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Ordination 2004



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| 27 March 2005 |
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| 16 April 2006 |
| 8 April 2007 |
| 23 March 2008 |
| 12 April 2009 |
| 4 April 2010 |
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| 5 April 2015 |
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| 16 April 2017 |

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| 25 March 2046 |
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| 2 April 2051 |
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| 29 March 2054 |
| 18 April 2055 |
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Pastor Michael & Mary Tannous and family Community, Red Hill, PA

Directory of Boards and Committees

Directory of Boards

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Treasurer - William G. Schlonecker

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Secretary - Keith E. Plows

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- (2005) David T. Allen, Alva C. Cassel, LeRoy O. Herb
- (2006) Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Lee E. Boyles, Charles E. Cole, Gerald L. Schlonecker, Hans R. Waldvogel
- (2007) Carl Ackerman, Daniel P. Allen, Brian H. Cooper, Jay H.

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- (2005) LeRoy O. Herb, Ralph M. Soper
- (2006) Gerald L. Schlonecker, Thomas P. Shorb, Robert A. Sloan, Jr.
- (2007) Donald S. Faust, James W. Harris, Jacob J. Susek, Jr.

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Secretary - Daniel P. Allen

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- (2006) C. Larry Bennett, David L. Weller, Gary J. Wolfinger
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Secretary - John C. Studenroth

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Secretary - John C. Vandegriff, Jr.

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Directory of Committees

Committee on Credentials

(2005) Keith E. Plows, David A. Thomann

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Vice Chairman - David A. Thomann

Secretary - Ralph M. Soper

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(2007) Delbert R. Baker, II

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- (2006) Clyde W. Snyder, Thomas P. Shorb
- (2007) Ronald C. Erb, Antoinette McCreary

Chairman - David A. Thomann

Secretary - Thomas P. Shorb

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- (2005) James A. Beil, Lee E. Boyles, Carl C. Cassel, Robert H. Zentz
- (2006) Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., Dean A. Stortz, Gregory A. Uhrich
- (2007) Douglas D. Bowne, Calvin T. Reed, Clyde W. Snyder Secretary - Gregory A. Uhrich

Special Appellate Judicatory

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Secretary - David J. Watkins

Historical Committee

- (2005) David E. Thomann
- (2006) Carl C. Cassel, Jill Davidson
- (2007) Harold P. Shelly, Robert W. Smock

Archivist - Richard E. Taylor Chairperson - Jill Davidson

Secretary - Richard E. Taylor

Ministerial Relations Committee

- (2005) Calvin T. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., John C. Vandegriff, Jr.
- (2006) Lee E. Boyles, William G. Schlonecker
- (2007) Randall A. Grossman, Ronald W. Reed

Chairman - Randall A. Grossman

Secretary - William G. Schlonecker

Strategic Planning Committee

- (2005) Elliot H. Ramos, J. Robert Vaughn
- (2006) Dana E. Weller, Robert H. Zentz
- (2007) James A. MacArthur, Richard T. Paashaus, Richard E. Taylor

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Study Committee on Credentials and Multi Staff Churches

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Study Committee on Women in the Office of Deacons/Deaconnesses

Albert J. Dommel, Robert C. Kaatz, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, John C. Studenroth, Jacob J. Susek, Jr.

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- 2 members of BFC Board of Directors
- 2 members of Board of Church Extension

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(2004) C. Larry Bennett

(2005) Charles E. Cole, Ralph E. Ritter

(2006) Allan R. Vivona, Howard N. Wells

Chairman - Howard N. Wells Secretary - Charles E. Cole Treasurer - Ralph E. Ritter Advisor - Ronald C. Mahurin

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(2007) Raymond R. Dotts, Jay H. Fasnacht

Chairman - Raymond R. Dotts Secretary - Jay H. Fasnacht

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Agenda and Program Committee

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Committee on Arrangements for the 122nd Annual Conference

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Committee on Statistics

LeRoy S. Heller, Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., David N. Schoen, David A. Thomann, Gregory A. Uhrich

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Ralph M. Soper, William H. Bartron, Kevin W. Clineff, Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Allan R. Vivona

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Ralph E. Ritter, Robert A. Johnson II, Michael T. Littlejohn

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Chairman - Randall A. Grossman

Vice Chairman - William G. Schlonecker

Secretary - David A. Thomann

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J. Mark McCreary, Registrar

Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Assistant Registrar



Committees: the Backs of Annual Conference

Table of Ordained Ministers

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|--|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Do et e e | Year of | Year of | Year of |
| Pastor | BFC License | Ordination 1070 | Present Status |
| Allen, Daniel P. | 1982 | 1979 | 1982 |
| Allen, David T. | 2000 | 2003 | 1997 |
| Arnold, Jonathon W., Sr. | 1994 | 1997 | 2000 |
| Baker, Delbert, R. II | 1976 | 1979 | 1975 |
| Bennett, C. Larry | 2001 | 1982 | 2001 |
| Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr. | 1997 | 2000 | 1997 |
| Boone, Clifford B. | 1989 | 1992 | 2002 |
| Brush, R. Jerome | 1988 | 1992 | 1991 |
| Cahill, Dennis M. | 1986 | 1984 | 1986 |
| Clapier, G. Wayne | 1980 | 1981 | 1980 |
| Clineff, Kevin W. | 2001 | 2004 | 1999 |
| Cole, Charles E | 1996 | 1970 | 1996 |
| Cooper, Brian H. | 1996 | 1998 | 1996 |
| Cowen, Timothy S. | 1997 | 2000 | 1997 |
| Crossgrove, Andrew T. | 1999 | 2002 | 2002 |
| Curcio, Louis S | 2002 | 2004 | 2002 |
| Dowling, Willis I. | 1999 | 1983 | 2002 |
| Dunn, William J. | 1999 | 2002 | 2002 |
| 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 |
| | 1955 | 1958 | 1995 |
| Heller, LeRoy S. Keeler, Kenneth D. | 1982 | 1985 | 2000 |
| Virtual Vavin W | 2001 | 2004 | 2000 |
| Kirkpatrick, Kevin W. | 2001 | 1990 | 2001 |
| Johnson, Robert A, II | | | |
| Lawrence, Dennis J. | 1993 | 1996 | 1999 |
| Mahurin, Ronald C. | 1960 | 1959 | 2001 |
| McCreary, J. Mark | 1993 | 1996 | 1999 |
| Paashaus, Richard T. | 1988 | 1990 | 1976 |
| 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 |
| Schlonecker, William G. | 1985 | 1988 | 1984 |
| Schoen, David N. | 1982 | 1987 | 1987 |
| Shorb, Thomas P. | 1977 | 1979 | 2001 |
| Simpson, Arthur J., Jr. | 2000 | 1988 | 2000 |
| 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 |
| Stortz, Dean A. | 1983 | 1986 | 1988 |
| Stover, John R | 2001 | 1985 | 2001 |
| Susek, Jacob J., Jr. | 1994 | 1983 | 1993 |
| Tait, Jonathan P. | 1994 | 1996 | 1996 |
| Tannous, Michael J. | 2001 | 2004 | 2001 |
| Taylor, Richard E. | 1973 | 1975 | 1982 |
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| Pastor | BFC License | Ordination | Year of Present Status |
| 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 |
| Way, David R. | 1989 | 1993 | 2001 |
| 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 Work | ing in the C | haplaincy u | nder the |
| Sponsorship of the BFC | | _ | |
| Heineman, David N. (Hosp) | 1996 | 1993 | 2004 |
| Hurst, Kenneth J. (Military) | 1998 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Jones, David H. | 1978 | 1983 | 2004 |
| Moyer, Richard A. (Prison) | 1995 | 2000 | 1999 |
| Ordained Ministers under | the Directio | on of the Re | ard of Missions |
| Aukamp, William C. | 1985 | 1988 | 1986 |
| Denlinger, Ronald K. | 1994 | 1997 | 2000 |
| Harding, W. Neil, Jr. | 1983 | 1993 | 1993 |
| Head, Jim D. | 1994 | 1996 | 1998 |
| Johnston, Walter M. | 1987 | 1987 | 1991 |
| Manney, David L. | 1507 | 1976 | 1999 |
| Morrison, Philip E. | 1980 | 1982 | 1993 |
| Moyer, Duane E. | 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 |
| Ordained Ministers Work | ing in Othei | Christian | Ministries |
| Ellingson, Bruce A. | 1963 | 1966 | 1991 |
| Lea, Herbet K. | 1980 | 1982 | 1994 |
| Martin, Carl T. | 1983 | 1986 | 1997 |
| Ordained Ministers Between | on Colle | | |
| Bartron, William H. | 1973 | 1975 | 2001 |
| Batchler, James R., Jr. | 1976 | 1979 | 1993 |
| | | | 4 |
| Dommel, Albert J. | 1982 | 1984 | 1991 |
| Ellwanger, Donald R. | 2001 | 1988 | 2004 |
| Herb, John H. | 1962 | 1966 | 1989 |
| Morrison, Mark L. | 1996 | 1999 | 2004 |
| Spinney, Dennis W. | 1984 | 1993 | 2004 |
| Trommler, Steven L. | 1984 | 1986 | 2000 |
| Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence | | | |
| Byrd, Terris L. | 1969 | 1972 | 2002 |
| Commerford, Robert S. | 1984 | 1986 | 2004 |
| Frable, Arthur H., Jr. | 1969 | 1971 | 1999 |
| , | | | |

| | Year of | Year of | Year of |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| <u>Pastor</u> | BFC License | Ordination | Present Status |
| MacMillan, Thomas S. | 1983 | 1986 | 1990 |
| Neher, James E. | 1987 | 1989 | 2000 |
| Ruhl, Jeffrey L. | 1997 | 2000 | 2002 |
| Ordained Ministers in Re | tirement | | |
| Barber, Kenneth F. | 1985 | 1971 | 2001 |
| Beil, James A. | 1959 | 1962 | 1998 |
| Bigley, T. James, Jr. | 1962 | 1966 | 2002 |
| Brosius, Bert N. | 1958 | 1961 | 1998 |
| Buck, Leonard E. | 1958 | 1970 | 1997 |
| Cassel, Alva C. | 1958 | 1962 | 2002 |
| Cassel, Carl C. | 1956 | 1959 | 1993 |
| Cassel, Willard E. | 1943 | 1946 | 1988 |
| Coulbourn, Hugh C., Jr. | 1977 | 1970 | 2001 |
| 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 |
| Gehman, Richard J. | 1964 | 1971 | 2002 |
| 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 |
| Minsky, Barry J. | 1980 | 1966 | 2004 |
| Moyer, Edward K. | | 1970 | 2000 |
| Mull, William W. | 1968 | 1950 | 1994 |
| Munyan, Edgar H. | 1989 | 1955 | 1993 |
| Phillips, D. Thomas | 1971 | 1976 | 2003 |
| 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 |
| Watkins, David J. | 1962 | 1965 | 1989 |
| Weaber, Harold C. | 1963 | 1967 | 1998 |
| Yarrington, Harold D. | 1942 | 1952 | 1987 |
| Ziegler, Daniel G. | 1960 | 1963 | 2000 |

In Memory of

William Walter Mull was born in Milford and raised in Irvington, NJ, in a family where Christ was honored. He was eager to learn in formal educational settings and through all of his life.

Bill served the BFC as pastor, missionary and teacher and even in retirement an elder. Before becoming part of the BFC, he was pastor of Baptist churches in his home state, New Jersey and in Canada. His ministry in the BFC included pastorates in Sunbury, PA, and Freehold, NJ.



William Walter Mull December 1, 1922 - September 23, 2003

In 1978 Bill and wife, Addy, were commissioned by the Africa Inland Mission to serve in Africa. For fifteen years he was a teacher and dean at Scott Theological College in Kenya. He also helped to establish a Bible school in Mozambique, and train church leaders in the Seychelle Islands.

In recent years he and Addy, his wife and soul mate of fifty-five years, have lived in Tel Hai Retirement Community in Honeybrook, Pennsylvania.

His life and godly influence were remembered at a service September 27 at Grace BFC in Quakertown, PA. Children, their spouses, and grandchildren – Bill's *Mull-titude* – lovingly reminisced about their father, described in the memorial program as "loving literature and the arts, participating in heated debates, and always taking the road less traveled."

The Mulls' pastor, Byron Widger, of Calvary BFC in Finesville, NJ, spoke of Bill's life being an earthen vessel that always carried the message of Christ.

In addition to Addy, immediate survivors include four sons, five daughters, twenty-one grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A daughter preceded him in death.

A Look Back:

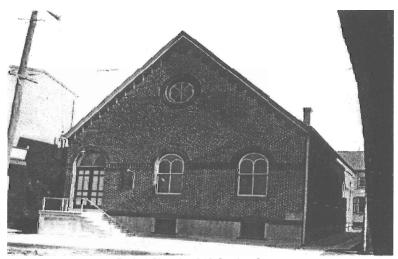
100 Years Ago - 1904

The chill of autumn winds had begun. The trees were nearly bare now. Only a few hardy leaves remained and their days were numbered. The greens of summer had been replaced by the browns of fall. Thursday, October 27, 1904. The pastors and delegates of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ found their way to the church called Bethel at 816 Gordon Street in Allentown. This was the twenty-first time they had gathered like this. They had buttoned their collars and pulled down their hats. The chilly breeze cut short their greetings and they moved inside where it was warm.

They gathered in anticipation of doing their work and enjoying good fellowship. They greeted each other warmly in the church which had been warmed for their meeting. But there was a chill in the air. They spoke of it in whispers but did not talk about it openly.

The chairman stepped into the recess that contained the pulpit and the meeting began. He preached on "Unselfishness and Oneness in Christ." His text was Philippians 2:1-16. It was, in the secretary's opinion, a "very instructive and heart-searching address."

They carried on the routine of appointing committees and beginning the reports. Then they felt the chill. They looked at each other but said nothing. "Resolved, That the Terre Hill letter, A. M. Clauser, E. R. Heywood and E. W. Martin be referred to the



Bethel Church - 816 Gordon Street

Committee of the Whole to sit tonight at 7 o'clock." The committee of the whole was a way to meet and talk about it without parliamentary procedure and minutes. They could say what they really felt.

They began their reports. Everyone waited to hear about the victories. They could tell their stories and share their statistics. The applause would be silent - looks of admiration or envy took the place of clapping hands and cheering voices. They could listen and see how God was blessing their churches. For a moment, the chill seemed to warm. The secretary summarized the pastors' oral reports which he said "were interesting. With very few exceptions, the reports showed an increase in members, finances and spiritually." Presiding Elder H. B. Musselman had nothing but warmth in his report. He "reported the work well united almost unexceptionally. Pastors are straight and love each other and are loyal to the P. E. God manifests his power in summer as well as in winter in saving souls even on small charges. The finances are marvelous and the members are growing. The camp meetings were largely attended and were spiritual and many saved." He added, "Every preacher is willing to take any charge." C. H. Brunner, leader of the fledgling work of the Gospel Workers "reported the Missionaries well united and willing to die for each other."

On Thursday night, they had their meeting of the Committee of the Whole. No records were kept. Only they knew what was said. On Friday morning they began with singing and prayer. They called the roll. The Committee of the Whole reported. "Whereas, The Terre Hill class has not sent a delegate to this conference but has sent an official notice that they desire no preacher sent them from this conference, stating that they would not accept or stand by any regular pastor, therefore Resolved, that we recommend the conference to refer Terre Hill to the Stationing Committee to be supplied." What had been a chill, what they whispered about, what they feared, was now out in the open.

This had been brewing for a while. Nine years earlier in 1895, the Quakertown Church had become unhappy about the assignments of preachers. That year, M. A. Zyner had been called on the carpet and it did not set well. The Quakertown Church wanted Zyner to be their pastor, not the one sent by the Stationing Committee. It was a falling out with the leadership. Some of the Quakertown people would claim they were not part of the Conference. They wanted their preacher and the building too. In December of 1903, payment had been made to a lawyer, C. R. James, and a second payment sent in September of 1904, one month before this Annual Conference. They were going to court.

In November, 1904, one month after this meeting in Allentown, the briefs were filed and a three-year legal battle began.

But now the issue was out in the open, right in front of them. The Terre Hill church did not want to take a preacher from the conference. The denomination was being tested. Were denominational ties legitimate? Could each church do what it wanted? Did denominational leaders have authority to appoint preachers? At the center of the storm were the leaders who were moving to a more-demanding-style of leadership. Preachers were assigned. The churches did not run the show. At the edge were the churches who were wondering about the nature of the ties between their churches and the conference. Did they have to accept the preachers sent by the conference even if they did not want them?

The Conference determined that a preacher would be assigned to Terre Hill in the usual way and went on with their business.

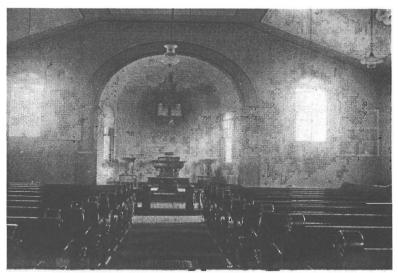
Later on that Friday morning, they considered how parents in the Bible had dedicated their children. They agreed to "heartily encourage our people to dedicate their children to the Lord by prayer and laying on of the hands of Elders, who shall then furnish proper certificates." It was to be a standing rule that everyone accepted and followed from now on.

The chill of the Friday morning sessions ended with the warmth of the reports of the Foreign Missionaries. "Resolved, That with grateful hearts we humbly acknowledge the grace of God bestowed upon this conference to entrust us with a general interest in so noble a cause, and sufficient means to support ten missionaries on the foreign field..."

On Saturday morning, the preachers' appointments were announced. George Campbell had been serving in Terre Hill. He was moved to the Walnutport, New Tripoli circuit. Was the Terre Hill letter a factor in the assignment? Terre Hill, like it or not, would be assigned W. W. Zimmerman. Perhaps a preacher or two sighed with relief that they were not given the task of preaching in a church where they didn't want you.

Saturday morning saw more reports and more discussion. "Resolved, that we recommend our ministers not to officiate at Sunday funerals, and use their influence strong against the same." This became another of the standing rules which did not need another vote.

The Sunday services brought back the warmth. H. B. Musselman preached at 10:00 am. According to the secretary, "One could indeed say we never heard it in this fashion. The



Bethel Church - Interior

words were spoken in power, God's presence melting and united the hearts of His people." W. Gehman preached the ordination sermon at 2:00 p.m. "The message had no uncertain sound at this time, and was very instructive." At 7:30 p.m., C. H. Brunner preached. He concluded, "This was a day of feasting for God's people, the church being filled to the door during each service. The labors of our worthy leaders is highly appreciated, and as a result the work stands more united than ever."

On Monday morning, it was time to wrap up and return to the labor. Some issues remained. "Resolved, That the Presiding Elder, the pastor in charge, and the three trustees of Terre Hill, Pa., have charge of the parsonage at that place." It is clear that Terre Hill was on board with its three trustees.

And then it was over. They were refreshed and ready to return to the work. "A rising vote of thanks was tendered for the brethren and sisters of Allentown class for their kindness and hospitable entertainment the conference received during this session." And, oh yes, "The minutes were then read and received with corrections." Meeting adjourned.

Richard E. Taylor, Archivist

(To read the 1904 Minutes, direct your web browser to www.bfc history.org and look under Minutes.)

Conference Calendar

Listed below are various conference-wide dates. For complete information check with the corresponding Board, Committee, or Agency, or appropriate page number. The official conference calendar is on the web at Yahoo Groups (BFC-AC). To subscribe send a note to BFC-AC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

| August, 2004 | | |
|-----------------|---|--|
| 7-13 | 7th Week, Pinebrook - Speaker: Pastor Ed Larson | |
| 14-20 | 8th Week, Pinebrook - Speaker: Dr. David Dunbar | |
| September, 2004 | | |
| 1 | Pledges for 2004 Administrative Budget are due. | |
| 18 | Fall Out 2004, Allentown, PA www.falloutytlv.com | |
| 28-29 | Ministerial Convention, Pinebrook Bible Conference Speaker: Dr. Gilbert A. Peterson Topic: CEO or Shepherd or What? | |
| October, 2004 | | |
| 5-7 | Senior Saints Retreat, Pinebrook Bible Conference | |
| 9 | Victory Valley Camp Father/Son Retreat | |
| 15-17 | Victory Valley Camp Fall Fix-Up / Work Days | |
| 16 | Victory Valley Camp Mother/Daughter Retreat | |
| November, 2004 | | |
| 5-6 | PED Leadership Training, Pinebrook Bible Conference | |
| 12-14 | Board of Missions RWR, Pinebrook | |
| December, 2004 | | |
| 18 | Christmas Banquet, Pinebrook Bible Conference | |

| January, 20 | 005 |
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| 1 | Missions Budgets due to Board of Missions |
| 7-9 | Combined Sno Glo (grades 6-12), Pinebrook |
| 14-16 | High School Sno Glo (grades 9-12), Pinebrook |
| 21-23 | Middle School Sno Glo (grades 6-8), Pinebrook |
| 21-23 28-30 | Sno-Valley - Victory Valley Camp |
| February, 2 | 2005 |
| 4-6 | Victory Valley Camp - Ski Spree |
| March, 200 | 05 |
| 1 | Committee reports are due Church minutes are due Church's statistical reports are due Contributions to Victory Valley |
| 18-20 | Victory Valley Jr. Staff Retreat |
| April, 200 | 5 |
| 1 | Contributions to Christian Education, Fellowship Homes, & Pinebrook Bible Conference |
| 2 | Teacher Training Seminar Sponsored by: Board of Christian Education |
| 25-27 | 122 nd Annual Conference, Pinebrook Bible Conference |
| May, 2005 | |
| 5 | Missions Rally |
| 13-15 | Ladies Spring Retreat, Pinebrook Bible Conference |
| 23 | Ordination Service |

Conference Reporter

121st Annual Conference Clyde W. Snyder

At ten o'clock Monday morning, Chairman Randall A. Grossman called to order the approximately one-hundred-fifty pastors and delegates who comprise Annual Conference. Representatives from every BF Church came to the grounds of Pinebrook Bible Conference from all the states in which BF churches are located: Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and New Mexico. The session was opened with prayer, and frequent prayers characterized all the sessions.

Each day began with a time of corporate worship led by Pastor Richard Ravis from Christ Community Church, a BFC in Piscataway, NJ. *Character Under Construction*, the conference theme, was highlighted by three messages which were presented at the beginning of each day's sessions. The first of these, *Integrity: Becoming Like God in Truth* was delivered by Pastor Calvin Reed, pastor of Lebanon BFC. Arthur Simpson, Jr., pastor of New Life BFC in Oley, PA, and Dennis Lawrence, pastor of Grace BFC in Quakertown, PA, spoke on subsequent mornings. (See summaries of the messages and pictures of the speakers in the June issue of *Fellowship News*.)

The Ministerial Candidate Committee recommended that the following men be ordained to the Christian ministry of the BFC: Kevin W. Clineff, Louis S. Curcio and Kevin W. Kirkpatrick; and that the prior ordinations of Robert A. Johnson and Michael J. Tannous be recognized. These ordinations and recognitions will take place May 17, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at Cedar Crest BFC in Allentown, PA.

On Monday afternoon, at a joyous ceremony, the New Life BFC of Long Neck, DE was recognized as a Particular Church, and its delegate was seated at the conference bar next to its founding pastor, Kenneth Barber. The church remains under the care of the Church Extension Department. This mission had been established in 2001as the first church in the DELMARVA Project. New Life members were greeted by conference members.

Tuesday evening a similar ceremony was conducted to recognize the Newark, NJ mission as a Particular Church. Daniel G. Ziegler, former director of Church Extension and Newark member, offered remarks about the beginning of the church, and founding Pastor Delbert R. Baker, II, presented historical data. He has served this congregation since its inception in 1975. A large delegation from the church was presented to Annual Conference. The Newark choir sang, "God Is." Conference officially welcomed the Newark delegate as a member of Annual Conference.

Each agency of the BFC gave a report of its ministry. Scott Ott was introduced as the new Executive Director of Victory Valley Camp. Reports were also heard from Pinebrook Bible Conference, Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Board of Missions and Board of Church Extension.

Pastor William Dunn from the Board of Youth and Young Adults introduced Josh Heffner who spoke of the value of a local church's ministry to young people. The Strategic Planning Committee presented information about *One Voice* — a gathering of the entire BFC May 22, 23, 2004. A video promoting the event was made available for showing to each local congregation. Additionally, the Committee presented a vision statement: *We, the Bible Fellowship Church, seek to become an expanding fellowship of churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ.*

There was a great deal of discussion about the "Biblical Principles for Living". After working for several years to prepare this material, the Inter Cultural Committee has completed its work and the "Biblical Principles for Living" will be placed in the Faith and Order of the BFC. The BFC plans to continue to plant ethnic churches in the United States. To help to make this possible, each church was requested to place a line in its budget for the planting of ethnic churches among the diverse ethnic groups in our country.

A unique highlight of the session on Tuesday afternoon was the presentation of Ch (LtC) David Jones — a BFC ordained chaplain — who had just returned home from serving in Iraq. He reported, "God is at work in Iraq. Great things are happening there, and the church is alive and well. Specifically pray for Iraq as the country's constitution is constructed. Pray that there will be freedom of religion and that no state religion will be established." Chaplain Jones received a standing ovation as an expression of thanks for his service.

Throughout the three-day conference, many reports were presented and much discussion followed. Numerous elections were conducted to select individuals who will serve on the various boards and committees, meeting throughout the year to conduct the business of the BFC. A complete report of the proceedings of the 121st Annual Conference is available in this volume. Also see the June edition of *Fellowship News* for additional coverage and pictures of Annual Conference.

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Chairman Randall A. Grossman Grace, Reading, PA Giving instructions.



Delegates receiving instructions.

Annual Conference Proceedings - 2004 First Meeting

Monday Morning, April 26, 2004, 10:00 AM

The 121st Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chairman, Randall A. Grossman, at Pinebrook Bible Conference. He led the conference in prayer.

Richard B. Ravis, Worship Leader for the conference, led in the singing of *O, For a Thousand Tongues, O Worship the King, How Firm a Foundation*, and *A Mighty Fortress is our God*, read from *Matthew 22:15-22*, and prayed. Calvin T. Reed preached on the theme: "Integrity, Becoming Like God in Truth."

Report of the Registrar:

The following requested to be excused from part or all of the 121st Annual Conference: William C. Aukamp, Kenneth F. Barber, Totoram Baran, William H. Bartron, T. James Bigley, Jr., William E. Blair, R. J. Brush, Leonard E. Buck, Alva C. Cassel, Wayne M. Chadwell, G. Wayne Clapier, Ronald K. Denlinger, Allen Dorst, Michael P. Emrick, Jr., Donald S. Faust, Harvey J. Frtiz, Jr., Thomas L. Galloway, Richard J. Gehman, W. Neil Harding, Jr., Richard D. Harris, Jim D. Head, George E. Herb, Ronald W. Hoyle, Donald T. Kirkwood, James G. Koch, Thomas W. Krans, J. Barclay Harley, Kenneth J. Hurst, David L. Manney, Barry J. Minsky, Duane E. Moyer, Edward Moyer, Jerry L. Moyer, Mark L. Morrison, Philip E. Morrison, Edgar H. Munyan, Thomas A. Pollock, Louis Prontnicki, David W. Riddell, Gerald L. Schlonecker, A. L. Seifert, Robert W. Smock, John C. Studenroth, Jonathan P. Tait, David A. Thomann, David E. Thomann, Steven L. Trommler, John C. Vandegriff, III, J. Richard Vroman, Harold C. Weaber, Charles F. Webb.

Resolved, that the requests for excuses be granted.

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

The roll of the Annual Conference was established as follows:

Allentown, PA Clifford B. Boone, David T. Allen, Walter E. Cedar Crest Bortree, William J. Shive, Donald I. Transue Bethlehem, PA Brian H. Cooper, Mark W. Tress, Rick C. Davis Blandon, PA Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Michael T. Littlejohn Brooklyn, NY Ralph E. Ritter, Michael Giordano Camden, DE Vacant, Albert F. Biddle, Jr. Clinton Corners, NY Gerald D. Clark (Probationer), David R. Way, Wayne M. Chadwell Coopersburg, PA ... Vacant, Thomas P. Shorb, Richard T. Paashaus, Gene E. Parris Denville, NJ Richard D. Harris, Ronald H. Young Emmaus, PA David N. Schoen, Ralph M. Soper, Billy J. Dunn, Gerald L. Schlonecker, Robert H. Zentz Daniel P. Allen, Robert W. Gehret Ephrata, PA Finesville, NJ Byron Widger, Michael P. Emrick, Jr. Fleetwood, PA R. Jerome Brush, James E. Mortland Graterford, PA Vacant, Douglas D. Bowne Harleysville, PA ... Allan G. Miller (Probationer), Andrew T. Crossgrove, Glendon R. LeSuer Carl K. Spackman, Clyde W. Snyder Harrisburg, PA Howard N. Wells, Louis S. Curcio, Lee E. Boyles Hatfield, PA Holmes, NY Vacant, Hans R. Waldvogel Howell, NJ Eric North (Probationer), Bob Gee Kutztown, PA Allan R. Vivona, Byron G. Barnshaw Lancaster, PA David A. Thomann, Gregory A. Uhrich, Horace A. Kauffman, Richard G. Matthews Lebanon, PA Calvin T. Reed, LeRoy S. Heller, LeRoy O. Herb Lehighton, PA Robert A. Johnson, II, Bruce A. Kellerman **Long Neck, DE . . Kenneth F. Barber, Ralph L. Kulp Maple Glen, PA ... Louis Prontnicki, Keith Howland Mt. Carmel, PA . . . Vacant, Bryan L. Snyder Ronald C. Erb, Donald S. Faust Mt. Pocono, PA . . . Nazareth, PA Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Rodney P. Plows Newark, DE William G. Schlonecker, Robert C. Kaatz **Newark, NJ Delbert R. Baker, II, Totoram Baran Old Bridge, NJ John C. Vandegriff, Jr., John C. Vandegriff, III

Oley, PA Arthur J. Simpson, Jr., Jan Musser Paradise, PA Vacant, David W. Eisenhower

Philadelphia, PA . . . G. Wayne Clapier, Thomas L. Galloway

Piscataway, NJ Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis, J. Richard

Vroman

Poughquag, NY . . . James A. Wickstead, Charles F. Webb

Quakertown, PA . . . Vacant, 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 Michael J. Tannous, William E. Blair Royersford, PA Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Orville E. Gibson Scranton, PA Roger L. Reitz, Larry D. Kellerman

Shamokin, PA Vacant, No Delegate

Sinking Spring, PA. Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Donald D. McKinney,

Stephen M. Bauer

Spring City, PA . . . Kevin W. Clineff, Howard Montgomery

Stroudsburg, PA . . . Vacant, G. Daniel Beaver

Sunbury, PA Charles E. Cole, Timothy L. Brosious

Terre Hill, PA Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Robert L. Weaver, Sr.

Thompson, CT Vacant, Thomas W. Krans Toms River, NJ . . . Dean A. Stortz, Allen Dorst

Wallingford, PA . . . Richard E. Taylor, Timothy S. Cowen, William

R. Singletary

Walnutport, PA ... Jonathan P. Tait, Timothy D. Weaber Whitehall, PA Gene W. Smith, Calvin A. Boyle York, PA Kenneth D. Keeler, Philip G. Norris Zionsville, PA C. Larry Bennett, David L. Weller

** Subject to approval by Annual Conference.

Ordained Men Serving Bible Fellowship Ministries

Willis I. Dowling, David E. Gundrum, Ronald C. Mahurin, J. Mark McCreary, Elliot H. Ramos, Dana E.Weller.

Ordained Missionaries

William C. Aukamp, Ronald K. Denlinger, W. Neil Harding, Jr., Jim D. Head, Walter M. Johnston, 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

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

David N. Heineman, Hospital; Kenneth J. Hurst, Military; Richard A. Moyer, Prison Ministry

Ordained Men Between Calls

William H. Bartron, James R. Batchler, Jr., Albert J. Dommel, Donald R. Ellwanger, John H. Herb, David H. Jones, Mark L. Morrison, Dennis W. Spinney, John R. Stover, Steven L. Trommler

Ordained Ministers in Retirement

James A. Beil, T. James Bigley, Jr., Bert N. Brosius, Leonard E. Buck, Alva C. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, Willard E. Cassel, Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., Raymond R. Dotts, Robert L. Draper, John Dunn, Walter H. Frank, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Richard J. Gehman, 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, Barry J. Minsky, Edward K. Moyer, Edgar H. Munyan, D. Thomas Phillips, Keith E. Plows, R. C. Reichenbach, John H. Riggall, A. L. Seifert, Austin G. Shelly, Robert W. Smock, David E. Thomann, David J. Watkins, Harold C. Weaber, Harold D. Yarrington, Daniel G. Ziegler

Resolved, that the following Alternate Delegates be seated: Brian L. Michlich, Howell, NJ; Carl M. Fitzgerald, Piscataway, NJ.

Report of the Committee on Agenda and Program

Resolved, that the agenda be accepted.

- Report of the Committee on Arrangements (see page 69)
 Resolved, that the report be accepted.
- **Resolved**, that the 122nd Annual Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, PA, April 25-27, 2005, beginning at 10:00 AM on Monday.
- 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, 2005.

Alva C. Cassel, Acting Director of Pinebrook Bible Conference, welcomed the members of Annual Conference to Pinebrook for these meetings. He also thanked the conference for its support in his time of need at the loss of his wife, Laura. Jansen E. Hartman led in prayer for comfort and strength for brother Cassel.

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

The Chairman appointed the following:

<u>Tellers</u>: Keith E. Plows (Chairman); William H. Bartron, Andrew T. Crossgrove, LeRoy S. Heller, LeRoy O. Herb, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Clyde W. Snyder, Mark W. Tress, Hans R. Waldvogel

Resolutions: Gregory A. Uhrich (Chairman), Ronald C. Erb, Rodney P. Plows, Jonathan P. Tait, Charles Webb

<u>Auditing</u>: Robert W. Gehret (Chairman), Lee E. Boyles, Horace A. Kauffman

Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes:
Ralph E. Ritter (Chairman); Robert A. Johnson II,
Michael T. Littlejohn

<u>Parliamentarian</u>: James A. Beil <u>Timekeeper</u>: John C. Vandegriff, Jr.

Reporter: Clyde W. Snyder

The new members of Annual Conference, Allen G. Miller, Harleysville, PA, and Keith Howland, Maple Glen, PA, introduced themselves to the Conference.

- Report of the Committee on Credentials (see page 71)

 Resolved, that the report be accepted.
- Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended Kevin W. Clineff, Louis S. Curcio, and Kevin W. Kirkpatrick for ordination, and
- Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended prior ordination recognition for Robert A. Johnson II and Michael J. Tannous, 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 & Order* of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it
- Resolved, that Kevin W. Clineff, Louis S. Curcio, and Kevin W. Kirkpatrick be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church and, further
- Resolved, that the prior ordination of Robert A. Johnson II and Michael J. Tannous to the gospel ministry be recognized by the Bible Fellowship Church and, further
- Resolved, that the service of ordination be held Monday, May 17, 2004 at 7:30 PM at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, Allentown, PA.
- **Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held Monday, May 23, 2005, at a place to be determined.
- Resolved, that Faith BFC, Spring City, PA, Bethany BFC, Hatfield, PA, Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA, Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA, and Community BFC, Red Hill, PA, be encouraged to have services acknowledging the

Ordinations of Kevin W. Clineff, Louis S. Curcio, and Kevin W. Kirkpatrick and the recognition of the prior ordinations of Robert A. Johnson II and Michael J. Tannous 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 75)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the list of men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee as of February 28, 2004, is as follows:

Probationers*

| Albrecht, Jeffrey S | Allentown, PA |
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| Baumgardner, Mark A | . Sellersville, PA |
| Bertolet, Timothy J. (2004) | Lebanon, PA |
| Clark, Gerald D. (2002) | Stanfordville, NY |
| Clineff, Kevin W. (2001) | . Spring City, PA |
| Curcio, Louis S. (2002) | Hatfield, PA |
| Fields, Robert K. (2004) | . Bethlehem, PA |
| Johnson, Robert A. II (2002) | Lehighton, PA |
| Kirkpatrick, Kevin W. (2001) | Terre Hill, PA |
| Kuntzman, Donald E. (2003) | Center Valley, PA |
| Mann, Stephen C. (2003) | . Hellertown, PA |
| Miller, Alan G. (2003) | Harleysville, PA |
| North, Eric R. (2003) | Howell, NJ |
| Peters, David W. (2004) | Quakertown, PA |
| Tannous, Michael J. (2001) E | ast Greenville, PA |
| (*year of licensure in parentheses |) |

Candidates

| Barninger, Mark E | Harrisburg, PA |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Bertolet, Raymond R | Millsboro, DE |
| Evans, Scott B | Oley, PA |
| Kohl, Ronald L | Allentown, PA |
| Miller, Keith J | Bristol, PA |
| Morrison, Thomas H | as Cruces, NM |
| Norris, Philip G | Dover, PA |

| Schlonecker, David K Emmaus, PA |
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| Schmoyer, Timothy J Dover, DE |
| Scott, Benjamin G Langhorne, PA |
| Weinhofer, Colby A Akron, PA |
| |
| Applicants |
| Brandt, David E South Hamilton, MA |
| Clark, Timothy G Jenkintown, PA |
| Cole, Raymond L Newark, DE |
| Elias, John C Coopersburg, PA |
| Easton, Michael L Bear, DE |
| Felty, Glenn R Allentown, PA |
| Franka, Ondrej Serbia |
| Good, Troy S Boyertown, PA |
| Green, Robert W Newark, DE |
| Gunderson, Peter J Spring City, PA |
| Hoffman, Fred J Fountain Hill, PA |
| Lenz, Christopher D Denville, NJ |
| Lesher, Dennis L Kutztown, PA |
| Madara, Ferdie R Benton, PA |
| Rossignol, Jeffery A Manheim, PA |
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Scott, Mark A. Piscataway, NJ

The following men, under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee, introduced themselves to the members of Annual Conference: Scott B. Evans, Michael J. Tannous, Eric North, Gerald D. Clark, Donald E. Kuntzman, Mark E. Barninger, Philip G. Norris, Allan G. Miller, Louis S. Curcio, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Timothy J. Bertolet, Timothy J. Schmoyer, Glenn R. Felty, Ronald L. Kohl, Thomas H. Morrison, Raymond L. Cole, David K. Schlonecker, Robert W. Green, Jeffery A. Rossignol.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon with prayer by Richard E. Taylor.

Second Meeting Monday Afternoon, 1:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:30 p.m. Kenneth D. Keeler led in prayer.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church (see page 77)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The Chairman, Randall A. Grossman, stepped down in order to speak to the issues of the Board of Directors. Vice Chairman, William G. Schlonecker took the chair.

The Board of Directors reported to the Annual Conference concerning a lawsuit that the conference is facing. Joseph D'Amico of Fitzpatrick, Lentz & Bubba, an attorney representing the BFC, spoke concerning the suit. Robert H. Zentz prayed concerning those involved in this suit and for the Lord's glory to shine through it.

Randall A. Grossman, resumed his position as Chairman of Annual Conference.

Report of the Board of Church Extension (see page 85) Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Whereas, the Board of Church Extension is of the opinion that the New Life Mission Church of Long Neck, DE, 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 Life Mission Church of Long Neck, DE, be recognized as a Particular Church, and that its delegate be received into membership of the one-hundred-twenty-first Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Ralph L. Kulp, delegate from Long Neck, DE, was seated.

Whereas, the Board of Church Extension is of the opinion that the Newark Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, NJ, 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 Newark Bible Fellowship Church of Newark. NJ, be recognized as a Particular Church, and that its delegate be received into membership of the one-hundredtwenty-first Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Totoram Baran, delegate from Newark, NJ, was seated.

The conference held a recognition service for the New Life Mission Church of Long Neck, DE. The Director of Church Extension, David E. Gundrum and Kenneth F. Barber, pastor of the New Life Mission Church, gave testimonies of the beginning of the church and its growth. Kenneth F. Barber received a Charter from Annual Conference Secretary, David A. Thomann. He then introduced the charter members who were present. Raymond R. Dotts prayed for the church. The members of Annual Conference then greeted the members of the church.

Report of the Conference Pastor (see page 91) **Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Director of Church Extension (see page 95) Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Carl J. Fischer, Jr. led the conference in prayer for the Lord's blessing on the extension of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Report of the Board of Missions (see page 101) Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Brian H. Cooper prayed for the advancement of the Gospel through the work of the Board of Missions of the BFC and the

missionaries that serve through it.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc. (see page 113)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

David A. Thomann prayed for the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc., thanking God for the care received by the residents and for the leadership of Robert H. Zentz, CEO and President.

Report of the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Bible Conference (see page 117)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Dennis M. Cahill thanked the Lord for the ministry of Pinebrook Bible Conference.

Report of the Board of Victory Valley Camp (see page 121) Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Scott G. Ott, new director of Victory Valley Camp was introduced to the members of Annual Conference. Bryan L. Snyder prayed for the ministry of Victory Valley Camp and for Scott G. Ott as he begins his ministry as the new director of the camp.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The following were elected.

