 11, 2018, circulated by e-mail.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** bringing the Turnaround Pastor Boot Camp to the ERC as early as practical in 2019.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** paying the \$1500 annual coaching fee for Dave Williams and Terry Jansma, beginning in 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** authorizing \$1000.00 for Dave Williams to lead the annual trip to Haiti in 2019.

Credentialing and Placement

Meeting No. 5, September 13, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 4, August 9, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting Pastor Mark Halliday's resignation as Sr. Pastor at Bare Memorial Church of God at Roaring Spring, effective October 31, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing Pastor Mark Halliday as Sr. Pastor at Penbrook Church of God, effective November 1, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting Pastor Richard Vaughn's resignation as pastor of the Bainbridge Church of God, effective Sept. 23, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Pastor Robert Malick, Jr. approved ministry status to serve as chaplain of the Church of God Home.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** requiring Pastor Mark Snyder to at least audit a homiletics class for ordination, and successfully complete the History and Polity Class.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Pastor Jim Shaffer (Woodbury) a License for ministry.

Credentialing and Placement

Meeting No. 6, October 11, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 5, September 13, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** recommending to the Administrative Council that Apostolic Authority be granted to credential only those who serve in ministry under the credentialing Church.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** requesting our liaisons to the ERC Administrative Council to inquire about the recent hiring of the second chaplain at the Churches of God Home. Was the policy requiring that the ERC have input into the decisions about hiring chaplains appropriately followed?
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** certifying Pastor Mark Rhodes for retirement.

ERC MINISTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 4, August 30, 2018

- **By Common Consent**, the minutes from the June 28, 2018, meeting were approved as circulated.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** receiving the financial report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** receiving the Handbook of Operations pending changes/corrections presented to Steve Dunn in the next 10 days.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** requiring “appropriate background checks” for all MTI employees.

ERC MINISTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 5, October 25, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 4, August 30, 2018, as circulated.
- **By Common Consent**, a proposed budget of \$81,500 will be presented to the Administrative Council in January.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** adding policies on withdrawals and extensions to the student handbook as presented.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** adopting guidelines for papers with the provision that instructors may adapt them as they see fit.

Multiplication

Meeting No. 8, September 17, 2018

- No motions were passed.

Multiplication

Meeting No. 9, October 22, 2018

- **By Common Consent**, the Credentialing and Placement Commission and the Multiplication Commission should meet to discuss “moorings” that will help complete the Apostolic Authority policy.
- **By Common Consent**, the next meeting will focus on finalizing strategic planning.

Pastoral Family Health

Meeting No. 7, October 2, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 6, August 14, 2018, as submitted.

Doubling Gap Center Corporation

Meeting No. 5, September 15, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Minutes of meeting No. 4, July 21, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting the treasurer’s report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** authorizing the Executive Director, Stephen S. Long, to withdraw and/or transfer \$150,000.00 from the Corporation’s current Expansion Fund Account with F&M Trust, with the full amount to be used to purchase a 12-month Certificate of Deposit with Doubling Gap Center as owner. The Executive Director should investigate and choose an FDIC insured financial institution certificate that will best serve the interests of the Doubling Gap Center Corporation.

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the recommendation of the Personnel Committee which met on August 15, 2018, concerning the future transition of Doubling Gap Center's Executive Director position.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting the Camp Committee's report of the September 10, 2018, meeting including the approval of the 2019 schedule and the proposed list of 2019 directors.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report.

Doubling Gap Center Corporation
Meeting No. 6, November 17, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Minutes of meeting No. 5, September 15, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting the treasurer's report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Promotion and Publicity Committee's written report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Camp Committee's written report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report, including the 2019 Director List.
- **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

Board of Trustees Meeting No. 3, July 24, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 2, April 12, 2018, and the minutes from the phone conference call of May 30, 2018.
- **Ratified all e-mail decisions for the minutes:**
 - **Approved** lien release for the sale of two lots on New Lane for Brownsville Church of God.
 - **Approved** waiver of penalty for early redemption for United Church of God based on unforeseen needs.
 - **Approved** waiver of penalty for early redemption for certificate held by individual as self-directed IRA which renewed because of delay in renewal notification through process of getting to decision makers.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** extending the draw period with interest only payments through September 30, 2018, for the Real Life Church of God for HVAC project.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** leaving the Mt. Holly Church of God's loan at the current rate for another three years.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** expanding the board to 8 persons.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** adding Hannah Suhr to the board through April 2019.

West Shore Missionary Forum

- Receipts from the Fall West Shore Missionary Forum were \$5442.00 with \$3500.00 being given to the Dillinger's support and \$1942.00 being sent to India.

Women's Ministries

No minutes were submitted.

Schedule A

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS AND ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Medical Expenses That Are Reimbursable

Eastern Regional Conference COG will reimburse each Eligible up to \$4,950.00* annually, and for Employee and Eligible Dependents up to \$10,000.00* annually for any IRC 213(d) out-of-pocket medically necessary expense including, but not limited to, the following types of expenses:

abdominal supports	first aid kit, gauze, bandages	premiums for long-term care insurance ***
abortion (legal)	guide dog (or other service animal)	premiums for hospital and other fixed indemnity insurance plans***
alcoholism treatment	gynecologist	premiums for voluntary federal Medicare insurance***
ambulance	health plan coinsurance, co-pays, and deductibles	prenatal care, postnatal treatments
Anesthetist	hearing aids and batteries	prescription drugs & medicines
artificial limbs	heating devices (if therapeutic)	prosthesis
back supports	hospital bills and meals	psychiatrist
birth control pills and other contraceptive devices (by prescription)	hydrotherapy	psychoanalyst
blood pressure monitor	infertility treatment	psychologist
blood tests and transfusions	insulin treatments	psychotherapy
braces	invalid chair	radium therapy
Braille Books & Magazines (extra cost only)	lab tests and fees	registered nurses
breathing strips	over the counter medication**	sickroom supplies
cardiographs	over the counter items (excluding medications)	smoking cessation programs/products
chiropractor	obstetrician, pediatrician	special auto equipment for the handicapped
composite (white) fillings	oculist/ophthalmologist	special school or home costs for the physically and mentally impaired
contact lenses/eyeglasses	operating room costs	spinal fluid tests
corrective eye surgery (Lasik, RK, etc.)	optician/optometrist	splints
cosmetic surgery (only if related to accident, birth defect or disease)	oral surgery	sterilization
cost / maintenance of health-related home improvements	organ transplant (including donor's expenses)	surgeon and surgery
crutches	orthopedic shoes	telephone/TV for impaired
dental treatments	orthopedist	therapy equipment
diagnostic fees	osteopath	transplants
diathermy	oxygen and oxygen equipment	transportation expenses (relative to health care)
exercise equipment (by prescription)	physician	tuition for child with learning disability
fees paid to health institute prescribed by doctor	physiotherapist	ultra-violet ray treatment
FICA and FUTA tax paid for medical care service	podiatrist	vaccines
	practical nurse for medical services	vasectomy
	premiums for eligible free-choice medical plan, subject to PPACA***	wheelchair
	premiums for dental or vision insurance	X-ray, MRI, CT and PET scans

* In addition to unused account balances carried forward from prior Plan Years.

** Reimbursement of over the counter medication will require a prescription from your doctor.

*** It is specifically the Participants' responsibility regarding insurance premium reimbursement not to request anything that could violate the terms of their insurance policy or PPACA. Some reimbursements may be available on a taxable basis only.

The Participant funding a Health Savings Account (HSA) will not request any item that would disqualify the Participant's HSA.

The Eastern Regional Conference COG HRA Plan document contains the general rules governing what expenses are reimbursable. This Schedule A, as referenced in the Plan document, specifies certain expenses that are reimbursable, if they meet the definition of "medical care" under Code Section 213 and may otherwise be reimbursable under IRS guidance pertaining to HRAs.

Administrative Council

Meeting No. 2, March 13, 2019

The Administrative Council of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, General Conference, met on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at the United Church Center. T. I. Myers, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: T. I. Myers, President; D. C. Snyder, Vice President; J. W. Selcher, Secretary; Howard Bink (2021); N. A. Buck (2021); D. R. Hakes (2020); C. L. Jenkins; Andy Lamonna (2020); B. H. Maurice (2020); M. F. Schuck (2021); J. H. Starnier; G. D. Thurston (2019); D. R. White (2020); C. J. Zahora (2021). **MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:** George Spangler; Zack Wilt. **STAFF:** H. F. Arva, Financial Secretary (Advisory); C. P. Frank; C.S. Gross, Finance Manager (Advisory); D.S. Williams. **ABSENT:** D. D. DiFrancesco II, Executive Director; J. A. Hornbaker; D. M. Masshardt. **Visitors:** Rich Thornton

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER TIME – C. S. Gross shared about her experiences in Kenya. She taught there about generosity, transparency and accountability which is a world-wide need among believers. She teaches that generosity is what God wants for us, not from us. She read Acts 2:42ff. She led in prayer.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes for Meeting No. 1, January 9, 2019, were reviewed and **ON MOTION, APPROVED** as corrected.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Conference Schedule and Sessions – **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Conference Schedule and Sessions.

Report on The University of Findlay and Winebrenner Seminary – T. I. Myers referred to his report on the meeting and indicated the ERC needs to invest in the University by presence and financial assistance. Holding retreats and conferences at The University of Findlay would address the presence need. The University wants a closer relationship with the CGGC. The Ad Council thinks the University should advertise the financial incentives they offer CGGC students. T. I. Myers will contact the University to help address this issue of a closer relationship between The University of Findlay and the denomination.

STAFF AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

D. D. DiFrancesco II – No oral report.

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** giving \$15,000 from the Administrative Council Discretionary Fund to CGGC to help fund a second campus ministry position for the remainder of 2019 to relieve some of the burden from Matt Ginter. We are requesting a job description for the new position.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** giving up to \$10,000 from the Administrative Council Discretionary Fund to do Younique training on April 12-13, 2019.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** offering \$22,000 to buy a GMC vehicle from Nick's former employer to serve as a Conference vehicle.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** gifting the ERC van for the price of taxes and tags.

D. S. Williams – No oral report.

C. P. Frank – C. P. Frank commended George Spangler for leading a recently completed second year project of Feed My Starving Children with over 132,408 meals prepared by many churches. He shared

about the Exponential Conference, the Evangelism Summit and about church participation in the new strategic plan. He said the focus is on every day missionaries. Diane Hakes shared about her experience at the Exponential Conferences in 2018 and 2019.

