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Executive Council Report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 2021

Greetings from all of us at Advent Christian General Conference. This is a very different setting than the one we originally had in mind for the Triennial in Concord, N.C. at the Great Wolf Lodge. The pandemic has changed a lot of things over the last 14 months and certainly altered our final year of the Strategic Plan. During the last three plus years, our Department of Communication has done a great job developing ways to communicate with our regions, conferences, local churches and even to members in the pews. One of the key issues is getting people to plug into these opportunities. I am sure Director Justin Nash will be sharing about each of these opportunities and how you can receive updates weekly, monthly and quarterly. Through the pandemic Justin and his team have had opportunities to help churches step beyond their comfort zone to use internet and technology to broadcast their services and Bible studies, and to create fellowship opportunities for the members. We are excited to see our churches doing all they can to touch people's lives during this difficult time. I want to encourage all of our leadership to open your e-mails and snail mail to learn about what is happening and share it with your people. You made need to help them sign up to receive the updates from our E-News and Mission Update weekly at acgc.us.

Since the last Triennial in 2017, our staff has been working to support our churches, conferences and regions in the critical areas identified during our planning time in fall 2017. As we examined out current status following the convention four key areas of concern stood out.

1. Our need for future pastors, missionaries and church planters
2. The current health of our churches in North America
3. International Missions need to focus on reaching the unreached people groups of the world.
4. Planting new churches based on the desire to win the Lost for Jesus Christ.

From these critical areas a new strategic plan arose, "WAY2GROW" ACGC Strategic Plan for 2018-2020. Through the rest of 2017 and 2018, the focus of sharing this plan and its goals in every region and conference was a priority. The plan was received with great encouragement and partnership. You will hear from our department directors and coordinators about our success and struggles in accomplishing the goals we set forth in this plan. One of the main desires for this plan was for it to be measurable so we would be able to plot its progress. A special thanks to Charlie Merrill for his working with us in creating the plan.

There were four areas set forth in the Strategic Plan that we identified as critical for ACGC to give support to our region's conferences and churches that also fell into our stated

purpose from the Articles of Incorporation. These were Church Health, International Missions, Home Missions, and Leadership Development. As we moved forward, our goal was to evaluate our spending, actions and ministries toward these areas. It was difficult to make changes in our budgeted spending since so much of what we do is tied to our relationships with international partners, ministry partners and long-term connections, however we continue to see the need to be good stewards with our limited resources and use them in the areas we identified as critical to our denomination in fulfilling the Great Commission and Great Commandment.

Church Health was identified as a critical area based on the statistics from our annual reports. Church closure has been an ongoing problem since 1902 when we had over 600 churches to now when we have fewer than 250 churches across the U.S. and Canada. Our church size has continued to decrease over the past few decades, but it is hard to track since the definition of active members is not clearly defined across the denomination. Over the last three years, Director Justin Nash has been reaching out to churches offering to assist them in the area of church health. He has had some success but limited willingness from our churches to participate in the Natural Church Development Program. We are currently evaluating what is the best approach to support our churches to enable them to become healthy reproducing churches.

We changed the name of our mission work to “**International Missions**” because we felt this best defined the role of this critical area in our denominational ministry. Our work in missions has allowed us to develop partnerships and relationships with churches in over 30 different countries around the world. We are seeing churches planted, lives changed and ministries reaching out to hurting people all over the world through these partners. However, a critical need in missions in the 21 century is to touch the lives of people in unreached people groups. There are over 7,000 unreached people groups in the world today and many of those are in countries where we currently have partners actively ministering. I’m not wanting to steal Jeff’s thunder in his report, but over the last three years we have seen a number of ministries begun with unreached people groups as we partner together with established ministries in those countries. Again, it is a struggle to readjust our budget to focus funds on ministry to unreached people groups because of our long-term commitment to ongoing ministries that may be depended on that support for survival. This has been especially difficult over the last year with the pandemic affecting churches and ministries in every country.

Church Planting has been a part of the Strategic Plan of ACGC dating back to the first plan developed. It has been hard to see success in this area as funds are limited and a lack of experienced and qualified planters available. The establishment of “**Department of Home Missions**” through our Strategic Plan was to create a movement to build partnerships and relationships within our denomination and outside to create a pathway to begin to plant churches and gain expertise to recruit and develop planters. These planters would then work with sister churches in our regions to plant churches, which would also bring greater health to existing churches through evangelistic focus and will touch lives in underserved areas across North America. We have built relationships and partnership

with Converge and ARC Ministries who are proven church planting movements in North America. Both of these ministries have in their DNA a desire to share their resources, experiences and materials to help others to reach the lost for kingdom work. Rev. Darren Bantz worked with us in this area attempting to establish a network of relationships across regions but when COVID hit, this crippled the attempt since he could not travel and meet with these leaders and we were forced to suspend this work until our country was open to travel again. One of the key points that must be adopted by our denomination is that we are reaching out to plant churches based in our love for the lost who need to come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We need to overcome the idea that we must save our denomination by planting more Advent Christian Churches. Our commitment to sharing the message of Jesus Christ with the world before Jesus returns is deeply rooted in our DNA. As we look at the sacrifices made by our early leaders to make this happen in their time, we should be driven to focus our attention on sharing the message of Jesus with the world.

The final critical area of the plan is “**Leadership Development.**” So many of our pastors are within 10 years of retirement age and we did not have a pipeline of training that would prepare enough pastors to meet the needs in our churches, thus leadership development became a major need across all areas of ministry. Pastors, missionaries and church planters are needed to fulfill our goals in each area of the Strategic Plan, as well as the focus of our regions and conferences to support our local churches. As we established this department, we did not understand or know how we would accomplish it. We knew we had to depend on the Holy Spirit to guide us and enlighten us as we moved forward. Again, I do not want to steal the thunder from Rev. Matt Larkin or his team, but I must extend a huge thank you to them for their hard work and devoted partnership to seeking God’s leading as the Ministry Training Institute (MTI) was born. What has been accomplished in fewer than three years, once this plan was put into place, certainly shows God’s blessing and leading of these men of God. Currently, we have five field offices with more than 30 students participating. One of those students has already begun to pastor in an Advent Christian church and continues in the program. The opportunities for this program to expand and touch the lives of emerging leaders from every age group is so exciting. We have established a partnership with Berkshire Christian where they are helping with record keeping of students, providing an online library for students, working with course development, and recruiting students for coming years. The MTI program falls right in line with their mission statement. We are excited about working with them into the future of this program.

Another area of ministry that has continued to grow and develop is **Women’s Ministry.** When Matt and Beth Larkin moved to Maine, Beth continued to serve as Coordinator of Women’s Ministry. Through living in Maine, she has been able to work in churches to develop a template to establish a women’s ministry within the local church with some real success. She has also continued to work closely with the WHFMS, supporting them in their women’s ministry across the denomination. She and Karen Hall, their national president, have done a wonderful job of organizing and continuing the ministry of the WHFMS support for international and national missions. Through the crisis of the COVID pandemic, Beth has found opportunities for women to be involved in Christian women’s

conferences that have been held online. They will hold the WHFMS Convention on Saturday, April 24 in the same webinar format we are using for the Triennial.

Finally, we must give praise to the Lord for his faithfulness to us through the last 13 months of the pandemic. In March 2020 I received a phone call from a former Advent Christian who now works as a director of an ICU in a large hospital. He shared with me that he had been involved in meetings over past few weeks to prepare strategies for the rising dangers of the pandemic. He wanted to encourage me to communicate with our pastor the seriousness of the pandemic and the need to do all we can to level the spread of the virus so hospitals would be able to care for the critically ill patients. We sent out an urgent message and many of our churches responded overnight to protect their congregations. Over the next few weeks our pastors and leadership did all they could to help our people wrestle with what was happening. As we sent our staff home from the office in Charlotte, for almost two months we all worked from home and then only partially coming back to the office. Even now, we have some staff working from home and have had others self-quarantining because of illness and going through testing before returning. As this all began Director of Finance Dawn Rutan and I discussed what this would mean for our churches, conferences, regions and the budget for ACGC. At that point I felt if we cut our expense by 50% and our people gave maybe up to 50 to 75 percent, we would be doing well. It was amazing to see and hear from our churches how our people were faithful in supporting the ministries across the board. Dawn will share the exact figures in her report but the “**Miracle of 2020**,” as it has been called, was a rich blessing that was felt all over the world. Penny Crusade was at a low point going into fall 2020 because our churches were not able to do their normal fundraising. We were seriously concerned about our mission department meeting budgeted commitments, let alone reaching out to our partners in hard-hit areas around the world. Through our leadership of regional superintendents, conference and regional officers and our Executive Council the word got out about the critical need in Penny Crusade and people responded with great generosity. Through your faithful support we have been able to assist pastors and churches around the world that were in serious crisis, due to the quarantine of the pandemic.

As we move forward, we cannot expect to return to the old normal but there will be a new normal. We have been given opportunities to minister to people who may have never darkened our doors but have connected with us during this crisis. This is the beginning of new ministry opportunities and we must work hard to build bridges of relationships with these people, to continue to share the Love of Christ with them so they will receive him as their Savior. Then to disciple them in their faith in new and exciting ways that have become a part of our daily lives. It has been said the small community-based church has a huge advantage in meeting people where they are as we recover. We need to be working hard to greet them with loving arms of hospitality, with Christian love that showers them with fellowship and meeting them in their day-to-day life helping them see the truth of God's Word. Let's pray for one another and work together to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment in the coming years. God has called his church to share the message of hope this world needs! The fields are white for the harvest!

In His Service,
Rev. Steve D. Lawson
Executive Director of Advent Christian General Conference

Executive Council Report

COORDINATOR OF WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

April 2021

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness” (Lamentations 2:22-23).

This verse came to mind this morning as I contemplated the past few years while preparing to write this report. I started this job as Coordinator of Women’s Ministry in 2017 and it has brought me much joy over the past few years. When I started, I knew a lot about how it all worked since I had been serving in that department for several years, but I had a learning curve as I dove deeper into all of it. I am so very thankful that Pam Buchanan, my predecessor, was such a wonderful mentor and kept great records of her work. I am also very grateful for the leadership of Karen Hall as the national WHFMS president, as she has wisely and graciously maneuvered through many discussions and decisions as the work of the WHFMS has moved forward.

I have enjoyed the many opportunities I’ve had to speak and teach at several of our churches, camps, women’s retreats and WHFMS gatherings across the country. This reignited a desire I’ve had to pursue some formal theological training so, at the beginning of this year, I enrolled in the 3.5 year Leadership in Ministry track through the Ministry Training Institute (MTI). As someone who has been following the Lord since childhood, I cannot stress the benefit of this type of education enough. I have already found these courses to be incredibly helpful in my job and personally. This program of online course work and reading, plus the monthly cohort gatherings with the field director and meetings with my mentor and additional seminars have truly rounded out a great educational experience. I really wish I had done something like this earlier, as I can now see how it would have been beneficial to me as a pastor’s wife and in leadership positions I have had in the churches I have attended and the camps where I have been on staff. If you’d like to know more about this program, you can find MTI online at www.mtiprogram.com.

I’ve been continuing my work in support of the strategic plan, developing relationships with women across the denomination in leadership roles within their churches and/or ministries to see how we can best serve and encourage them at a denominational level. I will be carrying on with these efforts, as these relationships are a key component in working out our strategic plan. It will help me identify potential ministry leaders for churches and missions in support of world missions and leadership development. Having these connections will also provide a way for us to learn how we can best serve the women in leadership within the churches to benefit church health.

Women’s ministry has been difficult in all of our churches over this past year. I’ve heard story after story of women’s groups not being able to meet since COVID-19 became a health and safety concern. Some have tried to stay connected by phone, social media or

Zoom but most have just not met at all. As our churches begin meeting together again, I hope that the ladies will also be able to resume in-person gatherings.

While we were at the Oxford AC Church in Maine, I had the opportunity to develop a women's ministry model that is simple and easy to replicate for a church of any size. This has helped prepare me to offer assistance to any of our churches who are seeking to launch a ministry to women or to re-design the way they do women's ministry. I have already been able to consult with some churches on this and much fruit has come from it. If you know of any church that would like some information or assistance with starting a women's ministry, please let them know I would be happy to help.

One good thing that has come of large gatherings not being able to take place recently, due to COVID-19 safety concerns, is that most of the women's conferences that take place annually across the country were held virtually this past year. This was beneficial in that you could attend at a reduced registration rate without any expenses for travel. This made it much more feasible to participate than ever before. I was thankful for the opportunity to take advantage of this and participated in many of these and encouraged others to do the same. It was my hope that these conferences were uplifting and encouraging to many of our ladies during such a difficult time. I believe many of these conferences will continue to be offered in a virtual format even after they are able to resume meeting together, so keep watch for more of these opportunities.

I regularly receive inquiries for book and Bible study recommendations so, in response to this on-going need, I have recently started a section on the women's ministry page of the ACGC website with recommendations of this kind. I have also begun regularly posting video book reviews on ACGC's Facebook page. These reviews are done by me and also some guest reviewers who are willing to share about books they have read. You can find these recommendations and video book reviews, along with several other resources at <https://acgc.us/womensmin/>.

When the decision was made to hold ACGC's Triennial meetings virtually, the WHFMS followed suit and scheduled their WHFMS Triennial Meeting to be held virtually as well. This will take place Saturday, April 24 at 1:00 pm. We held a national WHFMS board meeting via Zoom in January and started our plans for this virtual event. Annual WHFMS reports for 2020 have been coming in and, as usual, I am always encouraged by all of the work that is being done by our local WHFMS groups. Even during this past year when meeting together wasn't possible, these ladies continued to be steadfast in their support of local and international missions and the all of the work we do at ACGC.

As always, I appreciate all of your support, encouragement and prayers as we work together to minister to the women of our denomination. Please feel free to contact me anytime if I can be of any assistance to your ministry in this effort.

In His Service,

Beth Larkin
Coordinator of Women's Ministry

Executive Council Report

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

April 2021

It has been a great privilege to serve as Director of International Missions over the span of four years since our last Triennial Convention. In this report I hope to share the significant activities, changes and challenges within International Missions over the last four years. Please note, because this written report is being made publicly available through the internet, I am not able to provide identifying information concerning our security-sensitive personnel and ministries. I welcome comments or questions concerning security-sensitive ministries, but they will have to be answered privately.

Clarification of Departmental Priorities

On the broadest level, the most significant strategic shift has been a clarification of priorities. In February 2018 ACGC adopted the WAY2GROW 2018-2020 Strategic Plan. Within that plan the Department of International Missions articulated for the first time the priority of establishing and strengthening churches among unreached people groups. This was not merely a statement of values and principles. It was intended to be at the forefront of every decision concerning the use of all our resources. Now, three years since the time this priority was adopted, I can state that it is functioning as intended. Though I have made mistakes and there is certainly room for constructive criticism, establishing and strengthening churches among unreached people groups has become the number one consideration concerning budget, publications, use of personnel, use of time and other resources.

The priority assigned to unreached people groups was relatively easily implemented concerning ministries that were already working among the unreached. Examples of this included our ministries in India and Myanmar. But it begged the question of what to do with ministries that were not working among unreached people groups. In this regard, a further clarification has developed over the last three years. We are a denominational work. This fact is seen in that we are a department within ACGC and inextricably connected to the broader mission of ACGC. Part of that mission is to serve Advent Christian churches. And, though there are definite limits on our ability to do so, our department must seek to serve all Advent Christian churches and ministries worldwide, regardless of whether or not they are working among unreached people groups. Therefore, another secondary priority has been clarified: we seek to strengthen existing Advent Christian ministries around the world.

To summarize, over the last few years two priorities have been clarified:

- Priority #1: Establish and strengthen churches among unreached people groups.
- Priority #2: Strengthen existing Advent Christian churches and ministries.

Steps Toward Sending Missionaries

The 2018-2020 Strategic Plan for International Missions included goals of sending mis-

sionaries to live and work among unreached people groups in the next few years. Sending has been a major challenge. We have taken some small steps forward in this area, but much more needs to be done. Keep in mind that commissioning and deploying a missionary happens only after years of focused preparation. This is true of all reputable missionary sending organizations, not just ACGC.

We established the Explore Missions program as one way of developing a pool of potential missionaries. Explore Missions is an intensive two-day event that provides participants with guided entry-level cross-cultural ministry experiences. A team of mentors works with the participants to help each one with practical suggestions for their next steps on the road to missionary service. We held the first Explore Missions in January 2019 and a second one later that same year in September. We had a total of 16 participants between the two events. One is now serving ACGC as Asia/Pacific Area Director. Another has joined the staff of a different mission organization. And several others participated in the first Ambassador Trip to the African country of Liberia in October 2019. Explore Missions has been a good start toward finding and getting to know potential missionaries. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has put a halt to further Explore Missions programs for the time being.

Promoting Engagement within our Local Churches

Our local churches fuel our missions work. Therefore, it is imperative that the people of our churches are engaged with what we are doing. When people in our local churches are engaged, they are:

- Sharing/communicating what is happening and the needs and challenges we are facing
- Praying for our missionaries, ministries and mission leaders
- Encouraging our missionaries and ministry leaders
- Giving money to support our missionaries and ministries

Here are some of the ways the Department of International Missions tries to facilitate engagement in the local church:

Penny Crusade – Penny Crusade has long been, and continues to be, a major way for people in the local churches to learn about our mission work and give to support it. Every year in January churches receive the Penny Crusade packet of materials. The same materials and resources are also available at www.pennycrusade.com.

International Missions Prayer Network – This is an e-mail publication sent out every Thursday morning. It provides up-to-date prayer requests from our missionaries and ministries in a bullet point format. This is available at no cost, but you must subscribe to the email list to receive it.

Facebook – One of the developments within the last three years has been #missionsmonday posts on the ACGC Facebook page.

Printed Prayer Guide – 2021 is the third year in which we have published this free printed prayer guide for our missionaries and ministries. Each week focuses on a

different missionary or ministry. There is one Scripture-based prayer request for each day of the year.

Ambassador Trips – Ambassador Trips are designed to give mission advocates in our local churches an opportunity to visit a mission field in person. Learning firsthand and getting to know the people on a ministry site will result in greater engagement over time. We had our first Ambassador Trip in October 2019. The enthusiastic group visited our AC brothers and sisters in Liberia. Area Director Bryce Whiting coordinated and led the trip. Further trips had to be postponed because of the pandemic.

Speaking Engagements/Visits – Area Directors, available missionaries and I are able to visit your church, camp or ministry to help promote engagement. This type of activity has obviously been on hold because of the pandemic.

The Addition of the Yoon Family

One special delight over the last two to three years has been getting to know Russell and Pohn Yoon and their daughter Anda. During this online Triennial Convention, you will have the chance to hear from Russell and Pohn concerning their plans to join the ministry team at Christian Mission ban Naratchakwai in Thailand. We will also be praying together to dedicate the Yoons to their ministry. The Yoons will be serving in Thailand as independent missionaries. ACGC is not sending them to Thailand in an official way. However, the Yoons are willingly placing themselves under the oversight of the Department of International Missions. Their story is one you won't want to miss.

A New Asia/Pacific Area Director

For two years (2018-2019) we did not have an Asia/Pacific Area Director. This resulted in minimal interaction with our Asia/Pacific ministries. In January 2020 we were able to bring a new Asia/Pacific Area Director on board. His identity is kept private not only in this report but in all our publications. The role of the Asia/Pacific Area Director (like that of the other Area Directors) is primarily to keep in regular communication with the missionaries and leaders of our ministries in this region of the world. In February 2020, just prior to the implementation of worldwide coronavirus restrictions, he and I traveled to India and Myanmar. There are more leaders to meet and places to visit, but we are thankful for the opportunity God gave us before the lockdowns took place.

List of Missionaries and Ministries

Below is a listing of our missionaries and ministries, divided into two categories: those that receive regular financial support from our International Missions budget, and affiliated ministries that do not receive budgeted support. An asterisk (*) indicates that names and identifying information have been withheld for security reasons.

Financially Supported Through ACGC International Missions Budget

Africa/Europe Area Director – Bryce Whiting

Agape House Ministries Worldwide – Rowena and Erwin Cabrizos

Asia/Pacific Area Director*

Bosnia and Herzegovina*
Croatia*
India – Fellowship of Blessed Hope Churches
India – Immanuel and the AAM India/Yesuway Jeevan Mission staff and eight ministry partners
Kosovo*
Malaysia*
Mexico AC Conference
Philippines AC Conference
Philippines – Agape House Orphanage
Philippines – Oro Bible College
Serbia*
Tanzania AC Conference – Hadzabe Mission
Thailand – Christian Mission ban Naratchakwai
Ukraine*

Affiliate Ministries (Receiving financial support only through designated gifts, if at all)

Agape House Australia
Agape House Indonesia
Agape House Japan
Agape House Papua New Guinea
Burundi AC Conference
Democratic Republic of the Congo AC Conference
Honduras – Cristo Salva
India – AC Conference of India
Japan AC Conference
Kenya AC Conference
Liberia AC Conference
Malawi AC Conference
Mozambique (Maranatha) AC Conference
Myanmar AC Conference
New Zealand AC Conference
Nigeria AC Conference
Thailand – Russell and Pohn Yoon

Note: The ministry in Haiti is no longer affiliated with ACGC.

Each of the above ministries represent hundreds (sometimes thousands) of people involved in local churches and ministries. I am grateful to our missionaries and leaders on the ground who understand and live out the Great Commandment and Great Commission every day. I am especially grateful to an excellent team of Area Directors. Their work is so helpful to me, and it helps our leaders around the world maintain their sense of connectedness to a greater AC family. I also want to thank our International Missions

Advisory Committee (IMAC). They have provided ongoing prayer, counsel, and support, especially concerning the most difficult challenges. Thank you as well to my colleagues in the other departments of ACGC. While each have their own responsibilities, they all also make a vital contribution to our mission work, often in unseen and unacknowledged ways.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey N. Walsh
Director of International Missions

Executive Council Report

ASIA/PACIFIC AREA DIRECTOR

April 2021

My service as the Asia/Pacific Area Director began in January 2020. One of my initial goals has been to establish personal relationships and communication with the leaders in each of our Asia/Pacific fields. A trip in February 2020 helped greatly in developing relationships with our leaders in India and Myanmar. I have been using Zoom, Facebook Messenger, Skype and other social media platforms for establishing and strengthening my relationship with the leaders on the other Asia/Pacific fields.

