



2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BLUE BOOK



THE FUNDAMENTALS
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GREAT CHURCHES DO THESE FIVE THINGS

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL FAITHFULLY & CONSISTENTLY AND THEY INVITE
PEOPLE TO RESPOND

ANCHOR THEMSELVES TO THE WORD

MAKE DISCIPLES

EXPAND THE KINGDOM (TAKE THE GOSPEL TO PLACES THAT NEED IT)

LEAVE AN IMPACT EVERYWHERE THEY GO



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CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY

- 2:00 pm Welcome- Cory
- 2:10 pm Administrative Pre-Motions (Blue Book)
- 2:20 pm Church Introductions, Affiliation Motions and Transfer of Credentials
- 2:30 pm General Supt. Report
- 2:45 pm Supt. Report
- 3:30 pm **Break**
- 4:00 pm Board of Administration
- 2023 Financial Reporting and 2024 Proposed Budget (Blue Book)
 - 2024 Budget Snapshot
 - 2022 End of Year Reports
 - 2023 YTD Reports
 - Approved Budget Detail
- 4:15 pm Ministry Highlight - Reach Church
- 4:30 pm Ratify Council/Cabinet Actions (Blue Book)
- 4:45 pm Nomination of Officers (Ballot in Blue Book)
- 4:50 pm Board of Ministry Report and Referral to Elders
- 5:00 pm Ministry Highlight - ChristLife Church
- 5:10 pm Elders vote on BOM recommendations
- 5:30 pm **Dinner**
- 7:00 pm Worship Gathering



CONFERENCE AGENDA

TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Worship and Devotion
- 9:45 am Election of Officers (Paper Ballots)
- 9:55 am Board/Ministry Reporting
- Credentialing Vote Report-Brent
 - Supt. Relations - Bryan Baker
- 10:10 am Ministry Highlight - Mercy Road
- 10:20 am Ministry Highlight- Thrivent
- 10:30 am **Break**
- 11:00 am Panel Discussion - Discipleship In The Local Church”
- 12:15 pm Ministry Highlight - Central School of Ministry
- 12:30 pm **Lunch**
- 1:30 pm Ministry Partner Moments -
- Beartooth Christian Camp - Gary Adams
 - Gianforte Family Foundation - Joy Churchill
 - Pacific Evangelical School of Ministry - Ryan Thorton
 - Finding Freedom - Peter Holmes and Susan Williams
 - World Partners - Joe Johns
- 2:30 pm Contextualized Group Discussions -
- 4:45 pm Closing Business
- 5:30 pm **Dinner**
- 7:00 pm Ordination Service

PRE-MOTIONS

Pre-motions:

- Motion: Grant advisory relations to visitors
- Motion: Grant voting privileges to probationers serving churches
- Motion: Adopt agenda as presented in Blue Book
- Motion: Set the voting area to the tables in the worship center

MOTIONS CONCERNING NARRATE



Resolution of Dissolution:

Whereas Narrate Church in Helena Montana has voted to dissolve its relationship with the Western Conference be it resolved that the Western Conference accept this resolution and dissolve its relationship with Narrate Church on December 31,2023, be it further resolved that any monies given to Narrate church be released and deemed a grant and therefore not collectable, be it further resolved that if Narrate Church elects to repay the Conference per the Discipline paragraph 728 (7) that those funds be used for church planting.



MOTION TO TRANSFER CHRISTLIFE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Whereas, in light of the coming dissolution of the North Central Conference of the Evangelical Church, the Western Conference has received a request from ChristLife Evangelical Church, in Minneapolis MN, to join the Western Conference...

Whereas, ChristLife is already an Evangelical Church, in good standing with the North Central Conference...

Be it resolved that the Western Conference welcome ChristLife Church into the Conference and grant them full membership status with all the rights and privileges of all of our member Churches.



MOTION TO TRANSFER MERCY ROAD CHURCH

Whereas, the Western Conference has received a request from the Mercy Road Church, in Minneapolis, MN, to join the Western Conference...

Whereas, Mercy Road is already an Evangelical Church, in good standing with the North Central Conference...

Be it resolved that the Western Conference welcome Mercy Road Church into the Conference and grant them full membership status with all the rights and privileges of all of our member Churches.



MOTION AFFILIATING REACH CHURCH

Whereas, the Western Conference has received a request from Reach Church, in Blair, NE, to become an Affiliate Member of the Western Conference...

Be it resolved that the Western Conference welcome Reach Church into the Western Conference as an Affiliate Member, for a two year period, and grant them full rights and privileges of affiliate members according to the Discipline (Paragraph 707).



MOTION AFFILIATING BEACON OF HOPE - MINISTRY PARTNER

Whereas, the Western Conference has received a request from Beacon of Hope, in Minneapolis, MN, to affiliate with the Western Conference...

Be it resolved that we welcome Beacon of Hope into the Conference as a partner ministry and commit to serve and support them in their ministry to their community and their process toward full-church status.



TRANSFER OF CREDENTIALS MOTION

North Central Elders in Transfer

Whereas, the Western Conference has received a request from the North Central Conference Board of Ministry to receive the credentials of the following Elders:

- Andrew Anderson
- Tristan Borland
- Russ Couwenhoven
- Dylan Does
- Mark Klemme
- Jeremy Kochendorfer
- Michael Lotzer
- Chad Murphy
- Shannon Perry
- John Scheaffel

Be it resolved that we receive those Credentials and grant them full rights and privileges as Elders within the Western Conference.

North Central Retired Elders in Transfer

Whereas, the Western Conference has received a request from the North Central Conference Board of Ministry to receive the credentials of the following Elders:

- Charles Lamason
- John Trosen
- Gary Zikan
- Mervin Pelto
- Mark Fink

Be it resolved that we receive those Credentials and grant them full rights and privileges as Elders within the Western Conference.



TRANSFER OF CREDENTIALS MOTION | Continued

North Central Commissioners in Transfer

Whereas, the Western Conference has received a request from the North Central Conference Board of Ministry to receive the credentials of the following Commissioners:

- Kerry Davison
- Barbara Grabill
- Marquita Walter

Be it resolved that we receive those Credentials and grant them full rights and privileges as Commissioners, within the Western Conference.

North Central Probationers In Transfer

Whereas, the Western Conference has received a request from the North Central Conference Board of Ministry to receive the Probationer's Licenses of the following individuals:

- Mitchell Berndt
- Mark Bosserman
- Daniel Guarrero
- Jeremy Hermann
- Ariel Zink

Be it resolved that we receive those Licenses and grant them Probationer Status within the Western Conference for the following year.



SUPTS. REPORTS



GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT



Thank you for allowing me to serve as your General Superintendent, first in filling Brian Eckhardt's unexpired term, then during this significant time of transition for The Evangelical Church and Evangelical Church Missions. I've been on the road almost constantly for 7 years, in a new church nearly every Sunday, supporting our Pastors and Conferences wherever possible, and being thankful for each opportunity from Christ.

We will have a virtual special session of **Gen Con on January 17, 2024** at 9am (Pacific) to act on Disassociation Petitions from 4 Conferences, as well as ECM, for the purpose of associating with the Missionary Church and World Partners. There will be no election for General Superintendent at this meeting, as the Council of Superintendents recommended dividing up General Superintendent responsibilities to be equally shared with both Western and Pacific Conference Superintendents.

