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**2001**

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## *New Church*

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*Church Building*



*Delegate Lewis (left), Kay and Gabriel Willard  
Pastor Ralph, Edward & Carolyn Ritter,*

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## In Memory of



### **Robert F. Johnson**

August 4, 1934 - June 20, 2000

Robert F. Johnson was born in Shamokin, PA, the son of Ira and Eva Johnson. He graduated from Coal Township High School and Berean Bible School. He was married to Sara B. Gehman in 1956. They had three children: Rod L., Cindy Dare, and Tammy Gehman.

He was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1961. As pastor, he served in the Scranton, Royersford, Bethlehem, and Cedar Crest BF Churches. He was very involved in a number of BFC Boards and Committees including: Board of Directors, of the BFC; Ministerial Candidate Committee, Ministerial Relations Committee, Church Extension Board, Christian Education Committee, Nominating Committee, and Board of Directors of Pinebrook Bible Conference.

Pastor Johnson was greatly loved by his congregations for his pastor's heart, warmth for his people, his preaching with



excellence, and especially his passion for souls. He was well-known as a man of integrity and a champion of the truth. He knew the truth, spoke the truth, and lived the truth.

During a memorial service attended by several hundred, held on June 26, 2000, members of his family paid him this tribute: “Our father was a giant among men. Not because he was big in stature, but because he was big in his beliefs. Anyone who really knew dad knew him as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and pastor. He loved God and all His people. He was at peace with his life and his ‘new address in Heaven’ as he called it. Our dad was a very competitive man as those who competed with him can attest, whether it was shooting clay birds, hunting and fishing, or racing go-carts. In that competitive nature our dad ran the good race, fought the good fight, won the last lap, and stood a giant when he was called Home.”

A verse of Scripture which he often quoted and lived convincingly is, “*For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*” (*Philippians 1:21*).

**In Memory of**  
**Henry A. Schell**  
Died: June 19, 2000

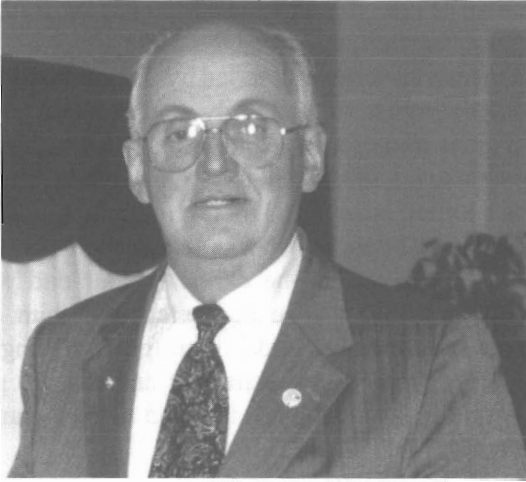
Henry A. Schell was in his sixty-ninth year when he went to his eternal reward.

Pastor Schell’s Bible Fellowship Church ministry consisted of his work as the founding pastor of the New Life BFC, Oley, PA. He served there from 1978 until 1982. He then served at an independent church in Deptford, NJ, and churches with the Evangelical Congregational denomination in Shamokin and Tamaqua.

He retired in 1997 to Whiting, NJ. Schell is survived by his wife, Virginia, and four children: Mark, Karen, Jennifer, and Dwight.

Henry was known as a faithful and concerned pastor always asking about one’s spiritual progress. He was a good promoter of missions and served many years on the Board of Directors of the Ramabai Mukti Mission. In later years, he also was heavily involved with the ministry of Keswick Bible Conference.

## In Memory of



### **Bernard N. Coble**

August 30, 1940 - May 4, 2000

Bernard N. Coble was born to Neil and Rudy (Newkirk) Coble on August 30, 1940 in Newton, KA. As one of three sons, Bernie and his family moved to Colorado when he was still a child and he grew up in Brighton, east of Denver. While growing up, he began to attend Camp Id Ra Ha Je (“I’d Rather Have Jesus”) in the mountains of Colorado. It was at this camp that Bernie responded to God’s call to salvation when he was just 12 years old. He worked and served at this camp each summer until 1960, growing in the Lord and learning much about serving Him through the ministry of the camp.

Sensing God’s call on his life, Bernie attended Bob Jones University where he was graduated with a B.S. in Bible. While at Bob Jones, he met his life-partner, Marilyn (nee Miller) of Falls, PA. On June 9, 1962, Bernie and Marilyn were united in marriage and began their life of service to the Lord together. After their marriage, they returned to the camp where he had been saved as a child and served the Lord there for a brief time.

God led Bernie and Marilyn into the pastoral ministry shortly after their marriage. Bernie served as assistant pastor at the

Osterhout Bible Church near Tunkhannock, PA, for a number of years. He also pastored at Lake Sherident Union Chapel just north of Clarks Summit, PA.

In 1971 Bernie became associated with the BFC when he became the pastor of the Calvary BFC in Scranton, PA. While in Scranton, he felt God's direction toward further training in ministry and he took graduate work at Baptist Bible Seminary in Clarks Summit, PA. From Scranton, Bernie was called to the Salem BFC in Lehighton, PA, where he served as pastor for a number of years.

During these years, Bernie and Marilyn were blessed with three children: Barbara (Chodan), Tim, and Evie (Brown). At the time of his death, they also enjoyed the blessing of five grandchildren.

After serving in pastoral ministry for over 20 years, Bernie felt God's call to Pinebrook Bible Conference and Retreat Center to serve in a ministry similar to that which God used to bring Bernie to salvation many years earlier. He served faithfully at Pinebrook for about 10 years. While at Pinebrook, Bernie and Marilyn were led to become a part of the Berean BFC in Stroudsburg, PA, where they remained active until his death.

After Pinebrook, Bernie worked at Adventis Pasteur in Swiftwater, PA. He was diagnosed with cancer in July of 1995 but continued to work and serve until his death.

Many testimonies have been spoken concerning his life and witness by those from his church family as well as co-workers. Someone put it well when they said, "The way he faced cancer and impending death was instructive and challenging to God's people and his family. His attitude was concern for his wife and family coupled with eagerness for the presence of his Savior."

Bernie longed that Christ be exalted both in his life and death. He entered the presence of the Lord on May 4, 2000, moving from his home in Saylorsburg, PA to his eternal home in Heaven. At his memorial service, his favorite hymn, *It Is Well With My Soul*, gave clear testimony concerning his life and ministry. Perhaps, the words of his loving wife bring this to a fitting close - "Although he is missed so much, he is with the Lord and we will be reunited one day."

## *Directory of Boards and Committees*

### Directory of Boards

#### **Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church**

- (2002) Randall A. Grossman, Horace A. Kauffman, L. James Roberts, Jr.
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- (2003) W. David Armstrong, John C. Elias, William G. Schlonecker, William R. Singletary
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- (2004) Ellis Lee Hostetter, Keith E. Plows, Thomas P. Shorb

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- (2002) LeRoy S. Heller, Robin A. Musselman, Henry U. Sandt, Robert W. Smock
- (2003) William H. Bartron, Glenn D. Ruoss, Dennis W. Spinney, Hans R. Waldvogel
- (2004) David W. Cole, Roger L. Reitz, Dean A. Stortz, John W. Trauch
- President: Robert H. Zentz  
 Chairman: LeRoy S. Heller  
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 Secretary: William H. Bartron  
 Treasurer: John W. Trauch

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- (2002) David T. Allen, Alva C. Cassel, LeRoy O. Herb
- (2003) Lee E. Boyles, Charles E. Cole, Roger L. Reitz, Gerald L. Schlonecker, Hans R. Waldvogel
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- (2002) LeRoy O. Herb, Ralph M. Soper
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- (2002) Dennis J. Lawrence, William G. Schlonecker, Dennis W. Spinney  
(2003) Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Jonathan D. Reynolds, David L. Weller  
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- (2002) Stephen C. Cassel, G. Wayne Clapier  
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Vice Chairman - Andrew J. Crossgrove  
Secretary - Timothy D. Weaber  
Treasurer - Billy J. Dunn



*Committee Report: Study Committee on Divorce as it relates to Eldership*

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 (2004) Dennis M. Cahill, LeRoy S. Heller  
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       Secretary - David A. Thomann

### Committee on Ministerial Candidates

- (2002) Calvin T. Reed, Richard E. Taylor  
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       Secretary - Richard E. Taylor

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- (2002) Douglas D. Bowne, Thomas P. Shorb, Byron Widger  
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 (2005) Ronald C. Mahurin, Ronald W. Reed  
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Secretary - Randall A. Grossman

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Secretary - Richard T. Paashaus



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C. Larry Bennett, Zionsville, PA; Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Terre Hill, PA  
Leland C. Stauff, Quakertown, PA; Kevin W. Clineff, Spring City, PA*



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### Agenda and Program Committee

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Thomas P. Shorb, William G. Schlonecker (Chairman of the  
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Vice Chairman - Carl C. Cassel  
Secretary - David A. Thomann

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Secretary - David E. Gundrum

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Secretary - John C. Studenroth

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### Study Committee on Credentials and Multi Staff Churches

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Chairman - Carl J. Fischer, Jr

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From Board of Missions: Dana E. Weller, Donald S. Faust  
Chairman - David E. Gundrum

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Treasurer - Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.

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(2004) John L. English  
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Vice Chairman: J. Mark McCreary, Jr.  
Treasurer: Daniel G. Oswald

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L. James Roberts, Jr., C. Robert Roth, Russell M. Ruch, Thomas  
P. Shorb, Karen R. Stull, Robert H. Zentz

## Table of Ordained Ministers

<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Year of BFC License</u>	<u>Year of Ordination</u>	<u>Year of Present Status</u>
Allen, Daniel P.	1982	1979	1982
Armstrong, W. David, Jr.	1985	1987	1989
Arnold, Jonathon W., Sr.	1994	1997	2000
Baker, Delbert, R. II	1976	1979	1975
Bartron, William H.	1973	1975	1987
Bomgardner, Clyde D. Jr.	1997	2000	1997
Brush, R. Jerome	1988	1992	1991
Cahill, Dennis M.	1986	1984	1986
Cassel, Alva C.	1958	1962	1986
Clapier, G. Wayne	1980	1981	1980
Cole, Charles E	1996	1970	1996
Commerford, Robert S.	1984	1986	1982
Cooper, Brian H.	1996	1998	1996
Coulbourn, Hugh C., Jr.	1977	1970	1976
Cowen, Timothy S.	1997	2000	1997
Erb, Ronald C.	1981	1983	1987
Fischer, Carl J., Jr.	1990	1985	1992
Grossman, Randall A.	1981	1983	1990
Gundrum, David E.	1986	1988	2000
Harris, Richard D.	1976	1978	1988
Heineman, David N.	1996	1993	1999
Heller, LeRoy S.	1955	1958	1995
Keeler, Kenneth D.	1982	1985	2000
Lawrence, Dennis J.	1993	1996	1999
Mahurin, Ronald C.	1960	1959	1977
McCreary, J. Mark	1993	1996	1999
Morrison, Mark L.	1996	1999	1996
Paashaus, Richard T.	1988	1990	1976
Phillips, D. Thomas	1971	1976	1992
Prontnicki, Louis	1983	1985	1990
Ramos, Elliot H.	1998	2001	1999
Ravis, Richard B.	1990	1985	2001
Reed, Calvin T.	1982	1984	1983
Reitz, Roger L.	1972	1974	1993
Ritter, Ralph E.	1991	1994	2000
Ruhl, Jeffrey L.	1997	2000	1997
Schlonecker, William G.	1985	1988	1984
Schoen, David N.	1982	1987	1987
Shorb, Thomas P.	1977	1979	2001
Sloan, Robert A., Jr.	1988	1986	1988
Smith, Gene W.	1991	1978	1992
Soper, Ralph M.	1985	1987	1995
Spackman, Carl K	1969	1971	2000

<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Year of BFC License</u>	<u>Year of Ordination</u>	<u>Year of Present Status</u>
Spinney, Dennis W.	1984	1993	1988
Stortz, Dean A.	1983	1986	1988
Susek, Jacob J., Jr.	1994	1983	1993
Tait, Jonathan P.	1994	1996	1996
Taylor, Richard E.	1973	1975	1982
Thomann, David A.	1978	1977	1987
Uhrich Gregory A.	1989	1983	2001
Vandegriff, John C., Jr.	1974	1972	1993
Vivona, Allan R.	1992	1971	2000
Watkins, David J.	1962	1965	1989
Weller, Dana E.	1972	1974	1995
Wells, Howard N.	1990	1992	1990
Wickstead, James A.	1976	1981	1976
Widger, Byron	1985	1988	1995

**Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy under the Sponsorship of the BFC**

Hurst, Kenneth J.	1998	2000	2000
Minsky, Barry J.	1980	1966	1982
Moyer, Richard A	1995	2000	1999

**Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries**

Bigley, T. James, Jr.	1962	1966	
Ellingson, Bruce A.	1963	1966	1991
Martin, Carl T.	1983	1986	1997

**Ordained Ministers Between Calls**

Batchler, James R., Jr.	1976	1979	1993
Beil, Thomas J.	1993	1996	1997
Byrd, Terris L.	1969	1972	1988
Dommel, Albert J.	1982	1984	1991
Herb, John H.	1962	1966	1989
Jones, David H.	1978	1983	1994
Trommler, Steven L.	1984	1986	2000
Way, David R.	1989	1993	2001

<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Year of BFC License</u>	<u>Year of Ordination</u>	<u>Year of Present Status</u>
<b><u>Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence</u></b>			
Burnett, Raymond G.	1984	1972	1993
Frable, Arthur H., Jr.	1969	1971	1999
Good, Kenneth L.	1975	1977	2000
MacMillan, Thomas S.	1983	1986	1990
Neher, James E.	1987	1989	2000
Smith, Larry M.	1989	1990	1993
<b><u>Ordained Ministers in Retirement</u></b>			
Barber, Kenneth F.	1985	1971	2001
Beil, James A.	1959	1962	1998
Brosius, Bert N.	1958	1961	1998
Buck, Leonard E.	1958	1970	1997
Cassel, Carl C.	1956	1959	1993
Cassel, Willard E.	1943	1946	1988
Dotts, Raymond R.	1960	1965	1999
Draper, Robert L.	1972	1973	1994
Dunn, John	1941	1950	1979
Frank, Walter H.	1939	1961	1989
Fritz, Harvey J., Jr.	1959	1962	1995
Gordon, Robert N.	1960	1960	1998
Harley, J. Barclay	1956	1960	1997
Hartman, Jansen E.	1942	1946	1990
Herb, Frank L., Jr.	1954	1957	1991
Herb, George E.	1957	1960	1989
Hertzog, Roy A.	1959	1968	1997
Hoyle, Ronald W.	1978	1954	1998
Kirkwood, Donald T.	1951	1954	1971
Koch, James G.	1950	1953	1997
Moyer, Edward		1970	2000
Mull, William W.	1968	1950	1994
Munyan, Edgar H.	1989	1955	1993
Plows, Keith E.	1966	1968	2000
Reichenbach, R. C.	1937	1941	1982
Riggall, John H.	1945	1948	1982
Seifert, A. L.	1950	1953	1990
Shelly, Austin G.	1956	1961	1995
Smock, Robert W.	1950	1953	1993
Thomann, David E.	1943	1946	1982
Weaber, Harold C.	1963	1967	1998
Yarrington, Harold D.	1942	1952	1987
Ziegler, Daniel G.	1960	1963	2000

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Year of BFC License</b>	<b>Year of Ordination</b>	<b>Year of Present Status</b>
<b>Ordained Ministers under the Direction of the Board of Missions</b>			
Aukamp, William C.	1985	1988	1986
Boone, Clifford B.	1989	1992	1991
Denlinger, Ronald K.	1994	1997	2000
Gehman, Richard J.	1964	1971	1966
Harding, W. Neil, Jr.	1983	1993	1993
Head, Jim D.	1994	1996	1998
Johnston, Walter M.	1987	1987	1991
Lea, Herbert K.	1980	1982	1994
Manney, David L.		1976	1999
Morrison, Philip E.	1980	1982	1993
Moyer, Duane	1998	2001	2001
Moyer, Jerry L.	1992	1994	1997
Pollock, Thomas A.	1996	1999	1990
Riddell, David W.	1985	1987	1987
Studenroth, John C.	1991	1976	2000
Yerrington, Philip E.	1978	1981	1981
Zimmerman, Paul G.	1966	1971	1988

### **Easter Dates - 21st Century**

31 March 2002	28 March 2027	21 April 2052	11 April 2077
20 April 2003	16 April 2028	6 April 2053	3 April 2078
11 April 2004	1 April 2029	29 March 2054	23 April 2079
27 March 2005	21 April 2030	18 April 2055	7 April 2080
16 April 2006	13 April 2031	2nd April 2056	30 March 2081
8 April 2007	28 March 2032	22nd April 2057	19 April 2082
23 March 2008	17 April 2033	14 April 2058	4 April 2083
12 April 2009	9 April 2034	30 March 2059	26 March 2084
4 April 2010	25 March 2035	18 April 2060	15 April 2085
24 April 2011	13 April 2036	10 April 2061	31 March 2086
8 April 2012	5 April 2037	26 March 2062	20 April 2087
31 March 2013	25 April 2038	15 April 2063	11 April 2088
20 April 2014	10 April 2039	6 April 2064	3 April 2089
5 April 2015	1 April 2040	29 March 2065	16 April 2090
27 March 2016	21 April 2041	11 April 2066	8 April 2091
16 April 2017	6 April 2042	3 April 2067	30 March 2092
1 April 2018	29 March 2043	22nd April 2068	12 April 2093
21 April 2019	17 April 2044	14 April 2069	4 April 2094
12 April 2020	9 April 2045	30 March 2070	24 April 2095
4 April 2021	25 March 2046	19 April 2071	15 April 2096
17 April 2022	14 April 2047	10 April 2072	31 March 2097
9 April 2023	5 April 2048	26 March 2073	20 April 2098
31 March 2024	18 April 2049	15 April 2074	12 April 2099
20 April 2025	10 April 2050	7 April 2075	28 March 2100
5 April 2026	2 April 2051	19 April 2076	

## **A Look Back:**

### *From the Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference October 4-7, 1901*

One hundred years ago, our spiritual fathers met for the 18th Annual Conference for many of the same reasons that we gathered at Pinebrook Bible Conference for the 118th Annual Conference. They reviewed the work of the denomination and made decisions concerning the ministry of the various committees. Some things have changed since that meeting. Some things have not.

The brethren of 1901 met at Ebenezer Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church in Bethlehem on Friday morning, October 4. The pastors and delegates entered the meeting place, greeted each other and took their places. The meeting began promptly at 8:00 a.m. They were all ready. None of them wanted to be late.

Singing, praying and preaching were first on the agenda. W. B. Musselman was elected chairman and went right to it. He gave a "very practical and encouraging address on Psalm 133." A prayer time followed "for the blessing of God and the guidance of the Holy Ghost during this conference session."

Sixteen ordained men answered the roll call. Only two ordained men were absent. They were joined by seven probationers. Sixteen delegates from the churches were present to represent their congregations. Only one delegate was absent. The bar was set at two pews and the two amen corners. Tables, microphones and pages were not needed.

The business of the 18th Annual Conference was pretty routine. They met from 8 until 11:30 in the morning and left for the hospitality of the folks of Bethlehem. After lunch, promptly at 1 p.m., they began again and continued until 5 p.m.. They were off to the homes of their hosts where good food and spiritual conversation waited. No meetings were to be held in the evening. That was the routine schedule. The by-laws made no provision for evening meetings. However, they did meet on Saturday night. They had to be



careful not to go too long because of the big day ahead.

A feature of Annual Conference 100 years ago which is not part now was the Sunday Services. On Sunday, a spiritual feast was available. It was full day. W. G. Gehman taught the Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., H. B. Musselman preached what was called the Conference Sermon on *1 Corinthians 4:1-2* in which he detailed the duties and responsibilities of the pastor. After lunch, at 2:30 p.m., C. H. Brunner preached an ordination sermon from *Romans 1:14, 16*. He focused on the life of Paul. After his message, E. T. Shick and W. W. Zimmerman were ordained. It was reported, "This part of the service was very touching. The Lord melted their hearts as well as many others." After supper, all returned for a praise service and another sermon, this time from W. B. Musselman, on the new commandment of *John 13:34*. "The church was crowded all day and the Lord's presence was manifested in power and glory."

The Annual Conference ended on Monday afternoon with a flurry of resolutions and a desire to get back home. A few of their number would go home and pack their belongings and move to a new field. Most would go back and take up where they left off.

The Conference made provision to print 200 Yearbooks. They would be eagerly read by the people who wanted to know what happened. They would allow us to know what they did during those days.

The secretary records the familiar sounds of the end:

"As a token of the appreciation of the services and wise counsel of our beloved Chairman during this Conference a rising vote of thanks was tendered him."

"A rising vote of thanks was tendered the brothers and sisters of Bethlehem for their kindness and the hospitable entertainment the Conference received during its session. Truly we must confess that the Lord led the Conference. Many precious lessons were learned. The officers, pastors and workers were more united than ever, and in the name of the Lord we will go to our field of labor, suffering, testing, as well as victory and blessing with better courage than ever, endeavoring to stand true to each other, lift up the standard until He that shall come, will come. Amen."

# 118th Annual Conference Snap-Shots

**Dinner-time**



**Break-time**



**Work-time**



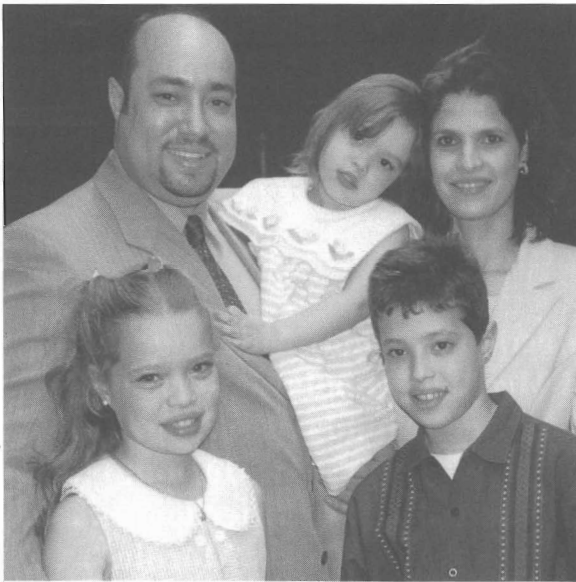
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## Ordination - 2001



*Missionary Duane E. & Joetta Moyer  
Children (left to right): Amanda, Justin, Caleb*



*Elliot H. & Damaris Ramos  
Children (left to right) Damairam, Gabriela, Elliot*

## *Annual Conference Proceedings - 2001* *First Meeting*

**Monday Morning, April 23, 2001, 10:00 AM**

The 118th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church was called to order by the Chairman, Randall A. Grossman, at Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, PA. The Chairman led the body in the opening prayer. Richard T. Paashaus led the conference in a time of worship which included a call to worship (from Psalm 136), singing of hymns, prayer and Scripture reading (Acts 9:1-22). The conference sang *Amazing Grace* after which the Chairman spoke on “Grace That Saves” as illustrated in the conversion and life of the Apostle Paul. The conference responded by singing the refrain to *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*. The Vice Chairman, William G. Schlonecker, closed the worship time in prayer.

### **Report of the Registrar:**

**Resolved**, that the tables with red tablecloths constitute the Conference Bar.

The roll of the Annual Conference was established as follows:

Aberdeen, NJ . . . . .	John C. Vandegriff, Jr., E. Davis DeRonde
Allentown, PA, . . . . .	Ronald C. Mahurin, Allen M. Gehman, John C. Cedar Crest
Bethlehem, PA . . . . .	Elias, David T. Allen
Bethlehem, PA . . . . .	Brian H. Cooper, Mark W. Tress, Peter D. Burleigh
Blandon, PA . . . . .	Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Michael T. Littlejohn
Brooklyn, NY . . . . .	Ralph E. Ritter, O. Lewis Willard
Camden, DE . . . . .	Raymond R. Dotts, Albert F. Biddle, Jr.
Coopersburg, PA . . . . .	Thomas P. Shorb, Richard T. Paashaus, Gene E. Parris
Denville, NJ . . . . .	Richard D. Harris, Steven C. Boepple
Emmaus, PA . . . . .	David N. Schoen, Ralph M. Soper, Gerald L. Schlonecker, Ralph B. Weaver
Ephrata, PA . . . . .	Daniel P. Allen, Robert W. Gehret
Finesville, NJ . . . . .	Byron Widger, Michael P. Emrick, Jr.
Fleetwood, PA . . . . .	R. Jerome Brush, James E. Mortland

Graterford, PA . . . .	David J. Watkins, Douglas D. Bowne
Harleysville, PA . . .	W. David Armstrong, Jr., Glendon R. LeSuer
Harrisburg, PA . . . .	Carl K. Spackman, Harold E. Snyder
Hatfield, PA . . . . .	Howard N. Wells, Lee E. Boyles
Holmes, NY . . . . .	Robert S. Commerford, Hans R. Waldvogel
Howell, NJ . . . . .	David N. Heineman, Brian L. Michlich
Kutztown, PA . . . . .	Allan R. Vivona, Byron G. Barnshaw
Lancaster, PA . . . . .	David A. Thomann, Horace A. Kauffman
Lebanon, PA . . . . .	Calvin T. Reed, LeRoy S. Heller, LeRoy O. Herb
Lehighton, PA . . . .	William H. Bartron, Bruce A. Kellerman
Maple Glen, PA . . .	Louis Prontrnicki, Laurence M. Morris
Mt. Carmel, PA . . .	Alva C. Cassel, Bryan L. Snyder
Mt. Pocono, PA . . .	Ronald C. Erb, Donald S. Faust
Nazareth, PA . . . . .	Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Jeffrey L. Ruhl, Richard Lewis
Newark, DE . . . . .	William G. Schlonecker, Robert W. Green
Ocean County, NJ .	Dean A. Stortz, Richard T. Christen, Jr.
Oley, PA . . . . .	Arthur J. Simpson, Jr. (Probationer), Jan Musser
Paradise, PA . . . . .	Mark L. Morrison, David W. Eisenhower
Philadelphia, PA . . .	G. Wayne Clapier, Thomas L. Galloway
Piscataway, NJ . . .	Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis, Joseph R. Knorr
Pleasant Valley, NY	(Vacant), Wayne Chadwell
Poughquag, NY . . .	James A. Wickstead, Thomas L. Ward
Quakertown, PA . . .	Leland C. Stauff (Probationer), Dennis J. Lawrence, L. James Roberts, Jr.
Reading, PA . . . . .	Randall A. Grossman, Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., Ronald W. Reed, Charles A. Lavigna
Red Hill, PA . . . . .	(Vacant), D. Thomas Phillips, Clifford W. Luft
Royersford, PA . . .	Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Orville E. Gibson
Scranton, PA . . . . .	Roger L. Reitz, Larry D. Kellerman
Shamokin, PA . . . .	Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., Mark M. Leshinskie
Sinking Spring, PA	Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Donald D. McKinney, Stephen M. Bauer
Spring City, PA . . .	Kevin W. Clineff (Probationer), Peter Gunderson
Stroudsburg, PA . . .	(Vacant), Robert D. Carroll
Sunbury, PA . . . . .	Charles E. Cole, Robert H. Cox
Terre Hill, PA . . . .	Kevin W. Kirkpatrick (Probationer), James F. Wetzler

Wallingford, PA . . . Richard E. Taylor, Timothy S. Cowen, William R. Singletary  
 Walnutport, PA . . . Jonathan P. Tait, Timothy D. Weaver  
 Whitehall, PA . . . . Gene W. Smith, Calvin A. Boyle  
 York, PA . . . . . Kenneth D. Keeler, Roger L. Shambough  
 Zionsville, PA . . . . C. Larry Bennet (Probationer), David L. Weller

#### Ordained Men Serving Bible Fellowship Ministries

Delbert R. Baker, II, David E. Gundrum, J. Mark McCreary, Elliot H. Ramos\*, Dennis W. Spinney, Dana E. Weller.

#### Ordained Missionaries

William A. Aukamp, Clifford B. Boone, Ronald K. Denlinger, Richard J. Gehman, W. Neil Harding, Jr., Jim D. Head, Walter M. Johnston, Herbert K. Lea, David L. Manney, Philip E. Morrison, Duane E. Moyer\*, Jerry L. Moyer, Thomas A. Pollock, David W. Riddell, John C. Studenroth, Philip E. Yerrington, Paul G. Zimmerman

\* Ordination pending approval at Annual Conference

#### Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy Under the Sponsorship of the BFC

Kenneth J. Hurst, Military; Barry J. Minsky, Military; Richard A. Moyer, Prison Ministry

#### Ordained Men Between Calls

James R. Batchler, Jr., Albert J. Dömmel, John H. Herb, David H. Jones, Steven L. Trommler, David R. Way

#### Ordained Ministers in Retirement

Kenneth F. Barber, James A. Beil, Bert N. Brosius, Leonard E. Buck, Carl C. Cassel, Willard E. Cassel, Raymond R. Dotts, Robert L. Draper, John Dunn, Walter H. Frank, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Robert N. Gordon, J. Barclay Harley, Jansen E. Hartman, Frank L. Herb, Jr., George E. Herb, Roy A. Hertzog, Ronald W. Hoyle, Donald T. Kirkwood, James G. Koch, Edward K. Moyer, William W. Mull, Edgar H. Munyan, Keith E. Plows, R. C. Reichenbach, John H. Riggall, A. L. Seifert, Austin G. Shelly, Robert W. Smock, David E. Thomann, Harold C. Weaver, Harold D. Yarrington, Daniel G. Ziegler

The following requested to be excused for part or all of the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: William A. Aukamp, Kenneth F. Barber, William H. Bartron, Clifford B. Boone, Bert N. Brosius, Leonard E. Buck, Peter D. Burleigh, Robert D. Carroll, Carl C. Cassel, Wayne Chadwell, G. Wayne Clapier, Walter H. Frank, Richard J. Gehman, W. Neil Harding, Jr., Jim D. Head, Frank L. Herb, Jr., George E. Herb, John H. Herb, Donald T. Kirkwood, James G. Koch, David H. Jones, Herbert K. Lea, Clifford W. Luft, David L. Manney, J. Mark McCreary, Barry J. Minsky, Richard A. Moyer, Thomas A. Pollock, David W. Riddell, A. L. Seifert, Arthur J. Simpson, Jr., Bryan L. Snyder, Mark W. Tress, Steven L. Trommler, Thomas L. Ward, David R. Way, Timothy D. Weber.

**Resolved**, that the requests for excuses be granted.

**Report of the Committee on Agenda and Program**

**Resolved**, that the agenda be accepted.

**Report of the Committee on Arrangements** (see page 57)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Nate Brosius, Director of Pinebrook Bible Conference, welcomed the members of Annual Conference to Pinebrook for these meetings.

David A. Thomann, Secretary of Annual Conference, appointed Robert W. Smock as Assistant Secretary and Daniel P. Allen and Roy A. Hertzog as Assistants to the Secretary.

The Chairman appointed the following:

**Tellers**: Keith E. Plows (Chairman); William H. Bartron, LeRoy S. Heller, LeRoy O. Herb, Mark L. Morrison, D. Thomas Phillips, Harold E. Snyder, Mark W. Tress, Thomas L. Ward

**Resolutions**: Dennis J. Lawrence (Chairman); G. Wayne Clapier, David W. Eisenhower, Richard D. Harris, James E. Mortland

**Auditing**: Robert W. Gehret (Chairman); Lee E. Boyles, Horace A. Kauffman

**Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes**: Ralph E. Ritter (Chairman); Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Gene E. Parris



**Reporter:** Clyde W. Snyder

**Timekeeper:** Ronald C. Erb

**Parliamentarian:** Carl C. Cassel

The new members of Annual Conference introduced themselves to the Conference.

**Report of the Nominating Committee**

**Resolved,** that the report be accepted.

Thomas P. Shorb prayed for the Lord's guidance in the upcoming elections of Annual Conference.

**Report of the Committee on Credentials** (see page: 59)

**Resolved,** that the report be accepted.

**Whereas,** the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended Duane E. Moyer and Elliot H. Ramos for ordination, and

**Whereas,** these brethren have served acceptably as ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church for the required period of time or the equivalent thereof, and

**Whereas,** after examination, the Credentials Committee believes these men to be called of God to the gospel ministry and to be in accord with the *Faith and Order* of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

**Resolved,** that Duane E. Moyer and Elliot H. Ramos be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and further,

**Resolved,** that the service of ordination be held Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. at Berean Bible Fellowship Church, Stroudsburg, PA.

**Resolved,** that an Ordination Service be held Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at the Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA., during the 119th Annual Conference.

**Resolved,** that Lighthouse Bible Fellowship Church, Allentown, PA, and Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA, be

encouraged to have services acknowledging the ordination of Elliot H. Ramos and Duane E. Moyer respectively and that they be encouraged to invite the Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at the services.

**Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee** (see page: 63)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Resolved**, that the list of men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee as of February 28, 2001, be approved as follows:

**Licensed Probationers** (year of licensure in parenthesis):

David T. Allen (2000) . . . . . Kutztown, PA  
 Andrew T. Crossgrove (1999) . . . . . Souderton, PA  
 Willis I. Dowling (1999) . . . . . Chesapeake, VA  
 William J. Dunn (1999) . . . . . Emmaus, PA  
 Donald R. Ellwanger (2001) . . . . . Sinking Spring, PA  
 Donald R. Hibbs (1991) . . . . . Saylorsburg, PA  
 Duane E. Moyer (1998) . . . . . Bananier, Guadeloupe  
 Elliot H. Ramos (1998) . . . . . Allentown, PA  
 Leland C. Stauff (2000) . . . . . Quakertown, PA

**Probationers Eligible to Receive a Call:**

Alvin A. Low . . . . . Colorado Springs, CO  
 Kevin W. Kirkpatrick . . . . . Terre Hill, PA  
 Hal J. Russell . . . . . Elmer, NJ

**Candidates:**

Charles Larry Bennett . . . . . Zionsville, PA  
 Kevin W. Clineff . . . . . Spring City, PA  
 Louis S. Curcio . . . . . Hatfield, PA  
 Michael L. Easton . . . . . Newark, DE  
 Robert K. Fields . . . . . Bethlehem PA  
 Ondrej Franka . . . . . Backi Petrovac, Serbia  
 Peter J. Gunderson . . . . . Spring City, PA  
 Ronald K. Kohl . . . . . Allentown, PA  
 Donald E. Kuntzman . . . . . Center Valley, PA

James D. MacArthur . . . . . Reading, PA  
 Stephen C. Mann . . . . . Quakertown, PA  
 Bruce D. McIntosh . . . . . York, PA  
 Arthur J. Simpson, Jr. . . . . Reading, PA  
 Vinton A. N. Upham . . . . . Harleysville, PA

**Applicants:**

Raymond R. Bertolet . . . . . Santa Rita, Guam  
 Gerald D. Clark . . . . . Stanfordville, NY  
 Raymond C. Cole . . . . . Newark, DE  
 John C. Elias . . . . . Coopersburg, PA  
 Fred J. Hoffman . . . . . Whitehall, PA  
 Christopher D. Lenz . . . . . Denville, NJ  
 Stephen T. Roth . . . . . Harrisburg, PA  
 Vincent S. Russ . . . . . Staten Island, NY  
 David K. Schlonecker . . . . . Rubio, Venezuela

The men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee introduced themselves to the members of conference.

**Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee** (see page: 66)

**Resolved,** that the report be accepted.

**Resolved,** that the recommended minimum salary for a pastor serving a Bible Fellowship Church, including benefits, be \$26,550.

The Ministerial Relations Committee presented Ronald C. Mahurin as its candidate for the position of Conference Pastor. Ronald C. Mahurin gave a short update on the medical condition of his wife, Darlene. LeRoy S. Heller then prayed for them as they seek the Lord's grace in their time of need.

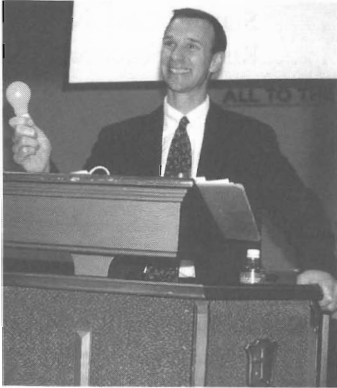
**Resolved,** that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. as Mark W. Tress closed in prayer.

## Annual Conference Speakers



*Randall A. Grossman  
Monday Morning*



*Byron Widge  
Tuesday Morning*



*Robert A. Sloan  
Wednesday Morning*



*Daniel G. Ziegler (Ordination Service), Elliot Ramos*

## *Second Meeting*

**Monday Afternoon, 1:30 PM**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., gave an update on his physical condition. Thomas P. Shorb reported to the conference that a long-time faithful member and elder of the Stroudsburg Church, Bill Altemose, had passed away last weekend and that his funeral would take place on Monday afternoon. Bert N. Brosius asked the Lord for His blessing on Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr. and on the Altemose family and Stroudsburg church.

**Report of the Board of Victory Valley** (see page: 69)

**Resolved,** that the report be accepted.

Phil Atkins gave an update on the ministry of Victory Valley. He also praised the Lord for His care when he had an accident cutting down a tree. Ralph M. Soper prayed for the ministry of Victory Valley and thanked the Lord for His watchful eye on the life of Phil Atkins.

**Report of the Director of Church Extension** (see page: 74)

**Resolved,** that the report be accepted.

Stephen C. Mann gave an update on the Saucon Community BFC work in Hellertown, PA. Daniel G. Ziegler led in prayer for the Lord's blessing in the work of extending the Bible Fellowship Church.

**Report of the Board of Church Extension** (see page: 83)

**Resolved,** that the report be accepted.

The men who are serving in the Church Extension Department stood as William G. Schlonecker prayed for them.

**Whereas,** the Board of Church Extension is of the opinion that the New Community Mission, Brooklyn, NY, meets the

qualifications of a Particular Church as specified in Article 18 of the *Articles of Faith* of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the New Community Mission, Brooklyn, NY, be recognized as a Particular Church, and that its delegate be received into membership of the 118th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

O. Lewis Willard, delegate of New Community Church, was seated in the Conference Bar.

**Report of the Board of Missions** (see page: 89)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Dana E. Weller gave an update on the work of the Joint Task Force of the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

**Resolved**, that the report of the Task Force of the Board of Missions and Church Extension be accepted.

**Report of the Board of Higher Education** (see page: 105)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Report of the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Bible Conference** (see page: 111)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Report of the Stewardship Council** (see page: 115)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Report of the Strategic Planning Committee** (see page: 117)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Report of the Board of Christian Education** (see page: 120)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Report of the Board of Youth and Young Adults** (see page: 124)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Report of the Historical Committee** (see page: 127)**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.**Report of the Board of Pensions** (see page: 129)**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Rick Volpe presented an evaluation of where the Ministerial Retirement Fund would stand in relationship to increased life-expectancy and lower inflation rates. James A. Wickstead prayed for the Lord's wisdom and His leading in this regard.

**Report of the Board of Directors of Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.** (see page: 135)**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Dean A. Stortz prayed for the continual strength and healing for Robert H. Zentz, President of Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.

**Report of the Conference Judiciary** (see page: 139)**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted at Second Reading:

**Article 302 - Original and Appellate Jurisdiction**

**302-1 Individual Members.** Original jurisdiction over an individual belongs to the congregation of which the individual is a member. All of the elders or a portion of the elders designated by the Board of Elders shall be the judicatory for a trial in a Particular Church. Those serving as a judicatory shall choose one of their number to serve as moderator of the trial. Any elder who has personal involvement in the issue being tried shall be disqualified from participation in the judicatory.

**302-2 Ministers.** Original jurisdiction over ministers belongs to the Credentials Committee. All of the members or a portion designated by the Committee shall be the judicatory for a trial

involving a minister. Those serving as a judicatory shall choose one of their number to serve as moderator of the trial. Any member of the Committee who has personal involvement in the issue being tried shall be disqualified from participation in the judicatory.

**302-3.1 Particular Churches.** Original jurisdiction over Particular Churches belongs to the Ministerial Relations Committee. All of the members or a portion designated by the Committee shall be the judicatory for a trial involving a Particular Church. Those serving as a judicatory shall choose one of their number to serve as moderator of the trial. Any member of the Committee who has personal involvement in the issue being tried shall be disqualified from participation in the judicatory.

**302-3.2 Agencies of the BFC.** Original jurisdiction over agencies of the BFC belongs to a judicatory elected by Annual Conference, called the Conference Judicatory. Agencies of the BFC shall consist of any boards, committees, or offices temporary or permanent, incorporated or unincorporated, established by Annual Conference.

**302-4.1 Appeals to the Conference Judicatory.** If a judicatory in a Particular Church, the Credentials Committee, or the Ministerial Relations Committee is unable to resolve an issue, or if the defendant or plaintiff in a case desires to appeal the decision of the original judicatory, the appeal shall be made to the Conference Judicatory. (Charges brought against an agency of the BFC shall be made directly to the Conference Judicatory.) The Conference Judicatory shall be composed of five ordained ministers who are voting members of Annual Conference and five laymen who are voting members of Annual Conference at the time of their election. Laymen on the Conference Judicatory who are no longer voting members of Annual Conference may continue to serve their term of office as long as they remain members in good standing of a Particular Church. Annual Conference shall elect the members of the Conference Judicatory for three-year terms in three



classes as follows:

- Class I Two pastors and two elders
- Class II Two pastors and two elders
- Class III One pastor and one elder

When a case is presented to the Conference Judicatory, all ten members shall designate which five shall hear the case and shall designate which one of the five shall serve as moderator. The chairman and the secretary shall be chosen by the ten members from among their number. All charges or appeals shall be presented to the secretary. The name of the secretary shall be announced at Annual Conference and included in its minutes.

**302-4.2 Appeals to the Special Appellate Judicatory.** If the Conference Judicatory is unable to resolve an issue, or if the defendant or plaintiff in a case desires to appeal the decision of the Conference Judicatory, subsequent appeal shall be made to the Special Appellate Judicatory. The Special Appellate Judicatory shall be composed of four ordained pastors who are voting members of Annual Conference and four laymen who are voting members of Annual Conference at the time of their election. Laymen on the Special Appellate Judicatory who are no longer voting members of Annual Conference may continue to serve their term of office as long as they remain members in good standing of a Particular Church. Annual Conference shall elect the members of the Special Appellate Judicatory for three-year terms in three classes as follows:

- Class I Two pastors and two elders
- Class II One pastor and one elder
- Class III One pastor and one elder

When a case is presented to the Special Appellate Judicatory, all eight members shall designate which five shall hear the case and shall designate which of the five shall serve as moderator. The chairman and the secretary shall be chosen by the eight members from among their number. All appeals shall be presented to the Secretary. The name of the secretary shall be announced at Annual Conference and included in its minutes. The Special Appellate Judicatory shall conduct a hearing and their decision shall be final and shall be reported to Annual

Conference. The Special Appellate Judicatory shall be the only place of appeal for issues which have had the Conference Judicatory as the place of original jurisdiction.