Ministerial Relations Committee

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

Board of Directors of BFC

Carl C. Cassel (3 years)

Gregory A. Uhrich (3 years)

Robert W. Gehret (3 years)

Board of Church Extension

Robert W. Davies (3 years)

Robert H. Zentz (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

Timothy D. Weaber (3 years)

Jason J. Englehart (3 years)

Doug J. Manwiller (3 years)

Board of Missions

Jacob J. Susek, Jr. (3 years)

Strategic Planning Committee

Richard T. Paashaus (3 years)

Richard E. Taylor (3 years)

James A. MacArthur (3 years)

Board of Youth and Young Adults

Andrew T. Crossgrove (3 years)

John C. Vandegriff, Jr. (3 years)

Dorothy L. Ruch (3 years)

Board of Higher Education

Raymond R. Dotts (3 years)

Robert C. Newman (3 years)

Harold P. Shelly (3 years)

Board of Pensions

Thomas P. Shorb (3 years)

Keith E. Plows (3 years)

Ellis L. Hostetter (3 years)

Board of Communications

Daniel P. Allen (3 years)

Maggie Gallo (3 years)

Credentials Committee

Dennis M. Cahill (3 years)

LeRoy S. Heller (3 years)

Ministerial Candidate Committee

Delbert R. Baker, II (3 years)

Historical Committee

Harold P. Shelly (3 years)

Robert W. Smock (3 years)

Conference Judicatory

Calvin T. Reed (3 years)

Douglas D. Bowne (3 years)

Clyde W. Snyder (3 years)

Special Appellate Judicatory

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

David J. Watkins (3 years)

Richard G. Matthews (3 years)

Donald McKinney (3 years)

Secretary of Annual Conference

David A. Thomann (1 year)

Resolved, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. as Keith E. Plows prayed for the Lord's will in the elections that will take place.



Calvin T. Reed, Lebanon, PA Monday's Speaker



Arthur J. Simpson, Jr., Oley, PA Tuesday's Speaker

Third MeetingMonday Evening, 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:30 p.m. as G. Wayne Clapier led in prayer.

The following requested to be excused from part or all of the 121st Annual Conference: L. James Roberts, Jr., Clifford B. Boone, Michael Giordano, Alan G. Miller, Frank L. Herb, Jr. and David N. Heineman.

Resolved, that the requests for excuses be granted.

Resolved, that Thomas L. Ward be seated as the Alternate Delegate from Poughquag, NY.

Resolved, that the following changes to the composition of the Board of Youth and Young Adults be adopted at Second Reading:

Composition

- 1. The Board will be composed of five(5) ordained ministers and four(4) laypersons.
- 2. They will be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:

Class I two ordained ministers, one layperson
Class II two ordained ministers, one layperson
Class III one ordained minister, two laypersons
[SECOND READING]

Report of the Intercultural Ministries Study Committee (see page 127)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

Article 103-3 - Marriage & Singleness

103-3.1 Marriage is the joining together of one man and one woman in a covenant union instituted and ordained by God.¹ The purpose of this union is to glorify God, demonstrate the

relationship between Christ and the Church,2 provide companionship, and perpetuate the human race. It is holy in God's sight and is to be a bond until the death of one partner.⁴ For this reason, marriage partners are commanded to be committed to each other physically, emotionally, and sexually, and to have no other than their marriage partner.⁵ Although God did not specifically condemn polygamy in every instance and sometimes blessed the individuals involved in polygamous relationships in the Old Testament, the Old Testament standard is always one man married to one woman.⁶ This standard is reinforced by the teaching of our Lord during His earthly ministry and the New Testament writers.⁷ The intimacy of marriage includes mutual rights and mutual obligations of each partner to the other.8 Sexual relations outside of the marriage bond by either of the marriage partners is adultery and degrades the spiritual and physical oneness and permanence God reserved for marriage.9 For a Christian to marry a non-Christian is a violation of the Word of God. 10

103-3.2 God has revealed in Scripture that His will is for some people to remain single; in such cases singleness fulfills the plan of God. 11 Those who can control their sexual desires may remain unmarried to the glory of God. 12 In fact, the single believer may have undivided loyalty and may be more free to serve the Lord and His church. 13 Abstinence from impure sexual activity prior to marriage and outside of the marriage union is the Biblical standard. 14 Sexual intercourse is to be experienced only in the marriage union; all sexual intercourse outside that union, including homosexual relations, is sin in God's eyes. 15

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<sup>1</sup>Gen.2:23-24
                                                         81 Cor.7:1-5
                                                         91 Cor 6:16-18
<sup>2</sup>Eph.5:22-23
<sup>3</sup>Gen.1:26-28; 2:18-25
                                                         101 Cor.7:39; 2 Cor.6:14-16
<sup>4</sup>Rom.7:2; 1 Cor.7:39
                                                         <sup>11</sup>1 Cor.7:7,8,17
<sup>5</sup>Heb.13:4
                                                         <sup>12</sup>Mat.19:11-12; 1 Cor.6:13; 7:9
<sup>6</sup>Eph.5:31
                                                         <sup>13</sup>1 Cor.7:32-35
                                                         141 Thes.4:3-8
<sup>7</sup>Mat. 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9; 1 Cor. 6:16;
Eph.5:31-33
                                                         <sup>15</sup>1 Cor.6:18; Eph.5:3; Heb.13:4
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[SECOND READING]

Yes - 125; No - 0

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

Article 103-4 - The Family

- 103-4.1 The family was divinely ordained by God at creation and is basic in God's dealings with man. God's revealed pattern for the family is the marriage of one man and one woman and includes their children and others who may reside with them. Each marriage establishes a new family.¹
- 103-4.2 The foundation for right relationships in the family is submission one to another out of reverence for Christ.² The husband is the head of the family as Christ is the head of the church.³ As such, he should fear the Lord; love, nurture, and encourage his family; provide materially for them; take the lead in burden bearing and problem solving; and through godly living and prayer give them wise and effective spiritual leadership.⁴ He is to love his wife and live with her in a compassionate and understanding way.⁵ The wife should fear the Lord,⁶ submit to and respect her husband as the church is to submit to Christ,⁷ and demonstrate loving and diligent concern for her household.⁸
- 103-4.3 The biblical pattern for a married couple is to have children and to manage the home. Some may elect not to have children for valid reasons. Other couples may choose to adopt children. Adoption is a God-honoring way to demonstrate unconditional love by building families and bringing up children in a loving and godly home. Some couples may be providentially prevented from having children. In each of these cases the church must not be judgmental. Where married couples choose to use artificial birth control, great care must be exercised to use only those forms which clearly do not cause an abortion.
- **103-4.4** When more than one income seems necessary and added employment is considered, the couple must carefully evaluate the impact on their relationship and children. ¹³ The decision should be made only after prayer, interaction, counsel, ¹⁴ and mutual consent ¹⁵

- 103-4.5 Within the church there exist family units that require special attention and mercy from the church. With prayer, loving support, wise counsel, and God's abundant grace these families can be nurtured. ¹⁶ The church should gladly and unwaveringly supply comfort, encouragement, affirmation, and deep fellowship for all family units.
- 103-4.6 Children are gifts and blessings from God.¹⁷ The family is the primary setting in which to nurture children in the faith. Great care is to be exercised by parents, and by fathers in particular, to build Christian families and lead them in worship.¹⁸ The father is not to exasperate his children,¹⁹ but to bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.²⁰
- 103-4.7 The instruction and guidance of children is the duty of parents.²¹ Fathers are primarily responsible for exercising leadership in the maturing of children,²² and preparing them for service in the church and for living all of life for the glory of God.²³ Mothers share with husbands the bringing up of children.²⁴ The Scriptures also encourage grandparents to assist in the training and instruction of their grandchildren.²⁵
- 103-4.8 Children are to obey their parents in respect and love. ²⁶ As long as they live, sons and daughters are to honor their parents with loving concern and material care. ²⁷
- 103-4.9 Christian homes are manifestations of the kingdom of God and each believing family member is an ambassador of the King, to call lost men, women, and children to reconciliation.²⁸ We should open our homes in vigorous and sustained hospitality to the unsaved as well as to the saved.²⁹ Genuine compassion and Christian service will involve taking carefully measured risks,³⁰ but such risks are never a legitimate excuse for cold-heartedness.

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<sup>1</sup> Gen.2:23, 24; Mat. 19:4-6

<sup>2</sup> Eph. 5:21

<sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. 11:2, 3

<sup>4</sup> Pro.4:1-4, 10, 20-23; Eph.5:22-33; 1

Tim.5:8

<sup>5</sup> 1 Pet.3:7; Eph.5:25

<sup>6</sup> Pro.31:30

<sup>7</sup> Eph.5:22; 1 Pet. 3:1

<sup>8</sup> Pro.31:27

<sup>9</sup> Gen.1:27, 28; 1 Tim.5:14; Tit.2:3-5

<sup>10</sup> Esther 2:7; Psa. 68:4-6; Eph. 1:4, 5

<sup>11</sup> Rom.14:1-23; 1 Cor.7:1, 7, 8
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12 Exo.20:13
                                                         <sup>22</sup> Isa.38:19; Eph.6:4; Col.3:21
13 1 Tim.5:8
                                                         <sup>23</sup> 1 Tim.3:4, 5, 12; Col. 3:17,23
14 Pro.11:14; 15:22
                                                         <sup>24</sup> Pro.1:8: 6:20
15 1 Pet.3:1-9
                                                         25 Deu.4:9; Psa.78:4-7; 2 Tim.1:5
16 Psa.10:14; Rom.15:1, 2; Gal.6:10
                                                         <sup>26</sup> Exo.20:12; Eph.6:1-3
<sup>17</sup> Gen.4:1; 33:5; Psa.113:9; 127:3-5
                                                         <sup>27</sup> Mark 7:9-13; 1 Tim.5:4, 8
18 Josh.24:15
                                                         28 2 Cor. 5.18-21
19 Eph.6:4; Col.3:21
                                                         <sup>29</sup> Pro.11:30; Gal.6:10; Heb.13:2; 1 Pet.4:7-
<sup>20</sup> Pro.22:6; 29:15; Eph.6:4; Col.3:21
<sup>21</sup> Deu.5:28, 29; 6:1-9
                                                         30 Mat.25:14-30
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[SECOND READING]

Yes - 120; No - 3

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

Article 103-6 - Shared Life

103-6.1 Each believer belongs to Jesus Christ and to every other believer. This belonging is a relationship to God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and to all who belong to God. This relationship is not the result of human effort, but begins with being born from above and is the living out of the divine nature under the Lordship of Christ and the authority of His revealed Word. It unites all believers to one another and causes them to be different from their world.

103-6.2 The union with the Lord and with one another is spiritual. The relationship of each believer with the Lord is the basis for the relationship between believers¹⁰ in sharing truth,¹¹ love,¹² and possessions.¹³ It is dependence not self-sufficiency and interdependence not independence.¹⁴ Participation in this life affects every believer and church¹⁵ and impacts their ministry in the world and to the world.¹⁶

103-6.3 Shared life is a privilege and a responsibility.¹⁷ The life of the church, therefore, must be a renewing, God-glorifying celebration of life in Christ and a spiritual participation with other believers.¹⁸ Sharing this life in the presence of God is worship¹⁹ and demands the loving exercise of spiritual gifts²⁰ as well as realization that we are responsible to one another before God.²¹

The exercise of these gifts builds up one another and equips the saints for the Lord's work.²² Because this responsibility and accountability are necessary for the church to grow in godliness,²³ discipline must be practiced in every community of believers.²⁴ Not to do so brings the very name of Christ into dishonor.²⁵

103-6.4 Responding in mercy, carrying each other's burdens,²⁶ is also a responsibility and privilege of all believers to one another, and causes them to love, care, share, and be involved with one another.²⁷ All believers, and the church as a body, must recognize, accept, and practice the spiritual responsibilities of being one in Christ, no matter how deeply a fellow believer has fallen into sin or the miseries of this world.²⁸

103-6.5 Every believer is a member of the body of Christ and must be joyfully and personally responsible to live a life of loyalty to the Lord of the church,²⁹ to His Word³⁰ and involvement in its ministry³¹ and purpose.³² This responsibility, although primarily focused on the local body, extends beyond the particular church to other bodies of believers.³³ Because this is true, the shared life of the church breaks down the barriers of race, class, culture, ethnicity, gender, and geography, for all believers are one in Christ ³⁴

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Rom.1:6; 12:4,5
                                                     19 Rom. 12:1,2
<sup>2</sup> 1 John 1:3
                                                     <sup>20</sup> 1 Pet.4:10
3 Rom.6:3,4
                                                    21 Rom.12:3-13:10
4 1 Cor.12:13
                                                    <sup>22</sup> Eph.4:11-16
5 1 Pet.2:9,10
                                                    23 1 Tim.6:11,12
<sup>6</sup> John 3:3,5
                                                    24 1 Cor.5:12,13
7 2 Pet.1:4
                                                    25 Acts 5:11
8 1 John 1:7
                                                    26 Gal.6:2; Heb.13:16
                                                    27 Eph.4:31-5:2
9 1 Cor.10:14-22; 2 Cor.6:14,15
                                                    <sup>28</sup> 2 Cor.2:7,8; Gal.5:25-6:2;
<sup>10</sup> Eph.2:11-16; Rom.15:5-7
11 Eph.4:14-16
                                                    Phi.10,11,15,16
12 1 John 3:13-18
                                                    29 1 Cor.12:6-11
13 Acts 4:32-35; 2 Cor.8:1-5
                                                    30 John 10:3-5
14 1 Cor.12:14-27
15 Acts 2:44-47
                                                    32 Acts 11:19-26; Phil.4:14-16; Col.2:1,2;
16 2 Cor.8:23; Phil.1:5; Phi.6; Heb.13:16
                                                    1Pet.5:9
17 Gal.5:13-16
                                                    33 Acts 13:1-4
18 1 John 1:1-4
                                                    34Gal.3:27,28; Eph.2:14-16
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[SECOND READING]

Yes -123; No - 0

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

Article 104-1 - Stewardship

- **104-1.1** God owns everything because He is God and created all things. Believers belong to God not only by creation but also by redemption. They are, therefore, to be good stewards or managers of all God has entrusted to them.
- 104-1.2 Believers have the responsibility to proclaim the message of redemption and reconciliation to the unredeemed.⁴ Spiritual gifts, skills and abilities are given by God⁵ and are to be used for the benefit of others, especially the body of Christ.⁶ Children⁷ and all others needing care call believers to exercise stewardship.⁸ All the believers' relationships provide opportunities to bring people to Christ and to strengthen believers in the Christian life.⁹ The earth and all things in it are for God's glory.¹⁰ People are given the responsibility to conserve and manage the earth and its natural resources.¹¹
- 104-1.3 A believer's possessions are to be used for God's glory. The Bible teaches that a portion of all resources is to be willingly and cheerfully returned to God through tithes and offerings. Tithing, 12 the giving of a tenth, was practiced since the time of Abraham 13 and was required by God after the law was given. 14 The New Testament teaches that our giving is to be systematic, proportionate, cheerful, and generous. 15 Such giving is an act of worship 16 and a means of supporting the work of Christ's Church. 17
- 104-1.4 Good stewards live all of life in submission to the Creator/Redeemer. This life should be used to please God and glorify Him in thought, word, and action. The believer's body is the temple of God and is to be acceptable to Him. This wonderful creation is meant to glorify God, In ways such as abstaining from sexual immorality, maintaining a healthful diet including not over eating, Proper exercise, and adequate rest. Believers are called to resist worry and to be clear-minded and self-controlled by purifying themselves from everything that

contaminates body, mind, and spirit.28

104-1.5 Before physical or mental disability occurs, believers should take steps to provide for children, health care, assets, payment of debts and other personal responsibilities. Good stewardship includes developing an adequate plan to avoid unnecessary loss of resources and to distribute assets in a Godhonoring manner.²⁹

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<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1-2; Deu.10:14; Psa.24:1. 2
                                                       15 1 Cor. 16:2
<sup>2</sup> Gen. 3; Rom. 5; 1 Cor. 6:20
                                                       16 2 Cor. 9:12-15; Phil. 4:14-18
<sup>3</sup> Deu. 8:11-18; Luke 12:41-48
                                                       <sup>17</sup> Num. 18:21, 24; 1 Cor. 9:7-14; 1 Tim.
<sup>4</sup> 1 Cor. 9:16, 17; 2 Cor. 5:17-19; 1 Thes.
                                                       5:17,18
                                                       18 1 Cor. 10:31; 2 Cor. 5:9; Col. 3:17
                                                       19 1 Cor. 6:19
<sup>5</sup> Exo. 35:30-35; Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor.
                                                       20 Rom. 12:1, 2
12:28: 1 Pe. 4:10
6 Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 14:12
                                                       <sup>21</sup> Psa. 139:13, 14; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Phil.
<sup>7</sup> Psa. 127:3
                                                       1:20
8 Luke 10:25-37; Eph. 6:4; 1 Tim. 5:8
                                                       22 1 Cor. 6:18
9 Rom. 12:4, 5; 15:7; Phil. 1:12-14
                                                       23 Gen. 1:30, 31; 9:3; Psa. 107:9
                                                       <sup>24</sup> Pro. 23:2, 3, 21; Phil. 3:18, 19
10 Psa. 19:1-6; Rev. 4:11
<sup>11</sup> Gen. 1:28; 2:15; Psa. 8:6-8; Lev. 25:23
                                                      25 1 Tim. 4:8
<sup>12</sup> Mal. 3:8-10; Mat. 23:23; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2
                                                      26 Psa. 127:2
                                                      <sup>27</sup> Mat. 6:25-34; Phil. 4:6
Cor. 9:6, 7
13 Gen. 14:20
                                                      <sup>28</sup> 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Pe. 4:7
                                                      <sup>29</sup> Pro. 13:22; 19:14; Ecc. 2:18-21
14 Lev. 27:30; Deu. 14:22; Mal. 3:8
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[SECOND READING]

Yes - 116; No - 6

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

Article 104-2 - Work and Rest

- 104-2.1 Human work and rest find their origin in the work and rest, or sabbath, of God.¹ The original cycle of God's work and rest at creation sets the pattern for human work and rest.² Work and rest are therefore an essential part of God's design for the human race.³ Humanity's fall into sin brought a curse upon work and rest, resulting in pain, difficulty, and futility.⁴
- **104-2.2** Redemption lays the groundwork for the restoration of human work and rest to their place in the original creation.⁵ Christians are therefore to engage in work with honesty,⁶

diligence,⁷ and excellence,⁸ seeing their labor as an aspect of worship,⁹ service,¹⁰ and witness.¹¹ Laziness is condemned in Scripture,¹² as is poor and dishonest work¹³ and unjust treatment of workers.¹⁴

- 104-2.3 Christians should do their work both as a service to the Lord¹⁵ and as a calling from God,¹⁶ undertake it with dependence on Him,¹⁷ and enjoy its fruit as His blessing on their labors.¹⁸ Christians who supervise the work of others are responsible to treat them justly and pay them fairly, without threat or intimidation, realizing that they will answer to God for any injustice to those under them.¹⁹ Work is given both to supply the worker's needs, and to allow the worker to provide for the needs of others.²⁰
- 104-2.4 Christians should also observe the principle of rest in reverence for God,²¹ who mercifully provides a weekly rest for weary workers. The law of Moses also required rest during the three annual feasts, and during the sabbatical and jubilee years.²² These establish a precedent for occasional opportunities of extended rest as the Lord provides.²³ The principle of rest is violated when people fail to take proper physical and emotional rest.
- 104-2.5 Human work and rest will be consummated at the return of Jesus Christ, when He rewards Christians for their labor and invites them into His rest.²⁴ In heaven, where the Christian will be completely free from sin's curse, meaningful work for the Lord and glorious rest in His presence will continue forever.²⁵

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14 James 5:1-6
<sup>1</sup> Gen.1:31; 2:1-3
<sup>2</sup> Exo.20:8-11
                                                             15 Eph.6:5-7
<sup>3</sup> Gen.1:28, 2:15
                                                            16 1Cor.7:17
<sup>4</sup> Gen.3:17-19; Ecc.2:17
                                                            17 Psa.127:1,2
<sup>5</sup> Rom.8:18-25; 1Cor.15:57-58
                                                            18 Ecc.2:24; 5:18,19
<sup>6</sup> Pro.11:1
                                                            <sup>19</sup> Eph.6:9; Col.4:1
<sup>7</sup> Pro.12:24
                                                            20 Pro.16:26; Eph.4:28
8 Pro.22:29
                                                            <sup>21</sup> Deut.5:12-15
                                                            <sup>22</sup> Lev.23,25
9 Col.3:17,22
10 Col.3:23-24
                                                           23 Mark 6:31
                                                          24 Matt.25:19-21; Heb.4:9-11
11 1The.4:11,12; Tit.2:9,10
<sup>12</sup> Pro.6:6-11; 2The.3:10-12
                                                           25 Rev.22:3
13 Pro.18:9; Amos 8:4-6
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Yes - 122; No - 1

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

Article 104-3 - Civil Government

104-3.1 God, the King of Kings, has established civil government to be under His authority, over people for the public good, and to carry out His sovereign will.¹ He has revealed in His Word how this government should function in order to provide for a peaceful, orderly society in which the Gospel might spread;² protect the lawabiding people from the law-breakers by punishing the evildoers;³ and bring justice and help to the defenseless, poor, and needy of society.⁴

104-3.2 God requires all people to submit to the civil government. People must pay required taxes for the support of government functions; they must give respect and honor to government officials; and they must be obedient and helpful citizens of society. God also requires governments to be accountable to Him for violation of His law and lawless governments come under His judgment.

104-3.3 Christians may serve in the various positions of civil government including the police and military. Christians have special responsibilities toward the civil government, including praying for those in authority over them, exposing corruption and wickedness in government, and bringing a godly influence to bear upon the government. This means setting a godly example as a citizen, raising a biblical voice on issues, accepting positions of leadership when appropriate, and, under a democratic government, voting wisely. The exercise of these responsibilities should demonstrate a Christian's sensitive consideration of the views of others in love without violence and without forsaking biblical principles or the priority of glorifying God.

104-3.4 A Christian's ultimate allegiance must be to God, for the government's authority over the believer is limited by God's prescribed boundaries.¹³ Therefore, a believer may find it necessary at times to disobey human authority in order to heed

God's higher laws, bearing the cost or sacrifice involved.¹⁴

104-3.5 All Christians have dual citizenship; they are citizens of an earthly nation, and of the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Both of these citizenships have their privileges and responsibilities, and it is possible to cooperate with civil government without compromising biblical principles. ¹⁶ Yet, when the believer is forced to choose between the two, he must submit to Jesus as Lord. One day, every knee will bow to Him, and even today He rules sovereignly over the affairs of civil government. ¹⁷

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<sup>1</sup> Psa.24:1: Pro.21:1: Dan.4:31-37:
                                                    Titus 3:1
                                                    10 1 Tim.2:1, 2
Mat.28:18; John 19:11; Acts 17:24;
Rom.13:1-4; 1Pet.2:13, 14
                                                    11 Pro.25:5; Dan.4:27; Luke 3:19
<sup>2</sup> 1 Tim.2:1-4
                                                    <sup>12</sup> Pro.11:11; Dan.2:40-49; Mat.5:13-16;
                                                    Luke 3:12-14
<sup>3</sup> Gen.9:6; Rom.13:3-5; 1 Pet.2:14;
                                                    13 Exo.20:1-7: Deu.6:4-5: Luke 20:25:
Pro.24:23-25
4 Pro.29:14; 31:8-9
                                                    Rom.13:1, 2
<sup>5</sup> Rom.13:6, 7; Mat.22:15-22
                                                    14 Dan.3:8-18; Acts 5:29
                                                    15 Jer.29:7; Phil.3:20
6 Rom.13:7; 1 Pet.2:17
<sup>7</sup> Gen.41:46-57; Jer.29:7; Tit.3:1, 2
                                                    16 Dan.1-6
<sup>8</sup> Psa. 2:1-5; 9:17; 75:6-7; Dan. 2:21; Luke
                                                    17 Pro.21:1; Isa.43:13; Phil.2:9-11; 1
                                                    Pet.3:22
<sup>9</sup> Pro. 8:15, 16; Luke 3:14; Acts 10:1, 2;
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[SECOND READING]

Yes - 126; No - 0

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading

Article 104-4 - Christian Liberty & Servanthood

104-4.1 Christian liberty is the freedom of the believer to practice everything that is not sin; it is the freedom of the believer to serve God without human restraint. This privilege is obtained by the obedience of Jesus Christ. The believer's authority for faith and conduct is the Holy Scriptures, revealing the unchanging holiness of God. With Jesus Christ as Lord, every thought and action of the believer should be submitted to Him. Christ's death has broken the believer's slavery to sin and has freed the believer to yield obedience to Christ in all things. Though all things apart from sin are permissible, the believer should direct his actions according to

what will please the Lord and what will benefit others.⁷ Liberty should not be used as a cover-up for evil.⁸

- 104-4.2 Believers will find that there are issues of lifestyle and worship not clearly addressed in scripture. On these issues they may disagree due to differences in spiritual maturity, varieties of cultural or economic backgrounds, personal conscience or associations with their past. In these instances, believers should come to their convictions through studying the scripture, prayer, and godly counsel, knowing that they will give an account to God. They must not look down upon or withhold acceptance of those who differ. In love they must be willing to limit their actions for the sake of building up rather than harming their brothers and sisters. In so doing, they follow the example of their Lord who laid aside His rights for their good.
- 104-4.3 Occasionally, concerns may arise that will trouble the life and witness of the church. Clear and consistent teaching of the scriptural principles that govern the life of the believer should prepare the church for a peaceful consideration and resolution of these issues. The particular church or the fellowship of churches may counsel concerning that which is beneficial and that which may well be avoided in a particular setting and time. ¹⁴ Church leaders must be careful to avoid unnecessarily burdensome rules, communicate clearly this counsel and provide the biblical basis for their thinking. ¹⁵ They should be ready to acknowledge and accept the sometimes temporary nature of such decisions. ¹⁶
- **104-4.4** Secular notions of freedom imply unlimited exercise of desires and rights. Christian liberty, on the other hand, includes submission to divinely established authorities and to the needs of others. Obedience to God's appointed overseers¹⁷ does not limit freedom but is an active exercise of it. Great care must be taken to discern what are rightful directives of authority under God for good¹⁸ and what are improper attempts to curtail Christian liberty.¹⁹
- 104-4.5 Christian liberty may be set aside voluntarily for the sake of others or the exercise of one's own spiritual discipline.²⁰

Glorifying God,²¹ edifying fellow believers,²² growing in grace²³ and avoiding all sin²⁴ justify yielding up one's rights and desires in keeping with the call to servanthood in the Christian faith.²⁵

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1. Gal. 2:4; 5:1; Col. 2:20-22
                                                  13. Phil. 2:5-8; 1 Pe 2:21-25
<sup>2</sup> Col. 2:13-14; 1 Pe 2:24
                                                  14. Mat. 28:18-20; Acts 15:13-30
3. Deu. 6:1-3; Mat. 5:17; 2 Tim. 3:16-17
                                                  15. Acts 15:19-21; 28-29; 1 Cor. 11:14, 15
4. 2 Cor. 10:4-5; Eph. 4:1; Phil. 1:27
                                                  16. Acts 15:29; 1 Cor. 7:25-28; 8:4, 8
5. Rom. 6:5-7, 11; Col. 3:3-5
                                                  <sup>17.</sup> Heb. 13:7, 17; 1 Pe. 5:1-4
                                                  <sup>18</sup> Acts 15:19, 20, 28; 2 Cor. 1:12
6. Rom. 6:11-14, 19
7. 1 Cor. 9:15, 23; Phi. 2:4-5; Col. 3:1-2
                                                  19. Mark 7:7, 8; Gal. 2:3, 4
8. Gal. 5:13; 1 Pe 2:16
                                                  20. Rom. 14:15; 1 Cor. 8:9-13; 10:23, 24
9. Rom. 14:1, 2, 14, 23; 1 Cor. 8:7;
                                                  <sup>21.</sup> 1 Cor. 10:31 - 11:1
                                                  <sup>22.</sup> 1 Thes. 5:11
10:27-30
                                                 <sup>23.</sup> James 4:6; 2 Pe. 3:18
10. Rom. 14:5-12; 1 Jn. 3:21-22; Col. 3:16
11. Rom. 14:1, 3, 4, 13; Rom. 15:7
                                                  <sup>24.</sup> 1 Thes. 5:22
<sup>12.</sup> Rom. 14:13-21; 1 Cor. 8:9-13; 1 Cor.
                                                  <sup>25.</sup> Gal. 5:25 - 6:2; Rom 12:9-13
10:32, 33
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[SECOND READING]

Yes - 126; No - 1

Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with prayer by Roy A. Hertzog.



Dennis J. Lawrence, Quakertown, PA Wednesday's Speaker

Fourth Meeting Tuesday Morning, 9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairman, Randall A Grossman. Richard B. Ravis led the conference in worship beginning with the reading of *Psalm 24* and the singing of *He is Exalted, Holy, Holy, Holy,* and *We Fall Down*. Arthur J. Simpson, Jr. delivered a message from *Psalm 24*, entitled: "Purity: Becoming like God in Holiness." We concluded this time of worship with the singing of *Purify My Heart*.

Report of the Registrar:

The following have requested to be excused from all or part of the 121st Annual Conference: LeRoy S. Heller, Carl K. Spackman, Hans R. Waldvogel.

Resolved, that these requests for excuses be granted.

Resolved, that the following alternate delegates be seated: Terris L. Byrd, Scranton, PA; Scott Hoffman, Emmaus, PA.

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

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

The following were elected:

Ministerial Relations Committee

Ronald W. Reed (3 years)

Board of Church Extension

Richard E. Taylor (3 years)

Carl K. Spackman (3 years)

Board of Christian Education

David N. Schoen (3 years)

J. Mark McCreary (3 years)

David W. Eisenhower (3 years)

Board of Missions

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)

Jay H. Fasnacht (3 years)

Kermit K. Gehman (3 years)

Committee on Nominations

Antoinette McCreary (3 years)

Chairman of Annual Conference

Randall A. Grossman (1 year)

Vice Chairman of Annual Conference

William G. Schloenecker (1 year)

Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee (see page 131)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Board of Higher Education (see pg 133)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Stewardship Council (see page 138)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Board of Christian Education (see page 139)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Board of Youth and Young Adults (see page 143)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Billy J. Dunn spoke about the importance of ministering to our young people. Joshua Heffner gave a testimony concerning the fact of his commitment to Christ at a BFC Sno-Glo retreat and the influence of those who ministered to him and other young people. Joshua and Billy led the conference in singing the song, *All in All*. Kevin W. Kirkpatrick led in prayer asking God's blessing on our young people and our youth workers.

Report of the Historical Committee (see page 145)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Conference Judicatory (see page 146)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Strategic Planning Committee (see page 147) Resolved, that the report be accepted.

On behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee, Richard E. Taylor presented a vision statement.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

Gene W. Smith closed the meeting at 12:08 p.m. in prayer.

Photos from the New Life BFC of Long Neck, DE Recognition Service - Monday Afternoon (see page 11)



Pastor Barber & Secretary Thomann



Fifth Meeting Tuesday Afternoon, 1:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Chairman Randall A. Grossman. Roger L. Reitz led the conference in prayer.

The Strategic Planning Committee presented a DVD promoting "One Voice" which will be held at Stabler Arena in Bethlehem, PA, on May 22nd and 23rd. Richard T. Paashaus prayed that God's blessing and glory be evidenced at the event.

Report of the Board of Pensions (see page 151)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Board of Communications (see page 157)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

Article 103-5 - Divorce

- 103-5.1 Divorce is the breaking of the marriage covenant instituted and ordained of God. God hates it because it is inconsistent with His purpose¹ and creates problems for all those associated with it. It is not permitted for any reason other than adultery,² and should be considered only after careful and prayerful attempts for forgiveness and reconciliation.³ Scripture permits but never requires that a person divorce a marriage partner who has committed adultery.⁴
- 103-5.2 People divorced for reasons other than that allowed by Scripture ought not marry another, but be reconciled, and seek God's resolution for the breakdown of the marriage.⁵ Divorced persons must seek forgiveness for any sin that led to, or is associated with, their divorce. They should seek the grace of God for their spiritual growth and healing.⁶
- 103-5.3 The church should seek to prevent divorce by offering both premarital counseling and on-going opportunities for marital instruction.⁷ The principles that make for a godly marriage should

be evident in the life and example of every Christian family, especially the leadership of the church.⁸

103-5.4 By the grace of God, those who have been divorced and those who have married divorced persons, if they give evidence of forgiveness and Christian living, may be admitted to church membership and do not forfeit the privilege of serving within the Church. The elders of each particular church should evaluate the circumstances surrounding a divorce or remarriage in order to assure obedience to Scripture and confirm or establish the legitimacy of any remarriage. The surrounding the stability of the surrounding and the surrounding that the legitimacy of any remarriage.

103-5.5 The church should counsel those considering divorce to seek other solutions to the problems in their relationships. There are times when a church is called upon to exercise discipline towards those who are seeking, or who have obtained a divorce. There are also times when a church is called upon to exercise discipline towards those who are seeking to remarry, or who have already remarried. Remarriage is permissible for those who have been legitimately divorced or whose return to the former partner is determined by the elders to be impossible. ¹¹ Individuals involved in these circumstances must submit themselves to the Word of God in their present situation. ¹²

103-5.6 The responsibility of the church towards people considering divorce, remarriage, or those who have been divorced or remarried, is always to apply the Word of God in love.¹³ The goal of this ministry is to restore any break in their fellowship with God and with the life of the church, to preserve the purity of the church¹⁴ and to clear the reputation of a person.

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<sup>1</sup> Gen 2:24; Prov. 2:17; Mal. 2:14-16
<sup>2</sup> Mat. 5:32; Rom. 7:2
<sup>3</sup> Mk. 10:6-9; 1 Cor. 7:10, 11
<sup>4</sup> Mat. 19:9
<sup>5</sup> Psa. 139:23,24; Rom. 7:2, 3; 1 Pet. 3:7-9
<sup>6</sup> Gal. 5:14-23; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12, 13
<sup>7</sup> Pro. 11:14 (15:22,23); Titus 2:3-8
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[SECOND READING]

Yes - 127; No - 9

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

151 - Dedication of Children

- 151-1 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 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.
- **151-2** 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.²
- 151-3 In dedicating their child in the presence of fellow believers, parents are publicly dedicating themselves to the faithful fulfillment of their parental responsibilities³ and are acknowledging their need of the prayerful support and encouragement of those fellow believers.⁴
- **151-4** 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.

⁴ Eph. 6:18; Heb. 10:24, 25

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 130; No - 0

¹ Psa.127:3; Jas. 1:17

³ Deut. 6:4 - 9; Prov. 22:6

² Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21

Resolved, that we adopt the following at Second Reading:

Article 153 - Harmful Indulgences

- **153.1** All believers are saved through faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross. God calls His people to live by faith. This life of faith is an obedient response to the revealed truth of God in the Scriptures.²
- 153.2 At salvation believers are baptized into the Church, the body of Christ, sealed and indwelled by the Holy Spirit.³ They are to be filled and led by the Holy Spirit.⁴ This filling and leading by the Holy Spirit progressively transforms believers into the Lord's likeness.⁵

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<sup>1</sup> Col. 2:6, 7; 2 Cor. 5:7
<sup>2</sup> 1 Thes. 2:13; 2 Tim 3:14-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21
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³ 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:13, 14; Rom. 8:9⁴ Rom. 8:14; Eph. 5:18
⁵ 2 Cor. 3:8

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 136; No - 0

The following was elected:

Committee on Nominations

Ronald C. Erb (3 years)

Resolved, that we adopt the following at Second Reading:

153-1 - Alcoholic Drinks

- **153-1.1** The abuse of alcoholic beverages is one of the most serious problems in many parts of the world. This 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 and the consequences of such abuse are a tremendous and unnecessary burden on all of society.
- **153-1.2** The Scriptures teach that drunkenness is sinful. Due to the addictive quality of alcohol, even the moderate use of alcoholic

beverages may lead to serious consequences.² This is especially true because the alcoholic content of some beverages has been tremendously increased since biblical times. Furthermore, moderate use may be a stumbling block for believer and unbeliever alike.³

153-1.3 Therefore, the BFC strongly and persistently warns its people of the dangers of alcoholic beverages and urges all members of the BFC to consider abstaining voluntarily from the use, manufacture and distribution of them.

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<sup>1</sup> Rom.13:13; 1 Cor.6:9, 10; Gal.5:18-21.  
<sup>3</sup> Mat.18:6, 7; Rom. 14:20, 21; 1 Cor.8:9-
<sup>2</sup> Pro. 20:1; Pro.23:31-35.  
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[SECOND READING]

Yes - 122; No - 12; Abstain - 1

Resolved, that the following be adopted at First Reading:

153-2 - Tobacco

153-2.1 Because the use of tobacco is harmful to the body and addictive, it is inconsistent with Christian living. Its use may negatively affect the believer's ministry to the saved and unsaved. Consequently the church should warn its people of the dangers of tobacco products and strongly urge complete abstinence from them. 4

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 129; No - 6

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

153-3 - Drugs and Other Substances

153-3.1 The misuse of, and overindulgence 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. Both misuse and over indulgence cause the believer to live by feelings, not by faith in God's revealed Word. The continued abuse of drugs and all other substances destroys self-control, leads to addiction and makes it impossible for the believer to live for the will of God.

153-3.2 Sinning in this way affects the thinking, attitudes, and passions of the believer. This results in the believer falling deeper and deeper into sin, and can damage the body and the mind. 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. The Lord Himself holds those who do this responsible and has many ways to exercise His justice.

153-3.3 The Church must warn against the dangers of the misuse of, and overindulgence in, drugs and all other substances, provide counsel to those enslaved, direct them to places of treatment, help them to re-build their lives, and determine when such a person is free for ministry in the church.¹⁰

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

<sup>8</sup> Pro. 4:14-19; 5:22; Hab. 2:15-16

<sup>9</sup> Zeph. 3:5

<sup>10</sup> 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:12-16
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[SECOND READING]

Yes - 127; No - 8

In accordance with the resolution on page 36 of the 2001 *Yearbook*, the Standards of Worship and Life have been replaced by the Biblical Principles For Living, effective with this Annual Conference.

- 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,
- <u>Resolved</u>, that each Pastor and Delegate seek ways to implement the teaching of the Biblical Principles For Living for their congregations and further,
- Resolved, we encourage the Board of Christian Education to continue its work of preparing lesson plans for The Biblical Principles For Living.
- Whereas, culture, language, and social issues continually change, statements need to be updated and produced that will effectively address changes in cultures and ongoing issues that will face the church, and
- Whereas, the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee believes that its work is completed,
- Resolved, that every seven years the Chairman of Annual Conference appoint a Biblical Principles For Living Review Committee and further,
- Resolved, that the Review Committee review the existing list of Biblical Principles For Living for any needed updates and consider the need for the production of new Principles.
- 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.

Report of the Beneficiary Society (see page 163) Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes (see page 165)

Resolved, that the report be adopted.

Report of the Committee on Examination of the Minutes of Particular Churches (see page 167)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee (see page 168) Resolved, that the report be accepted.

The following was elected:

Board of Christian Education

Nancy A. Mertus (3 years)

Lt. Colonel Chaplain David H. Jones gave testimony of the Lord working both in his life and in the situation in Bagdad, Iraq. The church in Iraq is alive and well, and has been a blessing.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

Walter E. Bortree closed the meeting at 5:08 p.m. in prayer remembering God's work in Iraq.

Photos from the Newark, NJ BFC

Recognition Service - Tuesday Evening (see page 44)









Sixth Meeting Tuesday Evening, 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman Randall A. Grossman. Mark W. Tress opened the meeting in prayer.

The following have requested to be excused from all or part of the 121st Annual Conference: Rick C. Davis, Billy J. Dunn, Eliot H. Ramos

Resolved, that these requests for excuses be granted.

The Director of the Board of Missions, Dana E. Weller, introduced the following visiting missionaries: Rick & Donna Warner, Chris & Becky Merrick, Francisco & Elaine deSouza, Paul G. Zimmerman, Philip E. Yerrington, Mel & Jan Babcock, Totoram & Felecia Baran, Nelson Randolph, David 'Chico' Schlonecker, Scott Hoffman, William Early, John Pello, Byron G. Barnshaw, John C. Studenroth, also, former missionaries and Board of Mission board members: Clifford B. Boone, Ronald W. Hoyle, Robert L. & Lois Draper, Raymond R. Bertolet, David K. Schlonecker, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Dean A. Stortz, David R Way, R.C. Reichenbach and Roy A. Hertzog.

Robert A. Sloan, Jr. led in prayer for the missionaries.

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

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

The following was elected:

Board of Christian Education

Beth Wiegand - (2 years)

Report of the Study Committee: Credentials and Multi-Staff Churches (see page 170)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading for inclusion in the *Faith and Order*, Article 510 General Rules of Elections and Resignations:

510 - 1 Categories

- (1) There are three categories of nominees for election to boards and committees. They are ministers, elders, and laypersons.
- (2) Pastoral Staff members are not eligible to serve in the categories of elders or laypersons.