Donor transition for our missionaries and fields is nearing completion, with the final day of ECM being December 31, 2023. Not only have we handed off our missionaries, but we have also transitioned our historic fields of Bolivia and Liberia to World Partners. In addition, we have expressed our gratitude to Fiji, Japan and India as we go this new direction.

Russ Couwenhoven wonderfully finished his role as Executive Director of ECM on June 30, 2023. Operation's Manager Chris Cooper will finish well with us on January 31, 2024. Our able Administrative Assistant Amy Hartzler's last day is March 30, 2024 (10 hours a week) and our accounting support through Amy Persad will continue as needed. My final day as General Superintendent will be January 31, 2024.

We will continue to ally with the Global Wesleyan Alliance, World Gospel Mission, One Mission Society, and the National Association of Evangelicals. Other recognized partners in ministry are officially: Montana on a Mission, Hope Teams International, Wesleyan Investment Foundation, World Partners, Beartooth Christian Camp, Mount Carmel Camp, and Mercy Inc.

Recognized pipelines for pastoral training include Pacific Evangelical School of Ministry and Central School of Ministry. Official partner institutions of higher education include Wesley Biblical Seminary, Asbury Theological Seminary, George Fox University/Portland Seminary, Bethel University, as well as all Nazarene and Wesleyan universities.

The only current issue in front of the Commission on the Discipline is a proposed reversionary clause for churches who close or no longer serve as part of the Evangelical Church. The Discipline requires the COD to continue, as well as the General Church Council, Trustees, and Board of Cross Cultural Ministries.

The greatest highlight of recent ministry for me includes raising support to purchase 8000 Bibles for Bangladesh, in conjunction with Talitha Koumi. I return there in December to train pastors and support the Bible distribution. It has been fun to visit about 15 foreign countries in my Superintendent roles, and I will never forget preaching at over 80 of our churches in The Evangelical Church.

Lisa and I intend to take a sabbatical starting in February, focusing on de-briefing and re-charging. We are being helped by a mentor from the NAE on a 16-step process for discerning God's next steps for us in ministry.

Keep looking up!

Dr. Jay Forseth





This year was a year of significant transition for me, both personally and professionally. With an intestinal rupture that led to a significant surgery to start the year, to then stepping down from a Church I'd planted and served for over 23 years, Tosha and I have held on to God's faithfulness in the midst of our uncertainty. I am incredibly thankful for all of your prayers and your support through it all. God has been and remains faithful, and I am incredibly thankful to serve with you as we build Christ's Kingdom together.

OUR MISSION AS A CONFERENCE

The Western Conference exists to serve and support its Local Churches and its Pastors and Leaders. If what we do does not translate into more fruitful ministry for you and your Church, then it would be better for us to not exist. Every single one of our Churches is an important part of the Kingdom and it is imperative that we serve and support one another to accomplish our Mission of reaching the lost and making disciples. What a blessing to walk with other, like-hearted, Pastors and Churches to accomplish this together.

MY TRANSITION TO FULL-TIME

Over the course of this year, it became very clear that the needs of the Conference were such that it needed more than a part-time Superintendent. While I was able to manage and maintain the Conference in a part-time role, it was impossible to lead our Conference forward into the new season that God is setting in front of us. With the addition of Churches, the Denominational transitions, and the urgency of raising up the next generation of Pastors and Leaders within our Conference to plant, establish and serve the Church, I made the incredibly hard decision to step out of the Lead Pastor role at Harvest Springs and to make myself fully available to the work of the Conference.

While it was difficult, God has already rewarded my faithfulness in obeying His leading. I have been able to visit 10 of our Churches in just the past 6 weeks, something I was completely unable to do previously. While I didn't fully understand how valuable those personal connections were when I stepped into the Superintendency, I now understand how important it is for a Church to feel connected to the Super. It is their tangible connection to the Conference, and I'm thankful that Jay worked so hard to fortify that connection before me, and I hope to continue to foster that connection in the year to come.

HOW WE SERVE CHURCHES

OUTREACH

God calls us to proclaim the Gospel "to all nations"... leading them to a place of commitment as members of Christ's Kingdom (baptizing them). We cannot fulfill the great commission without doing this, and doing it well. We must do this "Locally" as well as "Globally".

The Western Conference has multiple ways that we can serve and support you and your Church in the call of proclaiming the Gospel and reaching those who are lost.

LOCAL OUTREACH

- Grant Requests - The Conference has allocated thousands of dollars to support your efforts to reach your community with the Gospel. You can apply for these grants (up to \$1,000 per request) on the website www.westconf.net.
- Coaching - The Conference can also assist you and your Church in assessing your outreach strategy and developing strategic plans to implement. Contact Pastor Loren Eder for more information.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

- Missionary Connection - The Conference is working to provide a hub for connecting Churches with Missionaries and Missionaries with Churches. If you are looking for a Missionary, Field, Country, or Project to connect to, contact Paul Hansen about next steps.
- Mission Agency Partnerships - We are also working to establish valuable partnerships with Mission Agencies that serve and support mission work around the world. Our formal Partners are World Partners, One Mission Society, and World Gospel Mission. We also have connections with World Vision, Compassion International, Food for the Hungry, and others.
- Missional Partnerships with other Churches - Some of our Conference Churches have developed ministry and mission partnerships that other Churches can connect to. When we share our work and partner together, we can often accomplish far more than we can on our own.
- Mission Strategy Coaching - The Conference also has connections to several organizations that can assist you and your Church in developing and refining your Global Missions strategy. If you would like to explore what this might look like within your Church, connect with Paul Hansen.
- Potential Pastor's Vision Trip - Sometimes you just need to see what a Missions Partnership could look like by seeing it first hand. If you would be interested in joining with other Pastors in exploring this possibility, contact the Conference Office.

DISCIPLESHIP

Along with the call to reach the nations, we are also called to “teach them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20) This is the important task of helping people learn the ways of the King and His Kingdom. Think of it as “New Kingdom-member Orientation”.

- Grant Requests - We have resources allocated to assist your Church in funding the needed programs that help teach and train your people in “effectively making disciples”. These grants can be requested for training, seminars, conferences, or curriculum focused on “making disciples”. You can apply for these grants on the website www.westconf.net.
- Coaching - The Conference can also assist you and your Church in assessing your Disciple-Making effectiveness and developing strategic plans to increase that effectiveness within your Local Church. Contact Paul McClintock for more information about Discipleship Coaching.

CHURCH HEALTH

Once a person has been reached and connected to Christ's Kingdom, they need a healthy and vibrant Community of Believers to connect with. The Conference has set aside significant resources to assist Churches to get healthy and to stay healthy.

- Church Health Assessments - Church Health Assessments can be invaluable tools to understand the reality that is happening within each individual Church. These assessments allow Pastors and leaders to make intentional and strategic decisions, not based on subjective assessments of their reality, but with factual, real-time data informing each decision.
- Church Health Coaching - Personal, Professional, and organizational coaching has a 700% ROI (return on investment). We have multiple Coaches who can serve and support you and your Church in becoming a “healthier Church”.
- Peace-Making Processes - Sometimes conflict arises within the Church and specialized and focused support is needed in navigating that conflict in a way that is healthy and honors Christ. We have experienced and trained Ministers who can walk with you as you walk these issues to God-honoring resolution.
- Redevelopment Funding/Support - If needed, the Conference has coaching and financial resources available to serve and support your Church if redevelopment processes are needed. This could include re-visioning, re-structuring, and re-branding within the Church.