Much like the United States, each of the Asia/Pacific countries where we have partnerships for missions have faced various levels of illness and restrictions due to the coronavirus. As with Advent Christian churches here, Advent Christian churches overseas have experienced illness and death among their congregations as a result of the virus.

Here are some highlights from our overseas partners.

India - There are two major church conferences that fall under ACGC in India, Advent Christian Conference of India and Fellowship of Blessed Hope Churches. The churches of these conferences are mostly located in and around Chennai. They are well-established and are active in evangelization and church planting. In 2019, there were 12 church plants and over 600 baptisms among the two conferences.

There are also four Advent Christian ministries that the ACGC has been providing support to:

1. **Bihar Mission** in the far northeast of India. This outreach has grown to include 15 churches and a large school. This school is currently involved in the construction of its own campus.
2. **Adda Road** is located about 4-5 hours north of Chennai. One of their outreaches is called Calvary Healing Mount, which recently held a service and love meal with over 500 people in attendance.
3. **Balu Nyak** is a pastor who serves as a missionary. A special gift from an ACGC church enabled a bore well to be drilled on the church property where he is the pastor. This is the only such well in the community and it is having a noticeable impact in the town.
4. **Guindy Hostel** is an orphanage and school located on the Guindy Church property. Unfortunately, because of the coronavirus they have not been able to operate since last spring.

I am in weekly video contact with our mission director, Immanuel. He has had a very challenging year, due to navigating issues surrounding the coronavirus and government ordered lockdowns. These orders have hindered local church ministries, forced the cancellation of VBS, and decreased giving due to the number of lost jobs and the fact the

churches could not meet. The government has also enacted a number of new regulations that are making it much more difficult to do ministry within India. Even through all the challenges faced in 2020, the mission was able to continue to support these pastors and ministries in India.

Immanuel has also helped to facilitate a number of Zoom meetings with some of our Fellowship of Blessed Hope Church pastors and church leaders here in the US in an effort to encourage them and us.

Japan - Plans for a trip to Japan for the purpose of meeting the leadership there and attending the annual Japan Advent Christian Conference meeting last fall were cancelled due to the coronavirus. My communication with Japan has been through a former conference president who speaks English and has been authorized by the conference board to communicate for them.

The new conference president is Rev. Motoichi Masuda. He is the son of an Advent Christian pastor and in 2007 became senior pastor of the church his father had pastored. He also teaches Old Testament at Osaka Bible College.

The Japan Advent Christian Conference is well-established and has often partnered with us in world missions work.

Malaysia - As a country with anti-conversion laws, ministry here is uniquely challenging and the coronavirus has amplified those challenges. Ministry activities in Malaysia have been limited due to strict Standard Operating Procedures and social distancing required by the government.

This group of believers that meet in homes has been encouraging one-another with God's Word and praying together over the telephone when they haven't been able to gather in person. They have also offered some help through food and clothing to an ethnic minority group living in a remote area that recently experienced major flooding.

Our leaders here have shared that they have found prayer to be an even greater part of their ministry since the virus arrived to their country.

Myanmar - Our four ministry partners have a total of 30 churches (1,655 members), three church plants, two Bible schools, two sewing ministries and 258 orphans under their leadership. Each leader has been involved in building projects during 2020.

One has relocated an orphanage and Bible school to a new location. This has required the construction of infrastructure, new buildings, as well as gardens and animal farms. Another leader has built a new two-story dormitory. Still another needs a new dorm for his female Bible school students. (The old one had to be removed to make room for a larger church worship area.) A couple of break-ins forced the remaining leader to invest in a new gate and bars on windows in order to protect his children from those seeking to enter uninvited.

It was a blessing to meet these men and their wives during my February visit. We have continued to be in regular communication through e-mail, social media and Zoom. These leaders have jumped at the opportunity to interact with me and our churches and church leaders through Zoom. They have shared sermon messages, testimonies and special music with AC churches in the US. They have met with donors to their ministries to say thank you in person and to answer questions about the ministries. At their urging, we have begun to meet regularly through Zoom meetings to share and pray.

These four partner ministries were challenged by the coronavirus lockdowns, and food prices increased between 25-30%. That is significant especially when some of them feed 60-plus children. Through a generous gift, ACGC was able to provide some emergency relief funds to help with their food costs.

Food prices had stabilized for the most part until the recent military coup in February. Our ministry partners are facing great uncertainty. Food prices are up again, and that is if food can be found. Many stores, businesses and banks are closed as a result of the coup and the accompanying protests. Our ministry leaders have shared about the frequent gunshots that they are hearing. Communication has become much more difficult as the internet has become unreliable. While these leaders have told me their families, orphans and students are safe, they are asking for our prayers. Not only is there the need for daily bread, there is also a need for God to protect their children from those who would take advantage of them. The situation is far worse for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar than our news is telling us.

New Zealand - *The Advent Christian Conference of New Zealand* now has only one affiliated church. The Mardon Road Church is located in Hamilton about an hour south of Auckland. The church is developing as a multi-ethnic congregation, with a Sunday morning average attendance of 55 people.

They have been without a full-time pastor for many years but have recently appointed a couple, Alan and Kathleen Stanley, to a part-time role for mentoring and building up their youth and young adults; providing a pastoral role in visitation and shepherding of their congregation; and to be involved in local community outreach.

The Advent Christian Missions New Zealand Trust regularly communicates with the Advent Christian ministries in India, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar and the Philippines, and publicizes their activities and prayer needs on its website - www.acmissionz.org.nz. Funds from investments and from very generous donors, enable the trust to offer gifts to the Advent Christian ministries in Asia.

The trust has a group of faithful prayer partners who meet regularly to pray over the specific needs of these ministries and individuals involved in the ministries.

The Takanini Community Church Property Trust uses investment income from the sale of their property to assist Christian organizations previously connected with Takanini Community Church; other AC organizations in New Zealand and overseas (India,

Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia and the Philippines) and other non-AC organizations which wish to extend or develop their ministries but need funds to do so.

New Zealand has fared much better in comparison to many other countries when it comes to the coronavirus. They have faced several lockdown periods but currently have no restrictions as to gathering sizes or the carrying out of Christian ministries. At present, the only travel restrictions are at the border, with entry generally restricted to NZ citizens and some visa holders. Everyone entering must spend 14 days in quarantine centers.

Papau New Guinea - The Agape and Care Ministry in Papua New Guinea is under the leadership of a man that came out of one of the Agape houses. There are currently three ministry sites with five more sites identified for future outreach. One of the outreach centers hopes to begin construction on a semi-permanent church building during 2021.

There were 11 baptisms in 2019 but none during 2020, due in part to the coronavirus situation. Total membership in ACM is currently over 300.

This ministry leader and his wife have five orphans living with them in addition to their own children. They have begun praying about building an orphanage building.

Phillipines - Oro Bible College - As a result of the Philippine government regulations imposed on colleges and universities to combat the spread of the coronavirus, OBC was forced to find a way to offer classes online for the fall of 2020. This was a real challenge to them as none of the professors were familiar with that type of course delivery. Director of International Missions Jeff Walsh and I were able to facilitate a Zoom meeting discussion between OBC and Berkshire Christian. As a result of much effort on the part of OBC's faculty and administration and a generous church financial gift, they were successful in resuming classes last fall through the internet.

They have recently begun their second semester with 22 students officially enrolled. Not all of the students enrolled in last semester returned but have declared they will enroll again when OBC is able to hold classes face to face again.

Delivering courses online has many challenges to OBC, its faculty and its students. Among those problems are slow internet; boredom among students not able to see their classmates and professors in person; lack of accessibility to the books and other resources in the library; and student compliance to course requirements due to the fact that they are only using their cell phones and not computers in accessing the internet classes. Most of the OBC faculty do not have their own laptops and most use the two desktop computers set up in the OBC conference room.

Face-to-face classes cannot be held until the government lifts its ban on such classes. This may not occur for a while longer since the number of virus infections in Cagayan de Oro continues to rise. The Philippine National Police are very closely monitoring the compliance with government regulations.

I ask that you join with OBC in thanking God that he has protected them from the virus and has faithfully provided for their needs.

Philippine Advent Christian Conference - PACCI churches have also been severely affected by government restriction related to the coronavirus. Churches were not allowed to meet and each household was allowed only one permit that allows for outside travel. Due to the critical needs faced by many of the conference pastors, ACGC released some mission money being held in the Philippines to PACCI to help those pastors in need. There continue to be restrictions and requirements for anyone to move from region to region within the country.

Even during the pandemic, the ministry of the Philippine Advent Christian Conference has advanced within our churches. There was a total of 98 professions of faith leading to baptism last year within the conference churches. Early in March of this year, one church celebrated the baptism of 15 new believers.

In the area of church planting, PACCI has begun three new church plants this past year. Each of these church plants is led by a layman in the mother church who has undergone mentoring from the senior pastors who have been trained in disciple-making ministry.

Conference President Efren Miranda shares that their “primary goal for the year and ahead is to revitalize PACCI vision” toward the urgency to the Great Commission. The conference has organized the “Discipler’s Training Community,” to give more emphasis on making disciples. The leaders involved meet for three hours every Sunday afternoon for training and orientation.

Thailand - The coronavirus restrictions first imposed by the Thailand government in March and April were lifted in July allowing **Christian Mission Ban Naratchakwai** to resume worship at the CMN compound church. Masks are still recommended, as is temperature taking and spacing observed between people when seated and standing during worship services.

ACGC was able to send some funds to enable CMN to purchase Thai Bibles. Some of these Bibles will be given as gifts for special occasions and at baptism. (In anticipation for what God will do.) CMN also purchased some Thai/English Bilingual Bibles and some pew Bibles for use at the church. They also purchased some children’s Bible Story books for use with the children coming to CMN.

The church at CMN is made up of about 75% children. Recent months have seen a decline in the number of children attending. This is not because they do not want to come but rather because their parents are concerned about their children becoming too interested in Bible stories. Please join me in praying that the parents’ resistance might be overcome by God.

CMN continues to offer their Soup of Love to the needy on a regular basis. In fact, because of the meeting restrictions enacted by the government for a number of months, CMN could not offer their Soup of Love meals. This year they intend to make up for that by offering Soup of Love twice as often.

During the time that I have served as the Asia Pacific Area Director it has been exciting to see how we have been able to use online communication with our overseas partners in new ways. The FBHC pastors of India, our Myanmar partners, OBC and Christian Mission Ban Naratchakwai of Thailand have all had opportunity to directly interact with Advent Christians here in the United States through video conferences.

If you or your church are interested in meeting our foreign partners in ministry contact the Department of International Missions. Online communication is proving to be a wonderful tool for bringing Advent Christian churches and our mission partners together in a way we never would have imagined just a few short years ago.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine!” Our God is able to do “immeasurably more!”

Respectfully Submitted,
APAD

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AFRICA/EUROPE AREA DIRECTOR

April 2021

CROATIA – Church organizations may not meet in this country unless they are registered with the government. The requirements for registration are very difficult to meet, causing our application to be turned down. Our friend there continues the ministry in at least two notable ways: by overseeing house groups and by starting a non-profit organization that allows for some meetings. He was formerly in a small village that resisted change, but moved his location a few years ago to a larger more developing area allowing for more freedom of movement. He maintains contacts with groups in: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

BURUNDI – Our relationship with the leadership in this country’s conference is admittedly somewhat nominal since they have not received a visit from an Advent Christian representative in a decade. The reasons for this begin with the political unrest that had kept the country on the US travel advisory list for some years. When the situation seemed safer, we sent a trusted representative from a neighboring African nation to bring encouragement to them. Due to some confusion he missed his flight and was stranded between destinations for the duration of his anticipated visit. Soon after, the virus ended any other prospective visits. President Simeon Nzishura continues to report 61 active churches with evangelical outreaches. They conducted an annual meeting most recently in Bujumbura.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO – President Bertin Mwanza responds to our publications more than any other conference president, most commonly in search of ways to train the pastors of the 51 conference churches. Few African pastors have the benefit of formal training, and some even lack literacy. Brother Bertin sees the great need and aspires to develop a training center in the DRC. Online education is only now becoming a feasible option, yet airtime still remains cost-prohibitive. African countries continue to make advances technologically every year, opening the door wider for this opportunity (hopefully) in the near future.

KENYA – The conference continues to expand even in the face of the pandemic. A new church began in Feb. 2021 under some trees in Kenuchi under the leadership of Pastor Samuel Ondieki. They are in hopes of training a new pastor to assume the ministry there soon. We have 20 churches in Kenya.

LIBERIA – An Ambassador team of seven people went to Liberia in October 2019 bringing wellness checks, church leadership training and overall encouragement. This seems to be what this conference pleads for most of all. A conversation with President Moses Gbaa: “How can we pray for you, Brother Moses?”

“Please tell our family in America to pray for encouragement. This virus has kept our churches from meeting together. There have been no members coming to church. Now some of the churches are meeting again but many people are afraid. Our pastors need encouragement. Pray that as men of God that they will remain strong in difficult times.” Pastor Moses must walk 90 minutes to his church on Sundays where he can gain the access to a cell tower, which he lacks at his residence, making communications with him infrequent.

One of their superintendents died in 2020 leaving them even more thirsty for fellowship and encouragement. Some of the restrictions for assemblies have been lifted and they can hardly wait to see one another again.

They have two elementary schools and a high school. The health care center has been closed due to government regulations, though we are assured that a nurse representing the facility continues field work, traveling to where the needs are.

MALAWI – The churches are mostly rural where most everyone farms for one’s survival. When a pastor is chosen (a young man from the church with no formal training and perhaps little education) it is predictably for the remainder of his life. Despite the challenges of training and resources the people want some Good News from the Word of God, and they count on the pastor to deliver it. Pastor Ken Perkins’s annual teaching trip to Malawi was interrupted in 2020 due to the pandemic. We are in hopes that he will be free to travel this year.

Cliff Maclean is the conference president. He was chosen to succeed his deceased brother Samuel, perhaps due to the tribal mentality of leadership, but certainly due to his educational background and administrative skills. The biggest challenge with this appointment is that President Maclean is a full day’s travel away from the nearest AC Church.

MOZAMBIQUE – This conference began as a ministry of the Malawi conference. When the conference president was accused of financial and sexual corruption, some of the ostracized churches naturally returned to the Malawi conference for fellowship. I (Bryce Whiting) travelled with Pastor Travis Hutcheson to confront the problems of the Mozambique conference in February of 2020. We held the conference on neutral territory in Malawi, hosted by President Cliff Maclean. It ended with the Mozambique conference president’s forced resignation and the installation of a new president Samuel Kasakatira, a man of peace under whom the conference churches are now fully reunited.

NIGERIA – This conference remains well-organized. Each year the conference holds separate conventions specifically for: the men, the women and the youth. Their council overseeing 12 churches meets often. They have installed a new president this year in Imoh Emmanuel Akpan. Nigeria is saturated with Christianity in some form, most of which is prosperity-related, making it difficult to have a relationship which focuses on spiritual issues unrelated to money.

SOUTH AFRICA – This conference had been struggling with its leadership and togetherness. The love of money plays a part in determining one's loyalty to an organization, and this conference simply could not remain together. The status of our relationship with South Africa has been reduced to "contacts."

TANZANIA – Enough cannot be said about how God is using these brethren. These are evangelists who yearn for others to know Jesus Christ. They have successfully registered with the government (a huge victory), they have overcome numerous power encounters with witch doctors and false teachers, and they have exercised church discipline in Godly manner by removing a corrupt conference president from office. Much like the book of Acts, the Word of God continues to spread and he adds to their number such as should be saved. They are now deeply committed to bringing the Word of God to an unreached people group called the Hadzabe. This tribe is located in the Serengeti, has no written language, is nomadic with a hunting / gathering lifestyle. A first contact was made this year, and beyond what we in America may have predicted, they were well-received. By their own reporting 22 Hadzabe have confessed Jesus Christ. A second trip is planned for March 29 of this same year.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryce Whiting

Executive Council Report

LATIN AMERICA AREA DIRECTOR

April 2021

MEXICO

The coronavirus has created similar challenges in Mexico as it has in the United States. The same types of personal protection protocols are in place. The individual “municipalities” (counties) restrictions varied throughout the state by the number of cases in an evaluation system also similar to the United States. Initially, the churches’ ability to meet in person was an issue because the government was not sure in what “category” to place them. Finally, they lumped them under the restaurants. I guess being fed spiritually or physically is considered the same. The churches are now currently open in all municipalities with a cap by percentage of facility capacity. Most of the churches have continued to maintain contact with home groups and on-line broadcasting. Identification of cases is difficult because the government doesn’t test until you are symptomatic and private testing costs (in San Felipe) are about \$80.00, way above the ability of most folks to pay. The vaccine is now starting to be administered to the health care workers and seniors, but not enough to meet the need in any of the cities.

The annual meeting with the election of officers has been scheduled and postponed several times due to the virus. It is currently scheduled for the end of March.

The following is a break-down of the 2020 attendance statistics of the 13 churches currently registered with the Mexican Conference.

IGLESIA	PASTOR	ATTENDANCE
Ensenada		
Torre de Salvación	Jaime Sandoval Padilla	81
Casa de Oración Torre Fuerte	Alejandro Becerra Rodríguez	37
El Gran Yo Soy	Daniel Espinoza Uscanga	35
Nueva Esperanza	Juan Marcos Luna	48
Nuestro Refugio	León Mérida Maldonado	78
Iglesia Emaús	Miguel Mena Arellano	65
Misión La Paz	Juan José Murua Higuera	25
CRISTO PENA DE HOREB	Gabriel Rodriguez	132
Centro Cristiana Restauracion	Javier Cota Orozco	46
La Paz (no name)	Jose "Adrian" Hernandez Vasquez	27

IGLESIA	PASTOR	ATTENDANCE
La Hermosa	Efrain Rivera Alvarez	119
Mi Refugio	Carlos Higuera Lopez	24
Tijuana (No name)	Luis Alberto Merida Maldonado	46

TOTAL: 763

Break down by groups: Children: 223, Youth: 157, Women: 220, Men: 169

In addition to the attendance, the Mexican conference reports;

115 confessions of faith

12 baptisms

3 Weddings

5 Baby Dedications

There are two church requests for entrance into the Mexican Conference. They will be evaluated at the annual meeting. There is a third church that is being evaluated for re-entry into the conference. The pastor chose to leave about three years ago when we were supplementing salaries. The leadership wants to evaluate if the reason for coming back into the conference is financial or spiritual.

Two of the three churches with feeding programs have restarted post-COVID, the third was intermittent before COVID. One church also has a bi-monthly street ministry with food distribution.

HONDURAS

Conditions in Honduras are really bad right now. The virus is terrible and increasing. One of our Honduran team members, Enrique, told us that 80 Honduran doctors have died from the virus. Along with the virus, the situation is further complicated by the lawlessness. It's like the wild west. The drug cartels are running everything. There is a political election coming up that is predicted to cause more turmoil.

Cristo Salva feels they will probably not be able to bring a team there this year because of all the unrest and the virus.

Cristo Salva is however, still feeding approximately 800 children a week and are grateful for that opportunity. They also have distributed most of the school supplies in hopes that the students would return on Feb. 1, but right now, there is no school beginning in sight.

The clinic in Macuelizo is being used to treat COVID patients and the mayor tells us that as far as she knows, the Cristo Salva Clinic is the only one in all of Honduras that is open 24/7. PTL. They have treated far more than 1,000 patients and anyone can go there and get tested for free. That is so important, because many places in Honduras are charging a lot of

“Lemps” (money) just for a test.

Longtime friend of Cristo Salva, Pastora Gladis, is doing well but says that Sula is very dangerous. She won't even stay in her own home at night. She goes to a friend's across the street to sleep. She is trying to sell her house and move out as soon as possible.

A personal thought from Pastor Ray Marco, “Sometimes I feel like writing a little book entitled, “How to Do Foreign Missions From Home.”

GUATEMALA

I had a trip down to Guatemala planned to evaluate the locations and partners that are a part of the Oxford AC Church mission trips, however it also needed to be postponed. I will reschedule to go down with Pastor Darren Bantz in the future.

PERSONAL

Bonnie and I are in the process of transitioning the leadership of 99 PLUS 1. We have identified our reliefs and have begun the process. We will continue to live in San Felipe, Mexico. In addition to the present outreaches to the community and seniors, our new leadership team will focus on training/capacitation of the local church leadership (pastors and lay personnel). We will remain active in the ministry but in a different capacity. Please pray for the transition process.

This will not change my responsibilities to ACGC as the Latin American Area Director.

In His Service,

John Gilbert

Executive Council Report

COORDINATOR OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

April 2021

WELCOME

Hello and welcome to our 2021 convention. While I know this is a different kind of convention, I pray that you have and will continue to be blessed as we discuss the work God is doing in and through the Advent Christian network of churches and ministries.

DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENT & INTRODUCTION

At the 2017 convention in Charlotte, I came to you in a different role. At that time, I was serving as the Director of the Department of Student and Family Ministries. In the year following that convention, a lot changed in regards to my role with the Advent Christian General Conference (ACGC). Upon the adoption of the new ACGC Strategic Plan in February 2018, my role shifted a great deal as I was asked to lead the newly formed Department of Leadership Development.

As many of you are aware, based on statistics put out by ACGC, we find ourselves in a challenging situation as it relates to developing the next generation of Advent Christian leaders. In 2018, we found ourselves in a position where approximately 70% of our pastors were within one decade of retirement age. This does not mean that all of those pastors will retire within that timeframe. What it does mean, however, is that we have the potential to find ourselves in the midst of a major leadership crisis in the very near future if we don't close that gap.

