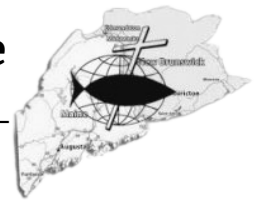


Maine State Advent Christian Conference



October 1, 2026

Dear friends,

It is my privilege to share this report on behalf of the Maine State Advent Christian Conference. As the pastor of Blessed Hope Church in Waterville, I am honored to serve as Conference President, stepping back into a role I held more than thirty years ago while serving the Bangor Advent Christian Church. It is a blessing to serve alongside four dedicated servants of Christ. Together we share a deep commitment to advancing the work of the gospel in this Conference.

God is doing amazing work throughout our Conference! This summer brought wonderful milestones, including ten youth baptized at the Friendship Church (there have been 32 baptisms there between 2023-2026!) and thriving youth and family camps. Although Beals Advent Christian Church recently became vacant after the resignation of Rev. Jacob Hansen, the vast majority of our churches remain blessed with pastoral leadership. Though our numbers have declined over the past thirty years and many pastors are nearing retirement, God's faithful presence continues to shine brightly from Eliot, Maine all the way to Nova Scotia.

Through an effort of the previous Conference board, a large number of delegates attended the ACGC Triennial in August. Monies were approved by the delegates at the Annual Meeting to encourage potential delegates with financial assistance to help with travel, registration, meals and lodging expenses. Twelve men and women traveled to Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina to represent this Conference. It was very encouraging to have these men and women from Maine actively involved in this important denominational meeting.

Currently, the Ministerial Committee is working with two men in the process of obtaining ministerial credentials. Justin Perkins and Tim Tarr are working toward ordination. Both are serving their local churches in student ministry roles. I am excited for these men in this pursuit.

Conference Treasurer Josh Cheney and I were invited by Regional Superintendent Tim Soucy to serve on an Advisory Team for the Bangor Advent Christian Church (BACC), along with a retired Eastern Regional pastor outside this Conference. This team exists to support BACC and its Pastor, Rev. Dylan Forgey, who was called from the pastoral team to serve the church as a solo pastor following the 2025 death of Lead Pastor Rev. Josh Alves and the subsequent resignation of another pastoral team member, Amy Alves. This Advisory Team was created to come alongside Dylan and the congregation through encouragement and practical support in this season of transition. By God's grace this ministry has stabilized and is moving forward in the work of the gospel. Please continue to pray for Pastor Dylan and the congregation as they navigate the challenges of ministry in this new season.

Thank you for your prayers, partnership, and shared commitment to advance the Gospel message before the soon coming of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glenn Rice, President

Rev. Dr. Glenn Rice, President

Rev. George McLaughlin, Vice-President
Rev. Josh Cheney, Treasurer

Rev. David W. Davis, Secretary
Rev. Josh Tate, Ministerial Committee Member