PASTORAL HEALTH

Healthy Churches are led by Healthy Pastors and an Unhealthy Pastor can create an unhealthy Church in a hurry. This is why the Western Conference invests heavily in seeing each and every Pastor serve Christ's Kingdom from a place of Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Health.

- Crisis Engagement - From time to time, we all experience situations in which we need Specialized help and support in our life and ministry. We have dedicated Pastors and Counselors who are prepared and ready to help walk with you through those Crisis moments toward resolution and restoration in a healthy and Christ-honoring way.
- Preventative Processes - It is far easier to maintain your health than it is to try to get healthy. This is why we invest heavily in preventative processes to help maintain Pastoral Health. We do this by providing Counseling resources to our Pastors and their families, encouraging the maintenance of healthy Spiritual disciplines, providing yearly events focused on Spiritual and Relational renewal, and advocating for and financially assisting Pastors and Churches to provide Sabbaticals to their Pastoral staff.
- Restorative Processes - Unfortunately, there are times when Pastors and Leaders need to be corrected and potentially disciplined for actions that are sinful and detrimental to the health and ministry of the Church. The Pastoral Health board works in partnership with the Conference Leadership, the Board of Ministry, and the Local Church to develop and support restorative processes as may be needed in each situation.

CHURCH PLANTING

Healthy disciples, in healthy Churches, led by healthy Pastors will intentionally commit to planting and establishing more healthy Churches in places where the Gospel is desperately needed. Healthy Churches don't assume someone else will reach those Gospel-needy areas, they take that responsibility upon themselves and intentionally invest in ways to take the Gospel there and establish a Christ-centered community. The Conference sets aside more money for this very purpose than any other purpose.

- Church Planting Grants - Planting a Church can require hundreds of thousands of dollars. Our intention is to make sure each Church-Plant has the financial resources it needs to be funded and successful in its launch.
- Church Planter Assessments - Is God calling you to potentially plant a Church? God has uniquely gifted and equipped some, specifically for the work of establishing new Churches. We have assessment processes available for all Pastors to assess their unique giftedness in ministry and potential Church planting.
- Re-start Processes - Perhaps a Church has come to a place where it needs a complete "Re-start". The Western Conference has multiple successful "re-start" scenarios and can help your Church if that is potentially needed.
- Church Plant Coaching - We make sure that every Church Planter is connected with an experienced Coach who can assist in walking together through the strategic decisions and leadership required in the Planting Journey.

NETWORKING

Ministry can be difficult, and it also can be isolating. One of the ways to stay healthy in ministry for the Long Haul is by fostering meaningful and valuable connections with others who understand the unique contexts of ministry. The Western Conference works to facilitate the establishment and deepening of those relationships through:

- Regional Gatherings - The Western Conference has multiple regions that connect at various intervals during the year for connection, prayer, encouragement, and support.
- Contextual Gatherings - From time to time during the year, leaders from various ministry contexts will gather together to connect, grow, and learn from one another in your specific context of ministry.
- Connection Events - We also have several events during the year designed specifically for deepening relational connection in our ministry contexts. Annual Conference, The Summit, Pastor's Wives Retreat, and the Ministry and Spouses Retreat are all examples of opportunities to get away and connect with others who are also on the front lines of ministry with you.

CREDENTIALING

The Western Conference is filled with incredible Men and Women who love God and love His Church! It's why we've experienced such incredible success over the past 25 years. So much of that success was set up by our Board of Ministry, which works hard to walk with those who are eager to serve Christ and His Church, in order to ensure they are called, prepared, equipped, and empowered to do the work of Ministry they feel called to.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR THE DENOMINATION?

It is anticipated that by the end of January, the Evangelical Church, as a Denomination, will only consist of two Conferences... the Western Conference and the Pacific Conference. I will be working specifically with Brian Hotrum, and leaders of both of our Conferences to clarify what a beneficial and fruitful partnership looks like and how we can best support one another. 2024 will be a season of pulling back to our Denominational essentials, and then ensuring that what we build forward is purposeful, effective, and beneficial for our Local Churches, Pastors, and Leaders.

At this time, we do not anticipate that there will be an election for a new General Superintendent at the virtual GenCon in January 2024. The plan is for the Council of Superintendents... Brian Hotrum and myself... to oversee the Denominational functions, with important decisions being made by the General Church Council.

Not every question has been answered about the future, but we must not let this reality sidetrack us from the mission of reaching people, making disciples, and growing His Church. May we keep our eyes on what is most important and remain faithful and fruitful until He comes!

For the King and His Kingdom!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Engel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



BUDGET

FINANCIAL REPORTING & 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Proposed 2024 Budget for the Western Conference

Proposed Budget at a Glance	
2023 Budgeted Income	\$429,225
2023 Budgeted Expenses	\$426,544
2024 Budgeted Income	\$511,027
2024 budgeted Expense	\$510,615

Income	2023 Budget	2023 Proj. Actual	2024 Budget
	\$429,225	\$403,592	\$511,027
Expenses			
General Operations			
Tithe	\$42,000	\$40,000	\$50,000
Salaries	\$124,744	144,911	\$190,690
Office Expense	\$14,300	\$12,485	\$15,500
Travel	\$25,000	\$17,000	\$25,000
Meeting Expense	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Insurance	\$14,000	\$14,800	\$15,000
Total Gen Ops Expense	\$228,044	\$237,196	\$304,190
Ministry Expenses			
Outreach			
Local Outreach	\$10,000	\$13,000	\$15,000
Global Outreach	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Discipleship			
Training	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$5,000
Church Health			
Church Health	\$2,000	\$3,300	\$5,000
Pastoral Health			
Pastoral Health	\$33,500	\$23,000	\$33,500
Church Planting			
Church Planting	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
Connection			
Women	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
Camping	\$23,800	\$27,756	\$30,000
Students	\$11,200	\$3,865	\$4,325
Regional Overseers	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600
The Summit	\$4,000	\$5,300	\$5,000
Credentialling			
Credentialling	\$14,900	\$9,200	\$10,500
Total Ministry Expense	\$198,500	\$184,021	\$206,425
Total Expenses	\$426,544	\$421,217	\$510,615

Increases for 2024

- Salaries- full-time Supt and 3% COLA
- Camping- increased program support
- Local Outreach- increased opportunities
- Global Outreach- Mission Trip support

