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2006**

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8 April 2007	16 April 2017	28 March 2027	5 April 2037
23 March 2008	1 April 2018	16 April 2028	25 April 2038
12 April 2009	21 April 2019	1 April 2029	10 April 2039
4 April 2010	12 April 2020	21 April 2030	1 April 2040
24 April 2011	4 April 2021	13 April 2031	21 April 2041
8 April 2012	17 April 2022	28 March 2032	6 April 2042
31 March 2013	9 April 2023	17 April 2033	29 March 2043
20 April 2014	31 March 2024	9 April 2034	17 April 2044
5 April 2015	20 April 2025	25 March 2035	9 April 2045
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May 22, 2006, Cedar Crest BFC, Allentown, PA



*Pastor Gerald & Sharon Clark*



*Pastor Robert Fields w/ Mandy, Bonny*



*Don Kuntzman Family  
(l to r) Pamela, Elizabeth; Joshua, Don and Matthew*



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## *Table of Ordained Ministers*

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Allen, Daniel P.	1982	1979	2005
Allen, David T.	2000	2003	1997
Arnold, Jonathon W., Sr.	1994	1997	2000
Baker, Delbert, R. II	1976	1979	1975
Barber, Kenneth F.	1985	1971	2001
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
Clark, Gerald D.	2002	2006	2003
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
Dommel, Albert J.	1982	1984	2005
Dowling, Willis I.	1999	1983	2002
Erb, Ronald C.	1981	1983	2005
Fields, Robert K.	2004	1997	2000
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
Heller, LeRoy S.	1955	1958	1995
Johnson, Robert A, II	2002	1990	2002
Keeler, Kenneth D.	1982	1985	2000
Kirkpatrick, Kevin W.	2001	2004	2001
Kuntzman, Donald E.	2003	2006	1996
Mahurin, Ronald C.	1960	1959	2001
Miller, Alan G.	2003	1981	2004
Morrison, Mark L.	1996	1999	2006
North, Eric R.	2003	1992	2003
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
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
Spinney, Dennis W.	1984	1993	2006
Stortz, Dean A.	1983	1986	1988
Susek, Jacob J., Jr.	1994	1983	1993



Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
Tannous, Michael J.	2001	2004	2001
Taylor, Richard E.	1973	1975	1982
Thomann, David A.	1978	1977	1987
Uhrich Gregory A.	1989	1983	2001
Vivona, Allan R.	1992	1971	2000
Way, David R.	1989	1993	2005
Weller, Dana E.	1972	1974	1995
Wells, Howard N.	1990	1992	1990
Wickstead, James A.	1976	1981	1976
Widger, Byron	1985	1988	1995
Yerrington, Philip E.	1978	1981	2004

### **Ordained Ministers under the Direction of the Board of Missions**

Aukamp, William C.	1985	1988	1986
Denlinger, Ronald K.	1994	1997	2000
Dunn, William J.	1999	2002	2004
Head, Jim D.	1994	1996	1998
Johnston, Walter M.	1987	1987	1991
Manney, David L.		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

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

Heineman, David N. (Hosp)	1996	1993	2004
Hurst, Kenneth J. (Military)	1998	2000	2000
Jones, David H. (Military)	1978	1983	2004
Moyer, Richard A. (Prison)	1995	2000	1999

### **Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries**

Lawrence, Dennis J.	1993	1996	2005
Lea, Herbert K.	1980	1982	1994
Martin, Carl T.	1983	1986	2004

### **Ordained Ministers Between Calls**

Bartron, William H.	1973	1975	2001
Commerford, Robert S.	1984	1986	2006
Harding, W. Neil, Jr.	1983	1993	2004
McCreary, J. Mark	1993	1996	2005
Reitz, Roger L.	1972	1974	2004
Tait, Jonathan P.	1994	1996	2004
Vandegriff, John C., Jr.	1974	1972	2006

### **Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence**

Ellwanger, Donald R.	2001	1988	2004
Frale, Arthur H., Jr.	1969	1971	1999
Trommler, Steven L.	1984	1986	2006
MacMillan, Thomas S.	1983	1986	1990
Ruhl, Jeffrey L.	1997	2000	2002

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
<b>Ordained Ministers in Retirement</b>			
Batchler, James R., Jr.	1976	1979	2006
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
Byrd, Terris L.	1969	1972	2006
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
Ellingson, Bruce A.	1963	1966	2005
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
Herb, John H.	1962	1966	2005
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
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
Ziegler, Daniel G.	1960	1963	2000
Zimmerman, Paul G.	1966	1971	2006

# *A Look Back:*

100 Years Ago – 1906

(Richard E. Taylor, Archivist)

The delegates and pastors were in their seats and ready to begin. It was 8:00 am, Thursday morning, October 11, 1906. Chairman W. G. Gehman banged the gavel on the pulpit. The Twenty-third Annual Conference of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ was underway. They were meeting in Reading at the MBC meeting house at Tenth and Oley, the “Four Day Church,” so called because it had been built in four days.

Much of the business of the day was routine. Reports were offered, committees were appointed, and resolutions were passed. Special things were happening. On March 28, 1906, \$9000.00 had been paid to purchase a farm in Centre Valley, a place where the church could obey God by providing for widows and orphans. There were loose ends to tie up.

The pastors gave their 8-minute oral reports. The secretary recorded, “These reports were very encouraging and spoke well for the zeal, devotion and untiring labors of the pastors. A large number were saved and baptized. A number of remarkable cases of healing were reported. The offerings were larger than ever before, signifying an increase of consecration and interest in the Lord's work. The Sunday School work is very promising.”

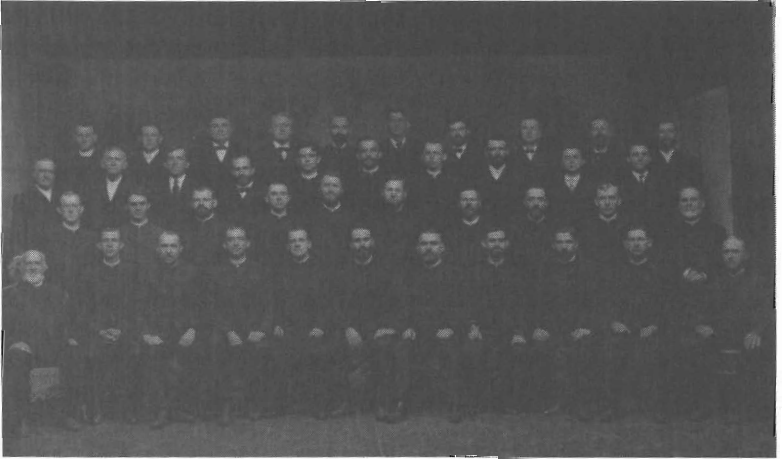
The Gospel Heralds were beginning to make their presence known. Tent meetings were being held - Philadelphia, Washington, NJ, and Stroudsburg. Camp Meetings were springing up. Reading and Wescoesville had been big successes. Wescoesville had needed 136 tents to accommodate the families who came to seek the Lord's blessing. The printing house was now remodeled and Gospel Banners and gospel tracts were rolling off the new “up to date” Babcock Optimus printer.

These things were special, no doubt. But what made the 1906 Annual Conference memorable was the picture. On Friday morning, the conference passed the following resolution from their time of meeting as the Committee of the Whole, “Resolved, That we ask the Conference to procure a photograph of the whole Conference and secure a half-tone cut for the Conference Journal.” It was a first. While photographs had been taken of General Conferences, none had been taken of the Annual Conference. So, when the conference was ended, they came together again to sit for the picture. Finally, everyone could see them and look in their faces and see the men who

to that point had only been names in the minutes.

Risers were assembled. Chairs were gathered. The backdrop was in place giving vague shape to what might have blank space. Rugs were thrown over the chairs and benches to give some continuity to the seating and cover any shabbiness. The windows were covered.

When all was ready, the men took their positions. They were all there except two. J. H. Rittenhouse, representing the Norristown mission had never arrived and sent an excuse for his sickness. J. A. Sassaman of Athol had become sick and left on the last day of the conference. The photographer stepped behind his camera. Everyone looked into the lens. No one smiled. It would be inappropriate to appear anything but sober. They were a serious and intense group anyway. Together they waited for the flash.



At the edge sit two men in what may be places of honor. From the right, William Gehman gazed into the lens. Fifty years earlier, he had been embroiled in a struggle with his church over whether there was freedom to pray and preach the gospel. His point of view had been rejected. His conscience could not accept the other side and he left and joined with others to form a new church. All who had joined him were gone but he was still going strong at age 79 and had another 12 years to go before the Lord would call him from his labors. He was there to listen and look at what had been raised up around him.

On the left sat Lewis B. Taylor. At age 72, L. B. was a relative new comer to the ministry in spite of his gray hairs and beard. His involvement in the church was not new. He was a widower twice over. His first wife Susannah was a daughter of Heinrich Gehman

of the Zionsville Church. She was a third cousin to William Gehman. L. B.'s father, Joseph Schneider (Taylor) who had been an original supporter of the new movement. L. B.'s son-in-law, was married to his daughter Annie. Leidy Sell, was part of the conference, standing in the back row second from the right.

At the center of the photo was the new generation of leadership. W. G. Gehman sat in the center as the chairman. Not too many years before, he had been helping his father on the farm on Vera Cruz Road. He had then become a teacher at the Shimerville School. And then, he received a call to preach. He was bright and articulate and bore leadership responsibility for years to come. To his left was H. B. Musselman. He later became the steady chairman of the Annual Conference. For 44 years, he would wield the gavel. W. G. Gehman would later show his leadership at the head of the Gospel Heralds where he would have influence on the geographical edges. H. B. would have the leadership at the center and be a source of stability. To the right of W. G. the secretary, C. H. Brunner had taken his seat. C. H. was an intellectual, committed to learning. He had no formal training but he was a reader and a learner. He did not go to school but made sure that school got to him by taking correspondence courses from the Internation Missionary Training Institute where he came under the sway of A. B. Simpson and what was later known as the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Directly behind them were the two look a-likes, G. A. Campbell and W. Steinmetz. Campbell, to the left of Steinmetz, had been a soldier in the Civil War though he couldn't talk much about it in his pacifist church. He had been part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery which had been mobilized as infantry in an attempt to end the war. In September of 1864, he had been part of an attack on the fortress perimeter of Richmond and had been taken as prisoner. He spent 6 months at the Confederate Prison at Salisbury, North Carolina. He was paying even now for those 6 months. While he looked healthy enough, heart ailments and catarrh (chronic bronchial irritation) limited his activity and qualified him for a government pension. He was a good preacher. He had led E. R. Hartman to the Lord. Hartman was also a member of this conference and stood on the top row second from the left.

L. Frank Haas stood over the shoulder of William Gehman. He had been the presiding elder of the Heavenly Recruits of Philadelphia. In 1890, he found the Mennonite Brethren In Christ and for a while had a home. For four years he accepted assignments and was serving that year on the Quakertown / Hatfield circuit. Four years later, he was a real estate agent living on North 11th

### Street in Reading.

The seating and standing arrangements were clear. Preachers were in the front and middle. They wore their starched clerical colors which seem somehow out of place in these plain men. Laymen were in the rear and moved to the edges. The laymen were the supporting cast. Their attire was varied with an assortment of ties and collars. They were a mixed group - some gray hairs but many young faces - many occupations - tailors, a tanner, laborers, a farmer, a puddler.

Leidy Sell of Bucks County stood in the top row second from the right. He was a mill owner, a well known business man who was doing well. He had married Anna Taylor, daughter of L. B. Their daughter Ada was 12. They were helping to raise their niece, Harriett Taylor. To his left was G. K. Himmelwright, a puddler by trade. The puddler was the highly skilled man who was in charge of the furnaces at the steel mill. His presence and skill were highly valued in the steel mills where he worked. He was converted at Coopersburg under the ministry of Jonas Musselman. He moved to Blandon and was a charter member of the Blandon Church. On his left was Henry H. Bergey. His neatly trimmed beard and glasses give him a scholarly look. He was a bookkeeper by profession. For many years to come, he would serve as the delegate of the Quakertown Church. To the right in the third row stood Martin M. Ziegler, a sign maker. Next to him on the left stood Granville O. Billig of Allentown, a tailor. In the third row, third from the left, W. D. Evert, a tanner from Mt. Carmel, looked into the lens.

Allen M. Gehman stood next to G. O. Billig. He was as close to the inner circle of leadership as it was possible to be as a layman. The son of William Gehman and older brother of the chairman, he was a farmer living in Macungie. He often served on important committees like the Foreign Missions Board.

Second from the left in the top row, stood the 24 year old Ellsworth R. Hartman. Originally from the Harleysville area, he had been brought to the Lord through the ministry of George Campbell. He married Nora Weidner and moved to Royersford where he was a foreman in a planing mill. Later, he would operate a paint store. He had no idea of the legacy he was building when he prepared himself for the click of the camera shutter. He and Nora would produce four sons among their children. All four sons would be called to the ministry of the BFC.

These laymen were a committed lot. Vacations and leaves of absence were in the future for most of them. Time off from working meant time off from a pay check. But, they did it gladly for the chance to serve their church.

The shutter clicked. They said their good byes and went back to their homes and occupations. The picture allows us to see them. They would testify that not many were mighty nor noble. But we appreciate them all the same.

Photograph Identification (left to right)

**Row 1** - L. B. Taylor, W. S. Hottel, J. G. Shireman, E. T. Shick, H. B. Musselman, W. G. Gehman, C. H. Brunner, E. N. Cassel, J. C. Roth, J. F. Barrall, William Gehman.

**Row 2** - C. J. Edwards, P. J. Musselman, R. L. Woodring, E. E. Kublic, G. Campbell, W. Steinmetz, O. S. Hillegas, R. Bergstresser, C. W. Stine, L. Frank Haas.

**Row 3** - J. A. Kern, F. P. Bobst, W. D. Evert, H. L. Musselman, H. F. Meltzer, W. W. Zimmerman, W. J. Fretz, Allen M. Gehman, G. O. Billig, M. M. Ziegler.

**Row 4** - C. W. Teel, E. R. Hartman, Adam Keller, R. D. Hollenbach, O. C. Kistler, B. Engelman, H. H. Bergey, G. K. Himmelreich, Leidy Sell, J. M. Oplinger.

For more information and photos from our past, check out [www.BFChistory.org](http://www.BFChistory.org)

Books / DVDs available:

***The Bible Fellowship Church***

by Dr. Harold Shelly

***Verhandlungen 1859-1895***

by Dr. Richard E. Taylor, editor

***What Mean These Stones?***

Leonard Buck, editor

***In Search of Eusebius Hershey***

by Dr. Daniel G. Ziegler

***"Today I Felt Serious . . ." - The Diary of Levi Jung***

by Dr. Richard E. Taylor, editor.