### Article 303 - Steps in Institution of Judicial Process

303-1 A charge of an offense must be instituted at the place of original jurisdiction; it may be brought by an individual, Particular Church or Agency of the BFC. The one who brings a charge shall be designated as the plaintiff. The one who is charged shall be designated as the defendant.

303-2 A charge of offense must describe the alleged offense and state the facts which support the charge. The charge shall include, as far as possible, the time, place, circumstances of the alleged offense, the names of witnesses and titles of relevant documents. A charge shall be deemed to have been filed when it is presented in writing to the chairman or secretary of the Board of Elders of the Particular Church or the chairman or secretary of any other place of original jurisdiction.

303-3 No charge shall be received if it is filed more than two years after the time the alleged offense was committed unless good cause prevented an earlier filing.

303-4 When an individual, Particular Church or Agency of the BFC is ready to present a charge, the judicial body receiving the charge shall warn the plaintiff that he may be censured if the accused is found to be innocent of the alleged offense. If the judicial body receiving the charge determines that the charge is frivolous, it may dismiss the charge and censure the plaintiff.

303-5 When a charge is filed, the Board of Elders of the Particular Church, the Credentials Committee, the Ministerial Relations Committee, or the Conference Judicatory shall establish the time and place for the trial, and shall cite the accused to appear at the trial and shall constitute the judicial body to conduct the trial.

## Article 307 - Appeals

307-1 An appeal is a petition asking that the final judgment of one judicatory be reversed or modified by another judicatory.

307-2 Notice of intention to appeal must be filed in writing within ten days after the judgment of the original judicatory has been announced. This notice must be filed with the moderator of the original judicatory.

307-3 To perfect an appeal, the appellant must in writing file within thirty days of the notice of appeal his appeal and specifications of error by the original judicatory. This shall be filed with the secretary of the judicatory to which the appeal is made; a copy of the appeal and specifications of error shall also be filed with the moderator of the original judicatory.

307-4 If the judicatory to which appeal is made does not sustain any of the specifications of error, the judgment of the original judicatory is affirmed. If the appellate judicatory sustains any specifications of error, it shall determine whether the error is of such importance as to require a reversal, or modification of the original judgment. A judicatory to which appeal is made may remand the case to the original judicatory, may modify the original judgment or may reverse the original judgment.

[SECOND READING]

### Report of the Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches (see page: 140)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

### Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes (see page: 143)

Resolved, that the report be adopted.

### Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee (see page: 145)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

### Report of the Beneficiary Society (see page: 147)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

**Report of the Board of Publication and Printing** (see page: 149)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

The following were elected:

**Ministerial Relations Committee**

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

Ronald W. Reed (3 years)

**Board of Higher Education**

Claude L. Gates (3 years)

Robert C. Newman (3 years)

**Board of Pensions**

Keith E. Plows (3 years)

Ellis L. Hostetter (3 years)

**Board of Publication and Printing**

Daniel P. Allen (3 years)

Stephen C. Mann (3 years)

**Ministerial Candidate Committee**

Delbert R. Baker, II (3 years)

**Conference Judicatory**

Calvin T. Reed (3 years)

**Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted at Second Reading:

401-1.9 The Board of Elders in each Particular Church shall determine which men are in agreement with the *Articles of Faith* and who will endeavor to follow the *Principles of Order of the BFC*. Each Elder shall annually declare in writing his agreement with the *Articles of Faith*, and his willingness to follow the *Principles of Order of the BFC*, and this declaration be included in the Board of Elders Report to the Congregation. No man can be divested of this office except by deposition for failure to maintain standards of doctrine and life in keeping with the dignity of the office.

[SECOND READING]

**Resolved**, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. as Calvin A. Boyle, Delegate of Whitehall, PA, BFC, closed in prayer.

## *Third Meeting*

**Monday Evening, 6:30 PM**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following missionaries were introduced by Dana E. Weller: Sam & Melissa Adams, Toto & Felicia Baran, Byron Barnshaw, Mark Bickel, Barbara Chappell, Michael L. Easton, Tim & Barbara Hash, Scott & Susan Hoffman, Walter M. Johnston, Craig & Karena Miller, Philip E. Morrison, Duane & Joetta Moyer, Jerry L. & Carolyn Moyer, Tim & Michele Obarow, David K. Schlonecker, Jr., Frances Sears, John C. Studenroth, Philip E. Yerrington, and Paul G. Zimmerman.

David E. Gundrum introduced Jack Becker. Jack is the pastor of the mission work in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He addressed the Annual Conference, giving an update of his work and thanking the members of Annual Conference for their many prayers on his behalf. Robert S. Commerford asked the Lord for His continual blessing on the work in Las Cruces.

**Resolved**, that Robert K. Fields, the alternate delegate from Bethlehem BFC, be seated.

The following requested to be excused from part or all of the remaining meetings of the 118th Annual Conference: Delbert R. Baker, II, Albert F. Biddle, Jr., R. Jerome Brush, Alva C. Cassel, Philip E. Morrison, and Harold C. Weaber.

**Resolved**, that the requests for excuses be granted.

The Board of Higher Education presented an addition to its report. (see page: 109)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted at Second Reading:

**403-3 Suggested Format for Congregational Meetings**

## (4) Reports (Annual Congregational Meeting)

Report of the Board of Elders, to include at least the following:

Membership Report

Financial Report (s), including evidence of annual auditing

Submission of the proposed budget

Record of Designation of the Pastoral Relations Committee

Record of Elders' Declaration of Agreement with the Articles of Faith and willingness to follow the Principles of Order

Status of the Work

Benevolence Report (may be included in the Board of Deacons Report or in the Financial Report)

Recommendations.

[SECOND READING]

**Resolved,** that the following legislation be adopted at Second Reading:

### 511-1.3 Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches

#### **Appointment:**

(3) It shall meet at least annually prior to Annual Conference

#### **Duties**

(3) It shall verify that the Delegate(s) and Alternate Delegate(s) are Elders, have signed their annual declaration of agreement with the Articles of Faith and willingness to follow the Principles of Order, and are the persons reported to the Registrar of Annual Conference. It shall report such verification and any discrepancies to the Registrar during the week prior to Annual Conference.

[SECOND READING]

**Resolved**: That the following amendment to the *Faith and Order*, §512-13.4, be adopted at Second Reading:

(3) A probationer eligible for a call is a man who has been approved by this Committee, has passed the examinations required by the Committee, and is eligible to be called through the Rules of Pulpit Supply.

(4) A probationer eligible for a call becomes a licensed probationer when one of the following occurs:

(4.1) he has been called through the Rules of Pulpit Supply to serve in a Bible Fellowship Church;

(4.2) he has been called through the Rules of Pulpit Supply to serve in one of the denominational agencies of the Bible Fellowship Church;

(4.3) he is serving in a ministry approved by the Ministerial Candidate Committee in consultation with the Committee on Credentials.

[SECOND READING]

**Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted at First Reading:

**Whereas**, the Strategic Planning Committee believes that the continuity of the Committee's work could be hampered by the mandatory term limits that are currently in place, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Bylaws for Annual Conference, Article 512-17.2 entitled: Composition and Election, number 2 be rescinded.

[FIRST READING]

**Whereas**, the Strategic Planning Committee is at a critical point in our planning process, and

**Whereas**, plans for the coming year will include input from a consultant that will help us to establish a corporate vision, evaluate our purpose and structure, develop a strategic plan to implement that vision, and assist us in taking steps to act on the plan, and

**Whereas**, the current term limits will hinder us from doing this

effectively, therefore, be it  
Resolved, that, by Rule of Exception, the above changes to  
 Article 512-17.2 be effective this year.

In celebration, the Annual Conference welcomed the New Community Mission of Brooklyn, New York, as a Particular Church according to our rules. Richard T. Paashaus led the conference in singing and prayer. Ralph E. Ritter and Delegate O. Lewis Willard were presented with a charter for the church. After which they presented a media presentation of Brooklyn and its work there.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. when Chairman Randall A. Grossman led in a prayer of thanksgiving for the work in Brooklyn, asking for the Lord's continual blessings on them. Those in attendance extended greetings to those present from the Church.

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(Pictures related to the New Community BFC, Brooklyn, are on page iv. Below is the newest mission located near Hellertown, PA)



*Members of the Leadership team of the new Saucon mission (l to r)  
 Carl Ackerman, David Gundrum, Steve Mann, Al Dommel, Ron Henry*



## *Fourth Meeting*

**Tuesday Morning, 9:00 A.M.**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Richard T. Paashaus led the conference in a time of worship with singing of praise songs, Scripture reading (Isaiah 40:25-31), a short time of testimonies and prayer. Robert A. Sloan, Jr. spoke on the topic "Grace that Sustains." Gene W. Smith and William H. Bartron gave testimonies of God's sustaining grace in their lives in recent days. LeRoy S. Heller prayed for the needs of Gene's daughter who is suffering with cancer. At the close of the message, Robert A. Sloan, Jr. led in prayer.

The following have requested to be excused from various meetings: James F. Wetzler, Dennis W. Spinney, Walter M. Johnston, Stephen M. Bauer, and O. Lewis Willard.

**Resolved**, that these requests for excuses be granted.

**Resolved**, that James Robert Vaughn of Red Hill BFC be seated as Alternate Delegate.

The following were elected:

**Board of Church Extension**

Dennis M. Cahill (3 years)  
 Richard E. Taylor (3 years)  
 Robert H. Zentz (3 years)  
 Robert W. Davies (3 years)

**Board of Christian Education**

David N. Schoen (3 years)  
 David W. Eisenhower (3 years)  
 Nancy A. Mertus (3 years)

**Board of Directors of BFC Homes, Inc.**

Roger L. Reitz (3 years)  
 Dean A. Stortz (3 years)  
 David W. Cole (3 years)  
 John W. Trauch (3 years)

**Board of Victory Valley**

Bernice Mann (3 years)  
Christopher Roth (3 years)  
Timothy D. Weaber (3 years)

**Board of Missions**

Jacob J. Susek, Jr. (3 years)  
Donald S. Faust (3 years)  
James W. Harris (3 years)

**Board of Directors of Pinebrook Bible Conference**

Daniel P. Allen (3 years)  
Brian H. Cooper (3 years)  
Carl Ackerman (3 years)  
Kermit K. Gehman (3 years)  
John M. Stengele (3 years)

**Board of Youth and Young Adults**

Charles A. Mann (3 years)  
Dorothy L. Ruch (3 years)

**Board of Higher Education**

Raymond R. Dotts (3 years)

**Board of Pensions**

Thomas P. Shorb (3 years)

**Credentials Committee**

Dennis M. Cahill (3 years)  
LeRoy S. Heller (3 years)

**Historical Committee**

Harold P. Shelly (3 years)  
Robert W. Smock (3 years)

**Conference Judicatory**

Steven C. Boepple (3 years)

**Special Appellate Judicatory**

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

Resolved, that the election of Ronald C. Mahurin as  
Conference Pastor for a term of three years be ratified.  
Yes - 114 No - 22

Resolved, that we recess.

Philip E. Morrison recessed the meeting in prayer at 12:25 p.m.

## *Fifth Meeting*

**Tuesday Afternoon, 1:30 P.M.**

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Timothy D. Weaber, Delegate from Walnutport, opened the meeting in prayer.

In the light of the seriousness of the issue before us, Lee E. Boyles prayed that the wisdom of God be given to the members of Annual Conference as we vote.

The following legislation failed at Second Reading:

**Resolved**, that Article 108-5 be added to the Faith and Order as follows:

Because of the qualifications and dignity of the office of Pastor, when considering a man for ordination or recognition of a previous ordination, the Ministerial Candidate Committee and Credentials Committee shall give careful consideration to ensure that a man who has been divorced or who has married a divorced woman is presently characterized as above reproach, and if married, faithful to and exclusively committed to his wife.

Yes - 82; No-56; Abstain-1

**Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted at Second Reading, Article 108-4 to read:

Because of the qualifications and dignity of the offices of Elder and Deacon, each particular church shall give careful consideration to ensure that a man who has been divorced or who has married a divorced woman is presently characterized as above reproach, and if married, faithful to and exclusively committed to his wife.

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 95; No - 43

The following were elected:

**Board of Christian Education**

Timothy S. Cowen (3 years)

**Board of Youth and Young Adults**

John C. Vandegriff, Jr. (3 years)

**Special Appellate Judicatory**

Donald S. Faust (3 years)

**Stewardship Council**

John L. English (3 years)

**Report of the Committee to Study Multiple Staff** (see page: 153)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

The following legislation failed at First Reading:

**Resolved**, that the following terms be adopted for inclusion in a glossary to be included in the *Faith and Order*:

**Credentialed** - an official recognition of the rights, privileges and responsibilities of ministry as defined within the *F&O*. This includes men who are probationers licensed by the Ministerial Candidate Committee and/or men ordained through the BFC as well as those who have their previous ordinations recognized by the BFC.

**Ordained** - a man who has completed the credentialing process of the BFC or has had his prior ordination by a non-BFC church recognized by the BFC.

We recognize that the term *ordained* is often used to designate those who have been ordained through other denominations but are not yet credentialed with the BFC. We respect the authority of other Christian churches to ordain men to serve in the Gospel ministry of their fellowships, and we rejoice that God often moves these men to desire to serve in the BFC. While not wishing to disparage the work of other Christian churches nor diminish the recognition of our brothers, for the sake of clarity, when the term *ordained* is used in the *F&O*, it is referring to a

man who has completed the ordination process of the BFC or had his prior ordination by a non-BFC church recognized by the BFC (Article 502-4).

**Pastor** - those called to the Gospel ministry (see Article 204.1). A pastor is a credentialed man who is a voting member of Annual Conference. This only includes those staff positions called according to the rules of pulpit supply. This is for denominational reference and Particular Churches may use the term pastor in a broader sense.

**Senior Pastor** - the Lead Pastor of a church, called under the rules of the pulpit supply of the BFC. The Senior Pastor or his designee shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Elders and shall assume other pastoral responsibilities as assigned to him by that Board.

**Pastoral Staff** - men recognized by a Particular Church who have attained credentialed, probationer, or candidate status and who serve in various pastoral functions.

Yes - 77; No - 56

The following legislation failed at First Reading:

**Resolved**, that the following changes be made to the *Faith and Order*. Replace the word “minister” (and its cognates) with “pastor” (and its cognates) in the following Articles and Sections:

Article 103-2.1.	Article 401-1.8.	Article 409-3.2	Article 505-1
Article 105-2.	Article 401-2.5.	Article 409-3.3	Article 505-2
Article 204.	Article 409-1.1	Article 409-3.4	Article 506-4
Article 204-1.	(3)	Article 501-3	Article 510-i
Article 204-1.1.	Article 409-1.2	Article 502	Article 510-2
Article 204-1.2.	Article 409-1.2	Article 502-3	Article 510-4 (2)
Article 204-2.1	(1)	Article 502-3.1	Article 512-1.1(1)
Article 204-2.2	Article 409-1.5	Article 502-3.3	& (2)
Article 302-2	Article 409-1.6	Article 502-3.4	Article 512-2.1
Article 302-3	Article 409-1.7	Article 502-4	Article 512-3
Article 306.2 (4)	Article 409-2.1	Article 502-4.1	Article 512-4.2
Article 401-1.1.	Article 409-2.2	Article 503-1	(1)
Article 401-1.2.	Article 409-3.1	Article 503-2	Article 512-4.4

Article 512-5.2 (1)	(1) & (2). Article 512-11.1	Article 512-13.3 (5)	Article 701-1.3 Article 701-2.2
Article 512-6.2	Article 512-11.2	Article 512-14.1	(1), (2), (3)
Article 512-6.3 (1), (3), (4)	(4), (6), (7), & (8) Article 512-11.3	(1) & (2) and 512.14.2 (8)	Article 701-2.3 (2)
Article 512-7.1 (1) & (2)	(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) & (6).	Article 512-15.1 (3)	Article 703-1.4 Article 703-2.5
Article 512-7.5	Article 512-12.1	Article 512-16.2 (2)	Article 703-3.4 & .5
Article 512-8.1 (1) & (2)	Article 512-13.2 (1)	Article 512-17.2 (1) & (3)	Article 703-4.2 & 4.3
Article 512-9.1 (1) & (3)	Article 512-13.3 (4)	Article 701-1.1	Article 705-2

Yes - 75; No - 57

**Resolved**, that a Study Committee of six from Ministerial Candidate Committee, Ministerial Relations Committee, and Credentials Committee be formed to consider further progress in multi-staff church function.

Ronald C. Mahurin, the newly ratified Conference Pastor, addressed the Annual Conference, offering his experience for this position. Jansen E. Hartman prayed for the new Conference Pastor asking that God would grant him both wisdom and a heart for the work and the ministering brethren. He also asked that God would give Ronald grace in the time of Darlene’s physical needs.

**Report of the Study Committee on Baptism and Church Membership** (see page: 156)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Report of the Committee to Study the Process of Recognizing Pastors With Prior Ordination** (see page: 157)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted at first reading for inclusion in the *Faith and Order* as §409-1.8:

409-1.8 - Procedure to expedite the calling of a previously-ordained minister who has not been licensed by the BFC.

On certain exceptional occasions it may be necessary to expedite the procedure for issuing a call to a previously-ordained minister for service in a BF church.

Under the following circumstances, the call of a previously-ordained minister may follow the expedited procedure:

- (1) When geographical distance allows limited personal contact;
- (2) When the demands of current ministry in another church may not allow for the time required in the normal process;
- (3) When the BFC seeking a pastor applies for special consideration because of urgent circumstances.

The following shall be the expedited procedure:

- (1) The church which is considering the previously-ordained minister shall make request to the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee who shall in consultation with the chairman of the Ministerial Candidate Committee approve or deny the request for the expedited process.
- (2) If the request is approved, the Ministerial Candidate Committee shall meet as soon as possible with the minister for an interview. If he is approved as a candidate, he shall be given the Open Book Examination.
- (3) Upon the satisfactory completion of the interview and the Open Book Examination, the church may seek permission from the Ministerial Relations Committee to issue a provisional call. The church shall follow the applicable steps outlined in § 409.
- (4) Following the issue of a provisional call, the minister shall complete the further exams required by the Ministerial Candidate Committee. A man will not be permitted to begin his new ministry or move into church-provided housing until all the required examinations are satisfactorily completed.
- (5) When all examinations are satisfactorily completed, the Ministerial Candidate Committee will approve the minister as a licensed probationer effective on the date of approval of his final examination. The Ministerial Candidate Committee shall notify the Ministerial Relations Committee who shall recognize the provisional call of the church as the formal call on the effective date assigned by the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

[FIRST READING]

**Resolved**, that §502 of the *Faith and Order* be revised for First Reading as follows:

#### Article 502 - Procedure for the Recognition of a Minister

All men who desire to have ministerial credentials with the BFC shall apply to the Ministerial Candidate Committee. Initial application should be made in writing to the chairman of the committee.

Every man who is called to serve through the pulpit supply system as a pastor of a BFC must have credentials with the denomination. Men who serve as supply pastors for an extended period may be required to meet with and establish an accountability relationship with the Ministerial Candidate Committee. A supply pastor is a man who has been called to serve as pastor of a BFC for an interim period. Under normal circumstances, a supply pastor is not under consideration to serve as the senior pastor.

#### 502-1 Men Entering the Ministry of the BFC

The Ministerial Candidate Committee divides those under its care into three groups: Applicants, Candidates, and Probationers.

**Applicant.** An applicant is a man who offers himself to this committee for service in the BFC. Young men are encouraged to seek this recognition as early in their educational program as they sense the call of God to the ministry.

**Candidate.** A candidate is a man whose application is accepted and who remains under the guidance of this committee. A man becomes a candidate when he is ready to begin ministry with the BFC and has completed a satisfactory interview with the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

**Probationer.** A probationer is a man who has been approved by this committee and has passed the required examinations. Upon completion of his required exams, he will be classified as a



probationer eligible to receive a call. When a probationer receives a call from the BFC (a Particular Church or agency) or other ministry (chaplaincy, etc.) approved by the Ministerial Candidate Committee in consultation with the Credentials Committee, he shall become a licensed probationer. Such other ministry does not include service on the pastoral staff of a church other than a BFC.

## 502-2 Probationary Service

502-2.1 Full-time Probationary Service in a Particular Church or Mission. Normally a probationer serves in a full-time capacity. After a probationer has served at least two years, or one year if previously ordained, he may be recommended to the Credentials Committee for ordination examination or recognition of previous ordination. The minimum period of probationary service may be extended; having served as a probationer does not guarantee ordination or recognition of previous ordination.

### 502-2.2 Part-time Probationary Service in a Particular Church or Mission

A man serving his probationary period on a part-time basis may do so with the following requirements:

- (1) He shall serve the equivalent of at least two years full-time service, or one year of full time service if previously ordained, as determined by the Ministerial Candidate Committee in consultation with the Credentials Committee.
- (2) He shall serve at least one year under the supervision of a Board of Elders and/or another evaluating body approved by the Ministerial Candidate Committee and the Credentials Committee.

### 502-2.3 Probationary Service in Other Ministry

If a man seeks ordination or recognition of previous ordination in the BFC and is not serving as the pastor of a Particular Church or

mission, he may do so with the following requirements:

- (1) He shall be a member of a BFC
- (2) He shall follow the same procedure for ordination as other probationers
- (3) He shall comply with the F&O in the course of his service
- (4) He shall be supervised by the Board of Elders of the church in which he holds membership, the governing board of the ministry under which he serves, and any other evaluating agencies the Ministerial Candidate Committee may require during the probationary period of service. The time of the probationary service may be in full or part-time capacity.

### 502-3 Ordained Ministers Received From Other Churches

502-3.1 When an ordained minister from another church seeks ministerial credentials in the BFC, he shall apply to the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

502-3.2 The following matters shall be considered when determining whether to recognize a previous ordination:

- (1) the doctrinal position of the ordaining church body;
- (2) the minister's standing with the ordaining church body;
- (3) whether his ordination was intended to be within and to the ministry of the church universal;
- (4) whether his ordination was performed by the authority charged with the exercise of this specific church power within the ordaining community and accompanied by the laying on of hands by such as have themselves been similarly ordained.

502-3.3 Under certain exceptional circumstances, a previously-ordained minister may be licensed through an expedited process (see section 409-1.8)

502-3.4 Having complied with these provisions, the minister shall be under the authority and discipline of the BFC.

502-3.5 After serving at least one year as a probationer, he may be examined by the Credentials Committee. The Credentials

Committee may then recommend to Annual Conference that he be accepted as an ordained minister with full privileges in the BFC. This recognition shall be made known in a public service.

[FIRST READING]

A request from Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Spring City, PA was submitted to Annual Conference (see page: 201)

**Resolved**, that the request from Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Spring City, PA, be received.

**Whereas**, a communication from the Board of Elders of Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Spring City has been received by the Chairman and the Secretary of the 118th Annual Conference, and

**Whereas**, Annual Conference is requested to “take action requiring the Bible Fellowship Church Home, Inc, bringing themselves into accordance with the *Faith & Order* as required under §512-2.2 of the *Principles of Order*, and

**Whereas**, the issue in question is that of allowing the local Roman Catholic parish clergyman to conduct a Mass within the walls of Fellowship Manor and Fellowship Homes, and

**Whereas**, Fellowship Community respects the wishes of the residents in seeking spiritual care, and

**Whereas**, respect for those wishes does not constitute endorsement of the spiritual care provider’s religious beliefs and

**Whereas**, only space is provided and administration is not required to provide for the carrying out of the program or to involve any employee, and

**Whereas**, BFC Homes, Inc. allowed for spiritual meetings since the Home was opened in Nazareth in 1968, and

**Whereas**, this practice is not considered to be a breach of, or in opposition to, the *Faith and Order*; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that this 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference affirm the practice of Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc. of providing

space for meetings in order to satisfy the requests of the residents of Fellowship Community, even if such meetings involve having a Roman Catholic clergyman conduct a Mass as requested by the residents; and, further

**Resolved**, that the above resolution be adopted as the answer to the request of the Board of Elders of Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Spring City, PA.

Yes - 109, No - 1

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

Michael T. Littlejohn, Delegate from Blandon BFC closed the meeting in prayer.

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(Newly elected Conference Pastor, Ronald C. Mahurin)



*Ron Mahurin (R) with long-time colleague  
Alva C. Cassel (Mt. Carmel, PA)*

## *Sixth Meeting*

**Wednesday Morning, 9:00 A.M.**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Richard T. Paashaus led the conference in worship with singing and Scripture reading (Psalm 145:1-10) which was read in unison by the members of Annual Conference. The members of conference met in groups of three and four to pray for one another and for the proceedings of this day. Byron Widger addressed the conference on the topic of "Grace That Shines." Worship time ended with the conference singing *Lord, Speak to Me*.

Carl J. Fischer, Jr. led the conference in prayer, remembering especially the Bertolets and the Mahurins who are facing physical difficulties in their lives or in the lives of family members.

**Resolved**, that the following Alternate Delegates be seated: Donald R. Ellwanger (Sinking Spring), Charles F. Webb (Poughquag), and J. Richard Vroman (Piscataway).

The following have requested to be excused from various meetings: Ronald C. Mahurin, Thomas L. Ward, Lawrence M. Morris, Louis Prontnicki and Edgar H. Munyan.

**Resolved**, that these requests be granted.

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the third meeting be approved.

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the fourth meeting be approved.

The following were elected:

**Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference**

Roger L. Reitz (2 years)

**Secretary of Annual Conference**

David A. Thomann (1 year)

**Report of the Committee to Study the Role of Women in the Church** (see page: 163)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Resolved**, that the proposed legislation be referred back to the committee for further revision.

LeRoy O. Herb prayed for continued guidance for the Study Committee on the Role of Women in the Church during this coming year.

**Report of the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee** (see page:184)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Whereas**, The Biblical Principles For Living cover more issues than the Standards of Worship and Life; and

**Whereas**, The Biblical Principles For Living give more complete statements, more explicit Biblical substantiation, and broader statements of the subjects than the *Standards of Worship & Life*, and

**Whereas**, The Biblical Principles For Living also state things in language which is more clear to this generation and transferable across cultures, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that The Biblical Principles For Living collectively replace *The Standards Of Worship & Life* in the *Faith & Order* after their Second Reading, and further

**Resolved**, that the section in the *Faith & Order* which will contain The Biblical Principles For Living, be titled Biblical Principles For Living, and further

**Resolved**, that the listing of The Biblical Principles For Living in the *Faith & Order* be as follows:

Biblical Principles For Living

Preamble

Relating To God-The Christian Before God

101 Worship

102 Spirit World

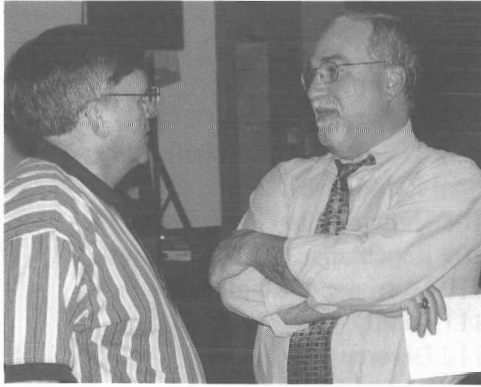
Relating To Personal Qualities-The Christian In Christ

103 Holiness

- 104 Justice
- 105 Mercy
- 106 Humility
- 107 Truth and Integrity
- Relating To Personal Relationships-The Christian In Personal Relationships
  - 108 Humanity In God's Image
  - 109 Repentance and Restitution
  - 110 Marriage & Singleness
  - 111 Family
  - 112 Divorce
  - 113 Shared Life
- Relating To Personal Activities-The Christian In Society
  - 114 Stewardship
  - 115 Work & Rest
  - 116 Civil Government
  - 117 Christian Liberty & Servanthood
- Declarations On Particular Issues
  - 130-1 Dedication Of Children
  - 130-2 Abortion
  - 130-3 Harmful Indulgences
  - 130-4 Homosexuality
  - 130-5 Secret Oath Bound Societies

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

Roger L. Reitz closed in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.



*Conference Secretary, David A. Thomann (R)  
with BFC Archivist, Richard E. Taylor*



*Two generations of Brooklyn missionaries (l-r)  
Jansen & Ruth Hartman and David E. Thomann,  
Present Pastor Ralph E. Ritter*



## *Seventh Meeting*

**Wednesday Afternoon, 1:30 P.M.**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Philip E. Morrison gave an update on his ministry in Kenya. He specifically spoke of his appreciation of the process of decision-making that occurs at Annual Conference each year. He also thanked us for our support of his ministry making mention of the pastors who visited with him last year. He invited all of us to consider visiting with him. Paul G. Zimmermann prayed for Philip, his ministry and the rest of the proceedings of this Annual Conference.

The following were elected:

**Ministerial Relations Committee**

Jacob J. Susek, Jr. (2 years)

**Strategic Planning Committee**

Richard T. Paashaus (3 years)

Richard E. Taylor (3 years)

Byron Barnshaw (3 years)

**Special Appellate Judicatory**

Harold E. Snyder (3 years)

**Committee on Nominations**

Dean A. Stortz (3 years)

**Chairman of Annual Conference**

William G. Schlonecker (1 year)

**Whereas**, we once did not approve “oaths” as acceptable in the behavior of believers, and

**Whereas**, we rejected that position at the 79th Annual Conference ( 1962 *Yearbook*, pp.54,55); and

**Whereas**, Article 112 - Secret Oath-Bound Societies in the *Standards of Worship and Life* includes a prohibition in the use of oaths and does not define “secret societies”, and

**Whereas**, the Inter-Cultural Study Committee has committed itself to the Annual Conference not to change existing

standards in developing Biblical Principles For Living, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we recommend to the 118th Annual Conference the appointment of a committee of five ordained ministers to study in the light of the Scripture our position on Secret Oath-Bound Societies and bring its report to the 119th Annual Conference.

**Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted at First Reading:

### **130-1 Dedication of Children**

**130-1.1** Child dedication is a voluntary act in which believing parents publicly present their child to the Lord as an outward expression of their gratitude to Him for the child<sup>1</sup> and as a formal appeal to God for divine assistance in the bringing up of the child. It is not to be confused with baptism, or to be considered as imparting salvation, or viewed as an ordinance of the church.

**130-1.2** The child is a gift from God and therefore the parents promise, as God's stewards, to bring up the child in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.<sup>2</sup>

**130-1.3** In dedicating their child in the presence of fellow believers, parents are publicly dedicating themselves to the faithful fulfillment of their parental responsibilities<sup>3</sup> and are acknowledging their need of the prayerful support and encouragement of those fellows believers.<sup>4</sup>

**130-1.4** Child dedication becomes meaningful as the parents explain to the child the meaning of this act and consistently carry out the promises made before God and the church at the time of dedication. When one of the parents is an unbeliever, only the believing parent shall make the public presentation.

<sup>1</sup> Psa. 127:3; Jas. 1:17

<sup>2</sup> Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21

<sup>3</sup> Deut 6:4-9; Prov. 22:6

<sup>4</sup> Eph. 6:18; Heb. 10:24, 25

[FIRST READING]

The following was elected:

**Special Appellate Judiciary**

David J. Watkins (3 years)

**Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted at First Reading:

**130-3.1 Alcoholic Drinks**

**130-3.1.1** The use of alcoholic beverages is one of the most serious problems in many parts of the world. Its abuse has led to personal and family suffering, serious physical and mental health problems, and increased rates of accidental and criminal injury and death. The financial cost, use of such alcoholic beverages, and the consequences are a tremendous and unnecessary burden on all of society.

**130-3.1.2** The Scriptures teach that drunkenness is sinful.<sup>1</sup> Due to the addictive quality of alcohol, even the moderate use of alcoholic beverages may lead to serious consequences.<sup>2</sup> This is especially true because the alcoholic content of some beverages has been tremendously increased since the biblical era. Furthermore, moderate use may be a stumbling block for believer and unbeliever alike.<sup>3</sup>

**130-3.1.3** Therefore, the BFC strongly and persistently warns its people of the dangers of alcoholic beverages and urges all members of the BFC to abstain totally from the use, manufacture and distribution of them.

<sup>1</sup> Rom.13:13; 1 Cor.6:9,10; Gal.5:18-21

<sup>2</sup> Pro. 20:1; Pro.23:31-35

<sup>3</sup> Mat.18:6,7; Rom. 14:20,21; 1 Cor.8:9-11,13

[FIRST READING]

**Resolved** that the article on tobacco (130-3.2) be referred back to the committee with the mandate to make whatever changes necessary to make all three articles on Harmful Indulgences consistent with one another.

The following was elected:

**Vice-Chairman of Annual Conference**

Carl C. Cassel (1 year)

**Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted at First Reading:

**130-3.3 Drugs and Other Substances**

130-3.3.1 The misuse of, and over-indulgence in, drugs and other substances, including prescribed and non-prescribed, are sin and are not of faith. Such abuse controls the believer and gratifies the sinful nature.<sup>1</sup> Both misuse and over indulgence cause the believer to live by feelings, not by faith in God's revealed Word.<sup>2</sup> The continued abuse of drugs and all other substances destroys self-control, leads to addiction<sup>3</sup> and makes it impossible for the believer to live for the will of God.<sup>4</sup>

130-3.3.2 Sinning in this way affects the thinking, attitudes, and passions of the believer.<sup>5</sup> This results in the believer falling deeper and deeper into sin,<sup>6</sup> and can damage the body and the mind. The Church must warn against the dangers of the misuse of, and over indulgence in, drugs and all other substances, provide counsel to those enslaved, direct them to places of treatment and then help them to re-build their lives.<sup>7</sup>

130-3.3.3 Encouraging or aiding others to misuse or overindulge in drugs or all other substances is sin. Selling drugs or other substances to a person for the purpose of gratification of the sinful nature is sin against God and may be against the law.<sup>8</sup> The Lord Himself holds those who do this responsible.<sup>9</sup> He has many ways to exercise His justice.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rom. 8: 5-13; Gal. 5:16, 17

<sup>2</sup> Eph. 2:1-3; 4:20-24

<sup>3</sup> Rom. 6:16; 2 Pe. 2:19

<sup>4</sup> Col. 1:9, 10; 1 Pe. 4:2

<sup>5</sup> Eph. 4:17-19; Titus 3:3

<sup>6</sup> Pro. 23:29-35; Rom. 7:14-24; Col. 3:5-10

<sup>7</sup> 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:12-16

<sup>8</sup> Luke 17:1-3; Gal. 5:19-21

<sup>9</sup> Pro. 4:14-19; 5:22; Hab. 2:15-16

<sup>10</sup> Zeph. 3:5

### 130-3 Harmful Indulgences

All believers are saved through faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross. God calls His people to live by faith.<sup>1</sup> This life of faith is an obedient response to the revealed truth of God in the Scriptures.<sup>2</sup>

At salvation believers are baptized into the Church, sealed and indwelt by the Holy Spirit.<sup>3</sup> They are to be filled and led by the Holy Spirit.<sup>4</sup> This filling and leading by the Holy Spirit transforms believers into the Lord's likeness.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Col. 2:6, 7; 2 Cor. 5:7

<sup>2</sup> 1 Thes. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Pe. 1:19-21

<sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. 12: 13; Eph. 1:13, 14; Rom. 8:9

<sup>4</sup> Rom. 8:14; Eph. 5:18

<sup>5</sup> 2 Cor. 3:8

[FIRST READING]

#### Report of the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church (see page: 190)

The following was elected:

##### **Committee on Nominations**

Yvonne Watkins (3 years)

Whereas, the Board of Directors reported in previous years that the funds to repay the amount taken from the FTPCE would not be realized from the sale of the PJC property and,

Whereas, the Board of Directors so informed the Annual Conference of this condition and the 117th Annual Conference voted to remove the obligation of repaying the amount of \$310,000 and rather, work toward providing monies to fund the work of the Board of Church Extension through contributions from the particular churches, and

Whereas, the accounting of funds of the Board of Directors should reflect the decision of the 117th Annual Conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that the report of the Board of Directors referencing the "Fund to Promote Church Extension Balance Sheet" be

amended to include the line item “Note Pinebrook Junior College \$0” and further,

**Resolved**, that all subsequent reports from the Board of Directors will delete this line entry.

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Whereas**, there is a growing trend for Bible Fellowship Churches to hire personnel who do not serve as senior pastor and do not carry credentials in the BFC and

**Whereas**, such non-credentialed personnel may carry significant leadership influence in the congregation, and

**Whereas**, it is the opinion of the Ministerial Candidate Committee that such non-credentialed personnel who serve in Bible Fellowship Churches should maintain a commitment to the *Faith & Order* of the BFC, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Chairman of the Annual Conference appoint a committee of six to study the advisability of a credentialing process for personnel who do not serve as senior pastor and are not credentialed by the BFC, and further

**Resolved** that this committee be comprised of two members from each of the Ministerial Candidate Committee, the Committee on Credentials and the Ministerial Relations Committee, and further

**Resolved** that, if such credentialing be deemed advisable by the committee, the committee shall develop a process for credentialing such personnel and further

**Resolved**, that this committee shall report to the next Annual Conference.

**Resolved**, that Annual Conference hereby ratifies the election to the Pinebrook Educational Foundation of Raymond R. Dotts and Jay H. Fasnacht for terms to end in 2004

**Whereas**, the MRF annuity rate for 2001 is \$203 per year of service, and

**Whereas**, partial cost-of-living adjustments are part of the

long-term phaseout strategy of the MRF, therefore be it **Resolved**, that the MRF annuity rate for calendar year 2002 be \$206 per year of service.

**Whereas**, the demands on the MRF are exceeding previous projections due to increased longevity, and

**Whereas**, the sooner we address the anticipated shortfalls the better, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the contribution from the Conference Administrative Budget be revised from \$36,000 to \$40,000 for 2001 and be it further

**Resolved**, that the contribution for 2002 be \$45,000.

**Whereas**, the religious denomination known as The Bible Fellowship Church has and functions through Ministers of the Gospel who are duly ordained or licensed, and

**Whereas**, the practice of The Bible Fellowship Church is to provide a parsonage or a rental allowance as part of the gross compensation for each of its active ordained or licensed ministers, and

**Whereas**, pensions paid to retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers of The Bible Fellowship Church are considered as deferred compensation and are paid to said retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers in consideration of previous active service, and

**Whereas**, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized that The Bible Fellowship Church is the appropriate organization to designate a housing/rental allowance for retired and disabled or licensed ministers who are members of this Conference, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that:

1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2001 be and is hereby designated as a rental/housing allowance for each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister of The Bible Fellowship Church who is or was a member of the Bible Fellowship Church Minister's Retirement Fund.

2. This rental/housing allowance shall apply to each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister who has been granted the retired relationship or placed on disability leave by the Bible Fellowship Annual Conference and

whose name and relationship to the conference is recorded in the Yearbook of The Bible Fellowship Annual Conference and in other appropriate records maintained by the conference.

3. The pension payment to which this rental/housing allowance applies shall be the pension payment resulting from all service of such retired or disabled ordained or licensed ministers from all employment by any local church, Annual Conference or institution of The Bible Fellowship, or from any other employer who employed the minister to perform services related to the ministry and who elected to make contribution to the pension funds of the Bible Fellowship Church for such retired minister's pension.

Note: The rental/housing allowance which may be excluded from a minister's gross income is limited to the less of (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the minister's employer or other appropriate body, (2) the amount actually expended by the minister to provide his or her housing, or (3) the legally-determined fair rental value of the parsonage or other housing provided. As specified in Rev. Rul. 71-290 C.B. 92, "the only amount that will qualify for exclusion under section 107 (2) of the Code as a 'rental allowance' is an amount equal to the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances such as a garage, plus the cost of utilities."

Whereas, the Internet has been found to be an excellent method of communication for pastors, churches, and denominational boards, committees, and agencies of the BFC, and

Whereas, the BFC E-group now includes 133 participants who have instant written access to one another, and

Whereas, we believe that every pastor and/or church either has or can have access to Internet services and computerization at little or no cost, and

Whereas, presently, the need for a comprehensive, accurate denominational calendar is being met by the BFC E-group Calendar, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the BFC E-group Calendar serve as the official



denominational calendar, and

**Resolved**, that each agency, board, committee, church and/or pastor establish Internet access by May 15, 2001 in order to take advantage of the BFC E-group Calendar as well as other inter-church communication and further

**Resolved**, that each agency, board, committee, church and/or pastor submit an Internet accessible e-mail address to Daniel P. Allen, publisher of the 2001 *Yearbook*. by May 15, 2001.

**Resolved**, that a contribution of \$325 for the conference year 2001 be given to the Board of Publication and Printing from each agency to help underwrite the cost of printing and distribution of the *Fellowship News*. Payments are to be made to the Business Manager, c/o Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata, by December 31, 2001.

**Resolved**, that \$1.75 per member of the Bible Fellowship Church for 2001 be forwarded to the Board of Publication and Printing from each church to help underwrite the cost of printing and distributing the *Fellowship News*. Payments are to be made to the Board of Publication and Printing table at the 118th Annual Conference.

**Resolved**, that the cost of the 2001 *Yearbook* be \$8.00 per copy.

The following legislation was adopted at First Reading:

**Whereas**, the Committee on Communications was deleted, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the following be added to the duties of the Registrar in the *Faith & Order*, §506-2 (5):

He shall handle all communications addressed to the Annual Conference.

[FIRST READING]

The following legislation was adopted at First Reading:

**Resolved**, that the following be deleted from 507-3, Duties of the Secretary of Annual Conference:

(4) He shall inform in writing all persons who are not present at Annual Conference of their election to Boards and Committees,

and be it further

**Resolved**, that the following be added to 512-15.2, Duties of the Nominating Committee:

(2) It shall inform in writing all persons who are not present at Annual Conference of their election to Boards and Committees.

[FIRST READING]

**Whereas**, it is important that each official Delegate and Pastor receive all the reports from the Study Committees, Committees and Agencies and

**Whereas**, in order to coordinate this procedure one distribution point should be employed, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that all Study Committees, Committees and Agencies have their reports sent to the designated distribution point, PO Box 299, Ephrata, PA 17522, by March 1, 2002.

**Resolved**, that the 119th Annual Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, PA, April 22-24, 2002 beginning at 10:00 AM on Monday.

The following were elected:

**Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church**

James A. Beil (3 years)

Carl C. Cassel (3 years)

**Special Appellate Judicatory**

Charles A. Lavigna (2 years)

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m. in prayer by R. C. Reichenbach who was attending his 69th Annual Conference.

## *Eighth Meeting*

**Wednesday Evening, 6:15 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:15 p.m. Richard Lewis, Delegate from Nazareth, opened in prayer.

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the fifth and sixth meetings be approved.

The following was elected:

**Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church**

Robert W. Gehret (3 years)

**Whereas**, we believe the Biblical Principles For Living are God's intended principles by which we should live, and

**Whereas**, we believe the Biblical Principles For Living should be urgently and diligently taught to our congregations, therefore be it

**Resolved**, each Pastor and Delegate seek ways to implement the teaching of the Biblical Principles For Living for their congregations and further,

**Resolved**, we encourage that lesson plans be developed and submitted to David E. Gundrum for ideas in the development of teacher guides.