		2022
Oct 2023 Designated Funds	\$97,466	\$28,195
Oct2023 Undesignated Funds-\$269,661		\$273,011

**Western Conference
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2022**

Dec 31, 22

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1002 · FIB Checking	50,238.87
Total Checking/Savings	<u>50,238.87</u>
Total Current Assets	50,238.87
Fixed Assets	
1400 · Furniture & Equipment	44,647.00
1450 · Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-16,000.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	28,647.00
Other Assets	
1540 · WIF acct 8321 Church Planting	24,236.15
1550 · WIF Savings acct	<u>295,590.48</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>319,826.63</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>398,712.50</u></u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	5,961.64
Total Accounts Payable	5,961.64
Other Current Liabilities	
2400 · Payroll Liabilities	122.42
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>122.42</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,084.06</u>
Total Liabilities	6,084.06
Equity	
3150 · Designated Fund Balances	
3152 · Fund Balance-Kingdom Expansion	24,236.15
3155 · Fund Balance-BOM Training	3,400.00
3156 · Fund Balance-Pastoral Care	10,152.50
3157 · Fund Balance-Positive Cash Flow	812.90
3158 · Fund Balance - Car Replacement	<u>16,000.00</u>
Total 3150 · Designated Fund Balances	54,601.55
3200 · Undesignated Fund Balance	240,127.13
Net Income	<u>97,899.76</u>
Total Equity	<u>392,628.44</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>398,712.50</u></u>

Note 1: Kingdom Expansion Fund balance equals:

WIF - Church Planting	15,000.00
Interest	470.38
Oil Money Transferred to WIF	<u>8,765.77</u>
Total	<u><u>24,236.15</u></u>

Western Conference
Statement of Activities by Board
 January through December 2022

	1-General Operations	2-Camping Board	3-Kingdom Expansion Board	4-Church Health Board	5-Ministry/ Training Board	6-Missions Board	7-Outreach Board	8-Pastoral Health Board	9-Prayer Board	10-Student Ministry Board	11-Women's Ministry Board	12- Disciplines Board	TOTAL
Income													
4010 · Tithes Received	444,434.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	444,434.28
4020 · Interest & Dividends	4,499.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,499.48
4025 · Book Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4030 · Misc. Income	7,775.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,085.00	0.00	9,860.66
Total Income	456,709.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,085.00	0.00	458,794.42
Expense													
6010 · Church & Mission Support													
6012 · Restoration for Pastoral Health	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
6010 · Church & Mission Support - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00
Total 6010 · Church & Mission Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,500.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,700.00
6020 · Contract Services	24,066.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,066.34
6030 · Denomination Tithes	42,261.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,261.88
6040 · Dues & Fees	1,275.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,275.28
6050 · Grants	0.00	10,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00
6060 · Insurance	13,441.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,441.46
6070 · Meeting/Event Expenses													
6071 · Annual Conference	38.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,054.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,092.89
6070 · Meeting/Event Expenses - Other	866.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.12	4,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	4,038.87	0.00	8,672.50	0.00	19,782.06
Total 6070 · Meeting/Event Expenses	905.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.12	4,000.00	0.00	3,054.00	4,038.87	0.00	8,672.50	0.00	20,874.97
6090 · Photocopying	56.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.97	0.00	80.05
6100 · Postage/Freight	2,765.43	362.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	237.24	0.00	3,365.15
6110 · Printing	0.00	1,437.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,437.64
6115 · Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,413.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,413.14
6120 · Regional Overseer Compensation	9,616.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	13,216.91
6140 · Subscriptions/Publications	1,649.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,649.59
6150 · Superintendent Compensation	44,310.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44,310.00
6151 · Asst. Supt. Compensation	42,254.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,254.96
6155 · Superintendent Benefits	7,363.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,363.00
6156 · Asst. Supt. Benefits	10,347.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,347.40
6160 · Supplies	3,204.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	729.30	0.00	0.00	3,934.11
6170 · Telecommunications	4,112.86	2,184.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,296.86
6180 · Training/Education													
6185 · Prevention for Pastoral Care	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	2,100.00
6180 · Training/Education - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,061.58	10,750.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,998.60	0.00	3,106.00	19,916.18
Total 6180 · Training/Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,061.58	10,750.00	3,000.00	0.00	1,600.00	0.00	1,998.60	0.00	3,606.00	22,016.18
6190 · Travel	20,505.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.03	0.00	500.00	22,569.74
Total Expense	228,157.19	13,984.12	50,000.00	1,061.58	13,354.12	7,000.00	12,500.00	12,267.14	4,038.87	5,491.93	8,933.71	4,106.00	360,894.66
Net Income	228,552.23	-13,984.12	-50,000.00	-1,061.58	-13,354.12	-7,000.00	-12,500.00	-12,267.14	-4,038.87	-5,491.93	-6,848.71	-4,106.00	97,899.76
	-237,552.00	-13,800.00	-70,000.00	-2,000.00	-14,900.00	-7,000.00	-10,000.00	-26,750.00	-3,500.00	-11,200.00	-8,900.00	-4,000.00	-409,602.00
	9,394.81	-184.12	20,000.00	938.42	1,545.88	0.00	-2,500.00	14,482.86	-538.87	5,708.07	-33.71	-106.00	48,707.34
	2022 Expense Budget												
	Variance between actual and budgeted expenses												

**Western Conference
Statement of Activities
December 2022**

	Dec 22	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4010 · Tithes Received	60,110.46	444,434.28
4020 · Interest & Dividends	2,606.85	4,499.48
4030 · Misc. Income	-5,519.24	9,860.66
Total Income	57,198.07	458,794.42
Expense		
6010 · Church & Mission Support		
6012 · Restoration for Pastoral Health	0.00	200.00
6010 · Church & Mission Support - Other	2,000.00	12,500.00
Total 6010 · Church & Mission Support	2,000.00	12,700.00
6020 · Contract Services	1,433.86	24,086.34
6030 · Denomination Tithes	4,700.76	42,261.88
6040 · Dues & Fees	3.20	1,275.28
6050 · Grants	0.00	60,000.00
6060 · Insurance	0.00	13,441.46
6070 · Meeting/Event Expenses		
6071 · Annual Conference	0.00	1,092.89
6070 · Meeting/Event Expenses - Other	4,000.00	19,782.08
Total 6070 · Meeting/Event Expenses	4,000.00	20,874.97
6090 · Photocopying	33.41	80.05
6100 · Postage/Freight	304.19	3,365.15
6110 · Printing	0.00	1,437.64
6115 · Professional Fees		
6116 · Crisis for Pastoral Health	3,993.14	7,413.14
Total 6115 · Professional Fees	3,993.14	7,413.14
6120 · Regional Overseer Compensation	1,479.71	13,216.91
6140 · Subscriptions/Publications	314.99	1,649.59
6150 · Superintendent Compensation	3,692.50	44,310.00
6151 · Asst. Supt. Compensation	3,763.80	42,254.96
6155 · Superintendent Benefits	1,310.00	7,363.00
6156 · Asst. Supt. Benefits	914.24	10,347.40
6160 · Supplies	100.00	3,934.11
6170 · Telecommunications	955.13	6,296.86
6180 · Training/Education		
6185 · Prevention for Pastoral Care	600.00	2,100.00
6180 · Training/Education - Other	3,000.00	19,916.18
Total 6180 · Training/Education	3,600.00	22,016.18
6190 · Travel	10.65	22,569.74
Total Expense	32,609.58	360,894.66
Net Ordinary Income	24,588.49	97,899.76
Other Expense		
7155 · Expense-BOM Equity	-1,000.00	0.00
7157 · Expense-Positive Cash Flow	-10,000.00	0.00
7158 · Depreciation Expense	-8,500.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	-19,500.00	0.00
Net Income	44,088.49	97,899.76