***The Gospel Workers Manual***

Lucy Musselman

**Video/DVD - According to the Holy Spirit**

## *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](mailto:BFC-AC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

June, 2006	
2-4	Victory Valley - Lifeguard Certification Training
10	Pinebrook - Flower Planting Day Victory Valley - Friends of VVC Picnic
24-30	Pinebrook Wk 1 Don Wyrzten, Ron Blue, speaker
25-8/12	Victory Valley - Summer Camp Season
July, 2006	
1-7	Pinebrook Wk 2 Bruce Heffner, Stanley Toussaint
1	Pinebrook Fire Works and Patriotic Concert
9	Victory Valley, Friends of VVC Picnic
8-14	Pinebrook Wk 3 Marie Barlow, Charles Wagner
15-21	Pinebrook Wk 4 Bob Deal, David A. Thomann
22-28	Pinebrook Wk 5 Instruments of Praise, David Dunbar
29-8/4	Pinebrook Wk 6 Mark Cable, John Goasdown
August, 2006	
5-11	Pinebrook Wk 7 Kings Army, Jim Brand
12-18	Pinebrook Wk 8 Matt Blagg, Tom Taylor



September, 2006	
1	Pledges for 2007 Administrative Budget are due.
8	Pinebrook Hymn Sing - 10 a.m., lunch provided
9-11	Victory Valley Camp - Father/Son Weekend
23-25	Victory Valley Camp - Mother/Daughter Weekend
26-27	Ministerial Convention, Pinebrook Bible Conference Speaker: Carl Shank, National Church Development
October, 2006	
3-5	Pinebrook - Senior Saints Retreat, Lynn Warner
6	Victory Valley Camp - Golf Challenge
14	Christian Education Training Day - Cedar Crest
November, 2006	
3	Pinebrook Hymn Sing - 10 a.m., lunch provided
10-12	Board of Missions RWR, Pinebrook
December, 2006	
1	Pinebrook Hymn Sing - 10 a.m., lunch provided
9	Victory Valley Camp, Friends of VVC Banquet
16	Christmas Banquet, Pinebrook Bible Conference
January, 2007	
1	Missions Budgets due to Board of Missions
5-7	Pinebrook - Combined Sno Glo (grades 6-12)
12-14	Pinebrook - High School Sno Glo (grades 9-12)
19-21	Pinebrook - Middle School Sno Glo (grades 6-8) Victory Valley - Sno-Valley 1
27-29	Victory Valley - Sno-Valley 2

February, 2007	
2-4	Victory Valley - Sno-Valley 2
March, 2007	
1	Conference Committee reports are due Church minutes are due Church's statistical reports are due Contributions to Victory Valley
2-4	Pinebrook - Men & Boys Retreat
30-4/1	Victory Valley - BFC Summer Missions Retreat
April, 2007	
1	Contributions to Christian Education, Fellowship Homes, & Pinebrook Bible Conference
6	Pinebrook Hymn Sing - 10 a.m., lunch provided
21-23	Victory Valley Camp - Father/Daughter Weekend
23-25	124 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Pinebrook Bible Conference
27-29	Pinebrook - Ladies Refresh♥Her
May, 2006	
10	BFC Women's Missionary Rally
18	Pinebrook - Golf Outing
19-21	Victory Valley Camp - Mother/Son Week end
21	BFC Ordination Service

***Conference Reporter***  
**123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**  
 Carol Z. Snyder

The following are highlights from the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference:

**Monday Highlights**

- Fourteen first-time attenders were introduced, including 11 delegates, two missionaries and one pastor. Carl C. Cassel led in prayer thanking God “for the lay elders He is raising up in our churches.”
- The Credentials Committee introduced three men, two of whom would be ordained: Gerald D. Clark and Donald E. Kuntzman; and Robert K. Fields whose prior ordination would be recognized. The service of ordination is to take place May 22 at Cedar Crest BFC, Allentown, PA.
- All men working under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee were introduced. They included 13 who serve churches on pastoral staffs and three who work in Church Extension Ministries.
- The Board of Directors announced that Calvary BFC, Scranton, PA, church would be closed with the congregation having the responsibility to sell the property.
- Conference Pastor Ronald C. Mahurin offered special prayer for six churches currently without pastors. He also prayed specifically for Pastor William Bartron who is gravely ill.
- The three-year appointments of Dana E. Weller and David E. Gundrum, directors of Board of Missions and Church Extension Ministries respectively were ratified.
- In the evening session, 21 retired and active BFC missionaries under the care of the Board of Missions were introduced.
- Reports from the ten regions of churches within the denomination and prayer for each region ended the first day’s session.

**Tuesday Highlights**

- There was a joyful Service of Recognition of Fellowship Community BFC, Whitehall, PA. (our second BFC church in Whitehall) as a Particular Church and full member of Annual Conference. This unique church serves the community of Fellowship Manor, Fellowship Terrace and Fellowship Courts.
- Marcos Gaspar Ramirez Montalvo, Pastor of *Iglesia Biblica La Roca*, addressed conference. He had just arrived from Merida

Yucatan, Mexico, and was presented to Conference by BFC Church Planter. Carlos Rodriguez. The wives of these two men are sisters.

### **Wednesday Highlights**

- Over the three days, the total conference body elected approximately 70 individuals to positions on conference boards and committees.
- Over 30 reports from boards and committee were received, and in some cases, discussed. There was much effort and many person-hours that had been expended on the work of these groups between the 122<sup>nd</sup> and 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conferences.
- Pastors and delegates represented 60 Bible Fellowship churches and mission churches located in: Connecticut, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York and Virginia.



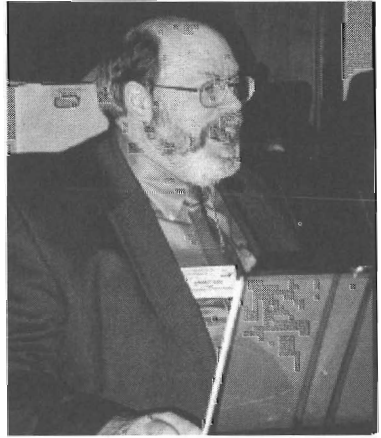
*Some ladies in the Gallery*

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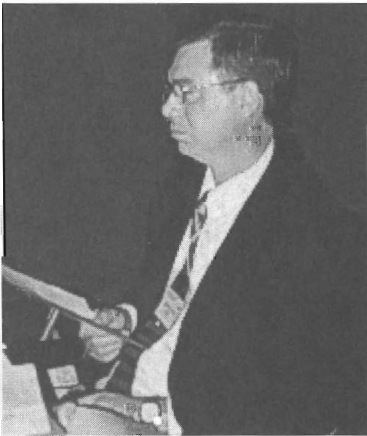
<b>First Meeting (Monday Morning)</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>
<b>Second Meeting (Monday Afternoon)</b> . . . . .	<b>11</b>
<b>Third Meeting (Monday Evening)</b> . . . . .	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Meeting (Tuesday Morning)</b> . . . . .	<b>17</b>
<b>Fifth Meeting (Tuesday Afternoon)</b> . . . . .	<b>20</b>
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<b>Seventh Meeting (Wednesday Morning)</b> . . . . .	<b>33</b>
<b>Eighth Meeting (Wednesday Afternoon)</b> . . . . .	<b>35</b>
<b>Ninth Meeting</b> . . . . .	<b>54</b>



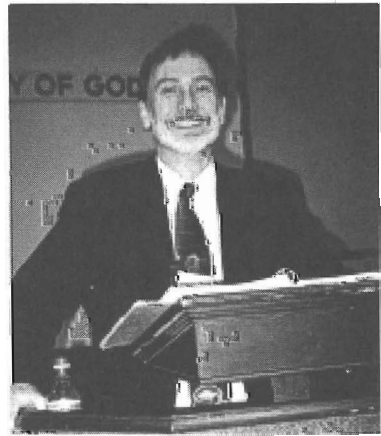
*Randy Grossman, Chairman*



*Dan Allen, Monday Speaker*



*Jonathon Arnold, Tuesday Speaker*



*Ken Keeler, Wednesday Speaker*

## *Annual Conference Proceedings - 2006*

### *First Meeting*

**Monday Morning, April 24, 2006, 10:00 AM**

The 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church was called to order at 10:00 AM by the Chairman, Randall A. Grossman, at Pinebrook Bible Conference. He led the conference in prayer.

Richard T. Paashaus, Worship Leader of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Conference, led the conference in a time of worship by reading Psalm 92:1-5. The conference sang *Let All Things Now Living* and Richard T. Paashaus prayed. Then he led the conference in singing *O for a Thousand Tongues* then prayed. Richard T. Paashaus then read John 17:1-5 and Philippians 2:5-13. After singing *Glorify Thy Name*, Richard T. Paashaus closed in prayer. Daniel P. Allen spoke on the theme “Christ’s Passion About God’s Glory” using John 17:1-5 as his text. The conference concluded this time of worship by singing *We Will Glorify*.

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

The following requested to be excused from part or all of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference: William C. Aukamp, Kenneth F. Barber, William H. Bartron, Timothy J. Bertolet, T. James Bigley, Jr., Clifford B. Boone, Bert N. Brosius, Bud Burroughs, Wayne M. Chadwell, G. Wayne Clapier, Robert S. Commerford, Allen Dorst, Willis I. Dowling, William J. Dunn, Michael P. Emrick, Jr., Richard J. Gehman, Michael Giordano, W. Neil Harding, Jr., J. Barclay Harley, Richard D. Harris, Jansen E. Hartman, Jim D. Head, David N. Heineman, George E. Herb, Frank L. Herb, Jr., Roy A. Hertzog, Keith Howland, Walter M. Johnston, J. Mark McCreary, Barry J. Minsky, Mark L. Morrison, Philip E. Morrison, Duane E. Moyer, Jerry L. Moyer, Edgar H. Munyan, Jan Musser, Bruce Pepperdine, David W. Riddell, Gary W. Saggio, A. L. Seifert, Austin G. Shelley, Robert W. Smock, Jonathan P. Tait, Mark W. Tress, John

C. Vandegriff, Jr., Charles F. Webb, Paul G. Zimmeman

**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, Ronald C. Cedar Crest
	Erb, Walter E. Bortree, Charles A. Bloomfield, John R. LoRusso
Bethlehem, PA . . . . .	Brian H. Cooper, Robert K. Fields*, Mark W. Tress, Bruce K. Newell
Blandon, PA . . . . .	Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Gary W. Saggio
Brooklyn, NY . . . . .	Ralph E. Ritter, Michael Giordano
Camden, DE . . . . .	Timothy J. Schmoyer (Probationer), Albert F. Biddle, Jr.
Clinton Corners, NY	Gerald D. Clark*, Wayne M. Chadwell
Coopersburg, PA . . . .	Thomas P. Shorb, Richard T. Paashaus, David R. Vinson, Bruce A. Ellingson
Denville, NJ . . . . .	Richard D. Harris, Guy Warner
Emmaus, PA . . . . .	David N. Schoen, Ralph M. Soper, Gerald L. Schlonecker, Robert W. Davies
Ephrata, PA . . . . .	Vacant, Robert W. Gehret
Finesville, NJ . . . . .	Byron Widger, Michael P. Emrick, Jr. <sup>1</sup>
Fleetwood, PA . . . . .	R. J. Brush, David B. Rothenberger
Graterford, PA . . . . .	Philip E. Yerrington, Douglas D. Bowne
Harleysville, PA . . . .	Alan G. Miller, Andrew T. Crossgrove, Alfred G. Roberts
Harrisburg, PA . . . . .	Carl K. Spackman, Jerry D. Rasmus
Hatfield, PA . . . . .	Howard N. Wells, Louis S. Curcio, S. Lester Moyer
Holmes, NY . . . . .	Vacant, Hans R. Waldvogel
Howell, NJ . . . . .	Eric R. North, Alan R. Heinlein
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
Leighton, PA . . . . .	Robert A. Johnson, II, Bruce A. Kellerman
Long Neck, DE . . . . .	Kenneth F. Barber, William Shinholt
Maple Glen, PA . . . . .	Louis Prontnicki, Keith Howland
Mt. Carmel, PA . . . . .	Philip G. Norris (Probationer), Bryan L. Snyder



Mt. Pocono, PA . . . .	Vacant, Ronald E. Miller
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 . . . .	Vacant
Oley, PA . . . . .	Arthur J. Simpson, Jr., Jan A. Musser
Paradise, PA . . . . .	Vacant, Jeff L. Hostetter
Philadelphia, PA . . .	G. Wayne Clapier, Bud Burroughs
Piscataway, NJ . . . .	Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis, Mark D. Twombly
Poughquag, NY . . . .	James A. Wickstead, Charles F. Webb
Quakertown, PA . . .	Ronald L. Kohl (Probationer), L. James Roberts, Jr.
Reading, PA . . . . .	Randall A. Grossman, Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., Ronald W. Reed, Donald M. Woodring
Red Hill, PA . . . . .	Michael J. Tannous, William E. Blair
Royersford, PA . . . .	Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Orville E. Gibson
Shamokin, PA . . . . .	Vacant, Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr.
Sinking Spring, PA .	Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Donald D. McKinney, Bruce Pepperdine
Spring City, PA . . . .	Kevin W. Clineff, Doug M. Wynne
Stroudsburg, PA . . .	Davis E. Duggins (Probationer), Robert D. Carroll
Sunbury, PA . . . . .	Charles E. Cole, Robert H. Cox
Terre Hill, PA . . . . .	Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Robert L. Weaver, Sr.
Thompson, CT . . . . .	Dennis W. Spinney, Mark R. Brodeur
Toms River, NJ . . . .	Dean A. Stortz, Allen Dorst
Wallingford, PA . . .	Richard E. Taylor, Timothy S. Cowen, Steven L. Piasecki
Walnutport, PA . . . .	Vacant, Timothy D. Weaber
Whitehall, PA . . . . .	Gene W. Smith, Rob J. Hodge
Whitehall** . . . . .	Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Robert H. Zentz Fellowship Community
York, PA . . . . .	Kenneth D. Keeler, Roger L. Shambough
Zionsville, PA . . . . .	C. Larry Bennett, Kevin D. Derr

\* contingent upon approval of recommendation of ordination

\*\* contingent upon recognition as a Particular Church

### Ordained Men Serving Bible Fellowship Ministries

Daniel P. Allen, Pinebrook Bible Conference; Kenneth F. Barber, Church Extension; Albert J. Dommel, Church Extension; Willis I. Dowling, Church Extension; Donald E. Kuntzman,\* Missions; David E. Gundrum, Church Extension; Ronald C. Mahurin, Conference Pastor; Mark L. Morrison, Church Extension; Elliot H. Ramos, Church Extension; David R. Way, Church Extension; Dana E. Weller, Missions.

### Ordained Missionaries

William C. Aukamp, Ronald K. Denlinger, William J. Dunn, 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

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

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

### Ordained Men Between Calls

William H. Bartron, Robert S. Commerford, W. Neil Harding, Jr., J. Mark McCreary, Roger L. Reitz, Jonathan P. Tait, John C. Vandegriff, Jr.

### Ordained Ministers in Retirement

James R. Batchler, Jr., James A. Beil, T. James Bigley, Jr., Bert N. Brosius, Leonard E. Buck, Terris L. Byrd, Alva C. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, Willard E. Cassel, Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr., Raymond R. Dotts, Robert L. Draper, John Dunn, Bruce A. Ellingson, 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, John H. 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. Weaver, 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 71)

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

**Resolved**, that the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, PA, April 23-25, 2007 beginning at 10:00 AM on Monday.

**Resolved**, that all Study Committees, Committees and Agencies have their reports sent to the designated distribution point, 12 Pinebrook Road, E. Stroudsburg, PA 18301 or ebfc@ptd.net, by March 1, 2007.

Daniel P. Allen, Director of Pinebrook Bible Conference welcomed the members of Annual Conference to Pinebrook for these meetings.

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

The Chairman appointed the following:

**Tellers**: Keith E. Plows (Chairman); Andrew T. Crossgrove, LeRoy S. Heller, LeRoy O. Herb, Robert Johnson, II, Bruce A. Kellerman, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Mark W. Tress, Hans R. Waldvogel

**Resolutions**: Louis S. Cursio (Chairman); Elliot Ramos, David R. Way, Timothy Weaver, Doug Wynne

**Auditing**: Robert W. Gehret (Chairman), Horace A. Kauffman, Robert H. Zentz

**Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes**: Philip

G. Norris (Chairman); Gary W. Saggio, Byron Widger  
**Parliamentarian:** William G. Schlonecker  
**Timekeeper:** John C. Vandegriff, Jr.  
**Reporter:** Carol Z. Snyder  
**Vice Chairman:** William G. Schlonecker was appointed in Clifford B. Boone's absence.

The following new members were introduced to Annual Conference: Thomas A. Pollock, Board of Missions; David R. Vinson, Coopersburg; Mark R. Brodeur, Thompson, CT; S. Lester Moyer, Hatfield; Mark D. Twombly, Piscataway, NJ; David R. Rothenberger, Fleetwood; Jeff L. Hostetter, Paradise; Davis E. Duggins, Stroudsburg; Robert J. Hodge, Hatfield; Alan R. Heinlein, Howell, NJ; Jerry D. Rasmus, Harrisburg; Bruce K. Newell, Bethlehem; John R. LoRusso, Allentown; David L. Manney, Missionary

Carl C. Cassel led the conference in prayer thanking the Lord for the pastors and elders representing the Bible Fellowship Church at these meetings.

### **Report of the Nominating Committee**

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

Howard N. Wells prayed for the Lord's will to be done in the election process of Annual Conference.

### **Report of the Committee on Credentials** (see page 72)

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

**Whereas,** the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Gerald D. Clark and Donald E. Kuntzman, and

**Whereas,** the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended prior ordination recognition for Robert K. Fields, 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 Gerald D. Clark and Donald E. Kuntzman be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

**Resolved** that the prior ordination of Robert K. Fields to the gospel ministry be recognized by the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

**Resolved**, that the service of ordination be held Monday, May 22, 2006 at 7:30 PM at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church.