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 117; No - 2

Resolved, that the following be adopted for First Reading and included in the *Faith & Order* as 204-4 and 204-5:

204-4 Pastoral Staff

The pastoral staff of a Particular Church is composed of, and limited to, those men who are serving as a minister in the BFC. For an individual to serve as a minister in the BFC, he must be ordained by or have had his previous ordination recognized by the BFC or he must be under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

204-5 Church Staff

The church staff of a Particular Church is composed of individuals who are employed by that Particular Church. The church staff shall include the pastoral staff, but is not limited to the pastoral staff. Others included in the church staff would be secretaries, sexton, director of women's ministries, director of children and youth, choir director, etc. The title, pastor, when it is used in association with a person that is occupying a position on a church staff, is to be reserved for those who are members of the pastoral staff.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 105; No - 20

Resolved, that the following be adopted for First Reading, with the following numerical changes, and their corresponding explanation in the *Faith and Order*:

204-1.1 - The minister and pastor are interchangeable terms.

204-1.2 - A minister or pastor in the Bible Fellowship Church must be holding or seeking credentials in the Bible Fellowship Church.

204-1.3 - The Office of Minister [presently in the F&O as 204-1.1]

204-1.4 - The Qualifications for the Ministry [presently in the F&O as 204-1.2]

[FIRST READING]

Resolved, that the following be adopted for First Reading:

Change 204-1.2 – Educational Requirements:

- (1) All men desiring to be ordained to the ministry of the BFC shall have been graduated from college/university and are encouraged to pursue a seminary degree. The minimum requirement is 3 years of theological training or its approved equivalent. A man may be an applicant or candidate during the period of his training, but the 3 years of theological study shall be completed before he becomes a probationer. Exceptions to these rules may be made for some mature men; however, in no case will a man be recommended for ordination examination before completing the equivalent of 3 years of theological training.
- (2) Candidates for the ministry should be men of broad reading interests, giving evidence of understanding and practical wisdom.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 109; No - 17

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

Whereas, the Faith & Order, § 403-3 (4) states that the Particular Church's "Financial Report(s), including evidence of annual auditing" be included in reporting to

Annual Conference, and

Whereas, in many cases it is cost prohibitive, and

Whereas, most Churches do not have audits done to their financial records, and

Whereas, those Churches who do have their financial records looked at are 'reviews', therefore be it

Resolved, that we change §403-3 (4) to read "review" instead of "audit".

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 119; No - 1

The conference held a recognition service for the Newark Bible Fellowship Church, Newark, NJ.

The registrar of Annual Conference verified that the delegate from the church was duly elected and welcomed him into Annual Conference membership.

The delegate, Totoram Baran, introduced the members of the church who were in attendance. Daniel G. Zeigler, former Director of Church Extension, gave some remarks and a history of the founding of the church in Newark. Delbert R. Baker, II, also gave some remarks about his excitement of pastoring the Newark Bible Fellowship Church and described the responsibilities of each of the members present. Brother Baker led the conference in the singing of *It Is Well With My Soul*. Members of the congregation sang the song, *God Is*.

The Charter was presented to the church. Daniel P. Allen led in prayer thanking God for this church and asked His blessing upon it.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Seventh Meeting Wednesday Morning, 9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randall A. Grossman at 9:00 a.m. Richard B. Ravis led the conference in singing *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*. After praying, he then led the conference in singing *Jesus*, *Lover of My Soul*. J. Richard Vroman, delegate of Christ Community BFC, Piscataway, NJ, read 1 Peter 4:7-11. The conference then sang *Be Unto Your Name*. Dennis J. Lawrence spoke on "Humility: Being Like God in Grace." The worship time was closed as the conference sang *Grace Alone*.

The following submitted a request to be excused from various meetings of the conference: Willis I. Dowling.

Resolved, that the request be granted.

Resolved, that Laurence M. Morris be seated as Alternate Delegate from Maple Glen, PA.

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

Resolved, that the request from the Board of Elders of the Royersford BFC be received.

Whereas, the Elders of the BFC of Royersford sense deeply the Lord's desire for unity in His church and desire as well to see our denomination make every effort to maintain unity in the bond of peace among all genuine believers in Jesus Christ, and

<u>Whereas</u>, the Elders of the BFC of Royersford sense deeply the Lord's desire for truth in doctrinal matters and sense that doctrinal formulations must be based on Scriptural teaching, and

Whereas, the Faith and Order (F&O) of the BFC understands in principle a difference between "essential" and "non-essential" or primary and secondary areas of biblical truth and teaching, (as evidenced in the overall formation of its doctrinal confession), and

<u>Whereas</u>, in particular the F&O of the BFC makes specific allowances for difference of opinions regarding aspects of

- historic reformed soteriology, (i.e., limited atonement and irresistible grace are not part of our doctrinal confession), and
- <u>Whereas</u>, in particular by its selective silence regarding certain aspects of the Holy Spirit's work, the F&O of the BFC allows for some variations in the understanding of the Holy Spirit's ministry in the church today, and
- Whereas, in particular the F&O of the BFC makes allowances for differing views of ecclesiology, both in its essence, (i.e., whether or not the church and Israel are the same) and in its function (whether we must have evening service, women's missionary society, etc.), and
- <u>Whereas</u>, as the F&O of the BFC makes allowances in regards to various views of creation (young or old earth), and
- <u>Whereas</u>, in particular the F&O of the BFC makes allowances for various views respecting the 2^{nd} Coming of Christ (i.e., pre, mid, pre-wrath or post-trib), and
- <u>Whereas</u>, in particular the F&O of the BFC makes allowances for various understandings regarding the judgments of God, and
- Whereas, some of these allowances have been made in our doctrinal position in recognition that good and godly men have differed in some of these areas, but whose ministry of teaching the whole counsel of God is not thus imperiled, and wanting also to avoid the sin of being schismatic without scriptural grounds, thus unduly dividing the body of Christ and restricting membership and service therein, and
- Whereas, regarding the issue of the millennium in particular, good and godly men whose commitment to the Word of God is unswerving, yet whose conclusions differ, though also experiencing the blessing of God upon their ministries in that souls have been saved and saints have been matured, and
- Whereas, the return of Christ and the end of the age should be a cause for great hope, comfort and consolation instead being a cause for division, argumentation and judgmentalism, therefore, be it
- **Resolved**, that the Elders of the BFC of Royersford request the Chairman of Annual Conference to appoint a study committee

of 5 ministers to explore the viability of making allowances for additional millennial views for inclusion into the F&O of the BFC, and be it further

Resolved, that this study committee report its findings and make recommendations to the 122nd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The request of the Board of Elders of the Royersford BFC failed.

Yes - 38; No - 93

Elliot H. Ramos gave an update on his ministry at Lighthouse BFC, Allentown, PA. They have recently entered into a radio ministry. A sample of the programming was heard. Hans R.Waldvogel gave thanks to God for this ministry asking His blessing on it.

Resolved, that the Chairman of Annual Conference make a designation to prepare an answer to the Board of Elders of the Royersford, BFC and further

Resolved, that the answer be presented to the 121st Annual Conference at its afternoon session and that the answer be recorded in the minutes of the eighth meeting of the 121st Annual Conference. (see pages 48, 64)

Report of the Study Committee on the Role of Women in the Church (see page 173)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the Chairman appoint a committee of seven, including ministers and laypersons to study the question, 'Do the Scriptures allow women to serve in the office of Deacon / Deaconness?' and report to the 122nd Annual Conference.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m as Louis Prontnicki closed the meeting in prayer.

Eighth Meeting Wednesday Afternoon, 1:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:30 p.m. The Registrar requested excuses for Clyde W. Snyder and Howard N. Wells due to the medical emergency of Clyde's sister, Peg Lord. Louis S. Curcio prayed for the Lord's will to be done and His glory to be seen in this situation.

Resolved, that the requests be granted.

Resolved, that Andrew T. Crossgrove and Thomas P. Shorb be appointed to give an answer to the request of the Board of Elders of Royersford BFC.

Whereas, a request has been received from the Elders of the Royersford church to study the matter of granting eschatological liberty regarding views on the millennium, and

Whereas, the Annual Conference wishes to study, in a broader fashion, the issue of the millennium as found in Article 27 of the Faith & Order, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Chairman appoint a committee of five to study the issue of the millennium in all the articles of our *Faith & Order* that address it and report back to the 122nd Annual Conference with its recommendations.

Resolved, that the following be adopted at Second Reading:

Declaration on Particular Issues: Affiliations

155-1. It is highly inconsistent and anti-Scriptural for Christians to be members of organizations or societies that bind their members with oaths or affirmations that require involvement in practices or with philosophies which are contrary to our allegiance to Christ. We urge believers to refrain from joining and to withdraw their membership from any such organization or society. In addition, believers must look with grave concern upon organizations or societies which require secrecy for their basic tenets and practices.

155-2. The Scriptures teach about both proper and improper taking

of oaths. While oaths are not forbidden, the kinds of oaths taken by members of such associations are clearly against the teaching of Christ. The secrecy and higher allegiance required by such associations are not in keeping with the believers' call to be light-bearers in the world. This violates Christ's example of openness that rejects secret hidden agenda.

- **155-3.** Often, being a member of such an organization or society violates the commands of the Scriptures not to be yoked together with unbelievers⁴ nor to have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.⁵ Of supreme importance is that membership in any organization or society must not supercede our brotherhood with believers⁶ and must not violate our allegiance to Christ.⁷ We cannot serve God and any other master.⁸
- **155-4.** Therefore, elders are encouraged to consider most seriously the affiliations maintained by persons who are seeking membership or hold membership in a BFC, giving godly counsel whenever necessary. Elders may choose to withhold membership or exercise church discipline in certain circumstances based on an individual's affiliations.⁹

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      1 Lev. 19:12; Num. 5:19-21; 2 Cor.
      5 Eph. 5:11,12

      1:23 Heb. 6:13-16
      6 John 17:21

      2 Mat. 5:34-37; Jam. 5:12
      7 Matt. 10:37

      3 John 3:21; Matt 5:14; John 18:20
      8 Matt. 6:24

      4 2 Cor. 6:14
      9 Lev. 20:26; 2 Cor. 6:17; 1 Pet. 1:16
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[SECOND READING]

Yes - 119; No - 9

Dana E. Weller introduced one of our missionaries, Sanjay Dalavai, Vice President of Financial Affairs of BCM.

Resolved, that the following "Miscellaneous Bylaws, Gift Annuities" be adopted at Second Reading:

407-5 Congregations shall consult with the Board of Directors of Bible Fellowship Church prior to establishing any gift annuities and shall list all gift annuity obligations annually in their financial report to the congregation.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that the following "Miscellaneous Bylaws, Gift Annuities" be adopted at Second Reading:

509-7 Agencies shall consult with the Board of Directors of Bible Fellowship Church prior to establishing any gift annuities and shall list all gift annuity obligations annually in their financial report to Annual Conference.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that the following procedure for the "Pastoral Search Committee" be adopted at Second Reading:

[Replacing Faith and Order 409 – 1.2 (6) with]

(6) In the process of the Nominating Committee determining the candidate they believe to be their choice, the candidate shall interview with the Board of Elders in order to gain the approval of the Board of Elders.

[Add the following to Article 409-1.2]

(7) Upon approval of the Board of Elders, the Nominating Committee shall be informed that a Congregational meeting may now be called for the purpose of acting on the report of the Nominating Committee. Public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting shall be given at no fewer than three prior regularly-scheduled meetings.

[Subsequent paragraph renumbered to (8)] [SECOND READING]

Resolved, that the following change be adopted at Second Reading:

Change the words "Nominating Committee" to "Pastoral Search Committee" in §409 of the *Faith & Order*.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that the following rules for funds administered by the BFC Board of Directors be adopted at Second Reading:

512-1.6 The Real Estate Fund

- (1) The Real Estate Fund shall hold the net proceeds of 1) the sale of property deeded to a particular church which ceases to exist for any reason, or 2) the sale of property under the administration of the Board of Directors which was purchased on behalf of the Board of Church Extension. The Fund shall receive the repayment of principle and accrued interest for any loans made from the Fund. The Fund may also receive donations designated to it.
- (2) The Fund shall be used to assist in the purchase of real estate in conjunction with the programs of the Board of Church Extension.
- (3) The Board of Directors shall have oversight and control of the Fund and shall cooperate with the Board of Church Extension in the use of this fund by giving advice and consent to its various proposals for the purchase of real estate. Consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (4) If a situation arises which the Board of Directors deems to be an economic emergency requiring the extraordinary use of the Fund, the Board is authorized to use the necessary monies, provided that the amount used shall not exceed that which can be repaid within one year. If the fund is used to meet an emergency need, the Board of Directors shall give prior notice to the Board of Church Extension. For an amount necessary to meet the emergency which cannot be repaid within one year, the Board of Directors must present a plan to repay the Fund and gain the approval of Annual Conference prior to making the expenditure.

[SECOND READING]

Resolved, that the following legislation related to BFC Homes, Inc., be adopted at Second Reading:

512-2 Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.

- **512-2.1** Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc. is an affiliate of the Bible Fellowship Church.
- **512-2.2** Bible Fellowship Church has no ownership or fiduciary responsibility in Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc. The Church's sole responsibility is the election of five (5) members to the Board of Directors of Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.
- **512-2.3** Those Board Members elected by Annual Conference shall give a written report annually on the spiritual status of the ministry.
- **512-2.4** A financial report given for information only and not to be adopted by Annual Conference shall be given annually to Annual Conference.
- **512-2.5** Elections: Five (5) members shall be elected in three classes for three (3) year terms:

Class one: one minister, one lay person Class two: one minister, one lay person

Class three: one minister

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 119; No - 6

LeRoy S. Heller, a long time member of the Board of the Homes, Inc., prayed, thanking the Lord for the opportunity to meet the needs of the elderly and asking for His continual blessing in this endeavor.

Whereas, the "Standards of Worship and Life" are removed from the *Faith & Order*, and

Whereas, the material approved in 2001 defining the consideration of individuals who have experienced divorce as possible elders or deacons, currently placed in the *Faith & Order*, §108-4, needs to be preserved, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Communications include this material

- in "Principles of Order" §204-2 (Elders) and §204-3 (Deacons).
- Whereas, there will be places in the "Principles of Order" that refer to the "Standards of Worship And Life", therefore be it
- Resolved, that the Board On Communications review the "Principles of Order" and where the name "Standards of Worship And Life" appear it be changed to state, "Biblical Principles for Living" and "Declaration of Particular Issues."
- <u>Whereas</u>, the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee believes that it has completed the work assigned to the Committee by Annual Conference.
- **Resolved**, that Annual Conference approve the dissolution of the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee.
- **Resolved,** that Ronald C. Mahurin be ratified as Conference Pastor for another three-year term.
- John C. Vandegriff, Jr. thanked the Lord for Ronald C. Mahurin and his faithful service and for his ongoing ministry as Conference Pastor.
- **Resolved,** that the salary for the Conference Pastor be \$26,000, and in addition we provide \$7,200 for car and professional expenses and \$4,800 for health insurance.
- **Resolved,** that the recommended minimum salary for a pastor serving in the BFC, including Social Security, be \$28,764. In addition to his salary, housing allowance, health insurance, and retirement must be provided, and provision should be made for reimbursements for car and professional expenses.
- **Resolved**, that the rate of mileage reimbursement for conference business conducted for 2004 be 24¢ per mile.
- **Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 be adopted.

Resolved, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 be approved for submission to the churches for their pledges.

The conference paused to observe the Lord's Supper. Richard B. Ravis led the conference in singing *You Are My King*. John C. Vandegriff, Jr. and Clair Shiffman read Matthew 27:1-54 with a visual presentation of the Scripture and pictures of the scenes regarding the last hours of Jesus. John C. Vandegriff, Jr. prayed. Dean A. Stortz then thanked the Lord for the bread which symbolizes the body of Christ. Dennis M. Cahill thanked the Lord for the cup which symbolizes the blood of Christ. The Conference sang *The Wondrous Cross*. An offering was taken for the "Darlene Mahurin Memorial Fund" as the conference sang *Be Unto Your Name*.

The Conference showed its respect for James A. Beil who has served for many years as a member of the Board of Directors with their applause.

- <u>Whereas</u>, every Bible Fellowship Church is eligible to be incorporated when it becomes a Particular Church, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, every incorporated Bible Fellowship Church is able to hold title to church property, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, it is prudent to minimize the threat of possible legal action against the Bible Fellowship Church, be it
- **Resolved**, that every Bible Fellowship Church upon recognition as a Particular Church, seek incorporation, and further
- Resolved, that when any Particular Bible Fellowship Church incorporates, the Articles of Incorporation include the Trust Clause found in § 408-1 and 408-2 of the Articles of Faith, and further
- Resolved, that upon incorporation every church consult with the Board of Directors to determine the feasibility of taking title to property titled to the Bible Fellowship Church, and further,
- **Resolved**, that when the Board of Directors determines it is feasible for the church to take title to property deeded to the Bible Fellowship Church the church take immediate steps to

take title to the property.

- <u>Whereas</u>, the purpose of Church Extension Ministries is to form, foster and nuture to maturity new congregations, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, this purpose does not include support and care for recognized churches of Annual Conference, and
- Whereas, the Board of Church Extension has neither resources nor expertise to revitalize declining and vulnerable churches, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, newly recognized churches and churches in decline may need various kind of support, therefore be it
- Resolved, that the Board of Church Extension recommend to the Annual Conference that a committee formed of representatives of the Ministerial Relations Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Board of Church Extension be appointed by the Chairman of Annual Conference to study and propose mechanisms to provide support for weak or declining churches.

The Chairman appointed two representatives from each of the aforementioned Committees / Boards chosen by each Committee / Board. The representatives of the Board of Church Extension shall serve as the organizing group.

Resolved, that the appointment be ratified.

- 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 2007.
- Whereas, the MRF annuity rate for 2004 is \$209 per year of service, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, partial cost-of-living adjustments are part of the longterm phaseout strategy of the MRF, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that the MRF annuity rate for calendar year 2005 be \$211 per year of service.
- <u>Whereas</u>, 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 ordained or licensed ministers who are members of this Conference, therefore be it

Resolved,

- 1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of 2005 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 Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church 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 minister from all employment by any local church, Annual Conference or institution of the Bible Fellowship Church or of any former denomination that is now a part of the Bible Fellowship Church, or from any other employer who employed the minister to perform services related to the ministry and who elected to make contributions to the pension funds of the

Bible Fellowship Church for such retired minister's pension.

Resolved, that the Bible Fellowship Church adopt the following Vision Statement:

"We, the Bible Fellowship Church, seek to become an expanding fellowship of churches united in making disciples of Jesus Christ."

Resolved, that the Proposed Budget of the Board of Communications for conference year January 1 to December 31, 2005 be approved as presented (see page 161)

Resolved, that a contribution of three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325) for the conference year 2004 be given to the Board of Communications from each agency to help underwrite the cost of printing and distributing the *Fellowship News*. Payments are to be made to the Business Manager, Paul T. Rutman, at the 121st Annual Conference.

Resolved, that one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per member of the Bible Fellowship Church for 2004 be forwarded to the Board of Communications from each church to help underwrite the cost of printing and distributing *Fellowship News*. Payments are to be made to the Business Manager, Paul T. Rutman, at the 121st Annual Conference.

Resolved, that the cost of the 2004 Yearbook be \$8.50 per copy.

<u>Whereas</u>, the website has become a major part of the Board of Communications, therefore be it

Resolved, that we elevate the Webservant to an appointed position similar to that of the Editor and Business Manager.

Resolved, that the following legislative additions to the Board of Communications be adopted at First Reading: (Changes are <u>underlined</u>.)

512-9.1 Composition and Election

- (1) The Board of Communications shall be composed of the Editor of *Fellowship News*, the Business Manager of *Fellowship News*, Webservant, and three ministers and two laypersons.
- (2) The Editor of Fellowship News, Business Manager of Fellowship News and Webservant shall be appointed by the Board of Communications for a three-year term subject to ratification by Annual Conference. The election of these officers shall be in such a manner that their respective terms shall not expire at the same time.
- (7) It shall maintain and oversee the denominational website. Change current (7) to (8).

[FIRST READING]

- Whereas, the Board of Communications believes it is important to implement the above action immediately, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, the Board would like to have its three positions on different term years, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that by the "rule of exception" the 121st Annual Conference ratify the appointment of Stephen C. Mann as Webservant for a term of two years.
- Whereas, Paul T. Rutman has faithfully served as Business Manager since the early 1990s and continues to serve with excellence, be it therefore
- **Resolved**, that 121st Annual Conference ratify the appointment of Paul T. Rutman as Business Manager for the term of three years.
- **Resolved**, that the following legislative material related to the Assistant Registrar be adopted at First Reading:

Insert a new 506-3 and change the numbers of all following 506 articles accordingly.

- 506-3 Duties of the Assistant Registrar
 - (1) He shall assist the Registrar in carrying out his duties.
 - (2) He shall respond to all ordained men excused from all

- of Annual Conference with a letter acknowledging their absence and shall provide them with a copy of the report by the Annual Conference Reporter on the proceedings of Annual Conference as well as an order form from the Board of Communications.
- (3) He shall review all communications sent to the Registrar and convey to Annual Conference any items of special concern to Annual Conference, including requests for prayer.

[FIRST READING]

Resolved, that the following legislative material related to the Assistant Registrar be adopted at First Reading:

Change 506-2(2) (3) to:

- (2) He shall prepare a list of the Annual Conference delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) in each congregation from the information supplied to him on the Annual Conference Registration Form.
- (3) He shall verify that the Annual Conference delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) are elders in their congregation and have been duly elected. This shall be accomplished by comparing the information supplied on the Annual Conference Registration Form with the official list of Annual Conference delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) supplied to him from the Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches. Any discrepancies should be resolved prior to a delegate or alternate delegate being seated at Annual Conference.

Change the present 506-3 to:

506-3 The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches shall, prior to Annual Conference, furnish to the Registrar a list of duly elected Annual Conference delegates and alternate delegates as they appear in the minutes of the Particular Churches.

Change 511-1.3 Duties (3)

(3) It shall, prior to Annual Conference, furnish to the Registrar a list of duly elected Annual Conference delegates and alternate delegates as they appear in the minutes of the Particular Churches.

Change 407-4

Each pastor shall inform the Registrar of Annual Conference of the names of the duly elected Annual Conference delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) by way of the Annual Conference Registration Form.

[FIRST READING]

Report of the Statistical Committee (see page 189)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Report of the Committee on Auditing (see page 172) Resolved, that the report be accepted.

<u>Whereas</u>, the Ministerial Relations Committee has reported the establishment of seven pastorates, therefore be it

<u>Resolved</u>, that we offer praise to God for His gracious provision of pastors for our churches.

- <u>Whereas</u>, Kevin W. Clineff, Louis S. Curcio, and Kevin W. Kirkpatrick were approved for ordination to the gospel ministry of the BFC, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, Robert A. Johnson, II and Michael J. Tannous were approved to have their previous ordination recognized by the BFC, 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, Pastors Donald R. Ellwanger, Mark L. Morrison, Robert S. Commerford, Mark A. Baumgardner, Dennis W. Spinney, Raymond R. Dotts, and John R. Stover have resigned from their positions of ministry in their particular churches, therefore be it
- Resolved, that we give thanks to the Lord for their ministry and service at their particular churches and pray for God's guidance as they seek to serve the Lord with the calling and

- gifts that He has given them.
- <u>Whereas</u>, the Boards and Committees of the BFC have labored diligently during this past year, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, they have reported faithfully to the 121st Annual Conference, therefore be it
- <u>Resolved</u>, that we recognize their service and ask God to give them strength for the coming year.
- <u>Whereas</u>, 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 the Scriptures, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for their diligent work.
- <u>Whereas</u>, the Annual Conference has been working on the "Biblical Principles for Living" for 13 years, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, the 121st Annual Conference has completed the final work on the "Biblical Principles for Living", therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we thank the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee for its fine work and dedication to the completion of its assigned task.
- <u>Whereas</u>, our three denominational facilities, BFC Homes, Inc., Pinebrook Bible Conference and Victory Valley Camp, are ministering on our behalf, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, their leadership and staffs have given of themselves in this endeavor, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we praise God for His provision of these wonderful facilities and effective personnel.
- <u>Whereas</u>, Phillip E. Atkins has faithfully served as Director of Victory Valley Camp, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, he has resigned as director to pursue a new direction from the Lord, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we give thanks to the Lord for his service to the

BFC.

- Whereas, the Annual Conference heard from Scott G. Ott, the new director of Victory Valley Camp, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we pray that God will grant Scott G. Ott wisdom, direction and strength as he serves the Lord at Victory Valley Camp.
- Whereas, the Lord has sovereignly worked in the establishment of the Long Neck, DE mission and
- Whereas, Pastor Kenneth F. Barber, has faithfully served as organizing pastor, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, the 121st Annual Conference of the BFC has welcomed the New Life Bible Fellowship Church of Long Neck, DE as a Particular Church according to our rules, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that the members of the 121st Annual Conference encourage each of our churches to pray diligently for the success of the Long Neck, DE church.
- Whereas, the Lord has sovereignly worked in the establishment of the Newark, NJ mission and
- <u>Whereas</u>, Pastor Delbert R. Baker, II has faithfully served as organizing pastor for many years, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, the 121st Annual Conference of the BFC has welcomed the Newark Bible Fellowship Church, Newark, NJ as a Particular Church according to our rules, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that the members of the 121st Annual Conference encourage each of our churches to pray diligently for the success of the Newark, NJ church.
- Whereas, Ronald C. Mahurin has faithfully served during his third year as Conference Pastor with a spirit of love and compassion for our BFC churches and pastors, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we praise our heavenly Father for his ministry and pray for continued blessings on that ministry.
- Whereas, since our last Annual Conference the Lord saw fit to call

- home to glory three faithful servants: William W. Mull, retired pastor and missionary; Doris Hoyle, retired missionary and wife of Ronald C. Hoyle; and Laura Cassel, wife of retired pastor Alva C. Cassel, and
- Whereas, these godly people have had a tremendous impact on all those who knew them, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for their lives and ministries and pray for God's comfort on their loved ones.
- <u>Whereas</u>, the Annual Conference heard a report from Chaplain (LTC) David H. Jones concerning his service in Iraq, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, he reported that God is working in Iraq among the Iraqis and among our soldiers, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we seek God's continued direction on His work in Iraq and for the protection of our soldiers.
- <u>Whereas</u>, the staff and volunteers of Pinebrook Bible Conference along with some wives of our pastors and delegates have readily and cheerfully served the members of the 121st Annual Conference, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we note with thanksgiving the helpful service of those who labored to care for us.
- Whereas, the Pages, Jeffrey S. Albrecht, Mark E. Barninger, Raymond R. Bertolet, Scott B. Evans, Glenn R. Felty, Robert W. Green, Ronald L. Kohl, Thomas H. Morrison, Jeff Rossignol, David K. Schlonecker, Timothy J. Schmoyer, William F. Early, and Head Page, Raymond L. Cole have humbly, readily, helpfully, cheerfully and diligently enabled the work of the 121st Annual Conference to smoothly advance, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we acknowledge our appreciation for their service and fellowship with a round of applause.
- <u>Whereas</u>, Calvin T. Reed, Arthur J. Simpson, Jr., and Dennis J. Lawrence 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 insight into His Word.
- Whereas, Richard B. Ravis has served the Annual Conference as worship leader, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we give thanks to the Lord for his ministry among us.
- <u>Whereas</u>, the Annual Conference Secretary and his assistants have served with precision and productivity, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for their faithful service, and be it further
- **Resolved**, that each be awarded \$50 for their labors.
- <u>Whereas</u>, Randall A. Grossman has served outstandingly as Chairman of the 121st Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it
- **Resolved**, that the members of Annual Conference show their appreciation for Brother Grossman with a standing ovation.
- **Resolved**, that the following serve as the answer to the Board of Elders of the Bible Fellowship Church of Royersford:

Dear Brother Elders of the BFC of Royersford

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We, the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church respectfully acknowledge the request of the Board of Elders of Royersford, PA submitted to the 121st Annual Conference of the BFC. The request was received by Annual Conference and entered into the Minutes of the 121st Annual Conference of the BFC. Thank you for following the prescribed procedures for communicating with the Annual Conference and for stating your recommendation and its rationale with care and clarity.

The Annual Conference considered your recommendation.

The vote on your recommendation was: Yes - 38; No - 93. However, the Annual Conference demonstrated its willingness to give fresh study to the Scriptures on the subject in a broader context by approving the following:

Whereas, a request has been received from the Elders of the Royersford church to study the matter of granting eschatological liberty regarding views on the millennium; and

Whereas, the Annual Conference wishes to study, in a broader fashion, the issue of the millennium as found in Article 27 of the *Faith & Order*; be it therefore

Resolved, that the Chairman appoint a committee of five to study the issue of the millennium in all these articles of our *Faith & Order* that address it and report back to the 122^{nd} Annual Conference with its recommendations.

We submit this action as the response of the 121st Annual Conference to your request. Would you pray for the Study Committee and for us as we seek an accurate understanding of God's Word regarding issues related to the millennium.

[The above, in letter form, will be sent by the Secretary of Annual Conference.]

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

The Chairman made the following appointments:

Registrar: J. Mark McCreary

Assistant Registrar: Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.

Agenda and Program Committee: Officers of the 122nd Annual Conference (Randal A. Grossman, William G. Schlonecker, David A. Thomann, Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Andrew T. Crossgrove, Thomas P. Shorb

Arrangements Committee: David A. Thomann (Chairman); Daniel P. Allen, J. Mark McCreary, Thomas P. Shorb, Randall A. Grossman (122nd Annual Conference Chairman)

Committee on Statistics: LeRoy S. Heller (Chairman); Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., David N. Schoen, David A. Thomann, Gregory A. Uhrich

Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches: Ralph M. Soper (Chairman); William H. Bartron, Kevin W. Clineff, Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Allen R. Vivona

Resolved, that the appointments be ratified.

The Chairman made the following appointments:

Committee to Study What the Scriptures Say About Women Serving as Deacons / Deaconnesses:

Clifford B. Boone, Ralph E. Ritter, Michael J. Tannous, Carl C. Cassel, Richard A. Moyer, Robert C. Newman, David W. Eisenhower

Committee to Study the Millennium

Robert C. Kaatz, Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Albert J. Dommel, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, John C. Studenroth

Resolved, that these appointments be ratified.

The corporate and official denominational address will be: 25 E. Lemon St., Lititz, PA 17543. The secretary of the Conference Judicatory is Gregory A. Uhrich. The secretary of the Appellate Division of the Conference Judicatory is David J. Watkins.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

The 121st Annual Conference was closed in prayer by the Vice Chariman, William G. Schlonecker, remembering Donald R. Hibbs, a former BFC pastor, who is experiencing severe health issues. Conference closed at 5:50 p.m.

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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

Encouraging and Supporting the Great Commission with

- · Annual Retreat Within a Retreat
- · May Missionary Rally
- Dual Reach Church Mentoring
- Culture Link Short-Term Trip Training
- Missionary Care
- Parents of Missionaries Retreat
- Missions Speakers
- Missions Project Coordinator
- Short-Term Trip Coordinator
- Missionary in Residence at Pinebrook
- Prayer Calendar



2004 Board Members

Back Row from left: Donald Kuntzman, James Harris,
Daniel Oswald, Pastor Jake Susek, Donald Faust,
Pastor Ralph Soper; Chairman, Leroy Herb
Front Row from left: Pastor Robert Sloan,
Dana Weller; Director, Gerald Schlonecker,

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Report of the Committee on Arrangements

The Committee on Arrangements for the 121st Annual Conference met twice during the conference year. The purpose of the committee continues to be the reviewing of the mechanics and efficiency of each conference as well as assisting in providing hospitality. Any suggestions on what we can do to accomplish the above are welcome.

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 121st Annual Conference is Louis Curcio, Assistant Pastor, Hatfield, PA, and the Head Page is Raymond L. Cole, Youth Pastor, Newark, DE.

The committee reviewed the proposed legislation entitled: "Rules for Special Consideration". It was determined that although this may assist in the running of Annual Conference it was deemed too cumbersome for actual usage. The committee thanked Roy A. Hertzog and Carl C. Cassel for their extensive work on this project.

Recommendations

- 1. **Resolved**, that the 122nd Annual Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, PA, April 25-27, 2005 beginning at 10:00 AM on Monday.
- 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, 2005.
- 3. **Resolved**, that the following be adopted as First Reading: Insert a new 506-3 and change the numbers of all following 506 articles accordingly.
 - 506-3 Duties of the Assistant Registrar
 - (1) He shall assist the Registrar in carrying out his duties.
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Change 407-4

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Committee on Arrangements for 121st Annual Conference: David A. Thomann, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Secretary; Clyde D. Bomgardner, Louis S. Curcio, Randall A. Grossman, J. Mark McCreary, Thomas P. Shorb

Report of the Committee on Credentials

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

The Faith & Order questionnaire was sent to each of the ministers holding Ordination Credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church. All of the brethren returned their questionnaires except: Herbert K. Lea, Edgar H. Munyan, and Harold D. Yarrington. The Committee is well satisfied with the responses of those who handed in their questionnaires. The Committee will continue to communicate with those who have not returned their questionnaire.

The Lord, in His providence this year, has chosen to take home William W. Mull one of our ministering brethren. We thank God for his ministry among us, his commitment to missionary work and we look forward to the day we will be reunited with him in glory.

The following changes in status were approved:

Robert S. Commerford was changed from <u>Ordained Ministers</u> <u>Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church</u> to <u>Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence</u>.

Donald R. Ellwanger was changed from <u>Ordained Ministers</u> <u>Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church</u> to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

David N. Heineman was changed from <u>Ordained Ministers</u> Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to <u>Ordained Ministers</u> Working in the Chaplaincy Under the <u>Sponsorship of the Bible Fellowship Church</u>.

Mark L. Morrison was changed from <u>Ordained Ministers</u> <u>Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church</u> to <u>Ordained Ministers Between Calls</u>.

Barry J. Minsky was changed from <u>Ordained Ministers</u> Working in the Chaplaincy Under the Sponsorship of the Bible <u>Fellowship Church</u> to <u>Ordained Ministers in Retirement</u>.

The Committee met with five 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 Bible Fellowship Church.

1. Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended Kevin W. Clineff, Louis S. Curcio, and Kevin W. Kirkpatrick for ordination, and

- Whereas, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended prior ordination recognition for Robert A. Johnson, II and Michael J. Tannous, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, these brethren have served acceptably as ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church for the required period of time or the equivalent thereof, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, 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 & Order* of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it
- Resolved, that Kevin W. Clineff, Louis S. Curcio, and Kevin W. Kirkpatrick be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church and, further
- Resolved, that the prior ordination of Robert A. Johnson, II and Michael J. Tannous to the gospel ministry be recognized by the Bible Fellowship Church and, further
- Resolved, that the service of ordination be held Monday, May 17, 2004 at 7:30 PM at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, Allentown, 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. Allen, David T. Arnold, Jonathon W. Baker, Delbert R. II. Bennett, C. Larry Bomgardner, Clyde D. Jr. Boone, Clifford B. Brush, R. Jerome Cahill, Dennis M. Clapier, G. Wayne *Clineff, Kevin W. Cole, Charles E. Cooper, Brian H. Cowen, Timothy S. Crossgrove, Andrew T. *Curcio, Louis S. Dowling, Willis I. Dunn, William J.

Erb, Ronald C.
Fischer, Carl J. Jr.
Grossman, Randall A.
Gundrum, David E.
Harris, Richard D.
Heller, LeRoy S.
*Johnson, Robert A. II
Keeler, Kenneth D.
*Kirkpatrick, Kevin W.
Lawrence, Dennis J.
Mahurin, Ronald C.
McCreary, J. Mark
Paashaus, Richard T.
Prontnicki, Louis
Ramos, Elliot H.
Ravis, Richard B.
Reed, Calvin T.
Reitz, Roger L.

Ritter, Ralph E.
Schlonecker, William G.
Schoen, David N.
Shorb, Thomas P.
Simpson, Arthur J. Jr.
Sloan, Robert A. Jr.
Smith, Gene W.
Soper, Ralph M.
Spackman, Carl K.
Spinney, Dennis W.
Stortz, Dean A.
Stover, John R.
Susek, Jacob, J. Jr.

Tait, Jonathan P.
*Tannous, Michael J.
Taylor, Richard E.
Thomann, David A.
Uhrich, Gregory A.
Vandegriff, John C. Jr.
Vivona, Alan R.
Way, David R.
Weller, Dana E.
Wells, Howard N.
Wickstead, James A.
Widger, Byron

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

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

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

Heineman, David, N. - Hospital Hurst, Kenneth J. - Military Moyer, Richard A. - Prison Ministry

IV. Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries

Ellingson, Bruce A. Lea, Herbert K.

Martin, Carl T.

V. Ordained Ministers Between Calls

Bartron, William H. Batchler, James R. Jr. Dommel, Albert J. Ellwanger, Donald R. Herb, John H. Jones, David H. Morrison, Mark L. Trommler, Steven L.

^{*} Contingent upon approval of recommendation of their ordination in this report.

VI. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence

Byrd, Terris L. Commerford, Robert S. Frable, Arthur H. Jr. MacMillan, Thomas S. Neher, James E. Ruhl, Jeffrey L.

VII. Ordained Ministers in Retirement

Barber, Kenneth F. Beil, James A. Bigley, T. James Jr. Brosius, Bert N. Buck, Leonard E. Cassel, Alva C. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, Willard E. Coulbourn, Hugh C. Jr. Dotts, Raymond R. Draper, Robert L. Dunn, John Frank, Walter H. Fritz, Harvey J. Jr. Gehman, Richard J. Gordon, Robert N. Harley, J. Barclay Hartman, Jansen E. Herb, Frank L. Jr. Herb, George E.

Hertzog, Roy A. Hoyle, Ronald W. Kirkwood, Donald T. Koch, James G. Minsky, Barry J. Moyer, Edward Munyan, Edgar H. Phillips, D. Thomas Plows, Keith E. Reichenbach, R. C. Riggall, John H. Seifert, A. L. Shelly, Austin G. Smock, Robert W. Thomann, David E. Watkins, David J. Weaber, Harold C. Yarrington, Harold D. Ziegler, Daniel G.

Credentials Committee makes the following additional recommendations:

- 2. <u>Resolved</u>, that an Ordination Service be held Monday, May 23, 2005, at a place to be determined.
- 3. Resolved, that Faith BFC, Spring City, PA, Bethany BFC, Hatfield, PA, Berean BFC, Terre Hill, PA, Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA, and Community BFC, Red Hill, PA be encouraged to have services acknowledging the ordinations of Kevin W. Clineff, Louis S. Curcio, and Kevin W. Kirkpatrick and the recognition of the prior ordinations of Robert A. Johnson II and Michael J. Tannous 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, Vice Chairman; Ralph M. Soper, Secretary; Dennis M. Cahill; LeRoy S. Heller.

Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee

The Ministerial Candidate Committee "shall safeguard the doctrinal purity of the church by exercising vigilance when examining prospective ministers concerning their beliefs and practices, endeavoring to approve only those who are committed without reservation to the authority of the Scriptures and the doctrines and practices of our church as the system of doctrine taught in the Scriptures." [Faith & Order, §512-13 (5)] The committee interviews men and conducts examinations to assure the churches of the BFC that the men who are eligible for a call are committed to the understanding of Scripture which is at the heart of our church.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee has met eleven times since February, 2003. Eighteen men were interviewed. We are thankful to God who continues to send men to us for service.

The following men were interviewed: Mark E. Barninger, Jonathan H. Bosse, Kevin W. Clineff, Raymond C. Cole, Louis S. Curcio, John C. Elias, Glenn R. Felty, Troy S. Good, Fred J. Hoffman, Robert A. Johnson II, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Ferdie R. Madara, Alan G. Miller, Philip G. Norris, Mark A. Scott, Michael J. Tannous, Colby A. Weinhofer, and Edward M. Williams.

The following men were recommended to the Committee on Credentials for ordination examination: Kevin W. Clineff, Louis S. Curcio, and Kevin W. Kirkpatrick.

The following were recommend to the Committee on Credentials for examination for recognition of prior ordination: Robert A. Johnson II and Michael J. Tannous.

The following men were approved as probationers eligible to receive a call: Jeffrey S. Albrecht, Mark A. Baumgardner, Timothy J. Bertolet, Robert K. Fields, Alan G. Miller, and David W. Peters.

The following men were issued licenses: Timothy J. Bertolet, Robert K. Fields, Donald E. Kuntzman, Alan G. Miller, Eric R. North, and David W. Peters.