**Western Conference
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2023**

Aug 31, 23

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1002 · FIB Checking	21,279.46
Total Checking/Savings	<u>21,279.46</u>
Total Current Assets	21,279.46
Fixed Assets	
1400 · Furniture & Equipment	57,596.00
1450 · Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-16,000.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	41,596.00
Other Assets	
1540 · WIF acct 8321 Church Planting	27,051.22
1550 · WIF Savings acct	<u>260,739.51</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>287,790.73</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>350,666.19</u></u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 · Accounts Payable	3,229.28
Total Accounts Payable	3,229.28
Other Current Liabilities	
2400 · Payroll Liabilities	240.98
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>240.98</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,470.26</u>
Total Liabilities	3,470.26
Equity	
3150 · Designated Fund Balances	
3152 · Fund Balance-Kingdom Expansion	27,051.22
3155 · Fund Balance-BOM Training	3,400.00
3156 · Fund Balance-Pastoral Care	10,152.50
3157 · Fund Balance-Positive Cash Flow	65,863.03
3158 · Fund Balance - Car Replacement	<u>16,000.00</u>
Total 3150 · Designated Fund Balances	122,466.75
3200 · Undesignated Fund Balance	269,661.69
Net Income	<u>-44,932.51</u>
Total Equity	<u>347,195.93</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>350,666.19</u></u>

Note 1: Kingdom Expansion Fund balance equals:

WIF - Church Planting	15,000.00
Interest	905.62
Oil Money Transferred to WIF	<u>11,145.60</u>
Total	<u><u>27,051.22</u></u>

Western Conference
Statement of Activities by Board
January through August 2023

	1-General Operations	2-Camping Board	3-Kingdom Expansion Board	4-Church Health Board	5-Ministry/ Training Board	6-Missions Board	7-Outreach Board	8-Pastoral Health Board	9-Prayer Board	10-Student Ministry Board	11-Women's Ministry Board	12- Discipleship Board	TOTAL
Income													
4010 · Tithes Received	254,457.29	9,166.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	263,623.29
4020 · Interest & Dividends	5,584.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,584.27
4025 · Book Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4030 · Misc. Income	2,572.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,572.78
Total Income	262,614.34	9,166.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	274,780.34
Expense													
6010 · Church & Mission Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,909.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,909.00
6020 · Contract Services	15,484.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,484.82
6030 · Denomination Tithes	29,889.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,889.67
6040 · Dues & Fees	98.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	122.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.98
6050 · Grants	0.00	0.00	70,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70,000.00
6060 · Insurance	10,861.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,861.65
6065 · Interest Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6070 · Meeting/Event Expenses	0.00	26,300.00	0.00	0.00	403.81	0.00	0.00	11,411.07	400.00	0.00	1,096.79	0.00	39,617.67
6080 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6090 · Photocopying	47.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.01
6100 · Postage/Freight	1,748.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,748.93
6110 · Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6115 · Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	475.00
6120 · Regional Overseer Compensation	6,168.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	6,968.82
6130 · Repair/Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6140 · Subscriptions/Publications	1,743.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,743.88
6150 · Superintendent Compensation	31,018.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,018.00
6151 · Asst. Supt. Compensation	25,488.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,488.13
6155 · Superintendent Benefits	3,903.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,903.00
6156 · Asst. Supt. Benefits	7,883.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,883.30
6160 · Supplies	968.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	709.21	0.00	0.00	1,677.99
6170 · Telecommunications	2,087.73	1,456.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,543.73
6180 · Training/Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,175.00	5,839.88	0.00	0.00	6,500.00	0.00	246.05	0.00	5,550.00	20,310.93
6190 · Travel	10,422.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,889.43	0.00	0.00	12,112.34
6600 · Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	147,523.61	27,756.00	70,000.00	2,175.00	6,249.69	0.00	11,909.00	18,508.07	400.00	3,444.89	1,196.79	5,550.00	294,712.85
Net Ordinary Income	115,090.73	-18,590.00	-70,000.00	-2,175.00	-6,249.69	0.00	-11,909.00	-15,508.07	-400.00	-3,444.89	-1,196.79	-5,550.00	-19,932.51
Other Expense													
7152 · Expense-Kingdom Expense Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7154 · Expense-Church Loan Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7155 · Expense-BOM Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7156 · Expense-Pastoral Care Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7157 · Expense-Positive Cash Flow	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
7158 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Net Income	115,090.73	-18,590.00	-95,000.00	-2,175.00	-6,249.69	0.00	-11,909.00	-15,508.07	-400.00	-3,444.89	-1,196.79	-5,550.00	-44,932.51
2023 Expense Budget	-244,726.00	-23,800.00	-70,000.00	-2,000.00	-14,900.00	-7,000.00	-10,000.00	-33,500.00	-4,000.00	-11,200.00	-8,500.00	-4,000.00	-433,626.00
Variance between actual and budgeted expenses	97,202.39	-3,956.00	0.00	-175.00	8,650.31	7,000.00	-1,909.00	14,991.93	3,600.00	7,755.31	7,303.21	-1,550.00	138,913.15

**Western Conference
Statement of Activities
August 2023**

	Aug 23	Jan - Aug 23
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4010 · Tithes Received	24,297.16	263,623.29
4020 · Interest & Dividends	0.00	5,584.27
4030 · Misc. Income	521.82	5,572.78
Total Income	24,818.98	274,780.34
Expense		
6010 · Church & Mission Support	1,000.00	11,909.00
6020 · Contract Services	1,300.00	15,484.82
6030 · Denomination Tithes	4,048.02	29,689.67
6040 · Dues & Fees	0.00	220.98
6050 · Grants	35,000.00	70,000.00
6060 · Insurance	1,036.81	10,961.65
6070 · Meeting/Event Expenses	460.75	39,617.67
6090 · Photocopying	0.00	96.61
6100 · Postage/Freight	0.00	1,797.33
6115 · Professional Fees		
6116 · Crisis for Pastoral Health	0.00	475.00
Total 6115 · Professional Fees	0.00	475.00
6120 · Regional Overseer Compensation	750.00	6,968.82
6140 · Subscriptions/Publications	214.86	1,743.88
6150 · Superintendent Compensation	3,877.25	31,018.00
6151 · Asst. Supt. Compensation	0.00	25,488.13
6155 · Superintendent Benefits	593.25	3,903.00
6156 · Asst. Supt. Benefits	963.49	7,683.30
6160 · Supplies	1,116.69	1,677.99
6170 · Telecommunications	723.10	3,553.73
6180 · Training/Education		
6185 · Prevention for Pastoral Care	0.00	6,500.00
6180 · Training/Education - Other	1,000.00	13,810.93
Total 6180 · Training/Education	1,000.00	20,310.93
6190 · Travel	871.41	12,112.34
Total Expense	52,955.63	294,712.85
Net Ordinary Income	-28,136.65	-19,932.51
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense		
7157 · Expense-Positive Cash Flow	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total Other Expense	25,000.00	25,000.00
Net Other Income	-25,000.00	-25,000.00
Net Income	-53,136.65	-44,932.51



CABINET & COUNCIL

RATIFY COUNCIL AND CABINET ACTIONS



CABINET MEETING

JUNE 29 2023

Members Present: Cory Engel, Paul McClintock, Lonnye Finneman, Brent Nymeyer

Whereas Central School of Ministry is connecting with Western Conference and whereas there is need for financial support to keep costs accessible for students be it resolved to grant them \$25,000 from the 2022 positive cash flow to support their ministry. M/S/C