Gerald D. Clark, Robert K. Fields and Donald E. Kuntzman were seated in the bar of Annual Conference.

**Whereas**, we believe attending Annual Conference is vital to helping maintain unity in the Bible Fellowship Church and that it is to be a high priority for all voting BFC pastors to be present, and

**Whereas**, we only meet once a year, excuses should be of an emergency nature such as sicknesses, deaths or funerals, therefore be it

**Resolved**, all excuses will be reviewed by the Credentials Committee as to their acceptance. Men with invalid excuses may be asked to meet with the Committee, and further

**Resolved**, all excuses are to be received no later than two weeks before Annual Conference and sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee as per the *F&O* §506-6 (2).

**Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held Monday, May 21, 2007, at a place to be determined.

**Resolved**, that Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church, Clinton Corners, NY, Calvary Bible Fellowship Church, Coopersburg, PA and Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church,

Bethlehem, PA be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordination of Gerald D. Clark and Donald E. Kuntzman and prior ordination of Robert K. Fields respectively and that they be encouraged to invite the Credentials Committee to send a representative to be present at the service.

**Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee** (see page 80)

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

**Resolved**, that the list of men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee, as of February 28, 2006, is as follows:

**Probationers**

- Mark E. Barninger (2005) . . . . . Harrisburg, PA
- Raymond R. Bertolet (2005) . . . . . Millsboro, DE
- Timothy J. Bertolet (2004) . . . . . Lebanon, PA
- David E. Brandt . . . . . South Hamilton, MA
- Gerald D. Clark (2002) . . . . . Stanfordville, NY
- Steven J. DelDuco . . . . . Reading, PA
- Davis E. Duggins (2005) . . . . . Stroudsburg, PA
- Scott B. Evans (2005) . . . . . Oley, PA
- Glenn R. Felty (2005) . . . . . Allentown, PA
- Robert K. Fields (2004) . . . . . Bethlehem, PA
- Jonathan D. Forsythe . . . . . Lancaster, PA
- Ronald L. Kohl (2004) . . . . . Quakertown, PA
- Robert B. Kramer . . . . . Bethlehem, PA
- Donald E. Kuntzman (2003) . . . . . Center Valley, PA
- Frank E. Lenahan (2005) . . . . . Cape May Court House, NJ
- Thomas H. Morrison (2005) . . . . . Las Cruces, NM
- Philip G. Norris (2004) . . . . . Mt. Carmel, PA
- David W. Peters (2004) . . . . . Killeen, TX
- Timothy J. Schmoyer (2004) . . . . . Dover, DE
- Daniel L. Williams (2006) . . . . . Parkside, PA  
(year of licensing in parenthesis)

**Candidates**

- James D. Crosley . . . . . Emmaus, PA

Ferdie R. Madara . . . . .	Benton, PA
David K. Schlonecker . . . . .	Emmaus, PA
Aaron J. Susek . . . . .	Royersford, PA
Colby A. Weinhofer . . . . .	Akron, PA

### **Applicants**

Timothy G. Clark . . . . .	Jenkintown, PA
Raymond L. Cole . . . . .	Newark, DE
John C. Elias . . . . .	Bethlehem, PA
Shaun C. Fink . . . . .	Millsboro, DE
Shad A. Gilbert . . . . .	Stockertown, PA
Troy S. Good . . . . .	Boyertown, PA
Robert W. Green . . . . .	Newark, DE
Peter J. Gunderson . . . . .	Spring City, PA
Fred J. Hoffman . . . . .	Lewisburg, PA
Jonathan H. King . . . . .	Schnecksville, PA
Carlos G. Rodriguez . . . . .	Reading, PA
Andrew Stapleton . . . . .	Grove City, PA

The following men, under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee, introduced themselves to the members of Annual Conference: Raymond R. Bertolet, Timothy J. Schmoyer, Davis E. Duggins, Steven J. Delduco, Glenn R. Felty, Daniel L Williams, Robert W. Green, Thomas H. Morrison, Ferdie R. Madara, Philip G. Norris, Mark E. Barninger, Scott B. Evans, Carlos G. Rodriguez, David K. Schlonecker, Raymond L. Cole.

Conference Pastor, Ronald C. Mahurin, asked for the Lord's blessing on these men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

**Report of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church** (see page 83)

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

James A. Beil led the conference in prayer for the work of the Board of Directors especially remembering the resolution of the law suit brought against one of our churches, the Board of Directors and the Bible Fellowship Church. All who were involved were included

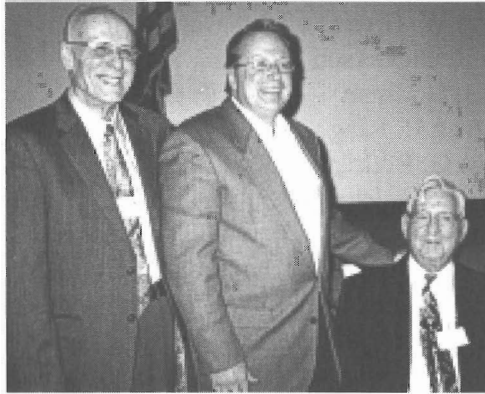
in this prayer of thanksgiving.

**Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee** (see page 91)

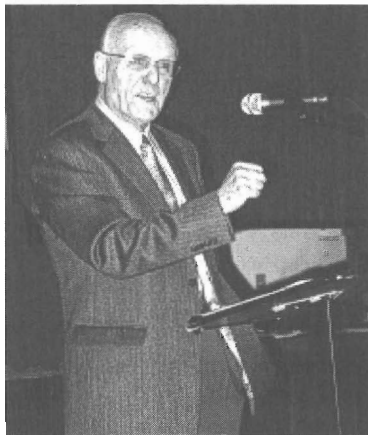
**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM as Conference Pastor, Ronald C. Mahurin, prayed for the Bible Fellowship Churches that are presently without pastors and for William H. Bartron who is battling cancer.



*Pastors Fritz, Gundrum and Hartman*



*Pastor Fritz, Fellowship Community*



## Second Meeting Monday Afternoon, 1:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randall A. Grossman at 1:32 PM. Donald D. McKinney opened the meeting with prayer.

**Report of the Conference Pastor** (see page 102)

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

**Report of the Board of Church Extension** (see page 105)

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

Albert J. Dommel led the Conference in prayer, thanking the Lord for the ministry of Phil and Sandy Mitchell, an Aquilla / Pricilla team working at the Saucon Valley Church Plant. Phil recently passed away suddenly. He will be greatly missed

**Resolved**, that the Annual Conference ratify the election of David E. Gundrum as Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries for a term of three years.

**Whereas**, Fellowship Community Mission Church affords long-time members of the BFC who are now residents at Fellowship Community the opportunity to maintain their BFC membership and involvement in the local church, and

**Whereas**, it is important to establish a Particular Church at Fellowship Community in a timely manner because of the uniqueness of the situation and its prospective members, and

**Whereas**, the Board of Church Extension has ensured that there are sufficient committed individuals and has appointed three elder designees to oversee the church, and

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

**Resolved**, that Fellowship Community Mission Church, Whitehall, PA, be recognized as a Particular Church, and that its delegate be received into membership of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the BFC.

Robert H. Zentz was seated in the Conference Bar as the Delegate of Fellowship Community Mission Church, Whitehall, PA.

**Report of the Director of Church Extension** (see page 111)

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

Mark L. Morrison, Assistant Director of Church Extension, addressed the Conference giving an update on his ministry in Church Extension and in Fellowship Community. Thomas H. Morrison gave an update on the Las Cruces, New Mexico, Mission work. David E. Gundrum introduced a new plan from Church Extension called, *Missions Here and Now a Forward Plan for Planting New Bible Fellowship Churches 2006 to 2011*.

**Report of the Ethnic Church Planting Committee** (see page 118)

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

**Report of the Board of Pensions** (see page 120)

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

**Report of the Board of Missions** (see page 128)

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

**Whereas**, Dana E. Weller was appointed by the Board of Missions to be Director for a three year term, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that Dana E. Weller be ratified as Director of the Board of Missions for a three year term.

**Resolved**, that the Minutes of the Adjourned Session (ninth meeting) of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference be approved. (see page 233)

**Report of the Study Committee on Weak and Declining Churches** (see page 143)

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

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

The Board of Church Health exists to serve the Particular Churches of the BFC by promoting strong church health.

**Composition and Election**

- (1) The Board of Church Health shall consist of four ministers and four elders.
- (2) They shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:
 

Class I	Two ministers and one elder
Class II	One minister and two elders
Class III	One minister and one elder

**Duties of Board of Church Health**

- (1) The Board of Church Health shall monitor the health of Particular Churches.
- (2) It shall approach, based on its discretion, Particular Churches to offer assistance for strengthening church health.
- (3) It shall provide counsel and resources for the self-assessment of the health of Particular Churches.
- (4) It shall provide a list of recommended consultants to Particular Churches needing assistance in moving toward stronger church health.
- (5) It shall offer training and seminars to promote church health.
- (6) It shall inform the Ministerial Relations Committee if a

matter threatening the pastoral relationship becomes evident at a Particular Church receiving Board of Church Health assistance and shall assist a Particular Church at the request of the Ministerial Relations Committee.

- (7) It shall in cooperation with the Board of Directors assist Particular Churches to close when necessary.
- (9) In the event of a church closing it shall consult with the Board of Church Extension regarding the feasibility of planting a new church in the same area.
- (10) It shall develop sources of financial assistance for Particular Churches who cannot afford church health resources.
- (11) It shall receive and disburse monies designated for church health.

[SECOND READING]

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

**Duties of the Board of Church Health**

- (8) It shall provide a report on the closing of a Particular Church to Annual Conference.

[FIRST READING]

**Report of the Board of Higher Education** (see page 145)

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

**Resolved**, that the Annual Conference ratify the election to the Pinebrook Educational Foundation of Gary E. Karch and Karen Stull for terms to end in 2009.

**Report of the Board of Directors of Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.** (See page 150)

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

**Report of the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Bible Conference**

(see page 153)

**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.**Report of the Board of Directors of Victory Valley** (see page

159)

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

The following was presented by the Board of Youth and Young Adults as Second Reading.

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

512-18.2

(1) The Board will be composed of five ministers and four laypersons.

(2) They will be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:

Class I                      two ministers, one layperson

Class II                     two ministers, one layperson

Class III                    one minister, two laypersons

[SECOND READING]

**Report of the Board of Communications** (see page 167)**Resolved**, that the report be accepted.

The following were elected:

**Board of Church Extension**

Alfred G. Roberts (3 years)

William R. Singletary (3 years)

**Board of Christian Education**

Eric R. North (3 years)

John C. Studenroth (3 years)

**Board of Victory Valley**

Timothy J. Bertolet (3 years)

**Strategic Planning Committee**

Dana E. Weller (3 years)

**Board of Youth and Young Adults**

Regina S. Gotchel (3 years)

**Board of Higher Education**

Ralph E. Ritter (3 years)

**Board of Pensions**

David N. Schoen (3 years)

**Special Appellate Judicatory**

Charles Lavigna (3 years)

**Secretary of Annual Conference**

David A. Thomann (1 year)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM as Thomas A. Pollock closed in prayer.



*Secretaries at work!*

## **Third Meeting**

### **Monday Evening, 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Randall A. Grossman, at 6:33 PM. Alfred G. Roberts led in prayer.

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

The following submitted excuses for all or part of the Conference: William E. Blair, Roger J. Brush, Alan G. Miller, R. C. Reichenbach and David B. Rothenberger.

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

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

#### **Report of the Board of Christian Education** (see page 173)

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

#### **Board of Youth and Young Adults** (see page 175)

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

Andrew T. Crossgrove prayed for the Board of Youth and Young Adults and for its vision of a Conference Youth Pastor to help with the needs of the youth ministries of the Bible Fellowship Churches.

Dana E. Weller, Director of the BFC Board of Missions, introduced the following BFC missionaries who are present at Annual Conference: Thomas and Becky Pollock, David and Rosemarie Manney, Jay and Ruth Burrington, Mark Bickel, Annette Kriner, John Pello, Byron Barnshaw, John C. Studenroth, Robert and Lois Draper, J. Barclay Harley, Ronald W. Hoyle, John LoRusso, Philip E. Yerrington, Raymond R. Bertolet, David K. Schlonecker and Kevin W. Kirkpatrick. Byron Widger read greetings from Chris Merrick.

Kenneth F. Barber prayed and thanked the Lord for His commission for us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout

the world.

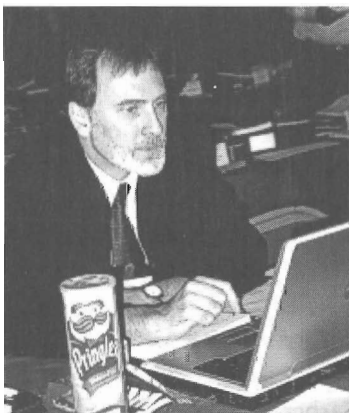
Time was set aside for reports of the Lord's blessings in the different regions. Ronald C. Mahurin served as host and representatives of the regions presented their praises and prayer requests. At the end of each report, prayer was offered for the work of the Lord in those churches.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM as Bryan L. Snyder closed in prayer.



*Delegation from Stroudsburg - Carroll & Duggins*



*Snack-time for Pastor Keeler*



**Fourth Meeting**  
**Tuesday Morning, April 25, 9:00 AM**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Randall A. Grossman at 9:00 AM. Richard T. Paashaus led the Conference in, singing *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* and in prayer. He read Hebrews 7:22-25. The Conference then sang, *Before the Throne of God Above* and *In Christ Alone*. John H. Riggall prayed and thanked the Lord for those serving in the military chaplaincy and asked His best for them. Richard E. Taylor thanked the Lord for the gift of a newly born daughter, Elizabeth Mae to Timothy and A. J. Bertolet and also for Calvin A. Boyle, a long-time delegate from Bethany BFC, Whitehall, PA, who has suffered a stroke.

**The Report of the Registrar:**

The following requested to be excused for portions of Annual Conference: Brian H. Cooper and Ronald W. Hoyle.

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

**Resolved**, that John H. Crouch be seated as Alternate Delegate of the Denville BFC.

**Resolved**, that the Minutes of the Second Meeting be approved.

**Report of the Historical Committee** (see page 177)

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

**Report of the Conference Judiciary** (see page 179)

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

**Report of the Strategic Planning Committee** (see page 180)

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

A request from the Board of Elders of Grace BFC, Nazareth, PA was received by the Secretary of Annual Conference. It states:

Article 103-5.5 (next to last sentence) which reads: “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.”

While the preceding paragraphs of this Article correctly describe the grounds for legitimate divorce, it must be realized that this sentence places no restraints on any Board of Elders from declaring the correctness of an unbiblical remarriage. The phrase which follows the conjunction “or” allows the Elders to declare a basis for remarriage which is not Biblical.

Therefore, as resolved at our 13 March, 2006 meeting, the Board of Elders of Grace BFC, Nazareth, Pa., requests the 123<sup>rd</sup> BFC Annual Conference to examine Article 103-5.5 and amend it to restrict any particular Board of Elders from overextending its authority.

**Resolved**, that we receive the request from the Board of Elders of Grace BFC, Nazareth PA.

**Resolved**, that the Chairman appoint a committee of five to prepare a revision of Article 103-5.5 of the Biblical Principles of Living in order to satisfy the request of the Board of Elders of Grace BFC, Nazareth, PA.

The Chairman appointed: Jonathon W. Arnold, James A. Beil and Rodney P. Plows (members of the Board of Elders of Nazareth BFC) and Delbert R. Baker, II, and Daniel G. Ziegler (members of the committee who wrote this particular BPL).

**Report of the Study Committee on Credentials and Multi Staff Churches** (see page 192)

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

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted as Second Reading for inclusion into the *Faith and Order*: (This is to replace 204-1.4 The Qualification for the Ministry – Personal Qualifications.)