**Whereas**, monies are needed to plant ethnic Bible Fellowship Churches, and

**Whereas**, the Committee believes that God has provided the people and opportunities and that He desires His church to reach the alien in the land and plant churches, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that each Pastor and Delegate to Annual Conference, if they have not already established a line item in their budgets for ethnic church planting, be encouraged to work with their churches to budget monies for ethnic church planting.

**Whereas**, the work of the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee is not yet complete, and

**Whereas**, the Committee would like to prepare the Biblical Principles For Living for Second Reading, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the 118th Annual Conference direct the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee to continue its work.

**Resolved**, that the rate of mileage reimbursement for conference business be 24¢ per mile.

**Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001 be adopted.

**Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002 be approved for submission to the churches for their pledges.

The following were elected:

**Special Appellate Judicatory**

John C. Studenroth (2 years)

Hans R. Waldvogel (1 year)

**Resolved**, that the salary for the second half of 2001 for the Conference Pastor be \$13,000 and up to \$3,000 expenses.

**Report of the Committee on Statistics** (see page: 205)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Report of the Committee on Auditing** (see page: 200)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Whereas**, Gene W. Smith's daughter, Michele, is gravely ill and,

**Whereas**, there is imminent need of prayer, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we uphold, Gene, his wife, and Michele and her family in our prayers and ask our God to glorify Himself through them.

**Whereas**, Ronald C. Mahurin's wife, Darlene, is severely ill, and  
**Whereas**, we believe in a Sovereign God Who answers prayer in  
 accordance with His will, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we commit ourselves to diligent prayer for Ronald  
 and Darlene.

**Whereas**, David E. Gundrum has completed his first year of  
 service as Executive Director of the Department of Church  
 Extension in an exemplary manner and

**Whereas**, he has diligently achieved a successful transition,  
 therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we pray for our Church Extension Director, David  
 E. Gundrum.

**Whereas**, Phillip E. Atkins, Director of Victory Valley Camp,  
 experienced an accident of falling, nearly causing a severe  
 crippling spinal injury, and

**Whereas**, we praise God that he was spared of being debilitated,  
 therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we continue in prayer of thanksgiving for God's  
 gracious preservation.

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Relations Committee has reported a total  
 of thirteen pastorates established, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we offer corporate praise to God for His provision  
 of pastors for our churches.

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Relations Committee recommended to  
 the 118th Annual Conference the appointment of a Conference  
 Pastor, and

**Whereas**, the Annual Conference recognized such need and issued  
 a call to Ronald C. Mahurin, and

**Whereas**, Ronald C. Mahurin has accepted the position of  
 Conference Pastor, be it therefore

**Resolved**, that we all be supportive of the Conference Pastor, and  
 further be it

**Resolved**, that we offer Ronald C. Mahurin every encouragement.

**Whereas**, a mission was established by the Board of Church

Extension in the Saucon Valley, PA, area, therefore be it  
**Resolved**, that we praise God for His leading and further  
**Resolved**, that we pray and support this mission.

**Whereas**, the Lord has sovereignly worked in the establishment of  
the Brooklyn, NY, mission and

**Whereas**, Pastor Ralph E. Ritter has accepted the call to be  
organizing pastor of this mission, and

**Whereas**, the 118th Annual Conference of the BFC has welcomed  
the New Community Mission of Brooklyn, NY, as a Particular  
Church according to our rules, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the members of the 118th Annual Conference  
encourage each of their churches to pray diligently for the  
success of the Brooklyn church.

**Whereas**, Duane E. Moyer and Elliot H. Ramos were ordained to  
the Gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore  
be it

**Resolved**, that we thank God for the calling and gifts of these men  
and that we be steadfast in prayer for them.

**Whereas**, Randall A. Grossman, Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Daniel G.  
Ziegler, and Byron Widger have served the Annual Conference  
as our devotional speakers, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we give thanks to the Lord for the gift of wisdom  
and their insights into His Word.

**Whereas**, the various study committees have met many times over  
the past year, and

**Whereas**, their reports have been of great value in attempting to  
bring the BFC into conformity with Scripture, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we pray for their work as it continues and ask our  
God to give them wisdom as they continue with their tasks.

**Whereas**, the staff and volunteers of Pinebrook Bible Conference,  
as well as some of the wives of our pastors and delegates, have  
readily and cheerfully served the members of the 118th Annual  
Conference, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we note with thanksgiving the helpful service of

these who have labored to care for us.

**Whereas**, the Pages, Andrew T. Crossgrove, Head Page; Bruce D. MacIntosh, Assistant Head Page; William J. Dunn, Head Ballot Counter; Ronald K. Kohl, Copier; Vinton A. N. Upham, Microphones; Brian D. Frable, A/V; Gerald D. Clark, Louis S. Curcio, Willis I. Dowling, Donald R. Ellwanger, A/V; Michael L. Easton, Stephen C. Mann, Jeff Rossignol, David Peters, and Kevin Pierce, have humbly, readily, helpfully, cheerfully, and diligently enabled the work of the 118th Annual Conference to smoothly advance, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we acknowledge our appreciation for their service and fellowship with a round of applause.

**Whereas**, the Annual Conference Secretary and his assistants have served with diligence and dispatch, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for their faithful service, and further be it

**Resolved**, that each be awarded \$50 for their labors.

**Whereas**, Randall A. Grossman has served with distinction as Chairman of the 118th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the members of Annual Conference show their appreciation of Brother Grossman with a standing ovation.

The following appointments were made by the Chairman:

**Register:** J. Mark McCreary

**Assistant Registrar:** Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.

**Agenda and Program Committee:** David A. Thomann, Carl C. Cassel, William G. Schlonecker, R. Jerome Brush, Thomas P. Shorb, Allan R. Vivona

**Arrangements Committee:** David A. Thomann, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., J. Mark McCreary, Thomas P. Shorb, William G. Schlonecker (Chairman of the 119th Annual Conference)

**Committee on Statistics:** LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., Calvin T. Reed, David A. Thomann, Kenneth D. Keeler

**Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches:** Ralph M. Soper, Chairman; William H. Bartron, Ronald C. Erb, David N. Heineman, Jonathan P. Tait

**Secret Society Study Committee:** Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Dennis M. Cahill, Ralph E. Ritter, Richard D. Harris, Jonathan P. Tait

**Additional members of the Role of Women in Ministry Study Committee:** Doris Hoyle, Michael T. Littlejohn, James E. Mortland

**Study Committee on Credentials and Multi Staff Churches:** LeRoy S. Heller, Ralph M. Soper, Calvin T. Reed, Robert S. Commerford, L. James Roberts, Jr., Jacob J. Susek, Jr.

The official denominational address will be: Fellowship Manor, 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052. The secretary of the Conference Judicatory is Ronald C. Mahurin. The secretary of the Appellate Division of the Conference Judicatory is David J. Watkins.

Resolved, that the minutes of the seventh meeting be approved.

The following was elected:

**Special Appellate Judicatory**  
Raymond R. Dotts (1 year)

Whereas, the Red Hill, Stroudsburg and Coopersburg Bible Fellowship Churches are without Senior Pastors, therefore be it

Resolved, that we pray for them that, in God's timing, He will provide the men of His choosing.

Whereas, Richard T. Paashaus has led us in worship several times during this conference, therefore be it

Resolved, that we thank the Lord for his gifts in music and for his time.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

William G. Schlonecker, Vice-Chairman of 118th Annual Conference, closed the conference in prayer.

The 118th Annual Conference adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



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## *Report of the Committee on Arrangements*

The Committee on Arrangements for the 118th Annual Conference met thrice during the conference year. The purpose of this committee is threefold: 1) to oversee the mechanics of Annual Conference; 2) to promote the efficiency of Annual Conference; and 3) to assist in the provision of hospitality of Annual Conference. Any suggestions on what we can do to accomplish the above are welcome.

Several suggestions were made throughout the year. In response to these the following actions were taken: 1) The Nominating Committee will be asked to maintain an updated and certified list of the elections and classes for the insertion in the *Yearbook*. 2) After Annual Conference, "First Reading" material under separate cover will be sent to each delegate of Annual Conference. This will enable the churches to have copies of this material for discussion. 3) The Credentials and Ministerial Relations Committees are being asked to present up-to-date reports for each Annual Conference. In previous years, their reports were based on a calendar year. 4) A switch of duties from the Secretary to the Nominating Committee is being proposed (see below #2). The duty is more suited for the Nominating Committee.

The Lord called home three ministering brothers during the course of the conference year, Bernard N. Coble, Henry A. Schell, and Robert F. Johnson. Obituaries will be placed in the 118th *Yearbook*.

Pertinent orientation material has been placed in the beginning of the Report Book. This material should be read by each member of Annual Conference.

The Overseer of the Pages for the 118th Annual Conference is Clyde D. Bomgardner, Pastor of Youth and Discipleship at the Reading Church and the Head Page is Andrew Crossgrove, Pastor of Youth Ministries at the Harleysville Church.

### Recommendations

1. **Whereas**, the Committee on Communications was deleted,

therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the following be added to the duties of the Registrar in the *Faith & Order*, §506-2 (5):

He shall handle all communications addressed to the Annual Conference.

2. A duty change from the Secretary of Annual Conference to the Nominating Committee:

**Resolved**, that the following be deleted from 507-3, Duties of the Secretary of Annual Conference:

(4) He shall inform in writing all persons who are not present at Annual Conference of their election to Boards and Committee.

and be it further

**Resolved**, that the following be added to 512-15.2, Duties of the Nominating Committee:

(2) It shall inform in writing all persons who are not present at Annual Conference of their election to Boards and Committees.

3. **Whereas**, it is important that each official Delegate and Pastor receive all the reports from the Study Committees, Committees and Agencies and

**Whereas**, in order to coordinate this procedure one distribution point should be employed, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that all Study Committees, Committees and Agencies have their reports sent to the designated distribution point, PO Box 299, Ephrata, PA 17522, by March 1, 2002.

4. **Resolved**, that the 119th Annual Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, PA, April 22-24, 2002 beginning at 10:00 AM on Monday.

Committee on Arrangements for 118th Annual Conference: David A. Thomann, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Secretary; Clyde D. Bomgardner, Randall A. Grossman, J. Mark McCreary, Thomas P. Shorb

## *Report of the Committee on Credentials*

The Committee on Credentials held three meetings during the year in the performance of its duties.

As a fulfillment of our requirements concerning our involvement in the military chaplaincy program, Keith E. Plows represented the Committee on Credentials at the NACMAF Convention in Washington, DC, in December.

The *Faith and Order* questionnaire was sent to each of the ministers holding Ordination Credentials with the BFC. All of the brethren returned their questionnaires. Thomas J. Beil and Kenneth L. Good requested that their credentials be withdrawn. Carl K. Spackman had his credentials restored. The Committee is well satisfied with the responses of those who handed in their questionnaires. The Lord, in His providence, has chosen to take home three of our ministering brethren this year: Bernard N. Coble, Henry A. Schell and Robert F. Johnson. We thank God for their ministry among us and look forward to the day we will be reunited with them in glory.

The following changes in status were approved:

Kenneth F. Barber was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers In Retirement.

Terris L. Byrd was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers On Leave of Absence.

David R. Way was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

Daniel G. Ziegler was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers in Retirement.

Arthur H. Frable, Jr. was changed from Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Organizations to Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence.

Edward Moyer was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers in Retirement.

Allan R. Vivona was changed from Ordained Ministers

Between Calls to Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church

The Committee met with two men for ordination examination. The Credentials Committee gives thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who has given these gifted men for the ministry of the BFC.

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended Duane E. Moyer and Elliot H. Ramos for ordination, and

**Whereas**, these brethren have served acceptably as ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church for the required period of time or the equivalent thereof, and

**Whereas**, after examination, the Credentials Committee believes these men to be called of God to the gospel ministry and to be in accord with the *Faith and Order* of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that Duane E. Moyer and Elliot H. Ramos be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and further,

**Resolved**, that the service of ordination be held Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. at Berean Bible Fellowship Church, Stroudsburg, PA.

The Credentials Committee has placed our Ordained Ministers in the following categories. (These men are eligible to serve a Bible Fellowship Church):

I. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church

Allen, Daniel P.	Commerford, Robert S.	Keeler, Kenneth D.
Armstrong, W. David	Cooper, Brian H.	Lawrence, Dennis J.
Arnold, Jonathon W.	Coulbourn, Hugh C., Jr.	Mahurin, Ronald C.
Baker, Delbert R., II	Cowen, Timothy S.	McCreary, J. Mark
Bartron, William H.	Erb, Ronald C.	Morrison, Mark L.
Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr.	Fischer, Carl J., Jr.	Paashauss, Richard T.
Brush, R. Jerome	Grossman, Randall A.	Phillips, D. Thomas
Cahill, Dennis M.	Gundrum, David E.	Prontnicki, Louis
Cassel, Alva C.	Harris, Richard D.	* Ramos, Elliot H.
Clapier, G. Wayne	Heineman, David N.	Ravis, Richard B.
Cole, Charles E.	Heller, LeRoy S.	Reed, Calvin T.

Reitz, Roger L.	Soper, Ralph M.	Vandegriff, John C., Jr.
Ritter, Ralph E.	Spackman, Carl K.	Vivona, Alan R.
Ruhl, Jeffrey L.	Spinney, Dennis W.	Watkins, David J.
Schlonecker, William G.	Stortz, Dean A.	Weller, Dana E.
Schoen, David N.	Susek, Jacob, J., Jr.	Wells, Howard N.
Shorb, Thomas P.	Tait, Jonathan P.	Wickstead, James A.
Sloan, Robert A., Jr.	Taylor, Richard E.	Widger, Byron
Smith, Gene W.	Thomann, David A.	

## II. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the Bible Fellowship Church:

Aukamp, William A.	Johnston, Walter M.	Pollock, Thomas A.
Boone, Clifford B.	Lea, Herbert K.	Riddell, David W.
Denlinger, Ronald K.	Manney, David L.	Studenroth, John C.
Gehman, Richard J.	Morrison, Philip E.	Yerrington, Philip E.
Harding, W. Neil, Jr.	* Moyer, Duane E.	Zimmerman, Paul G.
Head, Jim D.	Moyer, Jerry L.	

\* Contingent upon approval of recommendation of their ordination in this report.

## III. Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy Under the Sponsorship of the Bible Fellowship Church:

Hurst, Kenneth J. – Military  
 Minsky, Barry J. – Military  
 Moyer, Richard A. – Prison Ministry

## IV. Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries:

Bigley, T. James Jr.	Martin, Carl T.	Uhrich, Gregory A.
Ellingson, Bruce A.		

## V. Ordained Ministers Between Calls:

Batchler, James R. Jr.	Herb, John H.	Trommler, Steven L.
Dommel, Albert J.	Jones, David H.	Way, David R.

## VI. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence:

Burnett, Raymond G.	Frable, Arthur H., Jr.	Neher, James E.
Byrd, Terris L.	MacMillan, Thomas S.	

## VII. Ordained Ministers in Retirement:

Barber, Kenneth F.	Gordon, Robert N.	Munyan, Edgar H.
Beil, James A.	Harley, J. Barclay	Plows, Keith E.
Brosius, Bert N.	Hartman, Jansen E.	Reichenbach, R. C.
Buck, Leonard E.	Herb, Frank L., Jr.	Riggall, John H.
Cassel, Carl C.	Herb, George E.	Seifert, A. L.
Cassel, Willard E.	Hertzog, Roy A.	Shelly, Austin G.
Dotts, Raymond R.	Hoyle, Ronald W.	Smock, Robert W.
Draper, Robert L.	Kirkwood, Donald T.	Thomann, David E.
Dunn, John	Koch, James G.	Weaber, Harold C.
Frank, Walter H.	Moyer, Edward	Yarrington, Harold D.
Fritz, Harvey J., Jr.	Mull, William W.	Ziegler, Daniel G.

Credentials Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That an Ordination Service be held Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at the Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA., during the 119th Annual Conference.
2. That Lighthouse Bible Fellowship Church, Allentown, PA, and Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA, be encouraged to have services acknowledging the Ordination of Elliot H. Ramos and Duane E. Moyer respectively and that they be encouraged to invite the Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at the services.

Committee on Credentials: Keith E. Plows, Chairman; David A. Thomann, Secretary; Dennis M. Cahill, LeRoy S. Heller, Ralph M. Soper.



## *Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee*

The Ministerial Candidate Committee met nine times since the last Annual Conference.

The following men were interviewed during the year: Charles L. Bennett, Raymond R. Bertolet, Gerald D. Clark, Michael L. Easton, Donald R. Ellwanger, Robert K. Fields, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Ronald L. Kohl, Stephen C. Mann, and Elliot H. Ramos.

The following men were approved as probationers eligible to receive a call: Donald R. Ellwanger and Leland C. Stauff.

The following men received calls and were approved as licensed probationers: David T. Allen, Donald R. Ellwanger, and Leland C. Stauff.

An orientation seminar was held for men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee, June 6-8, 2000. The Tuesday afternoon session of this seminar was devoted to pastoral theology and allowed for discussion and sharing of ideas about such topics as weddings, funerals, baptisms, the Lord's Supper, dedications and anointing with oil.

This year's orientation seminar will be held June 5-7, 2001. This year's seminar will include a time for sermon evaluation for those who are candidates and probationers. Details of the seminar will be given at a later time.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee has changed some of its procedures. The *Faith and Order* Exams will now be given at scheduled times determined by the Committee. Men wishing to take exams will be notified of the scheduled times for such examinations.

**Resolved:** That the list of men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee as of February 28, 2001, be approved as follows:

Licensed Probationers (year of licensure in parenthesis)

David T. Allen (2000) . . . . . Kutztown PA

Andrew T. Crossgrove (1999) . . . . . Souderton PA

Willis I. Dowling (1999) . . . . . Chesapeake VA  
 William J. Dunn (1999) . . . . . Emmaus PA  
 Donald R. Ellwanger (2001) . . . . . Sinking Spring PA  
 Donald R. Hibbs (1991) . . . . . Saylorsburg PA  
 Duane E. Moyer (1998) . . . . . Bananier, Guadeloupe  
 Elliot H. Ramos (1998) . . . . . Allentown PA  
 Leland C. Stauff (2000) . . . . . Quakertown PA

#### Probationers Eligible to Receive a Call

Alvin A. Low . . . . . Colorado Springs CO  
 Kevin W. Kirkpatrick . . . . . Tcrre Hill PA  
 Hal J. Russell . . . . . Elmer NJ

#### Candidates

Charles Larry Bennett . . . . . Zionsville PA  
 Kevin W. Clineff . . . . . Spring City PA  
 Louis S. Curcio . . . . . Hatfield PA  
 Michael L. Easton . . . . . Newark DE  
 Robert K. Fields . . . . . Bethlehem PA  
 Ondrej Franka . . . . . Backi Petrovac, Serbia  
 Peter J. Gunderson . . . . . Spring City PA  
 Ronald K. Kohl . . . . . Allentown PA  
 Donald E. Kuntzman . . . . . Center Valley PA  
 James D. MacArthur . . . . . Reading PA  
 Stephen C. Mann . . . . . Quakertown PA  
 Bruce D. McIntosh . . . . . York PA  
 Arthur J. Simpson, Jr. . . . . Reading PA  
 Vinton A. N. Upham . . . . . Harleysville PA

#### Applicants

Raymond R. Bertolet . . . . . Santa Rita, Guam  
 Gerald D. Clark . . . . . Stanfordville NY  
 Raymond C. Cole . . . . . Newark DE  
 John C. Elias . . . . . Coopersburg PA  
 Fred J. Hoffman . . . . . Whitehall PA  
 Christopher D. Lenz . . . . . Denville NJ  
 Stephen T. Roth . . . . . Harrisburg PA  
 Vincent S. Russ . . . . . Staten Island NY  
 David K. Schlonecker, Jr. . . . . Rubio, Venezuela

**Whereas**, there is a growing trend for Bible Fellowship Churches to hire personnel who do not serve as senior pastor and do not carry credentials in the BFC and

**Whereas**, such non-credentialed personnel may carry significant leadership influence in the congregation, and

**Whereas**, it is the opinion of the Ministerial Candidate Committee that such non-credentialed personnel who serve in Bible Fellowship Churches should maintain a commitment to the *Faith & Order* of the BFC, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Chairman of the Annual Conference appoint a committee of six to study the advisability of a credentialing process for personnel who do not serve as senior pastor and are not credentialed by the BFC, and further

**Resolved** that this committee be comprised of two members from each of the Ministerial Candidate Committee, the Committee on Credentials and the Ministerial Relations Committee, and further

**Resolved** that, if such credentialing be deemed advisable by the committee, the committee shall develop a process for credentialing such personnel and further

**Resolved**, that this committee shall report to the next Annual Conference.

**Ministerial Candidate Committee:** Calvin T. Reed, Chairman; Richard E. Taylor, Secretary; Delbert R. Baker, Robert S. Commerford, David E. Gundrum

## *Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee*

We thank the Lord for His faithfulness to the BFC in the year 2000. The Chief Shepherd cares for His flock and provides undershepherds for each of the churches.

As of this report to Annual Conference, resignations from pastorates were as follows:

<b>Church</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Staten Island, NY	Ralph E. Ritter	May 31, 2000
Brodheads ville, PA	Donald R. Hibbs	June 30, 2000
Reading, PA	Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.	July 31, 2000
Coopersburg, PA	Thomas P. Shorb Senior Pastor	February 11, 2001

The following pastorates were established under our rules:

Camden, DE	Raymond R. Dotts	February 20, 2000
Kutztown, PA	Alan R. Vivona	May 7, 2000
Brooklyn Mission, NY	Ralph E. Ritter	June 1, 2000
Harrisburg, PA	Carl K. Spackman	July 1, 2000
Nazareth, PA	Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.	August 1, 2000
Quakertown, PA	Leland C. Stauff	August 1, 2000
Sinking Spring, PA	Donald Ellwanger	January 28, 2001
Piscataway, NJ	Richard Ravis	February 12, 2001
Coopersburg, PA	Thomas P. Shorb Pastor of Congregational Care	February 11, 2001
Terre Hill, PA	Kevin W. Kirkpatrick	March 16, 2001
Oley, PA	Arthur J. Simpson, Jr.	March 20, 2001
Zionsville, PA	Charles L. Bennett	March 28, 2001
Spring City, PA	Kevin W. Cliniff	April 15, 2001
Lancaster, PA	Gregory A. Uhrich	June 1, 2001

At this time, the churches in Pleasant Valley, NY, Red Hill, PA, and Stroudsburg, PA, were in the process of seeking a pastor. Pleasant Valley, NY, was being served by men providing pastoral ministry and was moving toward the establishment of pastorates according to our rules. Pray for the Lord's provision of a pastor for each of our churches.

The committee was represented on a study committee to address the concerns voiced by the Oley church in its petition to Annual Conference. Legislation will be presented from that committee to this Annual Conference.

The committee believes the timing is right for the appointment of a Conference Pastor (*F&O* §512-14,3). Pray with us for this provision. The committee recommends that provision be made for a part-time salary through the Administrative Budget (up to \$24,000 including all expenses and benefits).

The committee is planning to present a name for ratification as Conference Pastor, pending the approval of funding for the position through the Administrative Budget.

The committee makes the following recommendation to the 118th Annual Conference:

**Resolved**, that the recommended minimum salary for a pastor serving a Bible Fellowship Church, including benefits, be \$26,550.

Ministerial Relations Committee: David J. Watkins, Chairman; Randall A. Grossman, Secretary; Lee E. Boyles, Ronald C. Mahurin, Calvin T. Reed, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr.

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## *Report of the Victory Valley Camp*

I Chronicles 4:10 "...Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, and that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain! So, God granted him what he requested."

To God be the glory, great things He has done! Daily we stand in awe of His perfect Will for us and the denomination. More than thirty salvation decisions and dozens of life-commitments to follow a ministry-path occurred during Victory Valley's 2000 season. Victory Valley is being blessed and used by our God and Heavenly Father to meet the needs of children and teens as an increasing number of them have no father. It is a real blessing to have Victory Valley and Pinebrook as dynamic ministries in the BFC to provide a retreat to nature with a solid Bible-based program. Our commitment to the use of God's creation and its preservation, is a spiritually profitable endeavor.

Praise the Lord for answering "YES" to our prayers. The year-round staff has increased this spring as John Masters from the Fleetwood BFC has joined the effort as the Facilities Manager. His love for the Lord and God-given talent is a great asset to the Valley and to our mission. Phil Atkins has served as the Director for sixteen years, Donna Bauer has served as Assistant Director for more than sixteen years, and Sandy Mitchell has been with the Valley for more than three years as the Bookkeeper Registrar. Victory Valley has nearly doubled in summer attendance, and over triple the amount of groups rent Victory Valley each year since 1986. As the workload increased, we have met the challenge but more staff is needed to continue meeting the demands of this dynamic ministry. Please continue to pray for Victory Valley Camp, the Board, and the Staff.

The facilities will begin to increase again this year as we renovate the exterior of the Office Building, and work toward expanding the Dining Hall facility by 2003. Our growth has developed a need to meet certain space considerations. In addition to this expansion we plan to replace the mobile home, housing the Assistant Director, with a modular home by 2005. A BFC

businessman, who builds modular homes, is selling one to us at cost. A fund raising campaign is underway to meet the financial needs involved with these projects. In the year 2005, Victory Valley will celebrate its Golden Anniversary commemorating 50 years of ministry.

The Victory Interested Person program (VIP) is growing as well. Over 130 individuals and families are involved as VIP members. This program provides almost 10% of our budget. The monies are used for program materials, scholarships, and general camp needs. It is a great way to invest in the lives of our young people at a place where they make life decisions for God. We thank the Volunteers who make a great impact on our ability to meet the growing needs at camp. Call the camp to find out how to be a part of this great work. Youth groups, individuals, service groups and more already volunteer.

We thank the churches for continually praying and financially supporting the camp. Please remember that churches which support Victory Valley with 1% of their budget can receive a 10% discount for all their campers and groups that use the camp.

A financial report for 2000 will follow this report.

The dates for the 2001 program are as follows:

April 27-29	Father/Daughter Retreat
May 5	Spring Work Day
May 11-13	Mother/Son Retreat
June 3	VIP Picnic
June 24 – August 18	Camp, Outpost, Venture Quest
September 22	Victory Golf Tournament
October 6	Work Day
January 18-20, 2002	Sno-Valley #1
January 25-27, 2002	Sno-Valley #2
February 1-3, 2002	Sno-Valley #3
February 8-10, 2002	Teen Ski Retreat
March 22-24, 2002	Jr. Staff Retreat

Board of Victory Valley Camp: William G. Schlonecker, Chairman; Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Vice Chairman; Timothy D. Weaber, Secretary; Steven D. Schlegel, Treasurer; Dennis J. Lawrence, Jonathan D. Reynolds, Gary W. Saggio, Dennis W. Spinney, David L. Weller



## Income and Expense Statement for the year ended December 31, 2000

	<u>YTD</u>		
<b>Income</b>			
Restricted Contributions*	\$ 58,957		
Camper Fees: Summer	166,936		
Camper Fees: Winter	11,390		
Church Support	33,549		
Donations: Camper Offerings	1,781		
Donations: Campership	7,263		
Donations: VIP	23,387		
Interest	2,002		
Program: Crafts	859		
Program: Dry Goods	4,175		
Program: Horsemanship	12,880		
Program: Pictures	3,611		
Program: Snack Shack	7,917		
Rental: Equipment	10,743		
Rental: Retreat:	54,030		
Total Income	\$ 399,480	\$ 399,480	
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Administration</b>			
Continuing Education	1,278		
Director's Salary	28,194		
Dues, Fees	1,454		
General Insurance	19,497		
Health Insurance	9,825		
Office Salaries	18,720		
Office Supplies	4,454		
Payroll Taxes	3,591		
Postage	3,752		
Promotion/Advertising	9,244		
Telephone	3,178		
Travel	1,631		
Total Administration	104,818	104,818	
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>			
Cleaning Supplies	2,576		
Maintenance & Repair	24,837		
Payroll Taxes	105		
Pool Supplies	4,131		
Real Estate Taxes	3,647		
Salaries	1,363		
Utilities	18,770		
Waste Disposal	3,894		
Total Buildings & Grounds	59,323	59,323	
<b>Food Service</b>			
Equipment	1,240		
Food	30,059		
Total Food Service	31,299	31,299	

Program		
Assist Director's Salary	22,815	
Continuing Education	741	
Craft Supplies	1,110	
Dry Goods	4,726	
Educational Materials	2,403	
Health Insurance	7,605	
Horsemanship	7,538	
Medical Supplies	2,365	
Payroll Taxes	4,304	
Pictures	2,994	
Recreational Supplies	17,012	
Salaries	31,857	
Snack Shack	6,101	
Staff Goods	955	
Travel	480	
Total Program	<u>113,006</u>	<u>113,006</u>
Total Expenses		<u>308,446</u>
Net Income-Operations		91,034
Debt Service		
Interest		14,084
Excess Revenues over Expenses		76,950
Capital Expenditures		
Pool		30,864
Debt Service		
Principal		<u>17,172</u>
Cash Flow		<u>\$ 28,914</u>

\*Note: "Restricted Contributions" is a one-time extraordinary adjustment that includes contributions received in prior years as well as current year. Accounting for "Restricted Contributions" has been changed to recognize contributions in the year received rather than the year expended going forward.

### Balance Sheet


December 2000

Assets	
Cash in Bank	\$ 11,244
Money Market	54,152
Certificate of Deposit	5,000
Marketable Securities	500
Pool	69,696
Fixed Assets	106,822
Real Estate	385,200
Victory Hall	266,651
Total Assets	<u>\$ 899,265</u>
Liabilities	
Payroll Tax Payable	2,398
Restricted Liabilities (internal)	-
Restricted Liabilities (donor)	-
Loan - Ambassador Bank	84,645

Loan - Fellowship Manor	88,040
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 175,083</u>
Net Worth	
Excess Revenues over Expenses	76,950
Fund Balance, January 1	<u>647,232</u>
Total Net Worth	<u>724,182</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	<u>\$ 899,265</u>

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***Report of the  
Executive Director of Church Extension***

*...but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit  
has come upon you;  
you shall be my witnesses both in  
JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA...  
Acts 1:8*

On May 1, 2000, I embarked on my new calling as Executive Director of Church Extension. I stepped into this new ministry not unaware of the workings of the Department of Church Extension, nor unfamiliar with the dynamics of church planting, having served on the Board of Church Extension for six years and having earned a degree in Missiology, with a focus on church planting. Yet, neither the Board experience nor the degree could fully prepare me for the adjustments and magnitude of this mission of church planting.

For the first several months of my directorship, priority had to be given to the establishment of a new office and a new staff. Director Ziegler, along with Development Director Snyder, as well as the office secretary, Rachel Kistler, had all retired and along with their retirements came the closing of the Church Extension offices which were located in the Ziegler's and Snyder's homes. I also had to prioritize the search for a new residence for my family. We established a new office location in Allentown and we found a home in the Adamstown area of Northern Berks and Southern Lancaster Counties. I would like to thank Elder Mike Werley from the Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, the landlord for our office, for all the assistance he offered in helping us settle into the new office. I would also like to thank the Board Of Church Extension Property Committee, particularly Robert Buckwalter, and the Board Of Directors for their help in securing a home.

At the same time that the office and my home were being arranged we were training a new Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Linnette Smith. Linnette did a very commendable job in setting up the office and getting us started on a new computer system as well

as transitioning all the items necessary in caring for our church planting missionaries. I assume that many in the BFC are not aware of the extent of responsibility the Department has with regard to its missionaries. You might say we care for our men from birth to graduation. Unlike our foreign missionaries who usually have their care provided by their “sending” boards and our Board Of Missions, Church Extension has a comprehensive responsibility. We are concerned with the calling of a church planter, the establishment of his salary package, provisions for housing and hospitalization, and assist him in raising funds for his support and the needs of the mission. We also provide all the administrative record keeping, mailings, tax recording, retirement assistance, and the bookkeeping which goes along with all this. I am amazed at how all this comes together with only one person in the office and working approximately twenty-five hours a week. I thank Linnette for getting us started. Due to some personal concerns, Linnette had to leave her position, but the Lord had the right individual in the wings to take her place. Ruth Richards came on board as our Administrative Assistant and picked up where Linnette left off. Ruth has taken the efficiency of the office to the next level and has proved to be God’s person for this valuable ministry.

With the office and our home, moving in a reasonably good direction, the Lord placed some very serious matters at the forefront of my attention. Decisions had to be made concerning the Staten Island Mission. The Brooklyn Mission had called a new man to be their organizing pastor and was in need of housing, the Beacon Mission was going through some difficulty, and several property matters had to be addressed. All of these matters took significant time and energy. I praise God for the work of our Board in these matters and the support of the churches as we dealt with each situation. I also praise God for the encouragement I personally received from so many brothers and sisters in the BFC.

God had given me a vision for this work, at least a vision for these genesis years of my ministry in Church Extension. In light of all the initial organizing work and the attention which had to be given to issues needing decisions, I was able to fulfill some significant elements of that vision. I set as a goal to be in all the BFC churches and Missions by the end of the summer of 2001. I

am right on target. I have been in or will be in by the time of Conference, thirty-seven churches with twenty-two churches still to visit. In thirty-five of the churches I have been in, I was able to present my vision and preach in the Sunday morning worship services. This has exposed this vital mission of church planting to the majority of the people in the BFC. My vision, as many of you have heard, is summed up with an acronym, titled, B.U.R.S.T.

Bridging - The work of Church Extension must be seen as missions and our church planters as God's called missionaries to our Jerusalem and Judea. In last year's report of the Board of Missions, our Director stated that the BFC has a passion for missions (foreign). I know that he will agree with my saying that when it comes to fulfilling the Great Commission in our Jerusalem and Judea through evangelism to make converts and church planting to make disciples, our corporate passion is lacking. A denomination might be able to do without its para agencies and survive. The closing of Pinebrook Jr. College is an example of this, but if a denomination loses its fervor and passion for church planting in its ministry target areas and beyond, it will corporately deteriorate. In every church I have visited, I have waved the banner of the vital importance of the mission of Church Extension and church planting. A number of our churches know this truth and have significantly supported our mission. But if we are going to bring glory to God through fulfilling that which was the last command on the lips of His Son, *...make disciples*, then not just a number but all the churches must have their hands firmly gripping the banner of church planting.

Uniting - Maybe a better word for this point in my vision statement might be Creating. The Missions Task Force, made up of three members of the Board Of Missions ( Dana Weller, Ralph Soper, David Way), and three members of the Board Of Church Extension ( David Gundrum, David Armstrong, Richard Taylor) has been meeting for the past two years and has come to the point where we are convinced, along with our Boards, that God's

mission plan for the BFC would best be carried out by the creation of a new BFC mission's entity, namely The Great Commission Ministries - BFC. This new Board will have as its focus the comprehensive fulfillment of Acts 1:8, Jerusalem to the Uttermost parts of the world. Church planting will be the crucible of this new Missions entity. A Report is being distributed from the Task Force to Conference and the Task Force will be available to answer questions or clarify its vision.

Recruiting - At the recent national church planting forum I attended, it was stated that the most significant ingredient to successful church planting is to establish intercessors who will pray for the targeted church planting effort. The second most important ingredient noted was the proper recruitment and assessment of church planting missionaries. My vision is to see the men, whom God is raising up in the BFC for ministry, consider church planting as one of the options to consider when evaluating their call. Church Planting is Pauline in every aspect of its nature. To enter into church planting is to walk in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. It will take men who are ready for a challenge, with visionary skills, an evangelistic heartbeat and a personality and desire to be incarnational with the community in which they will minister. I hope to have someone, maybe a retired pastor, assist me in recruitment and go out to Bible Schools and Seminaries to share our vision and the opportunities which exist for church planting in the BFC. I also hope to encourage each BFC Pastor to speak to those men from their churches, whom God is calling to ministry, and encourage them to prayerfully consider becoming a church planter. God has raised up from our ranks overseas missionaries and pastors for our churches. I trust He will raise up gifted church planters.

Strategy - A visionary strategy to do church planting is necessary. But, policies and strategies have been difficult to formulate because of the anticipation of a new missions entity and the probability that a new Board for The Great Commission Ministries-BFC will need the freedom to

create a new structure as well as new policies and strategies. Yet, I and our Policy and Strategy Committee believe that until this new missions entity is in position, a bridge strategy is necessary.

Training - Rounding out my vision is the need to institute the training necessary for our men to be equipped to plant churches. First, I believe a *BFC Church Planters Manual* is necessary in order for the church planter to know how to handle situations on the field and where to turn when questions arise. It will equip the planter with helpful tools and give him a clear understanding of what is expected of him. I have gathered a number of helpful contacts who are committed to training and Coaching/Mentoring church planters. I have also gathered some very good training materials. What I need now is the time to coordinate all these valuable training elements into a training manual and set up the right forum for putting the training into practice. I value your prayers with regard to this endeavor.

If you are not familiar with my weekly Antiochan Reports, please see me and allow me to add your E-mail to my list. I have had many good comments on how much our people appreciate receiving this weekly news on Church Extension. Finally, I would like to give some brief reports on the Churches and Missions in the Department. This past year the Personnel Committee from the Board of Church Extension held its bi-annual meetings with our men. Each of our men stated that they were encouraged in their ministry and looking forward to the Lord blessing them with reaching their goals and objectives for this coming year. This year, the Pleasant Valley Church was graduated from the Department and is now seeking to purchase its own meeting place. In this past year we also followed the Lord's leading to close two of our works, the Staten Island and Beacon missions. These were very difficult decisions for the Board. We are praying for new church starts this year to compensate for these losses. Here is a listing of the Churches and Missions in the Department.

Aberdeen, NJ - Pastor John C. Vandegriff - John and this wonderful group of people work hard each week to hold their time of worship in the school where they are meeting. Recently, the



listing of the church in the local Yellow Pages has been bringing visitors in on a regular basis. John and the church are on target with the church becoming fully self-supporting. This year, once again, the church was able to receive less in appropriations from the Department.

South Allentown, PA - Pastor Elliott H. Ramos - This year, the mission has taken some steps toward becoming a particular church. We assessed ten committed families for the mission and at this time Pastor Ramos is working with several men to be potential elders. The mission has also reduced its appropriation need from the Department and is setting aside money for the support of both foreign and home missions. At this Conference Pastor Ramos will be ordained into the gospel ministry.

Brooklyn, NY - Pastor Ralph E. Ritter - After six years of praying and seeking the Lord to call a pastor for this faithful and committed group of Christians in New York, the Department called Ralph Ritter to be the organizing pastor for the Brooklyn Mission. Ralph concluded his ministry at Staten Island and answered the call to Brooklyn. He and Carolyn and the children moved into a new parsonage in Brooklyn. At the time of the writing of this Report, an Assessment Committee was being approved to meet with ten committed families from the mission and the potential elders of the church.

Chesapeake VA - Pastor Willis I. Dowling - This mission is now two years old and after much evaluation and discussion with Pastor Dowling the Board decided to commit to Willis' full support. As of Jan.1,2001, Willis is now full-time church planting in the Tidewater area. He will be securing a new meeting place for Sunday worship and starting up a new Bible Study in the Suffolk area where several key families in the church live. Pray that with these changes and modifications God will bless the work with growth this year.

Las Cruces, NM - Pastor Jack Becker - This year, the mission in New Mexico has grown from twenty to as high as in the forties. We have identified several men who are willing to serve as elders for

the mission and it is now a matter of coordinating their schedules and have them begin their meetings with Jack. Jack is still very committed to the mission, but has a vision for reaching another area. Please pray the Lord would lead a man to come alongside Jack and become the Pastor of the church in the future.

Newark, NJ - Pastor Delbert R. Baker - Newark continues to be a strategic ministry in this vast metropolitan city. Its work of mercy and outreach with the Gospel are so valuable to the Lord's plan for this city. Pastor Baker remains committed to the people of his congregation and the goal of reaching out with the Gospel. Plans for the new church building are still being held up by the need for an access property to the new church site. Please pray for two things: that the Lord would open up an access property and that God would raise up elders for the church.

Scranton, PA - Pastor Roger L. Reitz - This year Pastor Reitz and his Board, along with the members of the church, are seeking the Lord's blessing upon this ministry and the goals they have set for the growth and development of the church. Brother Reitz will begin a Bible Study in the Pittston area, west of Scranton. A new family, formerly active participants in our Stroudsburg Church, moved into the Pittston area and are praying for God to reach this area with the Gospel. Pray for Pastor Reitz and the Church as they seek to reach their ministry goals and begin this outreach to Pittston.

Thompson, CT - Pastor Dennis W. Spinney - Pastor Spinney has a real heart for church planting and has been seeking the Lord's leading for planting a sister church in one of his neighboring areas. He has also been meeting with potential elders for the mission. Pray that this year elders would be assessed. Dennis reported that this past year, the mission experienced its highest giving year since its inception. This will allow the church to move ahead in its goal to be self-supporting.

Toms River, NJ - Pastor Dean A. Stortz - This past summer Chris Merrick led a work team to Toms River and renovated the parsonage. This was a great encouragement to Dean and Donna, the church, and the community. The church is moving ahead and like

a number of other works in the Department, the church is taking on more of the support for their Pastor. The opportunity to purchase a vacant church has surfaced. Pray for God's leading in this purchase and that the church will continue to grow.

Walnutport, PA - Pastor Jonathan P. Tait - The church is in its last year of being fully self-supporting and Lord willing, by this time next year, the Walnutport Church will be graduated from the Department. Pastor Tait and the Elders of the Church have done a great job in developing the church and establishing a vision for growth. They have a burden to reach the greater community of the Northern Lehigh Valley and are now seeking a property to be located in a more strategic location. Pray that all goes well in reaching their goals for ministry.

Hellertown, PA - I praise God for the vision and work the Coopersburg Church has accomplished in laying the foundation for a church to be planted in Hellertown. A leadership group has been meeting and I have been working with the group to complete some necessary work before we launch worship services in the community. Stephen Mann, former WorldTeam missionary to Guadeloupe, is completing his credentials with the BFC in order to receive a call to Hellertown. Pray all goes well with the launching of this mission.

DELMARVA - In the next few weeks I will be meeting with a core group of people from the Sussex County DE, area and seeking to work with them in planting a church in or around Rehoboth, DE. Pastor Ken Barber will be helping where he can and Pastor Ray Dotts, Camden DE ,BFC, and Pastor Bill Schlonecker, Newark, DE, BFC, will also be supporting this Delaware sister church project. Pray for a good start to this plant.

Hispanic Church Plant - The Joint Committee on Ethnic Church planting had successfully facilitated the planting of an Hispanic Church in South Allentown and is now looking to do the same among the Hispanic Community in Lancaster. This year the joint Committee will be pursuing this project along with the assistance of Pastor Ramos and the support of the Capital Region Churches.

I praise God for the notes, E-mails and personal conversations of encouragement. But most of all I thank the Lord for the Churches of the BFC and the many individuals who support this work in prayer and financial giving. Please pray for me in this new year. Pray that I will be a servant to the BFC, the men of our Department, and the Board Of Church Extension. Pray that God will give me wisdom to assist our churches and missions develop into particular churches. Pray for Ruth Richards and the vast amount of work she has the responsibility of overseeing. Finally, pray that God will use me to encourage our Churches to see the importance of planting churches in our Jerusalem and Judea.