So, in 2018, I was charged with working with existing resources and partners and establishing new partnerships and initiatives in an effort to establish clear leadership pipelines pointing individuals toward service within the Advent Christian denomination. This was to be accomplished through: partnership with the local church, establishing new educational partnerships and developing denominationally-approved training for emerging pastors, church planters and missionaries.¹

As this new department was established, it was my burden, as well as the burden of ACGC, that this task could and should not be accomplished through the efforts of our offices in Charlotte alone. Instead, we believed that ACGC should be a resource to the local church in strengthening our leadership development efforts. With this in mind, in June 2018 we inaugurated what we have termed the "field office approach," which establishes local leadership development field offices that operate in and through local churches. These churches serve as local hubs, which serve as a resource, in the area of

¹ For a more detailed explanation of the rationale and vision for ACGC's leadership development department, see Advent Christian General Conference, *Way to Grow: ACGC Strategic Plan 2018-2020* (Charlotte: Advent Christian General Conference, 2018), 8 & 10-15.

leadership development, to the churches around them. At present, we have established field office locations in: Bangor AC Church (Bangor, Maine), Oak Hill Bible Church (Oxford, MA), Northside Community Church (Knightdale, NC), New Life Community Advent Christian Church (Baraboo, WI) and Orange County Church (Tustin, CA). It is through these field offices that the work of the Department of Leadership Development is carried out. The remainder of this report will highlight that work.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership is, ultimately, what the Department of Leadership Development is built on. One of the primary charges of the department upon its inception was to begin to build stronger academic partnerships that would allow us to strengthen our support of Advent Christian students. Along that vein, we have worked to begin dialogue about partnerships with a number of schools and educational organizations which might provide benefit to us as an organization.

This has resulted in increased partnership efforts over the last few years with schools such as: Biola University (CA) and Campbell University (NC). In addition, we have created a formal partnership with Kingswood University (NB, Canada), which includes a formal articulation agreement with BICS and the intention of future articulation agreements for the Ministry Training Institute program and e-Berkshire.

In addition to these educational partnerships, we have worked hard to develop partnerships with several denominational entities to help strengthen and unify the leadership development efforts taking place within our network. I have already mentioned the churches that serve as field offices. These churches are vital partners in our efforts and provide a great many services to others through their partnership. In addition, we have entered into formal financial partnership with the Central Advent Christian Mission Society, who has pledged their financial support for our midwestern field office in Baraboo, Wis. We have also partnered a great deal with Berkshire Christian in the development and implementation of our Ministry Training Institute program, a program and partnership I will highlight in greater detail later in this report.

SUPPORT OF STUDENTS AND PROSPECTIVE LEADERS

Both through and independent of these partnerships, we have worked to position the department as a better resource to students and prospective Advent Christian pastors and leaders. We have worked to become a conduit between those who are put in contact with ACGC and our superintendents, conference leadership and, where relevant, ACGC's International Missions department. In addition, through the educational resources we have developed, we have worked to become a better resource to both prospective leaders and conferences alike in helping ordination candidates meet the requirements of local conference ministerial committees.

MINISTRY TRAINING INSTITUTE

Perhaps the largest undertaking of the Department of Leadership Development to date has been the launch of the Ministry Training Institute program (MTI). Admittedly, the

vision for the MTI program was much smaller when the department was formed. It was formed out of the idea that it would be helpful for students coming out of college and seminary if ACGC could offer some supplemental Advent Christian specific training. The goal was, initially, to offer a small-scale training program that could aid local conferences with helping candidates to meet ordination standards, as well as develop a few courses that could help bi-vocational pastors who may not hold a theological degree.

Out of that small vision, God has put many pieces in place to increase the scope of the Ministry Training Institute beyond our wildest dreams. In 2020, the Ministry Training Institute launched as an educational initiative designed to participate in raising up the next generation of Advent Christian pastors, church planters and missionaries, as well as to help strengthen those serving in volunteer leadership roles and, yes... to provide courses that could aid in the ordination process.

MTI offers multiple tracks, including three 60-credit hour programs focused on pastoral ministry, church planting and missions. In addition, we offer a 30-credit hour program, which seeks to provide strong biblical, theological and leadership foundations for those who might serve in a number of ministry leadership roles in their local church or ministry setting. The program combines the components of: course work, intentional mentoring and opportunities for hands-on ministry experience to provide students with an integrated experience.

At present, there are 32 students enrolled in the MTI program, connected with our five field offices. The majority of them meet as part of a local cohort, with a few meeting as part of an online cohort. Twelve of these students are in year two of the program, while the other 20 are in their first year. Of the 32 students, nearly half (15) are enrolled in the pastoral track. This number includes four Filipino students who represent the potential global impact of the program.

In speaking of MTI, it is impossible not to pivot back to the idea of partnership. Because it is the partnership of many that makes MTI possible. While MTI is primarily funded by Advent Christian General Conference, it takes the investment of several churches and ministries to make it happen. One of the larger investors in the program is Berkshire Christian. Berkshire's president, Dr. Glenn Rice, has been one of the key architects of the program. In addition, Berkshire funds our students' access to the Digital Theological Library, a resource that provides our students with digital access to millions of theological resources. Berkshire also provides the administrative support for our student management system.

Again, I have already spoken of the five churches that serve as field offices. These churches serve as our MTI sites. They provide gathering space and support for our students, field directors and course facilitators. In addition to these five churches, our students' home churches serve as a training ground for our students, allowing them a setting to practice what they are learning through their coursework. Many of these churches are also providing mentors for our students. At present, we have a mentor roster made up of approximately 25 pastors and leaders coming from several different churches. We are also

beginning to on-board pastors and leaders who are serving as course designers and course facilitators. All of this points to the idea that leadership development is a task that belongs to us all, and we are thrilled that MTI has become a resource to aid such wide-ranging participation.²

CONCLUDING REMARKS & LOOKING AHEAD

In some ways, it is hard to predict where God may lead from here. Admittedly, a little over three years ago, I could not have predicted how God would lead this department. Three years ago, this department was pretty much just an idea. Since then, we have seen God move mightily and bring the efforts of countless individuals together that we might begin to close our leadership gap. MTI has moved from being a small-scale idea to being a 60-credit hour program that is now serving 32 students just a year after its launch. We have moved from just me in my office at ACGC to a staff of field directors working with a great number of partners and stakeholders who are all moving toward common goals.

As a leadership development staff, we are extremely thankful for the amazing work that our God has done. I, personally, am thankful for the many individuals God has brought around me. These men and women are a big reason that we have come as far as we have. However, the task at hand is not done. There are aspects of the department that still need significant development. MTI itself will need to continue to grow and refine. These emerging leaders that are coming through the pipelines we are creating will need increased support and opportunity.

On behalf of the leadership development staff, we want to thank you for your continued investment in the future of the Advent Christian denomination. We believe that the work we are engaged in daily will play a major role in shaping we are in the future. As such, the investment so many of you are making, whether through participation in these endeavors or through financial and prayer support, will be making a lasting impact for decades to come and, ultimately, an eternal impact. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your continued participation in the work of Advent Christian General Conference.

In Christ's Service;
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² For more information on the MTI program, visit www.mtiprogram.com.

Executive Council Report

DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH HEALTH

April 2021

Introduction

The Department of Church Health was formed in 2017 to help reverse the trend towards decline in the Advent Christian denomination in the United States and Canada. We strive to serve declining and dying churches so they will be renewed and revitalized and move from surviving to thriving. Our vision is to see a constant increase in healthy, fruit-bearing and reproducing churches in the United States and Canada.

The department sought to achieve this mission by working in four key areas: consultation, coaching, curation and community-building. Consultation can be defined broadly as offering advice or an outside perspective to churches regarding church health and revitalization issues. These services will typically be single instances or short-term in nature. Coaching is longer term (one to two years) in length and is more involved. Initially much of the coaching work was done in service to churches involved in the Natural Church Development process. Curation is an ongoing effort to identify, recommend and promote high-quality resources related to church health.

One person cannot support a large number of churches, especially in consultative and coaching relationships. Therefore, the department sought to establish, resource, coordinate and connect a denomination-wide network of church health coaches that can offer consultative and coaching services based on a normative benchmark and a standard set of church health tools.

Natural Church Development (NCD) has served as the foundational system for consultation and coaching. One of the big advantages of NCD is that as a process it doesn't merely assess church health. It provides principles and strategies for improving church health. It was clear that the success of this ministry hinged upon cooperation from churches, conferences and regions. First, churches must be willing to participate in the church health process. Finding churches that will be committed to improving their church health is a necessity. Second, the cooperation of the conferences and regions must be two-fold. First, we must seek ways for the regions, conferences and ACGC to collaborate in revitalization efforts with local churches.

Progress

Since its inception, the department has served more than 30 churches with their church health needs to one degree or another. Church health coaches have been trained and are at work in the Western and Southern regions. In the Western region, almost all of their churches have received some level of assistance or support from their church health coach. Almost all of the work done by the department was done in 2018 and 2019. Most of the

department's coaching and consulting work was halted in March 2020 because of COVID-19.

Conclusion

NCD is an excellent tool, but it simply has not resonated with many church leaders. So, we are currently trying to discern what church health needs are most prominent for our denomination in this time of ministry disequilibrium brought about by the pandemic. In the coming months we will seek to address some of the barriers we believe are inhibiting the use of our church health services. We will also continue to develop additional church health tools that will be useful to our leaders and their churches in the post-COVID ministry landscape. Overall, I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and pray that the work we are trying to do is useful. I am also very grateful to the churches who have allowed us to serve them in some way. We greatly appreciate their trust. I look forward to working with our superintendents going forward in this endeavor as we partner together to serve our churches. May God continue to grow his church for his glory.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Nash
Director of Church Health

Executive Council Report

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

April 2021

Introduction

This report will highlight a number of projects and activities undertaken by the Department of Communication in the last three years. It will also look toward future projects and goals.

Advent Christian Witness Magazine

The Advent Christian Witness continues to be our flagship publication. Over the last three years, the magazine has tried to strike the appropriate balance between sound biblical doctrine, Christian living, ministry practice and Advent Christian theology. Cara Brock, Coordinator of Publishing and Design, has done a tremendous job of updating the look and design quality of the magazine. I am very grateful to the many excellent writers who have contributed their time and talents writing for the magazine over the last three years. The magazine would not be possible without them.

Significant content and design changes have been made which resulted in the Witness winning two awards from the Evangelical Press Association in 2020. The magazine earned a third place award for best publication redesign and third place award for best in class. This is the first time the publication has won any awards in more than a decade, and we are competing against many publications that are much larger with greater resources. The lion's share of the credit for these improvements goes to Cara Brock for her excellent design work.

Even as we worked to improve the quality of the magazine, the number of subscriptions continues to trend downward. This trend dates back to at least 2003. Over the last three years, subscriptions have dropped by approximately 18.5 percent and are now just under 1,000 subscribers. In addition to the print version of the magazine, many of the articles are also posted on our website www.acgc.us.

Maranatha Daily Devotional

The Maranatha daily devotional guide underwent a significant change within the last three years as well. This change was precipitated by a few factors. First, subscriptions have declined approximately 29 percent over the last three years, continuing a trend that extends several years. One reason for the decline may be related to the fact that the daily devotionals began to be offered via daily e-mails and Facebook. Currently, more than 250 people receive the daily e-mails. A second factor for the decision was the problem of finding an adequate numbers of qualified writers. I am extremely grateful for the writers we do have, but there simply were not enough writers willing to write each quarter. The third factor was a desire to improve the overall quality of the publication.

Given these factors, it was decided to switch Maranatha to a Monday through Friday devotional instead of seven days a week. In making this change, we would give our writers a broader section of Scripture to choose from and more space in which to write, all while keeping our production cost the same. This would also decrease the number of devotionals in each issue, and thus decrease the number of writers needed. This change was met with a mixed response from our subscribers. The writers have generally embraced the change.

Unfortunately, the changes have not corrected the issues we were facing. Subscriptions continue to decline, and Maranatha operates at not an insignificant financial loss each year. We still have difficulty finding an adequate number of writers for each issue. Coupled with many of the writers being habitually late submitting their assignments, it is becoming more and more difficult to continue publishing Maranatha in a timely manner. Given all these factors, we will have to prayerfully consider what the future of Maranatha will be.

Henceforth: A Journal for Advent Christian Thought

I am very grateful for the excellent work done by Rev. Jeff Vann as editor for Henceforth for a number of years. While Rev. Vann did a great job as editor, he had significant difficulty gathering enough material for each issue as few writers responded to his solicitation requests. He worked valiantly, but ultimately it was decided to discontinue to print version of Henceforth. Another factor in this decision was that the number of subscribers had fallen to less than 45. Therefore, Henceforth has transitioned to a fully online journal at www.hence4th.org. We are still accepting new material, but are not longer bound to a twice-a-year production schedule.

Publications

We did publish some new works over the last three years. The most significant work we published was the “Blessed Hope Catechism.” The work is a robust update of the “Advent Christian Catechism.” I am very grateful for the excellent work done by the contributors to the volume, Rev. Mike Alix, Rev. Nick Foss, Rev. Matt Larkin, Rev. Corey McLaughlin and Rev. Andy Rice. This book is a worthy addition to our Advent Christian publishing heritage. It is available in print from Advent Christian General Conference, and in print and electronically on Amazon.

Media Coordinator Meredith Broadway did an outstanding job for the design work of the catechism, but she also produced two other projects of significance. Thanks to a generous gift from Vidalia Advent Christian Church, we were able to redesign and republish “This We Believe.” Meredith also created an Advent Christian booklet that gives an overview of Advent Christians, historically, theologically and missionally. These pieces are complementary in their design and content. They are intended to be used as a set at our churches when new people inquire about the denomination. Our goal is to complete the set with a third piece when funds are available. These items are free to our churches and can be ordered at our website (under Publications), by phone (704-545-6161) or by emailing acpub@acgc.us.

We also realized that there is a certain segment of our people that we are not connecting with through our digital media. As a result, in 2019 we began publishing “The Bulletin,” a quarterly print newsletter we send to our churches and active donors. We currently send out approximately 900 each quarter. Due to the pandemic, we only published the newsletter twice in 2020. “The Bulletin” is free and available upon request. We are happy to print enough for a church. Just let us know how many are needed.

Electronic Media

The most significant change to our electronic media was a complete redesign and rebuild of our website (www.acgc.us). Meredith Broadway worked tirelessly and did an outstanding job making the site more attractive and functional. We continue to publish the weekly E-News each Wednesday at noon. It goes out to more than 1,900 subscribers. We also send out Maranatha daily devotions, the Karmon Norris Prayer Chain, International Missions Prayer Update and the WHFMS Update via e-mail. These are all free and can be subscribed to by emailing acpub@acgc.us.

Great effort has been made to increase our social media presence as well. Facebook is our primary social media platform (www.facebook.com/acgcus) and we publish content daily. We have also launched an Instagram account (@acgcdenom). We have begun making more video content, and we will continue to make a greater investment in video in the coming years.

Conclusion

It is a great blessing to be a part of the team at ACGC. Any good work that comes from our department is the result of the efforts of our excellent staff: Cara Brock, Meredith Broadway and Donna Martin. Their skill, creativity and hard work have increased the quality of our work exponentially. I am also grateful for the life and ministry of Helen Hager. At the end of 2020, Helen retired after more than 35 years of service to ACGC.

In conclusion I would like to express my deep appreciation for the privilege to serve as Director of Communication for the last 11 years. It is a wonderful gift to be able to be part of an incredible team of such godly and gifted people, and to engage in such meaningful work. I will always cherish the immense honor of being a part of this organization. I look forward to seeing how God will use the Advent Christian church for his glory and the advancement of his kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Nash
Director of Communication

Executive Council Report

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

April 2021

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FINANCIAL NARRATIVE – DECEMBER 2020

ADVENT CHRISTIAN GENERAL CONFERENCE

ACGC DASHBOARD	Target	Jan. 1	Last month	Dec. 31
Days of operating cash on hand*	90 days	35	38	70
Net income/(deficit) compared to budget	Within \$50,000	-	\$180,230 better than budget	\$238,812 better than budget
Borrowing of funds from temporarily restricted net assets	0	0	0	0
PPP Loan Funds Remaining	\$114,015 Rec'd		\$0	\$0

* Enough cash and liquid investments to cover current liabilities and upcoming operating expenses.

Total assets as of December 31 are \$4,701,297 which is up \$2,092,981 for the year. The market value of investments is currently \$830,980 above cost value. We have more unrestricted cash available now than at any year-end for at least a decade.

Total income through December was \$1,884,265, which is \$129,465 better than budgeted. United Ministries finished \$55,611 better than budgeted and Penny Crusade was \$23,829 above budget. Both UM and PC surpassed four out of the last five years totals.

Total expenses through December were \$1,645,454, which is \$109,346 under budget due to not holding the convention and not traveling as expected. We finished with a net income of \$238,812. If we did not have the PPP loan funds, we would have had a net income of \$124,790.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN MINISTERS PENSION PLAN:

PENSION DASHBOARD	Target	Jan. 1	Last month	Dec. 31
Investment market gain over cost	>\$1,000,000	\$3,085,721	\$3,104,288	\$3,247,903
Net income/(deficit)	Within \$100,000	-	\$7,580	\$52,626
Total members and annuitants	-	121	118	117

Pension plan investments totaled \$7,813,824 at December 31. At market value investments, money market funds, and bank accounts total \$11,061,728. This represents an unrealized gain on investments of \$3,247,903 at December 31.

Plan income for the year-to-date is \$700,157, including \$178,506 gained on sale of investments. Expenses for the year-to-date total \$647,531 including \$580,778 in member payouts, retirements, and annuities for a net income of \$52,626.

The Balanced Fund received 2% interest for the fourth quarter, for a total of 5.5% for the year. The Variable Fund gained about 15% in the fourth quarter, for a total gain of 18% for the year.

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Advent Christian General Conference
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2020

	COST			MARKET	
	Dec 31, 20	Dec 31, 19	\$ Change	Dec 31, 20	Gain/(Loss)
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Checking/Savings					
1010 · Fifth Third Checking	271,798.24	129,755.02	142,043.22		
Total Checking/Savings	271,798.24	129,755.02	142,043.22		
Accounts Receivable					
1500 · Accounts Receivable	1,334.66	1,985.81	-651.15		
Total Accounts Receivable	1,334.66	1,985.81	-651.15		
Other Current Assets					
1250 · Inventory Asset	25,174.20	26,048.13	-873.93		
1400 · Unrestricted Investments	200,000.00	65,000.00	135,000.00	200,001.75	1.75
1401 · Unrestricted IDA	35,566.95	26,428.01	9,138.94	35,566.95	0.00
1402 · Donor Restricted Investments	275,880.02	317,124.63	-41,244.61	293,654.75	17,774.73
1403 · Donor Restricted IDA	29,244.31	3,000.35	26,243.96	29,244.31	0.00
1404 · Board Designated Investments	689,995.32	712,146.82	-22,151.50	758,224.58	68,229.26
1405 · Board Designated IDA	4,755.46	7,613.03	-2,857.57	4,755.46	0.00
1406 · Donor Rest Powers Investments	2,909,149.92	1,033,418.81	1,875,731.11	3,654,123.85	744,973.93
1407 · Donor Rest Powers MM	6,506.84	27,388.62	-20,881.78	6,506.84	0.00
1502 · Other Receivables	-15,232.00	-1,919.14	-13,312.86		
1510 · ERA UM Receivable	0.00	-7,566.69	7,566.69		
1600 · Prepaid Expenses	3,778.99	6,975.30	-3,196.31		
1650 · Refundable Sales Tax	2,965.12	2,105.50	859.62		
Total Other Current Assets	4,167,785.13	2,217,763.37	1,950,021.76	4,982,078.49	830,979.67
Total Current Assets	4,440,918.03	2,349,504.20	2,091,413.83	5,271,897.70	
Fixed Assets					
1705 · Land	216,954.40	216,954.40	0.00		
1707 · Land Improvements	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00		
1710 · Equipment	69,801.14	77,893.41	-8,092.27		
1720 · Vehicles	24,990.80	24,990.80	0.00		
1730 · Residences	131,355.98	131,355.98	0.00		
1740 · Office Building	285,356.45	281,778.45	3,578.00		
1805 · Depreciation Land Improvmt	-15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.00		
1810 · Depreciation Equipment	-59,621.65	-73,598.88	13,977.23		
1820 · Depreciation Vehicle	-24,990.80	-23,740.80	-1,250.00		
1830 · Depreciation Residences	-118,844.41	-114,274.72	-4,569.69		
1840 · Depreciation Office Build.	-264,622.90	-262,546.77	-2,076.13		
Total Fixed Assets	260,379.01	258,811.87	1,567.14		
TOTAL ASSETS	4,701,297.04	2,608,316.07	2,092,980.97	5,532,276.71	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable					
2000 · Accounts Payable	47,958.97	33,704.32	14,254.65		
Total Accounts Payable	47,958.97	33,704.32	14,254.65		
Other Current Liabilities					
2050 · NC Sales Tax Payable	28.40	23.43	4.97		

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Advent Christian General Conference Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2020

	COST			MARKET	
	Dec 31, 20	Dec 31, 19	\$ Change	Dec 31, 20	Gain/(Loss)
2100 · Pass Thru Accommodations	37,245.42	25,093.29	12,152.13		
2750 · Subscriptions Due	726.94	1,586.03	-859.09		
Total Other Current Liabilities	38,000.76	26,702.75	11,298.01		
Total Current Liabilities	85,959.73	60,407.07	25,552.66		
Total Liabilities	85,959.73	60,407.07	25,552.66		
Equity					
2799 · Depreciation & Asset Addit	243,076.30	244,643.44	-1,567.14		
9100 · Donor Perm Restrict Net Assets					
2815 · Leadership Resource Endow	12,752.06	12,752.06	0.00		
2985 · Shew Trust Endowment	9,407.14	9,877.50	-470.36		
2995 · Michael Scholarship Endow.	14,339.49	14,339.49	0.00		
Total 9100 · Donor Perm Restrict Net Assets	36,498.69	36,969.05	-470.36		
9200 · Donor Temp Restrict Net Assets					
2814 · Minority Scholarship Fund	971.57	1,020.13	-48.56		
2816 · Leadership Resource Fund	57,831.75	48,232.37	9,599.38		
2818 · Leaders Conference Fund	3,710.77	3,710.77	0.00		
2819 · Neil & Mary Braun Fund	18,358.86	0.00	18,358.86		
2820 · TLC Project Fund	5,460.45	3,939.91	1,520.54		
2828 · Powers Trust Fund	2,915,656.76	1,060,807.43	1,854,849.33		
2829 · Missionary Relief Fund	0.00	725.00	-725.00		
2847 · Radio Evangelism Fund	0.00	10,206.63	-10,206.63		
2890 · Pastors Library/Bible Fund	12,211.11	13,837.49	-1,626.38		
2900 · Missions Project Fund	148,104.99	163,740.59	-15,635.60		
2901 · Missions Trip Fund	2,556.55	2,556.55	0.00		
2911 · World Hunger/Emergency	33,365.07	28,806.43	4,558.64		
2980 · Focus Home Missions	1,050.00	1,050.00	0.00		
2996 · Michael Scholarship Fund	-474.23	208.66	-682.89		
Total 9200 · Donor Temp Restrict Net Assets	3,198,803.65	1,338,841.96	1,859,961.69		
9300 · Unrestricted Retained Earnings	-29,377.04	-61,740.87	32,363.83		
9305 · Unrestricted Assets					
9400 · Board Designated Net Assets					
2804 · Tithing Endowment	275,634.94	275,634.94	0.00		
2805 · Tithing Reserve	40,016.48	63,121.42	-23,104.94		
2806 · Miller Chapel Fund	1,000.00	500.00	500.00		
2823 · Church Planting Fund	49,556.09	50,747.84	-1,191.75		
2824 · New Church Builders Union	25,350.50	25,350.50	0.00		
2830 · Convention Reserve Fund	68,681.18	66,106.18	2,575.00		
2860 · Shaw Endowment	105,777.37	110,661.08	-4,883.71		
2990 · Kirby Missions Endowment	101,128.58	105,897.76	-4,769.18		
Total 9400 · Board Designated Net Assets	667,145.14	698,019.72	-30,874.58		
9500 · Property Fund	260,379.01	258,811.87	1,567.14		
Total 9305 · Unrestricted Assets	927,524.15	956,831.59	-29,307.44		
Net Income	238,811.56	32,363.83	206,447.73		
Total Equity	4,615,337.31	2,547,909.00	2,067,428.31		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	4,701,297.04	2,608,316.07	2,092,980.97		