Director of Communications and Finance: C. S. Gross shared her report. Her January report had been sent by email. She talked about some specific issues on the spending side.

Financial Secretary: H. F. Arva shared that January was the highest tithe receipts month and February the lowest since he became Financial Secretary. He thinks weather might have influenced February's income receipts. Tithe income is underbudget for the first two months of 2019 and less than the tithe income for the first two months of 2018. The healthy church check-up asks about church tithing.

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

Commission Reports

Church Health –Dustin White and Charlie Zahora shared about their experiences at the Turnaround Pastors Boot Camp. Intentional interims will be called Transitional Specialists in the future. Nine ConNEXTion groups have started. We are trying to sell the Brunswick building. The Hepler's congregation is looking to build a new building. Bridge of Hope is looking to purchase property. The Haiti trip has been postponed because of conditions in Haiti.

Credentialing & Placement – D. S. Williams shared that the commission's present focus is on ordination exams.

Ministerial Training Institute Steering Committee – S. L. Dunn's written report indicated that 66 students are enrolled this spring in one of their three divisions. The Committee is anticipating a second-year subsidy of \$15,000 which the Administrative Council approved in 2018 as part of MTI's two-year development plan. MTI intends to be self-supporting by the end of 2019.

Multiplication – C. P. Frank reported earlier in the meeting.

Pastoral Family Health – T. I. Myers had no additional information beyond the written report.

ON MOTION ACCEPTED the reports of the Commissions.

Corporations Reports

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

Doubling Gap Center – No oral report.

Home Mission Council – They have money to lend.

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**

Joe Stopyra isn't eligible to serve as a pastoral delegate to CGGC Sessions.

ON MOTION, APPROVED the ballots of the Nominating Committee for ERC nominations.

We are sending the ballot for General Conference delegates back to the Nominating Committee to complete.

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 – None

ADJOURNMENT: The Administrative Council was **ON MOTION ADJOURNED** at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting is April 30, 2019, at Doubling Gap Center following the conclusion of ERC Sessions.

Respectfully Submitted,
John W. Selcher, Conference Secretary

Items of Business from Commissions, Corporations, and Committees
Approved by the Administrative Council on March 13, 2019.

Church Health

Meeting No. 10, November 13, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 9, October 10, 2018, circulated by e-mail.
- Dave Williams shared the contract for 12 to 20 pastors at \$545 per person to be in a boot camp February 24-28, 2019. This includes travel and lodging for the presenters. Lay persons could attend at half price. Basically, this will cost \$10,000. **ON MOTION APPROVED** finalizing the contract and charging \$275 per person.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** engaging commission members in a Younique accelerator at a date agreed on later.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** pursuing with Kyle Whisler a retreat for 20 somethings.

Church Health

Meeting No. 1, January 8, 2019

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes of Meeting No. 10, November 13, 2018, circulated by e-mail.
- Following visits and consultation with the remaining people at Brunswick, the Commission **ON MOTION, APPROVED** closing the church at Brunswick effective December 30, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** authorizing Dave Williams to make decisions regarding payment of bills for the Brunswick Church property and disposal of the property.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** communicating with Friends Creek and Wormleysburg Churches regarding their continuing status with the Eastern Regional Conference.

Credentialing and Placement

Meeting No. 7, November 8, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 6, October 11, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** inviting Dr. Andrew Abernathy to be our presenter for a Spring Theological Study Day, May 20, 2019.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting Pastor Bo Frey's resignation from Valley View Church of God, effective December 30, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing Pastor Bo Frey to be pastor at Smithville Church of God, beginning January 1, 2019.
- **By common consent** Pastor George Jensen is permitted to pursue holding a conference with Dr. Tony Costa, with endorsement of the Commission on Credentialing and Placement.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Jeremy Garman a provisional license.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting Tom Hlavaty a provisional license.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting John Bennett a license contingent upon membership with the Churches of God and receipt of background checks.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** receiving Diana Thomas under the care of the Commission.

Credentialing and Placement

Meeting No. 8, December 13, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 7, November 8, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** if Tom Flanagan moves his membership out of the Churches of God, his ordination will no longer be valid.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** tabling restoring Ed Maxwell's ministry credentials until we can gather more information.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the preaching lab that Dave Williams has proposed for Six Mile Run Church with C. R. Martin and Cindy Musser preaching, and Pastor Jon Neely serving as supervisor.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** paying Pastor Jon Neely \$125.00 plus mileage each month for his work with the Six Mile Run Church.

Credentialing and Placement

Meeting No. 1, January 10, 2019

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 8, December 13, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing David Way to be Pastor at Hollidaysburg Church of God.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** appointing Don Price to be Pastor at Stone Glen Church of God.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** not granting credentials to Rick Clark.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** taking Ryan Swarner under the care of the Commission.

ERC MINISTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE STEERING COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 6, January 31, 2019

- **By Common Consent**, the minutes from the October 25, 2018, meeting were approved as circulated.
- We have a 2018 ending account balance is roughly \$15,000. We have roughly \$34,000 of our \$50,000 goal to raise by the end of 2019.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** additions to the handbook concerning the ME track.

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** adding 3 courses to the ME track: Ministry to Women, Ministry to the Aging, Designed to Disciple.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** granting 16 MTI certificates to students in Kenya who attended classes in January 2019.

Multiplication

Meeting No. 10, December 10, 2018

- **By Common Consent**, Exponential March 4-7, Commission members will have expenses covered but we need to know who is attending. Extra options available: Pre-Conf. Is Monday afternoon also an extra day after the conference, these days will not be covered by the commission.
- Appreciation gifts for planters Includes those under 4 years, 12=3,000.00 to give. Diane will write a letter for the presentation of the gifts which will be given out at the dinner in Charlotte.
- We settled on the three tools for Disciples quadrant (Small Circle, Disciple Shift, The Timothy Initiative).

Pastoral Family Health

Meeting No. 8, November 6, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 7, October 2, 2018, as submitted.

Pastoral Family Health

Meeting No. 9, December 4, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 8, November 6, 2018, as submitted.

Pastoral Family Health

Meeting No. 1, February 5, 2019

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 9, December 4, 2018, as submitted.

Doubling Gap Center Corporation

Meeting No. 1, January 5, 2019

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Minutes of meeting No. 6, November 17, 2018.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting the treasurer's report.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** accepting the 2019 budget as presented, including rates and wages; keeping the same rental policies as 2018. There will be an increase of \$2.00 to \$216.00 for a week of camp; increase of \$2.00 to \$112.00 for non-Church of God week-end retreat; increase of \$1.50 to \$95.00 for Church of God week-end retreat.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** transferring \$150,000 from the General fund to the Expansion fund and then placing the \$150,000 in a 12-month CD.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the written report of the Building and Grounds Committee, which identified areas which need attention.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Program Coordinator's written report, including the camp director team list.

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the Executive Director's written report, including the approval of the engineering evaluation for repairs to the lake dam breast, bridge and spillway with a cost of \$15,000.

Adult Fellowship

No minutes were submitted.

Women's Ministries

No minutes were submitted.

The Forever Caring Fund

No minutes were submitted.

Home Mission Council

Board of Trustees Meeting No. 4, October 16, 2018

- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** the minutes from Meeting No. 3, July 24, 2018, with the correction of the spelling of Camp YoliJwa.
- **Ratified all email decisions to be entered into the minutes.**
 - Approved Real Life Church of God extended draw/interest only period for additional 30 days through October 31, 2018 and disbursement remaining funds for paving at church parking lot.
 - Approved Glenvale Church of God parking lot improvements loan for up to \$60,000 for 20 years, 5.75% for 5 years.
- Exponential Church.tv: Mortgage loan is due for review on December 9, 2018. The \$150,000 loan is at 5.5% at a 3-year review. **ON MOTION, APPROVED** adjusting the rate to 5.75% for next 3 years.
- **ON MOTION, APPROVED** moving the Executive Director's compensation from \$1150 to \$1500/month effective January 2019 allocated at \$900 for the Executive Director and \$600 for bookkeeping and payable to Mirelle Associates, Inc.

2019 Nominating Committee of the Eastern Regional Conference Report

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: Dan Masshardt and Gilbert Thurston,
Lay: Joyce Hornbaker and Jim Starner

*Indicates not eligible for re-election.

TO BE NOMINATED:

PASTORAL:

1. Logan Ames
2. Andrew Griffith
3. Dan Masshardt
4. April Ocasio

LAY PERSONS:

1. Emily Rosenberry
2. Heather Sholley
3. Coulson Shaul

CONFERENCE SECRETARY Notes: One to be elected by the conference in session in odd numbered years. (C-VI:1B) Two-year term with NO successive term limit. (C-IV) Must be a member of the Conference. (C-V:4) May be lay or pastoral.

Term Expiring: John W. Selcher

TO BE NOMINATED: 1. John W. Selcher

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. Floyd Carlen
2. George Jensen
3. Ada Myers
4. Linda Rosenberry

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

Terms Expiring: Ernest Corty, Luella Hale and Greg Nauman

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

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

HOME MISSION COUNCIL, INCORPORATED: Notes: Two to be elected by the conference in session. Three-year term.

Terms Expiring: Deanna Bankert

JIM BRANDT TO SUBMIT NAMES

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

- 1.
- 2.