Resolved, that the list of men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee as of February 28, 2004, is as follows:

Probationers*

Albrecht, Jeffrey S. Allentown, PA
Baumgardner, Mark A. Sellersville, PA

| Bertolet, Timothy J. (2004) Clark, Gerald D. (2002) Stanfordville, NY Clineff, Kevin W. (2001) Spring City, PA Curcio, Louis S. (2002) Hatfield, PA Fields, Robert K. (2004) Bethlehem, PA Johnson, Robert A. II (2002) Lehighton, PA Kirkpatrick, Kevin W. (2001) Terre Hill, PA Kuntzman, Donald E. (2003) Center Valley, PA Mann, Stephen C. (2003) Hellertown, PA Miller, Alan G. (2003) Harleysville, PA North, Eric R. (2003) Howell, NJ Peters, David W. (2004) Cast Greenville, PA (*year of licensure in parentheses) |
|---|
| Candidates |
| Barninger, Mark E. Harrisburg, PA Bertolet, Raymond R. Millsboro, DE Evans, Scott B. Oley, PA Kohl, Ronald L. Allentown, PA Miller, Keith J. Bristol, PA Morrison, Thomas H. Las Cruces, NM Norris, Philip G. Dover, PA Schlonecker, David K. Emmaus, PA Schmoyer, Timothy J. Dover, DE Scott, Benjamin G. Langhorne, PA Weinhofer, Colby A. Akron, PA |
| Applicants |
| Brandt, David E. Clark, Timothy G. Cole, Raymond L. Elias, John C. Coopersburg, PA Easton, Michael L. Felty, Glenn R. Franka, Ondrej Good, Troy S. Green, Robert W. Gunderson, Peter J. Hoffman, Fred J. Lenz, Christopher D. Lesher, Dennis L. Madara, Ferdie R. Rossignol, Jeffery A. Scott, Mark A. South Hamilton, MA Jenkintom, MA Lenz, Chemistopher D. South Hamilton, MA Lenz, Coopersburg, PA South Hamilton, MA Lenz, Coopersburg, PA Jenkintown, PA South Hamilton, MA Lenz, Coopersburg, PA South Hamilton, MA Resarch Bear, DE Serbia Sorbia Good, Troy S. Boyertown, PA Spring City, PA Newark, DE Spring City, PA Hoffman, Fred J. Lenz, Christopher D. Denville, NJ Lesher, Dennis L. Manheim, PA Scott, Mark A. Piscataway, NJ |

<u>Ministerial Candidate Committee</u>: Calvin T. Reed, Chairman; Richard E. Taylor, Secretary; Delbert Baker II, Brian H. Cooper, and David E. Gundrum.

Report of the Board of Directors, Bible Fellowship Church

The Board of Directors of the BFC held four regular meetings and one special meeting to attend to corporate business related to Annual Conference, to agencies, and to 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, and Board of Church Extension.

The Board is studying issues concerning church employees and will be making recommendations to churches concerning procedures and other employment matters in the coming year. American Insuring Group, LTD, continues as agent of record for BFC sponsored health insurance plans. Policy holders with questions or concerns should contact Mr. David Ross, who administers the program for American Insuring Group, LTD. Mr. Charles Lavigna serves the Board of Directors as Medical Insurance Coordinator and liaison with Mr. Ross. He is available to churches as needed.

The Board expresses its deep appreciation to James A. Beil for thirty-one years of faithful service as a director. For seven years he served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and for many years he served as Hospitalization Secretary. His leadership and wisdom will be missed.

During the year, a legal suit against BFC and others was filed in Dutchess County, NY. At this time the complaint is still outstanding. We urge you to pray that this matter will be settled in a fair and expeditious manner. However, since the vulnerability of particular churches and the conference rests in large part on the responsibility in law that is attributed to those who hold title to property in which illegal activity is alleged, we advise the Annual Conference to adopt the resolutions that accompany this report. We also advise each church to review its insurance coverage to assure that coverage is adequate. We also strongly urge that every church that conducts or houses nursery schools, or any other weekday activities on church property seek legal advice to make certain that practices comply with all relevant laws and to assure that the church is taking all reasonable action to protect itself against legal claims.

We recommend that legislation approved at first reading (2003

Yearbook pages 56-57) be approved at Second Reading by the 121st Annual Conference.

All funds are deposited at Wachovia Bank. Accounts were reviewed by Linda K. Ruhl.

We recommend that the 121st Annual Conference adopt the following:

- 1. **Resolved**, that the rate of mileage reimbursement for conference business conducted for 2004 be 24¢ per mile.
- 2. <u>Resolved</u>, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 be adopted.
- 3. **Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 be approved for submission to the churches for their pledges.
 - Pledges for the 2005 Administrative Budget shall be received by the financial secretary by September 1, 2004.
- 4. Whereas, every Bible Fellowship Church is eligible to be incorporated when it becomes a Particular Church, and
 - <u>Whereas</u>, every incorporated Bible Fellowship Church is able to hold title to church property, and
 - Whereas, it is prudent to minimize the threat of possible legal action against the Bible Fellowship Church, be it
 - Resolved, that every Bible Fellowship Church upon recognition as a Particular Church, seek incorporation, and further
 - **Resolved**, that when any Particular Bible Fellowship Church incorporates, the Articles of Incorporation include the Trust Clause found in § 408-1 and 408-2 of the *Articles of Faith*, and further
 - Resolved, that immediately upon incorporation, each church take title and assume legal responsibility for all property previously titled to the Bible Fellowship Church.

Board of Directors, Bible Fellowship Church: Randall A. Grossman, President; Carl C. Cassel, Vice President; David J. Watkins, Secretary; Horace A. Kauffman, Financial Secretary; Robert. W. Gehret, Treasurer; James A. Beil, Hospitalization Secretary; Raymond R. Dotts, Charles A. Lavigna, L. James Roberts, Jr.

Bible Fellowship Church Balance Sheet

December 31, 2003

| Assets | |
|--|------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Cash | |
| General Fund | 86,132.70 |
| Ministers' Assistant Fund | 5,901.19 |
| Church Assistant Fund | 6,237.41 |
| Pastoral Intern. Fund | 6,653.39 |
| Special Projects Fund | 8,675.00 |
| Total Cash | 113,599.69 |
| Accounts Receivable | |
| Total Current Assets | 113,599.69 |
| Fixed Assets | 425.260.00 |
| R. Est. – Pinebrook Conference | 435,268.08 |
| R. Est. – Victory Valley | 111,877.01 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 547,145.09 |
| Total Assets | 660,744.78 |
| Liabilities | |
| Prepayments | |
| The state of the s | |
| Net Worth | 660,744.78 |
| Total Liabilities & Net Worth | 660,744.78 |
| | |
| General Fund Statement of Inc | ome |
| December 31, 2003 | |
| Income | |
| Administrative Budget | 124,543.75 |
| Interest | 1,502.43 |
| Total Income | 126,046.18 |
| _ | |
| Expenses | |
| Pastoral Internship Fund | 500.00 |
| An. Conference Entertainment | 6,000.00 |
| An. Conference Expense (Arrange Com) | 3,582.69 |
| Beneficiary Fund | 500.00 |
| Conference Pastor | 36,935.00 |
| Historical Committee | 1,000.00 |
| Ministers' Retirement Fund | 50,000.00 |
| Publication & Printing | 4,500.00 |
| | |

Ministerial Convention Exp. Expenses of Committees

Credentials Committee

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196.74 918.19 1,085.68

| Ministerial Candidate Com. | 2,578.07 | |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Ministerial Relations Com. | 808.85 | |
| Nominating Committee | 335.94 | |
| Statistical Committee | 186.21 | |
| Com. on Intercultural Min. | 745.35 | |
| Conference Agenda & Program | 197.84 | |
| Multiple Staff Study | 253.84 | |
| Secret Society Study Com. | 32.10 | |
| Strategic Planning Com. | 1,945.27 | |
| Total Committee Expense | | 8,198.40 |
| Chaplaincy Expense | | 139.60 |
| Board of Directors' Expenses | | 20,308.43 |
| Total Expenses | | 132,749.80 |
| Gain or (Loss) | | (6,703.62) |
| | | |

Real Estate Fund Balance

| Real Estate Fund Balance | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| December 31, 2003 | |
| Assets | |
| Current Assets | |
| Cash | 48,507.44 |
| Funds Invested | 153,473.86 |
| Notes | |
| Brooklyn, NY | 57,750.00 |
| Thompson, CN | 41,010.75 |
| Long Neck, DE | 175,000.00 |
| Newark, NJ | 18,872.08 |
| Ocean Co., NJ (06/05) | 48,476.37 |
| Mortgage | |
| Beraca Church | 64,996.58 |
| Total Current Assets | 608,087.08 |
| Fixed Assets - Real Estate | |
| Brooklyn, NY | 207,750.00 |
| Thompson, CN | 132,427.00 |
| Howell, NJ | 146,146.00 |
| Holmes, NY | 78,311.00 |
| Kutztown, PA | 88,957.50 |
| Long Neck, DE | 161,155.00 |
| Ocean Co., NJ - Parsonage | 126,985.70 |
| Ocean Co., NJ - Church | 175,000.00 |
| Newark, NJ | 60,631.48 |
| C.E. Parsonage | 178,193.04 |
| Poughquag, NY | 43,958.00 |
| Red Hill, PA | 165,800.00 |
| Total Fixed Assets | 1,565,314.72 |
| Total Assets | 2,173,401.80 |

| Liabilities Mortgages | |
|--|-------------------|
| Brooklyn, NY | 140,000.00 |
| Thompson, CN | 66,183.30 |
| Howell, NJ | 44,186.70 |
| Ocean Co., NJ - Parsonage | 48,476.37 |
| Ocean Co., NJ - Church | 103,423.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 402,269.37 |
| Trust Funds | |
| Brooklyn, NY | 67,750.00 |
| Thompson, CN | 66,243.70 |
| Howell, NJ | 101,959.30 |
| Holmes, NY | 78,311.00 |
| Kutztown, PA | 88,957.50 |
| Long Neck, DE | 161,155.00 |
| Ocean Co., NJ | 150,086.33 |
| Newark, NJ | 60,631.48 |
| Poughquag, NY | 43,958.00 |
| Red Hill, PA | <u>165,800.00</u> |
| Total Funds Held in Trust | 984,852.31 |
| Net Worth | 786,280.12 |
| Total Liabilities, Net Worth & Trust Funds | 2,173,401.80 |

Real Estate Fund Income Statement

December 31, 2003

| Income | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Church Contributions | 12,017.48 |
| Interest Received | 13,438.07 |
| Total Income | 25,455.55 |
| Expenses | |
| Property Investigations | 810.00 |
| P.J.C. Expenses | 90.50 |
| Grants to Missions | 15,000.00 |
| Total Expenses | 15,900.50 |
| Gain or (Loss) | 9,555.05 |

2003 Church Giving

| | Budget | Given for |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Church | Pledge | Budget |
| Allentown, PA, CC | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| Allentown, PA, Lighthouse | 360 | 360 |
| Bethlehem, PA | 1,800 | 1,950 |
| Blandon, PA | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Brooklyn, NY | 50 | 0 |

| Camden, DE | . 1,000 |
|---|---------|
| | 0 |
| Coopersburg, PA 5,500 . | 5,500 |
| | 175 |
| Emmaus, PA | 7,909 |
| Ephrata, PA | 5,260 |
| | |
| | 700 |
| | 650 |
| Graterford, PA | 2,400 |
| Harleysville, PA | 4,300 |
| | 3,450 |
| | 4,000 |
| | 600 |
| Howell, NJ 400 . | 400 |
| Kutztown, PA | 1,170 |
| | 6,000 |
| Lebanon, PA | 3,625 |
| Lehighton, PA | |
| Long Neck, DE | 0 |
| Maple Glen, PA | 550 |
| Mt. Carmel, PA | 1,260 |
| Mt. Pocono, PA | |
| Nazareth, PA 2,300 | 1,750 |
| Newark, DE | |
| Newark, NJ | 1,150 |
| Ocean Co., NJ | 0 |
| Old Bridge, NJ | 0 |
| Oley, PA | 3,346 |
| Paradise, PA | 1,070 |
| Phila. Wissinom'g, PA | 650 |
| Piscataway, NJ | 800 |
| Poughquag, NY | 5.000 |
| Quakertown, PA 5,000 Reading, PA 2,800 | 2,000 |
| Red Hill, PA | 2,900 |
| Royersford, PA | 1.500 |
| Scranton, PA 0 | 50 |
| Shamokin, PA 0 | 30 |
| Sinking Spring, PA | 3 996 |
| | 0 |
| Stroudsburg, PA | 2.500 |
| Sunbury, PA | 3.220 |
| Terre Hill, PA | 520 |
| Thompson, CT | |
| Wallingford, PA 4,750 | 4,750 |
| Wallingford, PA 4,750 Walnutport, PA 140 | 0 |
| Whitehall, PA | 225 |
| York, PA 2,000 | 1,994 |
| Zionsville, PA 0 | 500 |
| BFC Homes, Inc | 1,300 |
| | |

| Bd. Church Extension | 250 250 |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Bd. Missions | 2,000 2,000 |
| Pinebrook Bible Conference | 1,000 1,000 |
| Brotherhood Mutual | 6,890 6,890 |
| Totals | 07,869 112,450 |

Pledges to the Administrative Budget

| | 2003 | 2004 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Church | Pledge | |
| Allentown, PA, CC | 6.500 | 7,345 |
| Allentown, PA, Lighthouse | | 360 |
| Bethlehem | | 2,028 |
| Blandon, PA | , | 2,020 |
| Brooklyn, NY | | 50 |
| Camden, DE | | 500 |
| Clinton Corners, NY | | 100 |
| Coopersburg, PA | | 5,750 |
| Denville, NJ | | 175 |
| Emmaus, PA | | |
| | | 9,040 |
| Ephrata, PA Finesville, NJ | 700 | 6,160 |
| Fleetwood, PA | | 600 |
| | | |
| Graterford, PA | | 2,400 |
| Harleysville, PA | | 4,300 |
| Harrisburg, PA | | 3,820 |
| Hatfield, PA | | 4,200 |
| Holmes, NY | | 600 |
| Howell, NJ | | 400 |
| Kutztown, PA | | 1,322 |
| Lancaster, PA | | 6,000 |
| Lebanon, PA | | 2,900 |
| Lehighton, PA | | 655 |
| Long Neck, DE | | 0 |
| Maple Glen, PA | | 600 |
| Mt. Carmel, PA | | 1,260 |
| Mt. Pocono, PA | . 1,700 . | 2,000 |
| Nazareth | . 2,300 . | 2,600 |
| Newark, DE | | |
| Newark, NJ | | |
| Oley, PA | | |
| Old Bridge, NJ | | |
| Paradise | 1.020 | 500 |
| Phila. Wissinom'g, PA | 650 . | 650 |
| Piscataway, NJ | 600 . | 1,000 |
| Poughquag, NY | | |
| Quakertown, PA | . 5,000 . | 5,500 |
| | | |

| Reading, PA |
|--|
| Red Hill, PA |
| Royersford, PA |
| Scranton, PA 50 50 |
| Shamokin, PA 200 0 |
| Sinking Spring, PA |
| Spring City, PA 0 0 |
| Stroudsburg, PA |
| Sunbury, PA |
| Terre Hill, PA |
| Thompson, CT |
| Wallingford, PA |
| Walnutport, PA |
| Whitehall, PA |
| York, PA |
| Zionsville, PA 500 500 |
| BFC Homes, Inc |
| Bd. Church Extension |
| Bd. of Missions |
| Pinebrook Bible Conference 1,000 1,000 |
| Brotherhood Mutual 6,890 8,517 |
| Totals |
| Proposed Budget |
| % of Budget Pledged |

Administrative Budgets

| | | Proposed | Revised | Proposed |
|-----|------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| | | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 |
| | | Budget | Budget | Budget |
| 1. | Beneficiary Fund | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| 2. | Ministers' Assistance Fund | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 3. | Ministerial Convention | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 4. | Ministers' Retirement Fund | 55,000 | 55,000 | 57,000 |
| 5. | Annual Conference | | | |
| | a. Conference Entertainment | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| | b. Conference Expense | 4,085 | 4,085 | 4,085 |
| 6. | Fund to Assist Churches | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 7. | Board of Communications | 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 | 3,700 | 3,400 |
| 10. | M.C.C. Internship Fund | 250 | 250 | 250 |
| 11. | Historical Committee | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,000 |
| 12. | Conference Pastor | 36,320 | 38,000 | 38,000 |
| 13. | Contingencies | 45 | 117 | 65 |
| | al Budget | 117,000 | 121,552 | 122,700 |
| % c | f previous budget | 110.3 | 113.0 | 101.0 |

Report of the Board of Church Extension

The mission of Church Extension Ministries is to begin new Bible Fellowship Churches in new communities of North America and to strengthen those new works already begun. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14,15.

The Board of Church Extension met quarterly during 2003 to oversee this work. In addition, committees of the Board have met as necessary to create policy and strategy, oversee finances and personnel, and oversee the purchase, sale and maintenance of properties.

The Board is thankful for our Executive Director, David E. Gundrum. Brother Gundrum has been faithful in visiting the churches of the BFC, working with the church planters of churches and missions under the authority of Church Extension Ministries, and working to initiate new church starts. We are also thankful for Ruth Richards for her valuable administrative efforts in the Church Extension office. In addition, John Pello, Outreach Assistant, and Chris Merrick, Ministry and Work Team Coordinator, and Ray Bertolet, Assistant Church Planter working primarily with the Delmarva Project, have provided valuable support to our ministry teams. The Board is grateful for all those who are partners with us in this vital ministry of beginning new churches through prayer, financial support and volunteer service. Please continue to pray for the work of Church Extension in the BFC.

Some of the highlights for 2003 are:

- We approved the opening of a mission in Worcester County, Maryland. We are now asking the Lord to provide a church planter for that mission.
- Stephen C. Mann was called as church planter for the Hellertown Mission during 2003. Public worship has begun, a committed core has been gathered and outreach to the community continues in Hellertown.
- The Thompson Mission Church has called and affirmed elders and was recognized as a Particular Church at the 120th Annual Conference.

- This past year, the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting has assessed and approved Carlos Rodriguez to be a candidate to serve in planting an Hispanic church in the city of Reading, PA. Church Extension is working in conjunction with the Board of Missions on this project.
- During 2003 Thomas H. Morrison was hired and sent as church planter at the Las Cruces, NM, Mission Church. Pray for Tom and Paula as they seek to establish and grow that work.
- The New Life Bible Fellowship Mission Church of Rehobeth, DE, purchased an eight acre property during 2003. Plans are underway to finance the construction of a first phase on that property.

The following is a list of men who are presently serving under Church Extension Ministries:

Old Bridge, NJ John C. Vandegriff, Jr. Ralph E. Ritter Brooklyn, NY Chesapeake, VA Willis I. Dowling Hellertown, PA Stephen C. Mann Thomas H. Morrison Las Cruces, NM Long Neck, DE Kenneth F. Barber Newark, NJ Delbert R. Baker, II Ocean County, NJ Dean A. Stortz South Allentown, PA Elliot H. Ramos Dennis W. Spinney Thompson, CT Reading, PA Carlos Rodriguez

The Board of Church Extension makes the following resolutions:

- 1. Whereas, the Board of Church Extension is of the opinion that the New Life Mission Church of Lewes/Rehobeth, DE, 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 Life Mission Church of Lewes/Rehobeth, DE, be recognized as a Particular Church, and that its delegate be received into membership of the one-hundred-twenty-first Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.
- Whereas, the Board of Church Extension is of the opinion that the Newark Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, NJ,

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 Newark Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, NJ, be recognized as a Particular Church, and that its delegate be received into membership of the one-hundred-twenty-first Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church.
- Whereas, the purpose of Church Extension Ministries is to form, foster and nurture to maturity new congregations, and
 - Whereas, this purpose does not include support and care for recognized churches of Annual Conference, and
 - Whereas, the board of Church Extension has neither resources nor expertise to revitalize declining and vulnerable churches, and
 - Whereas, newly recognized churches and churches in decline may need various kind of support, therefore be it
 - Resolved, that the Board of Church Extension recommend to the Annual Conference that a committee formed of representatives of the Ministerial Relations Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Board of Church Extension be appointed to study and propose mechanisms to provide support for weak or declining churches.

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

Financial Report

January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

| Balance, December 31, 2002 | | \$ 28,479.12 |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Income | | |
| Undesignated | | |
| From BFC Churches | 134,639.87 | |
| From Other Sources | 38,676.00 | |
| Designated | | |
| From BFC Churches | 161,978.70 | |
| From Other Sources | 129,374.74 | |
| | | |

| Other | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Reimbursements | 50.00 | |
| Designated In/Out | 18,890.50 | |
| Interest | 91.11 | |
| Fund Interest Income | 1,500.00 | |
| Total Income | | 485,200.92 |
| | | , |
| Expenses | | |
| Appropriations | 303,520.18 | |
| Executive Director | | |
| Salary/Retirement | 47,300.00 | |
| Medical Insurance | 11,540.42 | |
| Related Expenses | | |
| Housing & Travel | 28,318.99 | |
| Education/Conferences | 2,167.47 | |
| Administrative Contingency | 519.95 | |
| Support Staff/Office Operation | | |
| Salary/Benefits | 15,020.31 | |
| Office Expenses | 18,041.33 | |
| Rent | 5,925.00 | |
| Other | 1 100 00 | |
| Internship | 1,100.00 | |
| Board Expenses | 3,519.56 | |
| Conference Expenses | 575.00 | |
| Insurance, Taxes, Pensions | 3,976.10 | |
| Designated In/Out | 18,278.21 | Ф 450 000 50 |
| Total Expenses | | <u>\$ 459,802.52</u> |
| Total, Balance, December 31, 2003 | | \$ 53,877.52 |
| Depository | | <u> </u> |
| Savings Account | 45,585.27 | |
| Department Checking Acct. | 8,292.25 | |
| Accounts and report have been revi | | ved by Richard |
| Kuntzman, Accountant | | |

A. Kuntzman, Accountant

Addenda

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

| , | Balance | | Balance |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------|
| | 12/31/02 | Receipts | Expenses 12/31/03 |
| Luzerene County Project | 127.30 | | - 127.30 |
| Las Cruces, NM | 397.93 | 17,425.25 | 7,192.22 10,630.96 |
| Lewes/Rehoboth Mission | 2,626.47 | 22,962.50 | 37,219.02-11,630.05 |
| Assistant Church Planter | 1,734.78 | 60,029.27 | 51,504.39 10,259.66 |
| Ocean County Church | 4,629.92 | 14,665.05 | 9,900.00 9,394.97 |
| Intercultural/Ethnic Churches | 5,350.00 | 4,700.00 | 10,050.00 0.00 |
| Internship Program | 562.75 | 3,300.00 | 1,100.00 2,762.75 |
| Director's Reimbursed Expen | 67.23 | 1,179.73 | 997.69 249.27 |
| Outreach Seminar | 250.00 | | . 250.00 |

| | Deposited in Mennonit | e Foundation |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | | ERF |
| Date 01/01/03 12/31/03 | Dep/(Exp.) (\$1,540.08) | Balance \$ 4,240.02 \$2,699.94 |
| | | CRF |
| Date 01/01/03 12/31/03 | Dep/(Exp.) \$11,831.96 | Balance \$37,040.28 \$48,872.24 |
| | 7 | ZELF |
| Date 01/01/03 12/31/03 | Dep/(Exp.) \$3,897.79 | Balance \$21,146.48 \$25,044.27 |
| | ı | MRF |
| Date 01/01/03 12/31/03 | Dep/(Exp.) (\$5,628.02) | Balance \$101,646.50 \$ 96,018.48 |
| 12/31/03 Va | lue of Mennonite Funds | \$172,634.93 |
| 01/01/03 Va | lue of Mennonite Funds | \$169,073.28 |

Definitions of Funds

ERF – Emergency Reserve Fund holds moneys available to meet the operating expenses of the Ministry

CRF – Capital Resource Fund holds moneys available to be loaned to Ministries of the Church Extension Ministry for improving and replacing equipment and facilities.

ZLF – The Daniel G. Ziegler Fund holds moneys in honor of Daniel G. Ziegler, past Executive Director of Church Extension. The income from the ZLF may be distributed as awards, grants and scholarships to encourage church planters and planting of churches in the BFC.

MRF – Mission Resource Fund holds moneys available for loans or grants to ministries of the Church Extension. Use of the moneys will focus on the start of new church planting and projects aimed to further develop ongoing Church Extension.

2004 Proposed Budget

| | seu Duugei | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Income | | |
| Undesignated | | |
| From BFC Churches | \$ 147,000 | |
| From Others Sources | 32,874 | |
| Designated | • | |
| From BFC Churches | 195,000 | |
| From Other Sources | 94,000 | |
| Other | , | |
| Interest | 100 | |
| Fund Interest Income | 1,500 | |
| Total Income | | \$ 470,474 |
| Expenses | | , |
| Appropriations | 335,165 | |
| Executive Director | , , , , | |
| Salary/Retirement | 47,300 | |
| Medical Insurance | 11,000 | |
| Related Expenses | 11,000 | |
| Housing & Travel | 28,000 | |
| Education/Conferences | 2,200 | |
| Administrative Contingency | 500 | |
| Support Staff/Office Operation | 300 | |
| Salary/Benefits | 15,100 | |
| Office Expenses | 14,700 | |
| Rent | 6,225 | |
| Other | 0,220 | |
| Internship | 1,500 | |
| Board Expenses | 2,300 | |
| Conference Expenses | 575 | |
| Insurance, Taxes, Pensions | 4,909 | |
| Repayment/Interest | 1,000 | |
| Total Expenses | | \$ 470,474 |
| Total Expenses | | Ψ 470,174 |
| Borrowed from Emergency Reserve | e Fund (1999-2000) | 35,687.00 |
| Amount owed to CE Memorial Fun | | |
| (from Staten Island) - 2001 | | 1,557.20 |
| Borrowed from Emergency Reserve | e Fund (2002) | 11,000.00 |
| _ cross ou from Zimorgonoy redoctive | | 48,244.20 |
| | | -, |

Report of the Conference Pastor ~ Ronald C. Mahurin

As we come to the completion of the first term of office as Conference Pastor, I am reminded of the testimony given by the Apostle Paul in Phil.4:10-14. "I rejoice in the Lord greatly...you have shown great concern for me... I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am ... I have learned the secret ... I can do all things through Him who strengthens me ... you have done well to share with me ..."

Throughout the past three years these statements have taken on a new and deeper meaning to me personally. I am learning anew that it is only "in the Lord" that I can greatly rejoice, regardless of the circumstances. The secret being, of course, "through Him who strengthens me."

"You have done well to share with me in my affliction." During the past three years, three women who greatly impacted my life and who had a profound impact on the BFC were graduated to glory. I thank the Lord for the memory of Darlene Mahurin, Ruth Hartman, and Laura Cassel, and I thank you for the beautiful way you have shared in your brothers' sorrow and rejoiced with them in their hope and confidence that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." For we who remain, to worship, work, witness, and enjoy the warmth of the body of Christ, take courage in knowing we "can do all things through Him who strengthens us."

The grace of God, in salvation, has been manifested in each soul who has come to Christ. It has been encouraging to see a significant number of believers being baptized and join the local church. Several churches have commissioned their members to full-time missionary service and the number of short-term missions trips are at an all time high. Expanding our outreach at home through Church Extension is limited only by men and means. Let us join together in praying, "the Lord of the Harvest to send out workers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:38) and may our brethren and congregations in Church Extension be able to say of you and your congregation, "They really do care" as evidenced by your prayers and financial support.

We give praise to the Lord for the great group of young people in our churches and for those faithful youth pastors and leaders who are discipling these young emerging leaders. I continue to search for resources to aid our pastors, elders, deacons and others in leadership who desire to "grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord" and increase their leadership abilities. I want to remind you of Ministry Insights International, Inc. at www.ministryinsights.com (Insight International Inc.leadingfrom yourstrength.com15797.php) for help in defining the requirements of staff positions and matching the position to the right candidate. For very helpful tools for training elders, contact www.bible-equip.com/esn; www.ccbt.org/ (Center for Church Based Training); www.biblicaleldership.org. and www.lewisandroth.org, publisher of Alexander Strauch materials.

While the primary emphasis of the Conference Pastor is in ministering to our pastors and their families, the Ministerial Relations Committee is especially committed to "the care of the churches." These brethren are a tremendous blessing to me in providing much needed wisdom and guidance and I commend them to you as a source of wise counsel. The breath of knowledge, experience, and wisdom of these men provide a great resource to our churches.

The Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund has provided \$1400 to 13 families this past year. The only way to maintain this source of help for our pastors and families is through continuing contributions. Checks may be made out to Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, designated D.J.M. Memorial Fund and sent to the Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church, 1151 South Cedar Crest Boulevard, Allentown, PA 18103.

It is extremely humbling for me to realize the responsibility "of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you" (Ephesians 3:2). My brethren, who is sufficient for these things? I am not! Please pray for me as I pray for you that together we will "by faith conquer kingdoms, perform acts of righteousness, obtain promises, shut the mouths of lions, quench the power of fire, escape the edge of the sword, from weakness made strong, become mighty in war and put foreign armies to flight" (Hebrews 12:33-34).

Conference Pastor Financial Report January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

| Balance, December 31, 2002 | | (\$ 615.54) |
|--|--|-------------|
| Receipts Total Receipts | \$ 6,622.97 | 6,622.97 |
| Expenditures Phone Meals Travel Lodging Office Supplies Total Expenditures | 1,334.09 1,157.26 2,948.76 576.55 | _6,754.85 |
| Balance, December 31, 2003 | | \$ (747.42) |

Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund

| Opening Balance | \$ 3,425.00 |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Deposits 2003 | 325.00 |
| Withdrawn | 1,400.00 |
| Balance, December 31, 2003 | \$ 2,350.00 |

13 Families Assisted.



Scott Ott, new Director of VVC



Richard E. Taylor, Wallingford, PA Checking the news



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Report of the Director of Church Extension Ministries

"And I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing.

And I will cause showers to come down in their season;

they will be showers of blessing."

Ezekiel 34:26

What produces revival? Growth in the Church, and a church planting movement of such magnitude that many people are saved and churches are multiplied beyond any human planning? Charles Spurgeon writes, "Divine omnipotence is the doctrine of revival." I could also add that divine omnipotence produces church planting movements. Is such divine omnipotence functioning today in church planting enterprises? Yes, in some areas of the world the effectual working of God's power is producing great church planting movements. But here in America such showers of blessing upon evangelism and church planting are not as evident.

Why isn't American Christianity experiencing the type of church planting movements and extension of the Kingdom as places like India, China and other regions of the world? I don't presume to have an answer for this void in America but it is an alarming consideration given the role the American Church has had in world evangelism, yet America has now developed into a Mission field. Maybe this development is part of the answer, the fact that America is a Mission Field and we have not recognized it as being such. Churches seem to understand that their ministry target areas have changed, but do they understand they have changed in ways that demand a more aggressive evangelistic fervor and a plan that includes evangelistic church planting? It is not enough to do evangelism through a weeknight visitation program or by participating in a crusade once a year. Churches must mobilize their evangelism and Mission efforts toward evangelistic church planting: planting a daughter church, partnering with a church plant in their Jerusalem, Judea, or Samaria, working with other churches in their regions to plant a church, and identifying church planters in their congregations and sending them out with a Team to plant churches.

Do we really have a vision of "extending" the BFC? If so, then we should rally around a denominational plan for church planting in America and eventually the planting of BFC overseas. Particular

Churches need to rethink their Missions philosophy. They will need to prioritize church planting and adopt a more balanced Missions plan, emphasizing all the regions of the Great Commission. We should never lose sight of our responsibility to send out missionaries to foreign fields and reach the unreached. This is a vital part of the Great Commission but just as vital is reaching people in America and planting churches here at home. Home Missions should not be looked upon as second best and in less need of our support.

The past year I took this message to many of our churches, following up on previous visits, and reinforcing the need to proclaim the Gospel and plant new churches. Church Extension has been blessed with an increased interest, from the BFC, in our vision of planting new churches in new areas. I praise God for how the Churches have supported us, involved themselves with our church plants, and invited Church Extension to be a part of their Missions programs. This is a great encouragement to those who serve in Church Extension. We have embarked on a new year and I am excited about seeing what the Lord will do in 2004. I pray that He will extend His Kingdom and the Bible Fellowship Church and shower His omnipotent power upon our evangelistic church planting efforts.

Here is my report of what has been accomplished this past year in Church Extension. "EXTENDING THE BFC IN 2003"- This was our theme the past year and we took a big step in carrying out this theme by calling a man to serve in the Las Cruces, NM, Mission Church. It was amazing how the Lord provided for Thomas H. Morrison and his family. In December we were able to send the Morrisons to Las Cruces with an adequate support package and relieve Jack Becker of his duties at the Mission Church so he could return to his missionary service in Mexico. The move to Las Cruces was the most distant point that Church Extension has traveled in order to plant a church. If you look at the charge the BFC has given to our Mission, you will see that the whole of North America is to be reached by Church Extension. This is a tremendous assignment, but Las Cruces may be our first step toward being a national denomination.

The following list will review what else we did to extend the BFC in 2003:

- Our Churches and Mission Churches were blessed with over 40 people saved this past year and 16 baptized.
- Thousands of pieces of Gospel literature were distributed,

hundreds of homes were contacted with our Door-to-Door Community Surveys and our men, along with Ray Bertolet and John Pello, made 5,300 evangelistic visits.

- The Thompson, CT, Mission Church was received into Annual Conference as a Particular Church.
- Church Extension, working with the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting and the Berks County Hispanic Task Force, was able to complete its Demographic Studies of Reading, PA, and work toward the calling of Carlos Rodriguez to plant our second Hispanic BFC Church in the city of Reading, PA.
- The Newark, NJ, BFC was assessed and prepared for reception into Annual Conference.
- The purchase of property for the New Life Mission Church in DELMARVA was secured and a building plan was implemented.
- The Director and Board had to face a number of challenges in Church Extension as the ministry of Church planting is so viciously attacked by the Devil.
- Many meetings were held in Churches and with Boards of Elders and Missions Committees promoting the vital Mission of Church Planting and raising support for our Mission.
- Two significant meetings were held with BFC Churches who are looking into Daughter Church Planting.
- We had our fourth Summer Church Planting Intern, Darryl Evans, serve at the Rehoboth/Long Neck Mission Church.
- We interviewed several men who are considering church planting.
- Our Policy & Strategy Committee continued its work of developing a Policy Manual and a Five-Year Plan for Church Planting.
- Ray Bertolet and Thomas H. Morrison attended Church Planter's Boot Camp in June.
- Numerous trips were made to our Churches and Mission Churches to assist them.
- A significant number of new interested people were added to our mailing and e-mail lists.
- Our Donor/Partner list grew this past year and we were able to see a 12% overall increase in giving.
- Plans were finalized for the opening of a new Mission in Worcester County, Maryland.
- Several individuals gave significant annuity gifts through

Mennonite Foundation for Church Extension.

- Twelve BFC Churches participated with our Church Extension Mission Churches and Churches, assisting in VBS Programs, literature distribution, work projects, and other areas of helping out.
- This past year our Aquila and Priscilla ministry blossomed with Phil and Sandy Mitchell from the Emmaus Church commissioned as Aquila and Priscilla Missionaries to the Hellertown Mission Church and Harry and Sandra Workman being sent out from our Sinking Spring BFC as well as making plans this year to move to DELMARVA and further assist church planting on the Peninsula.
- I served on the Ministerial Candidate Committee and had the privilege to attend a number of Regional Meetings of our Pastors.
- I served on the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee and worked on a plan for presenting the Biblical Principles For Living to Annual Conference.

Church Extension had a busy year. As we look to 2004 we are asking the Lord to "*Pour Out His Spirit*" upon our Mission. This is our new theme. We need the Spirit's outpouring upon our church plants so that we see people saved and the Churches and Mission Churches grow.

Here are some of the things we are planning in 2004.

- The construction of new Church buildings at the New Life Mission Church in Long Neck, DE, and Newark BFC, Newark, NJ.
- The reception into Annual Conference of the Newark, NJ, and Rehoboth/ Long Neck, DE, Mission Churches as Particular Bible Fellowship Churches.
- Preparing to graduate the Newark, NJ, Bayshore, NJ, and Ocean County, NJ, Churches from Church Extension at the end of 2004.
- The purchase of property and full-time meeting places at the Las Cruces, NM Mission Church and Bayshore, NJ, Church.
- The appointment of an Organizing Elder Board for Las Cruces and a plan for oversight of this new venture in New Mexico.
- The possible restart of a Church in Cape May Court House, NJ.

- The preliminary work of investigating a church plant in Millsboro/Dagsboro, DE.
- The calling of Carlos Rodriguez and the opening of a new Hispanic Mission in the city of Reading, PA.
- Revisiting the vision for a Hispanic Church Plant in Lancaster, PA.
- The calling of a man to Worcester County, MD, to begin meetings in this new state of Maryland.
- Investigating the planting of a Daughter Church in Middletown, DE, in cooperation with the Newark, DE, BFC.
- Facilitating a group that is meeting in the Adams/Dauphin County, PA, area and the possibility of a church plant in this target area.
- · Looking into our second church plant in New England.
- Evaluating and seeking to further develop our present works.
- Working to increase our prayer support base and encouraging new donors to partner with us through the giving opportunities offered by Mennonite Foundation.
- Planning for our fifth Summer Church Planting Intern.
- Recruiting qualified and gifted church planters.

My prayers in 2004 are directed toward seeing the Holy Spirit pour Himself out upon each of our Church Extension Churches and Church Plants, and the Churches that are the Bible Fellowship Church denomination. Along with my prayers, and the prayers of the many who partner with Church Extension, we need the prayers and support of individuals and churches that have not been in partnership with us. If the Bible Fellowship Church is to be a church planting movement, seeing people saved and churches multiplied, then we need to unite in our efforts of evangelism and church planting.

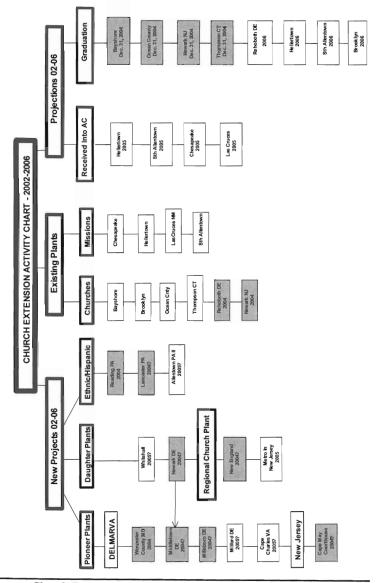
"Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fertile field ...how blessed will you be..." Isaiah 32:15

I praise God for the privilege it is to serve our great Lord and the Bible Fellowship Church. Pray for me in 2004 and the Board of Church Extension to have God's wisdom. Pray for our staff team: Ruth Richards, Carol Snyder, John Pello and Ray Bertolet. Most of all, pray for our men and their families who serve in Church Extension Ministries. They are your home missionaries,

called of God to plant churches.

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

Addendum - Church Extension Activity Chart.



Report of the Board of Missions

All self consume, all sin destroy! With earnest zeal endue
Each waiting heart to work for Thee; O Lord, our faith renew!
Lord, send the old-time power, The Pentecostal power!
Thy floodgates of blessing, on us throw open wide!
Lord, send the old-time power, The Pentecostal power!
That sinners be converted and Thy Name glorified!

Many have read with passion the account of the transformed disciples rushing from their meeting place proclaiming the Good News in the languages of the people. The result of the day was the conversion of thousands of souls touched by the Gospel spoken to them within their own cultural background.

Reading the account in Acts 2 prompts many to cry out to God, "Thy floodgates of blessing on us throw open wide!" God has repeatedly answered that prayer throughout the history of the BFC.

Just in the past few weeks the following took place:

- A sixteen year old girl told me of her assured call of God upon her life for career missions.
- A high school senior emailed me the news of her acceptance into a mission training college to pursue her call for missions that she has had upon her heart since tenth grade!
- A retiring couple sat in my office and shared their plans to step into career missions.
- A young man declared that he was praying for a career change to pursue missions.
- We received two applications from people ready to go.
- As I am writing this I am waiting for a couple to arrive that want to talk about their future in missions
- At our last board meeting we approved a couple who have sold all to begin their deputation.

When you consider that last year, twenty-seven BF churches sent out 56 short term mission teams and individuals, and as I write, four different BFC young adults are overseas on a one-to-two-year mission- related ministry. A retired BFC pastor and his wife have just completed an overseas ministry.

It is certainly evident that the "floodgates of blessings" are indeed open wide upon us. God is giving our people a passion for His world.