Advent Christian General Conference
Profit & Loss Total Year To Date
 January through December 2020

	Jan - Dec 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 19
Income				
3000 · Undesig. United Ministries	609,368.84	573,000.00	36,368.84	572,240.98
3010 · Eastern Direct United Min.	69,242.38	50,000.00	19,242.38	44,659.53
3011 · Penny Crusade	506,829.46	483,000.00	23,829.46	482,595.83
3020 · Monthly Ministry Partners	27,835.00	31,000.00	-3,165.00	31,034.15
3025 · Designated Support	51,946.64	61,250.00	-9,303.36	57,319.66
3048 · Support In Honor/Memory	1,600.00	3,300.00	-1,700.00	10,025.00
3049 · Support- Estates/Trusts	14,137.53	13,250.00	887.53	15,877.98
3051 · Undesignated Support	42,803.91	37,500.00	5,303.91	35,059.33
3052 · Support MY/YE Appeal	70,221.63	56,000.00	14,221.63	56,819.41
3055 · Support Christmas in Oct.	70,657.65	60,000.00	10,657.65	58,881.78
3056 · Support First Responders	35,363.50	31,000.00	4,363.50	31,969.51
3060 · Conv/Conf Registrations	0.00	78,500.00	-78,500.00	17,378.00
3061 · Convention Gifts	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	502.00
3062 · Convention Womens	0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00	
3090 · Bookstore Sales & Shipping	65,200.59	106,000.00	-40,799.41	106,014.45
3250 · Gift of Stock or Assets	13,437.53	12,000.00	1,437.53	12,892.00
3460 · Witness Subscriptions	11,952.33	13,000.00	-1,047.67	12,296.25
3470 · Maranatha Subscriptions	9,131.56	10,000.00	-868.44	9,075.65
3490 · Henceforth Subscriptions				457.92
3500 · Program Income/Field Offer	31,037.13	35,850.00	-4,812.87	24,805.83
3510 · MTI Student Payments	11,240.00	20,000.00	-8,760.00	16,000.00
3520 · Pension Service Fee	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	7,641.75
3650 · Interest/Investment Income	7,046.58	8,000.00	-953.42	-10.08
3850 · Funds Released from Restr	141,937.66	112,900.00	29,037.66	186,817.71
3851 · PPP Loan Funds Released	114,015.00			
Total Income	1,921,004.92	1,814,800.00	106,204.92	1,790,354.64
Cost of Goods Sold				
4100 · Cost of Goods Sold	36,739.60	60,000.00	-23,260.40	59,699.12
Total COGS	36,739.60	60,000.00	-23,260.40	59,699.12
Gross Profit	1,884,265.32	1,754,800.00	129,465.32	1,730,655.52
Expense				
4010 · Salaries/Wages	467,966.90	483,249.00	-15,282.10	478,901.06
4020 · Benefits	101,841.03	113,779.00	-11,937.97	103,416.48
4030 · UM Regional Expense	354,589.37	328,000.00	26,589.37	327,165.98
4080 · Travel/Training	27,555.32	70,163.00	-42,607.68	65,165.27
4110 · Cost/Credit for Unsold Items	-168.97	750.00	-918.97	654.42
4140 · Insurance	8,717.53	7,800.00	917.53	10,230.80
4150 · Telephone	10,007.17	10,020.00	-12.83	11,203.07
4160 · Utilities	10,436.04	11,850.00	-1,413.96	12,469.96
4170 · Real Estate Taxes	10,585.78	10,500.00	85.78	10,573.78
4180 · Equip. Property Taxes	435.85	300.00	135.85	209.98
4190 · Postage	14,858.13	19,900.00	-5,041.87	18,824.78
4200 · Supplies	5,638.88	9,250.00	-3,611.12	7,691.45
4229 · Bank/Finance Charges	-1,758.50	-1,000.00	-758.50	-914.49
4240 · Computer	9,235.50	9,300.00	-64.50	9,449.69
4250 · Repairs/Maintenance	8,090.51	7,000.00	1,090.51	4,003.05

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**Advent Christian General Conference
Profit & Loss Total Year To Date
January through December 2020**

	Jan - Dec 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - Dec 19
4270 · Equipment Rentals	17,865.08	19,000.00	-1,134.92	19,308.21
4300 · Program	130,428.43	149,584.00	-19,155.57	153,965.83
4301 · Penny Crusade Expense	2,279.67	8,500.00	-6,220.33	10,167.08
4302 · Dues/Subscriptions	4,744.00	4,800.00	-56.00	5,009.00
4305 · Funds Released Expense	134,088.90	88,000.00	46,088.90	157,906.04
4320 · Vehicle Repairs/Maint.	1,180.82	2,100.00	-919.18	2,116.62
4325 · Subcontract Services	198,504.60	189,423.00	9,081.60	154,791.92
4330 · Audit/Legal	15,500.00	15,650.00	-150.00	15,650.00
4340 · National Conference	36,331.96	36,332.00	-0.04	37,327.96
4350 · Christmas in October Exp.	23,650.00	23,000.00	650.00	21,975.00
4460 · AC Witness Printing	6,247.56	6,200.00	47.56	6,040.08
4461 · AC Witness Postage	2,731.87	3,000.00	-268.13	2,900.41
4470 · Maranatha Printing	6,668.49	6,000.00	668.49	6,624.14
4471 · Maranatha Postage	263.65	300.00	-36.35	276.50
4560 · Outreach Prep for Serv.	0.00	16,800.00	-16,800.00	4,648.81
4650 · Committees	1,906.33	9,000.00	-7,093.67	3,743.54
4792 · Loss/Gain on Investments	18,849.48			-4,307.18
4794 · Commissions/Mgmt Fees	687.28	1,000.00	-312.72	725.42
4800 · Depreciation	14,476.12	13,500.00	976.12	17,741.11
5300 · Convention/Conference Program	1,018.98	80,000.00	-78,981.02	22,627.73
5400 · Convention Womens Program	0.00	1,750.00	-1,750.00	
Total Expense	1,645,453.76	1,754,800.00	-109,346.24	1,698,283.50
Net Income	238,811.56	0.00	238,811.56	32,372.02

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MINISTERS PENSION PLAN
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2020

	COST		MARKET	Gain/(Loss)
	Dec 31, 20	Dec 31, 19	Dec 31, 20	Dec 31, 20
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
1010.11 · FIFTH THIRD BANK CHECKING	38,535.55	26,194.51	38,535.55	0.00
Total Checking/Savings	38,535.55	26,194.51	38,535.55	0.00
Total Current Assets	38,535.55	26,194.51	38,535.55	0.00
Other Assets				
1101.11 · CASH MONEY MARKET-11	3,742.84	3,311.85	3,742.84	0.00
1131.11 · MUTUAL FUNDS / ETFS- 11	96,504.49	91,217.21	100,866.62	4,362.13
1135.11 · GOVERNMENT AGENCIES-11	9,753.87	10,825.01	7,738.86	-2,015.01
1145.11 · CORPORATE BONDS-11	6,319.00	6,319.00	5,736.38	-582.62
2101.24 · CASH MONEY MARKET-24	609,258.23	132,301.63	609,258.23	0.00
2130.24 · COMMON STOCK-24	1,019,285.50	1,549,494.29	2,571,091.16	1,551,805.66
2131.24 · MUTUAL FUNDS / ETFS -24	3,575,995.78	3,115,273.47	3,740,429.62	164,433.84
2131.25 · MUTUAL FUNDS-25	1,004,536.93	927,837.78	2,475,065.11	1,470,528.18
2135.24 · GOVERNMENT AGENCIES-24	107,505.20	124,373.23	114,775.99	7,270.79
2137.24 · BANK CDs-24	300,000.00	600,000.00	300,671.10	671.10
3101.33 · CASH MONEY MARKET-33	20,945.95	30,594.30	20,945.95	0.00
3131.33 · MUTUAL FUNDS / ETFS -33	794,447.28	697,382.63	809,095.11	14,647.83
3135.33 · GOVERNMENT AGENCIES-33	6,857.73	7,200.80	6,417.72	-440.01
3140.33 · US TREASURIES-33	220,136.06	220,136.06	257,357.29	37,221.23
Total Other Assets	7,775,288.86	7,516,267.26	11,023,191.98	3,247,903.12
TOTAL ASSETS	7,813,824.41	7,542,461.77	11,061,727.53	3,247,903.12
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
3350.30 · APPLIED INTEREST-30	-636,694.24	0.00	-636,694.24	0.00
3902.11 · OPERATING FUND	-12,309.03	-12,309.03	-12,309.03	0.00
3904.30 · PENSION ACCOUNTS-30	7,613,914.87	6,977,220.63	7,613,914.87	0.00
3905.33 · ANNUITY RESERVE-33	796,287.02	577,550.17	796,287.02	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,761,198.62	7,542,461.77	7,761,198.62	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	7,761,198.62	7,542,461.77	7,761,198.62	0.00
Total Liabilities	7,761,198.62	7,542,461.77	7,761,198.62	0.00
Equity				
Net Income	52,625.79	0.00	3,300,528.91	3,247,903.12
Total Equity	52,625.79	0.00	3,300,528.91	3,247,903.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	7,813,824.41	7,542,461.77	11,061,727.53	3,247,903.12

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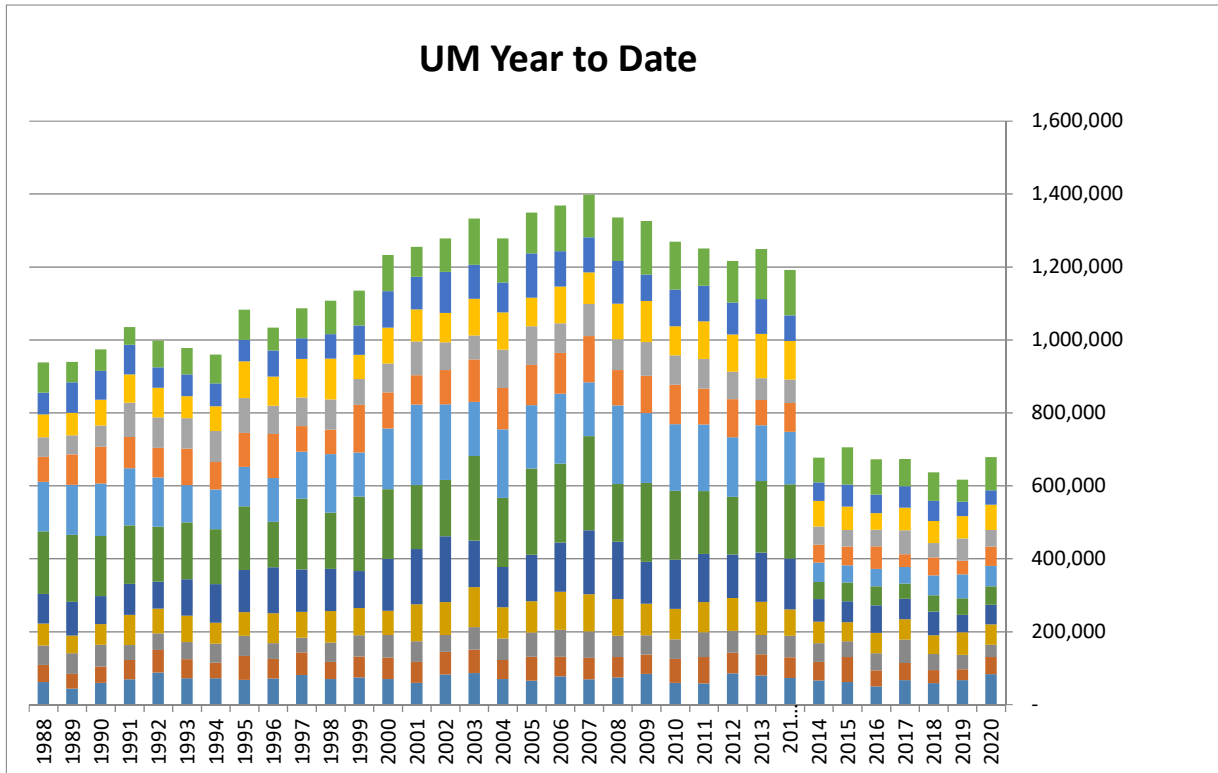
MINISTERS PENSION PLAN
Profit & Loss
January through December 2020

	Pt 1	Pt 2	Pt 3			
	Operating	Member	Annuity	Jan - Dec 20	Jan - Dec 19	\$ Change
	Fund	Accounts	Accounts			
Income						
1400.11 · INVESTMENT INCOME-11	3,378.12			3,378.12	3,461.93	-83.81
1410.11 · SALE OF SECURITIES-11	1,839.68			1,839.68	516.55	1,323.13
1420.11 · WITHDRAWAL PENALTY-11	8,737.23			8,737.23	2,701.67	6,035.56
2400.24 · INVESTMENT INCOME-24		195,829.62		195,829.62	192,356.83	3,472.79
2400.25 · INVESTMENT INCOME-25		36,130.34		36,130.34	33,547.28	2,583.06
2410.24 · SALE OF SECURITIES-24		185,235.67		185,235.67	411,932.88	-226,697.21
2410.25 · SALE OF SECURITIES-25		-6,218.31		-6,218.31	50.05	-6,268.36
3400.33 · INVESTMENT INCOME-33			31,276.02	31,276.02	35,134.44	-3,858.42
3410.33 · SALE OF SECURITIES-33			-2,351.08	-2,351.08	2,038.19	-4,389.27
3450.30 · MEMBER DEPOSITS -30		246,299.29		246,299.29	236,623.77	9,675.52
Total Income	13,955.03	657,276.61	28,924.94	700,156.58	918,363.59	-218,207.01
Expense						
1509.11 · PASTORS INSURANCE-11	1,348.65			1,348.65	1,485.18	-136.53
1511.11 · ADMINISTRATIVE COST-11	16,000.00			16,000.00	15,706.46	293.54
1513.11 · COMMISSIONS TRADING-11	1.67			1.67	0.50	1.17
1514.11 · INVESTMENT MGMT-11	569.00			569.00	541.00	28.00
1515.11 · LEGAL & ACCOUNTING-11	8,305.00			8,305.00	6,350.00	1,955.00
2513.24 · COMMISSION COSTS-24		600.20		600.20	397.43	202.77
2514.24 · INVESTMENT MGMT-24		34,863.00		34,863.00	34,021.00	842.00
3513.33 · COMMISSION COSTS-33			11.06	11.06	89.05	-77.99
3514.33 · INVESTMENT MGMT-33			5,054.00	5,054.00	5,329.00	-275.00
3590.30 · MEMBER PAYOUTS-30		223,294.71		223,294.71	220,759.74	2,534.97
3590.33 · ANNUITIES-33			138,746.65	138,746.65	139,048.54	-301.89
3591.30 · MEMBER RETIREMENTS-30		218,736.85		218,736.85	0.00	218,736.85
Total Expense	26,224.32	477,494.76	143,811.71	647,530.79	423,727.90	223,802.89
Net Income	-12,269.29	179,781.85	-114,886.77	52,625.79	494,635.69	-442,009.90

Year to Date United Ministries

TOTAL UM GIVING - AS OF 2015 NO LONGER INCLUDES PENNY CRUSADE

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
JAN	83,366	66,765	58,549	67,271	49,925	61,808	72,698
FEB	130,368	96,957	94,545	114,127	93,902	130,095	129,464
MAR	163,815	136,229	138,457	189,199	141,104	173,528	188,235
APR	220,128	198,537	189,731	244,662	196,470	225,608	260,978
MAY	273,787	246,274	255,260	300,817	271,848	283,211	400,486
JUN	323,954	291,308	299,855	342,620	324,247	334,525	603,591
JUL	380,149	357,037	354,105	388,207	371,881	381,618	748,101
AUG	433,036	394,214	403,399	423,483	433,548	432,893	826,825
SEP	478,917	455,596	442,777	488,592	479,447	478,964	890,970
OCT	548,258	516,502	503,097	586,097	524,559	542,725	996,815
NOV	587,605	555,969	558,615	645,524	575,464	603,312	1,067,029
DEC	678,614	616,901	636,634	673,096	672,748	705,458	1,191,213



APPALACHIAN REGION

	December	2020	Monthly	Year to Date		TOTAL
	UM	PC	TOTAL	UM	PC	
REGION / WHFMS	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
PIEDMONT CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
PIEDMONT CONF WHF	-	-	0.00	-	1,000.00	1000.00
BEAVER CREEK	-	509.39	509.39	2,365.79	8,793.60	11159.39
BEREA, COLLETSV	300.00	-	300.00	3,600.00	25,000.00	28600.00
WHFMS BEREA	300.00	-	300.00	630.00	-	630.00
BETHEL, LENOIR	-	-	0.00	100.00	2,000.00	2100.00
BETHEL WHFMS- LENOIR	-	-	0.00	330.00	-	330.00
BOOMER	435.30	-	435.30	5,595.83	1,411.85	7007.68
BOONE	-	-	0.00	6,000.00	-	6000.00
WHFMS BOONE	60.00	-	60.00	360.00	-	360.00
CALVARY, LENOIR	1,600.00	9,000.00	10600.00	10,800.00	9,000.00	19800.00
CALVARY WHFMS- LENOIR	-	-	0.00	360.00	-	360.00
CONCORD	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
CONFIDENCE	-	-	0.00	3,000.00	2,600.00	5600.00
DULINS GROVE	4,876.79	309.84	5186.63	16,594.29	6,497.30	23091.59
FELLOWSHIP	2,000.00	671.92	2671.92	24,215.00	25,813.09	50028.09
FELLOWSHIP WHFMS	-	-	0.00	840.00	200.00	1040.00
HICKORY 1ST	192.39	-	192.39	1,277.63	3,938.33	5215.96
WHFMS HICKORY	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
CENTRAL LENOIR	938.10	500.00	1438.10	10,756.07	10,235.00	20991.07
C.LENOIR WHFM	90.00	-	90.00	629.00	-	629.00
LENOIR 1ST	-	3,613.25	3613.25	300.00	3,613.25	3913.25
LENOIR 1ST WHFMS	-	-	0.00	50.00	-	50.00
LONGS GROVE	329.00	-	329.00	2,552.90	-	2552.90
MORGANTON	75.00	-	75.00	825.00	2,413.51	3238.51
NAZARETH, LENOIR	-	-	0.00	-	200.00	200.00
SHILOH	1,518.64	-	1518.64	13,644.71	21,541.70	35186.41
SHILOH WHFMS	-	-	0.00	240.00	-	240.00
TABERNACLE	-	-	0.00	4,796.89	5,010.00	9806.89
TABERNACLE WHFMS	-	-	0.00	210.00	-	210.00
WILDWOOD LENOIR NC	-	-	0.00	-	500.00	500.00
LENOIR COMM CHURCH	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
CABARRUS CHRISTIAN FI	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
HOPE CHURCH, CHARLOTTE	-	-	0.00	-	1,098.72	1098.72
BLESSED HOPE, MORGANTON	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
COMMON CROSS	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
POCAHONTAS CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
ADRIA	100.00	-	100.00	1,200.00	300.00	1500.00
ADRIA WHFMS	-	-	0.00	50.00	-	50.00
CLEAR FORK	-	-	0.00	783.00	2,799.20	3582.20
CLEAR FORK WHFM	-	-	0.00	180.00	2,551.30	2731.30
BECKLEY	-	-	0.00	600.00	1,271.00	1871.00
EAST WAR	-	-	0.00	-	1,500.00	1500.00
MIDDLE CREEK	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
NEWHALL	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
PRINCETON	500.00	-	500.00	6,000.00	1,650.47	7650.47
WHFMS PRINCETON	-	-	0.00	386.00	-	386.00
CUMBERLAND VALLEY CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
BARBOURVILLE	-	-	0.00	172.79	2,838.28	3011.07
CORBIN	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
VIRGINIA CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
CENTRAL CLIFTON FORGE	1,950.00	-	1950.00	8,341.69	5,000.00	13341.69
WHFMS CLIFTON FORGE	-	-	0.00	354.00	-	354.00
LONE STAR	1,684.19	-	1684.19	11,409.86	10,185.00	21594.86
WHFMS LONE STAR	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00