ERC PASTORAL DELEGATES TO CGGC SESSIONS
July 22-24, 2019 THOSE WILLING TO SERVE AS DELEGATES
PASTORAL NEEDED: 27

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|----|-----------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Ames, Logan | 13 | Glover, Victor |
| 2 | Boyer, Nancy | 14 | Koontz, P. Dennis |
| 3 | Buck, Nate | 15 | Lightner, Trevor |
| 4 | Button, Lew | 16 | Masshardt, Dan |
| 5 | Carlen, Floyd R. | 17 | Moss, Jr., James W. |
| 6 | Conner, Tracey | 18 | Osborn, Glenn |
| 7 | Culbertson, John | 19 | Richardson, Kevin |
| 8 | DiFrancesco, Stefanie | 20 | Rosenberry, Edward |
| 9 | Dormer, Dave | 21 | Scheuing, Roger |
| 10 | Dunn, Steve | 22 | Matt Scott |
| 11 | Frederick, Richard | 23 | Shifler, Kim |
| 12 | Frank, Chuck | 24 | Thornton, Richard |
| | | | |
| 25 | Walker, Michael C. | | |
| 26 | Warner, Brian | | |
| 27 | Williams, David S. | | |
| 28 | Yost, Charles | | |

ERC LAY AND YOUTH DELEGATES TO CGGC SESSIONS
July 22-24, 2019 (27 NEEDED)

1	Mr.	Brad	Anderson
2	Mr.	Frank	Arva
3	Mrs.	Neva	Barrick
5	Mr.	Harry	Boswell
6	Mrs.	Polly	Boswell
7	Mr.	Charlie	Clouse
8	Mr.	John	Cook
9	Mr.	Ernest	Corty
10	Mrs.	Dawnelle	Corty
11	Mrs.	Diane	Dunn
12	Mrs.	Vickie	Frederick
13	Ms.	Colleen	Gross
14	Mrs.	Diane	Hakes
15	Mr.	Todd	Hakes
16	Mr.	James	Henneman
17	Mr.	Gary	Hornbaker
18	Mrs.	Joyce	Hornbaker
19	Mrs.	Charlene	Keyser
20	Mr.	Philip	Keyser
21	Mr.	Dennis	Liddick
22	Mrs.	Kay	Liddick
23	Mrs.	April	Ocasio
24	Mrs.	Linda	Rosenberry
25	Mrs.	Mindy	Scott
26	Miss	Prudence	Sheely
27	Mr.	Mark	Schuch
28	Mr.	Jim	Starner



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On March 2nd, I got to hold my first grandson, Lewis Arnold Williams. For thirty-one years, I have been proud of my children; now I get to enjoy the second part of parenting. Just as I have appreciated watching my children grow and the almost daily photo updates of my grandson, I also appreciate and get excited about the spiritual growth of those I disciple and mentor. My journey of being discipled by someone other than my parents began when I was a teen participating in Bible Quizzing. Donna Sturr, my coach, may not have used those terms, but that is what she and her husband, Phil, were doing. I took that model and continued it for twenty-four years of coaching my own quiz teams. This discipling process has taken other forms over the years as I've worked with various adults. Today, I still enjoy discipling individuals, but more joy is derived from the spiritual grandchildren I have. I do not receive daily photos of them; I don't even know their names. That doesn't matter. What matters is the gospel is being shared with people in ways I don't even fully grasp, and I praise God for a pastor and wife who invested in a quiet timid teen because that is what God called them to do. Who are you investing in so the gospel message multiplies? A healthy, life-giving church equips people so they are more like Jesus.

I personally spend a lot of my time discipling people one-on-one because Jesus devoted much of His time that way. He also spent time with larger groups, so I find myself working with commissions and local churches. I serve on the Church Health and the Credentialing and Placement Commissions. Each of these provide me with multiply ways of getting into the local congregations to work with their leadership teams. For Credentialing and Placement, I along with placement representatives, have helped 16 congregations in their search for a new pastor. For Church Health I've worked with various people on the healthy church checkups and helped resolve various conflicts and conducted council retreats. I've participated in 43 church meetings, met with 36 pastors and preached in 22 congregations since last year's conference sessions. We are working together to foster healthy life-giving missional communities.

Much has been accomplished this year to move the strategic plan forward. But the work is far from complete. Three points of emphasis for developing leaders and congregations to move the plan forward during this coming year are. First, we will move to improve our understanding of bi-vocational ministry. It must be seen as a viable and meaningful means of ministry, and in some cases, it is more practical and beneficial for the congregation and the pastor than to push for a full-time pastor. Secondly, we will strive to do more research into the distinctions of rural ministry over suburban or urban. All three settings are valuable, and we have churches in all three realms. But most of the books written deal with urban and suburban ministry, while little current work has been done for rural ministry, which still makes up 77 of our 147 current congregations. Thirdly, we need to invest in our new pastors. Some form of gathering and training time will be established for those who join our fellowship, whether they are entering their first ministry or are joining us as seasoned pastors. These are the opportunities we will be focusing our attention on this year so we can effectively accomplish the mission of developing healthy life-giving ministries.

Pastor David S. Williams

ERC Director of Multiplication Staff Report – Chuck Frank



God has richly blessed the ERC in the last 11 years since He commissioned the 2020 Initiative in 2008. God far exceeded our man-made goals of 20 churches by 2020! In addition to our Multiplication Commission Report (in the docket) that gives a great picture of how God has been multiplying disciple-makers, everyday missionaries, new ministries, and new churches, here's a further glimpse of how God has been working in the ERC's multiplying vision since 2008!

- An average of 1636 new people are attending our new ERC churches each week!
- More than 10% of our Conference worshippers are now worshipping in new/young ERC Churches!
- God's blessed us with 58 new church projects in less than 10 years, done with different methodologies to multiply disciples, including churches giving birth: for example, Grand Point Church gave birth to a campus. <https://vimeo.com/groups/2020initiative/videos/291633099>
- On any given week, (compared to 2010), there are 28 new ERC churches available to worship in
- Our new churches since 2010 have given back in tithes to the Lord and the ERC more than \$280,000!
- God is transforming lives with more than 500 salvations and 260 baptisms!
- And as we move into a discipleship multiplying culture, already more than 70 people at 9 ERC churches are involved in discipleship training and disciple-making: <https://vimeo.com/groups/2020initiative/videos/289432304>

Also, you can see the entire picture by reading Our 2019 Multiplication Commission Report, which gives church project updates, glimpses into the 2019 Strategic Plan, and updates the progress of more than two dozen of our churches and how they are beginning to have a vision for multiplying disciples, everyday missionaries, ministries, and new churches.

- In the last year almost 200 people in the ERC, representing more than 40 churches, have attended some of our multiplication training sessions and conferences!
- These training session have been led by nationally-recognized instructors:
 - David Nelms, Bill Couchenour, Dan Brindley, Exponential, Ralph Moore, etc.

We believe more and more people are hearing God’s call in the ERC to be SENT out and empowered by the Holy Spirit to evangelize, become disciple-makers, initiate new ministries, and plant new churches. And the result of sending out our local church missionaries is that miracle stories are abounding! For example:

- A church building in Halifax, is given away for \$5 to start a new missional community (Uplift Community COG), which in turn displays generosity in feeding and clothing folks in Harrisburg!
- Thousands of meals are being served to the homeless in Thomasville, NC, (Orchard Church)!
- Battered women and women with felonies are being restored to faith in Daytona Beach (Salt & Light)!
- Through Victor Glover’s Last Days Ministry, 100’s of inmates in several states are experiencing God’s tremendous “Fathers on the Move” power for their life!
- More than 130, 00 meals are prepared for Feed My Starving Children by Turning Point Church (Mechanicsburg)!
- And on and on God keeps using ordinary broken people to help rescue people from a Christ-less eternity!

Another year of seeing God work – or as my friend Victor Glover says – “Work Jesus!” And yet the multiplication of disciple-makers, everyday missionaries, ministries, and new churches has just begun to help our churches see that we’re to be senders, not seaters; and Christ-followers, not consumers!

Join the new 2020 Initiative as we see “Work Jesus” be our battle cry through our local churches and regionally-led, God-inspired Strategic plan! Remember, we were created to multiply (Genesis), and commanded to “Go!”(New Testament)

Colleen S. Gross
Director of Communication and Finance
2018 Staff Report



2018...

Happy are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorposts...Proverbs 8:34 (CEB).

If I'm honest my personal waiting hasn't held true to the meaning of this scripture. The waiting the LORD describes to us in this scripture is as if we're tending a garden...on guard for pests that may invade...but the tending of a garden requires patience. Waiting over the last few years has seemed hard and long. But as I'm seeing His unfolding in the Region and in my personal calling, I do see His tending of the garden in such a beautiful way.

As we've waited for the LORD to clearly call someone to lead our Region, we've gone through many transitions. We've been moving toward developing healthier leaders, educating leadership on new ways to multiply ministries, encouraged the willing to embrace accountable financial practices and also a movement of generosity, connected churches to one another through ConNexion groups, while also ministering to the active and retired clergy.

We're very excited to welcome our new Executive Director, Nick DiFrancesco, to the Region. As you begin to get to know him, you'll quickly catch his passion for the lost and the advancement of the Gospel. He comes to us with the fresh eyes we need to see things differently. It's an exciting time to be anticipating all God is going to do through Nick's leadership.

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

In Service to my Savior,

Colleen S. Gross

We can help...

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

2018 Highlights

- Generosity journey with Penbrook COG
- Individual generosity messages to: Mechanicsburg
- Visits to the Lutheran and UCC Conference Sessions
- Nehemiah Project: MD
- Launched new website & logo
- Prep for global generosity to Kenya
- Church Network Convention with Communications emphasis
- Global leadership Summit, Andy Stanley Deep & Wide
- Regional Communication: Blessing Box, Churchtown Story, Dan Brindley Event
- Small Circle Discipleship

Report of the Financial Secretary



Our theme for the 2019 Eastern Regional Conference is “Connected” and is taken from Acts 2:42 where the early church, *“devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer”*. All of these united the church under the headship of Jesus. As important as these activities are they do not comprise everything that the first century church engaged in. Act 2:44 and 45 tells us that *“all the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need”*. It is apparent that they understood stewardship and generosity. They gave from what God had given to them.

Many of you, the Churches of God understand these principles as you have shared what God has blessed you with. Your generosity provides for those in need and enables the Eastern Region and the General Conference to carry out the ministry of fulfilling the Great Commission.

We praise God in all things! Tithes received from our churches in 2018 totaled \$1,585,503 and were distributed equally between the General and Eastern Regional Conference Churches of God. Our 2018 tithe exceeded 2017 by \$61,860 or over 4%. The Eastern Regional Conference portion of the tithe, \$792,751 exceeded budget by \$19,751 or 2.55%. Praise God for His faithfulness as seen through your generosity.