To assist our churches to meet the expanding call of God upon

us, the Board of Missions provides the following services to the Bible Fellowship Church:

- 1. Seminars: The BOM offers to the BFC churches a host of informational resources.
 - Design Your Impact Workshop This five hour seminar enables church leaders to discover their congregation's key characteristics and resources (their DNA) and move toward identifying a strategic missions focus that can unleash powerful, new global dynamic from their church.
 - Knowing God's Will Seminars are conducted each year on a denominational level in a fall RWR held at Pinebrook, but is also useful as a weekend course for a youth group in a local church setting.
 - P.O.M. (Parents of Missionary) Retreats. This weekendretreat seminar is designed to keep the parents of our missionaries on track with the ministry of their sons and daughters (and grandchildren) overseas.
 - Culture Link Seminars is a program that prepares your short-term missionary teams to be fully prepared for ministry. This is a necessary seminar for any church serious about getting the most from a cross-cultural experience.
 - Speaker Resource. The office personnel remain available for mission emphasis in local congregations. This includes all stated public worship services, Sunday School, mission conferences, and special events. The office also provides a complete listing on our website (see #3) of all our missionaries that are available for your missionary event needs.
 - Mentoring Services are provided to assist a church's board of elders and missions committee in developing a comprehensive, long range and balanced outreach plan that uses every member in God's global cause.
 - Short-term Planning advice and assistance in partnering with your missionaries by means of short-term missions trips through the services of Chris Merrick, Short-Term Projects Coordinator and Nelson Randolph, Short-Term Partnership Coordinator.
- 2. Prayer Calendar: The Prayer Calendar can now provide your congregation prayer information that is current. The new format

now provides an attractive readable prayer aid that can be provided to the churches at a reduced rate. Nearly 1900 are sent out each month.

3. Board of Missions Website: Started this year, the website is quickly becoming a focal point of information needed by everyone interested in missions in the BFC. This site continues to grow with information useful for both the church leadership and anyone seeking God's direction for possible service through the Board of Missions. Personal support needs and biographical information are now continually updated and available 24 hours a day. There are also helpful links in planning short-term or career missions involvement. You can log onto the site at www.bfcbom.org.

4. Email Subscriber Lists:

- Daily Prayer: Daily Prayer is a daily e-mail you can receive that allows you to not only view the Prayer Calendar request for the day, but also receive up-to-the-minute news and prayer requests from the field. Readership is around 100.
- Friday Prayer: This is an in-depth prayer document produced each Friday and sent by e-mail. This document meant for missionary to missionary communication, is also available to a select group of other prayer partners. Readership 190
- **5.** Let's Fish: This is a newsletter produced each Wednesday intended to keep those interested in short- term missionary trips and possible career missionary involvement on the cutting edge. It is a place for the exchange of ideas, as well as prayer and ministry opportunities. This document enjoys a readership from ages 14 years thru adult, and backgrounds that include pastors, missionaries, youth leaders, mission chair people, laymen, and students. Readership 230 each week with a full archive on our website
- **6. May Missionary Rally:** This annual gathering of missionaries and BF churches provides a world-wide panorama of missions, both local and overseas. It also provides networking opportunities and interaction between churches as they endeavor to highlight God's heart for the world in their church.

7. Missionary In-Residence at Pinebrook Bible Conference Summer Family Camp: This year starts a new effort to promote missions in the BFC by supplying a missionary family for each of the eight weeks of family camp. The campers in each week will have opportunity to interact at a very personal level with a missionary from the BFC. Additionally, they will have opportunity to present their ministry during public meetings.

8. Office activities:

The office remains the hub for donor and church information and financial processing. We compile and maintain all the necessary information to keep you abreast of the financial needs of the entire missionary family. Addresses and birthdays are kept upto-date for missionary committees and societies. Receipting of financial donations are meticulously recorded for both the donor's and the missionary's records.

The members of the board and the home office thank you for your continued sacrificial giving to the needs of our missionary family. We remind you that the operations of the board are totally dependant upon the financial support of the BFC.

To follow are the statistical information and financial reports that will give you a glimpse of what God is doing. An updated list of all the missionaries and sending boards is also in the Annual Conference Yearbook.

Board of Missions: Ralph M. Soper, Chairman; Dana E. Weller, Director; Daniel G. Oswald, Financial Secretary; James W. Harris, Secretary; Donald S. Faust, Leroy O. Herb, Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Gerald L. Schlonecker, Thomas P. Shorb, and Robert A. Sloan.

General Statistical Report on December 31, 2003

| 1. | Number of Sending Boards under which our missionaries are working | 40 |
|----|---|----|
| 2. | Number of countries in which our missionaries are working | 31 |

3. Number of Missionaries:

| | Family Units | Couples | Singles | Total Adults |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| Active Missionaries | 84 | 62 | 22 | 146 |
| Leave of Absence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Appointees | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Active Applicants | 2 | 1 | 1 | _3 |
| TOTALS | 89 | 65 | 24 | 154 |

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

| Area F | amilies | Adult | <u>Countries</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------|--|
| USA | 43 | 76 | United States of America |
| North America | 5 | 10 | Canada, Mexico (excluding U.S.) |
| Central America | 3 | 5 | Costa Rica, Guadeloupe |
| South America | 3 | 6 | Bolivia, Brazil |
| Europe | 16 | 29 | Austria, France, Germany, UK, Greece, Hungary, Spain, Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia, Czech Republic |
| Africa | 5 | 7 | Kenya, Tanzania, Morocco, Comoros Islands |
| Asia | 9 | 15 | Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Mongolia, Kzakhstan, India, Thailand, Ukraine |
| Southeast Asia & Pacific | 4 | 6 | Philippines, Australia, Malaysia |
| Totals | 89 | 154 | 31 |

Our Missionary Family

| Sam & Melissa Adams | Czech Republic - camping ministries |
|---------------------------|---|
| Keith & Carol Anderson | Texas, USA - Registrar & Director of Housing, teaching nursery program |
| William Aukamp | South Dakota, USA - evangelism, Bible classes, discipleship, church planting |
| Mel & Jan Babcock | Alaska, USA - purchasing and shipping supplies, hosts for mission guest apartment |
| Totoram & Felica Baran | New Jersey, USA - evangelism, cross-cultural ministries through Newark Bible Center |

| Byron & Lisa Barnshaw | Pennsylvania, USA - graphic design and web master Christar |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Bruce & Heather Beal | Mexico - Bible translation |
| Jennifer Bechtel | Germany - teacher at Black Forest Academy |
| Mark Bickel | Pennsylvania, USA - administration, campus discipleship |
| Glen Blauser | North Carolina, USA - warehouse manager JAARS |
| Richard & Peggy Blauser | Pennsylvania, USA - donors program manager |
| Scott & Stacy Bose | Brazil - administration & teaching Brazilia International School |
| Osborne & Diane Buchanan | Pennsylvania, USA - director for administration FIM |
| Barbara Chappell | New York, USA - evangelism, teaching and discipleship |
| Sanjay & Karen Dalavai | Pennsylvania, USA - Vice President, Finance & Computer Systems BCM |
| Francisco & Eliane deSouza | Pennsylvania, USA - Director for Missionary Personnel FIM |
| Ron & Joan Denlinger | Vermont, USA - minister to field staff RHMA |
| Bill & Lois Early | Pennsylvania, USA - northeast representative for Trans World Radio |
| Jaroslav & Natalija Elijas | Yugoslavia - evangelism, discipleship, church planting, relief work and radio ministry |
| Rick Erb | Ukraine - training Russian nationals in church planting |
| Theresa Faust | Malaysia - ministering to physically and mentally impaired persons and their families |
| Ondrej & Milina Franka | Yugoslavia - evangelism, discipleship, church planting, relief work and radio ministry |
| Maggie Gallo | Pennsylvania, USA - graphic design, ministry support |
| Marian Gibbon | Kenya, Africa - supervisor O.R., anesthesiology, maternity, teaching, evangelism |
| Neil & Ivy Harding | Russia - teaching and training pastors in Bible and church leadership |
| Bob & Shirl Harriman | Texas, USA -bookstore ministry, evangelism and discipleship |
| Connie Hartman | Austria - evangelism, discipleship, Bible studies, music |
| Tim & Barbara Hash | Vermont, USA - ministry to families and youth |
| James & Lynne Head | South Carolina, USA - training and counseling Missionaries |
| Aaron & Marlene Hoffman | Pennsylvania, USA - home office coordinator, regional representative |
| Scott & Sue Hoffman | Pennsylvania - Executive Director Push the Rock |
| Marc & Elizabeth Hoyle | North Carolina, USA - coordinator of the design and construction ministries HIM Int'l |

| Walter & Susan Johnston | Philippines - video training ministries, evangelism, discipleship |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Cheryl Kline | Thailand - orphanage ministries |
| Paul & Kathryn Kline | Greece - church planting and evangelism |
| Brian & Carol Ann Lawrence | Canada - church planting and evangelism among the Kurds |
| Robert & Teo Lockhart | Hungary - project coordinator for Word of Life camps. |
| Jim & Trudi MacArthur | Pennsylvania, USA - US Director Christar |
| Dave & Rosemarie Manney | Ukraine - HCJB Euro-Asia |
| Kyle Merkey | North Carolina, USA - aircraft maintenance JAARS |
| Chris & Beckie Merrick | Pennsylvania, USA - coordinator of ministry and work teams for BFC urban church planters and BFC missionaries |
| Barry & Lesa Miller | Morocco - house parents at Children's Haven and Christian school |
| Craig & Karena Miller | Brazil - church planting, evangelism and discipleship |
| Phil & Jan Morrison | Kenya, Africa - chaplain Rift Valley Academy, teaching, secretarial |
| Duane & Joetta Moyer | Guadeloupe - Church, youth work |
| 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 | Spain - school administration, teaching |
| Tim & Michelle Obarow | Ohio, USA – mission aviation production manager |
| Jeff & Emmy Ort | Montana, USA - director, Big Sky Bible Camp |
| Rob & Lana Patterson | Canada - overseeing NCEM's field missionaries in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and northwestern Ontario |
| Wayne & Lois Gay Pauley | Delaware, USA - evangelism and church planting among Chinese in Delaware |
| 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 radio production Russian Christian Radio |
| Nelson & Robyn Randolph | Pennsylvania - Missionary Partnership Coordinator |
| Jason Raines | Comoros Islands - sports evangelism, church planting |
| Lillian Solt Ramirez | Costa Rica - medical missions, evangelism and counseling |
| Art & Vicki Reyes | Mexico - evangelism, discipleship and church planting |
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| David & Becky Riddell | France - field director, evangelism, discipleship, church planting |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Randy Ruth | Kazakhstan - church planting and friendship evangelism |
| Joyce Sacher | Pennsylvania, USA - camp ministry |
| Amy Sandt | Philippines - teaching |
| David Schlonecker, Jr. | Pennsylvania, USA - overseas coordinator Push the Rock Sports Ministries |
| Dan & Jackie Scott | Kyrgyzstan - outreach to unreached peoples |
| Mark & Jocelyn Scott | New Jersey, USA - campus ministries |
| Ted & Grete Shelling | Austria - international student evangelism/discipleship and Bible studies |
| Bill & Patti Sherman | Florida - office administration |
| Gary & Karen Shogren | Costa Rica - seminary & Bible college professor |
| Efthemes & Irene Sioukiouroglou | Greece - outreach to Muslim refugees and church planting |
| Bob & Donna Sloma | Vermont, USA - ministry to families at The Fold |
| Sarolta Solymosi | Hungary - professional associate - door-to-door evangelism, literature distribution and discipleship |
| Donn & Julie Stengele | India - Professional Associates administrators at Kodaikanal School |
| Kim Stengele | Tanzania, Africa - Sandawe outreach project, medical ministry |
| John & Laura Studenroth | Pennsylvania, USA - evangelism among college professionals |
| Edward Stuebner | Pennsylvania, USA - publication production |
| Craig & Mary Tress | Australia - camping ministries and administration |
| Rick & Donna Warner | Mongolia - agricultural ministries, evangelism and discipleship |
| Dana & Lanette Weller | Pennsylvania, USA - director, BFC Board of Missions |
| Pat & Linda Whalen | South Dakota, USA - mid-west director American Missionary Fellowship |
| Scott & Joanna Widman | Northern Ireland - camping ministries |
| Oliver & Linda Williams | England - evangelism & discipleship to Hindus |
| Mark & Cathy Wimble | Thailand - managing a vacation home for missionaries |
| Barry & Candy Wingo | Mexico - evangelism, translation, church planting |
| Phil & Nancy Yerrington | Pennsylvania, USA - northeast area church relations representative, TEAM |
| Paul & Julie Zimmerman | New York, USA—AIM headquarters: Paul: church relations coordinator; Julie: telephone operator, receptionist |

Candidates and Commissionings: The local church continues to produce world-bound missionaries. This year the Board of Missions processed a number of new applications and approved 6 candidates (Cheryl Kline, Nelson Randolph, Bill & Patti Sherman and Efthemes & Irene Sioukiouroglou)

Individuals Ending Their Active Missionary Service:

Linda Clayton - HCJB

Dick & Flo Gehman - AIM

Marvin & Peggy Klaassen - Gospel Mission of South America

Sharon Ohlin - United World Missions

Nicole Saggio - Coalition for Christian Outreach

Annual Reports From Missionaries: Annual activity reports from missionaries will be sent out by the missionaries themselves. These reports for 2003 will be sent out in early 2004.

Dates To Mark On Your Calendar Of Events:

Thursday, May 6, 2004

Conference-Wide Missionary Rally 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2003

| Assets (Cash & Investments) | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Cash in Bank & On Hand | \$ 315,843.21 |
| Board of Pension Bond | 40,000.00 |
| General Fund Investments | 358,755.69 |
| Supplemental Aid Investments | 226,014.64 |
| Housing Fund Investments | 253,668.16 |
| Total Assets | \$1,194,281.70 |
| Liabilities (Support, SAF & Projects) | |
| Missionary Support / Projects | \$ 290,191.66 |
| Ethnic Church Planting | 16,671.01 |
| Collegiate Outreach | 2,106.98 |
| Pastoral Scholarship | 5,625.42 |
| Awaiting Designation | 55.22 |
| SAF | (17,742.07) |
| Support Excess Reserve | 32,264.60 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 329,172.82 |

| Funds Held in Trust | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Prior Year's GF Balance | \$ 290,923.92 |
| Prior Year's SA Balance | 236,474.45 |
| Prior Year's HF Balance | 262,547.48 |
| SAF Account Adjustments | 17,742.07 |
| This Year's Excess (Deficit) | (3,453.28) |
| Increase in Market Value | |
| General & Housing Funds | 39,212.87 |
| Supplemental Aid Fund | 21,661.37 |
| Total Funds Held in Trust | 865,108.88 |
| Total Liabilities & Funds Held | \$ 1,194,281.70 |

Statement of Revenues & Expenditures General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

| General Fund Income: | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Undesignated Income - Churches | \$ 9,372.17 |
| Undesignated Income - Other | 2,614.57 |
| Honorarium Income | 2,480.32 |
| Special Events Offerings | 787.20 |
| Prayer Calendar Income | 4,501.25 |
| Associate Director's Support | 3,200.00 |
| General Fund Investment Interest | 12,229.35 |
| Board Ministry Income | 77,401.21 |
| Other Income | 1,630.00 |
| Missions Week Contributions | 2,411.00 |
| Subsidized Housing Income | 8,145.29 |
| Gain / (Loss) on Securities | (405.07) |
| Total Income | \$ 124,367.29 |
| General Fund Disbursements: | • |
| Supplemental Support - Dana | \$ 4,674.14 |
| Regular Board Expenses | 3,922.97 |
| Board of Communications | 448.00 |
| Missionary Specials | 1,400.00 |
| Pensions | 8,199.96 |
| Hospitality | 637.99 |
| Special Events | 1,189.31 |
| Office Supplies & Equipment | 7,007.40 |
| Office Furniture, Etc. | 3,140.00 |
| Publicity, Postage | 6,420.98 |
| Prayer Calendar | 3,560.00 |
| Administrative Budget | 3,800.00 |
| Telephone | 2,207.49 |
| Global Focus | 73.82 |
| World Missions Week | 5,136.75 |
| Missionary Rally | 770.00 |
| Hospitalization | 21,323.59 |
| Office Expense - (Rent) | 15,396.00 |
| • , , | • |

| Associate Director Secretarial & Financial Services Payroll & Taxes Office Cleaning Miscellaneous Expense Total Regular Disbursements General Fund Excess (Deficit) Bequest Income applied to Operation Total General Fund Excess | 54,200.00 9,477.49 4,535.28 480.00 152.00 ——————————————————————————————————— |
|---|--|
| Statement of Revenue Various I | |
| For the Year Ended D | |
| Housing Fund (HF): | 000111001 31, 2003 |
| HF Income & Interest Income | \$ 8,145.29 |
| HF Rents & Assistance Paid | 8,145.29 |
| HF Excess | <u> </u> |
| Supplementary Aid (SA) Analysis: | Ψ |
| SA Interest & Investment Income | \$ 5,349.41 |
| SA Board Ministries Income | 12,574.22 |
| | |
| Gain (Loss) on Securities Total SAF Income | (3,960.28) 13,963.25 |
| | 13,963.35 |
| Cumulative SAF Income | (17,742.07) |
| SA Cumulative Excess / (Deficit | |
| Cumulative Missionary Support & Pro | |
| Missionary Support & Projects (Inc. | |
| (Includes Income & Credit adjus | |
| Missionary Support | \$ 1,499,187.65 |
| Missionary Projects | 536,119.57 |
| Ethnic Church Planting | 25,387.06 |
| Awaiting Designation | <u>153,352.33</u> |
| Cumulative Total Income | \$ 2,214,046.61 |
| Missionary Support & Projects (Dis | bursements): |
| (Includes Disbursements & Debi | |
| Missionary Support | \$ 1,288,184.80 |
| Missionary Projects | 449,198.36 |
| Ethnic Church Planting | 8,716.05 |
| Awaiting Designation | 138,774.58 |
| Cumulative Total Disbursements | |

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

Note 1 The Board of Missions has provided a Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2003, 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

Missionary Support & Projects Cumulative Excess

\$ 329,172.82

- 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, 2003.
- Note 3 The Financial Statements show the investments in the Funds at Market Value and therefore reflect the Decrease in Market Values at December 31, 2003.

Note 4 Fidelity Investments

| | 12/31/2003 | 12/31/2003 |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|
| | Market | Cost |
| | Value | Basis |
| GNMA #28984 | \$ 741.41 | \$ 674.37 |
| FHLMC #180822 | 192.83 | 180.08 |
| FHLMC #1136 | 818.58 | 816.36 |
| FHLMC #1614 | 7,1022.19 | 7,000.00 |
| FNMA #1994-1 | 19,347.89 | 19,000.00 |
| BANK SULLIVAN | 99,801.00 | 100,000.00 |
| VANGUARD PRIMECAP | 90,922.91 | 80,177.02 |
| WEITZ VALUE | 44,230.12 | 39,163.93 |
| COLUMBIA HIGH YIELD | 34,404.31 | 32,479.70 |
| VANGUARD ST CORP ADM. | 264,105.55 | 262,976.57 |
| FIDELITY CASH RESERVES | 47,504.01 | 47,504.01 |
| CASH | 3,333.05 | 3,333.05 |
| <u>\$</u> | 612,423.85\$ | 593,305.09 |
| | | |

Note 5 Fidelity Investments - Supplemental Aid Fund

| FID ADVISOR MID CAP FID ADVISOR NAT'L RES TEMPLETON DEV MKTS VANGUARD GROWTH & Inco VANGUARD PRIME CAP | 18,639.52 | 12/31/2003 Cost <u>Basis</u> 5,000.00 10,111.92 4,648.50 29,201.61 16,436.00 |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| WEITZ VALUE | 8,985.50 | 7,955.98 |
| US TREAS NOTES ARTISAN INTL EQUITY | 116,636.00 7,521.01 | 111,756.57 7,000.00 |
| CASH RESERVES CASH | 23,849.96 | 23,849.96 |
| | <u>\$ 226,014.64</u> \$ | 215,960.55 |

Note 6 Missionary Account

These were adjustments to Missionaries Accounts.

Books reviewed by Ellis Lee Hostetter, CPA. "Audit Letter" available upon request.

Report of the Board of Directors, BFC Homes, Inc.

Motivated by the compassion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the mission of the BFC Homes, Inc. is to provide the services for older adults and infirm which promote social, physical, psychological, emotional, intellectual and spiritual well-being. In fulfilling this mission, Fellowship Community adheres to the concept of ministry of the BFC, which recognizes and affirms the maturity, dignity and eternal destiny of each person. The Board of Directors seeks to honor this mission by maintaining a commitment to excellence, innovative program and quality service to the 298 residents who reside at Fellowship Community and to the 232 employees who provide the service.

The Board of Directors met quarterly during 2003 to oversee the development of Fellowship Community and to monitor continuous performance improvement activities throughout the organization. The Board is grateful as the construction of Phase IV (Hershey Court) concludes and the construction of Phase V (Brunner Court) begins.

Some of the highlights for 2003 are:

- Construction of Fellowship Terrace, Hershey Court and the renovations to Fellowship Manor has been completed.
- Fellowship Terrace and Hershey Court are now fully occupied.
- The Courtyard designed for residents with Alzheimer's disease was completed and is now fully occupied.
- Plans to build Brunner Court have been completed and construction should begin during the Spring of 2004.
- The Department of Health and Department of Public Welfare have surveyed Fellowship Manor and Fellowship Terrace.
 The survey results indicated that the number of deficiencies was below State and National averages.
- Fellowship Manor and Fellowship Terrace achieved full accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. Fellowship Manor achieved a score of 98% and Fellowship Terrace a score of 100%.
- Resident satisfactory surveys demonstrated that 96% of the residents rated the services provided by Fellowship Community as very good to excellent.
- The Park Fund is progressing slowly. The current amount in

the Park Fund is \$85,000. Our goal was to reach \$100,000 each year for the next four years. The Park Project is to build a park area around the existing quarry. The park will include pavilions that will hold up to 100 people. It will also include a kitchen, rest rooms, nature trail, ½ mile walking trail, park benches, etc. The project will take approximately 4-5 years to complete.

• The occupancy of Fellowship Manor remains at over 98%, Fellowship Terrace at 97% and the Courts at 100%.

The staff and volunteers at Fellowship Community (Manor, Terrace and Courts) are to be commended for their caring attitude and cooperative spirit. We thank the Lord for providing us with a very dedicated and loyal staff.

In conclusion, the Board of Directors appreciates all the contributions from the churches and individuals. The church contributions are used to assist BFC members who no longer have the resources to be maintained as private pay residents.

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 BFC Homes, Inc., is from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. The audited report from ParenteRandolph is available and may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of the Board.

Board of Directors, BFC 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., Gene W. Smith, D. Thomas Phillips, Hans Waldvogel

Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc. Balance Sheet June 30, 2003

| ASSETS | | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash & cash equivalents | \$ | 2,352,941 |
| Assets whose use is limited, under trust | | |
| indenture, held by trustee | | 1,047,724 |
| Accounts receivable, residents, net of | | |
| estimated allowance for doubtful | | |
| collections of \$100,000 in 2003 | | 869,777 |
| Note receivable | | 79,444 |
| Inventories | | 67,495 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | _ | 104,556 |
| Total current assets | : | \$ 4,521,937 |
| Assets whose use is limited, | | |
| Under trust indenture, held by trustee | | 1,998,142 |
| Long-Term Investments | | 2,598,538 |
| Property and Equipment, Net | | 19,213,389 |
| Deferred Financing Costs, Net | _ | 1,233,710 |
| Total | <u>\$</u> | <u> 29,565,716</u> |
| LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| | \$ | 255,000 |
| Current maturities of long-term debt | Ф | 355,000 |
| Accounts payable: Trade | | 272,581 |
| Construction | | 1,139,048 |
| Amounts withheld from employees for | | 1,139,046 |
| taxes, etc. | | 31,368 |
| Accrued expenses: | | 31,306 |
| Salaries and wages | | 107,989 |
| Vacation, sick and personal wages | | 192,069 |
| Interest | | 181,702 |
| Deferred revenue | | 102,583 |
| Total current liabilities | \$ | 2,382,340 |
| Long-Term Debt | Ψ | 21,435,000 |
| Refundable Fees and Deposits | | 4,328,448 |
| Deferred Revenues from Advance Fees | | 1,041,468 |
| Total liabilities | _ | 29,187,256 |
| Net Assets: | | 27,107,230 |
| Unrestricted | | 320,838 |
| Temporarily restricted | | 57,622 |
| Total net assets | _ | 378,460 |
| Total | 2 | 29,565,716 |
| 10441 | Ψ. | 27,303,710 |

Statement of OperationsFor the Year Ended June 30, 2003

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|--|--------------|
| Unrestricted Revenues, Gains and other support: | |
| Net resident service revenues | \$10,377,300 |
| Other revenues including third-party payor | , , |
| settlement agreements | 159,457 |
| Investment (loss) income | (289,642) |
| Unrestricted contributions | 31,542 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | 12,141 |
| Total unrestricted revenues, gains and | 12,171 |
| | 10 200 709 |
| other support | 10,290,798 |
| Expenses: | 5 254 744 |
| Healthcare | 5,254,744 |
| Dietary | 1,075,544 |
| Housekeeping and laundry | 492,768 |
| Social services and activities | 584,863 |
| Plant operations | 795,492 |
| General and administrative | 1,018,538 |
| Depreciation | 691,706 |
| Amortization | 53,103 |
| Interest | 1,072,523 |
| Total expenses | 11,039,281 |
| Operating Income (Loss) | (748,483) |
| Change in Net Unrealized Gains and Losses on | (, ,0,,00) |
| Investments other than Trading Securities | 444,309 |
| Net assets released from restrictions used for | 441,505 |
| nurchase of property and equipment | _ |
| purchase of property and equipment Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets | \$ (304 174) |
| increase (Decrease) in Offestricted Net Assets | \$ (304,174) |
| | |

Statement of Changes in Net Assets For the Year Ended June 30,2003

| Unrestricted Net Assets: | |
|--|--------------|
| Operating (loss)income | \$ (748,483) |
| Change in net unrealized gains and losses on investments other than trading securities Net assets released from restrictions used for | 444,309 |
| purchase of property and equipment | |
| (Decrease) increase in unrestricted net assets Temporarily Restricted Net Assets, Contributions | (304,174) |
| | 60,451 |
| Net assets released from restrictions used for: Operations | (12,141) |
| Purchase of property and equipment | |
| Increase (Decrease) increase in temporarily | |
| restricted net assets | 48,310 |
| (Decrease) increase in Net Assets | (255,864) |
| Net Assets, Beginning | 634,324 |
| Net Assets, Ending | \$ 378,460 |

Report of the Board of Directors, Pinebrook Bible Conference

The commitment of Pinebrook Bible Conference is to honor and please God and to minister to the Christian community. Our outreach is to the believer and to those who need Christ. This goal is achieved through Bible conferences, retreats, seminars, banquets, personal witness and the housing of East Stroudsburg Christian Academy. Each year, thousands come to Pinebrook Bible Conference to enjoy the facilities and to be blessed by God. Many decisions are made either to trust Christ or to follow Him and the Church is the better for it.

Ministry for God is often challenged and Pinebrook Bible Conference is no exception to this fact. After enjoying a fairly sound financial year in 2002, we have struggled in 2003. However, God is faithful and all obligations have been met. We praise Him for meeting our needs. Friends of Pinebrook responded generously to appeals that were made. Some staff-related situations have kept us looking to the Lord for wisdom and direction. Alva C. Cassel has served as acting director during this time, at the request of the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Bible Conference.

Despite some of these challenges, the program and projects at the conference center have continued on. The long-awaited-and-needed restrooms adjoining the dining hall have been installed for the convenience of our guests. A new loading dock and an extensive upgrading of our kitchen, including the electrical service has been done. This also included paving and a new drain at the front of the dining area. These things along with other upgrades continue to make Pinebrook Bible Conference a place to be enjoyed and to comfortably worship God.

We thank the Lord for our capable, faithful and dedicated staff both full-time and part-time who share the vision of Pinebrook Bible Conference and work here to serve the Lord in the conference ministry.

Board of Directors, Pinebrook Bible Conference, Alva C. Cassel, Chairman & President; David T. Allen, Vice Chairman & Vice President; Daniel P. Allen, Secretary; Lee E. Boyles, Treasurer; Carl Ackerman, Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Charles E. Cole, Brian H. Cooper, Jay H. Fasnacht, Kermit K. Gehman, LeRoy O. Herb, Gerald Schlonecker, Hans Waldvogel

Alva C. Cassel, Acting Director; Nate Brosius, Director of Operations; J. Mark McCreary, Director of Ministries

Balance Sheet

December 31, 2003

Assets

| Current Assets Cash in Bank - Checking Cash on Hand & A/R Payroll Account Securities - Market Value Total Current Assets Fixed Assets Land Buildings-Net Depreciation Current Inventory Vehicles-Net Depreciation Total Fixed Assets | \$ 31,927.79 2,434.63 9,521.36 26,674.70 1,239,793.39 573,310.26 32,011.49 1,944.67 | \$ 70,558.48 1,847,059.81 |
|---|--|---|
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 1,917,618.29 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Current Liabilities Accounts Payable Payroll Taxes Payable Line of Credit - UP Bank Payroll Deductions Payable Other Payables Sales Tax Payable Total Current Liabilities Long Term Liabilities Mortgage Mortgage Principal Paid | 25,070.45 1,183.04 45,000.00 2,209.25 62,546.37 964.01 212,886.19 (8,968.62) | 136,973.12 |
| Total Long Term Liability Designated & Restricted Liabilitie Cabin Fever Fund Deposits - All Retreats Deposits - Summer Conference Scholarship/Tip Fund | 6,100.00 45,539.26 | 203,917.57 |
| Total Restricted Funds EQUITY Equity at Beginning of Year This Year's Gain (Loss) Total Equity TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 1,501,682.07 (6,659.28) | 81,704.81 1,495,022.79 1,917,618.29 |

Consolidated Statement of Income and Expenses For The Year Ended December 31, 2003

| INCOME Summer Conferences - BFC Retreats Camp Site Rentals Banquets, Meals/Breaks/Pizza Ladies Retreat Senior Citizens Retreat PED Retreat Income Gift Store Sales Snack Shop Sales Vending Machine Sales Other Sales Land Leases & Rentals Interest Received Terms Taken & Damage Reimb. Gifts Received Offerings Received Total Income | 247,682 753,075 13,280 24,710 26,844 12,935 3,571 28,654 36,344 12,345 43,516 21,150 477 2,348 102,181 22,048 1,351,160 | 18.3 55.7 1.0 1.8 2.0 1.0 0.3 2.1 2.7 0.9 3.2 1.6 0.0 0.2 7.6 1.00.0 |
|---|---|---|
| Gift Store Expense Snack Shop Expense Vending Machine Expense Custodial Expenses Kitchen Expenses Miscellaneous Retreat Costs Pinebrook Retreat Expenses Banquets Sports Music/Audio Visual Maintenance Maintenance Supplies Pest Control Water Supply Expense Sewer Plant Supplies/Maint. Swimming Pools Expense Electric Gas Oil Vehicle Costs Insurances Payroll, FICA & Processing Honoraria Paid Gifts to Churches (RWR) Summer Conference Program Office Supplies & Equipment Computer Expenses Printing, Advertising & P/R | 50,898 33,403 2,726 116,249 296,132 1,625 9,072 2,179 595 3,355 113,824 12,063 1,410 765 8,099 9,515 78,688 12,553 62,715 21,654 124,041 181,972 12,894 8,440 27,959 20,717 6,087 10,515 | 3.8 2.5 0.2 8.6 21.9 0.1 0.7 0.2 0.0 0.2 8.4 0.9 0.1 0.6 0.7 5.8 0.9 4.6 1.6 9.2 13.5 1.0 0.6 0.6 9.2 |

| Telephone | 20,261 | 1.5 |
|--|-----------------|------------|
| Postage Stamps & Meter Board Expenses | 19,758 3,743 | 1.5 0.3 |
| Benefits, Training & Educate | 19,043 | 1.4 |
| Legal & Accounting | 100 | 0.0 |
| Sanitation Removal | 9,104 | 0.7 |
| Medical Supplies | 454 | 0.0 |
| Interest Paid | 14,012 | 1.0 |
| Depreciation/Principal Expnd | 27,138 | 2.0 |
| Principal Reduction of debt | (11,535) | (0.9) |
| Real Estate Taxes | 26,596 | 2.0 |
| General Improvements | 1,623 | 0.1 |
| Other & Misc. Expenses | 3,001 | 0.2 |
| Total Expenses | 1,363,443 | 100.9 |
| Other Income (Loss) | | |
| Securities Gain (Loss) | 5,624 | 0.4 |
| GAIN (LOSS) | (6,659) | (0.5) |
| Mortgage/Loan Principle Paid | 11,536 | |
| CASH ĞĂİN (LOSS) NOTE: | (18,195) | |
| | | |



Raymond Bertolet Snack Time!



Billy Dunn, Josh Heffner, and Dana Weller Serious Discussion!



Harvey J. Fritz Serious Decisions!

Report of the Board of Victory Valley Camp

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

It has been an exciting year at Victory Valley Camp. We give thanks to God for the way He has used both full-time and summer staff as instruments of His love to touch and change the lives of 716 future parents and leaders of our church, community, and world. Fifty-three campers made professions of faith, and thirty campers committed themselves to a greater level of obedience to and love for God.

Our long-time Executive Director, Phil Atkins, has moved on toward another level in his ministry career. As Phil and his family have faithfully served Victory Valley Camp for over eighteen years, the camp has experienced improved facilities and new programs. We wish Phil and his family success as he pursues the next chapter of his life.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed. The Lord worked out everything for his own ends"

Proverbs16:3-4a

The Board of Directors is seeking God's direction as they search for an individual who will provide vision, leadership, and growth for this ministry that has served the Bible Fellowship churches for nearly half a century. We continue to praise the Lord for the stability provided by the three remaining full-time staff at the camp. Donna Bauer/Program Director, John Masters/Facilities Manager, and JoAnna Walker/Registrar and Bookkeeper continue to operate the camp efficiently during this transition and preparation for the 2004 camp season.

Under Donna's direction, dynamic new plans and changes in program are being made for the 2004 summer camping season. Some of these changes are: a Bible Fellowship Church Teen Camp, 3-day and 2-day trips for Venture Quest, 4 weeks of Day Camp, and Mini-Camps for children's camp and Outpost.

Victory Valley Program Dates for 2004 - 2005

2004

April 2-4 Jr.Staff Retreat

April 23-25 Father/Daughter Retreat

| May 1 May 2 May 14-16 May 28-30 June 20-Aug. 14 June 16 Oct. 2 Oct. 9 Oct. 16 Oct. 15-17 Dec. 4 2005 | Spring Spruce Up Work Day Alumni Day Mother/Son Retreat Lifeguard Course with CPR & First Aid Summer Camping Season Teen Open House Golf Challenge Father/Son Retreat Mother/Daughter Retreat Fall Fix Up Work Day VIP Banquet |
|---|--|
| Jan. 14-16 | Sno-Valley 1 |
| Jan. 21-23 | Sno-Valley 2 |
| Jan. 28-30 | Sno-Valley 3 |
| Apr. 15-17 | Father/Daughter Retreat |
| Mar. 18-20 | Jr. Staff Retreat |
| May 7 | Spring Spruce Up Work Day |
| May 20-22 | Mother/Son Retreat |
| May 27-29 | Lifeguard Course with CPR & First Aid |

<u>Victory Valley Camp Board</u>, Dennis J. Lawrence, Chairman; Dennis E. Spinney, Vice Chairman; Timothy D. Weaber, Secretary; Bernice Mann, Treasurer; C. Larry Bennett, Jonathan D. Reynolds, David L. Weller, Howard N. Wells, Gary Wolfinger

Financial Report Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2003

| Assets | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash on Hand | \$ 83 | |
| Cash in Bank - Checking | 1,756 | |
| Cash in Bank - Money Market | 30,086 | |
| Accounts Receivable | 151 | |
| Marketable Securities | 1,603 | |
| Total Current Assets | | \$ 33,679 |
| Long-Term Assets | | |
| Capital Expenditures | 18,714 | |
| Pool | 69,696 | |
| Modular | 60,174 | |
| Fixed Assets | 111,822 | |
| Real Estate | 399,841 | |
| Tracter | 20,900 | |
| Victory Hall | 266,651 | |
| Total Long-Term Assets | | 947,798 |
| Total Assets | | \$ 981,477 |

| Liabilities Current Liabilities Payroll Taxes Payable Total Current Liabilities | \$ 2,703 | \$ | 2,703 |
|---|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Long-Term Liabilities Tractor Loan Loan - Individual Loan - BFC Homes, Inc. Total Long-Term Liabilities Total Liabilities | 18,700 100,000 20,428 | | 139,128 141,831 |
| Net Assets Temporarily Restricted Unrestricted Net Assets Total Net Assets Total Liabilities and Net Assets | 23,181 _816,465 | <u> </u> | 339,646 981,477 |

Statement of Activities For the Year ended December 31, 2003

| REVENUES AND SUPPORT | | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| VIP Contributions | \$ 41,831 | |
| Campers Fees: | , | |
| Summer | 156,189 | |
| Winter | 19,282 | |
| Church Support | 37,797 | |
| Donations 1 | , | |
| Capital | 7,386 | |
| Camper Offerings | 2,985 | |
| Campership Projects | 1,396 | |
| Staff Scholarships | 1,814 | |
| Misc Contribution | ´ - | |
| Interest Income | 190 | |
| Dividend Income | 56 | |
| Program: | | |
| Črafts | 804 | |
| Dry Goods | 4,794 | |
| Horsemanship | 13,755 | |
| Pictures | 2,740 | |
| Snack Shack | 11,788 | |
| Rental: | , | |
| Equipment | 8,196 | |
| Retreat | 54,830 | |
| Total Revenues and Support | | \$ 365,833 |
| Expenses for Programs | | |
| Direct Program Expenses | | |
| Assistant Director's Salary | \$ 26,052 | |
| Continuing Education | 25 | |

| Craft Supplies Dry Goods Educational Materials Health Insurance Horsemanship Medical Supplies Payroll Taxes Pictures Recreational Supplies Salaries Snack Shack Staff Goods Summer Project Travel Total Expenses for Direct Programs Expenses for Buildings and Grounds Facilities Manager Cleaning Supplies Continuing Education Health Insurance Maintenance & Repairs Payroll Taxes Pool Supplies Real Estate Taxes Salaries Tree House | 468 2,528 4,148 11,182 7,796 1,371 3,985 2,396 12,390 28,624 6,586 1,188 379 221 21,318 64 53 1,038 18,045 1,624 1,549 5,326 1,238 500 | 109,339 |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Utilities Waste Disposal | 21,818 2,528 | |
| Total Expenses for Building & Ground Expenses for Food Service | nds | 75,101 |
| Equipment Food Total Fundament for Food Samina | 5,433 28,296 | 22 720 |
| Total Expenses for Food Service Total Expenses for Programs | | $\frac{33,729}{218,169}$ |
| Excess Revenues and Support Over Expenses for Programs | | \$ 147,664 |
| Expenses for General Administration | | Ψ 177,007 |
| Continuing Education Development Project Manager Director's Salary Dues & Fees General Insurance Health Insurance Office Salaries Office Supplies Payroll Taxes Postage Promotion & Advertising Telephone Travel Total Expenses for General Administra | \$ (385) 4,000 32,561 1,457 22,522 15,358 19,253 5,481 3,764 4,770 7,951 3,719 529 | 120,980 |
| Expenses for Debt Service | | |

| Interest Expense Total Expenses for General | 7,378 |
|--|-------------------|
| Administration and Debt Service | 128,358 |
| Change in Net Assets Net Assets, Beginning of Year | 19,306 820,340 |
| Net Assets, End of Year | \$ 839,646 |

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

General. Victory Valley Camp is a Christian camp, basically for youth, operated as an agency of the Bible Fellowship Church denomination.

Accounting Method. The cash method of accounting is used for financial statement purposes.

<u>Depreciation</u>. Real Estate and equipment are carried at cost. The organization has elected not to calculate depreciation. This is a departure

from generally accepted accounting principles.

Federal Income Taxes. The organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a religious organization. Net Assets. Unrestricted net assets are available at the discretion of the Board for use in the organization's program, and those resources invested in land, buildings and equipment. Temporarily restricted net assets are donations given for particular capital projects or debt reduction.

Allocation of Expenses. The organization used the following policy in allocating its expenses:

 Costs allocated to program costs include costs related to carrying on the program, maintaining the property and food.

b. General Administration and Debt Service expenses come from General

Revenues.

<u>Use of Estimates</u>. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2. The Cash in Bank - Money Market is the monies being held for capital expenditures and Debt Reduction.

Note 3. The Marketable Securities is invested in American Funds and Merch & Co. Stock. The cost or donated value on December 31, 2003 was \$1,603

Note 4. Long Term Debt Reduction

| 1016 4. | Long Term Deat Rec | auction | | Note I | Payable |
|----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|
| | | Tracte | or Loan | BFC Hon | |
| | 2004 | \$ | 6,800 | \$ | 8,061 |
| | 2005 2006 | | 6,800 | | 8,635 3,732 |
| Total re | eduction on debt | <u>\$</u> | 5,100 18,700 | <u>\$</u> | 20,428 |

Note 5. Note Payable - Unsecured

Monies were loaned to Victory Valley in the amount of \$100,000.00. The terms are interest only at the rate of 5%, payable quarterly. The principal will be forgiven at death of individual.

The financial position of Victory Valley Camp has been reviewed by Ellis Lee Hostetter & Co., P.C. "Audit Letter" available upon request.