In His Love & Service, Respectfully Submitted,  
David E. Gundrum, Executive Director Of Church Extension.



## *Report of the Board of Church Extension*

The Board of Church Extension has the distinct privilege and responsibility of promoting and helping the Bible Fellowship Church to carry out the Great Commission by planting churches to the glory of God. The Lord has demonstrated His perfect faithfulness through another year of ministry within the Department. This was a year of transition. David E. Gundrum became the Executive Director on May 1st, 2000. He has brought his own unique and excellent gifts and personality to the tasks of leadership. David has been enthusiastically representing the work of church planting to churches and visiting with each church planter for evaluation and encouragement. The Board is grateful to God for Daniel G. Ziegler's leadership of the Department for thirty-two years. It was a great joy to host a "Retirement Dinner" for Daniel and his wife, Jaqueline, at Fellowship Manor. Many enjoyed the evening of remembering God's faithfulness over the years. Recognition and appreciation were also extended to Carol Snyder, who has retired as the Director of Development. A highlight of the evening was the announcement of the "Daniel G. Ziegler Legacy Fund" to be designated for planting new churches. The Board is pleased to establish this fund as an ongoing tribute to Dan's untiring devotion to church planting and encourages each church to consider a contribution. The office personnel also changed. In light of Rachel Kistler's retirement, Linette Smith and more recently, Ruth Richards, have continued to provide excellent administrative support in the office.

The work of church planting has its joys and sorrows. With joy, this year the Board appointed an Assessment Committee for the Lighthouse Bible Fellowship Church in South Allentown, PA, and the Brooklyn, NY, Mission. Each has steadily progressed and is rapidly moving toward recognition as a Particular Church. The Pleasant Valley, NY, Bible Fellowship Church has "graduated" from the oversight of the Department. Many of the missions are showing steady, if not rapid, development and growth. The Board is grateful for those elders in the Bible Fellowship Church who, though not members of the Board, are willing to serve on Surrogate

Boards of Elders for missions and churches of the Department, providing essential leadership and guidance in their formative years.

With sadness, this year the Board made the difficult decision to close the Staten Island and Beacon, NY, Missions. The Board remains committed to inner city church planting and remains open to a future work in Staten Island as the Lord may direct. We thank the Lord for each man that has served in this place over many years and for the eternal fruit that God has brought forth over the years. W. Robert Buckwalter will not seek re-election to the Board after years of faithful and dedicated service to the Lord. His work on the Property Committee has been invaluable. Also, the Board remains encouraged with the progress made in plans for a joint effort with the Board of Missions to more effectively carry out Christ's Great Commission.

We enter another year of ministry with great expectations regarding the potential of new church plants. The Board has assumed oversight of the Hellertown, PA, church plant, which was birthed out of Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, Coopersburg, PA, along with interest and support from our Quakertown and Bethlehem churches. The time appears ripe for a church plant in the Delmarva Peninsula region. These expectations are sourced in a great God Whose desire is to build His church. However, they are at times tempered by the reality of limited financial resources available for these new church planting efforts. New church plants are absolutely essential to the future health and growth of our denomination to God's glory.

A special word of thanks is extended to all of those who faithfully support the ministry of planting Bible Fellowship churches through their prayers, gifts, and participation in work projects. These are true partners in the ministry. The Board communicates its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the commitment of those churches that gave one percent of their offerings to the Fund to Promote Church Extension as recommended by the Board of Directors. This has been a source of great encouragement. Also, the Board thanks the Lord for the fine men who are serving "in the trenches." Church planting is not an easy task. There are times of great loneliness, frustration, and discouragement mixed with the times of great joy. Please continue

to pray for and support each of these men and their families. We invite you to visit the missions and churches of the Church Extension Department to encourage them and to see firsthand the results of your partnership. The Board continues to pray that God would work in such a way that it is unmistakably a work of His.

The following is a list of the men who are presently serving in the Department of Church Extension:

Aberdeen, NJ (Bayshore) . . . . .	John C. Vandegriff
Atlantic County, NJ . . . . .	Unassigned
Brooklyn, NY . . . . .	Ralph E. Ritter
Chesapeake, VA . . . . .	Willis I. Dowling
Hellertown, PA . . . . .	Unassigned
Las Cruces, NM . . . . .	Jack Becker
Newark, NJ . . . . .	Delbert R. Baker, II
Tom's River, NJ (Ocean County) . . . .	Dean A. Stortz
Scranton, PA . . . . .	Roger L. Reitz
South Allentown, PA . . . . .	Eliot H. Ramos
Thompson, CT . . . . .	Dennis W. Spinney
Walnutport, PA . . . . .	Jonathan P. Tait

The Board of Church Extension recommends the following resolution be adopted by the 118th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church:

**Whereas**, the Board of Church Extension is of the opinion that the New Community Mission, Brooklyn, New York, meets the qualifications of a Particular Church as specified in Article 18 of the Articles of Faith of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the New Community Mission, Brooklyn, New York, be recognized as a Particular Church, and that its delegate be received into membership of the 118th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

**Board of Church Extension**: Richard E. Taylor, Chairman; David W. Armstrong, Vice Chairman; William R. Singletary, Treasurer; William G. Schlonecker, Secretary; David E. Gundrum, Executive Director; W. Robert Buckwalter, Dennis M. Cahill, John C. Elias, Clyde W. Snyder, Byron Widger, Robert H. Zentz

**Board of Church Extension**  
**Financial Report - January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000**

Balance, December 31, 1999 \$26,129.58

**INCOME**Undesignated

From BFC Churches \$ 149,069.89  
 From Other Sources 39,489.46

Designated

From BFC Churches \$67,714.00  
 From Other Sources 43,085.72

Other

Board of Missions  
     Ethnic Church Plant 6,000.00  
 BFC 2000 5,500.00  
 New Church Starts 604.27  
 Reimbursements 881.81  
 Designated In/Out 1,000.00  
 Interest 219.91  
 Emergency Reserve Fund Loan 35,687.00  
 Total Income 349,252.06

**EXPENSES**

Appropriations \$190,431.18

New Executive Director (8 months)

Salary/Benefits  
 Medical Insurance 36,868.00  
 Housing, Travel, Promotion 21,367.84

Interim Executive Director (7 months)

Salary/Benefits  
 Medical Insurance 16,012.50  
 Housing, Travel, Promotion 7,317.87  
 Moving 1,000.00

Administrative Contingency 3,250.00

Support Staff/Office Operation

Salary/Benefits 14,705.80  
 Office Expenses 18,500.00  
 Rent 5,742.50

Other

Board Expenses 1,597.89  
 Conference Expenses 925.00  
 Insurance, Taxes, Pensions 8,192.59  
 Egg Harbor Property Taxes 1,451.93  
 Bank Charges 76.25  
 Designated In/Out 1,000.00

Total Expenses 328,439.35

Total Balance, December 31, 2000 46,942.29



Depository

Savings Account	41,663.84
Department Checking Acct.	5,278.45

Account and Report have been reviewed and approved by Richard A. Kuntzman, Accountant

**ADDENDA**

1. The following monies, which are part of the above balance, are restricted by designation

	<u>Bal.12/31/99</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Bal.12/31/00</u>
Luzerene County Project	\$127.30	-----	-----	\$ 127.30
Brooklyn Mission	3,907.00	13,688.00	15,199.62-	2,395.38
Staten Island, NY	3,311.08	5,925.00	14,540.00	-5,303.92
Las Cruces, NM, Becker	1,025.00	25.00	-----	1,050.00
Hellertown Project	-----	535.00	-----	535.00
Newark, NJ	382.00	17,667.00	21,720.00	<u>-3,671.00</u>

2. The Board holds the following three funds in a single First Union National Bank CAP Account:

2a. Emergency Reserve Fund (ERF), which is restricted and may be lent to cover account deficits. The Board is required to repay such loans with interest.

2b. Memorial Fund (MF), a revolving loan fund, which is restricted for the purpose of assisting churches and missions in the Church Extension Department in real estate purchases.

2c. Daniel G. Ziegler Legacy Fund (DGZLF) is used to help churches, as they begin their ministry, to purchase supplies and office equipment.

ERF			
Date	Interest	(EXP)/DEP	Balance
12/31/1999			\$ 53,066.65
12/31/2000	\$1,466.22	(\$35,821.40)	\$ 18,828.39

MF			
Date	Interest	(EXP)/DEP	Balance
12/31/1999			\$ 23,404.75
12/31/2000	\$1,088.26	\$ 611.74	\$ 25,104.75

DGZLF			
Date	Interest	(EXP)/DEP	Balance
12/31/1999			\$ 0.00
12/31/2000	\$189.20	\$20,063.00	\$ 20,252.20

Total, First Union Nat. Bank CAP Acct 12/31/2000 \$ 64,185.34  
 Total, First Union Nat. Bank Savings Acct 12/31/1999 \$ 76,471.40

3. Receivables:

ERF Staten Island Apartment Loan \$ 1,025.00  
 ERF Staten Island Boiler Loan 5,025.00  
 ERF Staten Island Renovations Loan 4,700.00  
 ERF Staten Island Facade Loan 1,297.28  
 Total Receivables \$ 12,047.28

**2001 Budget**

Income

Undesignated  
 From BFC Churches \$ 147,000.00  
 From Other Sources 30,190.00  
 Designated  
 From BFC Churches 120,000.00  
 From Other Sources 73,977.00  
 Other - Interest 300.00  
 Amerivision 300.00  
 Total Income \$ 371,767.00

Expenses

Appropriations 247,890.00  
 Executive Director  
 Salary/Benefits  
 Medical Insurance 54,302.00  
 Related Expenses  
 Housing & Travel 25,000.00  
 Education/Conferences 1,000.00  
 Administrative Contingency 2,000.00  
 Support Staff/Office Operation  
 Salary/Benefits 13,200.00  
 Office Expenses 12,600.00  
 Rent 5,400.00  
 Other  
 Board Expenses 1,400.00  
 Conference Expense 575.00  
 Insurance, Taxes, Pensions 6,900.00  
 Promotion 500.00  
 Repayment/Interest 1,000.00  
 Total Expenses \$ 371,767.00

## *Report of the Board of Missions*

**“This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it”.**

How shortsighted we must be to quote Psalm 118:24 as some type of pep talk for a bad day. Recently I heard a woman in a parking lot say as she looked at the crumpled fender of her new SUV, “Oh well, this is the day...”

The Psalmist is very clear, as is our Lord in the Gospels that the day of rejoicing is the day that God made the rejected stone by man the Chief Cornerstone. “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.”

As God continues to build His church on the foundation of His Son Jesus Christ, it still is a marvelous sight in our eyes.

We live in unprecedented times! The outpouring of the Spirit on this world and the ingathering of believers in the past few years are unparalleled in church history. The church of Jesus Christ around the world has heeded His call to go and make disciples.

The statistics that follow this report only tell a portion of the story. God continues to call out of our tiny denomination men and women for careers in missionary service. (We now have 1 out of every 42 members of the BFC involved with the BOM!) Out of our missionary family God has called some to take the mantle of leadership, for others they are part of the great army on the front lines of evangelism and church planting. Still others carry on the support ministries that are so vitally needed.

The BFC missionary family proclaims the Good News of the Gospel in over 35 nations of the world.

They touch the students and professors on the campuses of  
our universities.

They build the next generation of church leaders in Africa,  
Europe, and Central and South America.

They assist nationals in establishing churches.

They show the love of Christ by assisting those who are  
physically suffering.

They find creative ways to be salt and light in limited-access areas.

From the Indian reservation, to the inter-city, from the jungle to the remote parts of Mongolia they serve the cause of Christ.

Beyond the statistics that account for our career missionary family is the movement within the BFC toward short-term missionary projects. Both adults and students are heeding the call to join forces with our missionary family and assist in a wide variety of ways. We have no way of accurately counting those who have heeded the call. Entire work teams and small groups have transversed the globe over the past year. At least a third of our churches have participated in some type of a project. (Besides work teams, many ministry teams used sports, puppets, VBS, magic, and mime.) What was once a youth movement now includes all ages. Retired couples, singles groups, even entire families have joined the ranks.

Truly “the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.”

This year the BOM continues to serve our churches by:  
 Helping churches bring those who show an interest in missions through the application process to career status with the BFC.

Providing overseas opportunities through a pastor’s vision trip to Kenya, and a combined church short-term missions trip to Venezuela.

Offering the services of Global Focus to our BFC Churches.

Joining ranks with the newly formed Board of Youth and Young Adults in promoting missionary service projects for our youth.

Offering our young people a missions vision though a RWR retreat.

Taking a group of young adults to URBANA Missions Conference in Illinois.

Establishing the BFC-letsfish egroup for the purpose of sharing ideas.

Conducting our first Short-Term Missions Symposium for teens and young adults being held this year at Quakertown on May 5.

The Board of Missions remains committed to the creation of the new BFC missions entity approved by Annual Conference namely, **The Great Commission Ministries - BFC**. This new Board will have as its focus the comprehensive fulfillment of Acts 1:8

*“This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

### General Statistical Report on December 31, 2000

1. Number of Sending Boards under which our missionaries are working ..... **36**
2. Number of countries in which our missionaries are working ..... **35**
3. Number of Missionaries:

	Family Units	Couples	Singles	Total Adults
Active Missionaries	83	61	22	144
Leave of Absence	0	0	0	0
Appointees	9	4	5	13
Active Applicants	8	5	2	15
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>172</b>

4. Geographical Areas where our missionaries are assigned and their number

Area	Families	Adults	Countries
U.S.	38	65	U.S.
North America	3	6	Canada, Mexico (excluding U.S.)
Central America	5	9	Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guadeloupe
South America	9	15	Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador Venezuela
Europe	18	28	Austria, France, Germany, UK, Greece, Hungary, Spain, Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan

Africa	6	10	Kenya, Tanzania, Morocco
Asia	8	15	India, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Mongolia, Thailand, Ukraine
Southeast Asia & Pacific	5	9	Guam, Malaysia, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>35</b>

**Our Missionary Appointees (12 family units 20 adults)**

1. **Sam & Melissa Adams** were accepted by this Board on 1/20/00 to serve at Word of Life’s camp in the Czech Republic.
2. **Mark Bickle** was accepted by this Board on 7/20/00. Mark is serving with Disciplemakers in administration and discipleship. Mark became a career missionary January 2001.
3. **Scott & Stacy Bose** were accepted by this Board on 6/11/00. They are professional associates serving at Brazilia International School with NICS.
4. **Ron & Joan Denlinger** were accepted by this Board on 1/20/00. They are serving with Rural Home Missions Association as a pastor to pastors.
5. **Katharine Elias** was accepted by this Board on 4/6/00. She is serving at Christiansen Academy in Rubio for one year as a teacher and guidance counselor.
6. **Jaroslav & Natalija Eljas** were accepted by this Board on 7/20/00. They are serving with The Pocket Testament League in Yugoslavia. They became career missionaries July 2000.
7. **Craig & Karena Miller** were accepted by this Board on 9/28/00. They will be doing church planting in Brazil with UFM.
8. **Randy Ruth** was accepted by this Board on 7/20/00. Randy is doing friendship evangelism in Kazakhstan with Charistar. He became a career missionary September, 2000.
9. **David Schlonecker, Jr.** was accepted by this Board on 9/28/00. David is overseas director for Push The Rock.
10. **Mark & Jocelyn Scott** were accepted by this Board 4/6/00

to serve with Campus Crusade. Their ministry is to the students on college campuses in New Jersey. They became career missionaries September 2000.

11. **John & Laura Studenroth** were accepted by this Board 1/20/00. John's emphasis is evangelism to college professors

### **Our Missionary Family**

- Sam & Melissa Adams ..... Czech Republic --Camp Manager  
 Keith & Carol Anderson ..... Texas, USA-Registrar & Director  
 of Housing, Teaching nursery program  
 William Aukamp ..... South Dakota, USA-Evangelism,  
 discipleship, Bible classes  
 Mel & Jan Babcock ..... Alaska, USA-Purchaser, hosts for  
 mission house guest apartment  
 Totoram & Felica Baran ..... New Jersey, USA-Evangelism,  
 cross-cultural ministries through Newark Bible Center  
 Byron & Lisa Barnshaw ..... Pennsylvania, USA-Graphic  
 designer in public relations department, photography  
 Bruce & Heather Beal ..... Costa Rica-Bible translation  
 Jennifer Bechtel ..... Germany-teacher at Black Forest  
 Academy  
 Raymond & Louise Bertolet Guam-Local church and prison  
 ministries, production of radio programs, control-board  
 operator  
 Mark Bickle ..... Pennsylvania, USA-adminis-  
 tration, discipleship  
 Glen Blausner ..... North Carolina, USA-Warehouse  
 manager JAARS  
 Richard & Peggy Blausner ..... California, USA-Shipping  
 manager  
 Cliff & Becky Boone ..... Tanzania, AFRICA-Evangelism,  
 discipleship, church planting among unreached people  
 groups  
 Scott & Stacy Bose ..... Brazil-Administration & teaching  
 Brazilia International School  
 Osborne & Diane Buchanan Pennsylvania, USA-Associate  
 Director for Fellowship International Mission

- Barbara Chappell ..... Pennsylvania, USA-Evangelism materials for children, teaching Bible classes
- Linda Clayton ..... Ecuador-X-ray technology, church ministries
- Sanjay & Karen Dalavai ..... Pennsylvania, USA-BCM International home office staff
- Ron & Joan Denlinger ..... Pennsylvania, USA--Pastoral counseling and encouragement
- Bill & Lois Early ..... Florida, USA-Radio production, radio evangelism
- Mike & Jocelyn Easton ..... Delaware, USA-Bible clubs, children's ministry, leadership training
- Katharine Elias ..... Venezuela-teaching, counseling
- Jaroslav & Natalija Eljas ..... Yugoslavia-Evangelism, discipleship, church and youth ministries, relief work and radio programming
- Rick Erb ..... Russia-evangelism
- Theresa Faust ..... Malaysia-Ministering to physically and mentally impaired persons and their families
- Ondrej & Milina Franka ..... Yugoslavia-Evangelism, discipleship, church and youth ministries, relief work and radio programming .....
- Maggie Gallo Pennsylvania, USA-administration
- Richard & Flo Gehman ..... Kenya, Africa-Theological education and spiritual renewal ministries
- Marian Gibbon ..... Kenya, Africa-Supervisor O.R., Anesthesiology, Maternity, teaching, evangelism
- Neil & Ivy Harding ..... Russia-Teaching and training pastors in Bible and church leadership
- Connie Hartman ..... Austria-Evangelism, discipleship, Bible studies, music
- Tim & Barbara Hash ..... Vermont, USA-family ministry
- James & Lynne Head ..... France-Evangelism, church planting, discipleship
- Aaron & Marlene Hoffman .. Texas, USA-Dallas Center Chaplain, hospitality, Center nurse
- Scott & Sue Hoffman ..... Pennsylvania-administration Push the Rock



- Walter & Susan Johnston ..... Philippines-video training ministries, evangelism, discipleship
- Marvin & Peggy Klaassen ... Chile-Bible Institute ministry
- Paul & Kathryn Kline ..... Greece-Evangelistic outreach with Hellenistic ministries
- Brian & Carol Ann Lawrence Philippines-Church planting and evangelism
- Herb & Susan Lea ..... France-Professional Associates teaching in seminary
- Robert Lockhart ..... Hungary-Professional Associate construction coordinator
- Jim & Trudi MacArthur ..... Pennsylvania, USA-Administration Charstar
- Dave & Rosemarie Manney . Ukraine-evangelism and administration
- Chris & Beckie Merrick ..... Pennsylvania, USA-Coordination of ministry and work teams for urban church planters
- Barry & Lesa Miller ..... Morocco-House parents at Children's Haven and Christian School
- Craig & Karena Miller ..... Brazil-Church planting
- Phil & Jan Morrison ..... Kenya, Africa-Teaching, training pastors and church workers
- Duane & Joetta Moyer ..... Guadeloupe--Church, youth work, Extension Seminary
- Jerry & Carolyn Moyer ..... France-Church planting
- Tony & Joanna Murrin ..... Bolivia-Missionary aviation, evangelism and discipleship
- Mike & Trudy Newell ..... England-Evangelism and discipleship to Hindus
- John & Judy Nicely ..... Venezuela-Teaching and community ministries
- Sharon Ohlin ..... Hungary-Child evangelism and leadership training
- Jeff & Emmy Ort ..... Pennsylvania, USA-Handi\*Camp Program Director
- Rob & Lorene Parks ..... Dominican Republic-Director of Anija Ministries
- Rob & Lana Patterson ..... Canada-Evangelism, discipleship, church ministries among native Americans

- Joy Pattison ..... Venezuela-elementary teacher
- Wayne & Lois Gay Pauley ... New York, USA-Evangelism and church planting among Chinese
- John & Judy Pello ..... Pennsylvania, USA-Urban church planting
- Tom & Becky Pollock ..... Minnesota, USA-Evangelism, discipleship, church ministries among native Americans
- Earl Poysti ..... Colorado, USA-Evangelism and Russian Radio production
- Lillian Solt Ramirez ..... Costa Rica-Health, medical, one-on-one evangelism, counseling
- Art & Vicki Reyes ..... Mexico-Evangelism, discipleship and church planting
- David & Becky Riddell ..... France-Field Director, evangelism, discipleship, church planting
- Matt Roth ..... Papua, New Guinea-graphic arts
- Randy Ruth ..... Kazakhstan-evangelism
- Thomas & Joyce Sacher ..... Pennsylvania, USA-camp ministry
- Nicole Saggio ..... West Virginia, USA-Campus ministries
- Dave & Roxy Schlonecker ... Venezuela---Teaching, school administration, local church ministries
- David Scholonecker, Jr. .... Pennsylvania, USA-Overseas Director sports evangelism
- Dan & Jackie Scott ..... Kyrgyzstan-Outreach to unreached peoples
- Mark & Jocelyn Scott ..... New Jersey, USA-campus ministries
- Frances Sears ..... Pennsylvania, USA-Evangelism materials for children, teaching Bible classes
- Ted & Grete Shelling ..... Georgia, USA/Austria-International Student evangelism/discipleship, counseling
- Gary & Karen Shogren ..... Costa Rica-Seminary professor
- Sarolta Solymosi ..... Hungary-Door-to-door evangelism and discipleship
- Donn & Julie Stengele ..... India-Professional Associates teaching and directing school activities
- Kim Stengele ..... Tanzania, Africa-Sandawe outreach project, medical ministry

- John & Laura Studenroth ..... Pennsylvania, USA-evangelism to college professors
- Edward Stuebner ..... Pennsylvania, USA-graphic arts for printing, evangelism through magic and chalk talks
- Craig & Mary Tress ..... Australia-Camping and administration
- Rick & Donna Warner ..... Mongolia-Evangelism discipleship church planting, agriculture
- Dana & Lanette Weller ..... Pennsylvania, USA-Director, Board of Missions
- Pat & Linda Whalen ..... Pennsylvania, USA-Mid-West Director American Missionary Fellowship
- Scott & Joanna Widman ..... Northern Ireland-Camping ministry
- Oliver & Linda Williams ..... England-Evangelism & discipleship to Hindus
- Mark & Cathy Wimble ..... Thailand-missionary care
- Barry & Candy Wingo ..... Mexico-Evangelism, translation, church planting
- Phil & Nancy Yerrington ..... Pennsylvania, USA-Northeast representative, TEAM
- Paul & Julie Zimmerman ..... New York, USA-AIM headquarters: Paul: church relations coordinator; Julie: telephone operator, receptionist
- Todd & Laura Zimmerman .. India-Church planting

### **Candidates and Commissionings**

The local church continues to produce world-bound missionaries. This year, the Board of Missions processed a number of new applications, approved 11 candidates (Sam & Melissa Adams, Mark Bickel, Scott & Stacey Bose, Ron & Joan Denlinger, Kathrine Elias, Jaroslav & Natalija Eljas, Craig & Karena Miller, Randy Ruth, David Schlonecker, Jr., Mark & Jocelyn Scott, John & Laura Studenroth) and commissioned 5 missionaries, (Scott & Stacey Bose 6/11/00, Jaroslav & Nataliza Eljas 7/30/00, Randy Ruth 9/10/00, Mark & Jocelyn Scott 9/10/00, Scott & Joanna Widman 9/3/00).

**Individuals Ending Their Active Missionary Status**

Jay & Hettie Bigley -Missionary Aviation Fellowship  
 Jim and Diane Bowling - HELPS  
 Kevin Kirkpatrick - The Pocket Testament League  
 Stephen & Vicki Mann -World Team  
 Tom & Nancy Maurer -African Inland Mission

**Annual Reports From Missionaries**

Annual activity reports from missionaries will be sent out by the missionaries themselves. These reports for 2000 will be sent out in early 2001.

**Dates To Mark On Your Calendar Of Events:**

Saturday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> 2001	A Short-Term Missions Symposium 9:30 am to 3 pm Quakertown BFC
Thursday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> 2001	Conference-Wide Missionary Rally 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Lebanon BFC.
August 4-10, 2001	World Missions Week at Pinebrook Bible Conference
November 10,2001	Missions Banquet Yoders Restaurant, New Holland, PA

**Board of Missions:** Ralph M. Soper, Chairman; Dana E. Weller, Director; Charles J. Albert, Jr., Financial Secretary; James W. Harris, Secretary; David R. Way, Leroy O. Herb, Jacob J. Susek Jr., Gerald Schlonecker, Thomas P. Shorb, Donald Faust

## Report Of the Task Force On the Creation Of A New Missions Agency From the Board of Church Extension And The Board Of Missions

Since the 117th Annual Conference, the Task Force of The Board of Church Extension and The Board of Missions met six times to work on creating a new Board. During the year we discussed the areas of commonality and difference between the two Boards. We labored over types of Boards and styles of management. We talked about common ways to process finances and, in particular, contributions. We discussed ways of communicating to Local Church Boards. We worked on Value Statements.

During the year, it became apparent that, in the words of one of the Task Force members, we were attempting to put New Wine into Old Wineskins. The Task Force is made up of men from the Boards of Missions and Church Extension. We brought to our work our paradigms and biases. At this point we feel we need to pass on our work to a new Task Force which the present Task Force will appoint. We believe with our gifts and abilities, we have made great progress working together as the Board of Missions & Board of Church Extension for which we praise the Lord. However, we believe a new Task Force with different gifts and abilities will be able to move the process toward the goal of forming the structure and planning implementation for the new Board.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be considered to be on this new Task Force, please contact Dana Weller or David Gundrum.

In order to allow the new Task Force time to complete its work, the Task Force has agreed to postpone the second reading of the material found in *Yearbook 2000* on pages 13-15 of the minutes of the 117th Annual Conference for one year.

Task Force On Combining The Board Of Church Extension and The Board Of Missions: Ralph M. Soper, Chairman; David R. Way, Secretary; W. David Armstrong, Jr., David E. Gundrum, Richard E. Taylor; Dana E. Weller.

**BFC Board of Missions**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
 As of December 31, 2000

Assets (Cash & Investments)	
Cash in Bank & On Hand	\$ 289,328.41
General Fund Investments	420,467.18
Supplemental Aid Investments	230,395.70
Housing Fund Investments	<u>188,987.67</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,129,178.96</u>
Liabilities (Support, SAF & Projects)	
Missionary Support / Projects	\$ 135,613.62
Ethnic Church Planting	11,529.01
Awaiting Designation	66,664.29
Support Excess Reserve	<u>14,053.98</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 227,860.90
Funds Held in Trust	
Prior Year's GF Balance	\$ 473,727.12
Prior Year's SA Balance	164,793.68
Prior Year's HF Balance	240,897.92
This Year's Excess (Deficit)	<u>21,899.34</u>
Total Funds Held in Trust	<u>901,318.06</u>
Total Liabilities & Funds Held	<u>\$ 1,129,178.96</u>

**Statement of Revenues & Expenditures**  
**General Fund**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2000

<u>General Fund Income:</u>	
Undesignated Income - Churches	\$ 30,014.61
Undesignated Income - Other	1,635.17
Honorarium Income	855.00
Special Events Offerings	225.00
Prayer Calendar Income	4,390.15
Business Manager Support	2,500.00
General Fund Interest	31,050.91
Board Ministry Income	44,511.29
Miscellaneous Income	1,067.61
Missions Week Contributions	3,535.00
Designated Income	-
First Union Dividend	3,840.00
Subsidized Director Housing	10,341.34
Subsidized Housing Income	<u>13,620.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 147,586.08

General Fund Disbursements:

Supplemental Support - Dana	\$ 4,270.46	
Regular Board Expenses	5,500.78	
Board of Publication	727.00	
Pensions	7,024.92	
Hospitality	410.39	
Special Events	1,961.20	
Seminars	-	
Office Supplies & Equipment	10,486.46	
Publicity, Postage & Telephone	5,180.35	
Prayer Calendar	3,600.00	
Telephone	1,599.19	
Global Focus	943.90	
World Missions Week	4,891.50	
ACMC	-	
Hospitalization	16,724.59	
Office Expense	14,541.00	
Business Manager	49,999.92	
Secretarial & Financial Services	8,927.27	
Payroll & Taxes	12,745.25	
Administration Budget	1,500.00	
Missionary Outgoing Funds	-	
Other Expenses	<u>0.33</u>	
Total Regular Disbursements		<u>151,034.51</u>
<u>Total General Fund Deficit</u>		<u>\$ (3,448.43)</u>

**Statement of Revenues & Expenditures  
Various Funds**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2000

## Housing Fund (HF):

HF Rental & Interest Income	\$ 26,361.34	
HF Rents & Assistance Paid	<u>26,361.34</u>	
HF Excess		<u>\$ -.</u>

## Cumulative Supplementary Aid (SA) Analysis:

SA Interest & Investment Income	\$ 13,250.95	
SA Board Ministries Income	11,876.19	
SA Missionary Income	64,727.82	
SA Regular Payments	<u>(77,414.37)</u>	
SA Cumulative Excess		<u>\$ 12,440.59</u>

## Cumulative Missionary Support &amp; Projects Analysis:

Missionary Support & Projects (Income):		
(Includes Income & Credit adjustments)		
Missionary Support	\$ 1,691,302.92	
Missionary Projects	336,282.72	
Ethnic Church Planting	20,047.38	
Awaiting Designation	<u>161,395.39</u>	
Cumulative Total Income		\$ 2,209,028.41

Missionary Support & Projects (Disbursements):	
(Includes Disbursements & Debit adjustments)	
Missionary Support	\$ 1,545,228.24
Missionary Projects	346,743.78
Ethnic Church Planting	8,518.37
Awaiting Designation	<u>80,677.12</u>
Cumulative Total Disbursements	<u>1,981,167.51</u>
Missionary Support & Projects Cumulative Excess	<u>\$ 227,860.90</u>

### Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Period January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000

- Note 1 The Board of Missions has provided a Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2000 and is using the Fund Accounting concept. Any excess of cash received as Designated Income over funds disbursed is shown as a payable since it is being held for future payment of missionary support or designated projects.
- Note 2 The liabilities missionary support / projects and awaiting designation and the Total Support Excess includes the balance excess as of December 31, 2000.
- Note 3 Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.  
General Fund Investments, at Book Basis

	12/31/2000 <u>Market Value</u>	12/31/2000 <u>Book Basis</u>	Yield of <u>Market Value</u>
GNMA	\$ 649.63	\$ 644.00	7.93
GNMA	1,165.10	1,155.00	7.93
FHLMC	4,271.38	4,353.00	6.11
FNMA	5,519.53	5,625.00	6.11
GNMA	1,669.13	1,603.00	8.64
FHLMC	436.24	422.00	8.70
FNMA	1,633.79	1,642.00	6.03
FHLMC	10,398.60	10,464.00	6.99
FHLMC	3,277.89	3,387.80	6.20
FH 94	825.85	830.00	6.03
FHLMC	16,962.00	17,155.00	6.57
FN 93	738.29	742.00	6.03
FHLMC	1,825.42	1,829.96	7.51
FHLMC	<u>3,536.90</u>	<u>3,651.00</u>	<u>5.93</u>
	<u>\$ 52,909.75</u>	<u>\$ 53,503.76</u>	<u>6.63</u> avg.
Yield on Cost			<u>6.58%</u>



## Note #4 Prudential Bache Securities Investments, at Book Basis.

	12/31/2000 Market Value	12/31/2000 Book Basis	Yield of Market Value	Due Date
FHLMC	\$ 9,972.30	\$ 10,057.50	7.02	07/15/28
FHLMC	19,146.80	22,000.00	7.18	11/15/23
FHLMC	19,178.82	20,200.00	7.30	03/15/29
FHLMC	6,055.72	6,000.00	7.93	01/15/30
FHLMC	6,361.08	7,035.00	7.70	09/15/28
FNMA	9,444.21	10,000.00	7.41	06/25/29
FNMA	4,887.50	5,000.00	7.94	09/25/29
CHASE MTGE	7,876.72	8,120.00	7.11	04/25/29
FHLMC	9,972.30	10,062.50	7.02	06/15/28
FHLMC	17,406.18	20,000.00	7.18	11/15/23
FHLMC	7,065.01	7,000.00	7.93	01/15/30
FHLMC	9,087.25	10,050.00	7.70	09/15/28
CHASE MTGE	9,845.90	9,950.00	7.11	04/25/29
CHASE MTGE	8,861.31	9,135.00	7.11	04/25/29
FNMA	19,550.00	20,000.00	7.93	09/25/29
FNMA	35,613.39	37,000.00	6.75	01/25/14
FHLMC	23,973.53	25,250.00	7.30	03/15/29
FHLMC	10,092.87	10,000.00	7.93	01/15/30
FNMA	18,395.62	20,000.00	7.07	01/25/24
FHLMC	9,972.30	10,062.50	7.02	06/15/28
FHLMC	50,477.92	58,000.00	7.18	11/15/23
FHLMC	6,361.08	7,035.00	7.70	09/15/28
FHLMC	19,550.00	20,000.00	7.93	09/25/29
FNMA	19,178.82	20,200.00	7.30	03/15/29
FNMA	18,287.96	19,000.00	6.75	01/25/14
CHASE MTGE	9,300.00	10,150.00	6.99	04/25/29
FNMA	9,197.81	10,000.00	7.07	01/25/24
	<u>\$ 395,112.40</u>	<u>\$ 421,307.50</u>	<u>7.27</u> avg.	
	Yield on Cost		6.82 avg.	

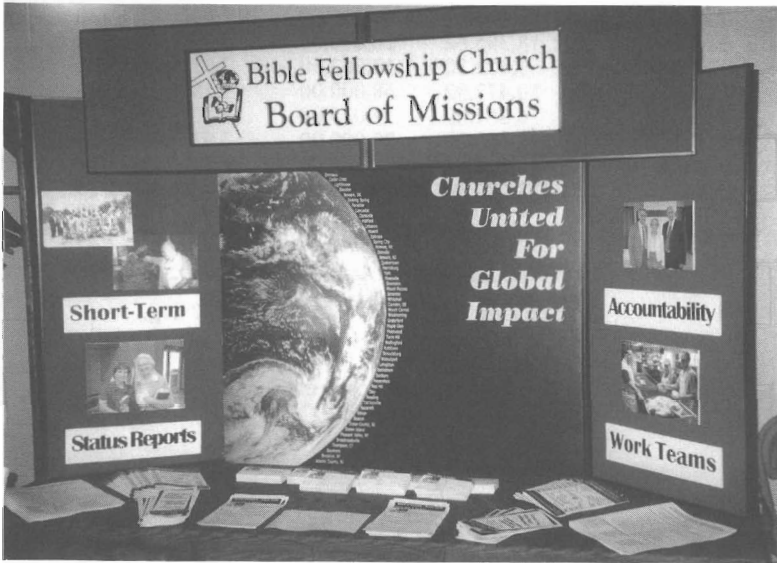
## Note #5 Other Supplemental Aid Investments

	12/31/2000 Cost Basis	Market Value
Vanguard	\$ 26,227.19	\$ 31,144.91
Fidelity	11,948.32	13,417.11
Templeton	4,547.46	2,978.42
Putnam	11,369.69	9,328.77
Totals	<u>\$ 54,092.66</u>	<u>\$ 56,869.21</u>

Note #6 Other Investments - At Cost

General Fund - Dean Witter MM	\$ 161,619.51
Prudential Securities MM	10,931.41
Housing Fund - Prudential Securities MM	17,340.17
Supplemental Aid - Prudential Securities MM	15,055.54
General Fund - First Union Stock	106,000.00
Total	<u>\$ 310,946.63</u>
Market Value of First Union Stock	<u>\$ 55,626.00</u>

Ellis Lee Hostetter  
Certified Public Accountant



## *Report of the Board of Higher Education*

During the 2000 calendar year, the Board of Higher Education (BHE) has met three times, for a total of twenty-two times since its inception in the fall of 1994. It continues to oversee the work of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation (PEF), to develop working relationships with Biblical Theological Seminary, and to consider how else it might foster higher education in the BFC.

### **The Pinebrook Educational Foundation**

The Board of Directors of the PEF for the past year was as follows:

Term expiring in 2003:	Gary E. Karch, Robert C. Newman
Term expiring in 2002:	Olivia M. Barnes, Stephen C. Cassel
Term expiring in 2001:	Raymond R. Dotts, Jay H. Fasnacht

The report of the PEF is appended to the report of the BHE.

### **Working Relationships with Biblical Theological Seminary**

The BHE has been working on three projects involving Biblical: (1) a BFC chaplain who would visit Biblical regularly to counsel students and encourage some of them to consider service with the BFC; (2) a course on the history, doctrine and polity of the BFC to be offered at regular intervals at Biblical; and (3) an internship program in which BF churches would take pastoral interns from Biblical.

1. Since the fall of 1999, retired BFC missionary Ed Moyer, has served under the auspices of the BHE as BFC chaplain to students at Biblical Seminary. He has typically visited the school weekly or twice monthly during the school year and has had interaction with students. Due to the changing demographic

circumstances at Biblical – which now has nearly all of its students part-time and commuting, with a block-scheduling system having classes only three days per week and meeting from morning to late evening – it is impossible to be at school any one time (or even one day) and expect to be able to have access to a majority of the students. Ed has been doing a fine job under the circumstances, but we need to consider how we can give him more exposure to the students. We appreciate Ed’s enthusiasm and willing spirit.

2. Due to insufficient registration, the two times we have tried to offer this course (1997, 1998), we have shelved this project for the time being.

3. The pastoral internship machinery for BF churches at Biblical Seminary is up and running and can be used by interested churches at any time. Since the internship program was instituted at Biblical, several BF churches have availed themselves of this opportunity. Internship brochures were printed and handed out at Annual Conference in 1998, 1999 and again in 2000, as well as at the BFC Ministerial Convention in September 1999. It would be good to see more BF churches avail themselves of this opportunity.

### **Other Ways of Promoting Higher Education in the BFC**

The BHE has taken some time at the end of each meeting for wide-ranging discussions on how we might promote higher education in the BFC. These discussions have included a number of topics: (1) how to get the BHE and PEF better known in the BFC; (2) how to encourage talented Christian young people in our churches to seek higher education in order to serve the Lord more effectively in whatever vocation He has called them to; (3) how to encourage BF pastors to get advanced education to strengthen their ministry; (4) how to reach out to students and faculty at colleges and universities that are in the vicinity of our BF churches; and especially (5) how to reach out to foreign students in these schools who will return to their own countries, so that they may be even more effective missionaries than those who must learn a foreign culture.

Some suggestions for implementing the above. (1) Use brochures and personal contacts with pastors and BF churches. (2) Encourage some sort of “college fair” that would be denomination

wide, perhaps in conjunction with a youth activity; or encourage a “college trip” organized by one or more BF churches to take senior high students around to prospective schools. (3) We have asked the PEF to devote one of its endowment funds to helping pastors get advanced or continuing education. (4) One of our members, John Studenroth, has started Collegiate Outreach, a ministry to faculty and grad students at colleges and universities in Berks and Lehigh Counties. John Quigley, a member of Ebenezer BFC, has started Winsome Media, an outreach to seekers who may be attracted to a friendly, yet persuasive presentation of Christian evidences. We should try to promote these ministries, as well as the Interdisciplinary Biblical Research Institute associated with Biblical Seminary, among our BF churches, perhaps by having some sort of outreach meetings sponsored by one or more of our churches, such as a Skeptics Night that IBRI recently held at the invitation of a local PCA church.

We want to thank Dave Watkins for his faithful service on our Board since its inception as he is in the process of retiring from a number of his current activities.

Brothers, thank you for praying for us this past year. We are seeing the Lord begin to move among us. Please pray that we will desire His agenda above our own, and that He may use us powerfully to strengthen the BFC in understanding the times in which we live and becoming more effective in reaching the lost.

**Resolved**, that the Annual Conference ratify the election to the Pinebrook Educational Foundation of Raymond R. Dotts and Jay H. Fasnacht for terms to end in 2004

**Board of Higher Education:** Robert C. Newman, Chairman; Raymond R. Dotts, Vice-Chairman; John C. Studenroth, Secretary; Stephen C. Cassel, G. Wayne Clapier, Claude Gates, Alan Russell.

## **Pinebrook Educational Foundation**

The Board of Directors of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation met four times in 2000. The Board dealt with a number of matters which are described below.

1. The Board met with Asset Planning Services in Harleysville to hear a presentation on investment management. The Board continues to consider engagement of an investment manager for the Foundation's Funds.
2. The Board approved certain revisions to the Foundation Investment Policy.
3. Repayment of all loans including accrued interest was received from Pinebrook Junior College. Substantially all of the repayment, which totaled \$57,030.91 was invested short-term in Federated Investment Money Market.
4. Conversion of the Andrew W. Ungerer Memorial Work Fund from Pinebrook Junior College to Pinebrook Educational Foundation is nearing completion. Earnings from this Endowment Fund will be used for General Scholarships.
5. Scholarship grants were made as follows:
  - a. \$500 to April Shambough from the Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Reichenbach Scholarship Fund. April is from Faith BFC in York, PA and attends Columbia International University.
  - b. \$500 to Deborah Cates from the Berean Bible School Endowment Scholarship Fund. Deborah attends Judson College and is daughter of Linda Mae (Reed) Cates, a 1968 graduate of Berean Bible School.
  - c. \$500 to Lauren Smith from the General Scholarship Fund. Lauren is from Bethany BFC, Hatfield, PA and attends Messiah College.

The Board praises the Lord that it has been able to contribute to these individuals' educational expenses. Additional gifts to the Foundation will allow increased support to individuals in higher education.