#### 204-1.4 The Qualifications for the Ministry

##### Personal Qualifications

- (1) The minister must have a love for the study of Scripture inasmuch as his primary function is to be pastor-teacher.
- (2) The minister must possess qualities of leadership and administration, together with a willingness to assume responsibility inasmuch as he is an elder who numbers ruling among his duties.
- (3) The minister, being accountable to God, must have a genuine love for people, exercise patience in dealing with them, be receptive to criticism and correction, and remain steadfast in his duties inasmuch as he is an under-shepherd of the flock of God.
- (4) The minister must not be a lover of money inasmuch as he is to be a lover of God.
- (5) The minister must be willing to forgo personal rights and privileges for the sake of ministering to others inasmuch as he is to be an example of a servant.

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 138; No - 5

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted as First Reading for inclusion into the *Faith and Order*:

#### 401-1.1

***The Board of Elders shall be composed of the pastoral staff and all of the active lay elders of the congregation. The active lay elders shall designate at least one individual of the pastoral staff as a voting member of the Board of Elders, and shall designate others of the pastoral staff as either voting or non-voting members.*** The lay elders shall be elected by majority vote of the congregation. They shall be mature men who meet the qualifications of Scripture (1Tim. 3; Titus 1; 1Pe.

5). If the congregation has more qualified elders than are needed to serve at one time, the number of active elders shall be determined by the congregation by ballot vote upon recommendation of the Board of Elders.

Note:

The ***bold - italicized*** above replaces – “The Board of Elders shall be composed of the minister and all of the active elders of the congregation . . .”

#### **401-1.2**

***The Board of Elders shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman, and one of its members to serve as secretary.*** Two thirds of the membership of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Note:

The ***bold-italicized*** above replaces – “The minister shall serve as chairman of the Board of Elders; the board shall elect one of its members to serve as secretary . . .”

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 127; No - 12

### **Report of the Study Committee on Women in the Office of Deacon** (see page 194)

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

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted as First Reading:

#### **401-2. The Board of Deacons**

401-2.1 The Board of Deacons shall be composed of all deacons duly elected by and from the congregation who meet the qualifications of the Scriptures. They shall be mature **believers** (replaces men) who demonstrate a spiritual wisdom and compassion so that they might serve the needy in a Christlike, merciful way.

### 204-3. Deacons

204-3.1 The office of deacon is presented in the Scriptures as an office not of ruling, but of service. A deacon should be a **person** (replaces man) of deep spiritual life, exemplary conduct, and sound judgment (1 Tim. 3; Acts 6:1-8). **This** (replaces His) office is one of sympathetic service to the church and to the distressed, friendless, or sick, after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

401-2.5 Election and Installation of Deacons. Each congregation may elect deacons in keeping with the qualifications set forth in Scripture. Deacons must be (delete male) **members** in full communion in the church in which they are to exercise their office.

The term of office shall be determined by the Particular Church by congregational vote, but shall not be less than three years, except when a Particular Church desires a probationary term of service for newly-chosen deacons. When possible the Board of Deacons shall be divided into not fewer than three classes as determined by congregational vote in each of the Particular Churches.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or removal, a **member** (replaces man) may be elected to fill the unexpired term of office....

Questions to the congregation - end of 401-2.5

- (1) Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother (**or sister**) as a deacon?
- (2) Do you promise to give him (**or her**) all the honor, encouragement, and support in the Lord to which **this** (replaces his) office entitles him (**or her**)?

After the members of the church have answered these questions in the affirmative by holding up their right hands, the minister shall proceed to set apart the candidate by prayer to the office of deacon and shall give to him (**or her**)

and to the congregation an exhortation suited to the occasion.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 101; No - 43

Carlos Rodriguez introduced his brother-in-law, Marcos Ramirez, who is visiting from Mexico. He is a church planter in Mexico. He has been in contact with David E. Gundrum about the possibility of planting an Hispanic Bible Fellowship Church in the United States. Elliot H. Ramos led the Conference in prayer for Marcos Ramirez and the Lord's calling on his life.

The following were elected:

**Ministerial Relations Committee**

William G. Schlonecker (3 years)

Stephen J. Kauffman (3 years)

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

David T. Allen (3 years)

David J. Watkins (3 years)

Charles A. Lavigna (3 years)

**Board of Church Extension**

Kenneth D. Keeler (3 years)

William G. Schlonecker (3 years)

**Board of Christian Education**

Carol A. Gearhart (3 years)

Scott G. Ott (3 years)

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

William H. Bartron (3 years)

Glenn D. Ruoss (3 years)

**Board of Victory Valley**

Rachel E. Norris (3 years)

Rodney P. Plows (3 years)

**Board of Missions**

Thomas P. Shorb (3 years)  
 Philip E. Yerrington (3 years)  
 Susanne R. Figard (3 years)  
 Robert W. Davies (1 year)

**Board of Directors of Pinebrook Bible Conference**

Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.(3 years)  
 Charles E. Cole (3 years)  
 Gerald L. Schlonecker (3 years)  
 Hans R. Waldvogel (3 years)  
 Robert H. Zentz (3 years)

**Strategic Planning Committee**

Robert H. Zentz (3 years)  
 Robert T. Evans (1 year)

**Board of Youth and Young Adults**

Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr. (3 years)  
 William J. Dunn (3 years)

**Board of Pensions**

Jay H. Fasnacht (3 years)  
 Robert Gaugler (3 years)

**Board of Communications**

Allan R. Vivona (3 years)

**Credentials Committee**

Ralph M. Soper (3 years)

**Ministerial Candidate Committee**

Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr. (3 years)  
 David E. Gundrum (3 years)

**Historical Committee**

Carl C. Cassel (3 years)  
 Jill Davidson (3 years)

**Conference Judicatory**

Dean A. Stortz (3 years)  
Gregory A. Uhrich (3 years)  
L. James Roberts, Jr. (3 years)  
Ronald W. Reed (3 years)  
Les Moyer (2 years)

**Special Appellate Judicatory**

John C. Studenroth (3 years)

**Committee on Nominations**

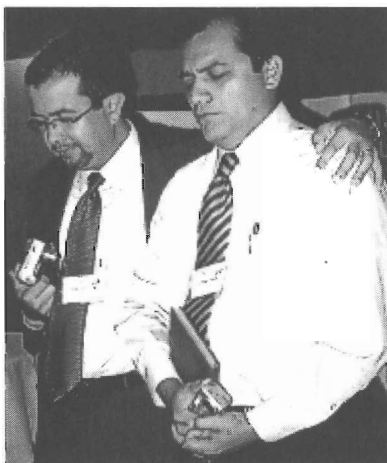
David R. Way (3 years)  
Charles D. Bomgardner (3 years)

**Chairman of Annual Conference**

Randall A. Grossman (1 year)

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM as Rodney P. Plows closed in prayer.



*Brother-in-laws  
Carlos Rodriguez & Marcos Ramirez*



**Fifth Meeting**  
**Tuesday Afternoon, 1:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:32 PM with Byron Barnshaw opening in prayer.

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

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

**Article 18 – The Church**

Article 18-4.

A properly constituted local Church must include the ministry of God's Word, the observance of the ordinances, the oversight by **elders** and the exercise of discipline. The overseers of the Church are to be prayed for, obeyed and honored.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 136; No - 6

The following legislation was adopted at Second Reading:

**Resolved**, that the following paragraph be added to the *F&O* as §502-2.2:

In some instances, the time of probation for a man who is not previously ordained may be shortened by the Ministerial Candidate Committee to one year if he has served on the staff of a Bible Fellowship Church in a full-time capacity for two or more years prior to the effective date of his license. In no case will the probationary service be less than one year. The Ministerial Candidate Committee shall determine the length of the probationary service after evaluating the prior service of the probationer.

[SECOND READING]

The following legislation was adopted at Second Reading:

**Resolved**, that Article 402-2.3 be deleted from the *F&O* and that the subsequent articles be renumbered.

[SECOND READING]

**Report of the Beneficiary Society** (see page 185)

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

David E. Thomann led the Conference in prayer especially remembering John Dunn, living in Florida and missing his wife Cordelia who went home to be with the Lord this past year.

A service of recognition was held for Fellowship Community Bible Fellowship Church. David E. Gundrum represented the Board of Church Extension in the presentation of the resolution passed by Annual Conference in the second meeting of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. represented the Church as Pastor, and Robert H. Zentz as Delegate. Richard E. Taylor prayed and thanked the Lord for this wonderful occasion and for His faithfulness to all generations. A time of welcome followed as members of Annual Conference greeted members of Fellowship Community BFC.

The following were elected:

**Ministerial Candidate Committee**

Howard N. Wells (1 year)

**Board of Church Health**

Carl K. Spackman (3 years)

**Report of the Study Committee on the Process and Purpose of God's calling People to Salvation** (see page 197)

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

**Resolved**, that the following changes (**found in bold type**) in the “Articles of Faith” be adopted as First Reading:

## Article 11 - Election

**11-1** Election is a free act of the sovereign God in which from eternity,<sup>1</sup> for reasons known only to Himself,<sup>2</sup> and apart from any **foreseen faith and/or** goodness **found** in man,<sup>3</sup> He graciously chose from among the fallen mankind a people unto salvation,<sup>4</sup> that they might be conformed to Christ’s image.<sup>4</sup> Those so chosen He redeemed by His Son<sup>5</sup> and seals by His Spirit.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will (Eph.1:4,11).

<sup>2</sup> "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Mat.11:27).

<sup>3</sup> **Who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time (2 Tim.1:9). “For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.” (Rom. 8:29-30 )**

<sup>4</sup> Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Eph.4:13).

<sup>5</sup> But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth (2 Thes.2:13).

<sup>6</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit (Eph.1:13).

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 123; No - 22

**Resolved**, that the following changes (**found in bold type**) in the “Articles of Faith” be adopted as First Reading:

### Article 9 - Sin

- 9-1. “Sin is any lack of conformity to the will of God<sup>1</sup> or any transgression of the law of God.<sup>2</sup> Sin separates man from God, incurring His wrath and judgment, and is manifest in the selfishness, rebellion, **unbelief** and total depravity of man’s **being**.<sup>3</sup> Sin is the cause of the curse on and defilement of the created universe.”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> All wrongdoing is sin (1Jo. 5:17a). Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins (James 4:17).

<sup>2</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness (1Jo. 3:4). For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it (James 2:10).

<sup>3</sup> **“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, (2) in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air. (3) All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.” (Eph. 2:1-3). “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, (19) since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. (20) For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. (21) For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” (Rom. 1:18-21). Also Rom. 3:10-12, Rom. 8:7-8.**

<sup>4</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time (Rom.8:22). (See also Gen.3:17,18).

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 134; No - 8

**Resolved**, that the following changes (**found in bold type**) in the “Articles of Faith” be adopted as First Reading:

## Article 12 – Salvation

- 12-1. **Salvation is the work of God<sup>1</sup> in which He reconciles fallen men to Himself,<sup>2</sup> ultimately removes the consequences of the curse,<sup>3</sup> and bestows upon His redeemed creation<sup>4</sup> the riches of His grace, all to His glory.<sup>5</sup>**
- 12-2. Salvation is offered in the gospel to all men<sup>6</sup> **and is accomplished in all the elect.<sup>7</sup>** It is received by grace through faith and the instrumentality of the Holy Spirit,<sup>8</sup> apart from works or human merit.<sup>9</sup> Salvation centers in a person, Jesus Christ, and receiving Him<sup>10</sup> includes the remission of sins on the grounds of His shed blood **on the cross,**<sup>11</sup> the imputation of His perfect righteousness<sup>12</sup> the reception of the Holy Spirit,<sup>13</sup> and the impartation of eternal life.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (Heb. 7:25) Also Eph. 2:4-5, 8-9.

<sup>2</sup> “Through Him to reconcile all things to Himself...” (Col. 1:20) For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! (Rom. 5:10)

<sup>3</sup>No longer will there be any curse. (Rev. 22:3)

<sup>4</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Rom. 8:18-25)

<sup>5</sup> I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my

**own Sake, and remembers your sins no more. (Isaiah 43:25)**

<sup>6</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

<sup>7</sup> **All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. (John 6:37) No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:44) For you granted him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those you have given him. (John 17:2) When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all those who were appointed for eternal life believed. (Acts 13:48)**

<sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment (John 16:8).

<sup>9</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast (Eph.2:8,9).

<sup>10</sup> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12).

<sup>11</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace (Eph.1:7).

<sup>12</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption (1 Cor.1:30).

<sup>13</sup> And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ (Rom.8:9b).

<sup>14</sup> And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11, 12).

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 131; No - 14

Resolved, that the following changes (**found in bold type**) in the *Articles of Faith* be adopted as First Reading:

### **Article 13 – Repentance**

**13-1** Repentance unto life **is a gift of God<sup>1</sup> and** a voluntary act of man,<sup>2</sup> accomplished by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. Repentance consists in a knowledge of sin,<sup>3</sup> a sense of guilt and corruption that results in the confession and forsaking of sin, and a turning to God<sup>4</sup> **that results in loving, obedient service.<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness,

**tolerance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness leads you toward repentance? (Rom. 2:4) When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life.”(Acts 11:18) Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, (2 Tim. 2:25)**

<sup>2</sup> And repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47). In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30).

<sup>3</sup> When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment (John 16:8).

<sup>4</sup> For they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God (1Thes.1:9).

<sup>5</sup> **For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph. 2:10) We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Thes. 1:3)**

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 137; No - 9

**Resolved**, that the following changes (**found in bold type**) in the “Articles of Faith” be adopted as First Reading:

### **Article 10 – Human Ability and Responsibility**

10-1. In his original creation man was endowed with the ability to will and do good or evil and was accountable for his willing and doing.<sup>1</sup> But **through** the fall of Adam man lost his ability, apart from God’s grace,<sup>2</sup> to will and to do those things necessary for a right relationship with God;<sup>3</sup> however, he is still accountable to God for obedience to all of His commands.<sup>4</sup> Man has not lost his ability to make decisions,<sup>5</sup> **but unless regenerated**<sup>6</sup>, he acts only in accordance with his fallen, sinful nature.<sup>7</sup>

10-2 Only by God’s infinite grace can man will or do anything necessary to his salvation.<sup>8</sup> By that grace, God saves **those** men whom He causes to will and to do good;<sup>9</sup> however, He does this without nullifying man’s ability to act responsibly.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die" (Gen.2:16,17).

<sup>2</sup> As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath (Eph.2:1-3).

<sup>3</sup> There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God (Rom.3:11). Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God (Rom.8:8).

<sup>4</sup> God "will give to each person according to what he has done." To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile (Rom.2:6-10). In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30).

<sup>5</sup> Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live (Deu.30:11,19).

**"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3:5) "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins...(5) made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions..." (Eph. 2:1, 5)**

<sup>7</sup> As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one" (Rom.3:10,12). Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil (Jer.13:23). (See also footnote 2).

<sup>8</sup> It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy (Rom.9:16).

**<sup>9</sup>Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God – (13) children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1:12-13)**

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose

(Phil.2:12,13).

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 120; No - 24



The Committee will supply Annual Conference pastors and delegates with materials giving reason for their proposed changes.

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM as Dean A. Stortz closed in prayer.



*Registrars - Arnold & McCreary*



*Bd. of Communications Table*

## Sixth Meeting Tuesday Evening, 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Randall A. Grossman, Chairman, at 6:31 PM as Ronald Miller led in prayer.

The following was elected:

### Vice Chairman of Annual Conference

Calvin T. Reed (1 year)

Richard T. Paashaus led the Conference in a time of worship. The Conference sang, *I Worship You Almighty God*. He read Titus 3:3 and led us in singing, *How Deep the Father's Love* and closed in prayer. He then read John 17:6-12, the text for the evening message after which the Conference sang, *Amazing Love*. An offering was received for the Darlene Mahurin Fund, which is used by the Conference Pastor for the needs of pastors and their families. Richard T. Paashaus then read John 17:13-19, after which the Conference sang the first two verses of, *The Church's One Foundation*. John 17:20-23 was read and the third verse of, *The Church's One Foundation* was sung.

Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr. spoke on the theme "Our Reflection of God's Glory" using John 17:6-23 as his text. We ended our worship time together by singing the last verse of *The Church's One Foundation* and Richard T. Paashaus reading Eph. 3:20-21.

### Report of the Registrar:

The following have requested to be excused from all of Annual Conference: Roger L. Reitz and Leonard E. Buck.