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Report of the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee

The Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee met several times this past year in order to complete its work on The Biblical Principles For Living (BPL). This year we are presenting the remaining BPLs for second reading along with the Declarations On Particular Issues: *Dedication Of Children* and *Harmful Indulgences*. You will be receiving along with your Report Book, a separate Booklet containing The BPLs and Declaration On Particular Issues.

The BPLs and Declaration On Particular Issues have been reviewed, discussed at a special meeting of Pastors and Delegates, edited, approved by the Committee, and are presented to Annual Conference for approval. They will be included in the *Faith & Order* along with the BPLs that were approved at second reading. When all the BPLs are approved at second reading they will replace the *Standards Of Worship And Life* following the 121st Annual Conference. The Committee is asking that the Board Of Communications produce a Booklet titled *Biblical Principles For Living and Declarations On Particular Issues*.

The Committee sent out The BPLs via E-mail and numerous members of Annual Conference gave the Committee their suggestions and insights. The Committee held a hearing on the BPLs at the Coopersburg BFC on January 13, 2004. The participants in the Hearing gave further suggestions for the Committee to consider. The BPL are listed on the BFC Web site and can be reviewed at any time. We thank the members of Conference for their input and have considered their suggestions. When advisable the Committee made corrections or additions to the particular BPL. The Committee does not believe that any of the changes it made are substantial and will therefore present the remaining Biblical principles For Living for second reading.

Joint Committee On Ethnic Church Planting

The Report of The Joint Committee On Ethnic Church Planting has been included with the Report of the Inter-Cultural Committee and is again being presented with this Report.

The Joint Committee met several times this past year and concentrated its efforts on Hispanic Church Planting, particularly

with the Berks County, PA, region of BFC Churches. We met this past year with the Berks County "Hispanic Church Planting Task Force." The Task Force completed a power point presentation and made presentations to all the Berks County BFC Churches in order to gain their support for the Reading, PA, project. The Task Force received positive comments and commitments of support from all the Berk's Churches. The Task Force concluded its work and a "Reading Hispanic Church Planting Resource Team" has been put into place to facilitate the planting of the Church and assist the Church Planter.

The Committee has recruited and assessed a Hispanic church planter for Reading. In March of 2003, we interviewed Carlos Rodriquez from Guadalajara, Mexico. Brother Rodriquez again visited Reading and the Berk's Churches this past summer with his wife. All went well and we are now arranging the final plans to bring Brother Rodriguez and his family to Reading in July 2004.

Hispanics make up nearly fifty percent of the population in cities like Allentown, Reading, and Lancaster and will continue to grow throughout the United States. Hispanic church planting will take patience, hard work, and long-term commitments from those churches in the BFC that become involved. The Committee encourages the BFC Churches to consider ways to reach out to Hispanic people groups in their ministry target areas.

The Lord has moved the Hispanic people groups of the world to where Bible Fellowship Churches exist. We are called to share the Gospel and raise up churches in order for people to become worshippers of God. We have a great opportunity to do this among the many Hispanics here in America.

We encourage Annual Conference to continue its support for ethnic church planting and to give to this work through the *Fund For Ethnic Church Planting*. Please send your contributions to The Board Of Missions, designated for Ethnic Church Planting.

The Joint Committee is made up of John C. Elias, Donald Faust, David E. Gundrum, Elliot Ramos, David K. Schlonecker, and Dana E. Weller,

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 Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee recommends:

- 1. Whereas, the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee has reviewed, edited and approved eight *Biblical Principles For Living*, therefore be it
 - Resolved, that the 121st Annual Conference approve for second reading the following Biblical Principles For Living: Marriage & Singleness, Family, Divorce, Shared Life, Stewardship, Work & Rest, Civil Government, Christian Liberty & Servanthood.
- 2. Whereas, the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee has reviewed, edited and approved the *Declarations On Particular Issues*, therefore be it
 - Resolved, that the 121st Annual Conference approve for second reading the following Declarations On Particular Issues: Dedication Of Children and Harmful Indulgences: #1003, #1003-1, #1003-3.
- 3. Whereas, the Harmful Indulgence Declaration; *Tobacco* has not been presented for First Reading, therefore be it
 - Resolved, that the 121st Annual Conference approve for first reading the Declaration On Particular Issues, *Harmful Indulgences; Tobacco*.
- 4. 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,
 - **Resolved**, each Pastor and Delegate seek ways to implement the teaching of the Biblical Principles For Living for their congregations and further,
- 5. <u>Resolved</u>, we encourage the Christian Education Committee to continue its work on preparing lesson plans for The Biblical Principles For Living.
- 6. Whereas, culture, language, and social issues continually change, statements need to be updated and produced that

- will effectively address changes in cultures and ongoing issues that will face the church, and
- <u>Whereas</u>, the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee believes that its work is completed,
- Resolved, that every seven years the Chairman of Annual Conference appoint a *Biblical Principles For Living Review Committee* and further,
- 7. Resolved, that the Review Committee review the existing list of Biblical Principles For Living for any needed updates and consider the need for the production of new Principles.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Whereas, the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee believes that it has completed the work assigned to the Committee by Annual Conference,
 - **Resolved**, that Annual Conference approve the dissolution of the Inter-Cultural Ministries Study Committee.
- 10. Whereas, there will be declarations of particular issues in the Principles Of Order that refer to the Standards Of Worship And Life, therefore be it
 - Resolved, that the Committee On Communications review the Principles Of Order and where the name Standards Of Worship And Life appear it be changed to state, "Biblical Principles For Living."
- 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 Ministerial Relations Committee

We once again express our gratitude to God for His faithfulness in providing for the shepherding of His flock through men called to serve as pastors. We are dependent upon Him to lead each congregation and pastors according to His perfect will.

The following pastorates were established under our rules:

| Thompson, CT | Dennis W. Spinney | July 27, 2003 |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Harleysville, PA | Allen G. Miller | November 25, 2003 |
| Graterford, PA | Mark A. Baumgardner | January 1, 2004 |
| Lebanon, PA | Timothy J. Bertolet | January 21, 2004 |
| | (Pastor of Youth & Your | ng Families) |
| Bethlehem, PA | Robert K. Fields | February 1, 2004 |
| | (Pastor of Discipleship) | |
| Brooklyn, NY | Ralph E. Ritter | February 15, 2004 |
| Quakertown, PA | Ronald C. Kohl | June 1, 2004 |
| e following resigna | tions were received acc | cording to our rules |
| | | |

The following resignations were received according to our rules this year:

| Church | Pastor | Effective Date |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Sinking Spring, PA | Donald R. Ellwanger | May 31, 2003 |
| Paradise, PA | Mark L. Morrison | July 27, 2003 |
| Shamokin, PA | Robert S. Commerford | October 26, 2003 |
| Graterford, PA | Mark A. Baumgardner | January 15, 2004 |
| Thompson, CT | Dennis W. Spinney | February 8, 2004 |
| Camden, DE | Raymond R. Dotts | June 30, 2004 |
| Stroudsburg, PA | John R. Stover | April 25, 2004 |

The following churches are presently in the process of seeking a pastor, either a senior pastor or addition to a pastoral staff: Coopersburg, PA, Graterford, PA, Holmes, NY, Mt. Carmel, PA, Paradise, PA, Shamokin, PA, Stroudsburg, PA, Thompson, CT. Pray for these congregations and those involved in the search process.

The Conference Pastor, Ronald C. Mahurin, is completing his first term serving the Lord among us in this position. The committee expresses deep appreciation to Brother Mahurin for his dedicated, loving, and sacrificial ministry to the brethren in ministry. He has been an integral source of encouragement, counsel, and exhortation as he serves as an extension of this committee. During his term, his ministry has begun to expand beyond being a "pastor to pastors," and he has become more

involved with boards of elders as well. In the upcoming term, he will once more focus primarily on personal ministry to other pastors. Continue to pray for Ron's ministry to shepherds of God's flock.

The committee has met with numerous churches through the year, sometimes to provide guidance in their search for a pastor, other times to provide assistance in resolving difficulties that have arisen. May God grant an increasing "spirit of unity among us as we seek to follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6).

The committee makes the following recommendations to the 121st Annual Conference:

- 1. **Resolved,** that we recommend that Ronald C. Mahurin be ratified as Conference Pastor for another three-year term.
- 2. **Resolved,** that the recommended minimum salary for a pastor serving in the BFC, including Social Security, be \$28,764.00. In addition to his salary, housing allowance, health insurance, and retirement must be provided, and provision should be made for reimbursements for car and professional expenses.
- 3. **Resolved,** that the salary for the Conference Pastor be \$26,000.00, and in addition we provide \$7,200.00 for car and professional expenses and \$4,800 for health insurance.

Ministerial Relations Committee: Randall A. Grossman, Chairman; William G. Schlonecker, Secretary; Lee E. Boyles, Calvin T. Reed, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., John C. Vandegriff, Jr.

Report of the Board of Higher Education

During the 2003 calendar year, the Board of Higher Education (BHE) has met four times, for a total of thirty-three times since its inception in the fall of 1994. The BHE continues to oversee the work of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation (PEF) to develop working relationships with Biblical Theological Seminary (Biblical), 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 2006: Gary E. Karch, Robert C. Newman Term expiring in 2005: Stephen C. Cassel, Jessica Sterner Term expiring in 2004: 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

In the past year, the BHE has had in place two 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; and (2) an internship program in which BF churches would take pastoral interns from Biblical.

- 1. Since 1999 retired BFC missionary Ed Moyer has served (under BHE auspices) as BFC chaplain to students at Biblical Seminary. As noted in previous reports, changed demographics at Biblical commuting, part-time students and block scheduling have made it impossible to have access to most of the students with occasional visits to the school. Ed has been doing a good job under these circumstances, but we have had no success in solving this problem. We appreciate Ed's enthusiasm and willing spirit. For the fall term of 2003, with a total enrollment of about 320, Biblical has four students from BF churches.
- 2. The pastoral internship machinery for BF churches at Biblical Seminary is up and running and can be used by interested churches at any time. Currently, no BF churches are availing themselves of this opportunity.

BFC College Fair

In spite of the hard work of our BHE member Dr. Claude Gates, the second BHE-sponsored College Fair (held at Calvary BFC in Coopersburg October 3-4) was a serious disappointment due to low turnout both of college-bound students and their parents and of participating Christian colleges. As a result, the board has voted not to try another College Fair at least for the year 2004.

Other Ways of Promoting Higher Education in the BFC

The BHE has often taken time at the end of our meetings for wide-ranging discussions on promoting 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 so as to serve the Lord more effectively in whatever vocation He has called them to; (3) how to help Christian students at secular colleges not only survive but thrive as Christians in such an environment; (4) how to encourage BF pastors to get advanced education to strengthen their ministry; (5) how to reach out to students and faculty at colleges and universities that are in the vicinity of our BF churches; and (6) 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. This year, the BHE has asked the PEF to consider setting up a fund to help pastors (especially in smaller BF churches) attend seminars, workshops, audit courses, or get continuing education credits. We have regularly heard reports from board members John Studenroth on the work of Collegiate outreach and Bob Newman on the Interdisciplinary Biblical Research Institute.

This year has been a rather discouraging one for the BHE, as none of our projects has prospered. We thank the Lord that He has provided funding for the PEF, and that they are now beginning to award a significant number of scholarships.

Brothers, we thank you again for praying for us this past year. Pray that we will desire God's agenda, not ours, and that He may use us to strengthen the BFC in understanding our times and 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 2007.

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

Pinebrook Educational Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation met two times in 2003.

The Foundation received gifts totaling \$2,980 in 2003. Legal expenses of \$11,070.47 related to the Charles D. Weaver bequest and revisions to denominational legislation relating to the Foundation, were paid in February, 2003. Additionally, the Foundation paid \$664.23 to the BFC Board of Directors to reimburse for its carrying costs. The BFC Board of Directors had previously paid the aforementioned legal expenses and carried an account receivable from the Foundation for a considerable amount of time until the Foundation's payment took place.

The Board received a report that the second reading of the revised Pinebrook Educational Foundation legislation was accepted by the BFC's Annual Conference in April, 2003.

The Board was also informed that Lehigh County Orphans Court has approved dissolution of Pinebrook Junior College. The Articles of Dissolution have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Significant Board actions are described below:

- 1. Added \$2,500 of the supplemental bequest of \$2,655.11 received from the estate of Charles D. Weaver in 2002 to the Charles D. Weaver Memorial Scholarship Fund, bringing the total of that Board-Designated Endowment to \$63,500. The balance of \$155.11 was added to undesignated operating funds.
- Granted scholarships as follows:
 - a. \$1,000 to Daniel Bosh from the Board-Designated General Scholarship Fund. Daniel Attends Philadelphia Biblical University.

- b. \$1,000 to Rachel Taylor from the Board-Designated General Scholarship Fund. Rachel Attends Philadelphia Biblical University.
- \$1,000 to Sarah Taylor from the Board-Designated General Scholarship Fund. Sarah attends Messiah College.
- d. \$1,000 to Timothy Paashaus from the Temporarily Restricted General Scholarship Fund. Timothy attends Lancaster Bible College.
- e. \$500 from the Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Reichenbach Scholarship Fund and \$500 from the Board-Designated General Scholarship Fund to Rachel Schmoyer. Rachel attends Philadelphia Biblical University.

Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary

PINEBROOK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION Financial Report Balance Sheets

Balance Sheets
December 31, 2003 and 2002

| ASSETS | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Cash in Lafayette Ambassador Bank Investments Total Assets | \$ 2,243 <u>175,710</u> <u>\$ 177,953</u> | \$ 806 169,518 \$ 170,324 |
| LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | | |
| Amount Held for Bd of Higher Ed. Expenses Net Assets: | 183 | 60 |
| Unrestricted Temporarily Restricted | 112,478 8,581 | 114,252 2,827 |
| Permanently Restricted Total Net Assets Total Liabilities and Net Assets | 56,711 177,770 \$ 177,953 | 53,185 170,264 \$ 170,324 |

Statements of Income & Changes in Net Assets Years Ended December 31, 2003 & 2002

| | | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Investment Income (Loss) | \$ 21,261 | \$ (1,696) |
| | Contributions Received | 2,980 | 78,244 |
| | Scholarships Awarded | (5,000) | (3,000) |
| | Legal Expenses | (11,070) | |
| | Other Expenses | (665) | (250) |
| | Net Income | 7,506 | 73,298 |
| | Net Assets at Beginning of Year | 170,264 | 96,966 |
| | Net Assets at End of Year | \$ 177,770 | \$ 170,264 |
| - | The financial statements of the PEF | were audited by Dav | id T. Allen. |
| | | | |

Schedule of Investments

December 31, 2001 & 2000

| December 31, 2001 & 2000 | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|---------|------------------|--|--|
| | | 2003 | _2002 | | |
| Sovereign Bank - CD | \$ | 10,372 | \$ 9,771 | | |
| Verizon Common Stock - 116 Shares | | 4,069 | 4,495 | | |
| Davis Funds - NY Venture B | | 11,700 | 8,914 | | |
| Vanguard: | | | | | |
| Money Market | | | 26,818 | | |
| Bond Funds | | 89,648 | 85,734 | | |
| Stock Fund | _ | 59,921 | 33,786 | | |
| Total Investment | \$ | 175,710 | <u>\$169,518</u> | | |

New Facility - Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA



Report of the Stewardship Council

"and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering..." Exodus 35:20

The Stewardship Council met once for the purpose of completing its work in anticipation of the second reading of Annual Conference materials that would transfer its *Faith and Order* responsibilities to the Board of Directors and enable the Council to cease.

The financial statement will reflect that the residual funds of the Council were returned to the individual agencies of the BFC:

Pinebrook Bible Conference

Board of Missions

Board of Church Extension

Victory Valley Camp

Fellowship Community – Fellowship Community elected not to receive funds.

<u>Stewardship Council Organization</u>: Gary E. Karch, Chairman; J. Mark Mc Creary, Vice-Chairman; Dana E. Weller, Secretary; Torry Hinkle, Treasurer.

<u>Stewardship Council Members</u>: One representative of agency, Gary E. Karch, Torry Hinkle, John L. English (members at large).

Financial Report January 1, 2003 - February 13, 2004 Beginning Cash Balance (12/31/02) \$ 2,868.52 Harleysville National Bank Receipts Checking Acct. Interest (2003) 7.66 Checking Acct. Interest (2004) .73 Total Receipts Balance (2/13/2004) \$ 2,876.91 Expenses Pinebrook Bible Conference 719.23 BFC Board of Missions 719.23 719.23 719.22 BFC Board of Church Extension Victory Valley Camp 2,876.91 Total Expenses Ending Cash Balances (2/13/04) 0.00

This report was examined by Gary J. Wolfinger.

Report of the Board of Christian Education

The Board met quarterly this year to give input and oversight to the Christian Education programs of the denomination. Much of the work is done in sub-committees. We deeply appreciate your Board members and their interaction with the hands-on ministries of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Christian Education Training

The CE Training committee provided leadership for the September 27 Teacher Training Day held in Coopersburg. Rodney Pry of the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association was the keynote speaker. The more-than 100 attenders participated in workshops and discussion groups tailored to their particular areas of ministry. The day was valuable and well-received. The next Teacher Training Day is scheduled for April 2, 2005.

A list of Resource Speakers has been distributed to each church. These speakers are willing to come to local regions or churches to assist in training and encouraging your staff in their Christian education ministries. Copies of the list are available from G. Wayne Clapier, chairman of the CE Training Committee.

Pastor-Elder-Deacon Retreat Committee

The 2003 Retreat held at Pinebrook In the Poconos on October 31 - November 1 featured Todd Mangum, a professor at Biblical Seminary, addressing men's need to evaluate priorities as leaders. On November 5-6 the 2004 PED Retreat will be held at Pinebrook. We have been challenged to renew our focus on leadership training and development, particularly for elders and deacons in the context of the BFC. The committee is working to clarify the focus of this retreat and make it a valuable asset to the local church and denomination. Please forward your ideas and input to Pastor Jonathan P. Tait.

Family Ministries Committee

Recognizing the need to strengthen family ministries throughout the denomination, this committee was formed. As a

first step in this process, a Couple's Night Out entitled, "Simply Romantic Nights," has been planned for two locations in the Spring of 2004. The evenings will include challenge and encouragement with Dr. Wayne Schantzenbach, a dessert buffet, great fellowship, and a gift of resources to strengthen the marriages of those who attend. Plans are to offer similar evenings for BFC regions in the future as an encouragement to couples throughout the denomination.

Walk Thru the Bible

This year, the BFC Board of Christian Education in conjunction with Walk Thru the Bible ministries and Pastor David Schoen have continued to offer Old and New Testament Walk Thrus to the local church or region. For more information on how to have a seminar in your church, with special arrangements and pricing, please contact David N. Schoen. Three seminars are currently planned for 2004.

Audio-Visual Materials

This year the Audio-visual Library has been culled, with the excess materials being forwarded to the library at the Wissinoming BFC. The most widely used videos are still available through the Library by contacting Bethel BFC in Emmaus, PA. As video prices have come down, many local churches have chosen to purchase video teaching materials for their repeated use rather than borrowing them from the Library. Contact the Bethel Church for a current listing of our resources.

Other Board Responsibilities

Two years ago the Annual Conference directed the Board of Christian Education to develop materials that could be used to teach the Biblical Principles of Living to various age groups in the local church setting. The Board has taken this responsibility seriously and has chosen to provide a simplified version of each BPL along with questions, creative teaching ideas, and discussion starters for each. The work is complete for 9 of the BPLs and our goal is to complete the remainder during 2004. Because these are not a change of doctrine and have not been prepared for inclusion in the *Faith and Order*, we are not asking for approval of these

resources. Instead we are providing them in written form for each church and, when the work is completed, we plan to provide the complete set of resources on-line at www.BFC.org.

The financial statement for the Board of Christian Education is submitted by our treasurer, Nancy Mertus. It has been reviewed for accuracy.

We continue to solicit your ideas and input as to how we as a Board of Christian Education can serve the local church and denomination more effectively. Special thanks to each one who has helped make our work effective this past year.

The Board of Christian Education: Richard T. Paashaus, Chairman; David N. Schoen, Vice Chairman; Michael Herb, Secretary; Nancy Mertus, Treasurer; Judy Althouse, G. Wayne Clapier, Timothy S. Cowen, David Eisenhower, Carol Gearhart, Mark Matson, Mark L. Morrison, Jonathan P. Tait

Financial Report

| Opening Balance | | \$ 11,803.15 |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Incoming | | |
| CE Training | 965.00 | |
| Church Contributions | 4,085.00 | |
| PED Income | 5,389.00 | |
| Interest Income | 158.76 | |
| Total Income | | 10,597.76 |
| Expense | | |
| AV Expense | 52.66 | |
| Bank Charges | 8.00 | |
| Board of Communications | 325.00 | |
| CE Training | 1,729.29 | |
| Committee Expenses | 863.93 | |
| Family Ministries | 2,614.53 | |
| PED Expenses | 6,027.56 | |
| Walk Thru the Bible | 334.81 | |
| Total Expense | | 11,955.78 |
| Ending Balance | | \$ 10,445.13 |

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Report of the Board of Youth & Young Adults

The purpose of the Board of Youth and Young Adults is to bring glory to God and honor to God as it ministers to the adult youth leaders, teens, and young adults of the BFC. We do this by: 1) Promoting unity, 2) Providing training, and 3) Being a catalyst for networking.

To these ends we as a board met four times this year. We planned and operated several events to try to accomplish these goals.

This year we reorganized our committee structure in order to more efficiently do our business. We now have: Events Committee, which oversees the events we plan; Leadership Committee, which oversees our Leadership and "Here Am I Send Me" retreats; and Young Adult Committee, which oversees the ministry with young adults.

The BFC Mission to Youth

We strongly believe that we as a board and we as a denomination must be ever growing in our efforts with the young people in our sphere of influence. We have a wonderful opportunity with many children in our churches and with many whom they can contact. It is better to reach them early. George Barna has said, "Adults essentially carry out the beliefs they embraced when they were young. The reason why Christians are so similar in their attitudes, values and lifestyles to non-Christians is that they were not challenged to think and behave differently – radically differently, based on core spiritual perspectives, when they were children. We believe that the time is now to reach out to them with all the ferver we can muster."

We are here to help in any way we can. Our goal is to offer as much help as possible, and we are working on plans to help.

One way is with *One Voice*. We have a great program set up for Saturday night, May 22, 2004. From 4:30 PM until 6:15 PM we have Stabler Arena for BFC youth. For this special time we have Daniel's Window, Dr. Buster Soaries and CPR Comedy. Then the doors are opened for the youth-designed evening concert with Jars of Clay. This is a great opportunity. Use it.

Board of Youth and Young Adults: Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., Chairman; Ronald L. Kohl, Vice Chairman; John C. Vandegriff, Jr., Secretary; William J. Dunn, Treasurer; Michael L Easton, Sue Homsher, Dennis J. Lawrence, Charles A. Mann, Dorothy Ruch.

Financial Report

| Opening Checking Balance: | \$ 8 | 309.98 |
|---------------------------|------|--------|
|---------------------------|------|--------|

Revenues and Support:

| Sno-Glo 2003 | \$ 111,757.38 |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Sno-Glo (2004 Deposit) | 6,000.00 |
| Church Contributions | 1,445.00 |
| Young Adult Shore Trip | 440.00 |
| Fallout 2003 | 1,000.00 |

Total Revenue 120,642.38

Expenditures:

| Sno-Glo 2003 | \$107,141.77 |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Administrative Assistant | 1,560.00 |
| Committee Expenses | 569.24 |
| Young Adult Retreat | 1,132.51 |
| Board of Communications | 325.00 |
| Future Ministry Deposit | 860.00 |
| Postage | 373.08 |

Total Expenditures: 111,961.60

MMA Transfer to Checking: 12,683.28

Total Assets of Board of Youth \$ 22,174.04

Account held at East Penn Bank, Emmaus PA Reviewed by David K. Schlonecker, Emmaus BFC.

Report of the Historical Committee

The minutes of the second meeting of our denomination record the following:

"In the second session, held on May 28, 1860, in the Meeting House in Upper Milford Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, nothing of importance was decided."

This frank assessment of their meeting might serve to summarize the year's activity for the Historical Committee. Actually, while little was done, we are not without significant accomplishments.

One very large undertaking has been completed. The Annual Conference Minutes are now available in their entirety on our website. This work of preservation moved along to completion largely because of the efforts of Roy and Diane Hertzog who scanned and edited them for publication. This valuable collection is now available to anyone who wants to research decisions of our Annual Conference. You will find these minutes at our website, www. BFCHistory.org.

Another undertaking is about to begin. The Historical Committee has contacted the retired pastors of our denomination to ask them to share significant stories of their ministries. Our goal is to publish these stories so that they will be preserved and available to those who want to know what we are really like.

The Historical Society will meet this year at Terre Hill. We will hear the story of the Terre Hill Church as researched by its pastor, Kevin Kirkpatrick. Jill Davidson, Chairperson of the Historical Committee, will present a paper that will identify and present significant lay persons who have been part of our history. You are invited to this meeting which will be held Saturday, October 30, 2004.

Don't let the story contained in your records and documents be thrown out in someone's dumpster. Gather up your church's older records and papers and place them in the denominational archives where they will be preserved and made available for research.

<u>The Historical Committee</u>: Jill Davidson, Chairperson; Richard E. Taylor, Archivist, Secretary; Carl C. Cassel, Harold P. Shelly, Robert W. Smock, David E. Thomann

Financial Report 2003

| Balance, 12/31/2002: | | 9 | \$1,056.02 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----|------------|
| Receipts | | | |
| Sales | \$ 174.00 | | |
| Returned check | 26.00 | | |
| Annual Conference Allowance | 1,000.00 | | |
| Total Receipts | | | 1,200.40 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Website | 330.30 | | |
| Mileage | 44.64 | | |
| LHMS | 30.00 | | |
| Archive Maintenance | 500.00 | | |
| Total Expenses | | | 907.94 |
| Balance 12/31/2003 | | \$ | 1,348.48 |
| This account has been reviewed by | Timothy S. Cowen. | | - |

These funds are held at Wachovia Bank, Brookhaven, PA.

Report of the Conference Judicatory

The Conference Judicatory received no communications from any of the churches, agencies, or individuals from the Bible Fellowship Church during the year. Therefore, there was no need to convene the Conference Judicatory.

Conference Judicatory: Gregory A. Uhrich, Secretary; James A. Beil, Steven C. Boepple, Lee E. Boyles, Carl C. Cassel, Calvin T. Reed, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., Dean A. Stortz, Robert H. Zentz.

Report of the Strategic Planning Committee

In addition to meeting this past year on a bi-monthly basis, the Strategic Planning Committee took on two extensive projects that required a significant amount of attention and time. We greatly value the work of the committee members as well as the pastors and laymen who assisted us in our efforts.

The first of these projects was the development of the "Vision Statement" for the BFC. Committee members synthesized the information gleaned from the November 2003 Summit Meeting at Pinebrook Bible Conference as well as from surveys distributed to each of our local churches. With their findings in mind, we began to meet with the pastors, elders, and deacons in each region of the denomination to begin developing "action steps" based on all of the input received thus far. These gatherings have been of great value and the input received has been significant. We found the leadership of the BFC to be supportive, encouraged, and forward-looking in their perspective. Their input is currently being synthesized to determine specific action steps for the next strategic moves for the denomination.

The second of these projects has been the planning for the *One Voice* gathering scheduled for May 22-23, 2004 in Bethlehem, PA. The two-day event will promote the corporate worship, fellowship, and commitment of our churches, particularly focusing our attention on being "united to make disciples of Jesus Christ." Our goal is to provide a two-day event that will be presented in a Godhonoring way with excellence that will be valued by all who attend. Special thanks to all who have given significantly of their time and gifts to prepare this long-awaited event. Details regarding the weekend are provided on the website at www.BFC.org under "*One Voice*."

Along that same line, the Committee determined that a denomination-wide event similar to *One Voice* should be planned for 2007 and reconsidered on a triennial basis.

The two projects described above have impacted on our efforts to provide consolidation of denominational offices. We still believe this need is significant and will attempt to move this concern to the "front burner" in the months ahead. As an interim move in this process, steps are being taken to provide a denominational 800 number that would be answered by one of our

church secretaries as a contact point for those seeking information regarding the denomination.

Without much fanfare, the regions of the BFC continue to develop. Corporate efforts for ministry, support, and fellowship between local churches has been of significant value across the denomination this past year. We applaud the efforts of our pastors and congregations to serve together by region and encourage those who have not yet participated in such endeavors to do so in the year ahead. Please be reminded of the directives regarding regionalization that are clarified in the *Faith and Order*, §601-3.2.

Additional work was done in conjunction with the Board of Communications to suggest changes to make the BFC website as well as the BFC e-groups more effective. We have also urged the Board of Communications to provide the denomination with a new logo.

We appreciate the input of the pastors this past year and believe that the information we have been given will be of significant help as we clarify corporate vision for the days ahead. It should be noted as well that the input from Conference Chairman, William G. Schlonecker, was a great help in our work.

<u>Resolved</u>, that the Bible Fellowship Church adopt the following as its vision statement:

We, the Bible Fellowship Church, seek to become an expanding fellowship of churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Strategic Planning Committee has adopted the following plan to begin the implementation of the proposed vision statement. In the next year, the Strategic Planning Committee will:

- encourage each BF Church to include the adopted vision in its prayer ministry and hold special times of prayer for the development of our denomination.
- develop a focus group to facilitate resource sharing between churches in the BFC
- in coordination with the Board of Christian Education, hold a leadership training session focused on the task of making disciples.
- in coordination with the Board of Church Extension, ask each region to submit a plan to plant a church. The plan shall include a potential site for a new church and a list of available resources for a church plant.

- clarify the image of the BFC and, in coordination with the Board of Communications, publicize that image.
- report to the Annual Conference in April, 2005, on the accomplishment of the tasks listed in this plan.
- present a new plan for the Annual Conference in April, 2005.

<u>Strategic Planning Committee</u>: Dana E. Weller, Chairman; Richard T. Paashaus, Secretary; Byron Barnshaw, Elliot H. Ramos, Richard E. Taylor, J. Robert Vaughn, Robert H. Zentz





Back row - Ralph Ritter, Raymond Bertolet, Willis Dowling, Dean Stortz
Middle row - Dennis Spinney, John Vandegriff, Elliot Ramos,
Stephen Mann, Delbert Baker
Seated - Carol Snyder, David Gundrum, Ruth Richards
Missing - Tom Morrison, Kenneth Barber, John Pello

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Report of the Board of Pensions

2003 Review and Status: Ministers' Retirement Fund (MRF) annuity payments to the 34 current beneficiaries rose to \$201,000 in 2003 (compared to \$196,000 in 2002: see Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements). There are 11 future beneficiaries of the MRF, the youngest of which will begin receiving benefits at age 65 in the year 2013. Based on the current mortality assumptions, the final year of MRF payments to beneficiaries is projected to be 2036. Between now and then, it is estimated that the MRF will distribute future benefits totaling nearly \$4,210,000. The Present Value lump sum cost of funding these future annual benefits is \$2,340,000. The Net Assets in the MRF are just over \$84,000 (see Balance Sheet). Therefore, in round numbers, the present value shortfall is approximately \$2,256,000, which is being funded by contributions from the Administrative Budget and the churches (see discussion below). The present value shortfall will decrease annually, since no future service credits are being accrued. To provide future retirement benefits, churches are also contributing to each pastor's individual 403(b) account (the Ministers Annuity Fund, or MAF).

Interest Bearing Notes: As approved by the 119th Annual Conference (April, 2002), the Board of Pensions has begun to issue interest bearing notes to cover the near-term liquidity shortage of the MRF. The first four notes in the cumulative amount of \$40,000 were issued by the Board of Pensions on June 1, 2003 to the Board of Missions. It is expected that the Board of Pensions will offer \$30,000 to \$40,000 of notes during 2004.

As illustrated in the accompanying graph, it is projected that the notes can be paid off between 2015 and 2020. However, as noted over the past several years, future projections are heavily dependent on the mortality assumptions.

Annual Funding: The Board of Pensions is requesting a contribution from the Administrative Budget in the amount of \$57,000 for 2005, and \$60,000 for 2006. As approved at the 119th Annual Conference (April 2002), the rate for churches is currently \$8.00 per member plus \$800. This is projected to increase to \$9.00 per member plus \$900 for calendar year 2006. Long-term projected contributions from the Administrative Budget and the churches are shown in the accompanying tables.

Planned Giving: The Board of Pensions urges members of the BFC to consider including the MRF in their estate planning arrangements. The simplest and most tax efficient method would be to name the MRF as a contingent or primary beneficiary (for married or singles, respectively) of a portion of an IRA or 403(b) account. This arrangement can be adjusted or revoked at any time, and does not involve changing one's Will. For more information, please contact the Board at P.O. Box 148, Harleysville, PA 19438.

Church Dissolution: The Board of Pensions has been in contact with the Board of Directors concerning accrued liabilities for MRF and MAF payments existing at the time a church closes. It has been requested that any accrued liabilities should be satisfied from the net proceeds, if any, from the sale of the church property.

The Board of Pensions recommends the following resolutions to Annual Conference:

- 1. Whereas, the MRF annuity rate for 2004 is \$209 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 2005 be \$211 per year of service.
- 2. Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference for Calendar Year 2005
 - 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 ordained or licensed ministers who are members of this Conference;

Resolved,

- 1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of **2005** 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 Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church 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 minister from all employment by any local church, Annual Conference or institution of The Bible Fellowship Church or of any former denomination that is now a part of The Bible Fellowship Church, or from any other employer who employed the minister to perform services related to the ministry and who elected to make contributions 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 lesser 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."

<u>Board of Pensions</u>: David J. Watkins, Chairman; Keith E. Plows, Secretary; James A. Beil, Robert Gaugler, Ellis Lee Hostetter, David N. Schoen, Thomas P. Shorb, William R. Singletary, Richard J. Volpe.

Board Of Pensions Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

| | F | YE 12/31/03 | I | YE 12/31/02 |
|---|----|--------------------------|----|-------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash: Harleysville National Bank Account #016005680 | \$ | 50,253.70 | \$ | 18,945.48 |
| Money Market Funds Vanguard Account #30-9884338180 | | 24,804.07 | | 50,545.95 |
| Mutual Funds (5 different stock funds) ¹ | | 45,334.47 | | 33,459.86 |
| Receivables ² | | 5,040.00 | | 20,492.50 |
| Total Assets | \$ | 125,432.24 | \$ | 123,443.79 |
| LIABILITIES (BOP Notes, with accrued interest) NET ASSETS | \$ | (41,113.00) 84,319.24 | \$ | 0.00 |

Footnotes: Note 1: All mutual funds held at Fidelity #'579-930164. Note 2: Receivables represent the amount owed to the MRF through the 4th quarter ending December, 2003. Net Assets are projected to decline until 2012 to a point of approximately negative \$225,000. However, liquidity will be maintained by the issuance of interest bearing notes.

Board Of Pensions Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

| | FYE 12/31/03 | F | YE 12/31/0 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----|-------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Administrative Budget | \$ 50,000.00 | \$ | 45,000.00 |
| Contributions from Churches | 116,895.18 1 | | 81,654.76 |
| Payments from Board of Missions | 18,840.60 ² | | 17,211.84 |
| Gifts and Bequests | - | | - |
| Total Income | \$ 185,735.78 | \$ | 143,866.60 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Retirement Payments: | | | |
| Regular | \$ 201,064.20 ³ | \$ | 195,732.72 |
| Board of Missions | \$ 18,161.95 ² | \$ | 17,027.28 |
| Administrative Expenses | 1,201.41 4 | | 1,408.42 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 220,427.56 | \$ | 214,168.42 |
| Net Income | \$ (34,691.78) 5 | \$ | (70,301.82) |
| | | | |

Footnotes: Note 1: This reflects membership contributions for balances due for 2002, and contributions during 2003. Contributions from Churches increased and Receivables decreased due to a change in when the 4th quarter payments are due: December 31 of the current year instead of January 31 of the following year. Note 2: As a service to the Board of Missions, the Board of Pensions makes payments to retired ordained missionaries. Note 3: This is the total of the MRF annuity payments made to retirees for the year. Note 4: Administrative Expenses are paid directly from the Board of Pensions account. Note 5: This represents the net (decrease) in the MRF Account Balance for the 12 months attributable to the excess of expenses compared to income.

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, 2003

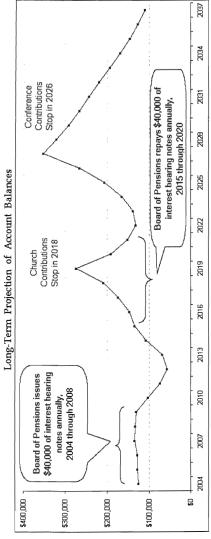
| STARTING DATA & ASSUMPTIONS | | | | | |
|---|------------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|
| TOTAL MRF VALUE as of 12/31/03 | | | | | 125,432 |
| Benefits begin at Normal Retirement Age | | | | | 65 |
| Number of Current / Future / Total Beneficiaries | 34 | / | 11 | / | 45 |
| MRF Annuity Annual Payout Rate 2004 / 2005 | 209 | / | 211 | | |
| Inflation / Interest Rate Assumption | 3.0% | / | 6.0% | | |
| Cost of Living Gradual Phaseout (COLA): 2003-2005, 40%; 2006-2010, 20%, 0% thereafter | | | | | |
| Rate for Interest Bearing Notes 5.5% (current 5- | year Treas | ury l | Vote, plu | s 2.5 | %) |
| Total amount of Notes projected to be issued: See ac | companyii | ng gr | aph | | |

| | ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION DATA & ASSUMPTIONS | | | | | | |
|------|--|-----------------|------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Year | Per Member | Admin Budget | Year | Per Member | Admin Budget | Basic Church Contribu | ıtion |
| 2004 | 8.00 | 55,000 | 2017 | 12.00 | 92,000 | Rate per Member tim | es 100 |
| 2005 | 8.00 | 57,000 | 2018 | 13.00 | 95,000 | BFC members as of 12/3 | 1/2002 |
| 2006 | 9.00 | 60,000 | 2019 | 0.00 | 99,000 | 7,308 | |
| 2007 | 9.00 | 62,000 | 2020 | 0.00 | 103,000 | Annual Membership G | rowth |
| 2008 | 9.00 | 64,000 | 2021 | 0.00 | 107,000 | 1% | |
| 2009 | 10.00 | 67,000 | 2022 | 0.00 | 111,000 | (historical avg 1.5% since | e 1987) |
| 2010 | 10.00 | 70,000 | 2023 | 0.00 | 116,000 | | |
| 2011 | 10.00 | 72,000 | 2024 | 0.00 | 121,000 | Church Contribution Ex | ample |
| 2012 | 11.00 | 75,000 | 2025 | 0.00 | 125,000 | Members | 150 |
| 2013 | 11.00 | 78,000 | 2026 | 0.00 | 130,000 | times Rate per Member | 8.00 |
| 2014 | 11.00 | 81,000 | 2027 | 0.00 | 0 | equals | 1,200 |
| 2015 | 12.00 | 85,000 | 2028 | 0.00 | 0 | plus Basic Contribution | 800 |
| 2016 | 12.00 | 88,000 | 2029 | 0.00 | 0 | equals Total | 2,000 |

The results of these assumptions can be seen on the accompanying graph titled "Long-Term Projection of Account Balances". There is enough long-term cash flow from the churches and from the Administrative Budget to provide all of the benefit payments to the retirees. The liquidity shortage from 2006 to 2015 will be covered by issuing interest bearing notes on a periodic basis, as approved at Annual Conference in 2002. This will "bridge" the near-term liquidity shortfall. Repayments are projected to begin in the year 2015 and be complete by 2020.

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



| Mortality Statistics | 50% | ay, | | liming to the age thousand 20% | nymig to trie age strowti. | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | | 800.9 | 40% | 20% | %0 | 1 |
| | | 3.00% 6.00% | 2005 | 2010 | 2035 | |
| ions | | SI | to | to | to | - |
| Assumpt | 80% | sumption | 2002 to | 2006 | 2011 | |
| Current Assumptions | Mortality Certainty Level | Inflation / Interest Rate Assumptions | COLA Phaseout Factors: | | | |

83 86 89 91 93

| | | Projec | sted Annual / | Annuity Pay | Projected Annual Annuity Payments to MRF Beneficiaries by Calendar Year | F Benef | iciaries by | Calendar | Year | | |
|------|---------|--------|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------------|----------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 2004 | 200,457 | 2010 | 224,790 | 2016 | 181,519 | 2022 | 109,045 | 2028 | 45,553 | 2034 | 27,151 |
| 2005 | 202,375 | 2011 | 212,607 | 2017 | 181,519 | 2023 | 94,060 | 2029 | 38,893 | 2035 | 23,432 |
| 2006 | 213,951 | 2012 | 199,971 | 2018 | 173,407 | 2024 | 86,679 | 2030 | 34,009 | 2036 | 19,214 |
| 2007 | 221,724 | 2013 | 177,179 | 2019 | 151,170 | 2025 | 73,525 | 2031 | 34,009 | 2037 | 0 |
| 2008 | 222,746 | 2014 | 196,393 | 2020 | 147,618 | 2026 | 53,823 | 2032 | 34,009 | 2038 | 0 |
| 2009 | 223,768 | 2015 | 190,399 | 2021 | 132,466 | 2027 | 49,827 | 2033 | 31,646 | | |
| | | | | | | | | Total F | otal Payments | 4,208, | 339 |

Report of the Board of Communications

"The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia -your faith in God has become known everywhere." -1 Thessalonians 1:8

The believers in Thessalonica took seriously the job of getting the message of the gospel to those who desperately needed it. The message "rang out" from them. They were distinguished in that they faithfully spread the good news of Jesus Christ wherever they went. Their initial enthusiasm blossomed into an evangelistic enterprise that touched probably hundreds and perhaps thousands of people from the way the Apostle speaks of the result of their efforts ("has become known everywhere").