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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Financial Reports

Eastern Regional Conference COG - Harrisburg PA
End of Year Fund Balances 2018 ERCCOG Budget

Account #	Account Name	Fund	YTD Balance
<i>Fund Balance</i>			
3.020.002	Credentialing and Placement	Credentialing and Placement	24,032.33
3.030.001	Church Health Balance	Church Health	31,078.58
3.050.001	Pastoral Family Health Balance	Pastoral Family Health	21,252.75
3.070.007	Support Ministries	Support Ministries	44,364.38
3.210.064	Disability	Disability	13,787.50
Total Unrest. Fund Balances			\$134,515.54
3.134.085	ERC/CGGC Conference Sessions Fund	ERC/CGGC Conf. Sessions	18,645.49
3.150.015	Multiplication Fund	Multiplication Fund	47,461.06
Total Conference Designated			\$66,106.55
Total Fund Balance			<u>\$200,622.09</u>

Eastern Regional Conference COG - Harrisburg PA
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2018

Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
Assets			
1.003.000	BB&T - Checking	179,895.18	205,695.90
1.005.000	BB&T - Money Market	201,686.21	303,563.45
1.105.079	American Exp. Sac Ret/Widows	79,280.70	73,578.47
1.125.005	AMX Financial (Vocations)	125,932.00	118,167.82
1.145.000	Spring Hill Cemetery	150.00	150.00
1.147.000	2016 Honda Accord	18,206.00	18,206.00
1.150.000	HMC CD-2.5% #1120	100,416.66	100,417.00
1.152.015	HMC CD Planting-NW HOR #502	7,780.79	7,956.79
1.153.026	HMC CD -DGC Booser #102	4,016.66	4,016.66
1.154.033	HMC-Y&FL Sturr Sch. #874	32,295.30	33,435.30
1.170.000	Charles Schwab (Endowment)	0.00	641,947.23
1.175.000	Ambassador (Endowment Fund)	717,618.92	0.00
1.412.000	'04 Chevy Venture	14,499.00	14,499.00
1.416.000	2012 Kia Sorento	24,389.00	24,389.00
1.425.000	Accum Depr - Chevy Venture '04	(14,499.00)	(14,499.00)
1.426.000	Accumulated Depreciation - 2012 Kia	(24,389.00)	(24,389.00)
1.427.000	Accum Depr - 2016 Honda Accord	(2,883.00)	(5,765.00)
Total Assets		\$1,464,395.42	\$1,501,369.62
Liabilities			
2.000.000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	999.89	1,101.59
2.120.006	PA State Taxes	0.00	629.02
2.125.006	Local Taxes	1,004.29	905.35
2.128.006	LST Tax	24.00	24.00
2.129.006	Cellphone Personal Use	0.00	1,023.36
2.131.000	HRA		
2.131.001	Charles P. Frank	0.00	249.55
2.131.002	Colleen S. Gross	3,948.22	3,215.18
2.131.003	Barbara A. Harris	6,248.87	15,902.02
2.131.005	David S. Williams	515.16	0.00
Total HRA		\$10,712.25	\$19,366.75
2.145.006	Biblical Generosity Fund - Gross	227.80	499.05
2.200.000	Vocations Escrow Payable	67,360.95	100,963.45
Total Liabilities		\$80,329.18	\$124,512.57
Fund Balance			
3.000.000	Unrestricted Fund Balance	174,160.80	262,761.34
3.020.002	Credentialing and Placement	5,580.00	0.00
3.050.001	Pastoral Family Health Balance	0.00	4,583.00
3.060.006	Support Ministries - Human Resources	0.00	(1,020.81)
3.080.008	Interest Fund Fund	8,608.78	12,314.28
3.090.009	Miscellaneous Fund	2,166.99	2,012.94
3.115.020	Administrative Council Discretionary Fund	172,551.22	138,451.22
3.120.150	Endowment Fund- Unrestricted	11,887.68	(75,664.01)
Total Unrest. Fund Balances		\$374,955.47	\$343,437.96
3.125.000	FUSE Projects Balance	4,785.65	4,785.65
3.134.085	ERC/CGGC Conference Sessions Fund	5,991.69	38,645.49
3.140.014	Auto Replacement Fund	12,494.00	17,494.00
3.148.029	Health Insurance - Retirees	20,316.22	30,166.68
3.150.015	Multiplication Fund	31,566.59	47,637.06

3.156.000	Generosity Ministries Balance	69.17	69.17
3.160.016	CM Honorarium Fund	175.00	1,656.91
3.180.087	Seed Fund Renewal	53,257.48	57,957.48
3.190.079	Sacred Retirement Fund	56,170.29	51,908.06
3.195.080	Widows Fund Fund	22,357.11	20,917.11
3.230.023	Vocation Escrow	55,556.50	8,576.57
	Total Conference Designated	\$262,739.70	\$279,814.18
3.116.000	Student Aid - PTI	2,847.72	3,047.72
3.158.000	Lumen Church Plant Balance	2,650.00	2,650.00
3.165.000	Encouragement Fund Balance	565.97	2,355.24
3.175.000	Bus Trips Balance	(326.53)	(111.40)
3.280.046	Hershey, Harvey Fund 2	276.27	276.27
3.285.084	Wenger Fund Fund	172,403.72	172,403.72
3.287.086	Daubert Estate Fund	10,227.48	10,227.48
3.310.067	Powell, William Memorial	3,095.10	3,095.10
3.327.002	Frye, Walter & Mary	1,126.74	1,093.88
3.330.033	Y&FL Designated Sturr/Wil	37,575.66	38,465.66
3.335.000	Discipleship - Haiti Journey Balance	3,836.92	786.92
	Total Donor Rest.-Temporary	\$234,279.05	\$234,290.59
3.370.037	Brightbill, H.L. & Maggie	10,000.01	10,000.01
3.380.038	Brightbill, Maggie Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
3.400.040	Chubb, Alfred Fund	3.75	3.75
3.410.041	EPA Mission Fund	10,483.41	10,483.41
3.420.042	EPA Women Miss. Society	4,083.94	4,083.94
3.430.043	Felty, John S. & Wife	7,500.00	7,500.00
3.440.044	Frye, Walter & Mary Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00
3.460.046	Hershey, Harvey Fund	152,415.71	152,415.71
3.480.048	Hostetter, A.J.	5,728.74	5,728.74
3.500.050	Hoverter, George Fund	1,136.04	1,136.04
3.510.051	Kennedy, Katherine Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
3.545.083	Lauver, Paul Fund	84,979.02	84,979.02
3.620.062	Ott, Rebecca Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00
3.640.064	Pastoral Care Fund	170,000.00	157,831.33
3.650.065	Perm. Foreign Mission Fund	3,114.15	3,114.15
3.670.067	Powell, William I. Memorial	4,151.25	4,151.25
3.680.068	Reinhard, Sue Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
3.690.069	Ritter, Annie Fund	37,496.00	37,496.00
3.710.071	Simonetti, A.J. Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Donor Restricted-Permanent	\$512,092.02	\$499,923.35
3.118.000	Ministry Training Institute Balance	0.00	19,390.97
	Total Fund Balance	\$1,384,066.24	\$1,376,857.05
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$1,464,395</u>	<u>\$1,501,369</u>

Eastern Regional Conference COG - Harrisburg PA					
2018 Income to Budget ERCCOG					
Account	Account Name	Period Activity		Over/Under TYD+(-)	Annual Budget
Income					
4.005.002	Credentialing & Placement Tithe	10,298.56	109,003.30*	2703.3	106,300.00
4.010.001	Church Health Tithe	7,587.23	80,305.71*	2005.71	78,300.00
4.015.001	Pastoral Family Health Tithe	4,224.28	44,711.22*	1111.22	43,600.00
4.020.015	Multiplication Tithe	18,777.09	198,742.77*	4904.77	193,838.00
4.030.007	Support Ministries - Tithe	30,813.30	326,137.92*	8137.92	318,000.00
4.051.085	ERC/CGGC Conf. Sessions Tithe	966.19	10,226.50*	226.5	10,000.00
4.060.064	Disability - Tithe	2,231.98	23,623.98*	623.98	23,000.00
	Total Tithe Income	\$74,898.63	\$792,751.40*	\$19,713.40	\$773,038.00

Statement of Income & Expenses for Calendar Year 2018		
<i>Dr. CH Forney Estate, Colleen S. Gross, Trustee</i>		
Assets		
Wells Fargo - Checking	\$ 2,017.61	
Well Fargo - Money Market	\$ 14,693.03	
HMC CD	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>	
<i>Total</i>	\$ 116,710.64	
Income		
Interest on Investments	\$ 2,504.05	
Expenses		
General Conference, Income on \$1000 for Publications	\$ 25.00	CK 1052
Board of Christian Ed., Income on \$1000 for UF Scholarship	\$ 25.00	CK1053
ERCCOG, Income on \$1000 for Forward Movement	\$ 25.00	CK1054
ERCCOG, Income on \$2000 for Home Missions	\$ 25.00	CK1054
ERCCOG, Income on \$2000 for Home Missions in Honor of L. Forney	\$ 50.00	CK1054
Univ. of Findlay, Income on \$25,000 for President's Chair	\$ 625.00	CK1053
Colleen S. Gross, Trustee Compensation	\$ 125.00	CK1055
General Conference, Cross Cultural Ministries	<u>\$ 1,604.05</u>	CK1056
	\$ 2,504.05	



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CHURCH HEALTH COMMISSION 2019

The purpose of the Church Health Commission is to oversee the advancement and development of healthy churches within the Conference. This involves but is not limited to overseeing and enhancing the relationships between the pastors, the congregations and the conference by resourcing churches, pastors and leaders in the best practices for ministry and healthy life-giving church operations and to oversee all property issues, and to intercede internally when necessary.

Our Commission members focus on the health of the church. We desire to equip each congregation with methods of building healthy life-giving communities. We seek to empower pastors through mutual relationship via ConNEXTion groups. We are seeking best practices for ministry in today's world and providing various training opportunities. Because the Bible teaches there is one church, we give oversight and insight to congregations when they seek to purchase, build, sell or take on loans. As we learn from other congregations and the broader context of churches, we are able to share best practices.

We endeavor to develop and maintain constructive relations within each church, to enhance the effectiveness of ministry by both the pastor and the congregation. We help bear the burden of pastoral change as it relates to the health of the church. We address all church conflict issues by prayer, love and counsel for both the pastor and the congregation. Congregations and pastors are encouraged to use our Commission as a counselor to resolve conflicts within the church body. Although we seek resolution through mutual agreement, the final decision in regard to internal issues or conflict management is the responsibility of the Commission. As we care for each other and bear each other's burdens, we show the love of Christ. Thus the whole body of Christ grows more and better disciples. Ephesians 4:3-4 says, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity

of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called."