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HAMILTON CHAPEL	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
IRON GATE	155.42	-	155.42	533.61	563.00	1096.61
UNION VIEW	-	-	0.00	-	708.20	708.20
VICTORY CHAPEL	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
ASIAN INDIAN	3,000.00	-	3000.00	3,000.00	-	3000.00
OAK GROVE,VA	1,243.45	-	1243.45	6,220.80	1,351.00	7571.80
MECHANICSVILLE	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
WAYNESBORO	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
ROANOKE	1,177.09	-	1177.09	18,504.15	-	18504.15
W VIRGINIA CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
ANTIOCH	400.00	2,500.00	2900.00	2,200.00	5,500.00	7700.00
BLUE CREEK	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
NEW HOPE ELMORE	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
CHARLESTON 1ST	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
CLENDENIN	1,200.00	-	1200.00	7,200.00	1,935.20	9135.20
CLENDENIN WHFMS	-	-	0.00	150.00	-	150.00
COCO	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
COOPERS CREEK	-	-	0.00	-	200.00	200.00
ELK VALLEY	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
GUIDING STAR	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
LAUREL FORK	-	30.00	30.00	-	30.00	30.00
LIBERTY	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
MAMMOTH	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
MORNING STAR	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
O'BRION	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
OTTERVALE	-	-	0.00	-	327.00	327.00
OTTO	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
PAX	-	-	0.00	-	489.35	489.35
FAITH WHFMS	200.00	-	200.00	2,400.00	800.00	3200.00
POND GAP	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
FIRST SPENCER	-	3,301.16	3301.16	700.00	3,301.16	4001.16
WALTON UNION	-	-	0.00	500.00	-	500.00
WILLIAMS MTN	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
WHITE OAK	-	-	0.00	-	358.00	358.00
TOTAL	24,325.37	20,435.56	44,760.93	180,959.01	174,524.51	355,483.52

SUMMARY FOR 2020	UM	PC	TOTAL	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
JAN	14,882.51	3,000.00	17,882.51	17,882.51	12,608.62	14,979.09
FEB	10,501.85	3,321.68	13,823.53	31,706.04	24,457.37	26,216.42
MAR	9,223.47	-	9,223.47	40,929.51	41,722.22	38,505.83
APR	18,096.39	5,157.66	23,254.05	64,183.56	54,809.44	57,913.91
MAY	19,824.40	16,289.87	36,114.27	100,297.83	86,774.40	95,252.98
JUN	17,318.98	24,381.18	41,700.16	141,997.99	159,649.61	167,676.76
JUL	11,834.37	21,986.19	33,820.56	175,818.55	211,436.03	208,452.76
AUG	13,523.71	36,568.83	50,092.54	225,911.09	224,317.25	224,435.68
SEP	16,722.74	17,982.41	34,705.15	260,616.24	241,969.61	240,850.53
OCT	12,632.88	16,780.03	29,412.91	290,029.15	264,682.86	274,694.74
NOV	12,072.34	9,021.10	21,093.44	311,122.59	300,478.70	294,711.99
DEC	24,325.37	20,435.56	44,760.93	355,483.52	326,197.48	323,017.95
YEAR TO DATE	180,959.01	174,924.51	355,883.52			

CENTRAL REGION

	December	2020	TOTAL	Year to Date		
	UM	PC		UM	PC	TOTAL
CENTRAL REGION	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
MISSOURI CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
MISS VALL WHFMS	-	-	0.00	-	100.00	100.00
BRAYS IBERIA	-	-	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	4000.00
THE BRIDGE, PACIFIC	247.50	-	247.50	3,094.10	1,484.51	4578.61
BRIDGE WHFMS	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
VILLISCA	100.00	668.00	768.00	600.00	4,136.00	4736.00
BRISTOW OK	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
NO CEN CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
NEW LIFE BARABOO	1,760.82	400.00	2160.82	16,364.64	4,000.00	20364.64
CHETEK, WI	-	-	0.00	400.00	-	400.00
LA VALLE, WI	-	-	0.00	-	1,500.00	1500.00
MADISON, WI	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
MAGNOLIA, WI	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
MAGNOLIA WHFMS	-	-	0.00	-	155.08	155.08
WATERTOWN, WI	-	-	0.00	810.00	720.00	1530.00
OHIO CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
CLAIBOURNE, OH	200.00	-	200.00	1,200.00	4,659.86	5859.86
CLAIBOURNE WHFMS	-	-	0.00	200.00	-	200.00
CRESTON, SEVILLE	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
WILLOW GROVE	-	-	0.00	-	5,570.00	5570.00
ROCKBRIDGE	-	58.95	58.95	-	468.84	468.84
SPARTA	-	-	0.00	-	1,500.00	1500.00
STANTONTOWN	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
PRAIRIE STATE	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
AURORA	-	-	0.00	13,474.96	474.80	13949.76
AURORA WHFMS	-	-	0.00	1,100.00	350.00	1450.00
HOPE CHICAGO	1,000.00	-	1000.00	1,000.00	-	1000.00
DE KALB, IL	-	-	0.00	1,000.00	-	1000.00
WHFMS DE KALB	-	-	0.00	50.00	-	50.00
HIGHLANDS LAGRANGE	-	-	0.00	6,100.00	10,214.63	16314.63
LAGRANGE WHFMS	-	-	0.00	341.00	-	341.00
MEMPHIS, TN	-	2,000.00	2000.00	-	2,000.00	2000.00
NEW ALBANY, IN	323.38	-	323.38	3,087.22	2,924.05	6011.27
PALMER	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
PROPHETSTOWN	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
WHFMS PROPHETSTOWN	50.00	-	50.00	550.00	3,530.68	4080.68
OLD OAK, SANFORD MI	-	-	0.00	-	100.00	100.00
TEXAS CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
RIVERSIDE	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
PERRIN, TX	-	-	0.00	-	2,284.58	2284.58
ROBELINE, LA	-	-	0.00	-	1,241.00	1241.00
TOTALS:	3,681.70	3,126.95	6,808.65	51,371.92	49,414.03	100,785.95
SUMMARY FOR 2020	UM	PC	TOTAL	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
JAN	8,241.66	396.00	8,637.66	8,637.66	10,295.45	10,005.55
FEB	2,889.66	485.31	3,374.97	12,012.63	11,849.18	13,381.53
MAR	3,029.07	453.62	3,482.69	15,495.32	15,363.91	16,573.72
APR	5,578.62	1,831.75	7,410.37	22,905.69	23,957.41	23,075.51
MAY	4,352.11	3,575.00	7,927.11	30,832.80	36,969.73	36,648.33
JUN	2,275.18	3,334.00	5,609.18	36,441.98	48,658.51	52,060.09
JUL	7,088.27	11,879.49	18,967.76	55,409.74	70,217.09	62,899.42
AUG	2,957.93	4,828.85	7,786.78	63,196.52	80,806.74	71,224.48
SEP	1,875.89	5,984.54	7,860.43	71,056.95	84,921.27	78,505.28
OCT	6,274.68	8,441.38	14,716.06	85,773.01	91,857.91	86,824.11
NOV	3,127.15	5,077.14	8,204.29	93,977.30	102,797.94	91,130.91
DEC	3,681.70	3,126.95	6,808.65	100,785.95	109,210.53	103,808.99
YEAR TO DATE	<u>51,371.92</u>	<u>49,414.03</u>	<u>100,785.95</u>			

EASTERN REGION

CHURCH	December	2020	MONTHLY		Year to Date		YTD	
	UM	PC	DIRECT	TOTAL	UM	PC	DIRECT	TOTAL
EASTERN REGION	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
ALTON BAY CONF CENTER	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
NEW LIFE CONFERENCE	-	-	-	0.00	2,800.00	1,000.00	-	3800.00
CALVARY - BRISTOL, CT	-	-	-	0.00	450.00	2,155.00	-	2605.00
COMMUNITY - NORWALK, CT	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	1,019.00	1019.00
HOPE CHURCH - LENOX, MA	2,500.00	-	-	2500.00	10,000.00	-	10,135.00	20135.00
FAITH BIBLE - PLAINVILLE, MA	-	-	100.00	100.00	-	-	1,200.00	1200.00
SHEFFIELD CHAPEL	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
TORRINGTON	-	1,245.00	150.00	1395.00	-	1,245.00	900.00	2145.00
TORRINGTON WHFMS	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
VERNON	-	-	1,500.00	1500.00	8,000.00	8,765.86	7,500.00	24265.86
NEW LIFE - WATERBURY, CT	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
WESTFIELD, MA	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	4,994.50	4994.50
MARGARETVILLE NY	-	-	-	0.00	-	1,172.93	-	1172.93
INTERNATIONAL	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
BEEBE, QU	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
NEWPORT, VT	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
NEWPORT CENTER	133.34	-	100.00	233.34	1,600.08	-	680.08	2280.16
MAINE CONF	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
ALLEYS BAY ACC	-	-	-	0.00	-	1,000.00	-	1000.00
ASHLAND	(216.26)	2,101.76	-	1885.50	5,069.24	2,274.33	-	7343.57
AUBURN	-	720.00	-	720.00	-	1,470.00	-	1470.00
BANGOR	-	-	-	0.00	7,500.00	-	-	7500.00
BEALS	-	6,546.05	-	6546.05	-	6,546.05	-	6546.05
GRACE- BRIDGTON	-	-	-	0.00	100.00	-	-	100.00
CHRIST CHPL RAYMOND	300.00	-	-	300.00	300.00	-	-	300.00
CHELSEA	-	-	-	0.00	787.35	-	-	787.35
CROUSEVILLE	-	1,310.00	-	1310.00	6,570.00	1,810.00	2,799.25	11179.25
DUNNTOWN	500.00	-	-	500.00	2,000.00	-	-	2000.00
FRIENDSHIP	-	5,631.41	-	5631.41	7,000.00	12,285.23	-	19285.23
GOODWINS MILLS	300.00	-	-	300.00	1,200.00	100.00	4,000.00	5300.00
GOODWINS MILLS WHFMS	-	-	-	0.00	-	7,388.59	-	7388.59
SEA ROAD - KENNEBUNK	-	-	150.00	150.00	600.00	-	750.00	1350.00
MIDDLE SIMONDS	-	5,000.00	-	5000.00	1,111.77	5,000.00	-	6111.77
SWANS ISL - MINTURN, ME	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
OXFORD	333.00	-	834.00	1167.00	3,996.00	-	5,838.00	9834.00
STROUDWATER, PORTLAND	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
S. ELIOT	-	370.00	-	370.00	4,755.52	1,570.00	-	6325.52
STATE ROAD	475.00	-	-	475.00	2,217.00	-	-	2217.00
SUNSHINE DEER ISLE	1,826.69	-	-	1826.69	13,368.81	8,464.35	-	21833.16
BLESSED HOPE - WATERVILLE	452.40	-	-	452.40	5,979.72	2,914.18	-	8893.90
W CHAPMAN	-	-	-	0.00	-	2,428.92	-	2428.92
WINDHAM	140.00	-	-	140.00	520.00	1,150.00	380.00	2050.00
SUNRISE CHRISTIAN	-	-	-	0.00	-	1,511.50	-	1511.50
HERITAGE CONF	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
HOPE EVAN DART	-	150.00	360.00	510.00	-	825.00	4,680.00	5505.00
ATTLEBORO, MA	-	-	-	0.00	-	4,000.00	-	4000.00
HOPE CHRIST CHARLTON MA	123.80	-	-	123.80	1,184.88	-	-	1184.88
FALL RIVER, MA	-	-	-	0.00	-	3,008.86	-	3008.86
HAVERTHILL, MA	-	-	-	0.00	2,575.00	1,303.78	1,063.50	4942.28
MELROSE, FAITH EVAN	2,550.00	243.00	-	2793.00	10,200.00	3,445.46	-	13645.46
BLESSED HOPE SPRINGFIELD	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
OAK HILL, OXFORD	-	-	1,000.00	1000.00	-	5,855.95	7,800.00	13655.95
ROCKLAND, N SCITUATE RI	-	-	-	0.00	-	350.00	-	350.00
RIVERPOINT RI	1,265.00	739.00	557.00	2561.00	6,788.00	2,305.00	6,976.00	16069.00
ROCKY BROOK RI	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
MARANATHA CONF	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
ALTON BAY	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
CONCORD, NEW LIFE	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
DOVER, HOPE COMM	500.00	-	300.00	800.00	1,500.00	5,000.00	3,900.00	10400.00
FARMINGTON NH	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
DISCIPLE - LITTLETON	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
LOUDON RIDGE FAMILY	-	-	325.00	325.00	300.00	-	325.00	625.00
BETHEL- HOOKSETT	-	-	-	0.00	4,000.00	960.27	-	4960.27

EASTERN REGION

MEREDITH, CALVARY	-	3,421.66	-	3421.66	-	7,821.66	-	7821.66
NORTHWOOD	-	-	-	0.00	-	2,127.00	74.00	2201.00
PITTSFIELD	-	70.00	-	70.00	-	1,239.00	-	1239.00
PORTSMOUTH	534.00	-	-	534.00	3,204.00	478.00	-	3682.00
EMMANUEL - ROCHESTER,	250.00	2,300.07	-	2550.07	750.00	4,561.77	-	5311.77
FOUR CORNER - SEABROOK	-	-	-	0.00	-	300.00	-	300.00
OSSIPEE VALLEY	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
CITY CHURCH ROCHESTER	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
WHITEFIELD NH	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	1,600.00	1600.00
N SPRINGFIELD VT	-	-	-	0.00	546.79	-	889.05	1435.84
NY CONF	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
MASSENA NY	-	-	-	0.00	-	2,070.00	1,742.00	3812.00
NOVA SCOTIA	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
BEAR POINT NS	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
BEAR RIVER NS	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	0.00

TOTALS	<u>11,966.97</u>	<u>29,847.95</u>	<u>5,376.00</u>	<u>47,190.92</u>	<u>116,974.16</u>	<u>115,903.69</u>	<u>69,245.38</u>	<u>302,123.23</u>
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SUMMARY FOR 2020	UM	PC	DIRECT	TOTAL	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
JAN	5,087.19	3,522.50	13,882.30	22,491.99	22,491.99	24,796.62	14,907.91	17,568.78
FEB	9,816.79	1,228.00	4,081.00	15,125.79	37,617.78	31,574.93	26,796.29	38,605.36
MAR	7,958.61	475.00	-	8,433.61	46,051.39	42,508.40	34,757.63	50,036.48
APR	11,746.83	2,665.27	7,089.50	21,501.60	67,552.99	62,863.36	46,352.54	74,928.68
MAY	7,410.12	4,011.50	5,510.25	16,931.87	84,484.86	78,068.74	85,266.77	101,945.96
JUN	9,550.69	5,191.86	4,368.00	19,110.55	103,595.41	106,442.62	135,111.59	142,501.46
JUL	12,866.04	12,400.65	4,408.00	29,674.69	133,270.10	131,300.77	158,533.98	161,027.68
AUG	12,429.32	11,788.00	8,325.75	32,543.07	165,813.17	147,821.13	172,858.04	172,376.13
SEP	10,253.23	9,639.59	4,733.33	24,626.15	190,439.32	178,925.41	193,905.23	204,129.89
OCT	8,353.87	12,917.81	8,195.25	29,466.93	219,906.25	215,515.65	214,407.72	227,441.44
NOV	9,534.50	22,215.56	3,276.00	35,026.06	254,932.31	236,076.85	250,209.10	278,564.43
DEC	11,966.97	29,847.95	5,376.00	47,190.92	302,123.23	281,730.06	297,638.59	321,888.60
YEAR TO DATE	<u>116,974.16</u>	<u>115,903.69</u>	<u>69,245.38</u>	<u>302,123.23</u>				

SOUTHERN REGION

	December		2020		YTD		
	UM		PC	TOTAL	UM	PC	TOTAL
CHURCH							
Southern Region	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
NO CONFERENCE	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
VALLEY - GADSDEN	-	-	-	0.00	-	350.00	350.00
WHFMS VALLEY	-	-	-	0.00	50.10	-	50.10
HOPEWELL	345.50	-	-	345.50	1,579.70	1,000.00	2579.70
WHFMS HOPEWELL	-	-	-	0.00	66.80	-	66.80
EASTERN NC	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
BANNER CHAPEL	2,500.00	5,000.00	-	7500.00	8,500.00	5,000.00	13500.00
WHFMS BANNER CH	314.90	-	-	314.90	774.15	-	774.15
HOLLY GROVE	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
WHFMS HOLLY GROVE	-	-	-	0.00	58.45	-	58.45
STONES CREEK	750.00	-	-	750.00	3,750.00	3,984.21	7734.21
WHFMS STONES CRK	492.65	-	-	492.65	668.00	-	668.00
BLAKES CHAPEL	1,500.00	-	-	1500.00	3,000.00	8,589.04	11589.04
CASTLE HAYNE	-	-	-	0.00	600.00	-	600.00
WHFMS CASTLE HAYNE	25.05	-	-	25.05	25.05	-	25.05
DUNN	-	2,000.00	-	2000.00	-	2,000.00	2000.00
ERWIN	-	-	-	0.00	-	466.00	466.00
MT PLEASANT	-	-	-	0.00	163.85	-	163.85
FAYETTEVILLE	-	-	-	0.00	-	353.39	353.39
WHFMS FAYETTEVILLE	66.80	-	-	66.80	66.80	-	66.80
BARBOURS CHAPEL	1,313.70	-	-	1313.70	6,660.95	673.00	7333.95
FIRST FOUR OAKS	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
HICKORY GROVE	11,434.02	-	-	11434.02	56,917.75	22,371.00	79288.75
WHFMS HICKORY GROVE	83.50	-	-	83.50	83.50	-	83.50
LEES CHAPEL	83.50	-	-	83.50	5,183.50	2,669.94	7853.44
WHFMS LEES CH	65.25	-	-	65.25	158.25	515.50	673.75
FAITH BIBLE, GREENSBC	1,094.12	-	-	1094.12	3,432.41	511.45	3943.86
UNITY 4 OAKS	480.00	-	-	480.00	1,920.00	-	1920.00
GARNER	955.00	-	-	955.00	11,500.00	500.00	12000.00
WHFMS GARNER	100.20	-	-	100.20	183.70	-	183.70
GOOD NEWS	-	-	-	0.00	300.00	838.50	1138.50
HOPE FELL FAYETTVL	-	-	-	0.00	500.00	108.00	608.00
LIBERTY	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
LEES UNION	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
MILLS MEMORIAL	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
NORTHSIDE, KNIGHTDAI	-	-	-	0.00	6,000.00	-	6000.00
SALEM MT OLIVE	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
PINEY GROVE	-	-	-	0.00	-	2,559.43	2559.43
PLEASANT HILL	-	-	-	0.00	3,249.00	1,040.00	4289.00
POTTERS HILL	1,107.90	-	-	1107.90	7,622.88	2,807.30	10430.18
WHFMS POTTERS HILL	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
SMITHFIELD	-	109.00	-	109.00	-	3,183.43	3183.43
WHFMS SMITHFIELD	-	-	-	0.00	22.00	-	22.00
LIVING WATER	1,320.80	-	-	1320.80	7,512.61	-	7512.61
FIRST WILMINGTON	-	-	-	0.00	2,737.20	2,054.00	4791.20
UNITED CHRIST FELL - V	-	-	-	0.00	900.00	6,851.00	7751.00
MIDDLE SOUND	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
UNITED WILM	400.00	-	-	400.00	4,800.00	3,134.98	7934.98
WILSON	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
WILSON MILLS	-	-	-	0.00	-	1,300.00	1300.00
GEORGIA CONF	2,530.62	-	-	2530.62	4,715.34	-	4715.34
BETHLEHEM, AUGUSTA	-	-	-	0.00	-	400.00	400.00
FIRST AUGUSTA	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
FIRST AUGUSTA WHFMS	-	-	-	0.00	66.80	-	66.80
BRUNSWICK	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
BRUNSWICK WHFMS	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
HOLTONS CHAPEL	300.00	-	-	300.00	300.00	2,200.00	2500.00
IRON HILL	-	-	-	0.00	-	1,710.00	1710.00
WHFMS IRON HILL	-	-	-	0.00	100.20	-	100.20

SOUTHERN REGION

MINTONS CHAPEL	-	-	0.00	-	3,500.00	3500.00
MINTON CH WHFMS	-	-	0.00	240.90	-	240.90
PEMBROKE	-	-	0.00	-	355.00	355.00
RAYBON, NAHUNTA	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
HOPE COMM FELLOW	1,500.00	-	1500.00	19,488.00	1,204.63	20692.63
ZAIDEE	-	-	0.00	-	450.00	450.00
VIDALIA	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
REFINERY WAYCROSS	150.00	-	150.00	150.00	-	150.00
SO CAROLINA CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
BEREA SMOAKS	-	-	0.00	500.00	-	500.00
BUCKHEAD	-	-	0.00	-	1,045.00	1045.00
HARTSVILLE	1,297.27	-	1297.27	1,339.02	100.00	1439.02
HICKORY GROVE, SC	-	2,050.00	2050.00	4,922.35	4,071.50	8993.85
SALUDA WHFMS	-	-	0.00	74.80	-	74.80
NEW HOPE ISLAND	-	-	0.00	-	400.00	400.00
RIDGELAND	250.00	-	250.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	3500.00
WHFMS RIDGELAND	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
SAVANNAH	418.00	251.00	669.00	2,299.00	2,351.00	4650.00
WHFMS SAVANNAH	50.40	-	50.40	161.60	-	161.60
GRACE WALTERBORO	2,201.76	-	2201.76	21,365.36	-	21365.36
WHFMS GRACE	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
FLORIDA CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
FL WHFMS	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
BEACHVILLE	-	-	0.00	600.00	1,000.00	1600.00
BIXLER MEMORIAL	2,000.00	1,250.00	3250.00	24,000.00	22,438.16	46438.16
BIXLER WHFMS	-	-	0.00	84.00	800.00	884.00
CARR	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
DEEP CREEK, LAKE	-	-	0.00	100.00	-	100.00
DOVER	-	-	0.00	500.00	4,150.00	4650.00
EPHESUS	-	-	0.00	-	1,036.00	1036.00
FRIENDSHIP JAX	635.70	-	635.70	3,817.34	3,857.34	7674.68
FRIENDSHIP WHFMS	-	-	0.00	-	400.00	400.00
NEW LIFE COMM	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
WEST JAX	2,000.00	-	2000.00	7,000.00	4,325.00	11325.00
JASPER	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
FIRST, LAKE CITY	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
NEW HOPE LAKELAND	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
FIRST, LIVE OAK	-	-	0.00	-	2,547.70	2547.70
LULU	987.78	-	987.78	3,927.80	2,452.24	6380.04
MC ALPIN	-	-	0.00	-	920.00	920.00
OAK GROVE	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
MILLVILLE	6,000.00	-	6000.00	6,000.00	2,500.00	8500.00
ST PETERSBURG	-	-	0.00	-	272.60	272.60
SEFFNER FL	-	-	0.00	-	670.00	670.00
WEST BAY	-	-	0.00	500.00	1,651.22	2151.22
COMMUNITY FAITH	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00