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

**Resolved**, that Walter R. Wagonseller be seated as the Alternate Delegate from Blandon BFC.

**Resolved**, that the minutes of the fifth meeting of Annual Conference be approved.

**Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes, 122<sup>nd</sup>**. (see page 187)

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

**Report of the Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches** (see page 189)

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

**Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee** (see page 190)

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

**Report of the Committee to answer the request from the Board of Elders of Grace BFC, Nazareth, Pa**

**Resolved**, that the following (**found in bold type**) be adopted as First Reading:

Article 103-5.5

“Remarriage is permissible for those who have been legitimately divorced or whose return to the former partner is determined by the elders **as they study the Scriptures** to be impossible.”  
(addition found in bold type).

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 92; No - 39

**Resolved**, that the above is the answer of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference to the request by the Board of Elders of Grace BFC of Nazareth Pa.

**Report of the Board of Youth and Young Adults – financial report** (see page 176)

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

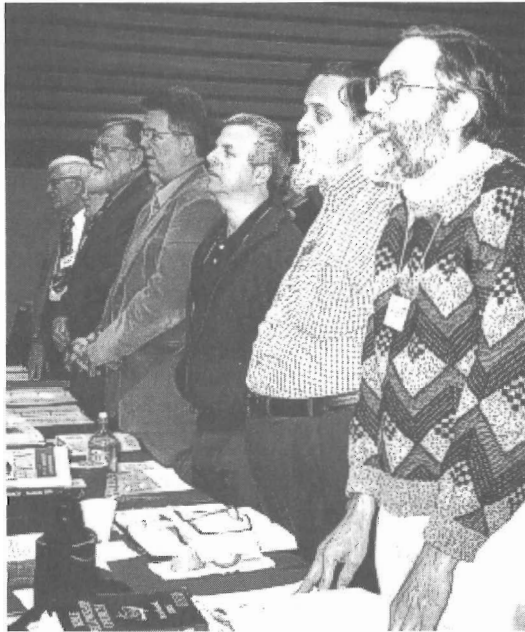
The following was elected:

**Board of Higher Education**

Alan H. Russell (3 years)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM. D. Thomas Philips prayed, asking the Lord for a victory of the Marriage Amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution that would establish marriage as the union of one man to one woman. Philip E. Yerrington also prayed, asking the Lord for Antonio and Eli a young couple from Dos Hermanas, Spain, whose thirteen year old son has disappeared. Randall A. Grossman closed in prayer remembering Barry J. Minsky, who is facing surgery today.



*Worshipping God!*

## Seventh Meeting

### Wednesday Morning, April 26, 9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:04 AM. Gene W. Smith opened the meeting in prayer.

Richard T. Paashauss led the Conference in singing *All Hail the Power* and then led in prayer. The Conference then sang *Lord Most High*. John 17:24-26 was read and the time was concluded with the singing of *Hallelujah! What a Savior*. Kenneth D. Keeler spoke on the theme, "Our Participation in God's Glory," using John 17:24-26 as his text. The Conference responded by singing *Rejoice, the Lord is King* and in receiving the Benediction from 1 Timothy 1:17.

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

The following requested to be excused from part of Annual Conference: Clifford B. Boone, Elliot H. Ramos, Richard G. Matthews, David E. Thomann and Jeff L. Hostetter.

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

J. Mark McCreary led the Conference in prayer for Vice Chairman, Clifford B. Boone, who is ill and cannot attend the rest of these meetings.

The Chairman appointed William G. Schlonecker to serve as Vice Chairman in Clifford B. Boone's absence and Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr. to serve as Timekeeper in John C. Vandegriff, Jr.'s absence.

#### **Report of the Study Committee on the Millennium** (see page 205)

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

**Resolved**, that report of the Study Committee on the Millennium be sent back to Committee.

The Committee was instructed to address the issue of

referring to material in the report as “Proposed Revisions” if indeed they are not proposing those changes and addressing the issue of how they will handle the paper submitted by Robert C. Kaatz, Elder/Delegate from the Bible Fellowship Church, Newark, DE, who is a member of the Study Committee on the Millennium.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM with Arthur J. Simpson closing in prayer.



*Calling home.*

## **Eighth Meeting**

### **Wednesday Afternoon, 1:30 PM**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. R. C. Reichenbach led the Conference in prayer especially remembering John H. Riggall who has become ill.

The following were elected:

**Board of Higher Education:**

Charles A. Bloomfield (1 year)

Karen Stull (1 year)

**Board of Church Health**

Richard T. Paashaus (3 years)

Ronald W. Reed (3 years)

Robert C. Kaatz (2 years)

Robert H. Zentz (2 years)

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

**Report of the Committee on the Distinction Between the Office of Pastor and Elder with Reference to Divorce** (see page 222)

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

After a lengthy discussion, Dana E. Weller prayed, asking that the Lord would give us His wisdom as we vote on the legislation dealing with pastors and divorce.

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

**Whereas**, the Biblical evidence clearly teaches the equality of the office of elder and pastor, and

**Whereas**, there are no Biblical distinctions in the moral and spiritual qualifications for an elder or a pastor, and

**Whereas**, divorce alone does not automatically disqualify a

man from being an elder, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that this study committee recommends that the local church, the Ministerial Candidate Committee and the Credentials Committee *give due consideration to this report in examining men for ordination and for candidating at a church*, and further

**Resolved**, that Article 204-1.4 (6) be added to the *F&O* at First Reading:

“Because of the qualifications and dignity of the office of Pastor, when considering a man for ordination, the Ministerial Candidate Committee and Credentials Committee shall give careful consideration to ensure that a man who has been divorced or who has married a divorced woman has Biblically resolved the issues in family, the church, and community raised by the divorce, demonstrated since the divorce stability of character and is presently characterized as above reproach, and if married, faithful to and exclusively committed to his wife.”

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 94; No - 35

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

**Resolved**, that the following addition (found in bold type) be made to Article 204-2.5 of the *F&O*.

Because of the qualifications and dignity of the office of Elder, each Particular Church shall give careful consideration to ensure that a man who has been divorced or who has married a divorced woman **has Biblically resolved the issues in family, the church, and community raised by the divorce demonstrated since the divorce, stability of character and** is presently characterized as above reproach, and if married, faithful to and exclusively committed to his wife.”

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 117; No - 12



**Report of the Study Committee on the Millennium** (see page 205)  
**Resolved**, that the revised report be accepted.

Recommendations of the Nominating Committee:

**Whereas**, the *Faith and Order* as a result of legislation approved at Second Reading in 2004 (2004 *Yearbook*, p.42) states in 510-1 (1) “there are three categories of nominees for election to boards and committees. They are ministers, elders, and laypersons.” and

**Whereas**, the *Faith and Order* in 204-4, as a result of legislation approved at Second Reading in 2005 (2005 yearbook, p. 20) states “the pastoral staff of a Particular Church is composed of, and limited to, those men who are serving as ministers in the BFC. For an individual to serve as a minister in the BFC, he must be ordained or have had his previous ordination recognized by the BFC or he must be under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee.” and

**Whereas**, the remainder of 510 - General Rules of Elections and Resignations needs to be brought into conformity with this legislation; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that 510 - General Rules of Elections and Resignations be amended as follows:

510-2 Ministers (Delete “ordained”)

- (1) Ministers (Delete “ordained”) who have been called to minister by the rules of Pulpit Supply or who are laboring in any agency of the BFC shall be eligible for election or appointment to conference offices, boards, or committees.
- (2) A Minister (Delete “ordained”) who is without a call to a church is eligible to serve in an elective office and on Conference boards and committees as long as he remains on the list of Ordained Ministers working under the direction of the BFC.

(The remainder of 510 would remain unchanged.)

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 120; No - 0

## Recommendations of the Board of Communications:

**Resolved**, that the cost of the 2006 *Yearbook* be \$ 8.50 per copy.

**Resolved**, that a contribution of three-hundred-twenty-five dollars (\$325.00) for the conference year 2006 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 Board of Communications by December 31, 2006.

**Resolved**, that \$1.75 per member of the Bible Fellowship Church for 2006 be forwarded to the Board of Communications from each church to help underwrite the cost of printing and distributing the *Fellowship News*. Payments are to be made to the Board of Communications at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference.

**Resolved**, that Rachel Kistler be ratified to fill the position of Business Manager of *Fellowship News* to complete the unexpired term of Paul T. Rutman.

**Resolved**, that Scott G. Ott be ratified as the Webservant for a three-year term.

## Recommendations of the Ministerial Relations Committee:

**Resolved**, that the recommended minimum salary for a pastor serving in the BFC for the calendar year 2007 be \$30,000. In addition to his salary, the church must provide the pastor's Social Security tax, parsonage and/or housing allowance, health insurance, and provision should be made for reimbursement for allowable car and professional expenses. The church must also contribute a minimum of 3% of the pastor's salary for retirement to the ministers

annuity fund, plus an additional 1% match if the pastor is voluntarily contributing 1%.

Note:

The above recommendation is considered the minimum. In establishing a fair and equitable salary and benefits package for the minister, consideration should be given to experience, education and the cost of living as per one's location. In some areas, a higher figure would be more equitable. Additional information for the Pastoral Relations Committee can be found in the *Yearbook*. You can also contact the Reading BFC for added information.

**Resolved**, that the salary for the Conference Pastor be \$26,000.00, and in addition we provide \$6,200.00 for health insurance and \$7,800.00 for car and professional expenses.

The following was elected:

**Board of Church Health:**

Byron Widger (2 years)

The following change in legislation was brought by the Ministerial Relations Committee:

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

**Article 409 – Pastoral Change Procedure**

The orderly transition of pastoral leadership is crucial to the health of a church. As the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ should be invoked to provide for the care of His under-shepherds, the pastors, and for the needs of His flock, the congregation. The Ministerial Relations Committee is responsible to provide guidance to both pastors and churches during this transition.

## **409-1 Instituting the Pastoral Relationship**

**409- 1.1** When a church is seeking a Pastor, the Board of Elders shall meet with representatives of the Ministerial Relations Committee to discuss the following:

- (1) Temporary pulpit supply. The Board of Elders shall provide for temporary pulpit supply on an interim basis. Pastors serving in this capacity shall be in sympathy with the *F&O* of the BFC.
- (2) Election of a pastoral search committee.
- (3) Congregational self-study, pastoral profile, and candidate search procedures.
- (4) Rules for calling a pastor.

**409-1.2** The Board of Elders shall call a congregational meeting according to our rules (see §403) in order to elect a pastoral search committee. The Board of Elders shall recommend the composition, size and election of the pastoral search committee. The committee may vary from church to church, but in all cases shall be viewed as subordinate to the Board of Elders. Under normal circumstances, the chairman of the pastoral search committee shall be an elder.

**409-1.3** The Pastoral Search Committee shall maintain regular communication with the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee concerning progress in the pastoral search. The Ministerial Relations Committee shall seek to provide guidance and advice to the Pastoral Search Committee in its work.

**409-1.4** The Pastoral Search Committee shall seek a candidate who is fitted to the needs of the church and is or will be licensed to serve as a pastor in the BFC. If a candidate is not licensed to serve as a pastor in the BFC, he shall be referred to the Ministerial Candidate Committee. Under ordinary circumstances, the candidate must gain final approval by regular procedures in order to be called by the church.

**409-1.5** On certain exceptional occasions, it may be necessary to expedite the procedure for issuing a call to a man who is previously ordained but not licensed by the BFC.

These circumstances are when:

- (1) geographic distance allows limited, direct contact.
- (2) the demands of current ministry do not allow for the normal process.
- (3) the church applies for special consideration because of urgent circumstances.

The expedited process is as follows:

- (1) The church shall request the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee to use the expedited process. He, in consultation with the chairman of the Ministerial Candidate Committee, approves or disapproves the request.
- (2) If the request is approved, the Ministerial Candidate Committee shall interview the man. If he is approved as a candidate under our rules (see 512-13.4), he shall be given the Open Book Examination.
- (3) Upon the satisfactory completion of the Open Book Examination, the church may seek to issue a call, which is provisional.
- (4) After the provisional call is issued, the man shall complete all other examinations and requirements of the Ministerial Candidate Committee before beginning the new ministry or moving into church-provided housing.
- (5) When all examinations and requirements are satisfactorily completed, the Ministerial Candidate Committee will approve the man as a licensed probationer (see §514-13.4), effective on the date of the approval of his final examination. The Ministerial Relations Committee will recognize the provisional call as the formal call on the same date.

**409-1.6** When the Pastoral Search Committee had completed its work, it shall recommend a candidate to the Board of Elders.

The Board of Elders shall conduct any other research or interviews it deems necessary, including establishing the terms of the call.

**409-1.7** When the Board of Elders is ready to present a candidate to the congregation, it shall inform the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee of the name and of the terms of the call. The purpose of this consultation is to protect the candidate, the church, and the BFC from unnecessary difficulties. The Ministerial Relations Committee shall have one week to approve or disapprove of the presentation of the candidate to the congregation.

**409-1.8** If the Ministerial Relations Committee approves the presentation of the candidate, the Board of Elders shall call a congregational meeting according to our rules (see §403) for the purpose of calling a pastor.

**409-1.9** The congregational meeting shall be led by the First Delegate or, at his request, a member of the Ministerial Relations Committee. Following the report of the pastoral search committee and/or the Board of Elders, the congregation shall vote on the question, “Are you ready to proceed to the calling of a pastor?” If a majority of members present and voting approve, a vote shall be taken to call the pastor. This vote shall be by written ballot. Absentee ballots are not allowed. The leader of the meeting shall announce the outcome of the vote and inform the congregation that the next step in the process is the approval or disapproval of the call by the Ministerial Relations Committee.

**409-1.10** The Ministerial Relations Committee shall be informed of the outcome of the vote. The purpose of this consultation is to advise the Board of Elders concerning the issuing of a call and to approve or disapprove it. If the vote is approved by a strong majority, the Elders will be advised to proceed with the issuing of a call. If the vote is not approved by a strong majority, the Elders may be advised to consider options

other than issuing a call. The Ministerial Relations Committee shall have the final authority to approve or disapprove the call.

**409-1.11** Upon receiving the approval of the Ministerial Relations Committee, the Board of Elders may proceed to issue a call to the pastor as follows:

The  (name)  Church, of  (city and state) , believing that you are well-qualified to serve as our pastor for the glory of God and our spiritual benefit, invite you,  (name of candidate)  to accept this call to serve as our  (title of pastor)  promising you all proper support, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord.

In order to provide for your needs, we promise to pay you an annual salary of \$   together with additional benefits as follows; (other benefits may include provision of housing as agreed upon by you and the church, housing allowance, educational or professional allowances). We also will provide  (number of weeks)  vacation each year.

We also will pay into your Minister's Annuity Fund the percentage of your salary established by Annual Conference.

We will also pay you a sum equivalent to your self-employment tax (FICA).

We will also provide health insurance for you and your family, equivalent to a standard set by the BFC Board of Directors and agreed on by you and the church.

And we promise to review with you the adequacy of this compensation annually. We, the elders of     Church, sign our names to this call on  (date) .

**409-1.12** Upon receiving the approval of the Ministerial Relations Committee (see 409-1.9), the Board of Elders or Agency Board may proceed to issue a bi-vocational call as follows:

The  (church / agency) , believing that you are well-qualified to serve as pastor for the glory of God and the benefit of His church, invite you  (name of candidate)  to accept this call to serve in the office of  (position / title) , promising you all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord.

In order to help provide for your needs, we promise to pay you an annual salary of \$ , provision of housing as agree upon by you and the church, together with additional benefits as follows: (other benefits may include parsonage use, housing allowance, educational or professional allowances). We also will provide  (number of weeks)  vacation each year.

We also will pay into your Ministers Annuity Fund the percentage of your salary established by Annual Conference.

We also will pay you a sum equivalent to your self-employment tax (FICA).

(The following clause is optional.)

We also will provide health insurance agreed on by you and the  (church / agency) .

This is a call to serve bi-vocationally, that is, with the understanding that you will provide part of your support through other employment than the ministerial position to which we are calling you.

We promise to review with you the adequacy of this call



and its conditions each year, to increase our provision for your support as we are able, and to provide full support for you as soon as it is possible.

We sign our names to this call on     (date)    .