Respectfully submitted,
Brent Nymeyer
Asst. Supt.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

MARCH 7 2023 | MEETING VIA ZOOM

- Members Present: Paul McClintock, Werner Seibert, Lonnye Finneman, Supt. Cory Engel, Bryan Baker, Paul Hansen, Susan Williams, Tucker Hibbs, Steve Strutz, Asst. Supt. Brent Nymeyer, Don Smith, Joe Addy, Jon Oakland, Leonard Dailey
- Opening Prayer – Brent
- Board Reports:
 - Outreach- Paul Hansen/Brent – update on local outreach and global missions.
 - Discipleship-Paul McClintock/Brent – update on conference discipleship initiative.
 - Camp update - Brent
 - Student Ministries update – Brent on behalf of Caleb Hamilton
 - Women's Ministry Update - Brent
 - Church Health- Bryan Baker
 - Pastoral Health- Susan Williams
 - Church Planting- Tucker Hibbs
 - Board of Ministry- Brent
 - Board of Administration- Lonnye Finneman

Positive Cash flow- \$66,363.03.

- Supt. Report- Cory Engel
 - Annual Report review
 - Celebration of Salvations/Baptisms! Group prayer of thanksgiving.
 - Church Transition Update
 - Denominational and Conference overview
 - Discussion about General Superintendent Role

Proposed Motions

- Motion to formally invite North Central churches to join Western Conference – M/S/C
 - Open budget to NC
 - Accept credentials
 - Create North Central Region with regional overseer
- Motion to revise organizational structure (see attached) with the understanding that Women's Ministry will be renamed to Pastor's Wives and then fall under Pastoral Health - M/S/C
- Motion to empower Cory to make decisions regarding Kirtland and Pine Tree – M/S/C

SPECIAL BOARD OF COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 23 2023 | MEETING VIA RING CENTRAL

Members Present: Bob Conover, Cory Engel, Jon Oakland, David Steinbron, Werner Seibert, Paul McClintock, Brent Nymeyer, Steve Strutz, Lonnye Finneman

Opening Discussion – Asst Supt Brent Nymeyer

- Discussion around Cory moving from P/T WC Superintendent to F/T WC Superintendent.
- Motion to increase superintendent salary package to: \$8,941 per month/\$107,292 per year for full-time status. M/S/C
- Motion: to set an annual housing allowance at \$24,180. M/S/C
- Motion to authorize an HSA or FSA and insurance benefit. M/S/C
- Motion to authorize retirement account \$6,415 (12% of base salary).
- Total salary package \$107,292. M/S/C
- Motion to take this year's salary difference out of positive cash flow. M/S/C

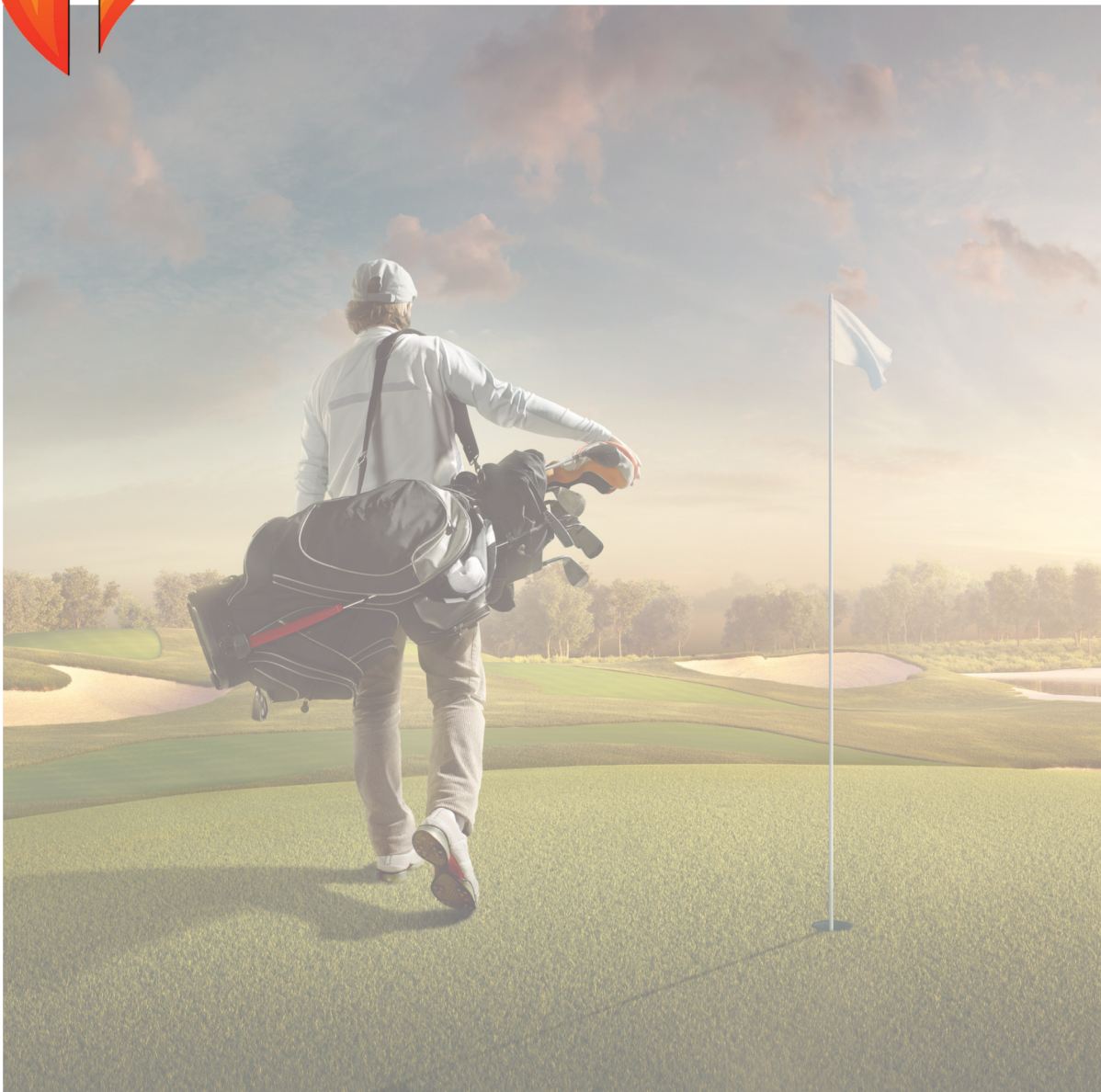
Respectfully Submitted

Paul McClintock

Secretary of the Western Conference



BALLOT



BALLOT 2024



Administration, Board of (3 year term)

Supt. Cory Engel, Asst. Supt. Brent Nymeyer, Jack Runner (2024), Leonard Daily (2024), Don Smith (2024), David Steinbron (2024), Bob Conover (2024), John Oakland (2025)

VOTE FOR ONE:

Lonnye Finneman _____

Outreach

Global -Paul Hansen Director(2024)
Local-Loren Eder Director(2024)
Seth Runner(2025), Greg Green(2025), Fred Rodda (2025)