TOTALS	44,754.42	10,660.00	55,414.42	242,239.16	142,167.56	384,406.72
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SUMMARY FOR 2020	UM	PC	TOTAL	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
JAN	40,058.25	4,312.25	44,370.50	44,370.50	25,224.00	30,644.21
FEB	18,654.40	1,000.63	19,655.03	64,025.53	39,010.96	42,653.83
MAR	11,265.54	-	11,265.54	75,291.07	54,021.36	62,789.19
APR	13,376.49	7,439.86	20,816.35	96,107.42	83,150.63	100,820.62
MAY	13,371.43	7,577.29	20,948.72	117,056.14	130,958.47	138,332.32
JUN	15,346.33	18,737.27	34,083.60	151,139.74	185,698.29	209,948.64
JUL	17,784.97	14,928.12	32,713.09	183,852.83	218,145.65	230,949.15
AUG	14,626.46	39,105.15	53,731.61	237,584.44	239,987.29	261,447.64
SEP	11,071.07	19,403.00	30,474.07	268,058.51	258,466.59	276,210.81
OCT	31,583.98	9,388.55	40,972.53	309,031.04	286,861.79	306,650.47
NOV	10,345.82	9,615.44	19,961.26	328,992.30	300,874.07	320,829.99
DEC	44,754.42	10,660.00	55,414.42	384,406.72	333,111.35	353,083.74
YEAR TO DATE	242,239.16	142,167.56	384,406.72			

WESTERN REGION

CHURCH	2020			Year to Date		
	December UM	PC	Total	UM	PC	Total
N CALIF CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
PARKSIDE - SAN FRAN	-	-	0.00	350.00	-	350.00
SANTA CRUZ	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
S CALIF CONF	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
CHATSWORTH	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
BONITA - LA VERNE	-	2,000.00	2000.00	-	2,000.00	2000.00
LOS ANGELES	-	-	0.00	-	50.00	50.00
IGLESIA - ARLETA	-	-	0.00	-	1,000.00	1000.00
NORTH PARK	275.00	-	275.00	3,300.00	2,847.90	6147.90
TUSTIN	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
WHFMS TUSTIN	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
W WASHINGTON/BC	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
FOUNTAIN COMM - BELLII	200.00	-	200.00	1,700.00	2,200.00	3900.00
NOOKSACK	200.00	-	200.00	800.00	400.00	1200.00
SUMAS	-	-	0.00	4,000.00	2,450.00	6450.00
WEST VALLEY, AUBURN	-	-	0.00	7,444.59	2,400.00	9844.59
TRUE LIFE IN CHRIST	-	-	0.00	-	500.00	500.00
WILLAMETTE VALLEY C	-	-	0.00	-	-	0.00
CANYON CREEK (Non UM)	-	-	0.00	-	2,149.77	2149.77
THOMPSON RD	-	-	0.00	-	100.00	100.00
TOTALS:	675.00	2,000.00	2,675.00	17,594.59	16,097.67	33,692.26

SUMMARY for 2020	UM	PC	TOTALS	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
JAN	1,214.02	-	1,214.02	1,214.02	3,702.34	1,363.19
FEB	1,058.76	-	1,058.76	2,272.78	4,576.04	2,635.50
MAR	1,970.18	-	1,970.18	4,242.96	6,740.96	4,612.16
APR	425.00	-	425.00	4,667.96	9,252.59	5,900.36
MAY	3,190.19	1,200.00	4,390.19	9,058.15	12,190.59	10,700.20
JUN	1,307.89	600.00	1,907.89	10,966.04	20,419.41	21,609.23
JUL	2,213.52	100.00	2,313.52	13,279.56	25,305.02	23,978.50
AUG	1,024.20	1,550.00	2,574.20	15,853.76	29,432.25	27,807.04
SEP	1,224.53	3,999.77	5,224.30	21,078.06	38,753.89	34,979.96
OCT	2,300.30	4,247.90	6,548.20	27,626.26	41,264.89	37,523.74
NOV	991.00	2,400.00	3,391.00	31,017.26	42,847.89	39,353.37
DEC	675.00	2,000.00	2,675.00	33,692.26	46,721.55	40,338.45
YEAR TO DATE	17,594.59	16,097.67	33,692.26			

Executive Council Report

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April 2021

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I attended annual National Conference on Ministry to The Armed Forces in January from home by Zoom. The Army and Air Force Chiefs of Chaplains hold periodic teleconferences that I attend. The military chaplaincy is changing each year. Requirements are more demanding than just a few years ago. However, the three military chaplains we endorse perform outstanding ministry as you will read in their narratives.

Today, as I write this report, I have had my second follow-up with the doctor for prostate cancer. At this point there is no evidence of cancer. I am deeply grateful for the many people who pray for me through this process. The side effects are minimal and the doctors are pleased with results so far. Thank you all for the prayer.

The Advent Christian Church continues to provide ecclesiastical endorsement for one active-duty military chaplain, LT Douglas E. Holmes, CHC, United States Navy (USN); CH (LTC) Earl E. Weigelt serving in the Army National Guard (ARNG); CH (CPT) Eric Dixon, U.S. Air Force Reserve; Dr. Levi H Soucy Civil Air Patrol; one Veteran Administration (VA) hospital chaplain, CH Paul F. Bricker; one civilian hospital, and law enforcement chaplain, CH Doug Williams.

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A good day to serve,

Yesterday, a cancer patient asked me almost out of the blue. “What do I have to do to become saved?” Now I wish I heard that every day, I certainly wish everyone said that and acted on the free gift of God. Many people do not know they need saving or even if they do are clinging on to the stuff of the world instead. As I serve through this new year, I am reminded that we serve the Lord first and everything else second. It has been a year in which there was a lot of fear because of the pandemic, yet one thing is still clear people need the Lord Jesus. Some of you may know there was a good possibility for me to get out of the Navy this year but for some reason he continues to give me opportunities to serve him in the service. A new set of orders means a new place to serve him in Chicago at Great Lakes. So prayerfully, even with COVID-19 still being a factor, we have to move starting in April. God has also seen fit to expand our family and so in January we welcomed Laura Grace Holmes. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Faithfully serving in Christ, Douglas, Lili, Luke and Laura Grace Holmes

Blessings

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

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Military Ministry Synopsis 2020-2021

I remain MEARNG Senior Army Chaplain assigned to Joint Force Headquarters in Camp Chamberlain, Augusta. I also continue as Full Time Support Chaplain providing religious support to service-members and their families across the state. Much of my ministry revolves around mentoring subordinate chaplains, pastoral counseling and crisis intervention. With the COVID pandemic and civil unrest surrounding the 2020 elections, our ministry teams have been very busy ministering to soldiers and families facing the challenges brought on by both crises. We have provided counseling support as well as deployment cycle support for a unit that deployed to the Southwest Border mission; two short-cycle deployments in support of the US Capitol security mission; and an Infantry Company deployment to AFRICOM. My mentor and colleague, former Sr. Army CH (COL) Andy Gibson is retiring in April and, given his departure, the command has seen fit to hire a second “backfill” Full Time Support Chaplain and it is a blessing to be training him in the role. We certainly need the additional ministry support! While this past year has had its fair share of challenges, amazing ministry opportunities have abounded. One such development is our daily update brief to the Adjutant General and senior staff regarding the ongoing COVID mission, which one of our chaplains always leads-off in prayer!

The pandemic restrictions have reordered how we do many things, including our weekly and monthly religious services. Every Wednesday we continue to do a devotional (Spurgeon’s Morning and Evening) however, instead of meeting in-person we use a

telephone audio bridge so we can reach people statewide since they can teleconference instead of having to travel. During drill weekends, in addition to socially-distanced in-person services, we include an audio bridge option as well so soldiers from other units can dial-in if they wish. I'm in hopes that we can meet a little more freely as pandemic conditions improve, but keeping the tech options in place for a wider audience.

For several reasons I have made the decision not to apply for war college this academic year. That said, I'm slated to attend my next military education (Initial Strategic Religious Support Leader Course- ISRSLC) late APR into MAY at Fort Jackson, S.C. (last Spring's offering was cancelled due to COVID). I am in hopes of being able to follow-through with this course, however things are challenging on the family front as my wife Carol has been away for nearly a month now, helping the rest of her family in Massachusetts care for her father who is in hospice in the home. Please be in prayer for me and our Chaplain Team here in Maine- for stamina, spiritual strength, resiliency and wisdom!

-Chaplain (LTC) Earl E. Weigelt, Maine Army National Guard

U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE (USAFR)

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Captain Eric B. Dixon, United States Air Force, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service as chaplain, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component-Afghanistan from 20 November 2020 to 24 January 2020, during Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL in support of the RESOLUTE SUPPORT Mission. Captain Dixon nurtured spiritual welfare across a diverse organization consisting of 12 deployed squadrons operating a fleet of 31 fixed and rotary wing aircraft. He provided unparalleled pastoral care for 509 special operations personnel dispersed across 12 geographically-separated locations in areas under the constant threat of enemy action. Furthermore, Captain Dixon provided critical advisement and coverage, overcoming a loss of manpower, to ensure spiritual care for all military personnel in Afghanistan during and following the execution of the President of the United States' directive to draw down the United States Armed Forces in country.

While leading the Religious Support Team, Captain Dixon skillfully and superbly managed a bustling religious support office providing around-the-clock care for both day and night shift personnel. Captain Dixon improved morale by coordinating, collecting, and dispersing 2,700 pounds of donated items valued at \$4,000 and led 6,750 office visits for personnel across CJSOAC-A's operating locations.

Captain Dixon supported the mission daily by delivering 63 command briefs, directly improving morale and resiliency for over 2,000 combined joint force warriors. He also performed 29 religious services for 2,256 joint personnel across the command, and mentored 135 volunteers during 29 rehearsals ensuring that all spiritual needs were

met. Captain Dixon drove an innovative squadron-specific spiritual fitness program consisting of 63 sessions impacting 306 commandos. He also conducted a Battlefield Circulation to special operations personnel postured forward in austere conditions where he coordinated religious support coverage, ensured visitation and delivered over 200 pounds of vital food and medical supplies. Captain Dixon personally conducted more than 200 hours of unit visitation, which were crucial in posturing service members to be resilient during an exceedingly challenging operational tempo; resulting in 12 casualty evacuations, and 2,295 combat sorties, totaling 11,025 flight hours. Additionally, Captain Dixon's counseling interventions kept soldiers, airmen, and joint and coalition partners resilient in the face of dynamic operating conditions and uncertain force rotations.

Finally, Captain Dixon's tireless ministry ultimately enabled 16 diverse combat operations and the transportation of 3,875 passengers and 3.4 million pounds of cargo throughout the battlespace. His actions directly supported counterterrorism operations that contributed to the success of our nation's efforts to shape the conditions needed to stabilize the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. Captain Dixon's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component Afghanistan, the NATO Special Operations Component Command-Afghanistan/Special Operations Joint Task Force-Afghanistan, the United States Air Force, and the Department of Defense."

As always, thanks for all you do to support us!

Grace and Peace,
Eric

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ERIC B. DIXON, Ch, Capt, USAF

CIVIL AIR PATROL

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Dr. Soucy reports no activity with the CAP because of COVID-19.

VETERAN AFFAIRS

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Report to the ACGC from Chaplain Paul F. Bricker March 6, 2021

I am usually very punctual about sending in my reports. I have had the shingles. Yes, I feel like I have had two nails in me, and I have been before a blistering sun (silly joke).

COVID-19 has changed all that we do. I work in a Nursing Home. I am not allowed on five of the seven floors in our hospital nor in any of the eight outbuildings. If I shop at Lowes, I go at 6 in the morning. I am isolated. The strategy has worked. We have had no outbreaks of COVID-19 in our nursing home even though we have had plenty of it on various floors. I am tested twice a week for COVID-19 and have had two Moderna vaccines shots.

I visit only on our nursing home floor and I make lots of phone calls. Much of my work has changed from caring for veterans to caring for staff. Our Emergency Department has asked the chaplains to come daily at 8 am for public reading of the Bible and prayer. They are the point of the spear in this fight against COVID-19. They worry that our Bible reading and prayer time might be curtailed by the present administration. Neither chaplain is afraid of any repercussions.

I preach twice a week in our nursing home. They are mini sermons. Once a month we have an anointing with oil service. Many staff come to these services since many have avoided their own churches.

I have had two articles on evangelism published in the Africanus Journal. I was helping one of our churches without a pastor by preaching once a month. The Beckley Advent Christian Church is down to about five members and about nine attendees. I am pastor of the church with my wife co-pastor. I have been involved with starting four different churches, so I am happy to be able to serve my denomination. I do not anticipate retiring soon. I share with folks that I have a 10 toe up retirement plan.

Thanks for your support. Chaplain Paul F. Bricker

CIVILIAN MEDICAL CENTER & LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Our department staffing remains at two full-time chaplains and two half-time chaplains, with the addition of four PRN (from the Latin “pro re nata” = “when/as necessary”) chaplains and four more “in process”. My new title is Lead Chaplain Centura Kansas, but my day-to-day emphasis continues to include more administrative duties with a modest presence “at the bedside” and full duty “on-call” cycles. Since last August (previous report) my additional education includes a Bio-Clinical Ethics Intensive (by the Common Spirit Ethics-Lab) and instructor credentialing as an educator for Advanced Individual Crisis Intervention (CISM w/International Critical Incident Stress Foundation/University of Maryland – Baltimore.) I also continue my work as the CPE program director, however it is now taking on a system wide perspective for Centura. I had retirement plans in place but Centura has asked that I consider a three-year extension. Discussions and vision are

on-going. I have retired from my position as the Kansas State Troopers' Assoc. chaplain effective June 1, 2021.

As of this writing, our COVID-19 county statistics have lessened considerably (from the top 1 percentile in the nation). While restrictions are still in place, our hospital's ability to allow more community patient visitation has expanded and we are grateful.

I do note that there is a widespread misconception about the healthcare system, profits and COVID-19. The misconstruction seems to be that hospitals and related institutions are flush with income as a result of the contagion. Quite the opposite is true. While Centura is maintaining a lean stability through insightful and careful stewardship, many hospitals and systems are hemorrhaging financially. More than half the US hospitals were expected to end 2020 with negative margins. We expect there will be a record number of hospital closures as a result of the pandemic. My reason for mentioning this is that the US already has fewer hospital beds per capita than many countries: 32nd worldwide. This could be an issue for some of the communities our churches serve.

Madella (wife) continues to stay incredibly active during her second full year of retirement. Our daughters continue their family and career paths. Tara (KS) teaches HS sciences, is married to Shane (an accountant who has opened a new independent office about 45 miles from here) and mothers four children, ages 3-13. Tara's school schedule and duties have dramatically increased because of the pandemic. Sabra (HI) with her first born (now 4 yrs. old) and a second son on the way (June), is married to John (a logistics manager for a Hitachi division). Sabra continues in her position as the Clinical Dietetics Mgr. for a Honolulu Hospital.

In Christ, Doug

RETIRED

CH (COL) Kimon A. Nicolaidis III USA (Ret),
CH (LTC) Craig R. Dunham, USA (Ret),
CH (LTC) William M. (Mike) Gardner, USA (Ret)
CH (MAJ) Carl W. Otis, USA (Ret)

Executive Council Report

WILLIAM MILLER CHAPEL TRUSTEES

April 2021

This report will summarize the activities as well as the use and maintenance of the William Miller Chapel for the years 2016-2021.

The board of trustees held four annual meetings with members of both the Advent Christian and Seventh-day Adventist denominations present. Normally the meetings are held on the Tuesday following Memorial Day. One exception being the annual meeting for 2017 that was held in October. All meetings were held on site at the Chapel. Primarily, the meetings involve a physical inspection of the building and grounds being followed up with discussions relative to any items that will be needing attention. Dates for the use of the Chapel are always discussed and the policy for scheduling meetings is reviewed. Both denominations hold at least one meeting per year. The petty cash balance is viewed along with any expenses that had incurred. The chairman and recording secretary for the meetings exchange places on a two-year rotation.

All expenses for maintenance are equally born by the denominations 50/50.

The minutes of all meetings are kept on file and copies are available upon request from the trustees or the ACGC office.

2016

Several items were noted: Condition of the roof, the firewood storage box needs to be replaced and several large trees need to be either pruned or removed.

2017

A problem with the “powder post beetle” had been discovered. Authorization was given to have Orkin treat the Chapel at the cost of \$450.00.

The exterior of the Chapel needs to be painted. The roof shingles need to be replaced. Chimney needs to be inspected and needs to be replaced if necessary.

2018

Voted to prioritize the painting, roof shingling and chimney rebuild as most critical.

The transfer of the property deed was discussed. Recommended that no action was to be taken on this at this time.

2019

Resignation of Dr. Freeman Barton due to declining health. Roofing, chimney and porch repairs were completed.

Voted to proceed with the painting of exterior and repair siding boards where needed.
Voted to convert the petty cash fund from a checking account to a cash account.

2020

Due to the pandemic no meetings were held. Several calls and emails were used to keep in touch.

However, it was noted that the aging split-rail fence needs to be replaced.

2021

As noted above no trustee or denominational meetings were held. The split-rail fence has been replaced.

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Discussion will be held soon relative to a 2021 trustee meeting. However, it should be noted that scheduling in the future will be even more difficult primarily due to geographical issues. There are six members of the committee. All of the SDA members live either in Syracuse or North central New York. AC members live in Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont. Not only is distance a huge problem, so is the scheduling of meeting times. SDA members, cannot meet on Saturdays and AC members cannot meet on Sundays. The possibility of meeting virtually has yet to be explored. Even before the pandemic it was becoming more and more difficult for some members of both denominations to attend meetings.

We are confident that the Chapel property is being carefully cared for by Mr. Travis Dean, site manager for the Miller Farm and Home. Although Travis is not an official member of the committee he has been regularly invited to join in trustee meetings. Travis is a huge asset to the committee as a regular “on site” person, always willing to take on tasks above and beyond his responsibility. He keeps committee members informed of any issues that arise relative to the Chapel.

On behalf of the trustees,

Rev. Floyd McIntyre, chairman Mr. Duane Crabtree
Rev. David Davis

Executive Council Report

APPALACHIAN REGION SUPERINTENDENT

April 2021

This has been a different year with COVID-19, quarantines, shut-downs and all. My travels were limited at the beginning of the pandemic, but I have been able to resume traveling the last two months, with precautions and it has been good to be back on the road.

I was privileged to attend Elk Valley Church and present a 50-year service medallion to Rev. Roy Russell and spend time with the family in their home after the service. Other travels have included First Church of Lenoir, Pond Gap, Liberty, Long's Grove, The Rock Church, Fellowship and Bethel.

Pastor Roger Barker of The Rock Church will be retiring at the end of August. I am currently working with the PSC and Justin Nash in establishing the needs of the church, re-working job description and seeking pastoral leadership. The Rock has called Rev. Jack Mumford as pastor. Jack and his family are in transition to North Carolina.

Rev. Craig Spooner from Beckley has also retired. The church has voted on Rev. Paul Bricker as their new pastor. Paul is working diligently on plans for growth and community outreach. I will be meeting with the church in mid-August to discuss strategies for moving forward.

I will be making a presentation at AACA Annual Meeting concerning the construction of dorm space for the Appalachian Advent Christian Campground. We are working with the Piedmont Conference on this project. Funds continue to come in from churches for the purchase of bunk beds for the camp, to alleviate the sleeping arrangement we currently must use. If you or your church would like to donate to this project, please contact Rev. Norm Sherwood or me.

Unfortunately, all conference and regional youth camps were cancelled for 2020, apart from Winter Retreat. We had 73 students at retreat taking part in skiing, snowboarding, ice skating and the arcade. Ben Richardson, Youth Pastor at Community Advent in Roanoke was our speaker for the weekend.

In lieu of Campalachian, the Regional Youth Board put together a Virtual Camp that was shared on Facebook Live and Zoom. It was a difficult task to pull students and leaders together from all conferences for these events, however, we feel this was done under God's leading. Josh Polk and Andrew Sherwood presented devotions each day on Facebook

Live, and Friday and Saturday evenings featured a time of praise and worship followed by messages from Josh. Thank you to the worship teams from Mechanicsville and Calvary for taking time and effort to lead these!

I have been privileged to spend time with many youth and camp leaders this year. That has been a blessing for me, as we have not had the opportunity to be together during camp weeks. I have seen Nate Thomas on various occasions and am happy to report that he has received his long-awaited kidney transplant. The latest report from Nate is that all is going well. He is healing nicely and the kidney is working as it should. We praise God for this answer to prayer.

Per our conversation at mid-winter meetings, the Regional Youth Board has been expanded. Cassie Craig Clemons from the Piedmont Conference and Amy Williams from the Virginia Conference have been added to the Board. I am working with both Pocahontas and West Virginia conferences to add a second person from each of those.

I am pleased to say that the Appalachian Region exceeded our giving to United Ministries and Penny Crusade this year as compared to the past four years! Thank you all for your generosity and heart for ministry!

As we move into a new year, plans for summer camps and Summer Ministry are moving forward as usual. I am currently talking with six young adults interested in working on SMT 2021. As always, we are looking for ministry sites for them along with our four conference camps. Please consider your church as a ministry site and invest in the lives of these leaders of tomorrow! We are available to travel outside the Appalachian Region the weeks of June 13-19 and June 20-26.

We do not know what is in store for us during 2021, which is really no different than any other year. It seems to be in light of COVID and the elections but isn't. What we do know and can count on, is our Lord Jesus Christ. I have thought quite often lately of Jesus' words "Come to me all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30 HCSB).

Bill Millinor

Regional Superintendent

Director of Student Ministries

Executive Council Report

CENTRAL REGION SUPERINTENDENT

April 2021

This is a difficult report to recall these last few years that have brought us to our knees. How do we recover from this pandemic? We have come this far by faith leaning on the Lord. Trusting in his holy Word and he has never failed us yet. The superintendents, Executive Director Steve Lawson and President Paul Dean have been meeting weekly. We report weekly on our respective regions. We also discuss a book to try to find answers to these difficult times. But most of all, we spend time praying for each other, our churches and this nation and its leaders.