Respectfully submitted.  
Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary

**Pinebrook Educational Foundation**  
**Endowment Fund**  
 Balance Sheet  
 December 31, 2000

Assets	
Investments	\$ 85,116
Due from Loan Fund	<u>1,961</u>
	<u>87,077</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Due to Operating Fund	5,821
Fund Balance	<u>81,256</u>
	<u>87,077</u>

Endowment Fund Operations  
 Year Ended December 31, 2000

Fund balance at January 1, 2000	75,079
Investment Income	6,057
Contributions	1,620
Scholarships Awarded	<u>(1,500)</u>
Fund balance at December 31, 2000	<u>81,256</u>

Schedule of Endowment Fund Investments

Sovereign Bank - Certificates of Deposit	8,671
Bell Atlantic - Common Stock	1,878
Federated Investments - Money Market	62,221
Davis Funds - New York Venture B	<u>12,346</u>
	<u>85,116</u>

Operating Fund Balance Sheet  
 December 31, 2000

Assets	
Cash in Ambassador Bank	1,440
Due from Endowment Funds	<u>5,821</u>
	<u>7,261</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Due to Loan Fund	6,677
Due to Scholarship Fund	500
Amount held for Board of Higher Ed Expenses	60
Fund Balance	<u>24</u>
	<u>7,261</u>

Operating Fund Operations  
 Year Ended December 31, 2000

Fund balance at January 1, 2000 & December 31, 2000	<u>24</u>
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**Loan Fund - Balance Sheet**  
December 31, 2000

<b>Assets</b>	
Due from Operating Fund	<u>6,677</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	
Due to Endowment Funds	1,961
Fund Balance	<u>4,716</u>
	<u>6,677</u>

**Loan Fund Operations**  
Year Ended December 31, 2000

Fund balance at January 1, 2000	4,609
Interest Income	<u>107</u>
Fund balance at December 31, 2000	<u>4,716</u>

**Scholarship Fund**  
**Balance Sheet**  
December 31, 2000

Due from Operating Fund	<u>500</u>
Fund Balance	<u>500</u>

**Scholarship Fund Operations**  
Year Ended December 31, 2000

Fund balance at January 1, 2000	0
Contributions	1,000
Scholarships Awarded	<u>(500)</u>
Fund balance at December 31, 2000	<u>500</u>

The financial statements of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation were audited by J. Harold Engle.



## *Report of the Pinebrook Bible Conference*

Entering the year 2000 was an exciting time for everyone as we patiently, and with mild uncertainty, anticipated the entrance of Y2K . Uneventful as it may have been, Pinebrook's ministry flourished in outreach to over 13,000 registered guests throughout the year.

Exciting programs and events which included our Spring Ladies Retreat, Summer Conference 2000, "In God We Trust, A Patriot Tribute" on July 5<sup>th</sup>, Senior Saints and dozens of effective retreat programs rendered hundreds of conversions, re-commitments and life-changing decisions to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We praise God for His presence and the continual work of the Holy Spirit in so many lives.

2000 also came with some unexpected challenges. Extreme increases in our general operating expenses, caused primarily by energy rate increases, trickled down and substantially affected nearly all areas of general expenses. Major portions of budgeted expenses rose as much as 100% by the end of the first quarter. As a result, we found it necessary to implement extreme cut backs in normal operating procedures and mild personnel layoffs.

Although the human senses of concern and anxiety rose, we are thankful that the Father we serve showed His hand of guidance in leading His ministry through this economically difficult year. By His Sovereign Grace He has reminded us that His work *will* continue and *will* succeed if we only focus on and follow Him.

This year another one of our long-time Directors, Robert F. Johnson, went to be with the Lord. Brother Johnson's ministry with us, especially working with the leaders and some of the staff as a pastor and mentor, will be greatly missed. The Senior Pastor of our Bethlehem Church, Brian H. Cooper, was asked to serve in Brother Johnson's place until Annual Conference.

We appreciate your continued prayers and support as we serve our Lord together. We are thankful for the many who financially support this ministry of the BFC. We are grateful for the financial support of the church as well. May He find favor upon our

efforts and dedication to reaching a world in need of Him.

**Board of Directors, Pinebrook Bible Conference,** Nathan B. Brosius, Director; Mark C. McCreary, Director of Ministries; Alva C. Cassel, President & Chairman; David T. Allen, Vice President & Vice Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Secretary; Lee E. Boyles, Treasurer; Carl Ackerman, Charles E. Cole, Brian H. Cooper, Kermit K. Gehman, LeRoy O. Herb, Gerald L. Schlonecker, John M. Stengele, Hans Waldvogel, James A. Wickstead.

**Balance Sheet**  
December 31, 2000

Assets

Current Assets

Cash in Bank - Checking	\$ 38,082.28	
Cash on Hand & A/R	4,173.15	
Payroll Account	9,839.55	
Pre-Paid Land Fund Accts.	176,279.29	
BIA - 7 Day Fund	5,000.00	
Securities - Par Value	<u>30,437.50</u>	
Total Current Assets		263,811.77

Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings	1,695,385.46	
Accumulated Depreciation	(211,421.47)	
Inventory & Equipment	42,498.99	
Furniture & Fixtures	4,011.39	
Vehicle - Net of Deprecation	<u>45,483.37</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		<u>1,575,957.74</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>1,839,957.74</u></u>

Liabilities & Equity

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	37,045.98	
Payroll Taxes Payable	3,777.91	
Payroll Deductions Payable	97.09	
Other Payables	113.50	
Sales Tax Payable	<u>410.82</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		41,445.30

Long Term Liabilities

Restricted Liabilities

Meadowbrook Pre-Registration	3,100.00
Deposits - All Retreats	33,182.70
Deposits - Summer Conference	18,168.00
Project 98	165,122.13
Restricted Funds	1,886.27
Scholarship / Tip Fund	7,661.08
Playground Fund	<u>32,551.24</u>

Total Restricted Funds		261,671.42
Equity		
Equity at Beginning of Year	1,542,573.04	
This Year's Gain (Loss)	<u>(5,920.25)</u>	
Total Equity		<u>1,536,652.79</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity		<u><u>1,839,769.51</u></u>

### **Consolidated Statement of Income & Expenses**

for the Year Ended December 31, 2000

#### **Income**

Summer Conferences - BFC	\$ 207,367.54
Retreats	787,279.09
Camp Site Rentals	10,580.00
Banquets, Meals/Breaks/Pizza	15,087.09
Feminar	11,746.34
Senior Citizen Retreat	10,827.00
PED Retreat Income	5,079.75
Book Store Sales	34,346.18
Snack Shop Sales	36,463.05
Vending Machine Sales	19,224.36
Other Sales	33,596.20
Land Leases & Rentals	2,000.00
Interest Received	12,212.00
Terms Taken & Damage Reimbrs	859.41
Gifts Received	34,790.24
Offerings Received	43.30
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,221,501.55</u>

#### **Expenses**

Book Store Expense	\$ 30,755.91
Snack Shop Expense	26,332.31
Vending Machine Expense	8,291.08
Custodial Expenses	69,928.92
Kitchen Expenses	242,866.99
Miscellaneous Retreat Costs	4,284.02
Pinebrook Retreat Expenses	8,159.48
Banquets	1,471.03
Sports	791.06
Music/Audio Visual	3,404.15
Maintenance	114,484.46
Maintenance Supplies	13,401.53
Pest Control	1,617.33
Water Supply Expense	1,045.00
Sewer Plant Supplies Maint.	7,932.70
Swimming Pool Expense	7,445.73
Electric	69,096.00
Gas	12,063.34
Oil	53,568.09
Vehicle Costs	20,486.31
Insurances	93,185.32
Payroll, FICA & Processing	179,390.72
Honoraria Paid	17,114.92
Gifts to Churches (RWR)	10,745.00

Summer Conference Program	26,011.30
Office Supplies & Equipment	12,130.72
Computer Expenses	9,697.30
Printing, Advertising & PR	24,915.79
Telephone	13,196.13
Postage Stamps & Meter	12,014.30
Board Expenses	1,198.61
Benefits, Training & Educate	19,909.19
Sanitation Removal	8,180.36
Medical Supplies	30.74
Depreciation/Principle Expnd	71,386.34
Real Estate Taxes	15,167.25
General Improvements	385.57
Other & Misc. Expenses	15,336.80
Total Expenses	\$ 1,227,421.80
Excess (Loss)	(5,920.25)

All balances are as follows:

Mellon Bank of Stroudsburg - Checking, Business Invest Acct.

Salomon Smith Barney - CDs

First Union Bank of Stroudsburg - Securities @ Market Value

Financial Statement prepared by: David T. Allen

Audited by: Jay Fasnacht, CPA



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## *Report of the Stewardship Council*

Paul is emphatic in admonishing us that we are not our own because we are bought at a tremendous price. We must therefore glorify God with our body-I Corinthians 6:19. We have no option. This principle goes beyond simply our body, but to all that is ours. It becomes a foundational standard of stewardship.

The Stewardship Council provides opportunity for the BFC Agency leaders to formally meet to discuss the issues of Stewardship in the Bible Fellowship Church. The following services are provided:

- Roy Hertzog serves as Coordinator of Stewardship Services. He acts as a resource for both the agencies and the churches. He can be contacted at 484.232.6423 or rhertzog@enter.net.
- The Stewardship Services Web Page can be accessed through BFC.org.
- Monitoring of deferred gift annuities of agencies and churches as directed by Annual Conference.
- Promotion of Stewardship throughout the BFC.
- Education through Stewardship Seminars.

The first Sunday in February continues to be Stewardship Sunday. Pastors are encouraged to present a message on stewardship during the morning worship service.

Stewardship Council Members: One representative of each board and agency, Gary E. Karch, Daniel G. Oswald, Rick J. Volpe (members at large).

Stewardship Council Organization: Gary E. Karch, Chairman; J. Mark McCreary, Vice-Chairman; Dana E. Weller, Secretary; Daniel G. Oswald, Treasurer; Roy E. Hertzog, Stewardship Services Coordinator.

## Financial Report

Beginning Cash Balance (12/31/99)		\$ 692.52
Harleysville National Bank		
Receivables		
BFC Agencies	0.00	
Board of Directors PJC	<u>2,915.97</u>	
Total Receivables		2,915.97
Payables		
Board of Missions	<u>(500.00)</u>	
Total Payables		(500.00)
Total Beginning Balance		<u>\$ 3,108.49</u>
Receipts:		
BFC Ad. Budget	0.00	
BFC Agency Support	0.00	
Special Gifts	0.00	
Board of Directors (for PJC)	2,915.97	
Checking Acct. Interest	<u>27.47</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$ 2,943.44</u>
Expenses:		
Repay board of Missions	500.00	
Administrative Exp.	<u>42.86</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 542.86</u>
Ending Cash Balance (12/31/00)		\$ 3,093.10
Harleysville National Bank		
Receivables		
BFC Agency Support	0.00	
Payables	0.00	
Total Receivables		3,093.10

Audited by Michael Halvorsen, CFP, Asset Planning Services

## *Report of the Strategic Planning Committee*

The year 2000 was a significant year of ministry for the Strategic Planning Committee.

After several years of preparation the first gathering of its kind, "BFC2000" was held on April 30 at Stabler Arena in Bethlehem, PA. An estimated 3,500 worshipers of all ages and from many of our churches gathered for an amazing afternoon of celebration, fellowship, and challenge. The speakers, musicians including guest, Michael Card, and video presentations were used by the Spirit to lead us as a denomination to say, "We *will* serve the Lord!" After all expenses were covered, an offering of \$5,500 was given to the Board of Church Extension for the expanded outreach of the BFC.

In seeking to plan for future gatherings of this nature, the Strategic Planning Committee has asked the Board of Christian Education's Family Ministries Committee to plan a denomination-wide family gathering at Knoebels Grove in Elysburg, PA for the Fall of 2002. A committee is being appointed as well to make preparations for BFC2005 for the Spring of 2005 as another denomination-wide gathering.

Regionalization of the denomination continues to progress. An increased number of regions are meeting regularly for prayer and shared ministry. Those not yet participating are asked to do so in agreement with legislation agreed upon in last year's Annual Conference. In addition, all regions are reminded of the necessity for pastors and delegates to meet at least once annually and of the written report of regional activity that should be submitted to the Strategic Planning Committee on an annual basis.

In response to the directive of Annual Conference to have the Strategic Planning Committee function as a committee to oversee a feasibility study regarding potential consolidation of offices, resources, and personnel for several BFC agencies, the Committee met with representatives from BFC agencies and boards on October 5. As a result of that session, the following resolutions were agreed upon:

**Resolved**, that there be an office of the Bible Fellowship Church for Boards and Committees of Annual Conference and that it initially include: Board of Church Extension, Board of Missions, Board of Directors, Board of Publications and Printing, and further

**Resolved**, that the office be located on the grounds of Fellowship Homes, Inc. and further

**Resolved**, that Robert Zentz and Ray Dotts along with representatives of the Board of Church Extension, Board of Missions, and Board of Publications and Printing serve as an ad hoc committee to implement such consolidation.

In response to some of the input gained from BFC2000 as well as the gathering of department leaders on October 5, the Strategic Planning Committee has come to believe that the input of a consultant would give valuable insight that would aid in comprehensive planning and decision making for the denomination.

During this year a Pastors E-group has actively served to communicate important information to all pastors and to provide a cohesive denominational calendar. Any pastors not currently using e-mail and taking advantage of this valuable communication group are asked to do so. The E-group currently has 133 participants.

The following resolutions are submitted to the 118th Annual Conference for their approval:

1. **Whereas**, the Internet has been found to be an excellent method of communication for pastors, churches, and denominational boards, committees, and agencies of the BFC, and  
**Whereas**, the BFC E-group now includes 133 participants who have instant written access to one another, and  
**Whereas**, we believe that every pastor and/or church either has or can have access to Internet services and computerization at little or no cost, and  
**Whereas**, presently, the need for a comprehensive, accurate denominational calendar is being met by the



- BFC E-group Calendar, therefore, be it  
**Resolved**, that the BFC E-group Calendar serve as the official denominational calendar, and  
**Resolved**, that each agency, board, committee, church and/or pastor establish Internet access by May 15, 2001 in order to take advantage of the BFC E-group Calendar as well as other inter-church communication and further  
**Resolved**, that each agency, board, committee, church and/or pastor submit an Internet accessible e-mail address to Daniel P. Allen, publisher of the 2001 *Yearbook*. by May 15, 2001.
2. **Whereas**, the Strategic Planning Committee believes that the continuity of the Committee's work could be hampered by the mandatory term limits that are currently in place, therefore, be it  
**Resolved**, that the Bylaws for Annual Conference, Article 512-17.2 entitled: Composition and Election, number 2 be rescinded.
3. **Whereas**, the Strategic Planning Committee is at a critical point in our planning process and  
**Whereas**, plans for the coming year will include input from a consultant that will help us to establish a corporate vision, evaluate our purpose and structure, develop a strategic plan to implement that vision, and assist us in taking steps to act on the plan, and  
**Whereas**, the current term limits will hinder us from doing this effectively, therefore, be it  
**Resolved**, that, by Rule of Exception, the above changes to Article 512-17.2 be effective this year.

Strategic Planning Committee: Daniel P. Allen, Chairman; Richard T. Paashaus, Secretary; Raymond R. Dotts, Gary L. Spangenburg, John C. Vandegriff, Jr., Dana E. Weller, Robert H. Zentz

## ***Report of the Board of Christian Education***

The Board of Christian Education met quarterly this year to give oversight to denomination-wide Christian Education ministries and to provide support and resources for our local churches. Much of the work is done by sub-committees of the Board.

### **Christian Education Training**

Wayne Clapier served as chairman for this committee in 2000. The committee worked with Dave Schoen to provide Walk Thru the Bible ministries for the local churches of the BFC. In addition, the Committee updated its list of resource people so that local churches, regardless of size, could have training and input from experienced leaders from other churches for their CE Staff. Please contact Wayne Clapier for further information.

A denomination-wide Teacher Training Seminar will be held March 10, 2001 at Calvary BFC in Coopersburg, PA. Representatives of the Evangelical Training Association will give leadership to the day of encouragement and training for our CE staff.

The 2002 Seminar will be held on Saturday, March 9.

### **WalkThru The Bible Seminars**

A "Kids In the Book" New Testament seminar was hosted by the Staten Island BFC this year. Trinity BFC hosted an adult Old Testament Walk. New Testament seminars for adults were presented at the Wissinoming, PA, Thompson, CT and Nazareth, PA, churches.

The price per attendee at a seminar has increased \$1 for the year 2001. Adult seminar registrations are now \$13 and children's seminar registrations are \$9. Prior to 2001, only churches with an average attendance of 250 or less for their Sunday morning service could host a seminar with the reduced pricing structure of our special contract with *Walk Thru The Bible*. A new policy was instituted which allows BF Churches averaging up to 300 to also participate at a savings over the normal rate structure.

Please see Dave Schoen [Emmaus BFC] with any questions you might have about bringing a *Walk Thru The Bible* seminar to your church.

### **Family Life**

The Board of Christian Education added a new sub-committee this year to aid in its work. The Family Life Committee will seek to strengthen both inter-church and local family ministries for our BF Churches. Please direct your ideas, issues, and concerns in this area to Dave Schoen who will chair this committee.

The first of our plans is already underway. We are seeking to host a "Bible Fellowship Day" at Knobels Grove Amusement Park during the summer of 2002. Discount tickets for rides as well as hotdogs and sodas will make this a fun and affordable day for the entire family. Information will be sent to all churches in the Fall of 2001.

### **Pastor, Elder, Deacon Retreat**

The 2000 Retreat was held November 3-4 at Pinebrook Bible Conference. We welcomed Mr. Charles Anderson of Littleton Bible Chapel, Littleton, Colorado as our speaker. Charles is an associate of Alexander Strauch who has authored books on the subjects of Biblical Eldership and the Role of the New Testament Deacon. He spoke on themes related to principles for leadership formation with the local church, instituting a leader development plan for our fellowship, and key issues for mentorees with activities and evaluation tools to cultivate leadership skills. There were 160 participants from eight regions of the BFC.

The 2001 PED Retreat will be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference on November 2-3.

### **Video Library**

Volume Five, "The Early Church", from the popular "That The World May Know" series, was added to the library this year and contains five sessions between 25-30 minutes in length. Locations visited are: Ephesus, Laodicea, Caesarea Philippi, Sardis and Pergamum. The "faith lessons" are practical and powerful.

Presently there are 97 video titles available. Library use increased from 52 in 1999 to 61 in the year 2000. A wealth of good teaching material for all ages is available through this library. For a current catalog and to order materials contact Bethel BFC in Emmaus.

### **Other Business**

This was a significant year of restructuring as the Board of Youth and Young Adult Ministries was established independent of the Board of Christian Education. The Board designated \$7,000 of our budgeted funds to the Board of Youth and Young Adults to help establish its initial budget. In addition, \$8,697.60 that had been set aside for the potential hiring of a Youth Coordinator for the Conference was transferred to the Board of Youth and Young Adults account. We support them in their work and pray God's blessing on their efforts.

Board of Christian Education Richard T. Paashaus, Chairman; David N. Schoen, Vice-chairman; Michael Herb, Secretary; G. Wayne Clapier, Annette Kuhns, Treasurer; Clyde Bomgardner, Pamela Kuntzman, Mark Matson, Mark L. Morrison, Ralph E. Ritter, Karen Stull, Jonathan P. Tait

## **Financial Report**

December 31, 2000

Opening Checking Balance		\$ 15,230.62
Income Categories		
AV Income	47.00	
AV Material Reimbursement	111.00	
Church Contributions	3,570.00	
PED Income	6,169.25	
Sno Glo Income	66,451.75	
Youth Savings	<u>(\$3,195.65)</u>	
Total Income Categories		73,153.35
Expense Categories		
AV Expense	\$ 704.68	
Bank Charges	30.00	
Bd of Pub & Printing	\$325.00	
Bd of Youth & Young Adults	15,697.60**	
Committee Expenses	411.80	

Curriculum Development	(500.00)	
PED Expense	6,268.30	
Sno Glo Expenses	70,973.57	
Thanksgiving Rally	109.98	
<i>Walk Thru The Bible</i>	300.00	
Young Adult Shore Trip	888.00	
Youth Savings	(8,697.60)	
Total Expense Categories		<u>86,511.33</u>
Ending Checking Balance		1,872.64
Opening Savings Balance 1/1/00		10,826.85

Savings		
Transfer Income - Youth Savings	3,195.65	
Closing - Youth Savings	(8,697.60)	
Interest Income	124.53	
Ending Savings Account Balance	5,449.43	
Total Assets Board of CE		\$7,322.07

\*\*1/2 of Bd of CE assets (\$ 7000.00) + designated monies in Savings Account (\$ 8697.60)

Depository: First Union Bank, Emmaus, PA

Report prepared by Annette Kuhns

Reviewed by David N. Schoen

## The Gallery at Annual Conference



## *Report of the Board of Youth and Young Adults*

I Timothy 4:12 “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”

Praise the Lord! Looking back at the first year that the Board of Youth and Young Adults has been in existence, it is obvious that God was and is at work!

During the board’s first organized year of service we have planned, organized, and implemented many events to bring glory and honor to God as we minister to the adult youth leaders, teenagers, and young adults of the BFC. On the weekend of July 28-30, 2000, forty-nine participants from six different BF Churches attended the Shore Retreat in Ocean City, NJ. The focus of the weekend was “Knowing and Following God’s Will”. The Thanksgiving Rally, November 24, 2000, was attended by more than two hundred teens at Victory Valley Camp for a day of fun, food, and the presentation of the Gospel. The speaker was Patrick Tannous. The second annual Young Adults Thanksgiving Fun and Fellowship was also held on November 25, 2000 at Victory Valley Camp. Sixty-two young adults from thirteen churches attended this event. It was a great time of fun and fellowship. The three-week Sno-Glo retreats for the year 2000, January 5-7, January 12-14, and January 19-21, were held at Pinebrook Bible Conference. The Theme this year was “A Friend To The Friendless”. The three speakers were Joe Hesh, Randy Hunt, and Billy Dunn. We were also privileged to have Dana Weller with us each weekend to talk about missions in our denomination. Approximately 1,100 students and leaders were at the three weekends.

The Lord has blessed the board with the monetary gifts needed to meet our financial responsibilities. We sincerely thank the Board of Christian Education for its gift to the Board of Youth and Young Adults last spring. It is our hope that each individual church would prayerfully consider adding the Board of Youth and Young Adults as a new line item in their annual budget. Any financial contributions would be graciously accepted. We will endeavor to use the money wisely for God’s work.

A financial report for 2000 will follow this report.

There are many exciting things on tap for the future so that we can promote unity, provide training and resources, and provide a catalyst for networking of youth and young adult ministries within the BFC. Plans are being made to sponsor a joint missions training weekend with the Board of Missions at Quakertown BFC on May 5. Any groups who are planning to go on mission trips this summer are encouraged to participate in the weekend. Another Young Adult retreat is being planned for this summer as well for July 27-29, 2001. Please keep your eyes open for more information about this event through the pastors' email and *Fellowship News*. We are also working with the Board of Christian Education to create opportunities for young adults to minister in an internship at Christian Education works or other churches in preparation for full-time ministry as a pastor. Finally, plans are already being made for Thanksgiving rallies and Sno-Glo retreats for this year and for years to come. The 2001 Thanksgiving Rally will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 2001 Young Adult Thanksgiving Event will be held on November 24<sup>th</sup>, and the 2002 Sno-Glo retreats will be held on the following weekends: January 4-6, combined Junior and Senior High; January 11-13, Senior High; January 18-20, Junior High.

Please continue to pray that the Lord will guide and direct the Board of Youth and Young Adults as it looks to the events slated for the future in youth and young adults ministry within our denomination of churches.

Board of Youth and Young Adults: Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., Chairman; Andrew T. Crossgrove, Vice Chairman; Timothy D. Weaber, Secretary; Billy J. Dunn, Treasurer; Raymond Cole, James D. Harris, Dennis J. Lawrence, Dorothy Ruch, Jeffrey L. Ruhl.

**Financial Report**  
**April 22, 2001**

Thanksgiving Rally (2000)	
Income	2,975.00
Expenses	2,576.11
Sno-Glo (2001)	
Income	72,834.00
Expenses	71,168.37
Mileage	59.84
Miscellaneous	27.25
Transition Income and Interest	2785.32
Current Deposits	
\$3000 deposit to Pinebrook for Sno-Glo 2002	
\$ 900 deposit to Seaside Hotel for Young Adult July shore retreat	
\$ 640 deposit to Daniels Window for Sno-Glo worship 2002	
Beginning Balance	15,697.60
Current Balance Information	
Money Market Account	10,278.07
Checking Account	5,642.28
Total Current Balance	15,920.35
Books reviewed by Pastor David N. Schoen	
Accounts held at East Penn Bank, Ennmaus, PA	
Total Income	78,594.32
Total Expenses	<u>78,371.57</u>
Difference	222.75

Bank holding accounts: *East Penn Bank*, East Penn, PA



## *Report of the Historical Committee*

The Historical Committee met twice in the past year to carry out its responsibilities. We continue to collect and catalogue the materials that are given to the archives for preservation. Sometimes we have no idea about the significance of what we collect. If the Lord tarries, we believe that the materials we are accumulating will be of value to those who follow us who will understand and appreciate the significance of these materials. The story of what God has done in our midst will be learned from our collections.

We have established a website as an online historical center. Already, a number of the significant papers presented at past meetings of the Historical Society have been made available. It is our sincere desire that members of the BFC will be able to access information about the events and people of the past through going to the website. Additional information about our books and the Historical Society are available there. Our goal is to include a genealogy center and a picture gallery along with the research capability that is now available. You will find the web site at [www.BFCHISTORY.org](http://www.BFCHISTORY.org).

The Committee will soon be announcing a project which will encourage members of our church to research and write articles about our history. It is our desire to locate those who have interest in the stories about those who were used and being used in the formation of our churches and about the events that have shaped our denomination. You will be able to find the details about this project on the web site.

The Committee is making previous *Yearbooks* available to churches who would like to have copies in their libraries. If you would like to receive past *Yearbooks* for your church library, you should contact the archivist, Richard Taylor.

We would like to repeat our invitation and encouragement for the churches and agencies to place their past records in the archives for safe keeping. The most valuable of our records are being kept in fire resistant cabinets. Please don't let our history be put in a dumpster as a bunch of old papers.

## Financial Report

Balance 12/31/1999		\$330.70
Receipts		
Book Sales	655.20	
Video Sales	100.00	
Annual Conference Allotment	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$1,755.20	<u>1,755.20</u>
		2,085.90
Expenses		
Mileage / expenses	\$164.51	
Petty Cash	50.00	
Postage	17.47	
Microfilm reader bulbs	34.00	
Website	399.31	
Archive maintenance	500.00	
Photocopies	10.60	
Membership - LMHS	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Expenses	1,200.89	<u>1,200.89</u>
Balance 12/31/2000		\$885.01

These funds are deposited at First Union Bank, Brookhaven, PA  
This account has been reviewed by Timothy S. Cowen.

Historical Committee: Jill Davidson, Chairperson; Richard E. Taylor, Archivist and Secretary; Harold P. Shelly, Robert W. Smock, David E. Thomann, and Daniel G. Ziegler.

## *Report of the Board of Pensions*

As illustrated on the Balance Sheet, the Ministers' Retirement Fund (MRF) declined to \$246,426.91 as of December 31, 2000 (compared to \$291,426.09 in 1999). MRF annuity payments to pastors and beneficiaries rose to \$173,365.11 in 2000 (from \$153,290.76 in 1999). Projected annual distributions will rise from \$186,582 for 2001 to almost \$224,000 in 2006, as several more pastors reach the retirement age of 65. Approximately one-half of the current payments to retirees comes from the contributions of the churches, as can be seen on the Income Statement.

Based on the mortality assumptions, the MRF valance will continue to decline sharply and be exhausted by 2007. By 2009, the MRF would again have a positive balance, depending on actual mortality experience. This is illustrated on the accompanying graph, "MRF Long-Term Projection of Account Balances". The graph also includes a table of projected annual beneficiary payments through the year 2034. Total payments over this period are projected to be almost \$3.6 million.

In the near-term, mortality assumptions continue to be the most critical component of the projected solvency of the MRF. The objective of the Board of Pensions is to strike a reasonable balance between the mortality assumptions and the funding requirement from the churches and from Conference. The Board will continue to monitor the projections, and make periodic recommendations to Annual Conference to maintain the integrity of the MRF. The projection graph incorporates recommendations that will need to be considered over the next several years: Conference contribution of \$40,000 in 2001, increasing by \$5,000 annually until reaching \$55,000 in 2004, then increasing by inflation. The graph also includes the next increase in support from the churches beginning in 2003: \$800 per church, plus \$8.00 per capita. The Board will be analyzing other possible funding alternatives during 2001, and will present recommendations to Conference in 2002.

The Board of Pensions recommends the following resolutions to be adopted by the 118th Annual Conference for the BFC:

**Whereas**, the MRF annuity rate for 2001 is \$203 per year of service, and

**Whereas**, partial cost-of-living adjustments are part of the

long-term phaseout strategy of the MRF, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the MRF annuity rate for calendar year 2002 be \$206 per year of service.

**Whereas**, the demands on the MRF are exceeding previous projections due to increased longevity, and **Whereas**, the sooner we address the anticipated shortfalls the better, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Board of Pensions request that the contribution from the Conference Administrative Budget be revised from \$36,000 to \$40,000 for 2001 and be it further

**Resolved**, that the contribution for 2002 be \$45,000.

Resolution relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for retired or disabled ministers of this conference:

**Whereas**, the religious denomination known as The Bible Fellowship Church has and functions through Ministers of the Gospel who are duly ordained or licensed, and

**Whereas**, the practice of The Bible Fellowship Church is to provide a parsonage or a rental allowance as part of the gross compensation for each of its active ordained or licensed ministers, and

**Whereas**, pensions paid to retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers of The Bible Fellowship Church are considered as deferred compensation and are paid to said retired and disabled ordained or licensed ministers in consideration of previous, active service, and

**Whereas**, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized that The Bible Fellowship Church is the appropriate organization to designate a housing/rental allowance for retired and disabled or licensed ministers who are members of this Conference, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that:

1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2001 be and is hereby designated as a rental/housing allowance for each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister of The Bible Fellowship Church who is or was a member

of the Bible Fellowship Church Minister's Retirement Fund.

2. This rental/housing allowance shall apply to each retired and disabled ordained or licensed minister who has been granted the retired relationship or placed on disability leave by the Bible Fellowship Annual Conference and whose name and relationship to the conference is recorded in the Journal of The Bible Fellowship Annual Conference and in other appropriate records maintained by the conference.

3. The pension payment to which this rental/housing allowance applies shall be the pension payment resulting from all service of such retired or disabled ordained or licensed ministers from all employment by any local church, Annual Conference or institution of The Bible Fellowship, or from any other employer who employed the minister to perform services related to the ministry and who elected to make contribution to the pension funds of the Bible Fellowship Church for such retired minister's pension.

Note: The rental/housing allowance which may be excluded from a minister's gross income is limited to the less of (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated by the minister's employer or other appropriate body, (2) the amount actually expended by the minister to provide his or her housing, or (3) the legally-determined fair rental value of the parsonage or other housing provided. As specified in Rev. Rul. 71-290 C.B. 92, "the only amount that will qualify for exclusion under section 107 (2) of the Code as a 'rental allowance' is an amount equal to the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances such as a garage, plus the cost of utilities."

Board of Pensions: David J. Watkins, Chairman; Keith E. Plows, Secretary; Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Ellis Lee Hostetter, Robert Gaugler, David N. Schoen, Thomas P. Shorb, William R. Singletary, Richard J. Volpe

**Board of Pensions**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

	12/31/00	12/31/99
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash: Harleysville National Bank	\$ 4,895.12	\$ 28,153.01
Money Market Funds	186,962.32	197,618.36
Mutual Funds (5 different funds)	45,228.40	63,102.04
Receivables <sup>1</sup>	<u>3,377.07</u>	<u>2,552.68</u>
Total Assets	\$ 240,462.91	\$ 291,426.09
<b>Liabilities</b>		
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Assets	\$ 240,462.91	\$ 291,426.09

## Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Receivables represent the amount owed to the MRF through the 3rd quarter ending September, 2000, which was not "Due" until October 31, 2000, plus any past due amounts from the 2nd calendar quarter. This does not include the 4th calendar quarter, since payments are not due until January 31, 2001.

<sup>2</sup> The ending balance is net of withdrawals of \$12,897 in January, 2000.

**Board of Pensions**  
**Income Statement**  
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

	FYE 12/31/00	FYE 12/31/99
<b>Income</b>		
Administrative Budget	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Contributions from Churches	81,267.14 <sup>1</sup>	76,674.90
Payments from Board of Missions	14,680.44 <sup>2</sup>	14,537.52
Gifts and Bequests	692.52	2,790.90
Trust Fund Gain / (Loss)	6,090.88 <sup>3</sup>	26,595.97
Increase (Decrease) in Receivables	<u>824.39</u>	<u>(1,489.90)</u>
Total Income	\$ 137,555.37	\$ 149,109.39
<b>Expenses</b>		
Retirement Payments:		
Regular	\$ 173,365.11 <sup>4</sup>	\$ 153,290.76
For Board of Missions	14,022.10 <sup>2</sup>	15,550.19
Administrative Expenses	<u>1,131.34<sup>5</sup></u>	<u>961.63</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 188,518.55	\$ 169,802.58
Increase / (Decrease) to MRF	\$ (50,963.18) <sup>6</sup>	\$ (20,693.19)

## Notes:

<sup>1</sup> This reflects membership contributions for balances due for 1999, and contributions during 2000.

<sup>2</sup> As a service to the Board of Missions, the Board of Pensions makes payment to retired ordained missionaries.

<sup>3</sup> Trust Fund Gain / (Loss) includes interest, dividends and realized/unrealized capital gains and losses.

<sup>4</sup> This is the total of the MRF annuity payments made to retirees for the year.

<sup>5</sup> Administrative Expenses are paid directly from the Board of Pensions account.

<sup>6</sup> This represents net increase or (decrease) in the MRF Account Balance for the 12 months. The balance is expected to decrease annually, as illustrated on the Long-Term Projection graph included in this year's Report Book.

Audited by: Rick Volpe, Asset Planning Services, Ltd., 162 Main Street, PO Box 164, Harleysville, PA.

## BFC Ministers' Retirement Fund Projections Status as of December 31, 2000

### Starting Data & Assumptions

Total MRF Value	240,463
Valuation Date	12/31/00
MRF Annuity Annual Payout Rate (2001 Calendar Year)	203
MRF Annuity Annual Payout Rate (2002 Calendar Year)	206
Inflation Assumption	4.00%
Interest Assumption (Rate of Return on MRF)	7.00%

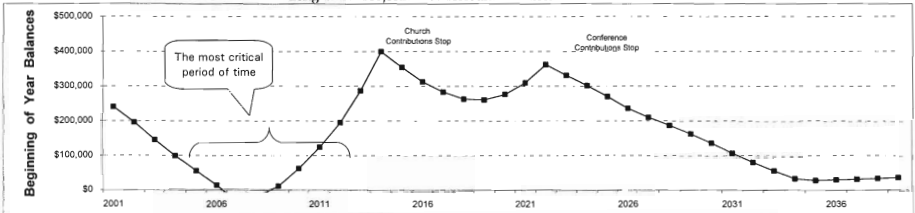
### Annual Contribution Data & Assumptions

From Conference:	(via the Administrative Budget)	
2001	\$ 40,000	(recommended to 2001 Annual Conf.)
2002	45,000	(recommended to 2001 Annual Conf.)
2003	50,000	(illustrative)
2004	55,000	(illustrative)
2005 thru 2021	57,200	(increases annually by inflation)
From Churches:		
Basic MRF Contribution	\$ 700	(increases periodically by inflation)
Per Capita	\$ 7.00	(increases periodically by inflation)
Until the year	2013	
Current BFC members ?	7,013	From 2000 <i>Yearbook</i> (12/31/99 Data)
Assumed Membership Growth	1%	per year (historical avg. 1.5% since 1987)
Number of Churches & Agencies	54	

<b>Beneficiary Assumptions</b>	
Normal Retirement Age	65
Mortality Age Assumption (most critical)	85
If over age 80 now, number of years of life expectancy	5
Number of Current/Future/Total Beneficiaries	34 / 12 / 46
Projected Board of Pensions Annual Admin. Expenses	\$ 2,000
<b>Ending Data</b>	
Last MRF Annuity Payout Required in	2033
MRF Ending Balance in that year	\$ 32,442

The assumptions shown above reflect the current strategy of the Board of Pensions. Annual adjustments will be made according to actual rates of inflation and investment return, as well as actual mortality

**Ministers' Retirement Fund**  
Long-Term Projection of Account Balances



Current Assumptions			
Mortality:	Greater of age	85	or 5 years
Inflation / Interest Rate Assumptions		4.00%	7.00%
ANNUAL FUNDING (with periodic adjustments for inflation):			
Church / Church Per Capita	\$700	2013	until year
Conference Contribution	40,000	2021	

Mortality Statistics		
For a couple age 65 today, one of them has the following probabilities of living to the age shown.	50%	83
	40%	86
	30%	89
	20%	91
	10%	93

Projected Annual Annuity Payments to MRF Beneficiaries by Calendar Year											
2001	186,582	2008	158,495	2015	147,780	2022	51,930	2029	32,074	2036	0
2002	198,772	2009	146,065	2016	135,968	2023	47,880	2030	32,074	2037	0
2003	205,429	2010	147,375	2017	127,811	2024	47,880	2031	27,518	2038	0
2004	208,378	2011	151,931	2018	112,230	2025	47,880	2032	23,749	2039	0
2005	211,326	2012	145,181	2019	97,043	2026	37,024	2033	19,474	2040	0
2006	223,762	2013	140,906	2020	85,230	2027	32,074	2034	0	2041	0
2007	159,141	2014	151,380	2021	71,899	2028	32,074	2035	0	2042	0
<b>Total Payments</b>										<b>3,644,312</b>	

Prepared by the BFC Board of Pensions, January 2001



## *Report of the Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.*

By 2050, the population of seniors 65 and older will double and those 85 and over will quadruple. By 2020, the ratio of those over 65 to working adults will be one-to-four. This grouping of the world's citizens will dramatically affect each generation and the church. Forecasts for an aging society assert "sweeping change for the swelling population", include growth in elder-care options. The impact will be felt in shifting life-styles, health needs, social policy, family responsibilities and services provided by the Church.

In regard to life style, increasing independence for elders is predicted as seniors reinvent themselves rather than retire, employers benefit from a wise, experienced workforce, and seniors benefit from financial gain and a sense of worth and contribution. Senior independence is further promoted through elder-friendly technology that enhances communication with family and friends and improved access to health-care information and providers.

Health care needs for seniors will also shift. While chronic and terminal illness will remain a major issue for this population, those over 65 will continue to be very health conscious. As avid consumers of fitness and nutrition services, seniors are invested in staying well and maintaining their quality of life.

As health needs increase, seniors will look for and demand alternative, cost-effective elder-care environments that promote maximum productivity and contributory life styles. A full-service facility may include a business center, computer rooms and classes in exercise and nutrition, in addition to social clubs, transportation and a health-care facility. Fellowship Community must continue as an innovative community, which constantly changes to meet the growing needs of the elder population.

Seniors can also be expected to significantly influence social and health policy, long-term, hospice and respite care; prescriptions, vision and dental coverage; and employee benefits for elder-care. All are concerns of seniors and their succeeding generations.

Elder-care responsibilities will place increasing demands on families, friends and the church. From making decisions about

services and facilities, to monitoring an elder's health-care needs, to directly providing the care, caregivers will potentially be faced with threats to finances, employment and personal relationships. Their needs and interests present a secondary set of issues that require attention.

All these forecasts will promote increased demands on the church, and will provide many new opportunities for service. The government cannot solve or finance all the issues presented by this new population shift.

Who better than the Christian community to design and implement alternative, cost-effective elder-care environments or direct in-home and facility services? Who better than the church to provide counseling and support services to our elder citizens? No secular organization is available to provide the continuity of service necessary in maintaining a high quality of life for our elder citizens. The Christian community will be confronted with these issues and be expected to respond.

Fellowship Community will be developing a program, which will begin to address some of these issues. The plan will include methodologies for the churches to provide extended services to their elder citizens. Each BFC will be visited this year to determine interest and to share information about how Fellowship Community can assist the churches in providing extended services for their elder citizens.

This past year has been a busy year at Fellowship Community. Construction has begun on building 21 new independent-living-single-story townhouses. We expect occupancy to occur in September/October 2001. All 21 units have been pre-sold and we are beginning a waiting list for the next section of courts, identified as Gehman Court.

The Bond Issue to construct an Assisted Living wing to Fellowship Manor has been progressing very slowly due to the lack of interest by investors to invest in Health Care Non-rated Bonds. A marketing and financial feasibility study was completed which demonstrated that the program presented was marketable and financially sound.

Fellowship Manor achieved a maximum 3 year accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization for Long Term Care and also achieved

accreditation by the same organization for our Dementia Special Care units. We also achieved a favorable survey by both the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare.

Fellowship manor resident and resident family satisfactory surveys demonstrate that 95% of the resident/residents families rated care rendered at Fellowship Manor as either very good or excellent.

The occupancy rate for each of the facilities from 7/1/00 to 12/30/00 is as follows:

Manor	-	97%
Home	-	87%
Courts	-	100%

Fellowship Community has conducted its first capital fund drive to purchase 2 busses for the residents of Fellowship Manor, Home and Courts. The drive officially began on 2/10/01. As of 2/22/01, 44% of the \$100,000 has been raised.

John and Katherine Reiss were awarded the Pennsylvania Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging 2000 Distinguished Service Award for Volunteers of the year at its Annual Banquet. John and Katherine are members of the Cedar Crest BFC.

The staff and volunteers at Fellowship Community (Manor, Home and Courts) are to be commended for their caring attitude and cooperative spirit. We thank the Lord of providing us with a very dedicated and loyal staff.

In conclusion of the report, the Board of Directors appreciates all the contributions from the churches and individuals. It is with praise and thanksgiving to our God and Savior for His wonderful provision for this ministry.

Contributions should be made payable to Fellowship Community and mailed to Fellowship Community, 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052

Note that the financial report prepared by Lisa Hazler, CPA, is a condensed version of the full financial report audited by ParenteRandolph. The fiscal year of Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc. is from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000. The audited report from ParenteRandolph is available and may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of the Board.