Discipleship

Paul McClintock-Director(2025) Jonathan Waterbury(2025) Buz Hannon(2025)
Jesse Hey(2025) Rory Adams (2025) Leanne Swanson(2025)

Church Health

Bryan Baker- Director (2024), Bob Schwann (2025), Mike Daniels(2025), Loren Eder(2025)

Pastoral Health (4 year term)

Susan Williams- Director (2026), Peter Holmes (2026), Gery Helsby (2026), Dwight Engel (2026), Tim Wiedlich (2024), Seth Runner (2025)

VOTE FOR TWO:

Rachel Finneman Clay Massar _____

Church Planting (4 year term)

Ben Bogardus (2024), Matt Jones(2024), Brandon Edwards (2025), Steve Strutz (2025), Olivia Allen (2025) Tucker Hibbs (2026), Alex Erlenbush (2026), Allan Coldwell (2026)

VOTE FOR ONE:

Andrew Anderson _____

BALLOT 2024



Credentialing

Board of Ministry (fulfills term through 2024)

Andy Hazelet, Director (2024) Supt. Cory Engel, Asst. Supt. Brent Nymeyer (2024), Vern Streater (2024), Bryan Baker (2024), Steve Strutz (2024), Dave Hixon (2024), Michael Sweet (2024)

VOTE FOR ONE:

Jeremy Kochendorfer _____

Judicial Committee (5 year term)

Dwight Engel (2024), Bob Conover (2025), Fred Rodda (2026) Jack Runner (2027)

VOTE FOR ONE:

Steve Strutz _____

Superintendent Relations Committee (4 year team)

Bryan Baker, Director (2025), Werner Seibert (2025), Lisa Forseth (2025)

VOTE FOR THREE:

Dave Collins Rory Adams Nicole Baker _____

Connection

Regional overseers

Native – Joe Addy, Remote- Steve Strutz, Yellowstone- Brent Nymeyer, Stillwater- Werner Seibert, Eastern MT- David Steinbron, Western MT- Paul Hansen

Denominational officers

Supt. Cory Engel, Asst. Supt. Brent Nymeyer, Bryan Baker, Michael Stambaugh, Seth Runner, Paul McClintock, Paul Hansen, Andy Hazelet

Women's Ministry- April Fournier, Director (2024)

Student Ministry- Phillip Breaux, Director (2026)

Camping- Phillip Breaux, Director (2026)

Summit- Supt. Cory Engel



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Corban Erbele/probationer



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OUTREACH - Paul Hansen

PASTORAL HEALTH | Susan Williams

CHURCH PLANTING | Joe Addy

GLOBAL OUTREACH | PAUL HANSEN

The purpose and intention of the Western Conference's Global Outreach resourcing to conference churches is to assist and support development and effectiveness of each churches efforts to fulfill our task to make disciples of all nations and maintain a global mindset through involvement in what God is doing not just locally, but literally around the world. The resources we have available are intended to assist with strategy and action through coaching and as well as networking, as well as supporting and fostering partnerships among Conference churches to work together in reaching the world. We also desire to help connect churches to missionaries and/or missions agencies and organizations that will help them meet what God is calling them to do and be a part in expanding the Kingdom globally.

2023 obviously has been a transitional year for our Denomination, and that brought with it a significant change to our Denomination's missions entity, Evangelical Church Missions. At the end of this year and with the upcoming General Conference special session in January (2024), ECM as an organization will officially be dissolved. However, the ministry and missionaries are continuing their work in Bolivia and Liberia, now under the oversight and umbrella of World Partners (the missions wing of The Missionary Church). Many Western Conference churches and members of their churches have supported the missionaries and the mission fields associated with ECM. We encourage you all to continue your support and involvement with this work (the ministry has not changed, just the organization it is under). While not officially connected to us denominationally, we believe wholeheartedly in the fruitfulness of these ministries and look forward to being a part of what God is doing through them. The ministry of CDR (City of Refuge) started by Western Conference connected people (JJ & Randi Guerrero), also will continue in Bolivia; however they have elected to come under the oversight of Grace Bible Church in Laurel, MT rather than associating with World Partners.

Coming in 2024 we look forward to continuing to support and network Conference churches together, provide access to coaching and development of your missions strategies, connecting you to opportunities and organizations that align with your heart for the world. Also, be on the lookout for information on a Pastor's Vision Trip in the coming year!

CHURCH HEALTH | SUSAN WILLIAMS

The goal of the Board of Pastoral Health is to ensure that pastors and pastors' wives have access to the pastoral care they need for themselves and their families, and to support them in ministry and in the growth of their spiritual and emotional health. This can extend also to our retired and former pastors.

We recognize that both pastors and pastors' wives are in the front line of ministry, providing support to a wide range of people, often in very challenging circumstances. For a variety of reasons, accessing support for themselves can be equally challenging and is often a much lower priority than it should be. As pastors our call is to others, and we often miss that to fulfill that call well, we also need to make it a priority that we and our families get an abundance of the support we need.

The Board of Pastoral Health wants to encourage every pastor and pastor's wife to reach out for extra support, whenever it might be needed. Ideally this is best done early on, before a situation becomes a crisis, often even before it becomes a problem. But that is not always possible, so there is always provision for urgent support when it is needed.

Our provision falls broadly into three areas:

1. Prevention & Renewal through:

- Funding sabbaticals, with the support of a coach or mentor to ensure the goals of the sabbatical can be clearly identified and well-achieved.
- Offering to any pastor or pastor's wife a coaching / leadership development / counselling session each year, focusing on spiritual and emotional health
- Funding for Retreats for Pastors and Pastor's Wives

2. Crisis & Response through

- Providing or funding counselling, pastoral support and specialist provision whenever it is needed

3. Restoration through

- Provision of a proactive restoration program when needed

Each pastor or pastor's wife can choose how they receive their support. This might be through members of the Board of Pastoral Health, through the services of Finding Freedom (Peter Holmes and Susan Williams) or through another organization or experienced individual. Support is always provided confidentially.

During 2023

There has been less demand this year to date on the resources of the Board of Pastoral Health than in several previous years. Regular pastoral care needs seem to be being well-met within the pre-existing relationships of regional and specialism networks and churches, with the support of the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent, which is very encouraging.

CHURCH HEALTH | Continued

Prevention & Renewal: To date this year support for sabbaticals and a retreat has been provided to 4 pastors and a ministry team, as well as the Pastors & Wives Retreat. Several pastors have made use of the coaching/leadership development/counselling initiative. This has been provided by one member of the Board of Pastoral Health and by Finding Freedom.

Crisis & Response: Support has been directly provided by Finding Freedom to 7 pastors and 5 pastor's wives. Additionally financial support has been provided to 1 pastor for separate counselling.

Restoration: There has been no need for the services of this part of our work.

Any enquiries for the Board of Pastoral Health can be sent to Susan.Williams@findingfreedom.solutions or through the Conference website or the Conference Superintendent.