What does a healthy church look like? In doing our work, we operate from the understanding that a healthy life-giving church is built upon the foundation of Jesus as Lord. It is protected from all that is wrong by understanding Scripture is our only rule of faith and practice, and it must be applied with grace and truth. The Holy Spirit brings us together as a body. Our response to the work of the Holy Spirit is worship and prayer. The congregation must equip people to be like Christ, reach its community and world for Christ, care for people as Christ did, and develop systems so that all of these parts function together for the work of God's kingdom.

There are other areas of responsibility for our Commission as defined by the Eastern Conference Constitution which are outlined in our developing operations manual. We do not minimize their importance, and we address them when necessary as we continue to plan and develop those areas of responsibility. We plan on having the operations manual approved and available in the near future. In the meantime, we are aggressively expanding our efforts to accomplish our Commissions goal of visiting all churches in the Conference within three years. Making initial connections with each church is important. We believe that, as a result of these on-site visits, the Conference will better understand the needs of the church and how we can best help each church become a healthy life-giving missional community. We believe that this direct line of communication will foster a better relationship, understanding, and a desire to serve the Lord together. Solomon wrote, "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed" (Proverbs 15:22). Our hope is that, in working together, we can help God's plan for each Eastern Regional Conference church be realized to His honor and glory.

In the past year we have helped pastors and congregations build healthy life-giving missional communities by:

- overseeing nine ConNEXTion groups,
- conducting twenty-seven healthy church checkups,
- having 13 pastors attend a Turnaround Pastors Boot Camp,
- sending 3 people to the Rural Matters Institute sponsored by the Billy Graham Center.

We also recognize a need to raise up next generation leaders within the church. To this end, Bible Quizzing is being conducted at eight churches who have twenty teams with a total of 70 youth participating. Nine more young adults participated in this year's PULSE retreat for those considering ministry and how to live life on mission.

Our desire is for all Eastern Regional Conference congregations to be healthy life-giving communities. If there is any way we can help, please contact us.

Wayne T. Pope
Chairman Church Health Commission
Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God



CREDENTIALING AND PLACEMENT

In the new structure of the ERC, the Commission on Credentialing and Placement replaces the former Commission on Church Vocations and the Commission on Church and Pastor. During this first year of our existence we have invested a lot of time in updating our guidelines and policies that will guide our work in our various responsibilities. We are updating and creating a new manual of operations.

The big idea behind combining the two commissions is very simple at heart. It is believed that as a region we can do better identifying, equipping and matching those who have been called with the people who will best be served by them. We have broken down what we do into its component parts – the calling and equipping followed by the testing and transition.

The Calling and Equipping

Part of the work of the Vocations Commission has always been to discern and, hopefully affirm, the calling in individuals who come to us. This is step one. We like to get to know the person and hear about his or her conversion and calling. We like to experience the heart of the person ourselves and also hear about the people in his or her life who have affirmed the anointing.

If there is a sense that we are to move forward (and most often there is) then we begin to assess the individual's particular situation and what level of education and training will be necessary in order for the person to be tested for credentials. As you know, people can come to us from a variety of different milieu:

- The person could be “fresh out of the pew,” so to speak, and exploring their sense of calling for the first time with us. This person, depending on their current level of education may be recommended for a Master's level program or the Pastoral training Institute (soon, hopefully, to be the ERC's own MTI, Ministerial training Institute) In either case, we will provide the necessary information and, particularly if the person is being “sponsored” by a church, we will provide the person with the Pastoral Readiness Inventory – to be completed and returned for evaluation. From that point, we will not see or formally interview the person again until they have completed 40% of their chosen educational program. (They would be eligible for licensing at that point)
- The person could come to us from a different tradition or denomination. These folks usually have credentialing from the previous body and, after exploring his or her calling, anointing, and the reasons why they want to join the C.O.G.G.C., we will explore how that credential was achieved and what educational and practical experience the individual has. In this initial interview we also explore theological and doctrinal compatibility with the CGGC i.e., we explore not only the primary theological premises upon which our Christian faith is based i.e., The Trinitarian view of God, substitutionary atonement; but doctrine of the Church of God that must be affirmed – the role of women in ministry, his or her concept of the security of the believer, and the Ordinance of Feet Washing. Once it has been established that it is proper to move forward, we help create a plan for the person based on their level of education and experience. Depending upon circumstances, we may also ask for the completion of the PRI.

- The issuance of a precursory theological “examination” – a written document through which the local church as well as the Credentialing and Placement Commission could determine a candidate’s basic theological leanings would serve quite well as the initial step to take with someone entering our denomination from a different tradition.

At the current time the educational offerings that we have are the Master’s level or DMin programs provided by Winebrenner, or the Pastoral Training Institute, also administered by the seminary. The advent of the MTI, instituted as a result of the foresight of several persons in the ERC, is also able to provide the necessary education and training through its own educational arm.

The individual may need just “History and Polity,” (if we recognize their credentials from another tradition), a full educational program (if starting from scratch), or something in-between. The rules for those who have embarked upon an educational program through us (DMin, Master’s, PTI) and wish to seek credentialing as soon as possible are that the person have completed at least 40% of his or her program along with the requisite “History and Polity of the Churches of God”, as well as a homiletics course.

Testing and Transition

When an individual becomes eligible for credentialing, it follows that he or she will be tested. This testing takes two forms – written and oral. Generally speaking, and you will see the nuances of these generalities below, we will give a basic theological examination to any individual who is seeking credentialing with the ERC before even proceeding in order to make certain we and they are theologically compatible.

When licensing is the question, we have altered the process to include both a written and oral examination. A candidate is given three weeks to complete the written portion and then is scheduled for their time in front of the commission. Pastoral Licenses have been reduced to only two: Provisional and Non-Provisional. Non-Provisional licenses are activated upon assignment and are valid for 5 years before further review.

The ordination process is very similar. If a candidate meets the prerequisite experience and education, he or she is provided with a written examination to complete within three weeks and returned to the commission. This accomplished, the candidate will be invited to defend his or her written exam as well as be examined on other questions orally in front of the commission. The ordination exam also now includes a “Biblical Literacy” portion. This is a written portion designed to reflect the candidate’s level of biblical acumen.

So what happens next? This is the piece of what we are trying to do that has the potential to make the greatest impact. As it stands, we have a rather convoluted approach to matching qualified candidates with open positions. This is a result of many things, only some of which we can fully address given the nature of our denomination’s polity, but there are certain aspects of the process that we can certainly make better.

If we could imagine a flow chart of sorts – on the left is the candidate and on the right is the best possible placement for that candidate. How can this person move through the processes of credentialing and placement in order to make that best match? That is the question that we are addressing as a commission. Here are some of the issues that we face and are seeking to resolve:

- A candidate is recruited from outside the denomination, the local congregation desires to hire them (and in some cases does) then presents him or her to the commission for “approval.” This places the commission in the awkward position of being a “rubber stamp.” In the cases which it is deemed that the candidate is not theologically compatible and is not eligible for credentialing in the ERC it also causes hard feelings between the conference and the local church.

- We would like to institute what may be called a precursory theological examination, that is, a short, written exam that touches upon basic Christian theology and Church of God doctrine. Doing this before an individual from outside the denomination is asked to candidate for a position could mitigate the problematic situation of bringing a theologically or doctrinally incompatible person before the commission for credentialing.
- An ERC credentialed candidate is not even introduced to a congregation in need due to a misunderstanding, miscommunication or some other obstacle that stands between the left side and the right side of the flow chart.
- A congregation (right side of the flow chart) is in need of a new pastor but finds that there is not a consistent, well-defined approach via the ERC that would serve them to find the pastor. The congregation becomes frustrated and/or acts simply out of ignorance and hires, or seeks to hire, an unqualified candidate.

So we see that the issues can originate from either side of the equation. It is part of the purpose of the Commission on Credentialing and Placement to eliminate these issues by creating, promoting and consistently adhering to a better-defined methodology of introducing qualified candidates to congregations in need. How, exactly, will this be accomplished? That is part of our tasking – as we work to figure out the path, create it, and implement it, we are thinking in new ways about old problems and have engaged in a great deal of open and frank communication.

Communication on all fronts is ultimately what will lead us on a smoother, more positive and productive path from one side of the flow chart to the other. To this end, we would like to establish best practices and better protocols to follow as we work to connect pastors and congregations – this is the transition piece – and we must ask ourselves, “What can we do better to facilitate the connection of called, equipped and tested pastors, teachers and leaders with the perfect congregation?”

In order to complete the transition into a pastorate, and intentionally follow-up in order to ensure a proper fit and healthy situation, the “placement” part of this commission is tasked with not only developing, but instituting and vigilantly monitoring the following aspects of our work:

- Track all pastors and maintain an in-house list of all pastors working through the “flow chart.”
- Establish, promote and support a consistent protocol for churches to follow when seeking a pastor.
- Over time, develop best practices that will serve the local church in identifying and supporting people from their own pews who are being called into leadership positions, including vocational ministry.
 - This is part of the “tracking” that was mentioned above. We should develop definite steps that both candidates and churches take in order to “make the path straight,” so to speak, and eliminate the breakdowns in communication that we are currently experiencing.
- Serve local congregations as the “bridge” between pastors which will include not only helping join pastor and church, but following up with support.
 - This will also include training, placing and supporting intentional interim pastors.
 - This will also include members of our team willingly visiting churches in need to help them with the process and/or troubleshoot any issues with the process.

The Commission on Credentialing and Placement is made up of the following individuals: Pastor Brian Warner, (Chair), Pastor Judd Spencer, Pastor Don Snyder, Pastor Stefanie DiFrancesco, Pastor Rachel Neely-Pletcher, Pastor George Jensen, Pastor David Anderson, Pastor Howard Ruley, Pastor John Culbertson, Pastor Mark Hosler (Secretary), Pastor Dave Williams (Staff), Nick DiFrancesco (Staff)



A year ago the ERC Ministry Training Institute (MTI) was created. In this first year God has been at work in extraordinary ways as God has done immeasurably more than we could have asked for or imagined. We had 16 students when we offered our first class last July. As the summer semester we begins in two weeks we will have grown to more than 70 persons involved in the program in one of our three tracks.

A Board of Directors was elected by the Ad Council and Dr. Steve Dunn was hired part-time to set up the MTI program from the ground up. The Grand Point Church in Chambersburg provided an office. The Board is composed of Ed Rosenberry, chair; Michael Walker, vice chair; Judd Spencer, secretary. The other members are: Tammie Gitt, Dennis Koontz, Barb Lichtenberger Maurice, Don Snyder, Kim Shifler, and Rodger Scheuing.