## Balance Sheet June 30, 2000

### Assets

Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 334,490
Assets whose use is limited, under trust indenture, held by trustee	134,801
Accounts receivable, residents, net of estimated allowance for doubtful collections of \$50,000	636,798
Other receivables	116,747
Estimated third-party payer settlements, Medicare	3,868
Inventories	54,535
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	<u>45,826</u>
Total Current Assets	1,327,065
Assets whose use is limited, Under trust indenture, held by trustee	768,025
Long Term Investments	1,977,726
Property and Equipment, Net	8,697,033
Deferred Financing Costs, Net	363,223
Total	<u><u>\$13,133,072</u></u>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities:	
Current maturities of long-term debt	210,000
Accounts payable	244,627
Amounts withheld from employees for taxes, etc.	76,488
Accrued expenses:	
Salaries and wages	46,937
Vacation, sick and personal wages	160,330
Interest	<u>22,782</u>
Total current liabilities	761,164
Long-Term Debt	9,575,000
Refundable Fees and Deposits	1,647,285
Deferred Revenues from Advance Fees	424,593
Total current liabilities	<u>12,408,042</u>
Net Assets, Unrestricted	725,030
Total	<u><u>\$13,133,072</u></u>

## Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets For the Year Ended June 30, 2000

Unrestricted Revenues, Gains and Other Support:	
Net resident service revenues, including amortization of advance fees of \$62,759	\$ 8,059,263
Other revenues	20,448
Investment income	325,772
Unrestricted contributions	<u>42,961</u>
Total unrestricted revenues, gains, and other support	<u><u>8,448,444</u></u>

Expenses:	
Healthcare	4,323,017
Dietary	786,784
Housekeeping and laundry	416,211
Social services and activities	487,076
Plant operations	564,816
General and administrative	854,586
Depreciation	506,401
Amortization	26,622
Interest	560,039
Total Expenses	<u>8,525,552</u>
Operating Loss	(77,108)
Change in Net Unrealized Gains and Losses on Investments other than Trading Securities	<u>17,928</u>
Decrease in Net Assets	<u>(59,180)</u>
Net Assets, Unrestricted, Beginning, As previously reported	1,014,353
Prior Period Adjustments	<u>(230,143)</u>
Net Assets, Unrestricted, Beginning, as restated	784,210
Net Assets, Unrestricted, Ending	<u>\$ 725,030</u>

Board of Directors, Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.: Robert H. Zentz, President; LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Dean A. Stortz, Vice Chairman; William H. Bartron, Secretary; John W. Trauch, Treasurer; David W. Cole, Robin A. Musselman, Glenn D. Ruoss, Roger L. Reitz, Henry U. Sandt, Jr., Robert W. Smock, Dennis W. Spinney, Hans Waldvogel

### *Report of the Conference Judicatory*

The Conference Judicatory received no communications from the churches, agencies, or individuals of the Bible Fellowship Church during the year. Therefore, there was no need to convene the Conference Judicatory.

The Conference Judicatory expects to present the material you will find on pages 159 through 163 of the 2000 *Yearbook* for second reading.

Conference Judicatory: Ronald C. Mahurin, Secretary; Calvin T. Reed, Clyde W. Snyder, Carl C. Cassel, Robert H. Zentz, James A. Beil, Lee E. Boyles, L. James Roberts, Jr., Dean A. Stortz, Ronald W. Reed

## *Report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes of Particular Churches*

The Committee to Examine the Minutes of Particular Churches met on Tuesday, March 20, 2001 at Bethel BFC.

The minutes of Particular Churches were examined on the basis of the suggested format for congregational meetings as stated in the Bylaws of Particular Churches and found in the *Faith & Order*, 403-3 and 403-4.

The Committee communicated with every church reminding the pastor to “send a copy of the minutes of all congregational meetings, which shall include the Board of Elders’ Report of the Membership and Annual Financial Report to: Committee on the Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches, c/o Ralph M. Soper, 418 Elm Street, Emmaus, PA, 18049, to arrive no later than March 1, 2001.”

The Committee appreciates the use of the checklist that was sent with the letter to the churches. The committee also appreciates those churches that mailed back all of the requested documentation in *exactly* the precise order found on the checklist. We would remind each of the churches *again* this year of the need to verify evidence of audit of the finances and also a record of church members being made aware of the designation of the Pastoral Relations Committee. 25% of the churches failed to report these items. There were no petitions this year from the churches.

**Whereas**, the Credentials Committee and the Ministerial Candidate committee verify that ministers are qualified to be members of Annual Conference based on their response to the annual *F&O* questionnaire, and

**Whereas**, there is no similar indication to Annual Conference that elder delegates have affirmed their agreement with the *F&O*, and

**Whereas**, the “Bylaws for Particular Churches” require that, “each elder shall annually declare in writing his agreement with the *Articles of Faith* (401-1.9), and

**Whereas**, the annual report of the Board of Elders presented at

the congregational meeting, “shall be the source of the information for the report of the congregation to the Annual Conference” (403-1.4), and

**Whereas**, the “Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches shall report the confirmation of delegates and alternate delegates and any discrepancies to the Registrar prior to Annual Conference (506-03), therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we present the following recommendations for amendments to the *F&O* for the second reading at the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: (Amendments are in *bold italics*, deletions in brackets)

401-1.9 The Board of Elders in each Particular Church shall determine which men are in agreement with the *Articles of Faith* and who will endeavor to follow the *Principles of Order* of the BFC. Each elder shall annually declare in writing his agreement with the Articles of Faith, [and] willingness to follow the *Principles of Order* of the BFC, ***and this declaration be included in the Board of Elders Report to the Congregation.*** No man can be divested of this office except by deposition for failure to maintain standards of doctrine and life in keeping with the dignity of the office.

#### 403-3 Suggested Format for Congregational Meetings

##### (4) Reports (Annual Congregational Meeting)

Report of the Board of Elders, to include at least the following:

Membership Report

Financial Report(s), including evidence of annual auditing

Submission of the proposed budget

Record of Designation of the Pastoral Relations Committee

***Record of Elders' Declaration of Agreement with the Articles of Faith and willingness to follow the Principles of Order***

Status of the Work  
Benevolence Report (may be included in the  
Board of Deacons Report or in the  
Financial Report)  
Recommendations

**511-1.3 Committee on Examination of the Minutes of Particular Churches**

Appointment:

(3) It shall meet at least annually [in the week] prior to Annual Conference

**Duties:**

(3) It shall verify that the delegate(s) and alternate delegates(s) are elders, *have signed their annual declaration of agreement with the Articles of Faith and willingness to follow the Principles of Order*, and are the persons reported to the Registrar of Annual Conference. It shall report such verification and any discrepancies to the Registrar during the week prior to Annual Conference.

**Committee to Examine the Minutes of Particular Churches:**  
Ralph M. Soper, Chairman; David N. Heineman, Secretary;  
William H. Bartron, Ronald C. Erb, and Ralph E. Ritter.



## *Report of the Committee to Examine the Minutes of 117th Annual Conference*

This committee is directed by the *Faith & Order* to assist the Secretary of Annual Conference in producing accurate minutes of Annual Conference, to compare the minutes as they appear in the *Yearbook* with the Official Minutes of the Secretary, to receive suggested corrections to the *Yearbook* during the year, and to report to Annual Conference any discrepancies between the *Yearbook* and the Official Minutes. (Legislation assigning these duties took effect in October 1992.)

During the year the following corrections to the Yearbook were received by the committee:

page viii in the *Yearbook*, under the Board of Christian Education: delete the name Gary W. Saggio and insert the name Ralph E. Ritter

page 6 (line 6)

insert comma between Leonard E. Buck and Raymond G. Burnett

page 17 (line 6 from bottom) Report of the Historical Committee (see page: 153)

Should read: (see page: 157)

page 18 (photo captions under 'Ordination - 2000 continued' are reversed)

INVERT: Kenneth & Kathy Hurst, Chaplain - Richmond Hill, GA AND Richard & Denise Moyer, Chaplain - Mays Landing, NJ

page 28 (middle of page, between [FIRST READING] and PREAMBLE) David J. Watkins introduced . . . He encouraged us to minister . . .

Should read: John Janney encouraged us to minister . . .

page 34 (Delete article 401-1.1 and 401-1.2)

page 36 (line 5, insert comma) singing the theme chorus for the week, "A Song for the Nations" and other praise songs.

Should read: "A Song for the Nations", and other . . .

page 37, (insert comma) 601-2 Organization of Regions, (3) Changes in, and additions to the composition of regions

Should read: Changes in, and additions to, the composition of regions

page 45 (line 10 from the bottom, insert comma) The chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee, or his designee will chair the congregational meeting . . .

Should read: or his designee, will chair . . .

page 48 (line 21, make 'Conference' plural) approved by the 115th and 116th Annual Conference hereby be rescinded:

Should read: by the 115th and 116th Annual Conferences

page 50 (photo captions are reversed)

INVERT: Passing the Torch! Dan Ziegler to Dave Gundrum

AND Passing Advice! Carl Fischer from Ron Mahurin

page 54 (line 5 from bottom) 307-2. Notice of intention to appeal must be filed in writing ten days after the judgment

Should read: must be filed in writing within ten days

page 59 (line 6, delete extraneous comma) for such considerations, therefore, be it

Should read: considerations, therefore be it

page 61 (line 13, move comma) Whereas, he will retire as of May 1, 2000 therefore, be it

Should read: May 1, 2000, therefore be it

page 62 (line 10) of Directors of Pinebrook Bible Conference

Should read: of Directors of Pinebrook Bible Conference, therefore be it . . .

page 63 (line 12, fix zip code) 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA. 18502.

Should read: Whitehall, PA 18052.

page 177 (line 10 from bottom) in order to determine if there is any language with is not culturally transferable,

Should read: if there is any language which is not

page 191 (title at very top of page!) Subcommittee B

Should read: Subcommittee A

Committee to Examine the Minutes of the 117th Annual Conference: John C. Studenroth, Chairman; Jonathan P. Tait, Hans R. Waldvogel

## *Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee*

The Annual Ministerial Convention was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 26th and 27th, 2000 at Pinebrook Bible Conference Center.

The Conference theme was “The Holy Spirit and Preaching” with Dr. John H. Armstrong from Reformation and Revival Ministries, Inc. We had a great time of instruction, worship, fellowship, and observance of the Lord’s Supper. Pastors’ wives were also invited and they met for their own meetings as well as joining us in some of the services.

At the business meeting the following members were elected to serve on the 2001 committee: Ronald C. Erb and Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr. Excused from the committee due to the expiration of their terms were Mark L. Morrison and Howard N. Wells.

The Committee constitution is as follows:

<u>2000 Convention Committee</u>	<u>2001 Convention Committee</u>
Mark L. Morrison, Chairman	Ronald C. Erb, Chairman
Howard N. Wells, Secretary	Allan R. Vivona, Secretary
Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Treasurer	Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Treasurer
Ronald C. Mahurin	Ronald C. Mahurin
Allan R. Vivona	Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.

Length of terms is as follows: Ronald C. Mahurin (1 year); Allan R. Vivona and Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. (2 years); Ronald C. Erb and Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr. (3 years)

The 2001 Ministerial Convention is scheduled for September 25-26, 2001 and has been planned to be a time of spiritual renewal for our pastors and their wives. The theme is entitled: *Shepherding with Passion*. Three sessions will deal with “The Shepherd’s Pastor,” “The Shepherd’s Priorities,” and “The Shepherd’s Passion,.” For each session we will hear from a retired pastor relating how things were viewed and done in the past, and from a current pastor dealing with the same issues today. Please place these dates on your calendar.

Future Conventions: For the 2002 Convention we will be dealing with the theme, "The Pastor and Suffering." For the 2003 Convention an invitation has been sent to R. Kent Hughes to discuss his book, *Liberating Ministry From the Success Syndrome*.

## Financial Report

January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000

Beginning Balance (1/1/00)		\$ 2,051.21
Receipts:		
Board of Directors	1,000.00	
Registrations	3,330.00	
Total Receipts		<u>4,330.00</u>
Grand Total		6,381.21
Expenditures:		
Printing & Postage	63.25	
Reformation & Revival Min.	800.00	
Pinebrook Bible Conference	2,853.75	
Refunds	220.00	
Committee Expenses	<u>41.80</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>3,978.80</u>
Balance, 12/31/00		<u><u>\$ 2,402.41</u></u>

Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Treasurer  
 Accounts held by Sovereign Bank  
 Audited by Carlton Wentz

Ministerial Convention: Ronald C. Erb, Chairman; Allan R. Vivona, Secretary; Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Treasurer; Ronald C. Mahurin, Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.

## *Report of the Beneficiary Society*

Our heavenly Father has called home three of our family in this past year, two of our former pastors and the spouse of another. Bernard N. Coble, Robert F. Johnson and Gail Beil all answered the call of the Lord and are now in the presence of the Lord who saved them and Whom they loved and served faithfully. We miss their presence among us but rejoice in their heavenly calling. Benefits were paid to the surviving spouses. Also, we are continuing to give a monthly check to the following widows who have not reached the age of 65: Barbara Chappell and Marilyn Coble. The officers seek your prayers for wisdom as the list of retirees grows and they face decisions in the future in maintaining the funds of the Society.

Officers of the Beneficiary Society: John H. Riggall, President; R. C. Reichenbach, Secretary; LeRoy S. Heller, Treasurer

### **Financial Report January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000**

Assets - January 1, 2000	\$ 170,610.58
Receipts	
Dues	\$ 3,465.00
Administration Budget	-
Total Receipts	3,465.00
Investment Income	
Interest -	
BFC Board of Directors	2,114.28
Prudential Bache	10,695.01
Less Accrued Interest Paid	(328.51)
Dividends -	
Prudential Bache	908.00
Total Investment Income	13,388.78
	\$ 187,464.36
Expenditures	
Secretarial	59.24
Widows' Aid	192.19

Death Benefits	<u>17,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>17,251.43</u>

Total Assets - December 31, 2000 \$ 170,212.93

Checking & Savings Accounts

Lebanon Valley Farmers Bank - Checking	\$ 1,609.46
Prudential Bache - Cash Account	0.57
Prudential Bache - Money Market	5.37% <u>16,742.00</u>

Total Checking & Savings Accounts \$ 18,352.03

Investments

Prudential Bache - FHLMC	6.75%	\$ 3,000.00
Prudential Bache - FHLMC	7.50%	5,000.00
Prudential Bache - FHLMC	8.00%	1,000.00
Prudential Bache - FNMA	6.50%	39,000.00
Prudential Bache - FNMA	7.75%	44,000.00
Prudential Bache - FHLMC	7.50%	2,000.00
Prudential Bache - FHLMC	8.50%	1,000.00
Prudential Bache - FNMA	7.00%	4,000.00
Prudential Bache - FNMA	8.00%	23,000.00
Prudential Bache - FNMA	6.50%	6,000.00
Prudential Bache - FHLMC	7.25%	1,000.00
Prudential Bache - FHLMC	7.00%	2,000.00
Chase Mortgage Finance Corp.	7.00%	4,000.00
Chase Mortgage Finance Corp.	6.75%	3,000.00
GE Capital Mtge Services	7.00%	1,000.00
GE Capital Mtge Services	7.00%	<u>12,860.90</u>

Total Investments 151,860.90

Total Assets - December 31, 2000 \$ 170,212.93

Notes:

1. Investments are listed at cost or Face Value
2. Anticipated income on Prudential Bache investments for year is \$12,034.00.

I have reviewed the records of the Beneficiary Society and have prepared the above Cash Flow Statement and the Statement of Assets as of December 31, 2000.

Ellis Lee Hostetter  
Certified Public Accountant

## *Report of the Board of Publication and Printing*

*“The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and the firmament shows His handiwork.” Psalm 19:1*

God is interested in declaring His glory. He does it in very obvious ways. If we look to the sky, the vast reaches of the Milky Way galaxy, and beyond we see the recounting of His glory over and over and over. God’s glory is rehearsed in so many ways we cannot count them. It is the same way on earth. God’s honor, dignity, and riches are proclaimed everywhere we can look on our planet. Repeatedly they are rehearsed in all our senses. Our five senses become the doorways through which we begin to comprehend the true extent of the greatness of God. *Begin* is all we can do, however, because the job is too prodigious for our relatively weak minds.

We who know God in Christ see obvious reasons to exalt our living God. Most of the world does not. They need to be told. We need to tell them. John Piper in his excellent volume *Let the Nations Be Glad* affirms this. Evangelism, more accurately, discipling the nations, will result in greater glory going to God because there will be more people to praise him. It is imperative that the church publish its message. We need to “publish glad tidings” as the old hymn reminds us. Not to do so is disobedience of the highest order. Undergirding everything the church does to reach those outside the church requires a supportive framework of unity. The church must have a unified and informed testimony. Communication is fundamental. We hope the efforts of our board have resulted in increased communication among us. We desire to do our job better, because we believe the better we do our job, the better will be cooperation and understanding among the churches, agencies and leadership. Please inform us how we can do better. It has been the Board of Publications and Printing’s privilege to serve you.

This year, for the first time, we are making the complete up-to-date *Faith & Order* and the most recent *Yearbook* available together on one compact disc, thus adding a whole new dimension

of usefulness to both volumes. You may order at the Board Of Publication and Printing table and/or on the order blank.

Also, this year we have added another issue of *Fellowship News*, bringing the total to eleven a year. Your positive comments encourage us to maintain and improve quality. Thanks! Why not distribute copies of *Fellowship News* to your people as they come in your building. Or ask greeters, or teens, or anyone else to hand them to people as they leave the building. Send copies to college students, retirees living out of state, military personnel from your church. Don't be shy. People who read it like it. People who don't will never know.

Please encourage the regular subscription of the *Yearbook* to your members and especially to your church officers. Sometimes it takes the encouragement of pastors to move people to do that. We find it difficult to understand how a person can be an officer in a BFC and not want at least a nodding acquaintance with such an important publication.

Don't forget to order your updates for your *Faith and Order* while you are at Annual Conference. Also please bring your check for *Fellowship News*.

Please note the following for your information:

1. *Fellowship News* articles and questions about editorial policy should go to: Carol Z. Snyder, 3091 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325; 717.337.3408, [ccsnyder@supernet.com](mailto:ccsnyder@supernet.com)
2. Questions about billing of accounts should go to the Business Manager: Paul T. Rutman, Apt 607, 824 Lisburn Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011, 717.731.1490
3. Orders and checks for anything published by the Board should be sent to: BFC of Ephrata, PO Box 299, Ephrata, PA 17522; 717-733-2526; [ebfc@ptd.net](mailto:ebfc@ptd.net).
4. Our webservant, Stephen Mann, is at [svmann@compuserve.com](mailto:svmann@compuserve.com). You can contact him through the main page on our website at [www.bfc.org](http://www.bfc.org).



The following resolutions are submitted to the 118th Annual Conference for their approval:

1. **Resolved**, that a contribution of \$325 for the conference year 2001 to be given to the Board of Publication and Printing from each agency to help underwrite the cost of printing and distribution of the *Fellowship News*. Payments are to be made to the Business Manager, c/o Bible Fellowship Church of Ephrata, by December 31, 2001.
2. **Resolved**, that \$1.75 per member of the Bible Fellowship Church for 2001 be forwarded to the Board of Publication and Printing from each church to help underwrite the cost of printing and distributing the *Fellowship News*. Payments are to be made to the Board of Publication and Printing table at the 118th Annual Conference.
3. **Resolved**, that the cost of the 2001 *Yearbook* be \$8.00 per copy.

### Financial Report

December 31, 1999 to December 31, 2000

Balance, December 31, 1999		\$ 8,355.39
Receipts:		
From Administrative Budget	3,500.00	
From Boards & Committees	1,950.00	
From Churches	12,146.75	
<i>Fellowship News</i> Sponsors	200.00	
<i>Yearbook</i> Sales	3,596.00	
<i>Faith &amp; Order</i>	1,695.40	
Church Supplies	270.50	
Shipping	41.00	
Interest Received	85.29	
Total Receipts	23,484.94	23,484.94
Expenditures:		
<i>Fellowship News</i> :		
Design & Layout	2,150.00	
Printing & Mailing	11,993.83	
Editors Expense	58.37	
Editors Honorarium & Proof	1,300.00	
Annual Conference Expense	285.00	
Board Expense	500.13	
Business Manager Expense	21.20	
<i>Faith &amp; Order</i>	1,099.83	
<i>Yearbook</i> Expense	4,986.50	
Church Supplies	.00	
Storage Rental	550.00	

Web Site	179.95	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>406.52</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>23,531.33</u>
Balance, December 31, 2000		<u>\$ 8,309.00</u>

Board of Publication and Printing funds First Union Bank, Camp Hill, PA  
Books were reviewed/audited by Charles Kline

### Proposed Budget - 2002

Receipts		
Administrative Budget	4,500	
Boards and Committees	1,950	
Churches	12,500	
Yearbook Sales	4,700	
Yearbook/Fellowship News Sponsors	200	
Faith & Order / "Articles of Faith"	1,600	
Church Supplies	300	
Shipping	75	
Interest	85	
Total Receipts	<u>25,910</u>	
Expenses		
<i>Fellowship News:</i>		
Layout & Design	2,400	
Printing & Mailing	13,000	
Editor's Expenses	150	
Editor's Honorarium	1,500	
Annual Conference Expense	250	
Board Expense	700	
Faith & Order	1,100	
Yearbooks Costs	5,300	
Storage Rental	600	
Web Page Expense	600	
Miscellaneous	310	
Total Expenses	<u>25,910</u>	

**Board Of Publication And Printing:** William H. Bartron, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Secretary; Paul T. Rutman, Business Manager; Carol Z. Snyder, *Fellowship News* editor; Stephen Mann; Clyde W. Snyder, Jonathan P. Tait

## *Report of the Study Committee: Multiple-Staff Churches*

Established by a resolution passed at the 115th Annual Conference, the Committee met during the year in fulfillment of its duties. We have worked in conjunction with the Committee on Credentials, the Ministerial Candidate Committee, and the Ministerial Relations Committee to bring a unified approach in addressing the presence of multiple-staff churches and issues related thereto with regard to the *Faith and Order*.

The Committee recommends:

1. **Resolved**, that the following terms be adopted for inclusion in a glossary to be included in the *Faith and Order*:

**Credentialed** - an official recognition of the rights, privileges and responsibilities of ministry as defined within the *F&O*. This includes men who are probationers licensed by the Ministerial Candidate Committee and/or men ordained through the BFC as well as those who have their previous ordinations recognized by the BFC.

**Ordained** - a man who has completed the credentialing process of the BFC or has had his prior ordination by a non-BFC church recognized by the BFC.

We recognize that the term *ordained* is often used to designate those who have been ordained through other denominations but are not yet credentialed with the BFC. We respect the authority of other Christian churches to ordain men to serve in the Gospel ministry of their fellowships, and we rejoice that God often moves these men to desire to serve in the BFC. While not wishing to disparage the work of other Christian churches nor diminish the recognition of our brothers, for the sake of clarity, when the term *ordained* is used in the *F&O*, it is referring to a man who has completed the ordination process of the BFC or had his prior ordination by a non-BFC church recognized by the BFC (Article 502-4).

**Pastor** - those called to the Gospel ministry (see Article 204-1). A pastor is a credentialed man who is a voting member of Annual Conference. This only includes those staff positions called according to the Rules of Pulpit Supply. This is for denominational reference and Particular Churches may use the term pastor in a broader sense.

**Senior Pastor** - the Lead Pastor of a church, called under the seniors of the pulpit supply of the BFC. He shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Elders and shall assume other pastoral responsibilities as assigned to him by that Board.

**Pastoral Staff** - men recognized by a Particular Church who have attained credentialed, probationer, or candidate status and who serve in various pastoral functions.

Our Committee recommends that the aforementioned Glossary be placed at the conclusion of Article 409, (Pulpit Supply Procedure). Said Glossary could be delineated 409-4

2. **Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted at First Reading:

**Resolved**, that the following changes be made to the *Faith and Order*. Replace the word “minister” (and its cognates) with “pastor” (and its cognates) in the following Articles and Sections:

Article 103-2.1.	Article 401-1.2.	Article 409-3.2
Article 105-2.	Article 401-1.8.	Article 409-3.3
Article 204.	Article 401-2.5.	Article 409-3.4
Article 204-1.	Article 409-1.1(3)	Article 501-3
Article 204-1.1.	Article 409-1.2	Article 502
Article 204-1.2.	Article 409-1.2 (1)	Article 502-3
Article 204-2.1	Article 409-1.5	Article 502-3.1
Article 204-2.2	Article 409-1.6	Article 502-3.3
Article 302-2	Article 409-1.7	Article 502-3.4
Article 302-3	Article 409-2.1	Article 502-4
Article 306.2 (4)	Article 409-2.2	Article 502-4.1
Article 401-1.1.	Article 409-3.1	Article 503-1

Article 503-2	Article 512-7.5	& (2) and
Article 505-1	Article 512-8.1 (1)	512.14.2 (8)
Article 505-2	& (2)	Article 512-15.1 (3)
Article 506-4	Article 512-9.1 (1)	Article 512-16.2 (2)
Article 510-1	& (3)	Article 512-17.2 (1)
Article 510-2	Article 512-10.1 (1)	& (3)
Article 510-4 (2)	& (2).	Article 701-1.1
Article 512-1.1(1)	Article 512-11.1	Article 701-1.3
& (2)	Article 512-11.2 (4),	Article 701-2.2 (1),
Article 512-2.1	(6), (7), & (8)	(2), (3)
Article 512-3	Article 512-11.3 (1),	Article 701-2.3 (2)
Article 512-4.2 (1)	(2), (3), (4), (5)	Article 703-1.4
Article 512-4.4	& (6).	Article 703-2.5
Article 512-5.2 (1)	Article 512-12.1 (2)	Article 703-3.4
Article 512-6.2	Article 512-13.2 (1)	& .5
Article 512-6.3 (1),	Article 512-13.3 (4)	Article 703-4.2
(3), (4)	Article 512-13.3 (5)	& 4.3
Article 512-7.1 (1)	Article 512-14.1 (1)	Article 705-2
& (2)		

Our Committee also strongly recommends that a Study Committee from MCC, MRC, and Credentials be formed to consider further progress in multi-staff church function, e.g., a two-tiered system delineating between associate pastors and assistant pastors.

Committee to Study the Presence of Multi-Staffed Churches: L. James Roberts, Jr., Chairman; Brian H. Cooper, Secretary; Dennis M. Cahill, John C. Elias, David A. Thomann

*Report of the  
Study Committee  
on Baptism and Church Membership*

This study committee has met six times since the 117th Annual Conference, and has continued its study of the biblical doctrines of the church, the ordinance of believers' baptism, and the proper relationship of the two.

Since the decision by Annual Conference to retain our current positions on the relation of water baptism to church membership (see pp. 31-33 of the Yearbook 2000), the entire committee has turned its attention to matters relating to mode, the infirmed, and those coming to us from other fellowships who have received what they perceived to be believers' baptism by a mode other than immersion. We have spent considerable time reading the works of other men (e.g. the voluminous writings of James W. Dale). We have continued to wrestle with lexical, exegetical, historical, and theological data from many sources.

It is our conviction that we need more time to pursue our studies. We desperately need the prayers and input of our brethren as we continue our labors.

Committee to Study Baptism and Church Membership: Calvin T. Reed, Chairman; John C. Studenroth, Secretary; Carl C. Cassel, Donald T. Kirkwood, Ronald W. Reed, Clayton E. Weber, and Byron Widger.

*Report of the  
Committee to Study  
Recognition of Previous Ordination*

The 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference received the following petition from New Life Bible Fellowship Church, Oley, Pennsylvania:

**Whereas**, *Faith and Order*, Article 502-3, provides for the acceptance of “Ministers Received From Other Churches,” and

**Whereas**, all candidates are now required to follow the procedures of Article 502-1 for “Men Entering the Ministry,” whether or not they are already ordained, and

**Whereas**, New Life Bible Fellowship Church in Oley found it extremely difficult and time-consuming to locate ordained pastors with extensive experience who were willing to invest considerable time and effort in what is essentially a re-ordination process, without any assurance of acceptance by the local church at completion,

**Resolved**, that the Chairman of the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference appoint a committee of five to study the process of recognizing pastors with prior ordinations (2000 *Yearbook*, pages 34-35).

The designated committee met four times during the year and makes the recommendations that follow.

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted at first reading for inclusion in the *Faith and Order* as §409-1.8:

409-1.8 - Procedure to expedite the calling of a previously-ordained minister who has not been licensed by the BFC.

On certain exceptional occasions it may be necessary to expedite the procedure for issuing a call to a previously-ordained minister for service in a BF church.

Under the following circumstances, the call of a

previously-ordained minister may follow the expedited procedure:

- (1) When geographical distance allows limited personal contact;
- (2) When the demands of current ministry in another church may not allow for the time required in the normal process;
- (3) When the BFC seeking a pastor applies for special consideration because of urgent circumstances.

The following shall be the expedited procedure:

- (1) The church which is considering the previously-ordained minister shall make request to the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee who shall in consultation with the chairman of the Ministerial Candidate Committee approve or deny the request for the expedited process.
- (2) If the request is approved, the Ministerial Candidate Committee shall meet as soon as possible with the minister for an interview. If he is approved as a candidate, he shall be given the Open Book Examination.
- (3) Upon the satisfactory completion of the interview and the Open Book Examination, the church may seek permission from the Ministerial Relations Committee to issue a provisional call. The church shall follow the applicable steps outlined in Section 409.
- (4) Following the issue of a provisional call, the minister shall complete the further exams required by the Ministerial Candidate Committee. A man will not be permitted to begin his new ministry or move into church-provided housing until all the required examinations are satisfactorily completed.
- (5) When all examinations are satisfactorily completed, the Ministerial Candidate Committee will approve the minister as a licensed probationer effective on the date of approval of his final examination. The Ministerial Candidate Committee shall notify the Ministerial Relations Committee who shall recognize the provisional call of the church as the formal call on the effective date assigned by the Ministerial Candidate Committee.



**Resolved**, that § 502 of the *Faith and Order* be revised for first reading as follows: [The revisions are contained in the right-hand column. The original is contained in the left-hand column and presented for comparison.]

### Current Reading

Article 502 - Procedure for the Recognition of a Minister

All men who desire to have ministerial credentials with the BFC shall apply to the Ministerial Candidate Committee. Initial application should be made in writing to the chairman of the committee. Any minister in the denomination can supply the name and address of the current chairman.

Every man who is called to serve as a pastor of a BFC must have credentials with the denomination. Men who serve as supply pastors for an extended period shall be required to establish a proper relationship with this committee.

502-1. Men Entering the Ministry.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee divides those under its care into three groups: Applicants, Candidates, and Probationers.

Applicant. An applicant is a man who offers himself to this committee for service in the BFC. Young men are encouraged to seek this recognition as early in their educational program as they sense the call of God to the ministry.

### Proposed Reading

Article 502 - Procedure for the Recognition of a Minister

All men who desire to have ministerial credentials with the BFC shall apply to the Ministerial Candidate Committee. Initial application should be made in writing to the chairman of the committee.

Every man who is called to serve through the pulpit supply system as a pastor of a BFC must have credentials with the denomination. Men who serve as supply pastors for an extended period may be required to meet with and establish an accountability relationship with the Ministerial Candidate Committee. A supply pastor is a man who has been called to serve as pastor of a BFC for an interim period. Under normal circumstances, a supply pastor is not under consideration to serve as the senior pastor.

502-1. Men Entering the Ministry of the BFC.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee divides those under its care into three groups: Applicants, Candidates, and Probationers.

Applicant. An applicant is a man who offers himself to this committee for service in the BFC. Young men are encouraged to seek this recognition as early in their educational program as they sense the call of God to the ministry.

Candidate. A candidate is a man whose application is accepted and who remains under the guidance of this committee. Men move to this group when they near the completion of their educational preparation for the ministry.

Probationer. A probationer is a man who has been approved by this committee, has passed examinations on the F&O, and is working in the BFC (a Particular Church or agency) or other ministry approved by the Ministerial Candidate Committee in consultation with the Credentials Committee. Such other ministry does not include service on the pastoral staff of a church other than a BFC. Men who meet all stated requirements for probationers are eligible to be licensed as probationers by the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

#### 502-2. Probationary Service

502-2.1 Full-time Probationary Service in a Particular Church Or Mission. Normally a probationer serves in a full-time capacity. After a probationer has served at least two years, he may be recommended to the Credentials Committee for ordination examination. The minimum period of probationary service may be extended; having served as a probationer does not guarantee ordination.

#### 502-2.2 Part-time Probationary Service in a Particular Church Or Mission.

A man serving his probationary period on a part-time basis may do so with the following requirements:

(1) He shall serve the equivalent of at least two years full-time service as

Candidate. A candidate is a man whose application is accepted and who remains under the guidance of this committee. A man becomes a candidate when he is ready to begin ministry with the BFC and has completed a satisfactory interview with the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

Probationer. A probationer is a man who has been approved by this committee and has passed the required examinations. Upon completion of his required exams, he will be classified as a probationer eligible to receive a call. When a probationer receives a call from the BFC (a Particular Church or agency) or other ministry (chaplaincy, etc.) approved by the Ministerial Candidate Committee in consultation with the Credentials Committee, he shall become a licensed probationer. Such other ministry does not include service on the pastoral staff of a church other than a BFC.

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502-2.1 Full-time Probationary Service in a Particular Church Or Mission. Normally a probationer serves in a full-time capacity. After a probationer has served at least two years, or one year if previously ordained, he may be recommended to the Credentials Committee for ordination examination or recognition of previous ordination. The minimum period of probationary service may be extended; having served as a probationer does not guarantee ordination or recognition of previous ordination.

#### 502-2.2 Part-time Probationary Service in a Particular Church Or Mission.

A man serving his probationary period on a part-time basis may do so with the following requirements:

(1) He shall serve the equivalent of at least two years full-time service, or

determined by the Ministerial Candidate Committee in consultation with the Credentials Committee.

one year of full time service if previously ordained, as determined by the Ministerial Candidate Committee in consultation with the Credentials Committee.

(2) He shall serve at least one year under the supervision of a Board of Elders and/or another evaluating body approved by the Ministerial Candidate Committee and the Credentials Committee.

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#### 502-2.3 Probationary Service in Other Ministry.

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If a man seeks ordination in the BFC and is not serving as the pastor of a Particular Church or mission, he may do so with the following requirements:

If a man seeks ordination or recognition of previous ordination in the BFC and is not serving as the pastor of a Particular Church or mission, he may do so with the following requirements:

(1) He shall be a member of a BFC.

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(2) He shall follow the same procedure for ordination as other probationers.

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(3) He shall comply with the F&O in the course of his service

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(4) He shall be supervised by the Board of Elders of the church in which he holds membership, the governing board of the ministry under which he serves, and any other evaluating agencies the Ministerial Candidate Committee may require during the probationary period of service. The time of the probationary service may be in full or part-time capacity.

(4) He shall be supervised by the Board of Elders of the church in which he holds membership, the governing board of the ministry under which he serves, and any other evaluating agencies the Ministerial Candidate Committee may require during the probationary period of service. The time of the probationary service may be in full or part-time capacity.

#### 502-3. Ministers Received From Other Churches

#### 502-3. Ordained Ministers Received From Other Churches

502-3.1 When a minister from another church seeks ministerial credentials in the BFC, he shall apply to the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

502-3.1 When an ordained minister from another church seeks ministerial credentials in the BFC, he shall apply to the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

502-3.2 The applicant shall produce satisfactory evidence that he is in good standing in his church and that his ordination was intended to be within

502-3.2 The following matters shall be considered when determining whether to recognize a previous ordination:

(1) the doctrinal position of the

and to the ministry of the church universal, was performed by the authority charged with the exercise of this specific church power within the ordaining community, and was accompanied by the laying-on of hands by such as have themselves been similarly ordained. The candidate shall also furnish evidence of having severed all connections with other denominations before being enrolled.

- ordaining church body;
- (2) the minister's standing with the ordaining church body;
- (3) whether his ordination was intended to be within and to the ministry of the church universal;
- (4) whether his ordination was performed by the authority charged with the exercise of this specific church power within the ordaining community and accompanied by the laying on of hands by such as have themselves been similarly ordained.

502-3.3 Having complied with these provisions, the candidate shall, upon being received, begin with the status of an ordained minister serving as a probationer.

502-3.3 Under certain exceptional circumstances, a previously ordained minister may be licensed through an expedited process (see section 409-1.8)

502-3.4 After serving at least one year as a probationer, he may be examined by the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee may then recommend to Annual Conference that he be accepted as an ordained minister with full privileges in the BFC. This recognition shall be made known in a public service.

502-3.4 Having complied with these provisions, the minister shall be under the authority and discipline of the BFC.

502-3.5 After serving at least one year as a probationer, he may be examined by the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee may then recommend to Annual Conference that he be accepted as an ordained minister with full privileges in the BFC. This recognition shall be made known in a public service.

Study Committee: Calvin T. Reed, Chairman; Richard E. Taylor, Secretary; David J. Watkins, Jan A. Musser and Randall A. Grossman.

## *Report of the Study Committee on The Role of Women in the Church*

### **Introduction**

The role of women in the church is rich and varied. As Eve was God's gift to Adam, so is each woman to the local church. Each believing man or woman is part of "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God" (1 Pet 2:9).<sup>1</sup> Believers – both men and women – have "put on Christ" (Gal 3:27) in order to reflect His glory, to make His name famous, and to be His ambassadors as we reach out to others and implore them to be reconciled to God (2 Cor 5:20).

We as men and women have been given gifts that enable us to represent Christ to others. To each, the indwelling Spirit has been given, and He manifests Himself through these gifts. We are all commanded to use our gifts, since the Holy Spirit has given them for the good of all. All of us have been called to love, witness, pray, teach, exhort, help, share and otherwise do the work which God has entrusted to us. Some have been given the message of wisdom, others the message of knowledge, still others faith, gifts of healing, prophecy, discernment, and so forth. "All of these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines" (2 Cor 12:11). Though the list Paul gives here is not exhaustive, the message is the same, whatever the gift. Each of us is called to be an active part of the body of believers.

In studying the role of women in the church, this committee is seeking to affirm the clear teaching of Scripture. As a previous study committee in 1977 noted, "Although the Scriptures teach that there is creative equality and dignity of man and woman in terms of having been created in the image of God, it is also clear from the Scripture that there is a divinely ordained order in terms of authority and function."<sup>2</sup> We believe this is a fair representation of the Biblical teaching. In this paper we seek to address these issues and unpack their implications in the following pages.

## Galatians 3:26-29 and the Nature of Sexual Distinctions

One passage in the New Testament has often been used to argue that, although God gave a certain authority structure in Old Testament times, He has replaced it with another since the coming of Christ.

26. You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,  
 27. for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

In recent years, this passage has often been used to tell us that Christ has done away with the distinction between male and female that existed under the old covenant, and that women are therefore now free to fill any office in the church. Is this the proper understanding of Paul's teaching here?

The passage, taken in its context, *does* indicate that some sort of change has taken place with Jesus' coming, but what sort of change? The three-paired distinctions – Jew/Greek, slave/free, male/female – seem to have been chosen so that each pair covers all of humanity. Taking Greek to mean “non-Jew” (as often in the New Testament), everyone is either Jew or non-Jew. In a society where slavery was common, all were either slave or free. And of course, each of us is either male or female. It thus appears that Jesus has done something that affects all sorts of people.

But what has He done? Has He abolished certain authority relations? This is not the subject Paul is discussing. He begins this passage with the statement, “You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” Apparently God has made all sorts of people – Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female – into “sons of God” if only they are trusting in Christ. What does that mean? And why does Paul say “sons” of God rather than “sons and daughters” of God?

Paul ends this passage by saying that, if we belong to Christ, we are heirs. In the preceding verses (Gal 3:23-25), Paul says that before faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, that the law was our pedagogue to lead us to Christ – the pedagogue being a slave who made sure the child got to his lessons and stayed

out of trouble. In the following verses (4:1-5), believers under the old covenant are again seen as children – heirs, but under age – subject to guardians. With the coming of Christ, these children “come of age” and receive the full rights of adult sons, including the inheritance.

It appears that Paul’s point in this passage relates to inheritance. Under the old covenant, only Jews shared in the inheritance; Gentiles were outside (Ex 12:43; Deut 23:1-8). Slaves would typically inherit only if there were no children (Gen 15:2-3; 21:10), and Jewish people who got into debt might lose their inheritance as well as their freedom (Lev 25:25-29; 39-43). Daughters would inherit only if there were no sons (Num 27:1-11; 36:1-12). Thus typically only Jews, and they non-slave and male, would inherit the land into which God had brought His people. But under the new covenant, all believers – whether Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female – are considered “sons” and thus have the same status as full heirs in the inheritance God will give. The passage is thus not speaking about office in the church, but about our heavenly inheritance – eternal life – pictured under the figure of Israel’s earthly inheritance.

But might this inheritance *include* office in the church, so that women – like those Gentiles and slaves who were men – are now allowed to hold any office in the church? Well, it would be a mistake to take the passage as claiming that there is no longer any difference between these three pairs of groups. Clearly biological differences continue between men and women. And Paul and other New Testament authors will on occasion address one of these groups as distinguished from the other – males as distinct from females, Jews rather than Gentiles, and slaves in particular rather than those who are free. The question of authority in the church is just such a matter which several passages in the New Testament seem to address, so it is these passages which we must eventually consider.

*Some Practical Applications.* Women are co-heirs with men in the promises of God. This passage relates to inheritance rather than to church office. Women are “fellow workers.” – Unless otherwise specifically restricted in Scripture, women should be encouraged to share in all the work of the ministry.

## Women and Authority

In Genesis one, at creation, God made mankind, both male and female, both in His image, and both to have authority (1:26-28). Yet, the following chapter is a closeup of the former, and it gives us further details. It shows us that God did not make man and woman simultaneously, but made Adam first and charged him with certain responsibilities, later making Eve to be a suitable helper for him. The term “helper” used here need not indicate a subordinate authority position, as God is sometimes spoken of as our helper (e.g., Ex 19:4, Deut 33:29). Likewise, the order of creation *need* not indicate subordinate authority, as though Adam is superior in authority *merely* because he was created first; after all, mankind is made after the plants and the animals. But the fact that Adam names his wife (Gen 2:23, 3:20), just as he had named the animals (2:19-20), and that naming is a regular prerogative of authority, points us to an authority relation between them. So does the fact that God commissioned Adam rather than Eve (2:15-17), and did so before Eve was created (2:22)..

In the family, the universal testimony of Scripture is that the husband is the head of the wife, but that mothers and fathers share parental authority over the children. These authority relations, like all others, have been distorted by the fall, so that in each authority relationship one in an upper position may sometimes abuse authority by oppression, and one in a lower position may likewise subvert authority by rebellion. This is a prominent and appropriate feature of the curse that we humans have earned for ourselves by rebelling against God.

Throughout the pages of Old Testament salvation history, authority outside the home is mainly in the hands of men. Only men are priests. The only queen regent in Israel is an usurper. There is only one female judge. There are just a few female prophets. The exceptions are of interest, though we will not follow them up here. They certainly show that God does not put the question of male and female authority on the level of the weightiest matters of the law. These passages suggest it is sometimes better for women to lead if men will not.

Coming into the New Testament, there are some changes for women, but not to the point of canceling the distinction among the sexes with regard to authority. Jesus has a number of female



disciples, but none among the twelve apostles. The apostles have the right to take their wives around with them in their traveling ministries, but we don't have any indication what the wives were doing. Phillip has four unmarried daughters who prophesy, but we don't know who their audience is. Priscilla is mentioned (with her husband Aquila) as teaching Apollos, but this is a private situation. Since this goes no further than Deborah's instructions to Barak in the book of Judges, it indicates no advancement in the authority of women in the New Testament.. Besides the women disciples who accompanied Jesus on some of His journeys, we have the example of Paul's associates. He mentions Priscilla (Rom 16:3), Phoebe (16:1), Mary (16:6), Tryphena and Tryphosa (16:12), all of whom are clearly Christian workers of some sort. We will return to Phoebe when we discuss the question of deacons.