I have often thought: "Wouldn't it be great if those early Christians could come back and do a seminar, conference, write a book, or something that would help us understand how they could make such rapid advance in such short time?" But we really know how they did it, don't we? They "gossiped the gospel" with the demonstration of Christ in their lives and speech.

We have newer ways of "ringing out the gospel" today. Churches are using the Internet to disseminate the gospel. I did some exploring from the Church Directory section of our www.bfc.org web site and found innovative examples of gospel presentations. Our Paradise and York Churches are to be especially commended for their creative web site presentations of the gospel. The Paradise church's site is particularly noteworthy for its interactive presentation with a tie into the church itself.

However, I was struck by how many of our churches do not have presentations of the gospel on their web sites. We may be overlooking some real "ringing out the gospel" opportunities. Hopefully our bfc.org site will be able to offer an evangelistic presentation that local churches may be able to use for their sites.

The Board of Communications still labors hard to facilitate the flow of information and inspiration between our churches and agencies and be the "communication connection" for the BFC. You may enter the conversation by submitting articles for publication in our *Fellowship News*. Please take advantage of our compact disc with the latest edition of both the *Yearbook* and the

Faith and Order (soon to come out), and explore our web site (www.bfc.org) to find out what is happening in our agencies and sister churches. Take time to visit our table while at Annual Conference—I know you will find much helpful material there!

The committee wishes to apologize for not making good on our pledge to produce a CD this year. Since it was delayed, it was then determined not advisable to produce the CD so close to Annual Conference. For those who already paid we will honor this by offering the 2004 edition at no charge.

To help us serve you most efficiently, please contact the following people when you have a question or suggestion:

Fellowship News—articles and questions about editorial policy: Carol Z. Snyder, 3091 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 717-337-3408 / ccsnyder@supernet.com

Billing of Accounts

Paul T. Rutman, Apt 607, 824 Lisburn Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011 717-731-1490 / ptrutman@yahoo.com

Webservant

Stephen Mann svmann@compuserve.com. / www.bfc.org.

Orders for anything published by the Board: Dan Allen, PO Box 299, Ephrata, PA 17522 717-733-2526 / ebfc@ptd.net

The Board presents the following for your prayerful consideration:

- 1. Resolved, that the Proposed Budget of the Board of Communications for conference year January 1 to December 31, 2005 be approved as presented. (See attached.)
- 2. **Resolved**, that a contribution of three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325.00) for the conference year 2004 be given to the Board of Communications from each agency to help underwrite the cost of printing and distributing the *Fellowship News*.

Payments are to be made to the Business Manager, Paul T. Rutman, at the 121st Annual Conference.

3. **Resolved**, that one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per member of the Bible Fellowship Church for 2004 be forwarded to the Board of Communications from each church to help underwrite the cost of printing and distributing *Fellowship News*.

Payments are to be made to the Business Manager, Paul T. Rutman, at the 121st Annual Conference.

- 4. **Resolved**, that the cost of the 2004 Yearbook be \$8.50 per copy.
- 5. Whereas, the website has become a major part of the Board of Communications, therefore be it
 - **Resolved**, that we elevate the Webservant to an appointed position similar to that of the Editor and Business Manager, and further
 - Resolved, that we make the necessary changes to the Faith & Order:

Changes are underlined.

512-9.1 Composition and Election

- (1) The Board of Communications shall be composed of the Editor of *Fellowship News*, the Business Manager of *Fellowship News*, Webservant, and three ministers and two laypersons.
- (2) The Editor of Fellowship News, Business Manager of Fellowship News and Webservant shall be appointed by the Board of Communications for a three-year term subject to ratification by Annual Conference. The election of these officers shall be in such a manner that their respective terms shall not expire at the same time.
- (7) It shall maintain and oversee the denominational website.

Change current (7) to (8).

- 6. Whereas, the Board of Communications believes it is important to implement the above action immediately, and
 - Whereas, the Board would like to have its three positions on different term years, therefore be it
 - Resolved, that by the "rule of exception" the 121st Annual Conference ratify the appointment of Stephen C. Mann as Webservant for a term of two years.
- 7. Whereas, Paul T. Rutman has faithfully served as Business Manager since the early 1990s and continues to serve with excellence, be it therefore
 - Resolved, that 121st Annual Conference ratify the appointment of Paul T. Rutman as Business Manager for the term of three years.

Board Of Communications: William H. Bartron, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Secretary; Paul T. Rutman, Business Manager; Carol Z. Snyder, *Fellowship News* Editor; Stephen C. Mann, Webservant; Clyde W. Snyder, Jonathan P. Tait

Financial Report
December 31, 2002 to December 31, 2003

| Balance, December 31, 2002 Receipts: From Administrative Budget From Boards & Committees From Churches Yearbook Sales Faith & Order Church Supplies Shipping Miscellaneous Interest Received Total Receipts Total | 4,500.00 1,950.00 11,875.00 5,369.45 1,523.50 352.50 21.59 8.00 13.39 | \$ 8,716.93 \$ 25,613.43 \$ 34,330.36 |
|---|---|---|
| Expenditures: Fellowship News: Design & Layout Printing & Mailing Editor's Expense Editor's Honorarium & Proof Annual Conference Expense Business Manager Expense Board Expense Faith & Order | 2,480.00 13,348.07 329.18 1,100.00 431.39 54.00 393.94 982.54 | |

| Yearbook Expense | 5,312.88 | |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Church Supplies | 935.37 | |
| Storage Rental - Warehouse | 600.00 | |
| Mahurin Booklet | 240.00 | |
| Web Site | 2,659.45 | |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 350.00 | |
| Total Expenses | | 29,217.32 |
| Balance, December 31, 2003 | | \$ 5,113.04 |
| Balance, December 31, 2003 | | |

Board of Communications funds held in Wachovia Bank, Camp Hill, PA. Books were reviewed and approved by Charles Kline.

Proposed Budget - 2005

| Receipts | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Administrative Budget | 4,500 |
| Boards and Committees | 1,950 |
| Churches | 14,000 |
| Yearbook Sales | 5,500 |
| Yearbook/Fellowship News Sponsors | 250 |
| Faith & Order / "Articles of Faith" | 2,300 |
| Church Supplies | 800 |
| Shipping | 100 |
| Interest | 50 |
| Total Receipts | 29,500 |
| Expenses | |
| Fellowship News: | |
| Layout & Design | 2,500 |
| Printing & Mailing | 14,350 |
| Editor's Expenses | 350 |
| Editor's Honorarium | 1,300 |
| Annual Conference Expense | 400 |
| Board Expense | 500 |
| Faith & Ōrder/Articles of Faith | 1,000 |
| Yearbooks Costs | 6,000 |
| Storage Rental | 600 |
| Business Manager's Expenses | 100 |
| Church Supplies | 500 |
| Web Page Expense | 1,325 |
| Miscellaneous | 550 |
| Total Expenses | $\overline{29,500}$ |

Gehret Associates

Insurance/Tax Consultants

210 N. State St., Ephrata, PA 17522 717.733.1673 800.738.1673

Fax: 717.733.1056

Gehret Associates, the sponsoring agency for the partnership group of BFC Churches insured by Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Co, continues to give back to the denomination. This comes as a result of favorable claims experience and an increase in the number of churches enrolled in the plan. Since 1995 Brotherhood has paid a total of over \$42,500 in dividend checks to the BFC.

Below is a list of churches and ministries currently enrolled in the partnership group:

Berean, Terre Hill
Bethany, Hatfield
Bethany, Mt. Carmel
Bethany, Whitehall
BFC Board of Directors
BFC Board of Missions
BFC Church Extension
BFC, Ephrata
BFC, Graterford
BFC, Kutztown
BFC, Maple Glen
BFC, Royersford
BFC, Walnutport
Calvary, Coopersburg

Calvary, Scranton

Calvary, Shamokin
Cedar Crest, Allentown
Community, Red Hill
Emmanuel, Sunbury
Faith, Harleysville
Faith, Lancaster
Faith, York
Grace, Quakertown
Grace, Harrisburg
Lighthouse, Allentown
Mt. Pocono
Salem, Lehighton
Trinity, Blandon
Wissinoming, Philly

Report of the Beneficiary Society of the BFC

The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart trusteth in Him, and I am helped. Thereforth, my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise Him.

Psalm 28:7

The Beneficiary Society continues to meet the need of its constituents as our sovereign Lord calls home His beloved saints. This year Ruth Hartman, wife of Pastor Jansen E. Hartman, and William W. Mull, former Pastor and Missionary, entered into the presence of their Lord. Both Pastor Hartman and Mrs. Addy Mull received the stipulated amounts from the Society. Barbara Chappell and Marilyn Coble also received aid. The Society rejoices that we can assist our brother and sisters in their need, and also remember them in our prayers.

Officers of the Beneficiary Society: John H. Riggall, President; R. C. Reichenbach, Secretary; LeRoy S. Heller, Treasurer

Financial Report January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

| ASSETS - January 1, 2003 | | \$ 188,314.02 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Receipts | | |
| Dues | \$ 3,465.00 | |
| Administrative Budget | 500.00 | |
| Total Receipts | | 3,965.00 |
| Investment Income | | |
| Interest - | | |
| Wachovia | 9,857.36 | |
| Less Accrued Interest Paid | (788.06) | |
| Dividends | , | |
| Wachovia | 71.07 | |
| Loss on Securities Sold | (1,477.10) | |
| Total Investment Income | | 7,663.27 |
| | | 199,942.29 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Board & Secretarial Expenses | 67.89 | |
| Gifts | 350.00 | |
| Death Benefits | 11,000.00 | |
| Total Expenditures | | 11,417.89 |
| Total Assets - December 31, 2003 | | \$ 188,524.40 |
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|----------|-----|------------|-----------|
| Checking | and | Savinge | A ccounte |
| CHOCKING | anu | Savings | Accounts |

| Lebanon Val Farmers Bank - Ck | \$ 1,761.59 | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Wachovia - Cash & MM 1.28% | 10,671.67 | |
| Total Checking & Savings Acct. | | \$ 12,433.26 |

| | | Market | |
|------------------------------|------|--------------|---------------|
| Investments - Wachovia | % | <u>Value</u> | Cost |
| FNMA Remic - 03-08DC | 6.00 | \$ 927.76 | \$ 943.17 |
| FNMA - 03-86WC | 6.00 | 14,980.05 | 15,150.00 |
| FNMA - 03-8-CJ | 6.00 | 5,438.76 | 5,602.33 |
| FHLMC - 2590CY | 5.50 | 1,846.50 | 2,046.00 |
| FNMA - 03-17MJ | 5.50 | 30,187.11 | 29,994.24 |
| FHLMC - 2594WW | 5.50 | 7,864.00 | 8,000.00 |
| FHLMC - 2600WJ | 5.50 | 7,686.08 | 8,080.00 |
| FHLMC - 2600MM | 5.50 | 12,769.51 | 13,000.00 |
| ABNAMPR MTG - 03-5A10 | 5.50 | 6,278.09 | 6,271.90 |
| FHLMC - 2615UU | 5.50 | 2,858.16 | 3,000.00 |
| FHLMC - 2632JJ | 5.00 | 1,832.32 | 2,000.00 |
| ABN AMRO MTG - 038A11 | 5.50 | 5,039.90 | 5,106.00 |
| ABN AMRO MTG - 03-8A6 | 5.50 | 5,028.95 | 5,050.00 |
| FNMA - 03-57BL | 5.50 | 1,914.88 | 2,000.00 |
| FHLMC - 2646JJ | 5.00 | 885.37 | 985.00 |
| FHLMC - 2643EE | 5.00 | 5,523.18 | 6,000.00 |
| FHLMC - 2663CN | 6.00 | 7,777.92 | 8,080.00 |
| GNMA - 03-66JD | 5.50 | 3,825.60 | 4,000.00 |
| GNMA - 03-68AD | 5.50 | 2,879.07 | 3,000.00 |
| GNMA - 03-67C | 5.50 | 5,661.48 | 5,820.00 |
| GNMA - 03-67KC | 6.00 | 2,988.21 | 3,030.00 |
| GNMA - 03076GD | 6.00 | 8,867.25 | 9,000.00 |
| GNMA - 03-76KD | 5.50 | 4,700.15 | 4,962.50 |
| GNMA - 03-81B | 5.50 | 2,945.13 | 3,000.00 |
| GNMA - 03-86W | 5.50 | 5,764.92 | 6,000.00 |
| FHLMC - 2724GG | 5.50 | 5,850.00 | 5,970.00 |
| FHLMC - 2722EE | 5.50 | 9,251.74 | 10,000.00 |
| Total Investments | | 171,572.09 | 176,091.14 |
| Total Assets - Dec. 31, 2003 | | , | \$ 188,524.40 |
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Notes

- 1 Investments are listed at cost or Face Value.
- 2 Anticipated income on Wachovia investments for year is \$9,896 Books reviewed by Ellis Lee Hostetter, CPA. "Audit Letter" available upon request.

Report of the Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes

The Committee is directed by the Faith And 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. Recommended corrections take effect upon adoption of the report by Annual Conference. The Committee shall subsequently submit to Annual Conference two corrected copies of the Yearbook certified to contain an accurate account of the proceedings of the previous Annual Conference, including more minor matters such as corrected punctuation. These copies shall be placed in the BFC Archives. (Legislation assigning these duties took effect October 1992).

The following corrections to the 2003 *Yearbook* were either received or discovered by the Committee:

- p. xvii, line 2, "new comers" should read "newcomers"
- p. xviii, line 11, "...hen he finished, ... " insert ...hen [sic] [When] he finished, ..."
- p. 22, caption under photograph, line 2, "Top: Biddle, ..." should read "Top: Knowles, .. "
- p. 45, line 14, "It shall advise particular churches ..." should read "It shall advise Particular Churches ..."
- p. 50, line 1, "...the particular church ..." should read "...the Particular Church..."
- p. 60, line 16, "...Tom H. Morrison ..." should read "...Thomas H. Morrison..."
- p. 66, caption under second (lower) photograph, line 1, "William J. Gehman" should read "Richard J. Gehman"
- p. 69, .line 16 from bottom, "..undo..." should read "...undue..."
- p. 91, lines 12 and 20 from bottom, "Thompson, CN" should read "Thompson, CT"
- p. 92, lines 4 and 11, "Thompson, CN" should read "Thompson, CT"
- p. 98, lines 12 and 13, "...to oversee the Church Extension Mission Churches and Churches." should read "...to oversee both the Church Extension Mission Churches and the Particular Churches under the care of the Department."
- p. 107, line 15, "...keep..." should read "...kept..."

- p. 107, lines 16-18, "Receipting of financial donations are meticulously recorded for both the donor's and the missionary's records." should read "Financial donations are meticulously recorded for both the donor's and the missionary's records, and receipts are sent to the donors."
- p. 134, line 9 from the bottom, "With the passing of the second reading, legislation ..." should read "With the passing of legislation at second reading, ..."
- p. 173, line 14 from the bottom, "Benefits, Training & Educate" should read "Benefits, Training & Education"
- p. 180, line 10 from the bottom, "layperson" should read "laypersons"
- p. 181, line 17 from the bottom, "Leadreship" should read "Leadership"
- p. 182, line 6 from the bottom, "...shoulders having learned..." should read "...shoulders and having learned..."
- p. 190, line 9 from the bottom, "Jennie Lockerbie" should read "Jeannie Lockerbie"
- p. 192, line 14, "bu tall" should read "but all"
- p. 192, line 17, "where 30 or 1,000" should read "whether 30 or 1,000"
- p. 196, line 2, "May 15-16, 2004" should read "May 22-23, 2004"
- p. 203, caption under photograph, "Pastor Phil, Missionary Mark, ..." should read "Pastor Mark, Missionary Phil, ..."
- p. 208, line 8, "...maybe to give..." should read "...may be to give..."
- p. 208, line 16, "...such policy..." should read "...such a policy..."
- p. 208, line 17, "...understood..." should read "...easily understood..."
- p. 209, column two, line 12 from the bottom, "...CommonWealth of PA" should read "Commonwealth of PA"
- p. 211, line 3, "... Studies Committee..." should read "... Study Committee..."
- p. 213, line 19, "...principle..." should read "...principles..." p. 214, line 16, "This violate..." should read "This violates..."
- p. 237, line 21, "Kutztown, PA 19539, (610) 948-7945" should read "Kutztown, PA 19530, (610) 683-6459."

Committee to Examine the Minutes of the 120th Annual Conference: Jonathan P. Tait, Chairman; William J. Shive; John C. Studenroth.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches

The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches met on Monday, 3/8/04 at Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA.

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, 2004.

The Committee expresses its appreciation once again for 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 a financial audit and also a record of church members being made aware of the designation of the Pastor Relations Committee. We would further remind each church of the need for a signed Elder's Declaration of Agreement with the Articles of Faith and a willingness to follow the Principles of Order.

The Committee would like to <u>strongly remind</u> everyone that the minutes pertaining to the previous year plus the proposed budget for the upcoming year need to be at the designated address by March 1.

There were no petitions this year from the churches.

The following is proposed for 2nd Reading:

Resolved, that we change 403-3 (4) to read "review" instead of "audit".

<u>Churches</u>: Ralph M. Soper, Chairman; Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Secretary; William H. Bartron, Kevin Clineff, Allan R. Vivona.

Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee

The Annual Ministerial Convention was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 30 and October 1, 2003 at Pinebrook Bible Conference Center. The Conference theme was entitled: The Peacemaker: Responding to Conflict Biblically, Four sessions were held which included the following topics: "Glorify God," "Get The Log Out of Your Own Eye," "Go and Show Your Brother His Fault," and "Go and Be Reconciled." Each session was taught by Glen Ridenour who serves on the Advisory Committee for the Christian Conciliation Services, Glenside, PA, and on the Philadelphia Bar Association. These sessions were encouraging. instructional and helpful as Glen shared how to handle and resolve conflict in a variety of relationship settings. The women had a planned time of fellowship and interaction while the pastors met for their business meeting. At the business meeting, the following members were elected to serve on the 2004 committee: Howard N. Wells and Allan R. Vivona.

The Committee is constituted as follows:

2003 Convention Committee
Ron C. Erb, Chairman
Charles E. Cole, Secretary
Jonathon W. Arnold, Treasurer
C. Larry Bennett
Ralph E. Ritter
Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

2004 Convention Committee Howard N. Wells, Chairman Charles E. Cole, Secretary Ralph E. Ritter, Treasurer C. Larry Bennett Allan R. Vivona

Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor Length of terms are as follows 1 year - C. Larry Bennett; 2 years - Charles E. Cole, Ralph E. Ritter.; 3 years - Allan R. Vivona, Howard N. Wells

The 2004 Ministerial Convention is scheduled for September 28,29, 2004. The theme will be "Pastoral Leadership: CEO or Shepherd or What?" addressing expectations, challenges, and opportunities of men called by God to serve in the local church. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Gil Peterson, Chancellor, Lancaster Bible College. Plan to attend the 2004 Ministerial Convention at Pinebrook Bible Conference.

<u>Ministerial Convention Committee</u>: Howard N. Wells, Chairman; Charles E. Cole, Secretary; Ralph E. Ritter, Treasurer; C. Larry Bennett, Allan R. Vivona, Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor.

Financial Report December 23, 2002 to December 31, 2003

| Balance Brought Forward December | ber 23, 2002 | \$ 785.23 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Receipts: | | |
| Board of Directors, BFC | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| Convention Registrations | 4,995.75 | |
| Total Receipts | | 5,995.75 |
| Expenditures: | | , |
| Board Expenses | 344.91 | |
| Pinebrook Bible Conference | 4,036.00 | |
| Postage & Printing | 216.31 | |
| Seminar Supplies | 753.28 | |
| Speaker Fee | 900.00 | |
| Refunds | 302.50 | |
| Total Expenditures | | 6,553.00 |
| Balance, December 31, 2003 | | \$ 227.98 |
| | | |

Books audited by William Ashworth

Missionaries Welcomed



The Warners



Phil Yerrington & Paul Zimmerman

Report of the Study Committee: Credentials & Multi-Staff Churches

The study committee on credentials and multi-staff churches bring the following legislation to Annual Conference:

Resolved, that the material in bold italics be adopted at Second Reading for inclusion in the *Faith & Order*, Article 510 General Rules of Elections and Resignations

510 – 1 Categories

- (1) There are three categories of nominees for election to boards, and committees. They are ministers, elders, and laypersons.
- (2) Pastoral Staff members are not eligible to serve in the categories of elders or laypersons.

Resolved, that the following material be adopted for First Reading:

1. For inclusion in the *Faith and Order* as 204-4 and 204-5:

204-4 Pastoral Staff

The pastoral staff of a Particular Church is composed of, and limited to, those individuals who are serving as a minister in the BFC. For an individual to serve as a minister in the BFC, he must be ordained by or have had his previous ordination recognized by the BFC or he must be under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

204-5 Church Staff

The church staff of a Particular Church is composed of individuals who are employed by that Particular Church. The church staff shall include the pastoral staff, but is not limited to the pastoral staff. Others included in the church staff would be secretaries, sexton, director of women's ministries, director of children and youth, choir director, etc. The title pastor, when it is used in association with a person that is occupying a position on a church staff is to be reserved for those who are members of the pastoral staff.

- 2. The following numerical changes, with their corresponding explanation in the *Faith and Order:*
 - 204-1.1 The minister and pastor are interchangeable terms.
 - 204-1.2 A minister or pastor in the Bible Fellowship Church must be holding or seeking credentials in the Bible Fellowship Church.
 - 204-1.3 The Office of Minister [presently in the F&O as 204-1.1]
 - 204-1.4 The Qualifications for the Ministry [presently in the F&O as 204-1.2]
 - 3. To change 204-1.2 Educational Requirements:

Current 204-1.2 reads as follows (*italics* represent section to be changed)

- (1) All men desiring to be ordained to the ministry of the BFC shall have been graduated from high school and have 3 years of theological training or its equivalent. A man may be an applicant or candidate during the period of his training, but the 3 years of theological study shall be completed before he becomes a probationer. Exceptions to this rule may be made for some mature men; however, in no case will a man be recommended for ordination examination before completing the equivalent of 3 years of theological training.
- (2) Candidates for the ministry should be men of broad reading interests, giving evidence of understanding and practical wisdom.

Proposed First Reading changes in bold italics.

(1) All men desiring to be ordained to the ministry of the BFC shall have been graduated from college/university and are encouraged to pursue a seminary degree. The minimum requirement is 3 years of theological training or its approved equivalent. A man may be an applicant or candidate during

the period of his training, but the 3 years of theological study shall be completed before he becomes a probationer. Exceptions to this rule may be made for some mature men; however, in no case will a man be recommended for ordination examination before completing the equivalent of 3 years of theological training.

(2) Candidates for the ministry should be men of broad reading interests, giving evidence of understanding and practical wisdom.

Study Committee: Credentials and Multi-Staff Churches: LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Secretary; Calvin T. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., Ralph M. Soper

Report of the Auditing Committee

As required by Article 511-2.1 of the *Faith & Order* a diligent search was performed. It was determined that after corrections and/or additions were made to several reports, all were in compliance.

<u>Auditing Committee</u>: Robert W. Gehret, Chairman; Lee E. Boyles, Horace A. Kauffman

Report of the Study Committee: Role of Women in the Church

The Committee to Study the Role of Women in the Church met to complete the task of refining legislation with regard to women serving as deacons. The following is our work presented to Annual Conference:

Legislation to be adopted at first reading at the One-Hundred-Twenty-First Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church

To provide a framework to our thinking this committee supports the "Danvers Statement" (see appendix 1). Further, the footnotes in the "whereas" statements that follow are for clarification only and will not become part of the legislative changes.

Whereas, the Bible calls for male leadership in the church² and in the home,³ and

Whereas, the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church clearly states that the office of deacon is an office of service, not oversight,4 and

Appended "The "Danvers Statement" was prepared by several evangelical leaders at a Council for Biblical Manhood and Womanhood meeting in Danvers, Mass., in December, 1987. It was first published in final form by the CBMW in Wheaton, Ill., in November, 1988.

² 1 Corinthians 11:2-3; 1 Timothy 2:12-14; 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9

³ Ephesians 5:22-24, 32-33

⁴ Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church

^{204-3.1 &}quot;The office of deacons is presented in the Scriptures as an office not of ruling, but of service. 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."

^{401-2.3 &}quot;The general responsibility of the deacons is one of sympathetic and benevolent service to the church, to the distressed, and to the friendless and sick, showing the mercy and concern of the church for the material and natural needs of others. The

Whereas, the Bible names a woman as a deacon,⁵ and gives examples of other godly women who served in the church,⁶ and

Whereas, the Bible has specific requirements for this office of scrvice, ⁷ therefore be it

deacons shall assume the responsibility to care for such specific benevolent and material services as directed them by the Board of Elders."

401-2.4 "The function of the deacons is to see that the material and natural needs of the church constituency are met so that the elders can give freely of their time and concern to the spiritual needs of the congregation."

Robertson, A. (1997). Word Pictures in the New Testament. Vol.V c1932, Vol.VI c1933 by Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. (1 Ti 3:11). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems. I Timothy 3:11 Women (γυναικας [gunaikas]). Accusative with δει είναι [dei einai] understood (ὁσαυτως [hosautôs], likewise) as in verse 8. Apparently "women as deacons" (Rom. 16:1 about Phoebe) and not women in general or just "wives of deacons." See Pliny (Ep. X. 97) ministrae.

<u>Pliny to the Emperor Trajan (Letters 10.96; written A.D. 111 or 112)</u> Documents on the Persecution of the Early Church; http://www.bible-researcher.com/persecution.html

Quo magis necessarium credidi ex duabus ancillis, quae <u>ministrae</u> dicebantur, quid esset veri, et per tormenta quaerere.

Accordingly, I judged it all the more necessary to find out what the truth was by torturing two female slaves who were called <u>deaconesses</u>. <u>Wuest, K. S. (1997, c1984)</u>. Wuest's Word Studies from the Greek New Testament: For the English reader (Ro 16:1). Grand Rapids:

Eerdmans. Pliny the Younger, about a.d. 104, appears to refer to them in a letter to Trajan, in which he speaks of the torture of two maids who were called ministrae (μινιστραε) (female ministers).

Wuest, K. S. (1997, c1984). Wuest's Word Studies from the Greek New Testament: For the English reader (1 Ti 3:11). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. The word "wives" is gunç (γυνη), "a woman." The word, when used in reference to the marriage relation, means "a wife." Here, it should be translated "women." It does not necessarily refer to the wives of the deacons, and for the following reasons: first, the words, "even so," are the translation of hôsautôs (ὑσαυτως), which is used in

⁵ Romans 16:1-2

⁶ Rom. 16:1, 3, 12; Phil. 4:2, 3; 1 Tim. 3:11; 5:9, 10; Titus 2:3, 4
⁷ 1 Timothy 3:11

- **Resolved**, that the Bible Fellowship Church allow qualified women to serve as deacons / deaconesses in the church, and be it further
- **Resolved**, that since the Bible calls for male leadership in the church and in the home, in obedience to the Scriptures, certain provisos must be observed if a woman is to serve on the Board of Deacons:
 - 1. Women who serve on the Board of Deacons shall not constitute a majority of the board (1 Timothy 2:12).
 - 2. A woman shall not hold an office of leadership or

introducing a second or third in a series, the series here is of Church officials; second, there is no possessive pronoun in the Greek, which would be needed if the women were the wives of the deacons; third, the four qualifications which follow correspond, with appropriate variations, to the first four required of deacons as regards demeanor, government of the tongue, use of wine, and trustworthiness; and fourth, this is a section dealing wholly with Church officials. The reference here is to women who hold the office of deaconess, as Phoebe (Rom. 16:1);

Keener, C. S., & InterVarsity Press. (1993). The IVP Bible background commentary: New Testament (1 Ti 3:11). Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press. "Scholars debate whether "women" here refers to deaconesses or to male deacons' wives, although even the Roman government was aware of Christian deaconesses (female deacons) by a.d. 112."

Easton, M. (1996, c1897). Easton's Bible Dictionary "Deaconess—Rom. 16:1, 3, 12; Phil. 4:2, 3; 1 Tim. 3:11; 5:9, 10; Titus 2:3, 4). In these passages it is evident that females were then engaged in various Christian ministrations. Pliny makes mention of them also in his letter to Trajan (A.D. 110).

C. F. Pfeiffer, H. F. Vos & J. Rea, Ed. (1975). The Wycliffe Bible Encyclopedia, Chicago: Moody Press. It is probable that there were in the different churches groups of women engaged in visiting those of their own sex in the same way as the deacons performed their duties. The rules given in I Tim 3:11 and Tit 2:3–5 as to the conduct of women have been referred to the office of the deaconess. I Tim 5:9–10 have also been suggested as requirements for the office. It is not certain that these passages refer to that office, although there existed such an order later in church history. Pliny the Younger, writing as governor of Bithynia to the emperor Trajan in a.d. 112, indicated that by that time there were deaconesses among the Christians whom he assigned to torture in that province.

⁸ 1 Timothy 3:11

- exercise authority over men on the Board of Deacons (1 Timothy 2:12).
- 3. A woman shall not serve on the Board of Deacons in a capacity which places her in a position exercising authority over men in the church (1 Timothy 2:12).
- **Resolved**, that these provisos become part of the *Faith and Order* of the Bible Fellowship Church and titled "401-2.5" and that the former 401-2.5 become 401-2.6.
- 2. Whereas, the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church uses three terms (Minister, Elder, Layperson) when discussing matters of election, office, or positions of service in the church, therefore be it
 - Resolved, that the following changes be made to the current documents of the *Faith and Order*:

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 **layperson** (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/deaconesses duly elected by and from the congregation who meet the qualifications of the Scriptures. They shall be mature **laypersons** (replaces men) who demonstrate a spiritual wisdom and compassion so that they might serve the needy in a Christ-like, merciful way.

401-2.6 Since the Bible calls for male leadership in the church⁹ and in the home¹⁰, in obedience to the Scriptures,

⁹ 1 Corinthians 11:2-3; 1 Timothy 2:12-14; 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9

¹⁰ Ephesians 5:22-24, 32-33

certain provisos must be observed if a woman is to serve on the Board of Deacons:

- 1. If women are to serve on the Board of Deacons, they shall not constitute a majority of the board.
- 2. A woman shall not hold an office of leadership or exercise authority over men on the Board of Deacons (Chair or Vice-Chair).
- 3. A woman shall not serve on the Board of Deacons in a capacity which places her in a position exercising authority over men in the church.

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 **laypersons** 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 **layperson** (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 (sister) as a deacon (deaconess)?
- (2) Do you promise to give him **(her)** all the honor, encouragement, and support in the Lord to which **this** (replaces his) office entitles him **(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 (her) and to the congregation an exhortation suited to the occasion.

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Appendix 1

The Danvers Statement

The Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood A Response to Evangelical Feminism Wayne Grudem and John Piper

Rationale

We have been moved in our purpose by the following contemporary developments which we observe with deep concern:

- 1. The widespread uncertainty and confusion in our culture regarding the complementary differences between masculinity and femininity;
- the tragic effects of this confusion in unraveling the fabric of marriage woven by God out of the beautiful and diverse strands of manhood and womanhood;
- the increasing promotion given to feminist egalitarianism with accompanying distortions or neglect of the glad harmony portrayed in Scripture between the loving, humble leadership of redeemed husbands and the intelligent, willing support of that leadership by redeemed wives;
- 4. the widespread ambivalence regarding the values of motherhood, vocational homemaking, and the many ministries historically performed by women;
- 5. the growing claims of legitimacy for sexual relationships which have Biblically and historically been considered illicit or perverse, and the increase in pornographic portrayal of human sexuality;
- 6. the upsurge of physical and emotional abuse in the family:
- 7. the emergence of roles for men and women in church leadership that do not conform to Biblical teaching but backfire in the crippling of Biblically faithful witness;
- 8. the increasing prevalence and acceptance of hermeneutical oddities devised to reinterpret apparently plain meanings of Biblical texts;
- the consequent threat to Biblical authority as the clarity of Scripture is jeopardized and the accessibility of its meaning to ordinary people is withdrawn into the restricted realm of technical ingenuity;

10. and behind all this the apparent accommodation of some within the church to the spirit of the age at the expense of winsome, radical Biblical authenticity which in the power of the Holy Spirit may reform rather than reflect our ailing culture.

Purposes

Recognizing our own abiding sinfulness and fallibility, and acknowledging the genuine evangelical standing of many who do not agree with all of our convictions, nevertheless, moved by the preceding observations and by the hope that the noble Biblical vision of sexual complementarity may yet win the mind and heart of Christ's church, we engage to pursue the following purposes:

- To study and set forth the Biblical view of the relationship between men and women, especially in the home and in the church.
- 2. To promote the publication of scholarly and popular materials representing this view.
- 3. To encourage the confidence of lay people to study and understand for themselves the teaching of Scripture, especially on the issue of relationships between men and women.
- 4. To encourage the considered and sensitive application of this Biblical view in the appropriate spheres of life.
- 5. And thereby
 - to bring healing to persons and relationships injured by an inadequate grasp of God's will concerning manhood and womanhood,
 - to help both men and women realize their full ministry potential through a true understanding and practice of their God-given roles,
 - and to promote the spread of the gospel among all peoples by fostering a Biblical wholeness in relationships that will attract a fractured world.

Affirmations

Based on our understanding of Biblical teachings, we affirm the following:

 Both Adam and Eve were created in God's image, equal before God as persons and distinct in their manhood and womanhood.

- 2. Distinctions in masculine and feminine roles are ordained by God as part of the created order, and should find an echo in every human heart.
- 3. Adam's headship in marriage was established by God before the Fall, and was not a result of sin.
- 4. The Fall introduced distortions into the relationships between men and women.
 - In the home, the husband's loving, humble headship tends to be replaced by domination or passivity; the wife's intelligent, willing submission tends to be replaced by usurpation or servility.
 - In the church, sin inclines men toward a worldly love of power or an abdication of spiritual responsibility, and inclines women to resist limitations on their roles or to neglect the use of their gifts in appropriate ministries.
- 5. The Old Testament, as well as the New Testament, manifests the equally high value and dignity which God attached to the roles of both men and women. Both Old and New Testaments also affirm the principle of male headship in the family and in the covenant community.
- 6. Redemption in Christ aims at removing the distortions introduced by the curse.
 - In the family, husbands should forsake harsh or selfish leadership and grow in love and care for their wives; wives should forsake resistance to their husbands' authority and grow in willing, joyful submission to their husbands' leadership.
 - In the church, redemption in Christ gives men and women an equal share in the blessings of salvation; nevertheless, some governing and teaching roles within the church are restricted to men.
- 7. In all of life Christ is the supreme authority and guide for men and women, so that no earthly submission-domestic, religious, or civil-ever implies a mandate to follow a human authority into sin.
- 8. In both men and women a heartfelt sense of call to ministry should never be used to set aside Biblical criteria for particular ministries. Rather, Biblical teaching should remain the authority for testing our subjective discernment of God's will.
- 9. With half the world's population outside the reach of indigenous evangelism; with countless other lost people

in those societies that have heard the gospel; with the stresses and miseries of sickness, malnutrition, homelessness, illiteracy, ignorance, aging, addiction, crime, incarceration, neuroses, and loneliness, no man or woman who feels a passion from God to make His grace known in word and deed need ever live without a fulfilling ministry for the glory of Christ and the good of this fallen world.

10. We are convinced that a denial or neglect of these principles will lead to increasingly destructive consequences in our families, our churches, and the culture at large.

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Appendix 2

SHADOW MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Deaconess Board - General Job Description

A deaconess serves for three years, or for only one or two years if she is completing a term for someone who has been unable to finish a full three years.

The deaconess board meets at 9:45 am on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The meeting is held in various homes, lasts until noon, and is followed by fellowship over a simple lunch, for those who can stay.

There are three areas in which we are <u>all</u> involved, and each deaconess also functions on one small committee.

We are all involved in:

PRAYER CHAIN: One deaconess coordinates the prayer chain. When a church member asks for prayer regarding a particular need, it's our privilege to pray faithfully for that need - collectively at our meetings and individually throughout the month. Of course, we treat all prayer requests as confidential.

HOME FRIENDS: We are each assigned a special home-bound friend. There are a number of elderly church members who, because of poor health, are unable to attend services, and need to know that their church family cares about them. And that's what we try to do. Some of these people live in their own homes, and others are in nursing homes. We keep in touch with our own home-friend with visits, cards, little remembrances at special occasions, sometimes provide transportation to a doctor's appointment, and generally try to be a friend and spiritual encouragement. In December we pool assorted edible treats and

small personal items at our meeting, and each of us makes up a Christmas box of these goodies to take to her special home-friend, as a gift from all the deaconesses.

SICK & BEREAVED: We take turns in helping to provide a meal for sick or bereaved members, and we have a committee of 3 who coordinate our efforts. (In the case of a serious illness of a church member, that person's Sunday School class members will normally provide meals, if and when needed. If the person is not enrolled in a class, then the deaconesses step in). In the case of a death, we usually provide a meal for the family on the day of the funeral. (Sometimes several months pass without our being needed in either of these ways). A deaconess might also make a hospital visit, if this seems appropriate, or attend a funeral if the family is known to her. We also provide all the ingredients for a holiday meal at Thanksgiving and Christmas, for a family that is going through hard times. In addition to these areas of service, there are also a number of small committees with special responsibilities and each deaconess serves on just one of these:

BAPTISM: The 2 or 3 deaconesses on this committee take turns in assisting women when they are baptized. They make sure that baptism robes and towels are taken care of, meet with the women just before baptism to pray with them, help them think through their testimonies, and generally help them feel at ease.

<u>COMMUNION:</u> The 3 deaconesses on this committee prepare the elements for communion, and clean up afterward.

NEW BABIES: This is usually a "committee" of 1, and this deaconess has the pleasure of visiting the new babies born to church members. She arranges a time convenient for herself and the new mother, and takes a rose and a book to the mother and prays with her for the baby.

NEW MEMBERS: The 3 or 4 deaconesses on this committee take turns at sitting in on the twice-monthly Sunday morning classes for new members, making them feel welcome, and joining the deacons in listening to their testimonies.