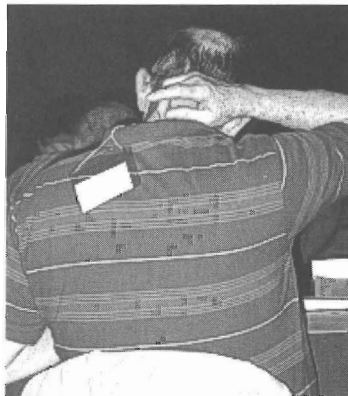
**409-1.13** An Agency of the BFC may call a person to serve in its ministry. In such cases the board of directors of the Agency shall act in the place of the Board of Elders, Pastoral Search Committee, and Congregation. As in the case of a call to a Particular Church, the Ministerial Relations Committee shall approve the name, the terms, and the call of the candidate. The form of the call shall be modeled after the form for Particular Churches (see 409-1.11).

**409-1.14** Upon receiving the call from the church or agency, the candidate has three weeks to accept or reject the call in writing. If the candidate accepts the call, the Ministerial Relations Committee shall set the effective date in consultation with the pastor and the church.

[FIRST READING]

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM as Raymond R. Dotts closed in prayer.



*New position for name tag.*

## Ninth Meeting Wednesday Evening, 6:15 PM

The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 6:15 PM as Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr. led the Conference in prayer.

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

The following requested to be excused from the rest of Annual Conference: Gregory A. Urich, Gene E. Smith and Rob J. Hodge.

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

The following were elected:

### **Board of Church Health**

Robert A. Sloan, Jr. (1 year)

Clyde W. Snyder (1 year)

The following First Reading material was presented by the Ministerial Relations Committee:

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted as First Reading:

**409-2** Dissolving the Pastoral Relationship (omit present 409-2, 409-2.1, 409-2.2)

(omit paragraph following title of 409-3)

**409-2.1** An Uncontested Resignation (unchanged except for the following)

(2) Omit

(2.1) Omit “severance pay”

(2.2) Ordinarily . . . The action of the Board of Elders shall be communicated to the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee prior to the effective date of the resignation. (omit “. . . by the secretary . . . cannot be reached.”).

(omit paragraph (3) and replace (4) with the following:)

- (3) The Board of Elders shall call a congregational meeting according to our rules (see 403) in order to consider the resignation of the pastor. When the congregation approves the resignation of the pastor, this information shall be communicated to the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee within one week. The special provisions made for the pastor's transition (see 2.1 above), may be announced by the Board of Elders or, if they so decide, approved by the Congregation, by a separate resolution at the same meeting.

#### **409-2.2 A Contested Resignation**

- (1) Replace final sentence beginning "Rules for communicating the results . . ." with "This decision shall be communicated to the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee within twenty-four hours.

#### **409-2.3 Churches Desiring Dissolution of the Pastorate**

- (1) If the issues leading to a desire by the church to dissolve the pastorate involve moral or doctrinal charges against the pastor, the church shall follow the procedure outlined in the Book of Discipline (see section 300).
- (2) No changes

#### **409-3.4, 409-3.5, 409-3.6 Omit**

[FIRST READING]

### **512-14 Ministerial Relations Committee**

The purpose of the Ministerial Relations Committee is to foster a healthy relationship between pastors and churches, to help to resolve problems in the pastoral relationship, and to assist churches in calling pastors.

### 512-14.1 Composition and Election

Omit (3)

### 512-14.2 Duties

- (1) The committee shall provide counsel and advice to churches and pastors upon their invitation. The committee may be invited to assist a church in this way upon request of the Board of Elders, the Pastoral Relations Committee of the church, an individual Elder or Elders, or the Pastor.
- (2) The committee may initiate involvement and call a meeting with the Pastor, Pastoral Relations Committee, or Board of Elders, if the committee concludes there are matters threatening the health of the pastoral relationship which are not being adequately addressed by the Particular Church. This request for a meeting shall be in writing, stating the reasons that the Ministerial Relations Committee has for requesting it.
- (3) The committee shall seek to resolve difficulties in the pastoral relationship whether they have been invited or have initiated involvement in the Particular Church. This involvement may take the form of meetings with the Pastor, Elders or Members, with the Pastoral Relations Committee, with the Board of Elders, or with the Congregation.
- (4) The committee shall oversee the resignation of a pastor according to our rules.
- (5) The committee shall meet with the Elders and/or Pastoral Search Committee with respect to temporary pulpit supply, the pastoral search process, and the calling of a pastor. It shall oversee the calling of a pastor according to our rules.
- (6) The committee shall refer any problems concerning pastoral relationships that it cannot resolve to Annual Conference for final resolution. This referral may or

- may not have recommendations concerning resolution.
- (7) The committee shall submit a report to Annual Conference, including recommendations concerning the minimum salary package for pastors called under our rules.
  - (8) The committee shall elect and oversee the Conference Pastor.

[FIRST READING]

**Resolved**, that the rate of mileage reimbursement for conference business conducted in 2006 be 27¢ per mile effective May 1, 2006.

**Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 be adopted.

### Administrative Budget

	2006 Budget
1. Beneficiary Fund	500
2. Ministers' Assistance Fund	100
3. Ministerial Convention	1,000
4. Ministers' Retirement Fund	60,000
5. Annual Conference	
a. Conference Entertainment	7,000
b. Conference Expense	4,100
6. Fund to Assist Churches	100
7. Board of Communications	5,000
8. Expenses of Committees	
a. Chaplaincy Expenses	700
b. All other Expenses	8,000
9. Expenses, Board of Directors	3,000
10. M.C.C. Internship Fund	250
11. Historical Committee	1,000
12. Conference Pastor	40,000
13. ONE Voice	3,000
Total Budget	133,750

**Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 be approved for submission to the churches for their pledges.

	Proposed 2007 <u>Budget</u>
1. Beneficiary Fund	500
2. Ministers' Assistance Fund	100
3. Ministerial Convention	1,000
4. Ministers' Retirement Fund	63,000
5. Annual Conference	
a. Conference Entertainment	7,000
b. Conference Expense	4,100
6. Fund to Assist Churches	100
7. Board of Communications	5,000
8. Expenses of Committees	
a. Chaplaincy Expenses	700
b. All other Expenses	8,000
9. Expenses, Board of Directors	3,000
10. M.C.C. Internship Fund	250
11. Historical Committee	1,000
12. Conference Pastor	40,000
13. ONE Voice	<u>3,000</u>
Total Budget	136,750

The following First Reading material was presented by the Credentials Committee (changes are found in bold type):

**Resolved**, that the following material be adopted as First Reading:

**Whereas**, the Committee on Credentials has been placing ministers in differing categories to determine their eligibility as voting members of Annual Conference, and

**Whereas**, one of the categories used does not appear in the *F&O*, and

**Whereas**, there has been confusion as to who is eligible to be a voting member of Annual Conference, and

**Whereas**, there have been men in certain Advisory member categories for an indefinite period of time, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the following replace Article 512-11.3 in the *F&O* (changes in bold)

### 512-11.3 Categories of Ministry

All ordained men who hold Ordination Credentials with the BFC shall be members in good standing in a Particular BFC and shall subscribe annually to the *F&O*.

The categories of ministry are as follows:

- (1) Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the BFC
- (2) Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the BFC
- (3) Ordained Ministers Working in **(omit: the Military)** Chaplaincy Ministries Under the Sponsorship of the BFC. The BFC qualifies to have men with its ministerial credentials to serve under the U.S. Armed Forces Chaplains Board under the endorsement of the National Conference of Ministry to the Armed Forces; as well as other Chaplain ministries such as the prison and hospital. Applications for such ministries shall be made through the Credentials Committee.
- (4) Ordained Ministers in Retirement. These are men who have retired under the provisions of Section 503. **A minister must serve a minimum of five years (cumulative) as an ordained minister in the BFC and be under the care of the Credentials Committee at retirement to be a member of Annual Conference as a “Minister in Retirement.”**
- (5) **Ordained Ministers Between Calls.** When a minister leaves his church or ministry without a call to another Bible Fellowship Church, he may be placed in either the “Between Calls” or “Leave of Absence” category, as determined by the Credentials Committee. **A Minister who is in the “Between Calls” category is one who is presently seeking a call from a Bible Fellowship Church. He may remain in this category for a maximum of two**

- years. A written request for an extension will be reviewed and may be granted by the Credentials Committee.
- (6) Ordained Minister on Leave of Absence. (Omit present statement and replace with): **A minister who is in the “Leave of Absence” category is not currently open to receiving a call from a Bible Fellowship Church. He may remain in this category for a maximum of two years. A written request for an extension will be reviewed and may be granted by the Credentials Committee. The combination of “Leave of Absence” and “Between Calls” in any consecutive period shall not exceed five years total, except under unusual circumstances as determined by the Credentials Committee.**
- (7) **Ordained Inactive Ministers. A minister who has exhausted his stay in the “Between Calls” and/or “Leave of Absence” categories will be placed in the “Ordained Inactive Ministers” category. He may remain in this category for a period not to exceed ten years of which time spent in the “Between Calls” and/or “Leave of Absence” categories is counted. At the end of ten years he loses his credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church. If he wishes to return to active ministry within the BFC, he must reapply to the Ministerial Candidate Committee.**

**NOTE:** Present article 512-11.3 (5) – “Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries” is eliminated.

[FIRST READING]

**Whereas**, the MRF annuity rate for 2006 is \$213 per year of service, and

**Whereas**, partial cost-of-living adjustments are part of the long-term phase out strategy of the MRF, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the MRF annuity rate for calendar year 2007 be \$215 per year of service.



Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference **for Calendar Year 2007**

**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 2007 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."

**Report on the Committee on Statistics** (see page 239)

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

**Report on the Committee on Auditing**

The Committee on Auditing has reviewed the financial reports of Conference Agencies and Boards. All reports were found to be in compliance with Article 511-2.1 of the *Faith & Order* of the Bible Fellowship Church.

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

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Relations Committee has reported establishment of ten pastorates, therefore be it

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

**Whereas**, Pastors John C. Vandegriff, Jr. and Ronald C. Erb have resigned from their positions of ministry, 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, and be it further,

**Resolved**, that we praise God for Ron C. Erb's current ministry at Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church.

**Whereas**, Gerald D. Clark and Donald E. Kuntzman were approved for ordination, and

**Whereas**, Robert K. Fields was approved to have his prior 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**, the Boards and Committees of the BFC have labored diligently during this past year, and

**Whereas**, they have reported faithfully to the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we recognize their service and ask God to give them strength for the coming year.

**Whereas**, BFC Homes Inc., Pinebrook Bible Conference, and Victory Valley Camp continue to provide services that meet the needs of people at their respective campuses, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for the leadership and consistent progress He has provided.

**Whereas**, David E. Gundrum has been ratified by the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference as the Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries for a term of three years, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we pray to our sovereign God to grant David E. Gundrum wisdom, direction and strength as he continues to serve the Lord expanding the borders of the Bible Fellowship Church.

**Whereas**, Mark L. Morrison was called as Assistant Director of Church Extension Ministries, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we pray that God would provide the finances for the support of Brother Morrison, and further be it

**Resolved**, that we pray that our sovereign Lord would grant Mark L. Morrison wisdom, direction and strength as he serves at his new ministry.

**Whereas**, the Bible Fellowship Church seeks to become an expanding fellowship of churches, and

**Whereas**, the Lord has sovereignly given a plan for the development of the vision of Church Extension Ministries; “Missions Here and Now!”, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for the vision and ministry of Church Extension Ministries, and pray that each church may prayerfully consider partnering with Church Extension Ministries to carry out the “Mission Here and Now!” plan of Church Extension Ministries.

**Whereas**, the Lord is sovereignly working in establishing His witness within Fellowship Community, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for the reception into membership of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Fellowship Community Church as a Particular Church, and further

**Resolved**, that the members of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, encourage each of our churches to continue to pray diligently for the success of this new church.

**Whereas**, Dana E. Weller has been ratified by the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference as the Director of the Board of Missions for a three year term, be it

**Resolved**, that we continue to pray God to grant Dana E. Weller wisdom, direction and strength as he continues to serve the Lord in the Bible Fellowship Church.

**Whereas**, in the providence of God, resolution has been made in the disposition of the lawsuit in Holmes, NY, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we praise God for His kindness, and be it further  
**Resolved**, that we pray that all parties involved would experience  
 God's love and care, and be it further  
**Resolved**, that we prayerfully encourage Faith Bible Fellowship  
 Church, Holmes, NY in its future ministry.

**Whereas**, Pastor Marcos G. Ramirez Montalvo has traveled from  
 the city of Merida, in Mexico, to bring greetings from Iglesia  
 Biblica La Roca, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for what He is doing in the  
 Yucatan Peninsula, and further

**Resolved**, that the Members of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference pray  
 to our Lord for direction and guidance in regards to how the  
 Bible Fellowship Church can connect with Iglesia Biblica La  
 Roca de Merida.

**Whereas**, it has pleased God to call to Himself our dear Brothers  
 and longtime Elders and Delegates from Hatfield, Lee E.  
 Boyles; from Harrisburg, Paul T. Rutman; from Stroudsburg,  
 Sal Roseti; and from Saucon Valley, Philip J. Mitchell, and

**Whereas**, Lee E. Boyles served faithfully on the Pinebrook Bible  
 Conference Board since its inception, Paul T. Rutman served  
 faithfully for many years on the Board of Communications, Sal  
 Roseti served faithfully on the Elder board of Mt. Pocono Bible  
 Fellowship Church early in the development of this church, and  
 Philip J. Mitchell served faithfully as a key part of the  
 administrative team for Saucon Valley Bible Fellowship  
 Church, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we give thanks to the Lord for these men of God  
 whose gracious lives and service to Annual Conference and its  
 committees exemplified lives dedicated to giving God all the  
 glory.

**Whereas**, since our last Annual Conference, the Lord saw fit to call  
 home to Glory our sister Cordelia Dunn, wife of retired pastor  
 John Dunn, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for her life, and pray for God's  
 comfort for her loved ones.

**Whereas**, our brother William H. Bartron was not able to attend

Annual Conference due to his battle with cancer, therefore be it **Resolved**, that we pray for God's leading and guidance for the Lord to open new opportunities for William H. Bartron to glorify his God in his situation, and further

**Resolved**, that we pray for the Lord to bestow wisdom on him needed to make decisions related to his future care and treatment.

**Whereas**, the Mount Pocono, Ephrata, Paradise, Shamokin, Holmes, and Cottrell Corners churches are in need of a pastor, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we pray for wisdom and guidance for each church in their pastoral search and further,

**Resolved**, that we pray that God would raise up new pastors and elders from our own denomination who are qualified to serve in our churches.

**Whereas**, the Board of Youth and Young Adults has recommended the establishment of the position of Conference Youth Pastor, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we beseech the Lord for His will as we pursue His direction.

**Whereas**, 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 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we note with thanksgiving the helpful service of those who have labored to care for us.

**Whereas**, Headpage, Raymond L. Cole, Assistant Head Page, Daniel L. Williams, and pages Mark E. Barninger, Raymond R. Bertolet, Steven J. DelDuco, Scott B. Evans, Glen R. Felty, Joshua P. Gibson, Robert W. Green, Ferdie R. Madara, Thomas H. Morrison, Stephen J. Morton, David S. Mumma, Carlos G. Rodriguez, David K. Schlonecker, and Colby A. Weinhofer have humbly, readily and cheerfully enabled the work of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference to function smoothly, therefore be it

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

**Whereas**, Daniel P. Allen, Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., and Kenneth D. Keeler have served Annual Conference as our devotional speakers, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we give thanks to the Lord for their gift of wisdom and their insight into His Word, and be it further

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

**Whereas**, the study committees spent a great deal of time and effort to research their given topics, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for their faithful work.

**Whereas**, Richard T. Paashaus has served the Annual Conference as Worship Leader and was ably assisted by several others, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we give thanks to the Lord for their leading us in worship of our great God.

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

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

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

**Whereas**, Randall A. Grossman has served outstandingly as Chairman of the 123<sup>rd</sup> 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 report be accepted.

L. James Roberts, Jr. addressed the Conference and noted the faithfulness of Horace A. Kauffman, 52 years, and Robert W. Gehret, 54 years, of consecutive attendance and service at Annual Conference. The Conference members responded with a standing ovation.

The Chairman made the following appointments:

**Registrar:**

J. Mark McCreary

**Assistant Registrar:**

Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.

**Agenda and Program Committee:**

David A. Thomann (Chairman), Randall A. Grossman,  
Calvin T. Reed, Michael J. Tannous, Philip E. Yerrington,  
Thomas P. Shorb

**Arrangements Committee:**

David A. Thomann (Chairman); Daniel P. Allen, J. Mark  
McCreary, Thomas P. Shorb, Randall A. Grossman

**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, C. Larry  
Bennett, Ronald C. Erb, Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Allan R.  
Vivona.