The MTI is divided into three tracks: Pastoral Track which focuses on preparing persons for credentialed ministry; Ministry Enrichment, courses designed to strengthen the biblical knowledge and ministry skills of lay persons; and Continuing Education, courses from both the Pastoral and Ministry Enrichment Tracks that allow pastors to sharpen their professional ministry.

We operate three 12-week semesters with three hours of class each week. Fall and Spring we offer four courses in five sections and in the summer, 3-4 classes in weekend intensives. Including this upcoming semester we will have offered the following classes: Churches of God History and Polity, Old Testament I and II, The Theology and Practice of Christian Worship, Gospel of John, The Teaching Ministry of the Church, Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, Ministry to Children, Youth and Their Families, The Churches of God and Contemporary Social Issues, History of Christianity, Biblical Theology. All of our classes are taught at the Master's level.

We have assembled an excellent faculty, all of whom are involved in practical ministry in their areas of expertise. Each has a master's degree or a doctorate. They are: Dr. Kimberly Shifler, Dr. Steve Dunn, Dr. Michael Walker, Anthony Zumbo, Brian Warner, Judd Spencer, Lewis Button, Ed Rosenberry, Nathan Buck and Diane Hakes.

Because of our major commitment to strengthening the Northwest District we have named Jeff Musser as the District Director for the Northwest District.

Not having a campus to support, we have been blessed by local churches providing classrooms: Martinsburg, Newville, Mount Holly Springs, Carlisle, Churchtown, Mt. Pleasant and Grand Point have been those churches.

Although we had no fixed budget the first year, our operating expenses for the 7 ½ months of 2018 were roughly \$37,000. We held a successful find-raising effort at the end of 2018. Our goal was \$10,000 but we raised over \$19,000. Because of this and a \$15,000 subsidy from the Conference, we finished in the black about \$14,000 including some prepaid tuitions for 2019. Our budget for 2019 is \$81,000 which includes a second subsidy from the ERC for \$15,000. We are seeking to raise \$50,000 in 2019. Our goal is to be self-supporting thorough contributions from churches, ministry groups and churches sometime in 2020.

In 2019 we are adding more classes, the Director is moving from 25 hours to 35 hours per week and we have hired a very part-time administrative assistant, Sheila Divelbiss. Sheila will be overseeing the growing student records and accounts. In 2019 we hope to find enough regular support to operate a classroom center in the Lancaster area just we have now developed in the Carlisle-Mechanicsburg corridor, Martinsburg, and Chambersburg.

Plans for the 2019-2020 academic year include the following classes: New Testament I and II, Pastoral Care and Counseling, Homiletics, Ministry to Men, Ministry to Women, Leadership in the Church (a course for lay leaders), Systematic Theology, Psalms and Wisdom Literature, Religion in America, Spiritual Formation (a course for lay persons).

Because of the advance standing of students transferring in from the PTI at Winebrenner, who also are taking more than one course per semester, we will have our first graduation on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Grand Point Church in Chambersburg.

Please check out our updated web site: www.ercministrytraining.com that allows students to register on-line. You can also follow us on Facebook at ERC MINISTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE. Our Director, Steve Dunn, is offering to preach on Sunday mornings in churches that would consider supporting the MTI to bring the message (along with a 5-6 minute intro into the MTI).

You can help the MTI be faithful to where God is leading with your prayers, recruitment and supportive of students, contributions from churches and individuals, inclusion as part of your congregation's mission budgets, and connecting us with persons who would invest in the MTI.

Dr. Steve Dunn, Director
ERC Ministry Training Institute



Multiplication Commission Report

An Update on Multiplication, Disciple-Making, and Planting

God is at work in the ERC to reach as many people as possible in our time. The ERC is continuing to press forward with a new multiplying strategic plan that emphasizes disciple-making and multiplication of churches done locally with Regional leadership and coaching partnering in this missional movement. Here's a look at our Conference churches and multiplication movement.

ERC: More than 70 people in the ERC are using a couple of our recommended disciple-making tools!

Salt and Light: Pam Jordan launched church on the beach in Ormond Beach, Florida on April 7. She already leads a disciples making disciples group called PUSH and has plans for more outreach also.

Mt. Pleasant: Zack Wilt is sending out Christina Grey and a team to begin a new church in Adams County.

Turning Point: George Spangler led a recently completed second year project of Feed My Starving Children with over 132,408 meals prepared by many churches.

Think Kingdom Kannapolis: Antoine Lassiter relaunched/rebranded on Easter and is in the multiplying process in Atlanta and Austin.

Exponential Church: Gilbert Thurston is multiplying through the disciple-making strategy of both one-on-one and small group Discovery Bible Study. More than 30 people are attending.

Last Days: Victor Glover has 2 churches and working on 4 micro church locations, plus multiple Fathers on the Move in both Federal prisons along with state prisons in various states.

Orchard Church: Jimmy Grainger launched public worship in Thomasville, NC on Sunday, April 7.

New Dimensions: Everett Spencer is using our Discipleshift Tool (DT) and hopes to see 19 people learn to multiply as they develop as disciples.

Grace Fellowship: Reginald Byrden would like to plant 3 churches in the next 5 years, and we have talked about using our discipling tools.

Central Manor: Scott Davis has a desire to plant churches/campuses in Millersville, Columbia, and Maytown.

Acosta's (3): Are building up their training center in Columbia and looking for a new church to start in Lebanon.

Bridge of Hope: Larry Longenecker has a desire to have a multiplication movement, but they are focused on expanding their meeting space first. Their current rental space is to be purchased this year.

Chambersburg/Grand Point (2): Planted a campus in Shippensburg on 9/9. Lawrence Metzler has expressed a desire to help train other churches/leaders in the region on growth/reproducing and multiplication. The new campus is reaching more than 300 people a week.

Uplift Community: Looking towards Harrisburg for a new church planting in the future. April Ocasio is presently using our SCDT. She took several people to Exponential 2019 Orlando and is looking to begin a micro church ministry center.

Higher Hope: Mike Schooley sent out a team to plant the HUB in Elmira in 2018 and is looking at starting a multiplication network with the HUB. He has the next planter on staff to continue that vision.

The HUB: Jeremy Cranmer leads the HUB Church in Elmira, New York and is multiplying leaders and ministries.

New Providence: Dwight Lefever co-chairs our Multiplication Commission and the church has 26 persons using one-on-one discipleship to release disciple makers.

Home Faith Communities: Dennis Regitz started the first micro church in Washington Boro and now has a second one underway in E-town. It also has a vision for multiplication and is looking to network additional multiplying churches.

Friendship Community: Logan Ames is beginning the process of sending a leader to the Spring Grove, PA area, first as a small group and then seeing where God leads.

***ADDENDUM: It's training time in the ERC! God is moving in amazing ways in the ERC and the evidence is in how many people and churches are dedicating themselves to learning and living out God's new vision! And training is one of the key factors. For example:

- From the churches listed above, 9 ERC churches are learning and moving forward in some sort of multiplying vision.
- Also, last week 27 people from 10 ERC churches went through 4 days of multiplying ministry training at the Exponential Conference.
- And a week prior to that, 103 people representing 28 churches attended our 4th annual Evangelism Summit.
- Prior to that 7 pastors and churches received training at a micro church conference and 5 committed to being part of a pilot micro church ministry center team! Each one of them will start multiplying micro churches!
- 7 multiplication-minded pastors, representing 5 churches, are participating in several Exponential Co-hort groups that are bringing leaders from around the country to study and learn how to move to a multiplication culture in our local and regional churches.

God is at work in the ERC, and His people are following His call! These are just some of the churches and pastors exploring or dedicating themselves to disciple disciple-makers by which we hope to see the multiplying of leaders, everyday missionaries, ministries, and new churches for the future in the ERC!



2018 Report to the Eastern Regional Conference

The year 2018 was a time of organization for the Pastoral Family Health Commission. During the year, the Commission designated representatives who were tasked with providing regular contact with pastors in each district, wrote and submitted the Commission handbook to the ERC Administrative Council for approval, and established policies that have helped to guide how it cares for the Eastern Region's credentialed pastors and pastoral families.

More importantly than what its members did at each month's meeting is how the Pastoral Family Health Commission members represented the Eastern Regional Conference in reaching out to provide loving care to pastors and their families. From encouraging our retired pastors, spouses, and widows at the annual banquet, to sharing a meal with a pastor who needed a shoulder to lean on, the Pastoral Family Health Commission members invested their time and prayers to help active, retired, and unassigned pastors and their families be as healthy as possible with the Spirit's help.

The Commission also began to compile a list of free or low cost retreat centers where ministry couples can reconnect with each other and with the Lord. Through the Pastoral Family Health Commission, clergy couples may access a lengthy list of counseling services at low or no cost as well.

The Commission designed and promoted the regional Couples in Ministry Retreat, the fall Prayer Day, the ERC Prayer Retreat, and the district Pastor Appreciation banquets, hoping more of the Eastern Regional Conference's pastors would participate and develop deeper friendships with other ministry couples.

Because of the generosity of many of our Eastern Regional Conference churches, the Pastoral Family Health Commission was able to provide financial assistance to numerous pastors and pastoral families who needed food, health care, help with unforeseen medical bills, and other financial needs. It was the joy of the Commission members, serving as God's representatives and stewards of His resources, to personally meet with pastors and/or their spouses during those times when they were emotionally or financially exhausted. It is the prayer of the Pastoral Family Health Commission that each ERC pastor, pastoral spouse, staff person, retiree, widow or widower, and credentialed person without assignment will grow to trust the loving care provided by us who serve them and who boldly lift them before the Lord.



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Additional Reports

2019 Nominating Committee of the Eastern Regional Conference

ROLL CALL: Executive Director, Nick DiFrancesco; President; Thomas Myers, Vice-President; Don Snyder, Pastors: George Jensen and Bob Malick. Ryan Long was absent.

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: Dan Masshardt and Gilbert Thurston,
Lay: Joyce Hornbaker and Jim Starner

**Indicates not eligible for re-election.*

TO BE NOMINATED:

PASTORAL

1. Logan Ames
2. Andrew Griffith
3. Dan Masshardt
4. April Ocasio

LAY PERSONS

1. Emily Rosenberry
2. Heather Sholley
3. Coulson Shaul
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CONFERENCE SECRETARY

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

Two-year term with NO successive term limit. (C-IV)

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

May be lay or pastoral.