The board is also represented by having one deaconess on the **MISSIONS BOARD** and one on the **CUSSD BOARD**. The



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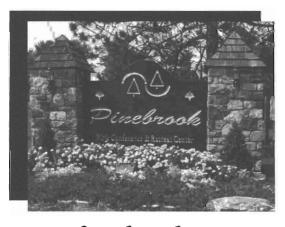
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| Church | Pastor | Ord | Prob. | Elders | Deac | P. Visits | Other Vis. | Bapt. | Child. Ded. | Wed. | Fun. |
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| Walnutport | Tait | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Whitehall | Smith | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 174 | 15 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| | Keeler | 2 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 120 | 75 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| | | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 135 | 0 | 1 | 0 | - 1 | 3 |
| | Bennett | | | | | | | 378 | 133 | 72 | 145 |
| TOTALS | | 105 | 14 | 283 | 244 | 9,994 | 8,171 | 3/8 | 133 | 12 | 145 |
| Allenteum | Domes | 4 | | 2 | 0 | 246 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| | Ramos | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | | | | | 0 |
| | Dowling | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 260 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | Mann | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Morrison, T. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 418 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Longneck, DE | Barber | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 240 | 300 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Newark, NJ | Baker | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 341 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| TOTALS | | 6 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 1,505 | 300 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| GRAND TOTALS | | 111 | 16 | 292 | 244 | 11,499 | 8,471 | 385 | 139 | 74 | 154 |

Membership

| Church | Rec'd | Tran f. BFC | Tran O | Incr. | Died | W'D | Dropped | Tran to Bfc | Tran O | Decr. | Net Inc. | Net Decr. | Member. |
|------------------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|------|-----|---------|-------------|--------|-------|----------|-----------|---------|
| Allentown, CC | 52 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 6 | 43 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 52 | | | 616 |
| Bethlehem | 35 | 6 | 2 | 43 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 21 | 22 | | 364 |
| Blandon | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | | 3 | 137 |
| Brooklyn, NY | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | | 0 | 0 | 4 | | 2 | 16 |
| Camden, DE | 5 | | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | | 41 |
| Clinton Crns. NY | 3 | | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | 31 |
| Coopersburg | 4 | | 8 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 3 | | 270 |
| Denville, NJ | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 27 |
| Emmaus | 11 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 7 | | 344 |
| Ephrata | 19 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 2 | 3 | | 0 | 3 | 8 | 12 | | 215 |
| Finesville, NJ | 2 | | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | 1 | 0 | | | | 38 |
| Fleetwood | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | | 5 | 0 | | | 16 | 90 |
| Graterford | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | 1 | 4 | | | 4 | 113 |
| Harleysville | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 13 | | 2 | 1 | | - | 12 | 192 |
| Harrisburg | 11 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 2 | | 0 | 0 | | | 11 | 114 |
| Hatfield | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | 124 |
| Holmes, NY | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 2 | | | 22 | 37 |
| Howell, NJ | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 22 | 20 |
| Keyport | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | 6 | 23 |
| Kutztown | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | - | 1 | 38 |
| Lancaster | 14 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 8 | | 0 | 0 | | | 12 | 303 |
| Lebanon | 8 | | 0 | 10 | 1 | 2 | | 0 | 0 | | 6 | | 205 |
| Lehighton | 0 | | 0 | | _ | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 1 | | 67 |
| Maple Glen | 0 | | 0 | 2 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | | 35 |
| Mt. Carmel | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 0 | 0 | | | 2 | 98 |
| Mt. Pocono | 7 | | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | | 133 |
| Nazareth | 11 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | | | 1 | 0 | | | | 201 |
| Newark, DE | 32 | | 2 | | 1 | 0 | | 4 | 20 | | | | 207 |
| | | | | 36 | | | | 0 | 20 | | | | 217 |
| Oley | 12 | | 5 | 17 | 2 | | | | 0 | | | 2 | 115 |
| Paradise | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 | | | 3 | 66 |
| Philadelphia | 11 | | 0 | 0 | 3 | | | 0 | 2 | | | | 135 |
| Piscataway, NJ | | | 0 | 11 | | | | 0 | 0 | | | | 29 |
| Poughquag, NY | 4 | | 0 | 4 | 0 | | | 2 | | | | | 192 |
| Quakertown | 3 | | 0 | 5 | | | | | | | | 19 | 399 |
| Reading | 10 | | 12 | 32 | _ | | | 4 | | | | | |
| Red Hill | 11 | | 0 | 11 | 0 | | | 2 | 8 | | | 34 | 92 |
| Royersford | 25 | | 0 | 26 | | | | 0 | 0 | | | | 142 |
| Scranton | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 | | | | 26 |
| Shamokin | 6 | | 0 | 6 | _ | | | | 0 | | | | 93 |
| Sinking Spring | 47 | | 0 | 47 | 2 | | | 0 | | | | | 466 |
| Spring City | 9 | | 0 | 9 | | | | 0 | | | | | 106 |
| Stroudsburg | 30 | | 0 | 30 | | | | 2 | | | | | 176 |
| Sunbury | 3 | | 0 | 3 | | | | | | | | 6 | 278 |
| Thompson, CT | 3 | | 0 | 3 | | | | 0 | | | | 1 | 34 |
| Terre Hill | 5 | | 0 | 7 | | | | | | | | | 59 |
| Toms River, NJ | 1 | | 0 | 1 | _ | | | 0 | | _ | | 5 | 22 |
| Wallingford | 8 | | 0 | - 8 | | | | | | | | | 214 |
| Walnutport | 2 | | 0 | | | | | | | | | | 55 |
| Whitehall | 15 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 1 | | | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | 102 |
| York | 19 | 0 | 0 | 19 | | | | | | | | | 166 |
| Zionsville | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | 2 | 50 |
| TOTALS | 469 | 34 | 30 | 533 | 74 | 159 | 139 | 29 | 61 | 458 | 241 | 1 166 | 7,333 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allentown, L. | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 | C | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 24 |
| Chesapeake, VA | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Hellertown | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Las Cruces, NM | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | C | 0 | 0 0 | 0 | C |) (| | | 0 |
| Longneck, DE | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Newark, NJ | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | (|) 2 | 0 | 0 |) 2 | 2 : | 3 | 68 |
| TOTALS | 7 | | 4 | | + | _ | | 0 | 3 | | 5 6 | 6 0 | 92 |
| GRAND TOTALS | 476 | | 34 | _ | _ | _ | | | | | | | |

Enrollment/Attendance/Property/Offerings

| Church | SS. Roll | SS | AM | PM | Chs | Par. | T Income | T. Offerings |
|------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|----------|------|------------|--------------|
| Allentown, CC | 872 | 550 | 725 | 265 | 1 | 0 | 1,442,233 | 1,218,688 |
| Bethlehem | | 273 | 466 | | 1 | 1 | 788,384 | 779,376 |
| Blandon | | 116 | 209 | 50 | 1 | 0 | 331,565 | 294,459 |
| Brooklyn, NY | 16 | 15 | 24 | | 0 | 1 | 47,798 | 21,053 |
| Camden, DE | 35 | 27 | 35 | 25 | 1 | 0 | 63,041 | 59,197 |
| Clinton Crns. NY | | 44 | 48 | | 1 | 0 | 111,052 | 110,719 |
| Coopersburg | 273 | 248 | 423 | 103 | 2 | 1 | 576,027 | 541,482 |
| Denville, NJ | 30 | 20 | 45 | | 1 | 1 | 82,702 | 78,126 |
| Emmaus | | 372 | 471 | 119 | 6 | 0 | 706,349 | 687,535 |
| Ephrata | 270 | 188 | 337 | 110 | 1 | 0 | 537,634 | 534,125 |
| Finesville, NJ | 59 | 32 | 53 | | 1 | 1 | 118,495 | 118,455 |
| Fleetwood | 93 | 91 | 132 | 39 | 1. | 1 | 164,415 | 164,373 |
| Graterford | 141 | 110 | 128 | 35 | 1 | 2 | 237,438 | 234,580 |
| Harleysville | 295 | 149 | 250 | | 1 | 2 | 373,500 | 373,481 |
| Harrisburg | | 98 | 163 | | 1 | 1 | 261,694 | 219,779 |
| Hatfield | | | 128 | 48 | 1 | 3 | 378,109 | 364,705 |
| Holmes, NY | 27 | 25 | 30 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 43,176 | 43,176 |
| Howell, NJ | 10 | 10 | 60 | - | 1 | 1 | 80,020 | 59,457 |
| Keyport | | | 68 | - | 0 | 1 | 82,904 | 69,963 |
| Kutztown | 49 | 35 | 59 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 85,562 | 85,484 |
| Lancaster | | 159 | 274 | | 2 | 0 | 569,984 | 590,803 |
| Lebanon | 401 | 286 | 298 | 199 | 1 | 1 | 436,339 | 429,389 |
| Lehighton | 86 | 53 | 84 | 63 | 1 | 1 | 74,010 | 64,300 |
| Maple Glen | 50 | 40 | 64 | | 1 | 0 | 132,260 | 105.026 |
| Mt. Carmel | 83 | 75 | 83 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 94,088 | 94,088 |
| Mt. Pocono | | 92 | 179 | | 1 | 0 | 264,258 | 239,214 |
| Nazareth | 167 | 141 | 158 | 61 | 1 | 2 | 206,629 | 187,900 |
| Newark, DE | 101 | 1-11 | 487 | | 1 | 2 | 677,456 | 613,303 |
| Oley | 244 | 244 | 409 | | 3 | 1 | 634,894 | 619,276 |
| Paradise | 2-1-1 | 88 | 109 | 44 | 2 | 0 | 146,200 | 145,200 |
| Philadelphia | 45 | 40 | 55 | - | 1 | 0 | 62,833 | 62,833 |
| Piscataway, NJ | 45 | 101 | 267 | | 0 | 0 | 379,011 | 379,011 |
| Poughquag, NY | 42 | 23 | 49 | | 1 | 1 | 83,845 | 71,992 |
| Quakertown | 190 | 152 | 231 | 71 | 1 | 1 | 389,265 | 305,567 |
| Reading | 400 | 255 | 343 | 102 | 1 | 1 | 536,076 | 462,613 |
| Red Hill | 102 | 76 | 140 | 102 | 1 | 0 | 160,223 | 160,223 |
| Royersford | 180 | 120 | 250 | | 4 | 2 | 283,766 | 252,160 |
| Scranton | 31 | 23 | 25 | | 1 | 1 | 32,380 | 32.380 |
| Shamokin | 164 | 139 | 187 | 87 | 3 | 1 | 155,606 | 143,037 |
| | 104 | 347 | 752 | -07 | 1 | 0 | 1,118,790 | 1,117,833 |
| Sinking Spring | 57 | 57 | 101 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 84,063 | 84,063 |
| Spring City | 37 | 115 | 219 | 83 | 1 | 1 | 497,989 | 476,533 |
| Stroudsburg | 185 | 157 | 263 | 149 | 1 | 1 | 525,260 | 358,145 |
| Sunbury | 46 | 32 | 61 | 149 | 1 | 0 | 68,178 | 52,818 |
| Thompson, CT | 71 | | 65 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 97,211 | 87,469 |
| Terre Hill | /1 | 51 | 33 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 58.133 | 48.233 |
| Toms River, NJ | | 184 | 283 | 20 | 1 | 2 | 470,195 | 436,826 |
| Wallingford | 23 | 184 | 59 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 79,030 | 79,030 |
| Walnutport | | | 138 | 10 | <u>1</u> | 0 | 146,688 | 127,290 |
| Whitehall | 85 | 60 | _ | | | | | |
| York | 176 | 115 | 165 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 258,401 | 224,976 |
| Zionsville | 30 | 24 | 51 | 27 | 2 | 1 | 87,063 | 75,454 |
| TOTALS | 5,028 | 5,665 | 9,736 | 1,925 | 64 | 43 | 15,322,222 | 14,185,198 |
| | | | | | | | 40.00 | 00.501 |
| Allentown, L. | | | 46 | | 1 | 1 | 40,394 | 28,531 |
| Chesapeake, VA | | | 15 | | 0 | 0 | 20,302 | 20,302 |
| Hellertown | | | 35 | | 0 | 0 | 35,660 | 35,660 |
| Las Cruces, NM | 1 | | 28 | | 0 | 0 | 21,489 | 20,604 |
| Longneck, DE | | | 30 | | | | 25,121 | 25,121 |
| Newark, NJ | 64 | 53 | 71 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 110,355 | 110,195 |
| TOTALS | 64 | 53 | 225 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 253,321 | 240,413 |
| GRAND TOTALS | 5,092 | 5,718 | 9,961 | 1,938 | 66 | 44 | 15,575,543 | 14,425,611 |

Conference Disbursements

| Church | Ad. Bud. | Missions | Ch. Ext. | Home | PJC | Ch. Ed. | V. Valley | PBC | T. Conf. Disb. |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|-----|---------|--|--------|----------------|
| Allentown, CC | 6,500 | 208,505 | 19,000 | 3,100 | 0 | 0 | 2,700 | 1,600 | 241,405 |
| Bethlehem | 1,950 | 59,765 | 6,660 | 3,660 | 0 | 0 | 1,580 | 1,780 | 75,395 |
| Blandon | 1,800 | 24,213 | 17,343 | 180 | 0 | 90 | 1,080 | 200 | 44,906 |
| Brooklyn, NY | 0 | 225 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 400 |
| Camden, DE | 1,000 | 2,475 | 2,615 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,090 |
| Clinton Crns. NY | 100 | 2,871 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 3,121 |
| Coopersburg | 5,500 | 50,174 | 25,816 | 800 | 0 | 250 | 2,000 | 1,500 | 86,040 |
| Denville, NJ | 175 | 1,089 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,264 |
| Emmaus | 8,044 | 67,167 | 17,200 | 1,500 | 0 | 100 | 9,800 | 1,300 | 105,111 |
| Ephrata | 5,260 | 52,015 | 1,800 | 150 | 200 | 500 | 250 | 150 | 60,325 |
| Finesville, NJ | 700 | 13,654 | 700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15,054 |
| Fleetwood | 700 | 14,546 | 2,045 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 100 | 18,091 |
| Graterford | 2,400 | | | 600 | 0 | 125 | and the same of th | 300 | 40,635 |
| Harleysville | | 27,160 | 8,250 | 1,000 | 0 | 500 | 1,800 | | 60,468 |
| | 4,300 | 37,268 | 15,400 | | | | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| Harrisburg Hatfield | 3,500 | 29,965 | 2,600 | 475 | 0 | 125 | 475 | 375 | 37,515 |
| | 4,000 | 19,806 | 9,300 | 500 | 0 | 300 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 35,906 |
| Holmes, NY | 600 | 3,515 | 400 | 250 | 0 | 300 | 200 | 100 | 5,365 |
| Howell, NJ | 400 | 5,250 | 2,877 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 9,527 |
| Keyport | 0 | 160 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160 |
| Kutztown | 1,170 | 13,050 | 2,703 | 500 | 0 | 50 | 500 | 500 | 18,473 |
| Lancaster | 6,000 | 73,600 | 2,800 | 1,000 | 0 | 75 | 700 | 800 | 84,975 |
| Lebanon | 2,600 | 37,458 | 11,658 | 500 | 0 | 100 | 4,350 | 200 | 56,866 |
| Lehighton | 655 | 6,698 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,423 |
| Maple Glen | 550 | 17,523 | 1,700 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 19,823 |
| Mt. Carmel | 1,260 | 22,232 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 50 | 50 | 23,832 |
| Mt. Pocono | 1,700 | 39,960 | 8,900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,200 | 0 | 51,760 |
| Nazareth | 1,800 | 27,610 | 9,800 | 250 | 0 | 50 | 400 | 750 | 40,660 |
| Newark, DE | 1,200 | 29,599 | 10,900 | 400 | 0 | 300 | 2,400 | 600 | 45,399 |
| Oley | 3,650 | 109,589 | 5,383 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 2,000 | 0 | 120,692 |
| Paradise | 1,020 | 23,221 | 2,146 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 300 | 27,087 |
| Philadelphia | 650 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 673 |
| Piscataway, NJ | 1,300 | 23,280 | 3,600 | 225 | 200 | 225 | 225 | 225 | 29,280 |
| Poughquag, NY | 1,200 | 2,023 | 3,004 | 50 | 0 | 50 | 200 | 200 | 6,727 |
| Quakertown | 5,000 | 46,290 | 15,100 | 100 | 0 | 100 | 1,300 | 850 | 68,740 |
| Reading | 2,800 | 85,415 | 12,025 | 250 | 0 | 200 | 2,000 | 500 | 103,190 |
| Red Hill | 475 | 7,499 | 6,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,474 |
| Royersford | 1,500 | 27,300 | 1,500 | 200 | 0 | 100 | 200 | 200 | 31,000 |
| Scranton | 50 | 280 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 330 |
| Shamokin | 300 | 6,965 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 200 | 7,665 |
| Sinking Spring | 3,996 | 71,394 | 19,248 | 750 | 0 | 50 | 1,050 | 1,480 | 97,968 |
| Spring City | 0 | 10,296 | 1,118 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,414 |
| Stroudsburg | 2,500 | 59,742 | 4,600 | 250 | 0 | 50 | 300 | 300 | 67,742 |
| Sunbury | 3,220 | 43,349 | 6,700 | 200 | 0 | 200 | 500 | 2,100 | 56,269 |
| Thompson, CT | 300 | 2,025 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,825 |
| Terre Hill | 520 | 14,390 | 750 | 50 | 0 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 15,860 |
| Toms River, NJ | 0 | 3,450 | 1,625 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,075 |
| Wallingford | 4,750 | 62,566 | 11,925 | 300 | 0 | 100 | 250 | 300 | 80.191 |
| Walnutport | 4,730 | 1,064 | 400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 0 | 1,864 |
| Whitehall | 205 | 8,908 | 1,932 | 1,100 | 0 | 100 | 225 | 200 | 12,670 |
| York | | | | | 0 | | | 0 | |
| | 2,000 | 27,016 | 8,100 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | 37,116 |
| Zionsville | 500 | 4,636 | 900 | 100 | 0 | 50 | 800 | 500 | 7,486 |
| TOTALS | 99,800 | 1,528,274 | 288,893 | 19,140 | 400 | 4,400 | 42,160 | 20,260 | 2,003,327 |
| Allenteur | 200 | 0.000 | 0.000 | | | | | | 7.000 |
| Allentown, L. | 660 | 3,623 | 3,600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,883 |
| Chesapeake, VA | 0 | 500 | 5,193 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,693 |
| Hellertown | 0 | 0 | 1,295 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,295 |
| Las Cruces, NM | 0 | 0 | 7,356 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,356 |
| Longneck, DE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Newark, NJ | 1,150 | 1,113 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,463 |
| TOTALS | 1,810 | 5,236 | 17,444 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24,690 |
| GRAND TOTALS | 101,610 | 1,533,510 | 306,337 | 19,340 | 400 | 4,400 | 42,160 | 20,260 | 2,028,017 |

Local Disbursements

| Church | Min. Salary | Min. Bene | Par. Allow | Insurance | Assis. Sal. | Assis. Bene | Christ. Ed. |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Allentown, CC | 34,650 | 5,982 | 25,000 | 45,165 | 188,151 | 20,948 | 24,897 |
| Bethlehem | 45,258 | 3,192 | 0 | 23,649 | 110,723 | 2,577 | 24,206 |
| Blandon | 31,278 | 14,111 | 18,000 | 15,265 | 33,100 | 8,506 | 8,318 |
| Brooklyn, NY | 24,552 | 1,597 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 314 |
| Camden, DE | 0 | 1,075 | 0 | 10,119 | 18,100 | 4,035 | 2,335 |
| Clinton Crns. NY | 12,000 | 1,917 | 12,000 | 8,219 | 0 | 9,600 | 900 |
| Coopersburg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17,581 | 63,357 | 45,780 | 21,601 |
| Denville, NJ | 30,500 | 2,000 | 4,500 | 11,050 | 0 | 0 | C |
| Emmaus | 102,336 | 23,529 | 0 | 29,161 | 63,305 | 14,785 | 41,649 |
| Ephrata | 26,650 | 8,975 | 20,150 | 22,066 | 40,570 | 15,708 | 14,079 |
| Finesville, NJ | 28,300 | 4,340 | 2,200 | 2,524 | 0 | 0 | 2,059 |
| Fleetwood | 30,900 | 0 | 0. | 11,568 | 19,133 | 0 | 11,552 |
| Graterford | 3,505 | 3,322 | 0 | 10,200 | 12,000 | 11,782 | 13,269 |
| Harleysville | 43,669 | 13,125 | 16,200 | 18,749 | 0 | 0 | 18,268 |
| Harrisburg | 40,571 | 4,454 | 0 | 18,960 | 29,874 | 3,146 | 7,214 |
| Hatfield | 41,426 | 4,600 | 0 | 19,051 | 28,240 | 2,000 | 16,800 |
| Holmes, NY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,573 |
| Howell, NJ | 15,488 | 2,200 | 3,000 | 9,438 | 0 | 0 | ., |
| Keyport | 22,366 | 2,200 | 3,000 | 8,989 | 0 | 0 | 908 |
| | 26,056 | 3,705 | 9,967 | 11,182 | 0 | 0 | 955 |
| Kutztown | | 495 | 14,400 | 18,369 | 41,915 | 10,800 | 9,793 |
| Lancaster | 50,560 | 14,247 | 18,000 | 28,101 | 37,394 | 6,671 | 23,722 |
| Lebanon | 41,168 | | | | 37,394 | 0,071 | 6,291 |
| Lehighton | 19,700 | 5,122 | 0 | 6,517 | 0 | 0 | 3,384 |
| Maple Glen | 27,000 | 0 | 12,500 | 14,068 | 0 | 0 | 4,260 |
| Mt. Carmel | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,233 |
| Mt. Pocono | 32,208 | 5,758 | 15,000 | 11,540 | | 0 | 9.803 |
| Nazareth | 30,804 | 11,463 | 7,200 | 9,460 | 0 | | |
| Newark, DE | 38,300 | 23,934 | 24,000 | 42,176 | 107,725 | 27,261 | 42,629 |
| Oley | 42,068 | 2,400 | 23,000 | 27,320 | 86,088 | 4,700 | 11,892 |
| Paradise | 21,800 | 2,500 | 14,500 | 8,500 | 0 | 0 | 5,200 |
| Philadelphia | 17,295 | 2,800 | 12,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,051 |
| Piscataway, NJ | 57,062 | 6,473 | 0 | 20,596 | 50,111 | 5,684 | 2,840 |
| Poughquag, NY | 25,000 | 9,034 | 0 | 11,417 | 0 | 0 | 5,184 |
| Quakertown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,809 | 70,900 | 2,000 | 14,677 |
| Reading | 33,800 | 8,960 | 21,600 | 19,432 | 49,478 | 22,336 | 30,668 |
| Red Hill | 26,504 | 1,296 | 19,667 | 15,725 | 3,400 | 700 | 7,454 |
| Royersford | 24,276 | 8,826 | 22,980 | 14,082 | 20,140 | 1,356 | 18,640 |
| Scranton | 3,460 | 0 | 0 | 11,053 | 0 | 0 | 437 |
| Shamokin | 33,607 | 2,600 | 0 | 11,569 | 0 | 0 | 5,400 |
| Sinking Spring | 32,474 | 15,573 | 29,250 | 28,292 | 32,595 | 15,842 | 36,164 |
| Spring City | 24,708 | 0 | 5,765 | 3,700 | 0 | 0 | 1,500 |
| Stroudsburg | 30,341 | 10,892 | 0 | 15,837 | 15,385 | 355 | 13,149 |
| Sunbury | 39,187 | 6,759 | 0 | 19,123 | 36,818 | 5,190 | 19,676 |
| Thompson, CT | 17,513 | 5,889 | 6,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,536 |
| Terre Hill | 26,896 | 969 | 0 | 5,714 | 0 | 0 | 2,587 |
| Toms River, NJ | 15,600 | 3,425 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 386 |
| Wallingford | 50,384 | 1,120 | 0 | 17,822 | 48,583 | 1,320 | 11,272 |
| Walnutport | 28,977 | 1,444 | 101 | 10,566 | 11,735 | 380 | 1,600 |
| Whitehall | 23,010 | 6,960 | 11,330 | 5,100 | 11,500 | 14,750 | 500 |
| York | 27,950 | 12,757 | 22,000 | 18,829 | 28,235 | 2,100 | 9,582 |
| Zionsville | 25,518 | 2,000 | 3,400 | 8,999 | 0 | 0 | 3,134 |
| TOTALS | 1,426,675 | 271,820 | 393,710 | 709,652 | 1,258,555 | 260,312 | 530,541 |
| | .,, | | | | | | |
| Allentown, L. | 0 | 1359 | 5,719 | 11,182 | 0 | 0 | 4,949 |
| Chesapeake, VA | 4,560 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,058 |
| Hellertown | 23,400 | 0 | 16,000 | 13,446 | 0 | 0 | C |
| Las Cruces, NM | 6,856 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C |
| Longneck, DE | 2,487 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,880 |
| Newark, NJ | 10,637 | 2,689 | 6,600 | 9,812 | 0 | 0 | 1,775 |
| TOTALS | 47,940 | 4.048 | 28,319 | 34,440 | 0 | 0 | 10,662 |
| | | | | | | | |

Local Disbursements Continued/Totals

| Allentown, CC Bethlehem 1,165 Bethlehem 1,165 Blandon Brooklyn, NY 13,340 Camden, DE 0 Clinton Crns. NY 10,414 Coopersburg Denville, NJ Denville, NJ Denville, NJ Tr, 689 Fleetwood Treetwood Treetw | olence | O. Missions | WMS | Conf. Del. | General Disb.1 | . Gen. Disb | Total Disb. |
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| Keyport | 250 | 1,370 | 0 | 0 | 24,835 | 28,028 | 33,393 |
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| Royersford | 2,517 | 43,419 | 0 | 350 | 209,224 | 441,784 | 544,974 |
| Scranton 0 | 2,545 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61,376 | 138,667 | 153,141 |
| Shamokin | 1,008 | 86,800 | 0 | 200 | 284,540 | 482,848 | 513,848 |
| Sinking Spring 12,598 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,272 | 29,222 | 29,552 |
| Spring City | 1,668 | 12,216 | 500 | 200 | 76,849 | 144,609 | 152,274 |
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| Las Cruces, NM 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52,846 | 54,141 |
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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
- Transferred to other churches
- j. Total decrease
- k. Net increase or decrease (NOT BOTH)
- 1. 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, <u>BUT NOT</u> 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 Educational Foundation
- 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.
- 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

<u>Pastoral Staff</u> -- 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.
- i. 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.

Emmaus, PA 18049

to arrive no later than March 1, 2005 (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

151 Donerville Road

Lancaster, PA 17603

They are to arrive no later than March 1, 2005.

If the Pastor's Statistical Report is not in the hand of the Committee on Statistics by March 1, 2005, 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 each page and please follow the instructions found above.

Schedule of Payments to be made to Annual Conference Agencies

AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

<u>Fellowship News</u> - \$1.75 per member - make checks payable to <u>Board on Communications</u> or send to:

Paul Rutman, Business Manager: Apt. 607, 824 Lisburn Rd, Camp Hill, PA 17011

MONTHLY:

<u>Conference Administrative Budget</u> - Beginning January 1st; pledge may also be paid annually in advance. Make check payable to <u>Bible Fellowship Church</u> and mail to:

Horace A. Kauffman 25 E. Lemon St., Lititz, PA 17543

<u>Medical Insurance Program</u> - Beginning January 1st, and by the first of each month thereafter, monthly payments for this coverage should be made. Make checks payable to <u>Bible</u> Fellowship Church and mail to:

Horace A. Kauffman 25 E. Lemon St., Lititz, PA 17543

QUARTERLY:

<u>Church Extension</u> - make checks payable to <u>Board of Church Extension</u> and send to:

Church Extension Department Bible Fellowship Church, 1227 Liberty St., Suite 200A Allentown, PA 18102

<u>Missions</u> - make checks payable to <u>Board of Missions</u> and send to: Board of Missions
1011 Brookside Rd., Suite 145

Allentown, PA 18106-0555

<u>Board of Pensions</u> - Payments should be made April 30, July 30, October 30, and January 30. Make checks payable to <u>Board of Pensions</u> and send to:

Rick Volpe Box 148, Harleysville, PA 19438-0148

Annual payment for the Ministers' Retirement Fund shall be on the basis of \$800 basic amount per church and \$8 per member for the total number of members listed in the most current BFC Yearbook.

BY MARCH 1:

<u>Victory Valley Camp</u> - make check payable to <u>Victory Valley</u> and send to:

Victory Valley Camp 7472 Sigmund Rd., Zionsville, PA 18092

BY APRIL 1:

<u>Board of Christian Education</u> - make check payable to <u>Board of Christian Education</u> & mail to:

David N. Schoen, c/o Bethel BFC, 418 Elm St., Emmaus, PA 18049

<u>Board of Youth</u> - Make checks payable to <u>Board of Youth</u> and mail to:

Billy Dunn, c/o Bethel BFC, 418 Elm St. Emmaus, PA 18094

<u>Bible Fellowship Church Homes</u> - make check payable to <u>Bible Fellowship Church Homes</u>, <u>Inc.</u> and mail to:

Fellowship Community 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehail, PA 18052

<u>Pinebrook Bible Conference</u> - make checks payable to <u>Pinebrook Bible Conference</u> and mail to:

Pinebrook Bible Conference, PO Box 1, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

<u>Pinebrook Educational Foundation</u> - make checks payable to <u>Pinebrook Educational Foundation</u> and mail to:

Raymond R. Dotts 211 Weeks Drive, Camden, DE 19934

Directories

Directory of Missionaries, Appointees & Professional Associates

- Professional Associate
- ♦Appointee
- ➤On Home Assignment for a portion of 2004-2005
- On leave of absence
- Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel (Melissa), Centrum Word of Life Cerna Horna 67921, Czech Republic
- Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Keith (Carol), 214 Marissa Court, Edinburg, TX 78539; (956) 380-3592
- Aukamp, Rev. William, 4651 Crooked Oaks Road, Piedmont, SD 57769; (605) 787-6910.
- Babcock, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin (Jan), 832 West 58th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99518; (907) 561-1119.
- Baran, Rev.& Mrs. Totoram (Felicia), Newark Bible Center, 225 East Kinney Street, Newark, NJ 07105; (201) 344-6096.
- Barnshaw, Mr. & Mrs. Byron (Lisa), 12 Salem Circle Fleetwood, PA 19522; (610) 944-0971.
- Beal, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce (Heather), Summer Institute of Linguistics 1531 N. Vernon Dr. Tucson, AZ185739-9395
- Bechtel, Miss Jennifer, 338 E. Walnut Street, Lebanon, PA 17042
- Bickel, Mr. Mark, 1416 Harris Street Apt. A State College, PA 16803; (814) 867-6331
- Blauser, Mr. R. Glenn, JAARS Center Box 248 Waxhaw, NC 28123.
- Blauser, Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Peggy), 102F Wycliffe Drive Willow Street, PA 17584: (717) 464-0207
- Bose, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Bose (Stacey) Brasilia International School CP 6188, Brasilia, DF 70749-970
- Buchanan, Dr.& Mrs. Osborne (Diane), 188 Faith Drive, Maidencreek, Blandon, PA 19510-9472; (610) 926-9128, O-375-0300.
- ♦Bulgrien, Gena, 6461 Cherry Street, East Petersburg, PA 17520
- Chappell, Mrs. Barbara, 2331 West First Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223 (718) 382-1435
- Clayton, Miss Linda, Hospital Vozandes Del Oriente, Shell, Pastaza, ECUADOR; 011-593-2-795-174-68-255.
- Dalavai, Mr. Sanjay (Keren), 185 Heatherwood Drive Ephrata, PA 17522; (717) 733-0162
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| Allentown, PA, Lighthouse | | 11:00 | | 7:00 | |
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| Bethlehem, PA, Ebenezer | 10:00 | 8:30/11 | 6:30 | 7:15 | |
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| Blandon, PA, Trinity | 10:20 | 9:00 | 7:00 | 7:00 | |
| 610.926.4594 (Fax) 610.916.4777 trinitybfc@juno.com Carl J. Fischer, Jr. | 220 Main St. PO Box 739 Blandon, PA 19510-0739 | | | | |
| Brooklyn, NY, New Community | 10:00 | 11:00 | | Thur.7:30 | |
| 718.209.9469 nccbfc@netzero.net Ralph E. Ritter | (Location) Immanuel House, 1811 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, NY (Mailing) PO Box 340022 Brooklyn, NY 11234 | | | | |
| Camden, DE | 9:45 | 11:00 | 7:00 | 7:00 | |
| 302.697.0434 (Fax) 302.697.7439 <u>rrdmad@aol.com</u> Raymond R. Dotts Timothy J. Schmoyer | 201 E. Camden-Wyoming Ave. Camden, DE 19934 web-site: www.camdenbfc.org | | | | |

| Chesapeake, VA | | 10:30 | | 7:00 | | |
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| Clinton Corners, NY, Cornerstone | 9:30 | 10:45 | | 7:00 | | |
| 845.266.8057 Gerald D. Clark David R. Way barbdave3@worldnet.att.net | | ollow Road Corners, NY 12 | 2514 | | | |
| Coopersburg, PA, Calvary | 9:45 | 8:30/11:00 | 6:00 | 7:00 | | |
| 610.282.3161 (Fax) 610.282.9546 CalvaryBFC@juno.com Thomas P. Shorb Richard T. Paashaus | 6782 N. Main St. PO Box 166 Coopersburg, PA 18036 web-site: www.calvaryBFC.org | | | | | |
| Denville, NJ | 9:30 | 11:00 | Call | 7:00 | | |
| 973.625.1880 Richard D. Harris | 263 Diamond Spring Rd. Denville, NJ 07834 | | | | | |
| Emmaus, PA, Bethel | 9:45 | 8:30/10:45 | 7:00 | 7:00 | | |
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| Finesville, NJ, Calvary | 10:00 | 11:00 | | 7:00 | | |
| 908.995.7678 Byron Widger | 191 Rt. 627, Finesville Phillipsburg, NJ 08865 | | | | | |
| Fleetwood, PA, Faith | 9:15 | 10:30 | 6:00 | 7:00 | | |
| 610.944.7080 <u>faithbfc@juno.com</u> R. Jerry. Brush | | 236 S. Richmond St. Fleetwood, PA 19522 | | | | |

| Graterford, PA | 9:30 | 10:40 | 6:30 | (1) | |
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| 610.489.9389 (Vacant) | Route #2 | 29, 693 Church ord, PA 19426 | Road | | |
| Harleysville, PA, Faith | 9:30 | 10:45 | | 7:00 | |
| 215.256.6026 mail@faithbfc.org Alan G. Miller Andrew T. Crossgrove | Harleys | leysville Pike ville, PA 1943 :: <u>www.FAITH</u> | | | |
| Harrisburg, PA, Grace | 9:30 | 10:45 | | 6:45 | |
| 717.652.5229 (Fax) 717.671.4760 gbiblefel@juno.com Carl K. Spackman | | olonial Road org, PA 17112 | | | |
| Hatfield, PA, Bethany | 9:30 | 10:45 | 6:00 | 7:00 | |
| 215.855.2449 howwel@becnet.com Howard N. Wells Louis S. Curcio | 75 W. Broad Street Hatfield, PA 19440 | | | | |
| Hellertown, PA, Saucon Community | | 9:00 | | Thurs -7 | |
| 610.838.3111 scbfc@bfc.org Albert J. Dommel | PO Box Hellerto | 198 wn, PA 18055 | | | |
| Holmes, NY, Faith | 9:30 | 10:45 | 6:00 | 7:00 | |
| 845.878.3861 <u>Hwaldvog@JHMC.org</u> (Vacant) | PO Box 79, Holmes, NY 12531 | | | | |
| Howell, NJ, Community | 9:30 | 10:30 | | 7:00 | |
| 732-363-8941 ppgwave@optonline.net Eric North | 3071 Lakewood Allenwood Rd. Howell, NJ 07731 | | | | |
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| Lancaster, PA, Faith | 9:00 | 10:30 | | 7:00 | | |
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| Las Cruces, NM, Grace Bible | | 10:00 | | | | |
| 505.647.1623 Thomas Morrison tompaulam@cs.com | 3011 Bu (Mailing | n) Good Samar ena Vista Circl g) PO Box 7964 ces, NM 88006 | e, Las Cruc I | | | |
| Lebanon, PA | 9:30 | 10:45 | 7:00 | 7:30 | | |
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| Lehighton, PA, Salem | 9:30 | 10:45 | 6:00 | 7:00 | | |
| 570.386.2578 <u>salembfc@ptd.net</u> Robert A. Johnson, II | 1105 Frederick's Grove Rd. Lehighton, PA 18235-9718 | | | | | |
| Long Neck, DE, New Life | | 10:00 | | Tues - 7 | | |
| 302.945.4814 Kenneth F. Barber Raymond R. Bertolet kbarber371@mchsi.com | 1191 Cr Long No | N-33 Pot Nets Creekside 1191 Crab Alley East Long Neck, DE 19966 www.newlife-bfc.org | | | | |
| Maple Glen, PA | 9:15 | 10:30 | 6:00 | | | |
| 215.646.1220 (Fax) 215.643.9788 <u>mgbfc@juno.com</u> Louis Prontnicki | Location - 700 Welsh Rd., Box 3102 Mailing - Box 3102 Maple Glen, PA 19002 | | | | | |
| Mt. Carmel, PA, Bethany | 9:30 | 10:35 | 6:00 | 7:00 | | |
| 570.339.4693 (Vacant) | Bethany Acres Mt. Carmel, PA 17851 | | | | | |
| Mount Pocono, PA, Pocono Mt. | 9:30 | 10:45 | 6:30 | 7:00 | | |
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| Nazareth, PA, Grace | 10:30 | 9:00 | 6:00 | 7:00 | |
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| Newark, DE | 10:00 | 8:30 / 11:00 | 6:30 | 7:00 | |
| 302.366.8539 (Fax) 302.366.8542 bfcnewark@northerntrail.net William G. Schlonecker Robert W. Green Raymond L. Cole | 808 Old Baltimore Pike Newark, DE 19702 web-site: www.bfcnewarkde.org | | | | |
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| Old Bridge, NJ, Cottrell Corners Community | | 11:00 | | | |
| 732.970.8755 ruthvan@optonline.net John C. Vandegriff | 442 Cottrell Road Matawan, NJ 07747 web-site: www.cottrellcorners.org | | | | |
| Oley, PA, New Life | 9:15 | 8/10:45 | 6:00 | 7:00 | |
| 610.987.3192 (Fax) 610.987.6654 Arthur J. Simpson | 2960 W. Philadelphia Ave. Oley, PA 19547-8915 | | | | |
| Paradise, PA | 9:00 | 10:15 | 6:00 | 7:00 | |
| 717.687.7577 (Fax) 717.687.3787 office@pbfc.cc | 3092 Lincoln Hwy. E. Paradise, PA 17562 web-site: pbfc.cc | | | | |
| Philadelphia, Wissinoming, PA | 9:30 | 10:30 | | | |
| 215.743.3751 clapiergw@aol.com G. Wayne Clapier | 4414 Van Kirk St. Philadelphia, PA 19135 web-site: wissbfc.org | | | | |

| Piscataway, NJ, Christ Community | 9:45 | 11:00 | | Various | |
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| 732.393.9800 (Fax) 732.393.9444 church@christcommunitynj.com Dennis M. Cahilf Richard B. Ravis | (Location) - Livingstone Student Center, Joyce Kilmer Ave., Piscataway (Mailing) - 1347 Stelton Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854 web-site: christcommunitynj.com | | | | |
| Poughquag, NY, Valley | 9:45 | 11:00 | | 7:30 | |
| 845.724.3984 jimband3@aol.com James A. Wickstead | 1875 Cle Lagrang web site | ove Rd. eville, NY 12 : members.aol. | 540 com/jimbar | <u>nd3/</u> | |
| Quakertown, PA, Grace | 9:00 | 10:00 | 7:00 | 7:15 | |
| 215.536.6096 (Fax) 215.536.7335 gracebfc@voicenet.com Ronald L. Kohl Dennis J. Lawrence | | d Bethlehem Pi own, PA 1895 | | | |
| Reading, PA, Grace | 9:30 | 10:40 | 6:30 | 7:00 | |
| 610.375.2333 (Fax) 610.375.6002 gracebfreading@verizon.net Randall A. Grossman Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr. Steven J. DelDuco | | ampden Blvd. g PA 19604 | | | |
| Red Hill, PA, Community | 8:45 | 10:00 | | 7:00 | |
| 215.541.4880 <u>churchsec3@juno.com</u> Michael Tannous D. Thomas Phillips | 426 Ma PO Box Red Hil | | | | |
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| 610.948.9764 <u>jsusek@royersfordbfc.org</u> Jacob J. Susek, Jr. Aaron J. Susek | | Lewis Road ord, PA 19468 | 3 | | |
| Scranton, PA, Calvary | 9:45 | 11:00 | | 7:30 | |
| 570.342.2027 Roger L. Reitz | 1023 Ta Scranto | nylor Ave., n, PA 18510 | | | |
| Shamokin, PA, Calvary | 9:30 | 10:45 | 7:00 | 7:00 | |
| 570.648.1466 (Fax) 570.648.1466 | | econd St., kin, PA 17872 | | - | |

| Sinking Spring, PA, Calvary | 9:45 | 8:30/11:00 | | 7:00 | |
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| Robert A. Sloan, Jr. | web-site: www.cbfc.net | | | | |
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| | www3.e | webcity.com/fl | ofc | | |
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| 570.421.0617 (Fax) 570.420.8103 | 1028 Va Stroudsl | illey View Dr. ourg, PA 1836 | 0 | | |
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| 570.286.8313 (fax) 570.286.8025 emmanuel.sunbury@verizon.net Charles E. Cole Bert N. Brosius | 1051 Catawissa Ave. Sunbury, PA 17801 | | | | |
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| 717.445.4401 (fax) 717.445.5490 bereanbfc@dejazzd.com Kevin W. Kirkpatrick | Terre Hi | Main St. PO Boll, PA 17581 berean.grouph | | | |
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| 860.923.9512 thompsonbfc@aol.com Dennis W. Spinney | PO Box Quineba | 619 ug, CT 06262 | | | |
| Toms River, NJ | | 10:30 | 5:00 | 7:30 | |
| 732.505.8174 <u>ddstortz@juno.com</u> Dean A. Stortz | (Location) 1060 Church Road (Mailing): 800 First Ave. Toms River, NJ 08757 | | | | |
| Wallingford, PA, Grace | 9:00 | 0 / 10:45 | | | |
| 610.876.8725 (fax) 610.876.8725 GraceBFC@attglobal.net Richard E. Taylor Timothy S. Cowen | 723 S. Providence Rd. Wallingford, PA 19086-6940 | | | | |

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| Whitehall, PA, Bethany | 9:15 | 10:30 | 6:00 | 7:00 |
| 610.434.8661 <u>GWS.WHALL@juno.com</u> Gene W. Smith | 3300 Seventh St. Whitehall, PA 18052 web-site: www.bethanybfc.org | | | |
| York, PA, Faith | 9:15 | 10:30 | | 7:00 |
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| Zionsville, PA | 9:30 | 10:30 | 7:00 | 7:30 |
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