The corporate and official denominational address will be: 3000 Fellowship Drive Whitehall, PA, 18052. The Secretary of the Conference Judiciary is Gregory A. Uhrich. The Secretary of the Appellate Division of the Conference Judiciary is David J. Watkins.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM with William G. Schlonecker, acting Vice Chairman, closing the sessions in prayer.



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## *Report of the Committee on Arrangements*

The Committee on Arrangements for the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference met twice during the Conference year in fulfillment of its mandate. The purpose of the committee continues to be to review the mechanics and efficiency of each conference as well as assisting in providing hospitality. Any suggestions on what can be done to accomplish the above are graciously received.

The committee successfully organized and oversaw the mechanics of the Adjourned Session of Annual Conference held at Calvary BFC, Sinking Spring.

Orientation material has been placed in the beginning of the Report Book. This material should be reviewed by each member of Annual Conference.

The Overseer of the Pages for the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference is Louis Curcio, Assistant Pastor, Hatfield, PA, and the Head Page is Raymond L. Cole, Youth Pastor, Newark, DE.

The Committee has taken it upon itself to remind the Chairman of Annual Conference to establish a committee to review the BPLs every seven years as was resolved by the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference (*Yearbook*, 38).

### Recommendations

1. **Resolved**, that the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, PA, April 23-25 2007 beginning at 10:00 AM on Monday.
2. **Resolved**, that all Study Committees, Committees and Agencies have their reports sent to the designated distribution point, 12 Pinebrook Road, E. Stroudsburg, PA, 18301 or ebfc@ptd.net, by March 1, 2007.

Committee on Arrangements for 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference: David A. Thomann, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Secretary; Clifford B. Boone, Randall A. Grossman, J. Mark McCreary, Thomas P. Shorb

## *Report of the Committee on Credentials*

The Committee on Credentials held four meetings during the year in the performance of its duties. The *F&O* questionnaire was sent to each of the ministers holding Ordination Credentials with the BFC. All of the brethren returned their questionnaires except: Arthur H. Frable, 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 Committee conducted an Ordination Service on June 2, 2005 to recognize and approve brethren entering the ministry. This is an important occasion to show love and support of those called of God to minister alongside us as brothers. We are grateful for those who were present. However, we were disappointed in the many that were not there and we want to strongly encourage all our Credentialed men to make Ordination Services a priority. Please put these services on your calendars and affirm these brothers in the Lord's call on their lives.

The following changes in status were approved:

Paul G. Zimmerman was changed from Ordained Ministers Under the Direction of the Board of Missions to Ordained Ministers in Retirement.

James R. Batchler was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers in Retirement.

Steven L. Trommler was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence.

Terris L. Byrd was changed from Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence to Ordained Ministers in Retirement.

Kenneth F. Barber was changed from Ordained Ministers in Retirement to Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church.

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

Dennis W. Spinney was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Robert S. Commerford was changed from Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

John C. Vandegriff, Jr. was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

Harold D. Yarrington's credentials were removed due to no response from him regarding the *Faith & Order* Questionnaire and inability to contact him for several years.

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

1. **Whereas**, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Gerald D. Clark and Donald E. Kuntzman, and

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended prior ordination recognition for Robert K Fields, and

**Whereas**, these brethren have served acceptably as ministers of the BFC 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 *F&O* of the BFC, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that Gerald D. Clark and Donald E. Kuntzman be ordained to the gospel ministry of the BFC, and further

**Resolved** that the prior ordination of Robert K Fields to the gospel ministry be recognized by the BFC, and further

**Resolved**, that the service of ordination be held Monday, May 22, 2006 at 7:30 PM at Cedar Crest BF Church.

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 BFC

Allen, Daniel P.	Miller, Alan G.
Allen, David T.	Morrison, Mark L.
Arnold, Jonathon W.	North, Eric R.
Baker, Delbert R. II.	Paashaus, Richard T.
Barber, Kenneth F.	Prontnicki, Louis
Bennett, C. Larry	Ramos, Elliot H.
Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr.	Ravis, Richard B.
Boone, Clifford B.	Reed, Calvin T.
Brush, R. Jerome	Ritter, Ralph E.
Cahill, Dennis M.	Schlonecker, William G.
Clapier, G. Wayne	Schoen, David N.
*Clark, Gerald D.	Shorb, Thomas P.
Clineff, Kevin W.	Simpson, Arthur J., Jr.
Cole, Charles E.	Sloan, Robert A. Jr.
Cooper, Brian H.	Smith, Gene W.
Cowen, Timothy S.	Soper, Ralph M.
Crossgrove, Andrew T.	Spackman, Carl K.
Curcio, Louis S.	Spinney, Dennis W.
Dommel, Albert J.	Stortz, Dean A.
Dowling, Willis I.	Susek, Jacob, J., Jr.
Erb, Ronald C.	Tannous, Michael J.
*Fields, Robert K.	Taylor, Richard E.
Fischer, Carl J. Jr.	Thomann, David A.
Grossman, Randall A.	Uhrich, Gregory A.
Gundrum, David E.	Vivona, Alan R.
Harris, Richard D.	Way, David R.
Heller, LeRoy S.	Weller, Dana E.
Johnson, Robert A.	Wells, Howard N.
Keeler, Kenneth D.	Wickstead, James A.
Kirkpatrick, Kevin W.	Widger, Byron
*Kuntzman, Donald E.	Yerrington, Philip E.
Mahurin, Ronald C.	

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

## II. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the BFC:

Aukamp, William A.	Morrison, Philip E.
Denlinger, Ronald K.	Moyer, Duane E.
Dunn, William J.	Moyer, Jerry L.
Head, Jim D.	Pollock, Thomas A.
Johnston, Walter M.	Riddell, David W.
Manney, David L.	Studenroth, John C.

## III. Ordained Ministers Working in the Chaplaincy Under the Sponsorship of the BFC:

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

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

Lawrence, Dennis J.  
 Lea, Herbert K.  
 Martin, Carl T.

## V. Ordained Ministers Between Calls:

Bartron, William H.  
 Commerford, Robert S.  
 Harding, W. Neil, Jr.  
 McCreary, J. Mark  
 Reitz, Roger L.  
 Tait, Jonathan P.  
 Vandegriff, John C. Jr.

## VI. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence:

Ellwanger, Donald R.  
 Frable, Arthur H. Jr.  
 MacMillan, Thomas S.  
 Ruhl, Jeffrey L.  
 Trommler, Steven L.

## VII. Ordained Ministers in Retirement:

Batchler, James R. Jr.	Herb, George E.
Beil, James A.	Herb, John H.
Bigley, T. James Jr.	Hertzog, Roy A.
Brosius, Bert N.	Hoyle, Ronald W.
Buck, Leonard E.	Kirkwood, Donald T.
Byrd, Terris L.	Koch, James G.
Cassel, Alva C.	Minsky, Barry J.
Cassel, Carl C.	Moyer, Edward
Cassel, Willard E.	Munyan, Edgar H.
Coulbourn, Hugh C. Jr.	Phillips, D. Thomas
Dotts, Raymond R.	Plows, Keith E.
Draper, Robert L.	Reichenbach, R. C.
Dunn, John	Riggall, John H.
Ellingson, Bruce A.	Seifert, A. L.
Frank, Walter H.	Shelly, Austin G.
Fritz, Harvey J., Jr.	Smock, Robert W.
Gehman, Richard J.	Thomann, David E.
Gordon, Robert N.	Watkins, David J.
Harley, J. Barclay	Weaber, Harold C.
Hartman, Jansen E.	Ziegler, Daniel G.
Herb, Frank L. Jr.	Zimmerman, Paul G.

Credentials Committee makes the following additional recommendations:



2. **Whereas**, we believe attending Annual Conference is vital to helping maintain unity in the BFC and that it is to be a high priority for all voting BFC pastors to be present, and

**Whereas**, we only meet once a year, excuses should be of an emergency nature such as sicknesses, deaths or funerals, therefore be it

**Resolved**, all excuses will be reviewed by the Credentials Committee as to their acceptance. Men with invalid excuses may be asked to meet with the Committee, and further

**Resolved**, all excuses are to be received no later than two weeks before Annual Conference and sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee as per the *F&O* §506-6 (2).

The Credentials Committee brings the following legislation to Annual Conference:

**Resolved**, that the following material be adopted as First Reading:

**Whereas**, the Committee on Credentials has been placing ministers in differing categories to determine their eligibility as voting members of Annual Conference, and

**Whereas**, one of the categories used does not appear in the *F&O*, and

**Whereas**, there has been confusion as to who is eligible to be a voting member of Annual Conference, and

**Whereas**, there have been men in certain Advisory member categories for an indefinite period of time, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the following replace Article 512-11.3 in the *F&O* (changes in bold)

#### 512-11.3 Categories of Ministry

All ordained men who hold Ordination Credentials with the BFC shall be members in good standing in a Particular BFC and shall subscribe annually to the *F&O*.

The categories of ministry are as follows:

- (1) Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the BFC
- (2) Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Board of Missions of the BFC
- (3) Ordained Ministers Working in (**omit: the Military**) Chaplaincy Ministries Under the Sponsorship of the BFC. The BFC qualifies to have men with its ministerial credentials to serve under the U.S. Armed Forces Chaplains Board under the endorsement of the National Conference of Ministry to the Armed Forces; as well as other Chaplain ministries such as the prison and hospital. Applications for such ministries shall be made through the Credentials Committee.
- (4) Ordained Ministers in Retirement. These are men who have retired under the provisions of Section 503. **A minister must serve a minimum of five years (cumulative) as an ordained minister in the BFC and be under the care of the Credentials Committee at retirement to be a member of Annual Conference as a “Minister in Retirement.”**
- (5) **Ordained Ministers Between Calls. When a minister leaves his church or ministry without a call to another Bible Fellowship Church, he may be placed in either the “Between Calls” or “Leave of Absence” category, as determined by the Credentials Committee. A Minister who is in the “Between Calls” category is one who is presently seeking a call from a Bible Fellowship Church. He may remain in this category for a maximum of two years. A written request for an extension will be reviewed and may be granted by the Credentials Committee.**
- (6) Ordained Minister on Leave of Absence. (Omit present statement and replace with): **A minister who is in the “Leave of Absence” category is not currently open to receiving a call from a Bible Fellowship Church. He may remain in this category for a maximum of two years. A**

written request for an extension will be reviewed and may be granted by the Credentials Committee. The combination of “Leave of Absence” and “Between Calls” in any consecutive period shall not exceed five years total, except under unusual circumstances as determined by the Credentials Committee.

- (7) **Ordained Inactive Ministers.** A minister who has exhausted his stay in the “Between Calls” and/or “Leave of Absence” categories will be placed in the “Ordained Inactive Ministers” category. He may remain in this category for a period not to exceed ten years of which time spent in the “Between Calls” and/or “Leave of Absence” categories is counted. At the end of ten years he loses his credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church. If he wishes to return to active ministry within the BFC, he must reapply to the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

**NOTE:** Present article 512-11.3 (5) – “Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries” is eliminated.

4. **Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held Monday, May 21, 2007, at a place to be determined.
5. **Resolved**, that Cornerstone BF Church, Clinton Corners, NY, Calvary BF Church, Coopersburg, PA and Ebenezer BF Church, Bethlehem, PA, be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordination of Gerald D. Clark and Donald E. Kuntzman and prior ordination of Robert K. Fields respectively and that they be encouraged to invite the Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at the service.

**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 met 12 times since the completion of its last report.

Seventeen men were interviewed: Davis E. Duggins, Aaron J. Susek, Stephen T. Roth, J. David Miklas, Steven J. DelDuco, Carlos G. Rodriguez, Donald E. Kuntzman, Robert A. Perrone, Mark A. Baumgardner, Ferdie R. Madara, Daniel L. Williams, David E. Brandt, Robert K. Fields, Gerald D. Clark, James D. Crosley, Shad A. Gilbert, and Alphaus D. Stoltzfus.

Robert K. Fields was recommended to be examined for recognition of prior ordination.

Donald E. Kuntzman and Gerald D. Clark were recommended for examination for ordination.

The following men were approved as probationers eligible to receive a call: Thomas H. Morrison, Davis E. Duggins, Mark E. Barninger, Glenn R. Felty, Frank E. Lenahan, Raymond R. Bertolet, Robert B. Kramer, Daniel L. Williams, David E. Brandt and Steven J. DelDuco.

The following men were issued licenses: Mark E. Barninger, Davis E. Duggins, Glenn R. Felty, Thomas H. Morrison, Frank E. Lenahan, and Raymond R. Bertolet.

The Committee made changes in its testing procedures. The Order Exam is no longer being given. The Annual Seminar now includes a session to familiarize new men with our procedures.

We note with regret the resignation of Delbert R. Baker, II, and Brian H. Cooper's decision not to serve another term. We have appreciated their ministry and input in this important work. Both have felt the increasing demands of their church ministry and believed it was wise to step aside at this point. We are grateful to Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., for his willingness to fill the unexpired term of Bert Baker.

**Resolved,** that the list of men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee as of February 28, 2006, be as follows:

### Probationers

Mark E. Barninger (2005) . . . . . Harrisburg, PA  
 Raymond R. Bertolet (2005) . . . . . Millsboro, DE  
 Timothy J. Bertolet (2004) . . . . . Lebanon, PA  
 David E. Brandt . . . . . South Hamilton, MA  
 Gerald D. Clark (2002) . . . . . Stanfordville, NY  
 Steven J. DelDuco . . . . . Reading, PA  
 Davis E. Duggins (2005) . . . . . Stroudsburg, PA  
 Scott B. Evans (2005) . . . . . Oley, PA  
 Glenn R. Felty (2005) . . . . . Allentown, PA  
 Robert K. Fields (2004) . . . . . Bethlehem, PA  
 Jonathan D. Forsythe . . . . . Lancaster, PA  
 Ronald L. Kohl (2004) . . . . . Quakertown, PA  
 Robert B. Kramer . . . . . Bethlehem, PA  
 Donald E. Kuntzman (2003) . . . . . Center Valley, PA  
 Frank E. Lenahan (2005) . . . . . Cape May Court House, NJ  
 Thomas H. Morrison (2005) . . . . . Las Cruces, NM  
 Philip G. Norris (2004) . . . . . Mt. Carmel, PA  
 David W. Peters (2004) . . . . . Killeen, TX  
 Timothy J. Schmoyer (2004) . . . . . Dover, DE  
 Daniel L. Williams (2006) . . . . . Parkside, PA  
 (year of licensing in parenthesis)

### Candidates

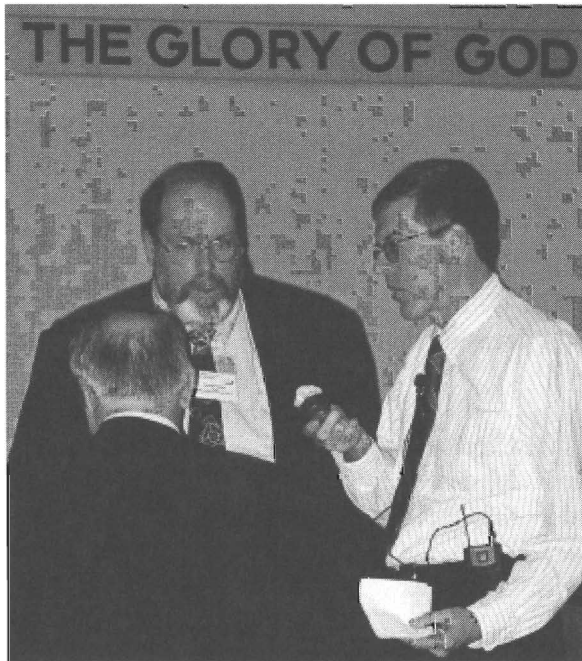
James D. Crosley . . . . . Emmaus, PA  
 Ferdie R. Madara . . . . . Benton, PA  
 David K. Schlonecker . . . . . Emmaus, PA  
 Aaron J. Susek . . . . . Royersford, PA  
 Colby A. Weinhofer . . . . . Akron, PA

### Applicants

Timothy G. Clark . . . . . Jenkintown, PA  
 Raymond L. Cole . . . . . Newark, DE  
 John C. Elias . . . . . Bethlehem, PA  
 Shaun C. Fink . . . . . Millsboro, DE  
 Shad A. Gilbert . . . . . Stockertown, PA

Troy S. Good . . . . . Boyertown, PA  
Robert W. Green . . . . . Newark, DE  
Peter J. Gunderson . . . . . Spring City, PA  
Fred J. Hoffman . . . . . Lewisburg, PA  
Jonathan H. King . . . . . Schnecksville, PA  
Carlos G. Rodriguez . . . . . Reading, PA  
Andrew Stapleton . . . . . Grove City, PA

**Ministerial Candidate Committee:** Calvin T. Reed, Chairman;  
Richard E. Taylor, Secretary; David E. Gundrum, Brian H.  
Cooper and Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.