Term Expiring: John W. Selcher

TO BE NOMINATED: 1. John W. Selcher

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. Floyd Carlen
2. George Jensen
3. Ada Myers
4. Linda Rosenberry

DOUBLING GAP BOARD:

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

Terms Expiring: *Ernest Corty, Luella Hale and Greg Nauman*

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

1. Chris Coffman
2. Ernest W. Corty
3. Dirk Detweiler
4. Greg Nauman

HOME MISSION COUNCIL, INCORPORATED:

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

Terms Expiring: *Deanna Bankert*

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

1. Tracy R. Miller
2. Deanna R. Bankert



2019 BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION MINISTERS

(As of 3/25/19)

AMES, Logan

Credentials: Ordained. **Pastoral service:** Lead Pastor, Friendship Community Church, 2017 to present; Youth Pastor, Findlay First United Brethren in Christ, Findlay, OH, January 2017-June 2017; Lead Pastor, Salem Church of God, Marion, OH, 2013-2016; **Education:** Associate in Arts, Criminal Justice, Harrisburg Area Community College, 2001; Bachelor of Arts, Criminology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2003; Master of Divinity, Winebrenner Theological Seminary, 2011. **Prior service/experience:** Investigator for Hancock County Child Protective Services, Findlay, OH, 2012-2017; Assistant Director for Men's New Life Direction Program/Night Security, City Mission of Findlay, OH, 2009-2011; Pulpit Supply, Various Churches in Great Lakes Conference, 2008-2012, and Catalyst Church of God, Findlay, OH, every week January-May 2013; FedEx Ground Driver, 2004-2008; Volunteer Senior High Youth Leader, Caring Community, 2004-2008.

CARLEN, Floyd R., Jr.

Credentials: Licensed IL Conference 1989; Ordained East Penn 1992. **Pastoral Service:** Willis Chapel (IL), July 1988-October 1991; Shiremanstown (East PA) November 1991 to present. **ERC Service:** Commission on Outreach and Nurture, 1992 to 1999; a member of the Administrative Council 1997-2005; a member of Youth and Family Life Commission 2000-2004; Church/Pastor Commission 2005 to 2018 (Past President); and Trustee Church of God Home 1997-2012; **ERC Vice President** 2010-2012 and **President** 2012-2014; **Pastoral Family Health Commission** (current); **CGGC Service:** Member of Stewardship and Finance Commission (IL) 1988-1991 and a General Conference Delegate in 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013 & 2016.

GRIFFITH, Andrew

After serving nine years in full time ministry, I am taking a recess. I work for Amazon and attend Newville First Church of God where I co-teach a young adult class with my wife, Kathryn. I occasionally provide pulpit supply. Three spiritual gifts that others have confirmed to me are preaching, teaching and patience. My passion is for Biblical literacy. The more we know God's word the more we can know Jesus and grow to be like him.

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 -

MASSHARDT, Daniel M.

Education: Messiah College, B.S. in Bible 2004; Evangelical Theological Seminary, Mdiv. 2010 **Credentials:** Ordained 2010. **Pastoral Service:** Fairview Bethel (Associate) 2004-2011, Lead Pastor (2011-present); **ERC Service:** Member Evangelism Commission: 2007-2017, Ad Council 2016-2017.

Pastor Masshardt's primary passion is to teach the Bible as the true and beautiful story of God revealed most fully in Jesus. My pursuit is to find my identity in Christ and to invite others to the transformative freedom and joy of being his disciple. In discussions, I am able to appreciate various ideas and perspectives.

OCASIO, April

April is first and most importantly a Child of God. She is the wife of Angel Ocasio and mother to 5 children. April is a graduate of Liberty University. There she received her Bachelor's Degree in Religion and an Associate's Degree of Arts in Interdisciplinary Study. April is the pastor of Uplift Community Church of God in Halifax PA. She and her husband Angel are founders of Isaiah 61 Ministries in Halifax, PA which serves the homeless and less fortunate in Dauphin County as well as those incarcerated in Dauphin County's prison system.

April's spiritual gifts are in shepherding, showing mercy, and prophecy. Her passion is to see the lost reached with the message of Christ and walking with them as they are changed by the power of God and His word. She loves to serve others and teach others to do the same. Her ultimate desire is to be used by God wherever He leads.

SELCHER, John W.

Credentials: Ordained. Pastoral Service: Cherry Grove, 1981-1985; Saxton/Broad Top City, 1985-1995; ERC Associate for Discipleship, 1995 to 2008; Associate Pastor at Swatara, 2009 to 2013, Associate Pastor at Middletown, 2014-2018; Stone Glenn 2014-2018; Retired 11/01/18. Manages Christian Growth Resources website. ERC Service: MTO Commission, ECSC Commission (both as member and chairman), Nominating Committee, Executive Committee, Delegate to General Conference and ERC Secretary. He served as a staff person to the Commissions on Evangelism, Discipleship, Youth and Family Life and Missions. He has written 39 leadership, evangelism and discipleship resources including: *Vital Living*, *Believing in God*, *Evangelism Basics*, *Evangelism Today*, *What Is My Purpose?*, *A Trustworthy Bible*, *Unequal Religions*, *Jesus Has No Equal*, *Why Our Goodness Doesn't Impress God*, *What Believing in God Means*, *An ABC Discipleship Plan*, *45 Discipleship Lessons*, *Discipleship Pledge*, *Increasing Sunday School Effectiveness*, *Increasing Small Group Effectiveness*, *Priorities for New Believers*, *God's Names and Attributes*, *A Discipleship Parable*, *32 Discipleship Steps*, *Spiritual Health Assessment*, *Spiritual Health Assistance*, *Christian Mileposts*, *How Your Church Can Become Healthier*, *Small Group Developers*, *Leadership Builders*, *Relationship Developers*, *Spiritual Passion Strengtheners*, *Worship Service Guidelines*, *Ministry Sweet Spot Discovery*, *Effective Organizational Principles*, *Wisdom's Ways*, *Church Change Roadmap*, *Church Underlying Issues Tools*, *How to Avoid Burnout*, *Absorbing and Incorporating People*, *Worship Service Assessment*, *Leadership Training*, *Healing Broken Relationships*, and a blog. These resources are available free at <https://www.christiangrowthresources.com>. CGGC Service: Curriculum Committee, Christian Education Commission, Renewal Commission, has written articles for *The Church Advocate* ("Grasping the Scriptures"), *Workman Quarterly* and *Celebration Series*, ("Unclaimed Treasurers").



2019 BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION LAY PERSONS (As of 3/25/19)

BANKERT, Deanna R.

CORTY, Ernest W.

Member: 50+ years in the Churches of God. **Church:** Caring Community Church of God. **Local Church Positions:** Elder, Sunday School Teacher, VBS Teacher, Worship Team. **ERC Service:** CGGC Delegate, Doubling Gap/Camp YoLiJWa Board Member (current), Workshop Leader (Past). **Christian Service:** PathwaysTech CCTE Board Member (Past); Harrisburg Christian School Board Member (Past); and Computer Ministry Board Member (Current). **Occupation:** PathwaysTech Christian Career and Technical Education Vocational School, IT Director and Classroom Teacher 2 years (Past); West Shore School District Classroom Teacher 34 years (Retired); and Dauphin County in the Clerk of Courts handling appeals to the Superior and Supreme Courts 6 years (Retired).

COFFMAN, Chris

DETWEILER, Dirk

MILLER, Tracy R.

MYERS, Ada

Ada has served alongside her husband, Tom in several churches since 2004. She has most recently stepped down from church secretary and is now enjoying new opportunities that the Lord has placed in her life. She serves on the Hospitality Ministry Team, the Worship Team, and teaches Jr. Church at High View Church in Ronks. She also serves alongside her husband on the Pastoral Family Health Commission of the ERC. Ada's spiritual gifts include Hospitality and Compassion. She is passionate about reaching the unsaved and has a heart for giving and helping others.

NAUMAN, Gregory

Member in Churches of God: 50 years. Church: Landisville. Local Church Service: Sunday School Teacher and various leadership committees. Conference Service: Doubling Gap Corporation board member; Home Missions Council Board Member; General Conference pension board member. Occupation: Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial for 35 years.

ROSENBERRY, Linda K.

Linda Rosenberry has served alongside her husband, Ed, in various ministries since 1974. Their most recent ministry has been at the Eberly's Mill Church of God, where Linda began a new young adult Sunday School

class. Linda also started and leads a weekly Bible discussion group at Square Bean coffee shop in Carlisle. Linda's spiritual gifts are in administration and teaching. She is passionate about helping people gain a deeper knowledge of the Bible which would then translate into becoming better disciples of Jesus.

ROSENBERRY, Emily

Emily Rosenberry attends the Doubling Gap Church of God and serves as a youth Sunday School teacher there. Her day job is with the PA Department of Human Services in the Leasing office. In my spare time I enjoy cooking, craft-making, hiking, and spending time with my family and friends. The spiritual gifts I've identified so far are teaching, service, and exhortation. I'm praying for God's guidance to use them to their fullest.

SHAUL, Coulson

Coulson has been involved with the Churches of God for 26 years. Attending and serving at the Shippensburg First church of God throughout his adolescent years and then transitioning to attend the Turning Point Church of Mechanicsburg and Co-leading the Youth Ministry with his wife Paige presently. He has been employed by Doubling Gap Center, Camp YoiJwa in various roles since 2013 and now presently serves in the full time role of Guest Services & Technology Coordinator.

SHOLLEY, Heather R.

Heather was born and raised in Mechanicsburg, PA. She is 23 years old and has attend Mt. Pleasant Church of God regularly her entire life. She grew up in a Christian household and accepted Christ in 2007 at Creation Festivals. Although she accepted Christ in 2007, she was not really on fire for God until her late teens. Heather faced several difficulties following high school that made her really lean and rely on God. She had to trust that He was going to do work in her life, but all in His perfect timing. Just one of the works that He did in her life during that time was leading her to my profession as a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA). Heather has been a PTA for approximately 3 years, and currently work at Inspired Physical Therapy. In my profession, you obviously need to be knowledgeable about the human body; however, more importantly you need to be encouraging, compassionate and a positive influence for your patients. More recently she took another spiritual gift's test and it truly is amazing to see how God works because Heather's top gifts are service, administration and exhortation. All three of those gifts she get to use daily in her line of work. These gifts also become prevalent in her church duties. Heather is the commission chair for Christian Education and serves on council. She is also volunteer youth leader and teaches in the nursery during Sunday school. She also sing in the praise band and helps coordinate events and fundraising efforts such as, Feed My Starving Children. Mt. Pleasant Church of God has given her many opportunities to serve Christ and many people have helped to shape me into the woman that she is today. Heather continues to look forward to all God has planned for her.