CHURCH PLANTING | JOE ADDY

STRONG LIFE OUTREACH

GREAT FALLS Location

1. Monthly Services

We are continuing to do monthly Native American family services in Great Falls. We have grown a faithful and consistent base of families that participate in the services every month. We have anywhere between 15-30 folks that come each month. And occasionally, we'll have 50-75 individuals that will come to our services each month. The response for prayer and growing in Christ has been very positive as well. As we were able to baptize a Native American mother in the late spring and have had conversations with other individuals that are interested in getting bapsized as well. And we are having more interactions with individuals that are requesting prayer and wanting more information about our church and spiritual matters.

So the consistency and growth of individuals through our monthly services is exciting and I'm hopeful for continued growth into the future.

2. Food Distribution

We are doing monthly food distributions for needy Native American families in and around the Great Falls area. We have been able to bless and encourage over 20 families this past year with monthly food delivery to their homes.

Our hope with the food distribution ministry is to bless families in need, but also to connect with them where they are at, in their homes. We desire to establish long term relationships with them and provide prayer and support to them as we deliver the food to their homes.

Several of the families that we have connected with through food distribution have requested prayer and have attended our monthly service quite faithfully throughout the year. So, our goal to love, bless, connect and grow these families into fully devoted followers of Jesus is off to a good start.

3. Sports/Fitness Outreach

We have and continue to offer several sports and fitness outreach events to Native American families in and around Great Falls.

Basketball Camp:

We have been able to bless the Native American youth through offering a basketball camp this past summer. The camp was a great success as around 25 Native youth attended the event. They received great basketball skills, but also prayer and a message of hope about Christ.

CHURCH PLANTING | Continued

Fitness Classes:

We have offered several after school fitness classes and soccer clinics to Native youth. These classes have been a great way to get them exercise and on the path to healthy living. All the while speaking into their lives the love and hope of Christ.

In addition, we were able to offer several adult fitness classes to area Native families. These classes really focused on strength, cardio and defense training. With the high number of Native American women that have been abused or trafficked, we wanted to offer a solution to this epidemic and brought in a certified fitness trainer with expertise on defense strategies.

We hope to offer more of these in the future, but they have been highly successful and a blessing to those that have attended the classes.

4. Care Ministry

Counseling

We offer counseling and mental health sessions with Native American families, when they need it. We currently counsel a few Native American males that are struggling to find success off the reservation. We do this within a Biblical context and hope that it not only supports them in their desire to succeed, but also in helping them take one step closer to Jesus in their lives.

Hospital Visits

One of the core values of our ministry is prayer. And with that focus comes a lot of opportunity to pray with Native American families during a health crisis. So, we do a lot of hospital visits and prayer for those with health needs. And, with Great Falls being a hub and center for health related issues for 3 reservations, there are many needs in this area. And we have been able to offer support and prayer for many of these families throughout the year.

Meeting Basic Needs for Families

A focus of our ministry is to live out the call from Jesus in Matthew 25:35-37 to feed and clothe and care for those in need. And many of those needs arise within the Native American community. So, we are committed to finding home furnishing, helping fix basic home repairs and the like. And we have had many opportunities to do those tasks for families throughout the year. And with that, comes times of spiritual connection and prayer.

So, this has been and will continue to be a part of our care ministry towards the Native American communities going forward.

CHURCH PLANTING |Continued

FORT BELKNAP Location

Monthly Services

We do a monthly service on the reservation at a local community center. And in similar fashion as Great Falls, we are experiencing a consistent and faithful group of families that are attending our services on a regular basis. It has been a great blessing to see them show up every month and engage in our services through singing, praying and interacting.

Our services have grown from only a couple in the first few services, to a healthy 20-30 individuals on a typical Sunday.

The reservation congregation is also actively looking to buy some land and building a church on that property some day. And it's exciting to see their desire for the church to grow and develop into something more robust in the future.

Food Distribution and Discipleship

We have the opportunity to distribute food, pray and disciple individuals on the reservation each month. This allows us to go into their homes, and provide necessary physical and spiritual food for their souls. It has been a great blessing to meet new families and show them the love of Christ through prayer and food distribution.

Sports and Fitness

We also get the opportunity to interact and impact the youth on the reservation through sports outreach. This year we have the opportunity to use the Hays High School gymnasium to do a basketball camp for the area youth. And with that, the ability to speak the love of Christ into their lives through basketball, Bible and devotional distribution and prayer.

There has been a lot of suicide and substance abuse among the youth and we hope to direct them into something positive for their bodies and souls.

We want to thank you all for your continued prayer and support for our Native American outreach ministry here in Great Falls and the Fort Belknap Reservation.

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES



BOARD OF MINISTRY MINUTES

MARCH 6 2023

Members present: Supt. Cory Engel, Asst. Supt. Brent Nymeyer, Steve Strutz, Bryan Baker, Michael Sweet, David Hixon, Andy Hazelet.

Whereas Eric Swanke has passed the probationer's exam, be it resolved that he be recommended to the Annual Conference to receive his probationer's license.

Whereas Nolan Crooks has passed the doctrinal exam, be it resolved that he be recommended to the Annual Conference for Ordination.

Whereas Journey Schatz has completed the initial interview, be it resolved that he be listed as a ministerial student with Andy Hazelet as his advisor.

Whereas Corban Erbele has not completed the restoration process with the Big Timber Church, be it resolved that his probationer's license be suspended until Annual Conference, be it further resolved that he be referred to the Board of Pastoral Health to complete the restoration process before his credentials are restored.

Whereas Andy Hazelet has resigned from being Chairman of the Board of Ministry, be it resolved that Brent Nymeyer replace him as chairperson.

Whereas there may be some transfer of credentials from other conferences, be it resolved that we follow the Discipline and receive their credentials upon receiving a letter stating they are in good standing from their current Board of ministry.

There was a suggestion to create a list of recommended Colleges or Seminaries for Candidates to attend.

We reviewed the grievance process and affirmed its use as described in the Discipline.

It was suggested that we clarify our understanding of entire sanctification and how we express it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brent Nymeyer

BOARD OF MINISTRY MINUTES

JULY 7 2023

Members present: Bryan Baker, Steve Strutz, Andy Hazelet, Michael Sweet, Cory Engel, Brent Nymeyer

Whereas Sam Brackett has completed the probationer's exam be it resolved that he be recommended to receive his probationer's license at the next Annual Conference.

Whereas Gary Lidell has completed the probationer's exam be it resolved that he be recommended to receive his probationer's license at the next Annual Conference.

Whereas Journey Schatz has completed the probationer's exam be it resolved that he be recommended to receive his probationer's license at the next Annual Conference.

Whereas Leanne Swanson has completed the doctrinal exam be it resolved that she be recommended to be commissioned into discipleship at the next Annual Conference

Whereas Matt Jones has completed the doctrinal exam be it resolved that he be recommended for ordination at the next Annual Conference.

Whereas Buz Hannon has completed the doctrinal exam be it resolved that he be recommended for ordination at the next Annual Conference.

Whereas we are receiving credential from North Central Conference be it resolved to invite Jeremy Kochendorfer and Mike Lotzer to be advisory members of the BOM beginning in October.

Whereas Jack Runner has served the Conference faithfully as an elder for many years be it resolved that he be granted retirement status.

Whereas, Marvin Schieldt has served the Conference faithfully as an elder for many years be it resolved that he be granted retirement status.

Whereas Corban Erbele is no longer serving in an Evangelical Church be it resolved that he will not have his probationer's license renewed at Annual Conference.

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