In the Central Region since this pandemic, like most churches in our nation, we have found creative ways to open our churches. Many of our churches closed during the “stay at home” mandate. The churches slowly began to reopen some virtually and some in person. God has provided resources to accomplish his will. I have tried to call pastors in the region to seek God to shepherd their flock in these trying times. I know it has been difficult when no one in the church has the skill to share the service with those who feel comfortable staying home and watching. On the other side, many folks do know the technology to hook up to the service.

Our conferences have not met in person but by conference call or by Zoom. I sadly report from Prairie State Conference that the Palmer Church in Palmer, Ill. has officially closed as of January 2021. The title has been turned over to the conference. The New Albany, Ind. and the Prophetstown Church in Prophetstown are looking for pastoral leadership.

Since this writing, I know that we have lost folks during this pandemic. I praise God for his mercy. In 2020, we had one in-person camp in the Central Region. Camp Expedition had 42 junior and senior campers. Thank God there was not one positive test for the virus. Camp Wilderness did a virtual camp and Camp Ohio cancelled theirs. Friends Forever was cancelled for it first time since its beginning over 25 years ago. I am waiting to see what the Lord has in store for our camps in 2021. The North Central/Prairie States Camp Board will be meeting in late April, but it has been determined that there will be a Junior and Senior camp at Expedition in Wisconsin beginning July 11. Camp Wilderness in Missouri will have three sessions of camp beginning July 4. Camp Ohio has not made a determination at this time.

The highlight of Central Region is that as of January 2021 we are involved in the MTI Program. Pastor Jesse Stevens of New Life Church in Baraboo, Wis. is our Field Coordinator. There are eight students enrolled. We thank God for these folks.

As we look forward to the rest of the year, we covet your prayers as we seek God in the days ahead.

Your servant,
William Norwood, Ed.D

Executive Council Report

SOUTHERN REGION SUPERINTENDENT

April 2021

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace” (Colossians 1:3-6).

My responsibilities as SACA Superintendent concentrate on coordinating our efforts to meet the challenges we face in our obedience to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Particularly in our adapting to the constraints of COVID-19, I am gratified at the creative ways SACA churches have responded in order to continue worship services and community ministry. I am grateful for the efforts of our SACA churches to fulfill our mandate and I believe that “the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world” as a result of our ministry together.

Our primary opportunity to partner together is through United Ministries and Penny Crusade. Both of these wonderful tools allow local churches to participate in training for our pastors and other ministry leaders, leadership recruitment and growth, church planting, church revitalization through Natural Church Development and in equipping our mission fields! United Ministries giving has remained strong. I am grateful and excited to report that our Penny Crusade exceeded the budgeted amount, largely due to a strong effort in the latter months of 2020 to grow support, even during the pandemic. United Ministries also was fully supported by our churches, which keeps all of our ministries active and in some cases growing!

I am a Natural Church Development trained coach and I am currently working with a congregation through this process. I would like to be available to any of our SACA churches to consider this helpful assessment to promote greater health in our congregations.

We are pleased to have one of the field offices for our newest training option, Ministry Training Institutes (MTI), in Knightdale, N.C., under the direction on-site of Dr. Adrian Dixon.

SACA partnered with the Great Commandment Network and Far More Consulting to offer a Galatians 6:6 Retreat to strengthen clergy marriages. It was held January 6-8, 2020, at the Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park, Fla. We had 11 SACA clergy couples registered for this event.

Through the efforts of the South Carolina Conference, we are grateful for the church plant in Summerville, South Carolina. David and Shana Bourhill are planting **The Bridge Community Church of Charleston**, there in Summerville. Especially hard hit by COVID restrictions affecting attendance, they continue to work diligently there in Summerville.

Currently, I am involved with four SACA congregations actively seeking pastoral leadership, with two others soon to be affected by announced retirements. There are a few other congregations using long-term interim pastoral leadership.

Additionally, SACA offers valuable assistance through our Directors of Ministry:

SACA Director of Youth Ministry – Rev. Joe Brown (919-201-4130)

sacayouthministries@gmail.com

Through this Department of Ministry, SACA supports major youth events like Big Ski and Big Splash. These events represent the largest gatherings of AC students in the nation. Joe currently serves as the Senior Pastor of the Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church in Benson, N.C., and has a long history of student ministries as a youth pastor and camp director. Contact Joe for a wealth of helpful resources and access to free online training events. To keep up with what is happening, visit the SACA Youth Ministries website. <http://sacayouthministries.com>

Director of Discipleship – Rev. Chris Hall (904-589-1453) theodude@juno.com

Chris serves as pastor of the West Jax AC Church in Jacksonville, Fla. He seeks to offer several helpful avenues to encourage and train our churches and pastors, including the Natural Church Development process. Chris has a long and varied background in church ministry and recently received his M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Chris is available for training in various church ministries, church evaluations and ministry ideas.

Additional helps and information:

- 2021 BIG SKI CANCELLED!
- SACA Triennial – Banner Chapel AC Church, Benson, N.C. – May 22, 2021 at 10:00am. On-site and internet access are planned.
- SACA Website – visit www.sacaministries.org for news and resources to help your congregation
- Visit us on Facebook! Look for the Southern Advent Christian Association
- Sign up for the e-mail version of the SACA News

Together we are making a difference for the cause of Christ. Thank you for the privilege of serving you as we serve him.

For Christ and His Kingdom,
Joe

Executive Council Report

WESTERN REGION SUPERINTENDENT

April 2021

The Western region has had a challenging time during the COVID season. All three West coast states had difficult to severe limitations for church gatherings, some still restricted as we speak.

Presently, five regional churches are looking for pastors. We have had some interested but once COVID was in full swing, many backed away from changing locations at all, never mind to the West coast.

We are seeing some positive movement toward partnership with Converge, particularly in the Northwest. Converge has seen continual growth in the church planting arena, even during the COVID season. We are asking the Lord for wisdom and timing that reflects “kingdom purpose.”

Travel has been restricted during 2020, so interaction of our already geographically challenged region has been challenging, to say the least.

April 17th, WWBC will be holding an ordination service for two of our pastors, Chad Hammond (Sumas) and Chad Russell (Nooksack).

This last year we lost one of our ‘founding fathers,’ Clio Thomas. He is truly missed, the wisdom and mentorship he provided for many will be hard to replace.

We remain grateful for God's faithfulness and anticipating a year of harvest ahead of us, as we follow His leading.

Executive Council Report

ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE



April 2021

These are trying times for us all. With the pandemic and other challenges we face, it would be easy to grow disheartened were it not for our faith in the One who holds everything in his hands. That assurance keeps us strong as we continue to minister in Christ's name. Over the past 107 years, faith has seen this ministry through many trials and tribulations including fires, floods, a Great Depression, great recessions, changes in public policy and much more. Through it all, however, God has seen us through. That gives us confidence that, as we seek to do his will, he will carry us through the current difficulties just as he has in the past.

Since we last met in 2017, we completed the final phase of Taylor Commons, a neighborhood of townhome style apartments. Four zero lot line cottages at River Hammock were constructed with another one in the planning stages. There is the possibility for nine total homes in this small neighborhood.

Looking to the future, we launched the 105th Anniversary Capital Campaign. It focuses on upgrades to the Village Square, completing funding for the first home in Johnson Meadow, a new style of assisted living community, improving access to the Suwannee River and making infrastructure upgrades. These efforts have been put on hold temporarily while the campus is closed to nonmembers due to the pandemic. For more information on the 105th campaign, contact Darleen Hinrichs, Sr. Director of Donor Engagement. ((386) 658-5110)

A project initiated through a generous gift prior to the shutdown was a new outdoor activity garden at Dacier Manor. Since it is outside, we have been able to complete most of the work on this new addition. We will hold a grand opening once we are able to reopen to the public. Thanks to a couple of generous gifts, we are also planning to spruce up the interior of Dacier Manor as regulatory requirements ease.

As an organization focused on ministry, we believe firmly that whatever we accomplish in Christ's name should be done to the best of our ability. Therefore, we seek accreditation and associate with accountability groups like ECFA. Due to quality of care reimbursement issues, we changed our accreditation from CARF-CCAC to the Joint Commission, the body best known for accrediting hospitals. Through them, we have received full accreditation for the Good Samaritan Center, Copeland Clinic and our Home Care Agency.

We were pleased to appear in *Christianity Today* in 2019. They devoted an entire edition to the topic of retirement and chose to highlight ACV in the feature. The article discussed continuing to serve beyond one's retirement, which is a lifestyle so many ACV members model.

In looking at this past year, most will agree 2020 was like no other. At Winter Retreat, longtime friend and former Sr. Pastor of the Village Church, Rev. Ron Thomas challenged those in attendance through morning Bible studies and evening services. Along with two concerts and special activities, it was a wonderful time of spiritual enrichment and fellowship. Save the date for Winter Retreat 2022, beginning March 5, with comedian Bob Stromberg. More details to come.

We were pleased to welcome Sam and Leigh Worley in December 2019, as Sam became senior pastor of The Village Church. Early last year we returned to a full complement of pastors when Frank Hall was named Minister of Pastoral Care. The pastoral team is serving well together, even though Coronavirus made it necessary to be more creative as we worshiped remotely for several months.

Of course, the pandemic overshadowed the past year. Our priority was to limit the risk to the community. The campus was closed to nonmembers and all but essential services were suspended. Soon, we saw that it was also necessary to address the concerns of isolation, so activities and services resumed gradually, with restrictions and safety protocols. The campus remains closed, allowing members to move about more safely.

Good Samaritan Center and Dacier Manor faced even greater restrictions, including government mandates that prohibited visitors for many months. To bring some cheer to the residents, the staff instituted wave parades, window visits and FaceTime calls. Thankfully, family members can visit again in-person with precautions.

ACV has certainly experienced financial challenges during this unusual time. Due to the pandemic, admissions in all levels of independence were limited. We incurred additional costs as we worked to limit risk and follow new protocols. We are grateful that stimulus funds helped offset some of these costs.

The virus also forced dramatic changes in our programs to youth. The weekend respite retreats for foster children have been suspended, Camp Suwannee has been closed all year and leadership camp has primarily consisted of daylong activities instead of overnight events. Certainly, the loss of revenue at Camp Suwannee and the Conference and Retreat Center has created challenges for us.

Yet, we have much for which to be thankful. The staff worked diligently to carry on the work of this ministry. Even through times of limited operations, we were able to retain our workforce without layoffs. All members and staff have had the opportunity to receive both doses of the COVID vaccine, so we are hopeful about the future. Moreover, a faithful family of donors continued to support ACV, some giving their entire stimulus check to offset additional costs. Thanks to many generous friends, the loving care and essential services upon which so many depend continued uninterrupted.

The needs of those we serve have not waned. ACV has worked hard to meet the need without any disruption of services. Seniors have benefited from meals, home care, medical

transportation, housing, assisted living care, nursing care and a variety of other services. Thanks to many individuals, organizations and Advent Christian Churches, we have not missed a beat in providing the loving care upon which so many depend. That is because faithful donors continued to support this ministry and we are profoundly grateful.

It is encouraging to me that our largest group of supporters is from right here in Dowling Park. They give in so many ways. A number of members contribute to the ministries of the Village through the gift of their time and talents. Volunteerism has many benefits, including direct monetary support through the volunteer retail operations. Since their inception, the shops have given over two million dollars through the proceeds of their sales. The volunteers play a part in deciding how the funds are used, and have supported many much-needed efforts.

One such effort was the purchase of a new shuttle bus for the campus. The bus has been a great improvement as it provides much easier access for those with mobility issues. Each time I see it I am reminded of the many hours of service that made this needed bus a reality.

It is always with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of longtime employees. We are sad they will no longer serve with us, but we are most grateful for their years of faithfulness. Since we met, Jack Jones, Dick Grillo and John Nicely all retired. We rejoice with them as they embark on a new journey in life and say a sincere thank you for their years of ministry at ACV.

As we say goodbye to some, we also welcome new team members you may know. In addition to Rev. Frank Hall joining our church staff, we also welcomed Rev. Bruce Arnold as chaplain at GSC. Both are gifted pastors who are ministering effectively here in Dowling Park.

Looking expectantly to the future, should our Lord tarry, there are new challenges on the horizon. The state of Florida voted to raise the minimum wage to \$10.00/ hour in 2021, with subsequent increases each year until 2026 when it reaches \$15/hour. The initial jump will result in over \$300,000 in additional payroll just to meet those minimum wage requirements. That does not include any resources to reward longevity for others. This will be a difficult increase to manage for ACV and those we serve who are on fixed incomes. Yes, these are challenging times we face. It does not take long studying this ministry's past however to realize that throughout ACV's storied history, during plenty and in want, God has worked through his people and the needs have been met. We can take comfort in the fact that nothing catches our Heavenly Father by surprise and we can depend upon his guiding hand.

We are deeply thankful for all of you who are vessels that he has used. May God richly bless you as you continue to be a blessing to Advent Christian Village.

Executive Council Report

ADVENT CHRISTIAN RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES



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April 2021

On the occasion of our centennial celebration, we're both pleased and discouraged: pleased to share with you what God has done since the last Triennial, but discouraged that, like much else in the past year, our report cannot be brought personally due to the constraints of this year's pandemic. We had originally planned for a dinner/celebration event to coincide with the opening of the Triennial last summer, but as Providence would have it, here we are.

Nevertheless, we're grateful to share the following updates.

COVID MANAGEMENT

As just noted, the world changed a year ago. Senior living communities came under special focus as the worldwide pandemic seemed to target the elderly. Anyone watching the news knows that communities like Vernon Homes and Meetinghouse Village had to radically transform care practices – from lockdowns to restricted visitation to suppressed activity programs. Government regulations – already onerous – seemed to double. Census shortfalls gutted operating income, despite government assistance programs. Worst of all, these measures adversely affected resident morale and mental health.

This said, God has sustained us through these times. Through creativity in resident programming, deft financial management and careful infection control efforts, our communities persevered. And, glory to God, at Meetinghouse Village in Kittery, Maine, there was only one instance of a coronavirus case; at Vernon Homes there have been *none*. We're now emerging slowly from this difficult time and look forward to when our array of services can return in full measure.

GREEN HOUSE VISION

By now many of you have heard about the Green House model of care envisioned at our



Vernon campus. Part of a larger national movement, the model provides 24-hour nursing in individual houses or building sectors of 10 residents each, rather than in the large, institutional facilities that are the current norm. The model restores care to a home setting and incorporates an innovative regimen that is oriented to resident preferences and rhythms. National clinical measures all indicate measurable improvements in the well-being and satisfaction of residents living in Green Houses.

As our current nursing home has aged, this long-held vision is in the process of becoming a reality. In process are building placement, site engineering, architectural design, state regulatory authorization and financing. Our conviction is that this revolutionary model of care will transform the lives of the neediest seniors entrusted to us and carry us into our next century in the spirit of innovation that has marked us from the beginning.

Further information, updates and opportunities for support can be found at www.greenhousevt.org.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE

We continue to enjoy the capacity to provide subsidy assistance to Advent Christian pastors, missionaries and other denominational workers whose income is not sufficient to meet care and residential needs. Our “Minister’s Fund” provides these means at both our campuses. To say we’re grateful to be able to continue this support is all the more poignant since it was the founding principle on which the old “Vernon Home” was established 100 years ago.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION



Since the last Triennial, the Vernon Homes campus has been the recipient of several quality awards, such as the national “Excellence in Action” and Eli Pick Facility Leadership awards, as well as (for the third time in four years) the coveted Vermont Nursing Home Quality Award. Thanks be to God and kudos to Executive Director Brad Ellis and team. Further, both care facilities in Vernon have consecutively won the local consumer award for Nursing and Assisted Living for 15 and 20 years, respectively. We trust that these recognitions are a public statement testifying to care rendered in Jesus’ name.

OTHER ACTIVITY

In addition to these major items, other significant developments since 2017 bear notice:

- A new Board Chair was seated in the person of Mrs. Glenda Dwyer, a health care executive with Northern Lights healthcare system in Maine. Glenda brings a wealth of clinical management and board experience to us.
- Thanks to ongoing support for our Annual Fund, continuous improvements to both campuses has been possible, with upgrades to major structural, communication, equipment, emergency alert and sanitation systems. Resident living areas and décor have also been consistently enhanced.
- A major land management project was undertaken in Vernon. While our buildings sit high above the Connecticut River, for decades there has been a barrier of woodland between the two. With the help of a forester and an



excavation company, the woodlands were cleared, exposing a compelling vista of the river valley. The view will bring a major enhancement to our campus, and the plateau between our campus and the river will provide opportunities for recreational use by residents, visitors and even townsfolk.

- We welcomed Rev. George Middleton, career AC pastor, as the new chaplain at Meetinghouse Village. George and his wife Leslie had served at the Massena, NY AC church since 1994.
- In support of the Green House vision, we are initiating a Capital Campaign through which donors can take part in a revolution in senior care. One aspect of the Campaign provides opportunities for family groups to come together with a corporate gift in the name of a beloved family patriarch or matriarch, who will be commemorated by naming some component of the new community in their memory.



As we look forward to another century in which to “incarnate grace” to those entrusted to our care through our core principles of Exceptionality, Innovation and Generosity, we’re grateful for our historic partnership with the Advent Christian Church through the decades. That partnership has been a source of strength and identity to us, and one of which we trust all the Advent Christian family feels a worthy part.

Respectfully,

Larry Knowles, President

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Executive Council Report

ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

April 2021



Greetings from Alton Bay! Our "Mission Statement; *"To be a place that welcomes people to experience God through Christian community and Biblical truth, impacting the New England church and beyond,"* continues to ring true. This past year has been one of change from the usual, but, also an abundance of great blessings.

The year 2020 started out great as the retreat bookings were going well and it appeared we would experience the best year ever. Also, the summer program consisting of speakers, concerts, seminars, Bible studies, youth programs and more was finalized early and we were excited. Suddenly in March, the country was hit with the COVID-19 pandemic and things changed quickly. As many retreat centers and campgrounds across New England were shutting down totally, the administration of ABCA decided the retreats would be cancelled from March through the end of the year. It was also decided we would go forward with a pared down summer season. Nobody knew what effect this would have on the ministry. As it turned out, the summer was a time of renewal and relaxation for those that had been stuck in quarantine for weeks. We were able to get pastors who have cottages on the grounds to deliver our Sunday services, and several concerts were put on by singers and musicians that reside on the grounds. Also, we had Bible studies, singspirations and a movie series from Sight & Sound Theater's musical collection. This was all accomplished with the regulations of social distance and attendance restrictions! Overall it was a successful summer season ministry and entertainment.

Retreats continue to be a major part of the ministry here at the Bay. It is exciting to see many new groups here at our facility and we continue to hear that this place is such a blessing to them. Many of the retreat people have come to the Lord here and been baptized here in Back Bay. We have even have had several that requested to be able to be married here! It is amazing the impact these grounds have had on so many generations! As I reflect, it is evident that the Lord still has great plans for this place and its ministry. I have a sense that God still has his hand on the ministry here and will continue to make his will known, if we will seek him in prayer.

Our youth are so important and we continually strive to provide a program that will excite and interest them. This past summer we had to scale back but we had great spiritual youth leaders that

challenged our young people with Bible studies, worship and fellowship on the grounds. This was in conjunction with many fun events. This year they were unable to take any field

trips as they usually do. The ski boat ministry continues to be a popular event at ABCA and helps to minister to many youth from the grounds and the Alton community.

Although we encourage everyone to come and enjoy the ABCA facilities by having a retreat, or worshiping with us during our summer season, we especially want to invite our fellow Advent Christians. ABCA has been a part of the denomination for 158 years and we would encourage you to bring your leadership, members and youth to enjoy the ministry presented on the grounds. It saddens me that a campground founded by Advent Christians is visited and utilized by a diminishing number of Advent Christians.

The Alton Bay Campmeeting Association continues to be financially sound through this period due to the sacrifice and giving of cottage owners and donors, sound financial and business practices, and good stewardship. We will continue to follow the leading and blessings of the Lord as we look forward to a bright future of fulfilling his will. We praise God for his generosity and grace to this place and its ministry.

In 1863 Christians came to this place in a time of revival that was sweeping the nation. In my mind, I think back over those many years and I imagine the great speakers, people of God, the lives changed, sorrows, joys, baptisms, fires and so many other things that were a fabric of this place and helped shape it. Those here at the beginning were awaiting the return of the "Great Hope" the Lord Jesus Christ! As it was 158 years ago we still look for his return. As we enter the next chapter of the ministry here at Alton Bay, the board of directors and staff have committed themselves to follow the "Vision Statement: "A Place where Jesus is Lord, God Speaks, and Lives are Changed," and to determine where the Lord would lead us. We will continue to seek his will and also to be the good stewards with what he has given us. I would ask that you pray for the leadership, staff, retreats, cottage owners and those that would feel it in their hearts to help in the ministry here on these hallowed grounds.

In Christ

Bradley Smith Executive Director

Executive Council Report

AURORA UNIVERSITY

April 2021



Overview

Founded in 1893 as Mendota College, Aurora University today enrolls 4,000 undergraduate students and 2,000 graduate students in five distinctive locations. The main campus in Aurora comprises 40 acres and 21 buildings. The university offers 40 undergraduate majors and extensive graduate offerings. The Aurora campus includes six residence halls (700 beds total), athletics facilities and Phillips Library.

Just one mile from campus is Spartan Athletic Park, an 80-acre facility that includes a softball stadium and a main stadium where football, lacrosse and soccer is played. The university offers 24 sports and has made multiple NCAA Division III championship appearances. The university is led by Rebecca L. Sherrick, PhD, who is now in her 21st year as president. The board of trustees and the president, along with faculty and staff, work tirelessly to deliver the university's mission and doing so within a balanced budget each year. This has been accomplished for the past two decades.

2020 - COVID-19 Impact & Response

Beginning in March 2020, Aurora University began to offer its courses virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This format continued throughout the summer and into the fall. Beginning in 2021, classes were offered in a hybrid format, allowing students the opportunity to choose which format to take their classes – in-person or virtually.