*Practical Applications.* Women are fellow workers with men in the body of Christ, yet they do not appear to exercise an equal role in leadership.

There are three passages in particular that need to be examined in connection with authority. These are Eph 5:21-33 on authority in the home; 1 Cor 11:2-16 on authority in the church; and 1 Tim 2:8-15 on women exercising authority and teaching.

### **Ephesians 5:21-33 and Authority in the Marriage Relation**

This passage occurs in the application section of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Chapters 1-3 have detailed the theology of our new relationship with God. Chapters 4-6 build upon this foundation a set of practical life-centered applications. Chapter 4 addresses our walk with Christ and our relation to fellow Christians in unity, use of gifts and maturity, contrasting our old lifestyle before Christ with our new lifestyle in Him. The key to living this new life, and the power to do so, come from the Holy Spirit, and our continual yielding to His authority in our lives (5:18). A life so controlled by the Spirit will show itself outwardly in spiritual speech, thanksgiving to God and submission to one another in the body of Christ (5:19-21).

21. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23. For the

husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26. to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27. and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church. 30. for we are members of his body. 31. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. 32. This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

This command to “submit to one another” (5:21) seems to function as a heading introducing what follows. It is not an egalitarian command that everybody should submit to everybody else – husbands to wives, parents to children, and masters to slaves! Rather, we are instructed in proper submission and exercise of authority. This is worked out for us in three common examples – wives and husbands (5:22-33); children and parents (6:1-4); slaves and masters (6:5-9). Each begins with an injunction to the parties under authority to subject themselves to that authority. Each continues with commands to prevent the one in authority from abusing the position.

The wife is to “submit” to her husband (22) – to subordinate herself to one who is worthy of respect (by his position, even if he is not doing a good job; compare 1 Pet 2:18 for the duty of slaves to masters who are harsh rather than considerate). Her motivation is “as to the Lord”; her submission pictures that of the believer to Christ, and is counted by Christ as submission to Himself. The extent of the command is “in everything,” though this must be qualified (as in all human authority relations) by the

principle that we must obey God rather than man (Acts 4:19; 5:29).

The husband must love his wife as Christ loved the church (25). How is that? He gave his very life for her, that she might be holy (26-27). The purpose of the husband's leadership of sacrificial love is apparently parallel to this, to aid in his wife's sanctification. Paul does not spell out for us how this will work when the wife is more mature than her husband, but there are certainly plenty of examples even in secular society where a less-talented person can aid in the success of one who is more-talented. The marriage relation is a good opportunity for the husband to put into practice the command to love his neighbor as himself (28-29). Finally, the marriage relationship is a "profound mystery" (32), an acted parable of the relationship between Christ and the church.

*Practical Applications.* Men and women as fellow-heirs should conduct themselves toward one another as befits this relationship. Married couples are to depict in their marriage the relationship between Christ and His church. Husbands need to be thinking how Christ would act in each situation, and wives how they would behave if Christ were their husband.

### **1 Corinthians 11:2-16 and Headship in the Church**

This passage is a section on propriety in worship. From the beginning of chapter 7 through the end of chapter 15, the letter is apparently responding to a series of questions which the church at Corinth had directed to Paul. Unfortunately we have only Paul's side of the exchange, so we are rather in the position of listening to one-half of a telephone conversation! Chapters 8 through 10 start out with the matter of stronger Christians eating food sacrificed to idols which is sold in the market place (This is permitted with some cautions urging respect for the scruples of the weaker brethren). This section ends with Paul's rebuke of those who would presume to take part in pagan feasts in the idol temples. Paul ends with a recap, and with exhortations to do all for God's glory, to avoid being a stumbling block, and to follow his own example.

This passage involves the matter of head-covering in worship, and apparently relates to its symbolic significance in that culture. Paul speaks of the teachings or traditions which he has passed on to them (11:2), and of his practice and that of the other

churches (11:16). From the placement of these remarks, Paul's teachings here may be partly cultural, yet his argumentation seems to be more deeply founded than that.

2. I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the teachings, just as I passed them on to you. 3. Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. 4. Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. 5. And every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head – it is just as though her head were shaved. 6. If a woman does not cover her head, she should have her hair cut off; and if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut or shaved off, she should cover her head. 7. A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man. 8. For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; 9. neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. 10. For this reason, and because of the angels, the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head. 11. In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. 12. For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God. 13. Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? 14. Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, 15. but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering. 16. If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice – nor do the churches of God.

Paul says (4-5) that men who pray or prophesy with head *covered* dishonor their head, but women who pray or prophesy with head *uncovered* dishonor their head. This is somewhat puzzling, as Jewish men in Paul's day (and even today) pray with head covered. Apparently some distinction has already by Paul's time developed between Jewish and Christian worship.

Paul introduces all this with a series of headship relations (3) – God is the head of Christ; Christ is the head of man; man is

the head of woman. As Wayne Grudem has effectively shown, the claim that “head” never means headship or authority in ancient Greek usage is contradicted by the linguistic evidence.<sup>3</sup> Paul is apparently making some point on authority relationships and how they are depicted in the culture.

God the Father is in authority over Christ, as we can see from all Jesus’ statements in John about His obedience to the Father. Christ is in authority over every man at His second coming, as He is the Son of Man who will receive the eternal, universal kingdom over mankind. Meanwhile He is in authority over all believing men. The man is in authority over the woman. “Man” is probably here to be translated “husband,” though possibly the woman’s father is to be included. Scripture nowhere pictures all men as in authority over all women.

This authority need not imply any inferiority in essence, person, or the like. Just as Christ is not intrinsically inferior to the Father, but has voluntarily placed Himself under Him (Php 2:5-8), so women are not intrinsically inferior to men, but have been placed under them by God (Eph 5:22-24).

As Thomas Schreiner notes, a woman who failed to wear a head-covering in public in the first century sent a signal that she was not under the authority of a husband or father, and this was often the practice of prostitutes. By extension, he suggests that for a woman to do this while praying or prophesying in a worship service would be to send a signal that she was rejecting the authority of the church’s male leadership.<sup>4</sup> The reference to shaved head (5-6) apparently refers to a punishment (or practice) of prostitutes in the first century, which it would be a shame for respectable women to imitate.

Verse 7 is puzzling. “A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.” Since Gen 1:27 explicitly tells us that both man and woman are made in the image of God, Paul must have something else in mind here. It seems that he is looking at the marriage relationship in particular as a picture of the relationship between God and man (see Eph 5:32). In that relationship, the husband images God and the wife images (believing) man(kind). So for the man to have his head covered while praying would be to picture the submission of God, whereas for the woman to have her head

uncovered would be to picture the rebellion of mankind.

Verses 8 and 9 expand on this, noting that man was not originally created *from* woman, but woman was created *from* the man; that man was not created *for* woman but woman was created *for* man. For these reasons, says Paul (v 10), the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head. Apparently the head-covering reflects the creational order and purpose of man and woman, and may be intended to reflect the order and purpose of God and mankind, as suggested in our comment on verse 7, above.

The phrase “because of the angels” in verse 10 is also puzzling. It may relate to the cryptic events of Genesis 6, or may reflect the concept of angels being present with Christians when they worship, who would be offended by acts of rebellion.

The remainder of the passage reminds us: (1) that God has made man and woman inter-dependent since creation, and all dependent on Him (11-12); (2) that God has naturally given woman a head-covering in her hair, that He has not given to man (13-15); and (3) that head-covering for women in worship services is the practice of the church (16).

There is a functional difference between the sexes in the human race that reflects the voluntary functional differences within the Godhead between Father and Son. This difference refers primarily to an authority structure. This functional authority structure is to be reflected in the customs and practices of the people of God. It in no way indicates superiority or inferiority of essence, personhood, or worth in the Body of Christ. There are specific functions (prophecy and prayer are here mentioned) which women may assume in the worship of the local church, provided that they conduct themselves therein with a decorum that reflects this authority structure.

*Practical Applications.* Since the worship service is under the spiritual authority of the pastor and elders, there are no specific prohibitions for the participation of women in leading corporate or choral singing.

## 1 Timothy 2:8-15, Teaching and Exercising Authority

Paul, in writing to his spiritual son Timothy, provides him with instructions on “how people ought to conduct themselves” in the church (3:15). In chapter one, he warns about false teaching, especially in regard to misuse of the law, and tells how God had rescued Paul himself from this. He provides instruction on proper worship in chapter two, on qualifications for elders and deacons in chapter three, how Timothy should conduct himself as a leader in chapter four, the enrollment of widows and treatment of elders in chapter five, proper attitudes that slaves should have and how we should view money in chapter six, before closing the letter with a personal charge to Timothy. Paul’s instruction on proper worship in chapter two includes:

8. I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing. 9. I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, 10. but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. 11. A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. 12. I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. 13. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14. And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. 15. But women will be saved through childbearing – if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

In chapter two, Paul urges that, in our praying, we ought to include prayer for government authorities and remember that God wants all sorts of people to be saved. He then mentions the prayer of men in particular (v 8), perhaps because they are especially prone to anger and disputing even in prayer. The behavior of women should be modest, decent and proper, with their adornment coming from their good deeds rather than their dress or jewelry (9-10).

Paul continues (11-12) by instructing Timothy that women should learn in quietness and full submission, indicating that he does “not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man.” This passage has been the center of considerable controversy, but several points should be made here.

“I do not permit” is not to be understood merely as Paul’s advice or preference. Much of the letter is constructed this way: “I urged” (1:3), “I give you this instruction” (1:18), “I urge” (2:1), “I want” (2:8), “I do not permit” (2:12), “I am writing these instructions” (3:14). These and Paul’s use of imperatives are his way of exercising his apostolic authority in this letter to his associate Timothy, who has himself some considerable authority over the functioning of the church at Ephesus (1:3; 3:14-15), one of the largest cities in the Roman empire.

The remark about not permitting a woman to teach is not to be taken absolutely, but as qualified by the object “a man,” which it shares with the following verb. Elsewhere, older women are clearly instructed to teach younger women (Titus 2:3-5), and mothers to teach children (Prov 1:8; 31:1; 2 Tim 1:5; 3:15). There will be differences of opinion among Christians about when a boy becomes a man, and this will probably vary from culture to culture.

“I do not permit a woman ... to have authority over a man” (12). Again, this does not apply to male children. The word translated “authority” here (*authentēin*) is a rare one, occurring nowhere else in the New Testament and only rarely in the surviving Greek literature outside Scripture. Its meaning has been a focus of the debate on women and authority. Some give it the emphasis “to control in a domineering manner” and deny that this passage restricts women from having authority over men. Yet the word can clearly have a more neutral meaning than “domineer,” so that various lexicons also mention “have authority over,” “have full power over,” “act on one’s own authority” and such. Given that the word is used in tandem with the neutral verb “to teach” in our context, there is no reason to think that it should be limited to the negative idea of “domineer” here. Particularly when the Scripture teaches that Christian leaders are not to domineer over their followers, but they are certainly to teach. The whole point of Paul’s context here is some contrast between men and women, as the following verses indicate. The command should obviously not be understood to prohibit such activity as Priscilla and Aquila teaching Apollos in private, nor wives their husbands. Only a fool refuses to consider advice from others (Prov 12:15; 13:10; 15:22; 19:20), and that surely includes husbands getting advice from wives (e.g., Abigail and Nabal, 1 Sam 25).



Paul's reasons are given in verses 13-14. "Adam was formed first, then Eve" is probably not intended to argue that the order of creation *by itself* proves Paul's point. As we noted above, Paul may have the whole context of the creation account in mind. Adam is created and God commissions him with his responsibilities before He makes Eve, and she is made to assist him in this work. Even the references to God as our helper may be understood to refer to God's work assisting us in jobs where He has given the decision-making to us.

Eve was deceived and Adam was not (14). Paul is here picking up on Eve's remark in Gen 3:13, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." This hardly alleviates Adam's guilt over against Eve's! It may, however, indicate that Eve usurped an authority that was not given to her. Notice God's remark to Adam (Gen 3:17): "Because you *listened* to your wife..." which in Hebrew parlance probably means "because you obeyed her." Perhaps there is some hint here that women are wired to be more trusting than men are, and this can be dangerous for leaders in a fallen world. Paul doesn't tell us.

"But women will be saved through childbearing – if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety" (16). This verse is another puzzler, but does not appear to have any bearing on the basic teaching of this passage. The following suggestion could be made: Throughout most of human history, the main life-threatening hazard for women has been giving birth. Every time a woman becomes pregnant, there is the possibility she might die in childbirth. As a result, she may want to resist her husband's authority over her in the matter of sexual intimacy. But Paul says she does not have to worry about this. Because she is really a Christian, she will be safe. Either God will protect her through the childbirth, or God will take her home to be with Him, which is far better.

The differences between men and women extend into the areas of teaching and authority. Women may teach and have authority over children and over other women. They are not to have this authority over adult men. The exact boundaries of this restriction are not spelled out. When does a boy become a man? Does the prohibition extend to team-teaching a mixed Sunday School class? Serving on a committee? Clearly a wife can minister

salvation to her unsaved husband (1 Pet 3:1-2, but notice the suggested tactics), and so presumably to a male boss or coworker. And the biblical criteria for anyone teaching or exercising authority are different from worldly standards. There is to be no lording it over another. Even the apostles were to be tested to see whether their teaching accords with the Scripture.

*Practical Applications.* Women may teach and have authority over children and other women, but not over adult men. Recognizing that the issue of when a boy becomes a man may be affected by both culture and tradition, this determination should be reserved for the local church.

### **Women as Deacons**

If women are not to teach or exercise authority over adult men, then they are not to be elders, since teaching and ruling are the essence of that office (e.g., 1 Tim 5:17). But is the same true for the office of deacon? This will depend on how the office of deacon actually functions in a given local church. In many churches today, deacons exercise the sort of authority the New Testament assigns to elders. But our question is, what is the biblical role of deacons, and is it the sort of office that women may not fill according to 1 Timothy 2?

There are two passages in particular that suggest that women may serve as deacons, though there are none that definitely command this. Consider first of all Rom 16:1-2, where Paul says, "I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a *servant* of the church in Cenchrea. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me."

The word which the NIV translates "servant" is *diakonos*, the standard NT word for "deacon." Yet this word is not limited to the NT office of deacon; it is rather a generic word for servant. The word occurs some eight times in the Gospels and is translated "servant" or (once) "attendant." In Paul's letters, it occurs nineteen or twenty times, mostly translated "servant" or "minister." It is definitely "deacon" in Paul's greeting to the Philippian church (Php 1:1) and in its two occurrences in the qualifications for deacon that Paul gives in 1 Tim 3:8, 12. Given the predominance of the

translation “servant” in the NT, it is not surprising that the NIV only put the alternative “deacon” in a footnote at Rom 16:1. But if the early church had women deacons, it is certainly possible that Phoebe was one such, and that Paul is referring to her office here. Two other occurrences of the term in Paul’s writings may refer to deacons, though the NIV has not so translated them, references to Tychicus in Eph 6:21 and Col 4:7.

The second passage which may point to women deacons involves a peculiar phenomenon which we see in Paul’s list of qualifications for deacon in 1 Tim 3:8-12:

8. Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. 9. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. 10. they must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. 11. In the same way, their *wives* are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. 12. A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. 13. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

In verse 12 the deacons are clearly men. But verse 11 seems to allow for women in the office, too. Though the passage has traditionally been translated as though referring to the deacons’ wives, it may perfectly well be translated “in the same way, women [deacons] are to be worthy of respect,” since the Greek word *gune* is used both as the generic word for woman and the specific word for wife. The peculiar feature here is that there is no parallel passage in Paul’s list of qualifications for elders which he has just given in verses 1-7. From what we know about the responsibilities of elders and deacons in the NT, it would seem even more important that elders’ wives have certain qualifications than it would that deacons’ wives have them. But if this is a reference to women deacons, the lack of such a passage in the elder section is understandable, given Paul’s remarks in 1 Tim 2:12. It is thus not unreasonable to suggest that Paul’s early churches had women deacons as well as men.

That there were women deacons in the early church seems undeniable from extra-biblical sources. See the articles entitled “Deaconess” in the *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* and the *New International Dictionary of the Christian Church* (see Appendix). The earliest such reference goes back to about AD 110, when the Roman governor Pliny the Younger is conducting trials of Christians in Bithynia. He has two women called deaconesses tortured to find out what is really behind the Christian movement, but finds no spectacular crimes such as opponents charged.

But is the office of deacon a position of authority? The fact that there were early churches having women deacons is no guarantee the practice is biblical, since many early churches were known to have been engaged in questionable activities. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians deals with a number of such problems.

What constitutes the office of deacon?

The NT does not give us much information on this subject. The passage in 1 Timothy 3 deals with qualifications but not with duties. Traditionally, the account in Acts 6, where the apostles appoint seven men to oversee the distribution of food to widows, has been seen as the origin of the office of deacon, though the word *diakonos* does not occur there. Two words from the same word-group do appear, however. The apostles’ reference to “waiting on tables” (6:2) uses the related verb *diakoneo*, and the phrase “distribution of food” (6:1) is the noun *diakonia*. Thus the earliest evidence for deaconal work is a sort of benevolence ministry of providing food to destitute widows. Oversight of church property shows up in later centuries, when the churches had some property to be cared for.

In fact, the basic terms for church offices in the early church were not invented words, but were borrowed and specialized from existing terms. Thus “deacon” is our English transliteration of the Greek word *diakonos*, a generalized word for servant which was distinguished from *doulos*, a slave. *Diakonos* sometimes was used to refer to a table waiter, as in the verb in Acts 6:2 and probably in the noun in Matt 22:13, where the king orders his “attendants” to bind the improperly-dressed wedding guest and throw him outside. In general, the word is used for a personal servant, and in the NT letters, for servants of Christ. The word “deacon,” then, is not an authority word, but a service word.

By contrast, the terms for the office of elder imply authority. Our English term “elder” itself is a translation of the Greek word *presbuteros*, from which we get “presbytery,” board of elders. It refers to a more mature person and was used for synagogue officers and for one class of leaders in both Jewish and Gentile government. The Latin term was *senator*. The other NT term which appears to refer to elders is *episkopos*, which is sometimes transliterated “bishop” or translated “overseer.” It explicitly refers to the authority of the office of elder, to have the oversight of the local congregation of believers.

Thus from both the name given to the office and its responsibilities (as best we can make them out), it does not appear that the office of deacon was intended to be one of exercising authority over others or teaching them. It would appear, then, that there is no biblical objection to women functioning as deacons, so long as elder-like responsibilities are not given to this office.

*Practical Applications.* Churches in which the leadership is satisfied the Bible permits women deacons should consider instituting such if they don’t have them already. The job description should be adapted, if necessary, to avoid conflict with 1 Tim 2:12. Some such churches may wish to appoint wives of deacons to these positions. Such woman deacons could well handle various matters which would be more problematic for men, such as helping widows, or counseling women.

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## Appendix

Article “Deaconess” in *The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church* (1974):

DEACONESS. In the early church, a woman involved in the pastoral ministry of the church. Exactly what her function or official status may have been is a matter of dispute. Paul mentions Phoebe, “deaconess” (*ousan diakonon*) of the church at Cenchrea (Rom 16:1) and there is also an ambiguous reference in 1 Timothy 3:11. The “widows” mentioned in 1 Timothy 5:3-10 may also be connected with the role. Not until the end of the fourth century is much known about the office of deaconess (Gr. *diakonissa*). The “Didascalia” and the “Apostolic Constitutions” describe their functions as assistants to the clergy in the baptizing of women, ministers to the poor and sick among women, instructors of women catechumens, and in general intermediaries between the clergy and women of the congregation. Fears of the usurping of priestly functions and other considerations led to the extinction of the office in the church at large by the eleventh century.

The modern deaconess movement began clearly in 1836 when the Lutheran pastor T. Fliedner founded a Protestant community at Kaiserwerth, near Dusseldorf, devoted chiefly to nursing. The movement spread rapidly through the Protestant world. In the second half of the nineteenth century, deaconesses were established in the Church of England, the Methodist Church, and the Church of Scotland. They act as pastoral assistants to the minister.

Howard Sainsbury

Article “Deaconess” in *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (1997):

**deaconess.** A woman officially charged with certain functions in the Church. The practice of a woman fulfilling the office of deacon goes back to the Apostolic age. St Paul’s mention of Phoebe ‘deaconess (ou=san dia,konon) of the Church that is at Cenchrea’ (Rom 16:1) as well as 1 Tim 3:11 are usually held to refer to a special office; and Pliny, in his letter to Trajan, speaks of two ‘ancillae quare ministrae dicebantur.’ However, the term

diako,nissa (Lat. *Diaconissa*) did not come into use until the 4<sup>th</sup> cent. Earlier documents use 'diocona,' 'vidua,' or 'virgo canonica,' and the distinction between widows and deaconesses is rather obscure.

The office, which developed greatly in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> cents., is described in the 'Didascalia' and the 'Apostolic Constitutions.' The age of entry, fixed at 50 by the 'Didascalia,' was reduced to 40 by the Council of Chalcedon. The deaconess devoted herself to the care of the sick and the poor of her sex; she was present at interviews of women with bishops, priests, or deacons; instructed women catechumens, and kept order in the women's part of the church. Her most important function was the assistance at the baptism of women, at which, for reasons of propriety, many of the ceremonies could not be performed by the deacons. When, therefore, adult baptisms became rare, the office of deaconess declined in importance. This process was helped by abuses which had crept in, when deaconesses undertook ministerial functions, e.g., in the Oriental Orthodox Churches and the Church of the East, where they administered Holy Communion to women. The Councils of Epaon (517) and of Orleans (533) abrogated the office, but it is found in other places till the 11<sup>th</sup> cent. In the E., where the prerogatives of deaconesses were much more marked, including the investiture with the stole and the distribution of the chalice, the process was somewhat slower. The reception of stole and maniple by the Carthusian nuns at the profession would seem to be a survival of the ancient office.

[rest of article sketches revival of office in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> cents., plus bibliography]

## Proposed Legislative Changes

### 204-3. Deacons

**204-3.1** The office of deacon is presented in the Scriptures as an office not of ruling, but of service. A deacon should be a **person** (replaces man) of deep spiritual life, exemplary conduct, and sound judgment (1 Tim. 3; Acts 6:1-8). **This** (replaces His) office is one of sympathetic service to the church and to the distressed, friendless, or sick, after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 401-2. The Board of Deacons

**401-2.1** The Board of Deacons shall be composed of all deacons duly elected by and from the congregation who meet the qualifications of the Scriptures. They shall be mature **believers** (replaces men) who demonstrate a spiritual wisdom and compassion so that they might serve the needy in a Christlike, merciful way.

**401-2.5 Election and Installation of Deacons.** Each congregation may elect deacons in keeping with the qualifications set forth in Scripture. Deacons must be (**delete male**) **members** in full communion in the church in which they are to exercise their office.

The term of office shall be determined by the Particular Church by congregational vote, but shall not be less than three years, except when a Particular Church desires a probationary term of service for newly-chosen deacons. When possible the Board of Deacons shall be divided into not fewer than three classes as determined by congregational vote in each of the Particular Churches.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or removal, a **member** (replaces man) may be elected to fill the unexpired term of office....

Questions to the congregation - end of 401-2.5

(1) Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother (**or sister**) as a deacon?

(2) Do you promise to give him (**or her**) all the honor, encouragement, and support in the Lord to which **this**



(replaces his) office entitles him (**or her**)?

After the members of the church have answered these questions in the affirmative by holding up their right hands, the minister shall proceed to set apart the candidate by prayer to the office of deacon and shall give to him (**or her**) and to the congregation an exhortation suited to the occasion.

## **702-2 Suggested Bylaws for Sunday Bible Schools**

### **702-2.3 Duties of teachers**

Add

(6) Women may teach and have authority over children and other women (Titus 2:3-5), but not over adult men (1 Tim 2:12). Recognizing that the issue of when a boy becomes a man may be affected by both culture and tradition, this determination should be reserved for the Particular Church.

The Role of Women in the Church: Carl E. Fischer, Chairman; David DeRonde, Betty Herb, Sandy Kline, J. Mark McCreary, Bob Newman, Gary Saggio, Robert A. Sloan, Jr.

## *Report of the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee*

The Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee continued its work on completing The Biblical Principles For Living. This year we present several Biblical Principles For Living for your consideration. The following Biblical Principles For Living are being presented for First Reading: #109-Repentance And Restitution, #112-Divorce, and #114-Stewardship. The Biblical Principles For Living presented for First Reading have been edited, reviewed, approved by the Committee, and are presented to the Annual Conference for approval and inclusion in the *Faith & Order*.

The Committee reviewed the present Articles on Dedication of Children, Abortion, Harmful Indulgences, Homosexuality, and Secret Oath-Bound Societies. A number of corrections were made and we are presenting a recommendation with regard to the Article on Secret Oath-Bound Societies. These Articles are being retained and placed into a section of The Biblical Principles For Living titled, Declarations On Particular Issues - 130-1 to 130-5. In our investigation of the statement on Tobacco, the Committee found inconsistencies regarding its restriction to teaching, and this restriction not applying to the use of drugs and other substances.

In the course of our committee meeting with the Committee to Study Divorce as it relates to Eldership, questions were raised as to whether or not 1 Cor. 7 has been studied adequately as it relates to desertion as an additional ground for divorce. This question has come to us on various occasions by members of Annual Conference.

Since this committee is doing its work without changing positions previously established by the Annual Conference, we do not propose changes, but call to the attention of the Annual Conference the concerns expressed on the issues of divorce, secret oath-bound societies and consistency of our position on the use of tobacco and drugs by teachers and leaders.

Several members of Annual Conference gave the Committee their suggestions and insights with regard to The

Biblical Principles For Living. We thank these men for their suggestions and have considered the suggestions and in some cases made corrections or additions to the particular Biblical Principles For Living.

### **Joint Committee On Ethnic Church Planting**

The Report of The Joint Committee On Ethnic Church Planting has been, in the past, included with the Report of the Inter-Cultural Committee. The Joint Committee has been considering a number of ethnic groups, in order to pursue the possibilities of ethnic church planting in the BFC. The Joint Committee only met once this past year and considered the planting of a church in a predominantly Hispanic community in downtown Lancaster. [Note: The *Articles Of Faith* have been produced in Spanish and if you have any Spanish people in your church, these would be helpful for them. You may acquire a copy by contacting the Office Of Church Extension or The Board Of Publication and Printing]

The Joint Committee decided that it should concentrate on planting an Hispanic Church in Lancaster and will be working at the Project in this new year. We will be seeking the advice of Elliot Ramos and the support of the Capitol Region Churches, who have shown interest in the Project. Please pray for this Hispanic Church Planting Project in Lancaster. The Joint Committee is made up of David Gundrum, Dana Weller, Dr. Donald Faust and John Elias.

We remain concerned for other ethnic communities near to our churches and prayerfully the Lord will lead us to pursue the development of a church among other groups in the days ahead. We urge the Annual Conference to continue its support of ethnic church planting and to give to this work through the Fund For Ethnic Church Planting. Continue to send your contributions to The Board Of Missions, designated for Ethnic Church Planting.

#### **Conclusion**

For those members of Annual Conference who are not aware of the work of The Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee, a history of the Committee's work was prepared and titled, "His Glory And Deeds Among All Peoples." This historical

sketch is available by contacting David E. Gundrum, Secretary of the Committee.

The Committee still needs time to complete its work on the Biblical Principles For Living. The Committee requests your prayers and input regarding this work. We also ask you to pray for the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting as it seeks to reach the various ethnic people groups in the target areas of the Bible Fellowship Church.

A “Biblical Principles For Living - Revised for 118th Annual Conference,” booklet has been prepared and distributed with the Annual Conference Report Book. Please reference the Booklet with regard to the Biblical Principles For Living.

The Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee recommends:

1. **Whereas**, the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee has reviewed, edited and approved certain Biblical Principles For Living, therefore be it  
**Resolved**, that the 118th Annual Conference approve for first reading and inclusion in the Appendix, Biblical Principles For Living, of the *Faith & Order*, the following Biblical Principles For Living: Repentance And Restitution-#109, Divorce-#112, and Stewardship-#114.
  
2. **Whereas**, Whereas, certain Articles in the Standards Of Worship And Life are valuable statements on particular issues and not necessarily addressed in the Biblical Principles For Living, and  
**Whereas**, the Committee believes that these Articles should be retained; therefore be it  
**Resolved**, that Dedication Of Children-#130-1, and Harmful Indulgences-#130-3, be approved for First Reading and placed in the Biblical Principles For Living -- Declarations On Particular Issues; and further  
**Resolved**, that Abortion #130-2, Homosexuality #130-4, and Secret Oath-Bound Societies 130-5 be re-located to Biblical Principles For Living -- Declarations On Particular Issues.

3. **Whereas**, we once did not approve “oaths” as acceptable in the behavior of believers, and  
**Whereas**, we rejected that position at the 79th Annual Conference ( 1962 *Yearbook*, pp.54,55); and  
**Whereas**, Article 112 - Secret Oath-Bound Societies in the *Standards of Worship and Life* includes a prohibition in the use of oaths and does not define “secret societies”, and  
**Whereas**, this Committee has committed itself to the Annual Conference not to change existing standards in developing Biblical Principles For Living, therefore be it  
**Resolved**, that we recommend to the 118th Annual Conference the appointment of a committee of five ordained ministers to study in the light of the Scripture our position on Secret Oath-Bound Societies and bring its report to the 119th Annual Conference.
4. **Whereas**, The Biblical Principles For Living cover more issues than the Standards of Worship and Life; and  
**Whereas**, The Biblical Principles For Living give more complete statements, more explicit Biblical substantiation, and broader statements of the subjects than the *Standards of Worship & Life*, and  
**Whereas**, The Biblical Principles For Living also state things in language which is more clear to this generation and transferable across cultures, therefore be it  
**Resolved**, that The Biblical Principles For Living collectively replace *The Standards Of Worship & Life* in the *Faith & Order* after their Second Reading and further,  
**Resolved**, that the section in the *Faith & Order* which will contain The Biblical Principles For Living, be titled Biblical Principles For Living, and further,  
**Resolved**, that the listing of The Biblical Principles For Living in the *Faith & Order* be as follows:  
Biblical Principles For Living  
Preamble  
Relating To God-The Christian Before God  
101 Worship  
102 Spirit World  
Relating To Personal Qualities-The Christian In Christ

- 103 Holiness
- 104 Justice
- 105 Mercy
- 106 Humility
- 107 Truth and Integrity
- Relating To Personal Relationships-The Christian In Personal Relationships
  - 108 Humanity In God's Image
  - 109 Repentance and Restitution
  - 110 Marriage & Singleness
  - 111 Family
  - 112 Divorce
  - 113 Shared Life
- Relating To Personal Activities-The Christian In Society
  - 114 Stewardship
  - 115 Work & Rest
  - 116 Civil Government
  - 117 Christian Liberty & Servanthood
- Declarations On Particular Issues
  - 130-1 Dedication Of Children
  - 130-2 Abortion
  - 130-3 Harmful Indulgences
  - 130-4 Homosexuality
  - 130-5 Secret Oath Bound Societies

5. **Whereas**, we believe the Biblical Principles For Living are God's intended principles by which we should live, and **Whereas**, we believe the Biblical Principles For Living should be urgently and diligently taught to our congregations, therefore be it **Resolved**, each Pastor and Delegate seek ways to implement the teaching of the Biblical Principles For Living for their congregations and further, **Resolved**, we encourage that lesson plans be developed and submitted to David E. Gundrum for ideas in the development of teacher guides.
6. **Whereas**, monies are needed to plant ethnic Bible Fellowship Churches, and

**Whereas**, the Committee believes that God has provided the people and opportunities and desires His church to reach the alien in the land and plant churches, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that each Pastor and Delegate to Annual Conference, if they have not already established a line item in their budgets for ethnic church planting, be encouraged to work with their churches to budget monies for ethnic church planting.

7. **Whereas**, the work of the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee is not yet complete, and

**Whereas**, the Committee would like to prepare the Biblical Principles For Living for second reading, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the 118th Annual Conference direct the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee to continue its work.

The Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee: Roy A. Hertzog, Chairman; David E. Gundrum, Secretary; Delbert R. Baker II, Carl C. Cassel, G. Wayne Clapier, Daniel G. Ziegler.

## *Report of the Bible Fellowship Board of Directors*

The Board of Directors of the BFC held four regular meetings to attend to corporate business related to Annual Conference, to agencies, and to the churches.

The Board provided oversight, advice and assistance in respect to fiscal, legal and property acquisition and disposal as follows: Annual Conference, medical insurance, administrative budget, Board of Church Extension, and Board of the Homes, Inc.

During the year, the building which formerly housed Philadelphia Emmanuel Church was sold to Baraca Church and the parsonage was sold to the pastor of that congregation.

The Board of Directors also represented the Board of Church Extension in the following transactions: sale of the parsonage of the Director of Church Extension in Plainfield, NJ, purchase of a parsonage for the new Director of Church Extension in Adamstown, PA, and purchase of a parsonage for the Brooklyn Mission. The request of the Board of Church Extension to sell property in Egg Harbor, NJ, was also granted. This property is now listed with a realtor.

Mr. Robert H. Carr, Jr., continues to represent the BFC in medical insurance matters, and is available to advise churches in regard to what options are open to them, and how best they might meet their medical insurance needs at the most reasonable cost. Rev. James A. Beil still represents the Board of Directors as liaison with Mr. Carr and is available to you should you need him.

Work on updated bylaws for the Fund to Promote Church Extension continues and should be ready for presentation to Annual Conference in 2002.

The financial report of the Board of Directors for the 117th Annual Conference (2000 *Yearbook*, page 230) indicates that giving by the churches toward PJC Debt reduction in 1999 was \$88,933. During that Annual Conference, the following resolution was adopted: “**Resolved**, that each church for the year 2001 continue to pledge 1% of its offerings (based on 1997 offerings), to replenish the Fund to Promote Church Extension. The financial report of the Board of Directors for the 118th Annual Conference



shows that \$85,509 was given to replenish the Fund to Promote Church Extension during fiscal year 2000. It is very important that the churches fulfill the mutual commitment we made during the 117th Annual Conference (by a vote of 117-13) to once again give 1% of 1997 offerings to replenish the Fund to Promote Church Extension in 2001.

All funds are deposited in the First Union Bank. Accounts were audited by Charles Albert.

We recommend the 118th Annual Conference adopt the following:

**Resolved**, that the rate of mileage reimbursement for conference business be 24¢ per mile.

**Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001 be adopted.

**Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002 be approved for submission to the churches for their pledges.

Pledges for the 2002 Administrative Budget shall be received by the financial secretary by September 1, 2001.

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors reported in previous years that the funds to repay the amount taken from the FTPCE would not be realized from the sale of the PJC property and,

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors so informed the Annual Conference of this condition and the 117th Annual Conference remove the obligation of repaying the amount of \$310,000 and rather, work toward providing monies to fund the work of the Board of Church Extension through contributions from the particular churches, and

**Whereas**, the accounting of funds of the Board of Directors should reflect the decision of the 117th Annual Conference, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the report of the Board of Directors referencing the "Fund to Promote Church Extension Balance Sheet" be amended to include the line item "Note Pinebrook Junior College \$0" and further,

**Resolved**, that all subsequent reports from the Board of Directors will delete this line entry.

See page 59 of the 2000 Yearbook.

Board of Directors: James A. Beil, President and Hospitalization Secretary; Carl C. Cassel, Vice President; David J. Watkins, Secretary; Horace A. Kauffman, Financial Secretary; Robert W. Gehret, Treasurer; Raymond R. Dotts, Randall A. Grossman, Charles A. Lavigna, L. James Roberts, Jr.

### Bible Fellowship Church Balance Sheet

	<u>12/31/00</u>	<u>12/31/99</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
General Funds	651,518.71	640,533.44
Closed Churches	0.00	9,795.89
Fund to Promote Ch. Extension	1,530,384.76	1,407,158.97
Pinebrook Jr. College Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>415,484.00</u>
Total Assets	2,181,903.47	2,472,972.30
<b>Liabilities</b>		
General Funds	0.00	0.00
Closed Churches	0.00	0.00
Fund to Promote Ch. Extension	465,986.16	259,932.15
Pinebrook Jr. College Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>873,710.83</u>
Total Liabilities	465,986.16	1,133,642.98
<b>Funds Held in Trust</b>		
Fund to Promote Ch. Extension	692,643.59	623,681.42
<b>Net Worth</b>		
General Funds	651,518.71	640,533.44
Closed Churches	0.00	9,795.89
Fund to Promote Ch. Extension	371,755.01	523,545.40
Pinebrook Jr. College Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(458,226.83)</u>
Total Net Worth	1,023,273.72	715,647.90
<b>Total Liabilities, Trust Funds and Net Worth</b>	2,181,903.47	2,472,972.30

Note: This Balance Sheet covers only the funds and obligations directly under the care, custody and control of the Board of Directors of the BFC.