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2018 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	Justin Hinkle, Kathy Myers, Wendy Noel – Cooks (p/t)

2018 – 2019 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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CAMP YOLIJWA (Youth Living Jesus' Way) – 2018 Ministry Summary (Full Statistical Report Printed Separately)

85th Consecutive summer for ERC's YoliJwa camping ministry: 1934 – 2018

- 22 **YoliJwa Camps & Retreats** conducted in 2018 with **2128** total campers. New all-time high!
- 13 **Summer Youth Camps** were held with a total of **1338 Campers** participating. 2nd highest ever.
 680 youth (51%) - were affiliated with an **Eastern Regional Church of God**
 107 youth (8%) - indicated **NO church affiliation** (representing a great outreach by Camp)
 152 youth - made a **first-time decision** to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior
 276 youth - made a **re-dedication** of their life for Jesus Christ as their Lord.
 56 youth - from 37 different families received **financial aid** totaling \$4,626.
- 6 **Adult/Family Camps & Retreats - 475 Total Participants in 2018**
 Camp HOPE, Family Bible, Adult Fellowship, Father/Son, , Mother/Daughter, & Fall Bike Trek
- 3 **Weekend Winter Retreats - 315 Total Campers.** (Jr. Blast, Jr. Hi. Break, & Sr. Hi. Bash
- 81 ERC Churches were **represented with campers** during the summer YoliJwa program. (35-year low)
- 56 ERC Churches provided **308** of the total **419 “short-term missionaries”** as a 2018 YoliJwa volunteer staff.
- \$ 7,046 YoliJwa Summer Camp offerings - \$3,523 to Kenya Medical Clinic & \$3,523 to DGC for 4 new rowboats

DOUBLING GAP CENTER – 2018 Retreat Ministry Summary

DGC hosted **208** rental groups + **22** Camps involving **15,923** participants with **\$ 891,886** Income

42	CoG Overnight Groups	with 2,274 participants	and	\$ 146,549	Income
23	CoG Overnight Families	with 122 participants	and	\$ 2,698	Income
39	Other Overnight groups	with 3,063 participants	and	\$ 320,893	Income
28	CoG Day-Only groups	with 3,900 participants	and	\$ 25,393	Income
76	Other Day-Only groups	with 3,809 participants	and	\$ 35,197	Income
22	YoliJwa Camps/Retreats	with 2,128 campers + 419 staff	and	\$ 361,155	Income

Building & Grounds -

Projects Worked On in 2018

- * Improvements to main porch around lodge with ceiling soffit and new LED lighting - \$30,000
- * Renovate both Girl's Dorm restrooms in main lodge - \$ 22,500
- * Rebuilt outdoor picnic tables alongside north porch - \$ 5,800

Projects Scheduled for 2019

- Install new LED ceiling lighting in main gym area - \$11,000
- Install new water treatment system to increase pH and reduce water pressure - \$ 25,000
- Repair and reconstruct Lake Henrietta's spillway, bridge, and dam breast - \$ 85,000
- Develop plans to dredge lake and construct a lakeside meeting house - \$ 20,000

Year-Round Staff - Steve Long - Exec. Director; Ryan Long - Program Coordinator; Coulson Shaul - Support Services; Dan Graham - Maintenance; Bryan Eichelberger - Food Service; Karen Barrick - Housekeeping; Justin Hinkle – Kitchen/Housekeeping; Amy Long - Secretary; Jimmy Wolfe – Maintenance Ass't.

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, CGGC, and the Christian Camping Association (CCCA).

DOUBLING GAP CENTER – 2018 Financial Summary Report

January 1 – December 31, 2018

GENERAL FUND (Operations) **Beginning Balance as of 1/1/18:** **\$ 386,094.**

2018 OPERATING REVENUE:

YoliJwa Camping Program (22)	\$ 361,155
CoG Rental Groups (51)	\$ 171,942
Other Churches & Groups (138)	\$ 358,788
Store & Other Sales	\$ 63,597
All Other (Interest & Misc)	<u>\$ 359</u>

TOTAL General Fund Revenue: **\$ 955,841.**

2018 OPERATING EXPENSES:

Personnel - wages, benefits, taxes	\$ 496,450
Kitchen Food, supplies, equipment	\$ 176,108
Utilities - Electric, Phone, Propane, etc	\$ 103,054
Building & Grounds supplies, equipment	\$ 198,852
YoliJwa Program	\$ 37,678
Insurances - Property, Liability, Comp	\$ 33,861
Store Merchandise	\$ 38,698
Corporation & Administration	<u>\$ 42,372</u>

TOTAL Operating Expenses: **\$ -1,127,073**

2018 Gen'l Fund Operating Balance: **\$ - 171,232**

2018 GENERAL FUND DONATION INCOME:

Individual Donors (135)	\$ 91,937
ERC Church Donations (26)	\$ 25,874
ERC Church Organizations (12)	\$ 10,472
YoliJwa Camp Offerings (18)	\$ 7,216
Businesses & non-church groups (3)	\$ 3,084
Estates, Trusts, Commemoratives	<u>\$ 32,590</u>

TOTAL General Fund Donations: **\$ 171,173**

FISCAL 2018 NET GENERAL FUND: **\$ - 59**

Transfer To HMC - 2018 Campership Fund Gifts **\$ - 6,033**

CLOSING GENERAL FUND BALANCE as of 12/31/18: **\$ 379,543**

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EXPANSION FUND (Future Development) **Beginning Balance: 1/1/18** **\$ 100,921**

2018 REVENUE:

Selective Timber Harvest	\$ 75,000
Donations – Individuals (22)	\$ 24,380
ERC Churches & Groups (1)	\$ 2,250
Donations – Groups & Businesses (1)	\$ 250
Fundraising – Hike-n-Rock	\$ 2,870
Misc. & Interest	<u>\$ 128</u>

TOTAL REVENUE: **\$ 104,878**

2016 EXPENSES :

Administration	\$ 96
Promotion / Donor Envelopes	\$ 550

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$ 646**

CLOSING EXPANSION FUND BALANCE as of 12/31/18: **\$ 205,153**

2018 CAMP YOLIJWA REPORT -- DOUBLING GAP CENTER

	YOUTH RESIDENT CAMPS								WILDERNESS CAMPS					ADULT/FAMILY CAMPS					2017 FALL/WINTER					GRAND TOTAL
	YOUTH	JR. HIGH			JUNIOR			YOUTH		JR. HIGH			Youth Total	Camp HOPE	Family		Father Son	Mother Daughter	Adult Fellow	Bike Trek	Jr. Blast	Jr. Hi Breakaway	Sr. Hi Bash	
		9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	Adven.	Sr. Hi	9th	8th			7th	Bible								
ERC COG Campers	100	69	76	82	90	73	82	43	5	15	9	17	19	680	15	135	52	33	79	9	58	81	28	1170
Other Churches	85	79	81	96	84	105	55	30	5	7	3	18	10	658	54	38	20	37	12	2	40	60	24	945
TOTAL CAMPERS	185	148	157	178	174	178	137	73	10	22	12	35	29	1338	69	173	72	70	91	11	98	141	52	2115
ERC COG Staff	18	14	21	25	21	30	25	16	3	6	7	4	8	198	21	23	4	6	11	2	19	9	15	308
Other Churches	15	12	8	9	11	2	10	12	1	0	0	5	0	85	8	1	2	0	3	0	7	20	8	134
TOTAL STAFF	33	26	29	34	32	32	35	28	4	6	7	9	8	283	29	24	6	6	14	2	26	29	23	442
New Staff	8	10	7	6	7	7	9	1	0	0	3	3	6	67	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Decisions for Christ	2	14	13	7	20	38	58	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	152										152
Rededications	13	77	40	25	60	49	3	n/a	0	1	2	3	3	276										276
First Year Campers	16	27	33	37	58	80	63	69	2	1	3	4	3	396	9	23	27	36	24					515
Three Year Campers	19	27	20	31	38	51	0	0	0	2	1	3	3	195	4				15					214
Six Year Campers	14	26	35						1	0	1	8	1	86	6				2					94
Nine Year Campers	21								2	2				25	1				0					26
Twelve Year Campers															1				0					1
Fifteen Year Campers															2				2					4
Twenty Year Campers															1									1
Twenty-Five Year Campers																								
FIVE YEAR REVIEW																								
2018 Totals	185	148	157	178	174	178	137	73	10	22	12	35	29	1338	69	173	72	70	91	11	98	141	52	2115
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	2011
2014 Totals	119	194	172	148	182	151	155	107	18	-	25	28	-	1299	76	163	51	98	87	16	87	118	52	2047

ERC CHURCHES REPRESENTED WITH CAMPERS: 81

CHURCHES WITH HIGHEST SUMMER REGISTRATIONS:

Grand Point	106
Newburg	69
Hanover	58
Glenvale	53
Doubling Gap	42
Newville	37
Carlisle	34
Shiremanstown	21
Eberly's Mill	20
Middletown	20
Green Spring	19

(These figures do not include Family Camp and paid staff.)



ERC CHURCHES REPRESENTED WITH STAFF: 56

CHURCHES WITH GREATEST SUMMER STAFF SERVICE:

Mount Joy	17
Newburg	14
Doubling Gap	13
Mt. Laurel	12
Caring Community	11
Greenvillage	11
Yocumtown	11
Glenvale	10
Newville	9
Shiremanstown	9
Camp Hill	7
Grand Point	7
2018 marked the 85 th season of YoliJwa camping and the 72nd season at Doubling Gap Center	

TOTAL CAMP OFFERINGS:

Youth	\$400.00
9 th Grade	528.80
7 th Grade	290.80
6 th Grade	320.00
5 th Grade	438.00
4 th Grade	398.20
3 rd Grade	385.19
Family	44.75
HOPE	559.25
Wilderness	1374.00
Parent/Child	350.05
Adult Fellowship	173.00
	1783.68
TOTAL:	\$7,045.72



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Appendix