Preparing the campus for offering in-person instruction required the university to reconfigure space and to outfit space with video technology. The university paid particular attention to analysis of data and reports issued by a wide range of authorities and organizations, and leaders followed guidance from the following: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Disaster Resilient Universities Network, Illinois Department of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Research Center, Kane County Health Department and the National Collegiate Athletic Association

In addition, the planning process was informed by ongoing dialogue with students, faculty, staff and parents and the outcomes of two surveys administered to students and families. Members of the university's board of trustees monitored development of the plan by conferring regularly with institutional leaders and meeting frequently.

During the past 13 months, the university adapted density and physical distancing strategies to moderate physical density on campus. The university secured a large

inventory of masks and gloves and placed hygiene and cleaning stations throughout our campuses. Aurora University relied (and continues to do so) upon a multi-dimensional testing program to maintain the safety of its campus community. COVID-19 testing and result statistics can be viewed on a university website dashboard.

WEAREONEAU Fund

Aurora University students, many of whom are first-generation college students, were dramatically impacted by COVID-19. In response to the loss of family income, illness, death and other pressing issues, the university set up an emergency fund (WEAREONEAU) to provide students and their families financial assistance with costs related to housing, food, transportation, medical, utilities or educational materials.

To date, more than 1,100 students have received assistance (for a total of \$350,000) from the fund. Faculty and staff members, trustees and alumni were the primary donors; to date, a total of \$640,000 has been contributed.

Athletics

The spring semester saw the return of collegiate athletics to campus, under the jurisdiction of NCAA guidelines. Although schedules have been curtailed and travel is limited, Spartan athletes continue to be nationally ranked in several men's and women's sports, and remain (at the time of this writing), undefeated in conference play in softball and baseball. The university will re-introduce collegiate wrestling for men and offer collegiate wrestling for women (a growing sport) in the 2021-22 academic year.

Adding these sports brings the total of Spartan athletic teams to 24. The 80-acre Spartan Athletic Park, just a mile from campus, houses the main stadium and softball facility. A new facility (practice space and weight room) will be constructed later this summer, and will include additional space for academic programs.

Academics - The Pathways Initiative

As a private school with a public mission, AU has a long tradition of closing the divide between students' ability to succeed at college and the obstacles preventing them from seizing the opportunity. The university will be introducing a new initiative beginning in the summer of 2021 to address the needs of a growing segment of the American population.

From its founding in the 19th century, AU has been welcoming new populations of learners to higher education. When few women were admitted to college, AU served both men and women. In the years immediately following World War II, the university's pioneering evening school program allowed returning veterans to blend study with work and family obligations. Later, an expanded version of this program enabled other adult students to do the same.

Today, AU's enrollment reflects the changing face of America itself. For the past decade, AU has made a concentrated effort to strengthen its ties to the Latino/a community, leading the U.S. Department of Education to recognize AU as a Hispanic-Serving Institution. Meanwhile, almost half of the university's current undergraduates will be the first generation in their families to earn baccalaureate degrees.

Making the transition from high school to college is daunting for most teenagers. For individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families, the transition can be an intimidating endeavor. While many of these students have the cognitive ability and desire to succeed in college, communication and social impairments stand in the way. The challenges of navigating new social situations, managing their own schedules, and coping with academic pressure — stressful for any teenager — are magnified for students on the autism spectrum.

AU is stepping into the gap with the launch of an autism initiative aimed at serving college-bound students on the autism spectrum. The broad-based program, called Pathways, will provide a bridge for students and their families to make the transition from high school to college and from college to a career. Bolstered by the success of a 2018 summer camp pilot program, AU is developing a complete path for students with ASD, including summer camps and enrichment programs during high school, immersive support services at college, and early career assistance after graduation.

When AU Pathways debuts, it will be one of the first programs of its kind in Illinois and will be among the most comprehensive options nationwide. The students who will most benefit from AU's autism initiative are those who first and foremost have a desire to pursue higher education and who meet the AU admission requirements on their own merit.

AU began work in the field of disability studies almost a decade ago with the establishment of a number of helping academic programs and majors. While the Pathways program is designed to support the current needs and growth of students with autism, it has also been intentionally designed to benefit many other facets of the AU community. By creating an environment in which a more neurodiverse student population can thrive, AU is opening the door to the unique thinking and skill sets that individuals on the spectrum bring to any community.

From the summer camps to the college experience to the workplace, Pathways will offer opportunities for involvement from other academic programs at AU. Students majoring in Social Work, Special Education, Therapeutic Recreation, Human-Animal Studies, Parks and Recreation Leadership or the new Autism Studies program may volunteer, intern or apply for student-worker positions serving AU Pathways.

Wackerlin Center for Faith and Action

The Wackerlin Center for Faith and Action is where “discover what matters” comes alive for the AU community. Anchored by a 40-foot circular labyrinth, the Center offers

students opportunities to explore vocation, questions of faith and social justice, and to develop leadership skills through service and civic engagement. The Center also houses the on-campus food pantry, Libby's Place.

The Wackerlin Center encourages students to consider BIG questions and to develop an ethical framework for their professional and personal life. The Center is rooted in the university's mission of inclusiveness and serves every student. Previous programming includes day of service, retreats, conversation series and labyrinth programs.

A national search is underway for the Executive Director of the Center; the previous director departed at the end of 2020 for a position at Emory University.

Pastoral Care

The University chaplain, Rev. Dr. Mark Woolfington, now in his sixth year, provides pastoral care to the campus community in a variety of way, including outreach to athletic teams, virtual chaplain chats, management of Libby's Place, (our on-campus food) pantry and his campus presence at events.

Chaplain Mark provides a weekly prayer devotional to the campus community each Friday (on the Wackerlin Center for Faith and Action Facebook website) each Friday and includes prayer requests submitted by alumni. The latter are able to do so through a virtual prayer request page that went live during the fall of 2020.

The chaplain, in partnership with the Office of Alumni Relations, held Advent Sunday evening services this past December. The services were held virtually via Zoom and on Facebook live. Aurora alumni served as readers and singers. An evening message was offered by four different alumni, including Reverend John Alan Boryk '65, Reverend Derek DeToni-Hill '83, Reverend Marvin McMickle '70 and Tom Gandee '69.

Student Faith Based groups

There are three active faith-based student groups on campus, and Chaplain Woolfington meets regularly with the advisors and often attends meetings.

Delight Ministries, a women's Bible study meets weekly, and a member of the social work faculty serves as their advisor. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets in a small-group format and includes student-athletes from several different teams who meet for a topical Bible study and prayer. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship holds several small group Bible studies throughout the week. The faculty advisor for this group is a professor of nursing.

Student Service Opportunities

As a result of COVID-19, student volunteer opportunities, including mission trips, were suspended in March 2020. This spring, however, the Wackerlin Center will co-sponsor,

along with the campus Circle K group, a campus-wide community service event known as “Morning of Service” on Saturday, April 17th.

Prior to the pandemic in 2020, the Wackerlin Center sponsored five mission service trips during Spring Break. Students spent the week serving in local communities in Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. A total of 55 students, faculty and staff participated.

Student Support Libby's Place, Spartan Attic

Founded in 2015, Libby's Place is an on-campus food pantry available to all members of the campus community. Primarily utilized by students, users can customize their grocery bag through an online portal. Twice a month, Libby's Place offers perishable foods (milk, cheese, fruit, yogurt) thanks to the donation of an industrial cooler by the Rotary Club of Montgomery, Illinois. The generous support of donors keeps the pantry well-stocked, with groceries, canned goods and personal items.

The Spartan Attic is a clothes closet offering students gently-used professional attire, which is helpful for job interviews, internships and in-class presentations.

Occupy till I Come

At the end of 2020, Aurora University received the first 300 copies of “Occupy till I Come The Origins of Aurora University in Mendota, Illinois 1893-1912,” written by Susan L. Palmer, retired history professor who taught at Aurora University for 37 years. Palmer is the curator of the Jenks Collection of Adventual Materials at Aurora University, and a 1971 graduate of the institution. Her family history is rooted in the Advent Christian Church. Complimentary copies of the book are available upon request.

Looking Ahead

Aurora University is planning to hold its spring commencement on the Wisconsin and main

campus in-person this May. To abide by COVID-19 safety protocols, additional ceremonies have been added and will take place over the course of three days.

Summer courses will be offered in a hybrid format, again allowing students to meet in-person or virtually. For the fall semester, the plan now is to be fully in person; however, the university is prepared to pivot as necessary should another COVID-19 outbreak occur.

Aurora University remains rooted in character and scholarship, faith and service, and is dedicated to the transformative power of education. Through its academic programs, the personal guidance and support from faculty and staff members, and through its student organizations and activities, the university helps students to discover what matters so they can build a life of meaning and purpose within their careers and communities.

Executive Council Report

BERKSHIRE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



April 2021

Greetings from Berkshire Christian! It is my distinct privilege to present this report to the delegates and friends gathered for the Advent Christian General Conference Triennial Convention. Although convened virtually because of the Covid-19 pandemic, this gathering unites Advent Christian people and reminds us of our calling in Jesus Christ.

As an associate member of the Advent Christian General Conference, Berkshire Christian is honored to serve the educational needs of Advent Christian people, which it has done since its founding in 1897. For 124 years, this ministry has faithfully prepared men and women to serve Christ through the ministry of the church around the world. BCC alumni have served in local church pastorates, as administrators and professors, in denominational leadership and in positions of influence from the home to the corporate world. Berkshire Christian's priority of equipping men and women to serve Christ more effectively wherever he leads them remains of paramount importance and is the driving force behind our partnerships and programs.

At the present time, more than 40 men and women are enrolled in Berkshire Christian programs, being equipped to live out their faith in today's changing culture. Through accessible and affordable training options, Berkshire Christian is committed to helping our students become the person God calls them to be. Our primary goal is to equip Advent Christian people for local church ministry, vocationally and voluntarily. This is accomplished by providing an educational experience that leads to deeper spiritual formation and more effective ministry service. Students in Berkshire Christian programs gain a strong foundation for life and are equipped to take their place in God's global kingdom.

Berkshire Christian's innovative programs are designed with Advent Christian people in mind. They include the Ministry Training Institute (MTI), the Center for Advent Christian Studies, and eBerkshire. Through MTI, those called to local church ministry as pastors, elders or in other ministry leadership roles are being prepared to serve well. Under the leadership of Program Coordinator Matt Larkin and in partnership with the Advent Christian General Conference, MTI offers cohort-based theological education based in the local church. Students can earn a Leadership in Ministry Certificate in this 3.5 year, 60-credit program that includes mentoring, apprenticeship and character assessment. A two-year Leadership Endorsement is also an option for MTI students. Over 20 new students were welcomed into this program in January. They join 11 other students who are now in their second year. New Field Office locations opened in California, Maine, and Wisconsin, joining those in Massachusetts and North Carolina. A group of international students are also part of the MTI program.

Berkshire Christian students can also study at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary through the Center for Advent Christian Studies. Dr. Gordon Isaac serves as the Berkshire Professor of Church History and Advent Christian Studies, and helps guide students pursuing a graduate degree. A special partnership offers Advent Christians 50% tuition reduction. Five students are currently enrolled at two of the Gordon-Conwell campuses. All are actively involved in local church ministry and one of those students will graduate this spring.

Distance learning opportunities can be traced back to the beginnings of this institution and have been used extensively since the sale of the Lenox, Mass. campus in the late 1980's. Now called eBerkshire, this distance learning program is currently under development. This new program is being designed for those who want to enrich their faith and features shorter courses to be taken individually or as part of a one-and-a-half-year program of study. Courses in this program will provide students with a big picture of God's Grand Story, helping them discover their role in it and laying a biblical foundation for life. This program is expected to begin later this year.

At Berkshire Christian we are excited about all that God is doing. God is clarifying our mission and refining our vision. God is strengthening existing partnerships and giving birth to progressive new programs. God is raising up leaders to oversee these programs and calling students to enroll in them. Berkshire Christian's programs exist for the needs of the Advent Christian church. They are uniquely designed to equip Advent Christian men and women to live more effectively for Jesus as they serve Christ in an ever-changing world.

My sincere desire is that God will continue to be glorified in everything we do, and that he will strengthen the partnership we enjoy with Advent Christian people. To that end I invite you to be part of what God is doing through Berkshire Christian. There are several ways you can join us. First, you can begin by praying for Berkshire Christian on a regular basis! We are looking for dedicated prayer warriors to lift this ministry before God's throne of grace.

Next, you can promote Berkshire Christian! Our focus is on strengthening the Advent Christian Church and we are ready to assist you in equipping the people in your local church.

Finally, you can also partner with us through your financial giving! We need individuals, local churches, conferences and auxiliary groups to give regularly in the support of our efforts to equip vocational and volunteer leaders for your local church.

Please visit berkshire.edu today for more information on what Berkshire Christian can do for you. Thank you for praying, promoting and partnering with Berkshire Christian! May God bless you!

Most Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. Glenn M. Rice
President

Executive Council Report

BERKSHIRE INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES

April 2021



Berkshire Institute for Christian Studies

Report to the
ACGC Triennial
Convention

APRIL 2021



Greetings from BICS! Since the last Triennial Convention, we have enjoyed a season of significant transition and tremendous blessing from the Lord. It's my privilege to report to you for the first time on behalf of the Institute and to highlight some of the ways we've seen God's faithfulness.

Celebrating Our Heritage

In October 2018, President Steve Brown and Vice President Wes Ross retired from their administrative leadership roles after more than three decades of service. In May 2019, we had the opportunity to celebrate their 30 years of leadership at a retirement celebration. Over 225 family, friends, and alumni celebrated in a program of recognition and appreciation filled with laughter, tears and heartfelt tributes. The headline of the night was the faithfulness of God both to and through these two men who have invested their lives in kingdom service.

One of the ways we sought to honor President Emeritus Brown and Vice President Emeritus Ross was through the publication of a Festschrift entitled *Standing on the Promises: Essays in Honor of Stephen C. Brown and Wesley A. Ross*. From its inception, the Institute has held fast to a rich theological heritage and a firm commitment to the Bible – both its promises and its power to transform the lives of young adults. This 250-page volume seeks to preserve this legacy while capturing some of the most essential truths of the Bible. Our hope is that this book will be a blessing to all who read it.



President Emeritus Steve Brown and Vice President Emeritus Wes Ross receiving their copies of *Standing on the Promises* at their retirement celebration

Our Students

The mission of BICS has continued with both the Class of 2019 and the Class of 2020, our 30th and 31st classes since our founding in 1988. In these two years, a total of 19 students have completed the program. Each one embraced this unique opportunity to pursue a deeper relationship with the Lord and to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.



Vice President of Student Development Mike Tuttle leads the students in *Anchor Point* - a time of Scripture reading and prayer at the start of each day. This daily interaction typifies the relational nature of our program and serves as a springboard for our discipleship efforts. In 2019-2020, we worked our way through the entire book of Psalms.

The BICS experience is designed to ground students in the truth of God's Word, cultivate their Christian growth through community and encourage ordered living according to the wisdom of God. Our students engage in formal learning in the classroom, but their overall experience extends far beyond its four walls to include church ministry, travel opportunities, mentoring, and firsthand exploration in the Lands of the Bible.

At BICS, all of this unfolds in the context of a Christ-centered and caring community. For nine months, our students are embedded in the life of a local church, fully embraced by the faculty and staff and knit together as brothers and sisters in Christ. These relationships form the heart of the Institute and create the ideal environment for the ongoing redemption of both heart and mind.

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Rev. Dr. Doug Foss connects with the students in his Theology course on the first day of online classes.

This is why the COVID-19 pandemic came as such a disruption to our program. Last March we were forced to postpone our Bible Lands trip and send the students home to complete the final six weeks of the semester remotely. While distance learning can be a useful tool, it is no substitute for the intimate environment that makes the BICS classroom, offices and dorms instrumental components of the discipleship process. Nevertheless, we embraced the challenge and finished the year with online courses, daily check-ins with the group, and bi-weekly meetings with each student.

On the first day of orientation last August, we introduced the theme we had chosen for the Class of 2020 -- *My Anchor Holds*, based on the words of Hebrews 6:19, “*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.*” Little did we know how meaningful those words would be as we faced many storms throughout the year. But our desire and aim for these students and for our hundreds of alumni is that they will continue to cling to the true Anchor, Jesus Christ, and to every promise of His Word, so that when they face the “whelming flood,” they would find in Him “all their hope and stay.”

While we grieve the time and opportunities that were lost over the past year, we rejoice in the many evidences of his ongoing work. By his grace, God has continued to use the Institute to transform students by his Spirit and renew their minds in his Word.

The Impact of the Pandemic

After much prayer and discussion, the board of directors decided not to enroll students for the 2020-2021 academic year due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Though this was a difficult decision, it flows from our unwavering commitment to our mission and to the unique dynamics of this program that have made it so formative for hundreds of students over the past three decades.

The entire BICS experience is grounded in relationships built through daily interaction in a close-knit community. As we saw last spring, the Institute’s aims cannot be fully realized through distance learning and remote relationships. Rather than compromise our program to fit within current and future restrictions, we decided to use this year as an opportunity to enhance our program and prepare for a full reopening in August 2021. This year we’ve been hard at work upgrading our classroom and buildings, tweaking our curriculum and migrating to a new student information system. We’re redeeming this difficult year by investing in our future.

Our Alumni

The elements of our program are designed to help students lay hold of the biblical worldview to inform all aspects of their thinking, whether they pursue vocational ministry or establish careers in other venues as expressions of their obedience to Christ. We now have more than 400 men and women who have experienced the BICS program, many of whom are now serving in our churches as pastors, leaders, youth pastors and teachers. Several of our graduates are ministering in international missions venues – in medical environments, translation teams and churches.

More importantly, the vast majority of our graduates – whether serving in vocational ministry or not – are serving Christ and are deeply committed to his church. They are raising families, teaching Sunday school classes, serving as board members, directing camps, running businesses, and fulfilling the call of Colossians 3:23 – “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord...” (ESV). We thank the Lord that he has seen fit to use the Institute in their development and that, in this way, he is using us to bless his Church.



BICS alumni serving at Sports and Music Camp 2019 in Alton Bay, NH

Christian Discipleship in a Caring Community

The Class of 2022 and Beyond

Despite the disappointment caused by this situation, we are looking forward with great excitement to welcoming our next class. We are getting to know some of the students who will join us in August for an exciting and transformative year of discipleship in our BICS community.

While the past three years have brought significant change in leadership and unexpected interruptions, we remain deeply committed to our mission. We are convinced of the need, perhaps more than ever before, for a place where young men and women can be grounded in the Word of God and equipped to serve the local church wherever and however God leads them. Though at times our efforts seem meager and the challenges before us are many, we are moving forward with our mission to engage emerging adults in the adventure of Christian growth in the context of a committed and Christ-centered community.



The Class of 2019: back row (l to r): Grace Couser, Laura Merchant, Jacob Garcia, Brandon Twitchell, and Zac Phaneuf; front row: Helen Jacobs, Sarah Brittin, Emily Anderson, and Amanda Swicker



Students and guests hike down the Mount of Beatitudes alongside the Sea of Galilee

If you know of upper high school or recently graduated students who you think may be interested in our program, please do not hesitate to put us in touch with them. Likewise, if you have any questions about our efforts, we would welcome the opportunity to dialogue further. You can find out more information on our website (<https://www.berkshireinstitute.org>) or get in touch with us via email at info@berkshireinstitute.org.

We're also looking forward to resuming our annual Bible Lands trip to Israel. Each spring, we take our students and many guest travelers on a 15-day tour of the Land of Promise. Due to the pandemic, our 2020 trip has been rescheduled to October 2021. Many from Advent Christian churches have joined us through the years on this "trip of a lifetime." If you have interest in traveling with us in the future, please let us know.

Our Partnership with ACGC

We remain profoundly grateful for the ongoing support of the Advent Christian General Conference. Whatever success BICS has had over the past 32 years in equipping young adults to live and serve with a biblical worldview is owed first and foremost to the faithfulness of God, but secondarily to the generosity and encouragement of a vast network of supporters within our denomination.

It is a great joy to see many of our alumni continuing to use their gifts in Advent Christian churches and ministries around the country. We thank God for the opportunity to be partners with you in this important work of discipling young adults for lifelong ministry however he leads them. And we thank you for your continued generosity and support; we look forward to many years of fruitful ministry together.

May God continue to raise up a generation of young believers who love Jesus and who are committed to using their lives in service to his kingdom.

Andy Rice
President



The Class of 2020 pictured at their Virtual Commencement on May 9, 2020
Top (l to r): Abijah Levi, Ben Boehm (Director of Admissions), Jacob Sjoberg, Allison Grenier
Middle: Kari Haakonsen, Elizabeth Miele, Aidan Casey, Samuel Shiffer
Bottom: Jaime Merrill, Jessalyn Brown, Tristyn Thorpe

Executive Council Report

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

Exhibit A

2022

Aurora University Sunday	January 2
Men's Sunday	January 30
Executive Council Meetings (Charlotte)	February (TBD)
Penny Crusade	March – April
Advent Christian Retirement Communities Sunday	April 3
Power of Camp Sunday	April 10
Prayer Emphasis	May
Berkshire Christian College Sunday	May 1
Adventual Heritage Sunday	June 26
Executive Council Meetings (Charlotte)	September (TBD)
Student & Kids Sunday	September 11
Christian Education Sunday	September 18
Women's Sunday	September 25
Christmas in October	October
Pastor Appreciation Month	October
Berkshire Institute for Christian Studies	October 23
World Hunger Offering	November 20
Advent Christian Village	January 30, May 29, July 31, October 30

OTHER IMPORTANT DAYS

(Not set by General Conference)

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	January 16
Martin Luther King Day	January 17
Lenten Season Begins	March 2
Easter Sunday	April 17
Christian Family Week	May 1 – 7
National Day of Prayer	May 5
Mother's Day	May 8
Pentecost Sunday	June 5
Global Day of Prayer	June 5
Children's Day	June 5
Father's Day	June 19
World Wide Communion Sunday	October 2
NAE Sunday (Reformation Sunday)	October 30
Orphan Sunday	November 6

National Bible Week.....	November 20 – 26
World Hunger Sunday.....	November 20
Thanksgiving.....	November 24
First Sunday in Advent.....	November 27
Christmas.....	December 25

Executive Council Report

COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

Exhibit B

April 2021

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