**General Fund Balance Sheet**  
December 31, 2000

Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash - General Fund	72,954.37	
Cash - Ministers' Ass't Fund	5,701.19	
Cash - Fund to Ass't Churches	6,037.41	
Cash - MCC Intern. Fund	6,653.39	
Accounts Receivable		
Medical Ins. (Note 1)	<u>13,027.26</u>	
Total Current Assets		104,373.62
Fixed Assets		
R. Est. - Pinebrook Conf.	435,268.08	
R. Est. - Victory Valley	<u>111,877.01</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		<u>547,145.09</u>
Total Assets		651,518.71
Liabilities		
Prepayments	<u>          .</u>	
Net Worth		<u>651,518.71</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Worth		651,518.71

Note 1 Accounts Receivable	
Church	Insurance
Aberdeen	640.00
Bd. Missions	200.00
Emp. Benefit Group	<u>12,187.26</u>
Total	<u>13,027.26</u>

**General Fund Statement of Income**  
December 31, 2000

Income	
Administrative Budget	80,699.62
Medical Insurance	(6,998.63)
Contributions, special	14,680.63
Interest	<u>5,500.31</u>
Total Income	93,881.93
Expenses	
An - Conference Entertainment	5,000.00
An - Conference Expense (Arrange Com)	3,126.67
Historical Committee	1,000.00
Ministers' Retirement Fund	34,000.00
Publication & Printing	3,500.00
Ministerial Convention Exp.	1,000.00
Pinebrook Jr. College Fund	24,885.90
Expenses of Committees	
Com to Exam Church Min.	177.40

Credentials Committee	624.27	
Ministerial Candidate Com.	3,222.05	
Ministerial Relations Com.	225.76	
Nominating Committee	206.28	
Statistical Committee	121.82	
Com. on Intercultural Min.	1,009.57	
Com. to Study Divorce-Elder	16.50	
Conference Agenda & Program	332.96	
Multiple Staff Study	138.28	
Study on Role of Women	16.50	
Study Com. on Baptism	826.56	
Strategic Planning Com.	<u>1,096.86</u>	
Total Committee Expense		8,014.81
Chaplaincy Expense		645.89
Board of Directors' Expenses		1,718.41
Contingencies		<u>21.48</u>
Total Expenses		82,913.16
Gain or (Loss)		10,968.77

### Closed BFC Churches

December 31, 2000

#### Assets

Cash - Emmanuel	1,045.24
Cash - Salem	<u>(1,045.24)</u>
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#### Income - Emmanuel

Rent	1,950.00
Sale of Parsonage	9,750.00
Sale of Church	74,950.00
Transfer Mortgage - To FPCE	<u>(67,000.00)</u>
Total Income - Emmanuel	19,650.00

#### Expenses - Emmanuel

Transfer Cash to FPCE	24,261.60
Repairs	4,502.04
Water & Sewer	<u>682.25</u>
Total Expenses - Emmanuel	<u>29,445.89</u>

Gain or (Loss) (9,795.89)

**Fund to Promote Church Extension**  
**Balance Sheet**  
December 31, 2000

**Assets****Current Assets**

Cash	116,253.95
Note - Brooklyn, NY	67,750.00
Note - Thompson, CN 2/1/99	42,978.90
Note - Ocean Co., NJ 8/1/88	21,404.61
Note - Poughquag, NY	273.68
Note - Somers Point, NJ 6/91	<u>12,015.95</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>260,677.09</u></b>

**Fixed Assets**

R. Est - Brooklyn, NY	207,750.00
R. Est - Thompson, CN	132,427.00
R. Est - Howell, NJ	146,146.00
R. Est - Holmes, NY	78,311.00
R. Est - Kutztown	88,957.50
R. Est - Ocean Co., NJ	126,985.70
R. Est - Newark, NJ	60,631.48
R. Est - C.E. Parsonage	178,193.04
R. Est - Poughquag, NY	43,958.00
R. Est - Somers Point, NJ	40,547.95
R. Est - Red Hill, PA	<u>165,800.00</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b><u>1,269,707.67</u></b>

**Total Assets****1,530,384.76****Liabilities****Mortgages**

Beraca	67,266.18
Brooklyn, NY	140,000.00
Thompson, CN	74,907.38
Howell, NJ	94,851.00
Holmes, NY	22,953.97
Ocean Co., NJ	<u>66,007.63</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>465,986.16</u></b>

**Trust Funds**

Brooklyn, NY	67,750.00
Thompson, CN	57,519.62
Howell, NJ	51,295.00
Holmes, NY	55,357.03
Kutztown, PA	88,957.50
Ocean Co., NJ	60,978.07
Newark, NJ	60,631.48
Poughquag, NY	43,806.94
Somers Point, NJ	40,547.95
Red Hill, PA	<u>165,800.00</u>
<b>Total Funds Held in Trust</b>	<b><u>692,643.59</u></b>

**Net Worth****371,755.01****Total Liabilities, Net Worth & Trust Funds****1,530,384.76**

**Fund to Promote Church Extension**  
**Income Statement**  
 December 31, 2000

Income	
Church Contributions	66,110.54
Paid for Plainfield, NJ	135,265.07
Interest Received	8,606.22
Closed Churches Balance	<u>24,429.60</u>
Total Income	234,411.43
Expenses	
Property Investigations	277.47
PJC Expenses	7,451.50
Expenses Plainfield Property	<u>1,472.85</u>
Total Expenses	9,201.82
Gain or (Loss)	225,209.61

**Pinebrook Junior College**  
**Fund Balance Sheet**  
 December 31, 2000

Assets	
Current Assets	----
Fixed Assets	----
Liabilities	
Interest Payable	----
Notes Payable	----
Mortgages	----

**Pinebrook Jr. College**  
**Statement of Income and Expense**  
 For the Month and Year Ended December 31, 2000

	Year-To-Date
Income	
General Contributions	288,940.71
Gifts - Debt Reduction	32,995.60
Administrative Budget	<u>24,514.15</u>
Total Income	346,450.46
Expenses	
Interest	
Quakertown N. Bank	2,559.32
Beneficiary Fund	150.00
Rotenberger	125.00

Board of Missions	1,661.00
BFC Church Homes, Inc.	526.54
Pinebrook Bible Conference	75.00
Electric	256.87
Water & Sewer	80.47
Maintenance	1,028.00
Attorney Fees	1,587.50
Annuity Payment	2,915.97
Taxes, Property	5,600.00
Property Sale Expense	33,819.50
Building Loss	<u>(162,161.54)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>(111,776.37)</u>
Gain or (Loss)	458,226.83

### 2000 Church Giving

Church	Budget Pledge	Given for Budget	Due for PJC Debt	Given for PJC Debt
Aberdeen, NJ	200	200	397	397
Allentown, PA, CC	4,290	4,450	8,570	8,260
Allentown, PA, Lighthouse	0	0	0	0
Beacon, NY	150	150	415	0
Bethlehem, PA	1,725	1,725	3,639	7,839
Blandon, PA	1,200	1,200	2,320	0
Brodheads ville, PA	0	0	309	0
Camden, DE	150	150	364	364
Coopersburg, PA	4,580	4,580	4,491	4,491
Denville, NJ	175	175	556	1,218
Emmaus, PA	5,500	5,500	4,511	4,491
Ephrata, PA	3,600	3,200	3,499	2,500
Finesville, NJ	600	550	702	0
Fleetwood, PA	500	550	1,328	0
Graterford, PA	1,800	1,800	1,465	1,400
Harleysville, PA	3,560	3,560	3,560	0
Harrisburg, PA	3,700	2,815	2,373	0
Hatfield, PA	2,795	3,000	1,906	1,906
Holmes, NY	300	300	824	0
Howell, NJ	600	800	603	520
Kutztown, PA	745	745	713	745
Lancaster, PA	4,500	4,500	3,416	3,412
Lebanon, PA	5,050	2,012	3,295	3,275
Lehigh ton, PA	780	560	752	0
Maple Glen, PA	450	1,462	1,190	750
Mt. Carmel, PA	1,200	1,100	1,019	0
Mt. Pocono, PA	1,000	700	1,971	2,000
Nazareth, PA	1,800	2,050	2,725	3,350
Newark, DE	650	650	3,151	3,150
Newark, NJ	500	460	699	690
Ocean Co., NJ	425	425	312	350

Church	<u>Budget Pledge</u>	<u>Given for Budget</u>	<u>Due for PJC Debt</u>	<u>Given for PJC Debt</u>
Oley, PA	2,500	2,500	4,170	0
Paradise, PA	700	700	1,126	1,158
Philadelphia, Wiss, PA	650	550	589	472
Piscataway, NJ	500	500	2,170	2,200
Pleasant Valley, NY	0	0	423	0
Poughquag, NY	403	476	472	470
Quakertown, PA	4,000	4,000	3,141	3,200
Reading, PA	1,800	1,800	3,934	3,934
Red Hill, PA	200	700	1,249	1,200
Royersford, PA	2,500	1,315	1,342	625
Scranton, PA	100	50	308	0
Shamokin, PA	200	200	1,287	0
Sinking Spring, PA	1,950	2,500	7,524	3,900
Spring City, PA	970	245	1,065	1,300
Staten Island, NY	75	100	127	127
Stroudsburg, PA	2,000	1,200	2,854	2,000
Sunbury, PA	2,500	2,500	3,400	6,700
Terre Hill, PA	520	520	1,075	400
Thompson, CT	167	167	233	233
Wallingford, PA	4,000	7,000	3,350	3,350
Walnutport, PA	85	90	239	239
Whitehall, PA	175	175	903	903
York, PA	1,253	1,146	2,147	1,970
Zionsville, PA	460	0	685	0
BFC Homes, Inc.	1,200	1,200		
Bd. Church Extension	250	250		
Bd. Missions	1,500	1,500		
Pinebrook Bible Conference	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>		
Totals	84,683	82,753	104,888	85,509

### Pledges to the Administrative Budget

Church	<u>2000 Pledge</u>	<u>2000 PJC Debt</u>	<u>2001 Pledge</u>	
Aberdeen, NJ	200	397	200	*
Allentown, PA, CC	4,290	8,570	4,500	*
Allentown, PA, Lighthouse	0	0	210	
Beacon, NY	150	415	300	
Bethlehem	1,725	3,639	1,725	*
Blandon, PA	1,200	2,320	1,240	
Brooklyn, NY	0	0	0	
Brodheads ville, PA	0	309	0	
Camden, DE	150	364	150	
Coopersburg, PA	4,580	4,491	4,740	
Denville, NJ	175	556	175	
Edison (Piscataway), NJ	500	2,170	600	
Emmaus, PA	5,500	4,511	5,500	



Church	2000 <u>Pledge</u>	2000 <u>PJC Debt</u>	2001 <u>Pledge</u>	
Ephrata, PA	3,600	3,499	3,900	
Finesville, NJ	550	702	600	
Fleetwood, PA	600	1,328	600	
Graterford, PA	1,800	1,465	1,800	
Harleysville, PA	3,560	3,560	3,560	
Harrisburg, PA	3,700	2,373	3,200	
Hatfield, PA	2,795	1,906	3,000	
Holmes, NY	300	824	300	*
Howell, NJ	600	603	600	*
Kutztown, PA	745	713	745	*
Lancaster, PA	4,500	3,416	4,500	
Lebanon, PA	5,050	3,299	2,000	*
Lehighton, PA	780	752	0	*
Maple Glen, PA	450	1,190	450	
Mt. Carmel, PA	1,200	1,019	1,200	
Mt. Pocono, PA	1,000	1,971	1,100	
Nazareth	1,800	2,725	2,600	
Newark, DE	650	3,151	700	
Newark, NJ	500	699	500	
Ocean Co., NJ	425	312	450	
Oley, PA	2,500	4,170	2,500	*
Paradise	700	1,126	700	*
Philadelphia, Wiss., PA	650	589	650	
Pleasant Valley, NY		423	100	
Poughquag, NY	403	472	415	
Quakertown, PA	4,000	3,141	4,000	
Reading, PA	1,800	3,934	1,800	
Red Hill, PA	200	1,249	400	
Royersford, PA	1,500	1,342	1,500	
Scranton, PA	50	308	50	
Shamokin, PA	200	1,287	200	
Sinking Spring, PA	1,950	7,524	1,950	
Spring City, PA	970	1,065	700	
Staten Island, NY	75	127	0	
Stroudsburg, PA	2,000	2,854	2,000	
Sunbury, PA	2,500	3,400	2,500	
Terre Hill, PA	520	1,075	520	
Thompson, CT	167	233	167	
Wallingford, PA	4,000	3,350	4,500	
Walnutport, PA	85	239	90	
Whitehall, PA	175	903	175	*
York, PA	1,250	2,147	1,250	
Zionsville, PA	500	685	500	
BFC Homes, Inc.	1,200	-	1,200	
Bd. Church Extension	200	-	250	
Bd. of Missions	1,500	-	1,500	
Pinebrook Bible Conference	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>	*
Totals	83,720	104,892	80,702	
		Proposed Budget	90,000	
		% of Budget Pledged	89.5	

\* Pledge amounts from 2000 not confirmed

## Administrative Budgets

	<u>Proposed 2001 Budget</u>	<u>Revised 2001 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2002 Budget</u>
1. Beneficiary Fund	0	0	500
2. Ministers' Assistance Fund	100	100	100
3. Ministerial Convention	1,000	1,000	1,000
4. Ministers' Retirement Fund	36,000	40,000	45,000
5. Annual Conference			
a. Conference Entertainment	5,000	5,000	5,000
b. Conference Expense	3,200	3,200	3,200
6. Fund to Assist Churches	100	100	100
7. Publication & Printing	4,500	4,500	4,500
8. Expenses of Committees			
a. Chaplaincy Expenses	700	700	700
b. All other Expenses	6,000	6,000	6,000
9. Expenses, Board of Directors	900	900	900
10. M.C.C. Internship Fund	250	250	250
11. Historical Committee	1,000	1,000	1,000
12. Conference Pastor	0	16,000	32,000
13. Replenish Fund to PJC	30,000	1,500	0
14. Contingencies	<u>1,150</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>150</u>
Total Budget	90,000	80,792	100,400
% of previous budget	103.45	92.59	112.27

## *Report of the Auditing Committee*

The Auditing Committee has examined the financial reports of the Boards and Committees reporting to the Annual Conference. All reports were found to be in compliance with article 508-7 (2) and (3) of the *Faith & Order*. The report of Victory Valley Camp failed to note that their funds were held in the Lafayette-Ambassador Bank and Federated Investment Money Fund and that Ellis Lee Hostetter had audited their accounts.

Auditing Committee: Robert W. Gehret, Chairman; Lee E. Boyles, Horace A. Kauffman

***Request from  
Board of Elders, Spring City, PA***

A member of our congregation, Carl Martin has brought a matter of importance to our attention. This is the fact of catholic mass being held within the chapel of the BFC Homes, Inc. The issue of mass taking place within the walls of an established ministry of the Bible Fellowship denomination raises great concerns.

In the *Articles of Faith* there certainly is a conflict regarding Article 20-3 and the view of the catholic church. The holding of the public communion services by the catholic church is certainly something that should raise both question and concern. Further in recognition of Article 23, are we not called to obey God in our beliefs rather than the mandates of Medicare, Medicaid and an accreditation by the JCAHO?

We, the congregation of the Spring City Bible Fellowship Church raise objection to this practice and ask that it be placed on the agenda for Annual Conference 2001. If this practice continues our support for the BFC Homes, Inc. will be withheld.

Signed - Elders of Faith Bible Fellowship Church: Peter Gunderson, Don Stauffer, Tom Orlando, Doug Wynne

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# *Fellowship Future*

Founded in 1988 by BFC, Fellowship Community offers innovative living services for older adults. Expansion plans already underway include an assisted living complex, independent living 1-floor townhouses, general store, ice cream parlor, physicians offices, walking trail, and a state of the art rehab center. Stop in for a visit. We'd love to show you around.



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## 2001 Statistical Report

### Pastor's Activities

Church	Pastor	Ord	Prob.	Elders	Deac	P. Visits	Other Vis.	Bapt.	Child. Ded.	Wed.	Fun.
Aberdeen, NJ	Vandegriff	1	0	1	2	256	0	0	0	0	1
Allentown, CC	Mahurin	5	1	14	16	247	2,412	26	9	1	11
Bethlehem	Cooper	6	0	10	8		477	24	9	3	9
Blandon	Fischer	1	0	9	7	461	562	10	0	2	8
Brodheadsaville	Hibbs										
Camden, DE	Dotts	3	0	8	0	156	30	3	0	1	0
Coopersburg	Shorb	4	0	7	8	397	307	5	3	7	9
Denville, NJ	Harris	1	0	2	3	300	0	0	0	0	2
Emmaus	Schoen/Soper	6	1	14	8	839	347	15	8	2	4
Ephrata	Allen	3	0	9	8	220	300	12	4	3	1
Finesville, NJ	Widger	3	0	4	3	150	0	0	1	1	1
Fleetwood	Brush	1	0	5	5	161	0	0	3	3	2
Graterford	Watkins	1	0	7	8	233	30	4	5	2	3
Harleysville	Armstrong	2	1	7	9	174	203	2	3	2	1
Harrisburg	Spackman	1	0	5	3	75	0	0	0	0	0
Hatfield	Wells	1	0	7	9	120	120	2	0	0	2
Holmes, NY	Commerford	2	0	2	2	180	0	4	0	2	14
Howell, NJ	Heineman	1	0	4	2	326	0	3	0	0	1
Kutztown	Vivona	1	0	2	3	154	0	2	0	0	0
Lancaster	DAThmann	5	0	9	7	238	470	9	3	4	3
Lebanon	Reed	3	0	11	6	567	1,192	9	3	1	5
Lehighton	Bartron	1	0	4	8	275	0	3	0	0	6
Maple Glen	Prontnicki	2	0	1	2	175	0	2	0	1	1
Mt. Carmel	A. Cassel	1	0	5	0	325	0	4	3	0	3
Mt. Pocono	Erb	2	0	4	4	207	0	4	2	1	3
Nazareth	Arnold	5	0	10	9	125	511	2	2	0	7
Newark, DE	Schlonecker	2	0	8	8	192	73	13	11	3	1
Ocean Co., NJ	Stortz	1	0	3	0	305	0	2	0	1	3
Oley	Simpson	0	1	6	6			5	2	0	1
Paradise	M. Morrison	1	0	3	3	182	0	0	0	1	3
Philadelphia	Clapier	1	0	3	1	434	0	1	2	0	1
Piscataway, NJ	Cahill	2	0	4	2	212	74	29	3	0	2
Pleasant Valley, N	Clark	0	0	3	2	68	0	8	0	0	0
Poughquag, NY	Wickstead	1	0	1	1	75	0	1	0	0	1
Quakertown	Stauff	2	1	8	9	282	705	3	12	1	8
Reading	Grossman	4	0	10	12	368	280	16	5	3	6
Red Hill		2	0	4	2	283	0	8	0	0	3
Royersford	Susek	2	0	5	3	200	50	4	1	0	1
Scranton	Reitz	2	0	2	0	482	0	2	2	2	3
Shamokin	Coulbourn	2	0	8	0	395	0	7	4	1	11
Sinking Spring	Sloan	1	1	10	6	150	212	26	6	1	3
Spring City	Clineff	1	1	5	5	99	0	1	2	0	3
Stroudsburg	C. Cassel	0	0	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	6
Sunbury	Cole	2	0	11	10	455	115	20	4	4	10
Terre Hill	Kirkpatrick	0	1	3	3	12	0	0	0	0	0
Wallingford	Taylor	4	0	8	6	251	189	1	4	3	9
Walnutport	Taft	2	0	4	1	189	0	2	2	0	0
Whitehall	Smith	1	0	4	3	170	0	6	5	5	7
York	Keeler	3	0	9	7	292	218	4	7	1	7
Zionsville	Bennett	0	1	4	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>98</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>11,473</b>	<b>8,877</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>186</b>
Allentown, S.	Ramos	0	1	0	0	185	0	0	2	0	2
Beacon, NY	Way	1	0	0	0	36	0	2	0	0	0
Brooklyn, NY	Ritter	1	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0
Chesapeake, VA	Dowling	0	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0
Las Cruces, NM	Becker	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	2
Newark, NJ	Baker	1	0	0	0	313	0	3	0	0	0
Staten Island, NY		3	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson, CT	Spinney	1	0	0	0	275	0	7	2	3	2
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>105</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>12,976</b>	<b>8,877</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>192</b>

## Membership

Church	Rec'd	Tran f. BF	Tran O	Incr.	Died	W'D	Droppe	Tran to Bfc	Tran O	Decr.	Net Inc.	Net Decr.	Member.
Aberdeen, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7		7	18
Allentown, CC	31	2	0	33	10	0	23	0	0	33			618
Bethlehem	39	0	0	39	11	0	19	0	7	37	2		318
Blandon	23	0	0	23	1	0	13	2	2	18	5		148
Brookheadsville													18
Camden, DE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			35
Coopersburg	5	0	6	11	4	0	1	3	1	9	2		243
Denville, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			31
Emmaus	18	5	0	21	4	0	0	0	0	4	17		368
Ephrata	3	0	5	8	3	3	4	2	4	16		8	204
Finesville, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3		3	42
Fleetwood	5	0	0	5	2	0	2	0	0	4	1		91
Graterford	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4		134
Harleysville	6	0	0	6	1	0	13	2	3	19		13	193
Harrisburg	2	2	2	6	0	13	24	2	0	39		33	108
Halffield	8	0	0	8	1	3	10	0	0	0		6	110
Holmes, NY	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	7		7	88
Howell, NJ	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4		40
Kutztown	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	6		5	39
Lancaster	18	0	0	18	3	3	2	0	0	8	10		294
Lebanon	13	0	0	13	0	0	1	2	0	3	10		186
Lehighton	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	1	6		5	114
Maple Glen	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		34
Mt. Carmel	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	3		95
Mt. Pocono	17	0	0	17	0	0	1	0	7	8	9		89
Nazareth	5	0	0	5	5	3	0	0	0	8		3	232
Newark, DE	15	0	17	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32		182
Ocean Co., NJ	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	3		2	25
Oley	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	6	6	3		179
Paradise	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2		2	120
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		1	71
Piscataway, NJ	27	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	27		116
Pleasant Val.	8	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		25
Poughquag, NY	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	2		24
Quakertown	4	0	0	4	5	6	7	2	0	20		16	228
Reading	6	2	2	10	6	4	1	1	0	12		2	379
Red Hill	5	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	3	2		106
Royersford	24	0	0	24	1	0	21	4	0	25		1	108
Scranton	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	6		3	28
Shamokin	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4			94
Sinking Spring	84	2	0	86	3	4	0	2	0	9	57		371
Spring City	5	2	0	7	2	0	2	0	0	4	3		106
Stroudsburg	13	0	0	13	2	2	4	2	0	10	3		175
Sunbury	6	2	0	8	2	2	0	0	0	4	4		282
Terre Hill	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0			49
Wallingford	4	0	1	5	1	5	0	0	4	10		5	200
Wetnsport	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		48
Whitehall	5	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	2	3	2		86
York	9	2	0	11	3	0	0	0	0	3	8		175
Zionsville	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		54
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>7,108</b>
Allentown, S.	23	4	0	27	0	1	0	1	4	6	21		21
Beacon, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			12
Brooklyn, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Chesapeake VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Las Cruces, NM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Newark, NJ	1	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	2	5		3	65
Staten Island	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2		1	24
Thompson, CT	2	0	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	2		28
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>7,256</b>



## Enrollment/Attendance/Property/Offerings

Church	SS. Roll	SS	AM	PM	Chs	Par.	T Income	T. Offerings
Aberdeen, NJ		0	66	0	0	1	85,586	65,582
Allentown, CC	803	497	619	324	1	0	1,216,313	924,494
Bethlehem		222	388	104	1	1	594,819	580,087
Blandon		132	215	63	1	1	404,916	282,407
Brodheads ville								
Camden, DE	40	24	33	17	1	0	49,740	45,726
Coopersburg	239	217	344	110	2	1	485,956	469,869
Denville, NJ	50	42	60	0	1	1	68,433	68,433
Emmaus		319	423	131	4	1	525,470	510,802
Ephrata	197	197	319	118	1	0	477,427	280,348
Finesville, NJ	59	34	55	0	1	1	76,213	76,121
Fleetwood	125	98	126	57	1	1	155,700	155,073
Graterford	140	102	133	41	1	2	176,599	174,174
Harleysville	382	179	278	0	1	2	493,768	471,971
Harrisburg		61	120	0	1	1	200,762	178,162
Hatfield		80	134	56	1	2	224,238	220,066
Holmes, NY	69	50	77	30	0	1	75,093	64,496
Howell, NJ	54	37	72	0	1	1	92,448	75,695
Kutztown	58	50	76	27	1	1	93,629	91,951
Lancaster		192	264	113	0	0	592,494	454,280
Lebanon	373	284	280	202	1	1	406,665	393,085
Lehigh ton	85	55	72	12	1	1	75,718	74,125
Maple Glen	40	29	51	0	1	0	115,852	80,231
Mt. Carmel	90	82	69	30	1	1	90,910	90,910
Mt. Pocono		81	175	0	1	0	238,917	236,869
Nazareth	300	187	248	78	1	2	291,100	291,100
Newark, DE		183	415	67	1	0	534,057	514,154
Ocean Co., NJ		0	40	25	0	1	57,093	43,089
Oley		206	319	63	3	1	565,620	394,669
Paradise		80	110	42	2	0	138,281	134,476
Philadelphia	46	38	58	0	1	0	49,295	46,445
Piscataway, NJ		88	243	0	0	0	389,559	355,157
Pleasant Valley		38	50	0	0	0	61,381	61,381
Poughquag, NY	47	38	54	0	1	1	65,650	59,847
Quakertown	286	185	298	93	1	1	365,883	359,365
Reading	400	250	352	150	1	1	484,116	433,234
Red Hill	137	105	141	0	1	0	144,069	144,069
Royersford	140	99	203	0	4	2	201,875	192,490
Scranton	31	24	31	0	1	1	51,946	36,605
Shamokin	155	128	197	88	3	1	154,005	136,047
Sinking Spring		357	633	0	1	0	1,354,673	1,349,958
Spring City	65	65	89	23	1	1	101,000	101,000
Stroudsburg		135	229	75	1	1	338,888	273,873
Sunbury	200	170	263	163	1	1	663,968	663,621
Terre Hill	67	51	0	0	1	1	76,632	77,470
Wallingford		158	263	0	1	2	470,342	470,342
Walnutport	25	16	42	9	1	1	54,323	52,608
Whitehall	59	52	128	41	1	0	118,831	118,831
York	187	100	158	0	2	0	239,548	239,548
Zionsville	24	22	41	14	1	1	78,545	72,506
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,172</b>	<b>5,839</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>2,369</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>14,070,847</b>	<b>12,687,243</b>
Allentown, S.		0	51	24	2	1	61,432	31,891
Bereton, NY		0	22	0	0	0	61,221	58,849
Brooklyn, NY		0	0	0	0	1	30,641	29,835
Chesapeake VA	27	12	12	0	0	0	6,067	6,057
Las Cruces, NM		0	32	0	0	0	18,851	17,969
Newark, NJ	64	45	70	14	1	0	84,594	78,647
Staten Island	16	4	0	0	2	0	9,481	3,303
Thompson, CT	47	28	50	0	1	0	49,395	49,201
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>321,782</b>	<b>276,704</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4,336</b>	<b>5,928</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>14,392,629</b>	<b>12,963,947</b>

## Conference Disbursements

Church	Ad. Bud.	Missions	Ch. Ext.	Home	PJC	Ch. Ed.	V. Valley	PBC	T. Conf. Disb.
Aberdeen, NJ	100	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	280
Allentown, CC	4,450	178,175	9,600	3,000	8,260	0	2,000	1,500	206,985
Bethlehem	1,725	62,576	3,800	3,600	4,200	0	1,400	1,600	78,901
Blandon	1,200	36,978	600	600	0	100	1,200	175	40,853
Brodheadsville			0						0
Camden, DE	150	1181	600	150	364	0	100	100	2,625
Coopersburg	4,580	45,609	20,102	700	3,250	250	1,800	1,100	77,391
Denville, NJ	0	850	400	0	1,218	0	0	0	2,468
Emmaus	6,352	62,145	16,970	700	4,491	100	5,161	800	96,719
Ephrata	3,700	53,519	375	150	2,500	100	150	150	60,844
Finesville, NJ	550	10,887	0	100	0	0	0	0	11,537
Fleetwood	600	21,045	500	400	0	0	100	100	22,745
Graterford	1,800	22,512	7,950	600	1,400	125	1,800	300	36,487
Harleysville	3,560	35,812	18,000	1,000	3,560	500	1,000	1,000	64,432
Harrisburg	2,815	42,338	2,410	475	0	125	475	376	49,013
Hatfield	3,000	19,259	8,295	500	1,906	300	1,000	750	35,010
Holmes, NY	300	1,641	300	150	0	250	200	50	2,891
Howell, NJ	600	4,020	0	0	520	0	100	0	5,240
Kutztown	745	10,502	1,120	500	745	50	500	500	14,662
Lancaster	4,500	78,109	850	1,500	3,416	150	600	700	89,825
Lebanon	2,050	37,379	3,690	500	3,000	100	3,800	200	50,719
Lehighton	560	8,346	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,906
Maple Glen	450	18,300	2,000	0	750	50	0	0	21,550
Mt. Carmel	1,200	18,668	100	0	0	50	50	50	20,118
Mt. Pocono	700	24,546	7,200	200	2,000	200	1,200	150	36,196
Nazareth	2,600	26,171	8,600	600	2,800	100	1,650	750	43,271
Newark, DE	650	24,687	7,000	300	3,150	300	1,750	500	38,337
Ocean Co., NJ	425	4,163	3,250	0	350	0	0	0	8,188
Oley	2,500	86,960	2,000	0	0	0	1,000	0	92,460
Paradise	800	15,346	1,685	100	1,000	0	300	300	19,531
Philadelphia	650	70	50	0	589	0	0	0	1,359
Piscataway, NJ	500	15,647	3,000	175	2,200	175	175	175	22,047
Pleasant Valley, N	24,834	2,903	150	0	480	0	0	50	28,417
Poughquag, NY	400	500	717	20	475	20	50	20	2,202
Quakertown	7,200	56,181	10,300	100	0	100	1,300	850	76,031
Reading	1,800	76,742	10,250	250	3,934	100	2,000	500	95,576
Red Hill	200	4,873	2,400	0	1,200	0	200	0	8,873
Royersford	1,500	24,631	500	100	1,000	100	100	100	28,031
Scranton	50	610	0	0	0	0	0	0	660
Shamokin	200	6,638	0	100	0	0	100	200	7,238
Sinking Spring	2,500	65,490	6,175	750	5,200	50	300	700	81,165
Spring City	1,000	13,672	1,610	100	0	0	100	100	16,582
Stroudsburg	2,000	650	2,000	250	0	50	300	300	5,550
Sunbury	2,500	38,141	7,500	100	3,301	100	200	0	51,842
Terre Hill	520	11,761	685	50	700	50	50	50	13,866
Wallingford	4,000	41,720	9,300	300	3,350	100	250	300	59,320
Walnutport	90	593	0	0	0	0	0	0	683
Whitehall	175	13,501	2,200	180	903	100	225	300	17,584
York	1,250	25,538	7,600	0	2,150	0	0	0	36,538
Zionsville	500	3798	900	500	685	50	800	500	7,733
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>104,631</b>	<b>1,356,643</b>	<b>182,734</b>	<b>18,800</b>	<b>76,047</b>	<b>3,846</b>	<b>33,486</b>	<b>15,295</b>	<b>1,799,281</b>
Allentown, S.	0	1560	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	7,560
Beacon, NY	150	29,320	15,400	0	0	0	0	0	44,870
Brooklyn, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chesapeake, VA	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Las Cruces, NM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newark, NJ	1,150	884	600	200	0	0	0	0	2,834
Staten Island, NY	75	1,270	650	0	0	0	0	0	1,995
Thompson, CT	167	1200	200	0	233	0	0	0	1,800
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>34,634</b>	<b>22,850</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58,369</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>106,073</b>	<b>1,390,077</b>	<b>215,584</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>76,280</b>	<b>3,846</b>	<b>33,486</b>	<b>15,295</b>	<b>1,858,640</b>

## Local Disbursements

Church	Min. Salary	Min. Bene	Par. Allow	Insurance	Assis. Sal.	Assis. Bene	Christ. Ed.
Aberdeen, NJ	18,000	3,465	0	11,917	5,500	0	94
Allentown, CC	27,240	7,530	30,000	19,023	180,580	8,380	25,852
Bathlehem	38,900	4,490	1,745	17,441	63,804	5,269	12,780
Blandon	29,484	12,267	18,000	12,098	17,000	4,451	10,217
<b>Brodheadsville</b>							
Camden, DE	0	870	0	8,830	8,400	3,956	2,520
Coopersburg	32,475	12,941	0	15,153	20,818	25,779	17,566
Denville, NJ	26,500	7,660	4,500	9,002	0	0	1,410
Emmaus	62,817	21,371	14,999	20,184	39,611	10,503	33,341
Ephrata	20,260	13,942	19,000	10,636	28,060	24,212	33,021
Finesville, NJ	25,800	3,750	1,200	3,018	0	0	1,721
Fleetwood	28,770	0	0	9,820	0	2,400	15,400
Graterford	20,018	10,500	6,000	6,082	9,000	1,046	8,626
Harleysville	38,471	11,033	11,000	26,424	70,499	19,745	16,719
Harrisburg	20,043	1,638	0	9,424	13,103	700	5,338
Hatfield	39,281	4,600	0	14,557	24,238	0	11,265
Holmes, NY	18,690	6,300	0	9,796	0	0	2,549
Howell, NJ	21,050	3,285	2,250	6,438	0	0	3,288
Kutztown	22,771	3,697	8,566	6,914	0	0	1,397
Lancaster	47,112	514	14,400	19,629	70,304	23,640	13,127
Lebanon	34,950	9,724	14,400	11,543	14,127	4,945	20,307
Lehighton	18,418	5,000	0	8,700	0	0	1,800
Maple Glen	27,000	4,263	12,500	9,819	0	0	1,603
Mt. Carmel	29,500	7,632	0	2,044	0	0	2,040
Mt. Pocono	30,068	6,713	7,803	8,187	22,472	2,407	9,525
Nazareth	24,477	8,421	2,841	12,097	31,360	18,646	14,105
Newark, DE	39,789	14,732	21,500	4,774	43,270	2,842	21,278
Ocean Co., NJ	13,750	5,091	0	0	0	0	271
Oley	13,789	3,600	23,677	6,214	0	0	18,438
Paradise	16,000	4,349	14,200	6,314	0	0	6,836
Philadelphia	17,295	0	12,000	1,281	0	0	1,000
Piscataway, NJ	29,011	5,751	25,000	19,951	44,731	4,455	8,869
Pleasant Valley, NY	5,000	0	12,000	5,724	0	0	373
Poughquag, NY	19,000	15,131	0	9,001	0	0	5,851
Quakertown	33,567	850	0	17,395	51,200	1,000	11,280
Reading	29,920	12,345	5,400	17,009	43,140	28,380	27,718
Red Hill	8,069	2,275	5,542	3,625	2,061	17,760	3,096
Royersford	29,667	7,800	16,200	6,000	11,000	3,000	10,500
Scranton	15,474	8,019	0	8,700	0	0	1,148
Shamokin	21,580	13,110	0	4,042	0	0	3,665
Sinking Spring	38,528	10,867	18,000	20,178	159,171	11,289	35,546
Spring City	23,842	0	3,000	1,650	0	0	3,815
Stroudsburg	14,663	9,081	7,897	9,939	19,011	8,682	12,303
Sunbury	34,500	4,891	0	11,831	23,500	2,779	12,900
Terre Hill	2,818	0	0	284	0	0	1,713
Wallingford	43,050	0	0	15,104	29,750	10,250	8,969
Walnutport	23,319	1,222	339	6,801	0	0	600
Whitehall	20,343	0	11,000	955	0	0	1,729
York	11,149	7,285	27,000	13,657	19,450	16,469	5,497
Zionsville	8,616	800	0	3,148	0	0	1,681
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,214,834</b>	<b>298,805</b>	<b>371,969</b>	<b>482,353</b>	<b>1,065,160</b>	<b>262,985</b>	<b>470,687</b>
Allentown, S.	20,436	4781	0	7,624	0	0	4,938
Beacon, NY	2,640	17,400	0	0	0	0	370
Brooklyn, NY	0	0	3,450	4,911	0	0	728
Chesapeake, VA	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	505
Las Cruces, NM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newark, NJ	4,840	3,193	6,550	8,799	0	0	2,568
Staten Island, NY	300	200	0	1,617	0	0	29
Thompson, CT	6,900	0	0	0	0	0	3,182
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36,316</b>	<b>25,674</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>22,951</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,320</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>1,251,150</b>	<b>324,379</b>	<b>381,969</b>	<b>505,304</b>	<b>1,065,160</b>	<b>262,985</b>	<b>483,007</b>

## Local Disbursements Continued/Totals

Church	Debt Ser.	Benevolence	O. Missions	WMS	Conf. Del.	General Disb.	Gen. Disb	Total Disb.
Aberdeen, NJ	10,304	62	0	0	0	35,361	84,703	84,983
Allentown, CC	167,941	9,400	4,642	683	0	209,709	690,980	897,965
Bethlehem	36	7,253	31,128	2,093	250	237,554	422,741	501,642
Blandon	61,734	3,478	25,964	0	300	83,756	278,749	319,602
Brookheadville							0	0
Camden, DE	0	335	1,974	0	0	14,997	41,882	44,507
Coopersburg	25,254	2,669	21,165	1,145	400	211,301	386,666	464,057
Denville, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	14,714	63,786	66,254
Emmaus	67,594	480	15,580	1,782	263	162,858	451,183	547,902
Ephrata	73,995	2,625	75,006	0	400	140,010	441,167	501,811
Finesville, NJ	11,337	1,413	786	0	0	14,926	63,931	75,468
Fleetwood	0	0	29,740	0	200	73,963	160,193	182,936
Graterford	0	1,165	6,006	0	250	65,934	134,627	171,114
Harleysville	46,962	9,050	28,610	1,743	350	137,585	418,191	482,623
Harrisburg	3,614	1,088	1,456	1,455	0	55,987	113,846	162,859
Hatfield	0	8,743	15,341	0	0	255,646	373,671	408,681
Holmes, NY	8,179	1,984	6,969	0	0	23,318	77,785	80,676
Howell, NJ	7,973	2,868	1,200	0	0	23,091	71,443	78,683
Kutztown	0	750	2,979	0	0	28,827	75,901	90,563
Lancaster	0	2,295	28,916	615	360	222,034	442,946	532,771
Lebanon	88,373	9,034	7,274	0	400	116,783	331,860	382,579
Lehighton	15,980	1,107	0	7,803	100	58,908	117,816	126,722
Maple Glen	0	0	12,790	0	80	21,767	89,822	111,372
Mt. Carmel	9,300	300	11,100	0	0	29,594	91,510	111,628
Mt. Pocono	0	3,574	20,206	0	102	93,544	204,601	240,797
Nazareth	33,879	5,578	15,706	0	108	79,595	246,813	290,084
Newark, DE	90,373	5,379	14,985	216	150	243,587	502,875	541,212
Ocean Co., NJ	13,926	1,433	0	0	0	16,044	50,515	58,703
Oley	96,539	6,703	21,816	0	0	252,607	443,383	535,843
Paradise	0	935	7,120	0	300	61,503	117,557	137,088
Philadelphia	0	1,726	1,726	0	0	12,055	47,083	48,442
Piscataway, NJ	2,728	5,245	9,158	0	225	109,219	264,343	286,390
Pleasant Valley	0	325	1,080	0	0	0	24,502	52,919
Poughquag, NY	2,275	2,436	2,873	0	0	9,468	66,035	68,237
Quakertown	0	3,000	13,000	1,000	0	139,644	271,936	347,967
Reading	0	792	26,806	1,369	350	166,109	359,338	454,914
Red Hill	53	1,637	3,200	0	183	47,007	94,508	103,381
Royersford	0	1,566	200	0	200	103,731	189,864	217,895
Scranton	0	0	0	0	0	11,518	44,859	45,519
Shamokin	14,400	938	17,496	400	200	79,749	155,580	162,818
Sinking Spring	664,364	11,233	96,890	0	0	188,879	1,254,945	1,336,110
Spring City	17,000	0	1,220	0	100	54,839	105,466	122,046
Stroudsburg	0	3,286	73,019	0	0	125,982	283,863	289,413
Sunbury	285,654	1,047	13,140	1,000	0	218,319	606,561	681,403
Terre Hill	0	574	0	0	300	61,621	67,310	81,176
Wallingford	53,579	1,461	15,981	0	0	250,931	429,075	488,395
Walnutport	0	278	325	0	0	11,655	44,539	45,222
Whitehall	0	1,900	15,800	370	0	0	52,097	69,881
York	0	2572	4,000	3,574	300	90,397	201,350	237,888
Zionsville	0	0	285	230	300	27,226	42,286	50,019
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,872,348</b>	<b>129,717</b>	<b>784,938</b>	<b>25,478</b>	<b>6,171</b>	<b>4,683,662</b>	<b>11,589,593</b>	<b>13,398,984</b>
Allentown, S.	0	1372	0	0	0	16,434	55,585	63,145
Beacon, NY	0	692	0	0	0	107,791	128,893	173,763
Brooklyn, NY	0	548	4,520	0	0	13,311	27,468	27,468
Chesapeake, VA	0	100	340	0	0	2,898	4,831	5,131
Las Cruces, NM	0	1,579	0	0	0	1,644	3,223	3,223
Newark, NJ	0	2,758	0	0	0	51,327	80,035	82,995
Staten Island, NY	100	250	250	0	0	0	2,746	4,741
Thompson, CT	12,452	654	500	0	0	22,254	45,942	47,742
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12,852</b>	<b>7,953</b>	<b>5,610</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>215,447</b>	<b>348,723</b>	<b>401,582</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,885,200</b>	<b>137,670</b>	<b>790,548</b>	<b>25,478</b>	<b>6,171</b>	<b>4,899,109</b>	<b>11,938,316</b>	<b>13,800,566</b>

## *Pastor's Statistical Information*

The Annual Report of the Board of Elders to the Congregation shall be the source of information for this schedule. The report shall contain:

- I. Officers:
  - a. The number and names of all ordained pastors with Bible Fellowship Church credentials who are members of your church, including retired pastors and ordained missionaries.
  - b. The number of probationers of the BFC who are members of your congregation.
  - c. The number of Elders and Deacons in your congregation.
  
- II. Pastors' Activities:
  - a. The number of visits made by the Senior Pastor.
  - b. The number of visits made by other members of the pastoral staff.
  - c. The number of people baptized.
  - d. The number of children dedicated.
  - e. The number of weddings.
  - f. The number of funerals.
  
- III. Membership:
  - a. Received into Church fellowship
  - b. Received by transfer from Bible Fellowship Churches
  - c. Received by transfer from other churches
  - d. Total increase
  - e. Died
  - f. Withdrawn
  - g. Dropped
  - h. Transferred to Bible Fellowship Churches
  - i. Transferred to other churches
  - j. Total decrease
  - k. Net increase or decrease (**NOT BOTH**)
  - l. Total membership

**In compiling this membership report be sure you have begun with the figure for total membership shown in the previous yearbook.**
  
- IV. Enrollment:
  - a. The number of people enrolled in your Sunday School.
  - b. The number of children enrolled in your Cradle Roll.
  - c. The number of people enrolled in your Home Department.
  
- V. Average Attendances: (Compute for the whole year)
  - a. Sunday School Average Attendance

- b. Sunday Morning Worship Average Attendance
- c. Sunday Evening Service Average Attendance

#### VI. Church Property:

- a. The number of church buildings.
- b. The number of parsonages.

#### VII. Receipts:

- a. Total income
  - b. Total offering
- In most churches these two figures might be identical. Total income would include, above offerings, the following: Interest, Rent, Church Extension Appropriations, **BUT NOT** Sale of properties, loans from banks or loans from individuals.

#### VIII. Disbursements; Denominational Benevolences:

- a. The amount given to the BFC Administrative Budget.
  - b. \*The amount given to the Board of Missions of the BFC.
  - c. \*The amount given to Church Extension.
  - d. The amount given to the BFC Homes, Inc.
  - e. The amount given to Pinebrook Junior College.
  - f. The amount given to the BFC Board of Christian Education.
  - g. The amount given to Victory Valley.
  - h. The amount given to Pinebrook Bible Conference.
- \* The figures which you show for Missions and Church Extension must agree with the amounts which you sent to their respective treasurers. We'll assume that the Board Treasurers' reports are correct.

#### IX. Local Disbursements:

- a. Minister's Salary -- Calculated from January 1 through December 31, for the Senior Pastor.
- b. Minister's Supplemental Benefits -- This shall include: Social Security, church paid Minister's Retirement, car allowance, book and seminar reimbursements, etc.
- c. Parsonage Allowance
- d. Health Insurance Premium
- e. Administrative Assistants' Salary -- For others on Pastoral Staff -- not for secretarial staff members or janitorial staff.
- f. Administrative Assistants' Benefits
- g. Local Christian Education program -- This shall include Sunday School, Local Youth Fellowship, AWANA Clubs, VBS, etc.
- h. Debt Service
- i. Local Benevolence
- j. Other Missions
- k. Women's Missionary Society

- m. Annual Conference Delegate
- n. General Disbursements -- All other disbursements not already recorded.

The Pastor shall send a copy of the minutes of all Congregational meetings, which shall include the Board of Elder's Report of the Membership and Annual Financial Report to:

Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches  
c/o Rev. Ralph M. Soper  
418 Elm St.  
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to arrive no later than March 1, 2002 (as approved by the 114th Annual Conference).

The Delegate and Pastor shall certify the correctness of the minutes and reports and of the Pastor's Statistical Report prior to the mailing thereof, and shall include a statement of certification therewith.

The Pastor's Statistical Report shall be sent to:

Committee on Statistics  
c/o Rev. David A. Thomann  
609 Prospect St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603

or Faxed to: 717-392-0974. They are to arrive no later than March 1, 2002.

If the Pastor's Statistical Report is not in the hand of the Committee on Statistics by March 1, 2002, the statistics from that church will not be included in that year's report.

Round off all figures to the nearest dollar. Put the name of the church and pastor on page and please follow the instructions found above.

### **Schedule of Payments to be made to Annual Conference Agencies**

#### **MONTHLY:**

Conference Administrative Budget - Beginning January 1st; pledge may also be paid annually in advance. Make check payable to Bible Fellowship Church and mail to:

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Medical Insurance Program - Beginning January 1st, and by the first of each month thereafter, monthly payments for this coverage should be made. Make checks payable to Bible Fellowship Church and mail to:

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Annual payment for the maintenance of the Ministers' Retirement Fund shall be on the basis of \$700 basic amount per church and \$7.00 per member for the total number of members listed in the most current *BFC Yearbook*.

**BY DECEMBER 31:**

Fellowship News - \$1.50 per member - make checks payable to Board of Publication & Printing and send to: the Business Manager:

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610.432.2200 (Fax) 610. 435.4006 ccbfc1@juno.com Ronald C. Mahurin David T. Allen John C. Elias Edgar H. Munyan Ronald L. Kohl	1151 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. Allentown, PA 18103  web-site: CedarCrestBFC.org			
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610.868.5501 (Fax) 610.868.6939 Office@aplaceforyou.org Brian H. Cooper Frank L. Herb Robert K. Fields	3100 Hecktown Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18020  web-site: aplaceforyou.org			
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973.625.1880 Richard D. Harris	263 Diamond Spring Rd. Denville, NJ 07834			
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610.965.2682 (Fax) 610.965.4534 David N. Schoen Ralph M. Soper William J. Dunn	418 Elm St., Emmaus, PA 18049			
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Mount Pocono, PA, Pocono Mt	9:30	10:45	6:30	7:00
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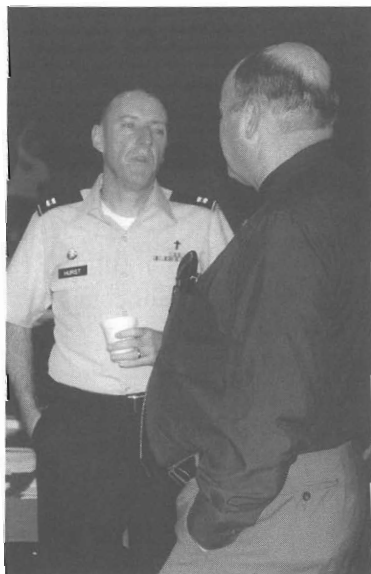
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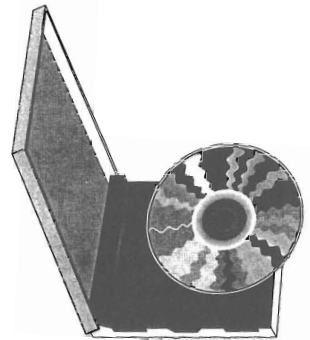
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