*Caucus - to the glory of God!*

## *Report of the Board of Directors of BFC*

The Board of Directors of the BFC held four regular meetings 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, Board of Church Extension and churches.

After experiencing decline in membership and finances for a considerable period of time the membership of Calvary BFC of Scranton voted to dissolve as a church during this conference year. The Board of Directors and the Delegate of the church are working together to carry out the sale of real estate deeded to the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church.

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 legal suit against BFC and others, filed in Dutchess County, NY, almost three years ago was settled during the year, and the Board of Directors borrowed money from Quakertown National Bank to fund the settlement. This money will be reimbursed to BFC by the Holmes Church upon the sale of property owned by that Church, which is under agreement of sale at the time of this report. Settlement will likely take place before the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference.

In Summer of 2004, it was necessary for the Board of Directors to borrow \$23,000 from the Real Estate Fund as an emergency measure to satisfy a financial shortfall experience by the "One Voice" event. As mandated by regulations adopted by Annual Conference, the Real Estate Fund was fully reimbursed for these borrowed funds. The debt was reduced in 2005 by contributions

from churches and individuals. The remaining \$8,749.77 debt to the General Fund will be liquidated through the Conference Administrative budget over the next three years.

All funds are deposited in Wachovia Bank. Accounts were reviewed by Linda K. Yuill.

We recommend that the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference adopt the following:

1. **Resolved**, that the rate of mileage reimbursement for conference business conducted in 2006 be 27¢ per mile, effective May 1, 2006.
2. **Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 be adopted.
3. **Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 be approved for submission to the churches for their pledges.

Pledges for the 2007 Administrative Budget shall be received by the Financial Secretary by September 1, 2006.

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

**Bible Fellowship Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
December 31, 2005

Assets

Current Assets

Cash

General Fund	34,309.26
Ministers' Assistant Fund	6,001.19
Church Assistance Fund	6,337.41
Pastoral Intern. Fund	6,903.39



Special Projects Fund	<u>170,261.53</u>	
Total Cash		223,812.78
Accounts Receivable - One Voice		<u>8,749.77</u>
Total Current Assets		232,562.55
Fixed Assets		
R. Est. – Pinebrook Conference	435,268.08	
R. Est. – Victory Valley	<u>111,877.01</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		<u>547,145.09</u>
Total Assets		<u>779,707.64</u>
Liabilities		
Prepayments		
Note - Quakertown Nat'l Bank		<u>100,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>100,000.00</u>
Net Worth		<u>679,707.64</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Worth		<u>779,707.64</u>

### General Fund Statement of Income

December 31, 2005

Income		
Administrative Budget	120,546.23	
Contributions, Special	11,452.08	
Special Projects Fund	190,261.53	
Interest	<u>3,012.99</u>	
Total Income		325,272.83
Expenses		
Special Projects Fund		30,000.00
An. Conference Entertainment		6,548.00
An. Conference Expense (Arrange Com)		3,505.12
Beneficiary Fund		500.00
Conference Pastor		38,600.00
Historical Committee		1,000.00
Ministers' Retirement Fund		57,000.00
Board of Communications		5,000.00
Ministerial Convention Exp.		1,000.00
Expenses of Committees		
Com to Exam Church Min.	131.41	
Credentials Committee	1,111.20	
Ministerial Candidate Com.	2,319.73	
Ministerial Relations Com.	412.23	
Nominating Committee	22.85	
Statistical Committee	122.16	
Study Com.: Divorce Pastor	257.68	
Study Com.: Weak/Declining Ch	1,156.73	
Study Com.: Millennium	923.51	
Conference Agenda & Program	214.29	
Study Com.: Role of Women	257.68	

Strategic Planning Com.	<u>530.64</u>	
Total Committee Expense		7,460.11
Chaplaincy Expense		934.14
Board of Directors' Expenses		3,665.41
Holmes Settlement Costs		145,008.84
Interest on Quakertown N. B.		<u>3,815.35</u>
Total Expenses		<u>304,036.97</u>
Gain or (Loss)		21,135.86

### Real Estate Fund Balance

December 31, 2005

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Cash	142,501.06	
Accounts Receivable		
Notes		
Bayshore, NJ	40,000.00	
Brooklyn, NY	57,750.00	
Cape May Co., NJ	44,919.99	
Lewes, DE	175,000.00	
Newark, NJ	13,809.83	
Ocean Co., NJ (06/05)	48,476.37	
Thompson, CN	39,450.07	
Mortgage		
Beraca Church	<u>63,517.70</u>	
Total Current Assets		625,425.02

##### Fixed Assets - Real Estate

Brooklyn, NY	207,750.00	
Cape May Co., NJ	35,606.51	
Howell, NJ	146,146.00	
Holmes, NY	78,311.00	
Ocean Co., NJ - Parsonage	126,985.70	
Ocean Co., NJ - Church	175,000.00	
C.E. Parsonage	178,193.04	
Thompson, CN	<u>132,427.00</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		<u>1,080,419.25</u>
Total Assets		<u>1,705,844.27</u>

#### 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	<u>103,423.00</u>	
Total Liabilities		402,269.37

Trust Funds		
Brooklyn, NY	67,750.00	
Cape May Co., NJ	35,606.51	
Howell, NJ	101,959.30	
Holmes, NY	78,311.00	
Ocean Co., NJ	150,086.33	
Thompson, CN	<u>66,243.70</u>	
Total Funds Held in Trust		499,956.84
Net Worth		<u>803,618.06</u>
Total Liabilities, Net Worth & Trust Funds		1,705,844.27

### Real Estate Fund Income Statement

December 31, 2005

Income		
Interest Received	<u>10,045.84</u>	
Total Income		10,045.84
Expenses		
Property Investigations	<u>239.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>239.00</u>
Gain or (Loss)		9,806.84

### 2005 Church Giving

Church	Budget <u>Pledge</u>	Given for <u>Budget</u>
Allentown, PA, CC	7,420	7,420
Allentown, PA, Lighthouse	240	0
Bethlehem, PA	2,129	2,129
Blandon, PA	2,000	2,000
Brooklyn, NY	50	0
Camden, DE	500	500
Clinton Corners, NY	100	200
Coopersburg, PA	6,000	6,000
Denville, NJ	175	0
Emmaus, PA	9,044	9,044
Ephrata, PA	6,285	6,285
Finesville, NJ	900	900
Fleetwood, PA	600	650
Graterford, PA	2,500	2,400
Harleysville, PA	4,300	4,300
Harrisburg, PA	3,850	3,850
Hatfield, PA	4,250	4,250
Holmes, NY	600	0
Howell, NJ	400	0
Kutztown, PA	1,322	1,322
Lancaster, PA	6,000	6,000

Church	Budget Pledge	Given for Budget
Lebanon, PA	2,900	2,900
Lehighton, PA	670	1,329
Maple Glen, PA	600	600
Mt. Carmel, PA	1,320	1,320
Mt. Pocono, PA	2,000	2,000
Nazareth, PA	2,900	2,900
Newark, DE	1,400	1,400
Newark, NJ	1,150	1,150
Old Bridge, NJ	400	0
Oley, PA	4,584	4,584
Paradise, PA	800	800
Phila. Wissinoming, PA	657	657
Piscataway, NJ	1,010	1,010
Poughquag, NY	1,525	1,649
Quakertown, PA	5,800	5,800
Reading, PA	3,250	3,250
Red Hill, PA	475	900
Royersford, PA	1,800	1,800
Scranton, PA	0	0
Shamokin, PA	0	0
Sinking Spring, PA	4,000	3,996
Spring City, PA	100	100
Stroudsburg, PA	2,500	2,500
Sunbury, PA	3,700	3,700
Terre Hill, PA	600	600
Thompson, CT	350	350
Toms River, NJ	250	250
Wallingford, PA	5,600	5,600
Walnutport, PA	200	0
Whitehall, PA	225	225
York, PA	2,000	2,022
Zionsville, PA	500	500
Bd. of Church Extension	250	250
BFC Homes, Inc.	1,375	1,375
Bd. Missions	2,100	2,100
Pinebrook Bible Conference	1,100	0
Brotherhood Mutual	9,000	10,584
Totals	125,756	125,451

### Pledges to the Administrative Budget

Church	2005 Pledge	2006 Pledge
Allentown, PA, CC	7,420	7,650
Allentown, PA, Lighthouse	240	0
Bethlehem	2,129	2,215
Blandon, PA	2,000	2,160
Brooklyn, NY	50	0
Camden, DE	500	500
Clinton Corners, NY	100	200
Coopersburg, PA	6,000	6,350
Denville, NJ	175	175
Emmaus, PA	9,044	8,044
Ephrata, PA	6,285	6,285
Fellowship Community	0	100
Finesville, NJ	900	1,000
Fleetwood, PA	600	500
Graterford, PA	2,500	2,400
Harleysville, PA	4,300	4,300
Harrisburg, PA	3,850	4,158
Hatfield, PA	4,250	4,500
Holmes, NY	600	250
Howell, NJ	400	400
Kutztown, PA	1,322	1,428
Lancaster, PA	6,000	6,000
Lebanon, PA	2,900	2,900
Lehighon, PA	670	740
Long Neck, DE	500	250
Maple Glen, PA	600	600
Mt. Carmel, PA	1,320	1,380
Mt. Pocono, PA	2,000	2,200
Nazareth, PA	2,900	2,900
Newark, DE	1,400	1,500
Newark, NJ	1,150	1,150
Old Bridge, NJ	0	0
Oley, PA	4,584	4,951
Paradise	500	800
Phila. Wissinom'g, PA	657	660
Piscataway, NJ	1,010	1,200
Poughquag, NY	1,525	1,700
Quakertown, PA	5,800	6,000
Reading, PA	3,250	3,300
Red Hill, PA	475	475
Royersford, PA	1,800	2,000
Shamokin, PA	0	0
Sinking Spring, PA	4,000	4,400
Spring City, PA	100	100
Stroudsburg, PA	2,500	
Sunbury, PA	3,700	3,931
Terre Hill, PA	600	650

Church	2005	2006
	<u>Pledge</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Thompson, CT	350	380
Toms River, NJ	250	250
Wallingford, PA	5,600	5,700
Walnutport, PA	200	216
Whitehall, PA	225	
York, PA	2,000	2,000
Zionsville, PA	500	540
BFC Homes, Inc.	1,375	1,500
Bd. Church Extension	250	250
Bd. of Missions	2,100	2,300
Pinebrook Bible Conference	1,100	1,188
Brotherhood Mutual	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
Totals	125,556	117,751
Proposed Budget		132,850
% of Budget Pledged		88.6

### Administrative Budgets

	Proposed	Revised	Proposed
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
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	60,000	60,000	63,000
5. Annual Conference			
a. Conference Entertainment	7,000	7,000	7,000
b. Conference Expense	4,100	4,100	4,100
6. Fund to Assist Churches	100	100	100
7. Board of Communications	5,000	5,000	5,000
8. Expenses of Committees			
a. Chaplaincy Expenses	700	700	700
b. All other Expenses	6,000	8,000	8,000
9. Expenses, Board of Directors	5,000	3,000	3,000
10. M.C.C. Internship Fund	250	250	250
11. Historical Committee	1,000	1,000	1,000
12. Conference Pastor	38,600	40,000	40,000
13. ONE Voice	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Total Budget	132,850	133,250	136,250
% of previous budget	108.0	108.3	102.3

## *Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee*

The Lord continues to graciously provide for and oversee His flocks in the BFC. We are grateful for the privilege to have a part in overseeing the pulpit supply procedures during the year. The committee appreciates the manner in which pastors, elders, and congregations conduct their business in conjunction with the Ministerial Relations Committee. The full committee met four times since the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference. In addition to these meetings, numerous other meetings took place with pastors, congregations and committee members to provide information, guidance and support. We pray regularly for congregations seeking a pastor, for the men eligible to receive a call and for particular issues that they are facing.

We were saddened with the passing of our dear brother, Lee E. Boyles who served the Lord on this Committee for many years, but also rejoice that he is with the Lord. We were glad to appoint Steve Kauffman, an elder from our Harleysville church, to fill Lee's vacancy. We also want to thank a brother from the Blandon church who provided Ronald C. Mahurin with a much-needed laptop computer. This year we also started sending information from our regular meetings informing Annual Conference of resignations and pulpit vacancies.

The following resignations were received according to the rules of our Faith and Order this year:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Paradise, PA	Mark Baumgardner	July 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2005
Old Bridge, NJ	John C. Vandegriff, Jr.	February 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2006
Mt. Pocono, PA	Ronald C. Erb	May 31, 2005

The following pastorates were established according to the rules of our Faith and Order this year:

<b><u>Church</u></b>	<b><u>Pastor</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Church Extension	Thomas H. Morrison (Las Cruces, NM, Mission Church)	May 5, 2005
Church Extension	Albert J. Dommel (Hellertown, PA, Mission Church)	May 25, 2005
Church Extension	David R. Way (Adams County, PA, Mission Church)	June 1, 2005
Church Extension	Frank E. Lenahan (Cape May County, NJ, Mission Church)	September 1, 2005
Church Extension	Raymond R. Bertolet	November 10, 2005
Cedar Crest, PA	Ronald C. Erb	June 19, 2005
Harrisburg, PA	Mark E. Barninger	July 3, 2005
Stroudsburg, PA	Davis E. Duggins	July 3, 2005
Cedar Crest, PA	Glenn R. Felty	September 25, 2005
Thompson, CT	Dennis W. Spinney	February 1, 2006
Wallingford, PA	Daniel L. Williams	February 26, 2006

The following churches are presently in the process of seeking a pastor, either a senior pastor or an addition to the pastoral staff: Ephrata, PA, Holmes, NY, Mt. Pocono, PA, Old Bridge, NJ, Paradise, PA, Shamokin, PA, Walnutport, PA. Coopersburg has suspended its search for a Sr. Pastor. They will continue to function with their existing pastoral staff.

The ministry of our Conference Pastor, Ronald C. Mahurin, continues to be a great asset to the ministering brethren. The committee is grateful for his availability to meet with men to share insights from God's Word and from his own rich experience. His counsel, prayer, guidance, and exhortations have been a source of encouragement to many pastors during this year.



The committee makes the following recommendations to the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference:

1. **Resolved**, that the recommended minimum salary for a pastor serving in the BFC for the calendar year 2007 be \$30,000. In addition to his salary, the church must provide half of the pastor's Social Security tax, parsonage and/or housing allowance, health insurance, and provision should be made for reimbursement for allowable car and professional expenses. The church must also contribute a minimum of 3% of the pastor's salary for retirement to the Ministers Annuity Fund, plus an additional 1% match if the pastor is voluntarily contributing 1%.

Note:

The above recommendation is considered the minimum. In establishing a fair and equitable salary and benefits package for the minister, consideration should be given to experience, education and the cost of living as per one's location. In some areas, a higher figure would be more equitable. Additional information for the Pastoral Relations Committee can be found in the year book. You can also contact the Reading BFC for added information.

2. **Resolved**, that the salary for the Conference Pastor be \$26,000.00, and in addition we provide \$6,200.00 for health insurance and \$7,200.00 for car and professional expenses.
3. **Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted as First Reading:

#### **Article 409 – Pastoral Change Procedure**

The orderly transition of pastoral leadership is crucial to the health of a church. As the Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ should be invoked to provide for the care of His under shepherds, the

pastors, and for the needs of His flock, the congregation. The Ministerial Relations Committee is responsible to provide guidance to both pastors and churches during this transition.

#### **409-1 Instituting the Pastoral Relationship**

**409-1.1** When a church is seeking a Pastor, the Board of Elders, chaired by the First Delegate, shall meet with representatives of the Ministerial Relations Committee to discuss the following:

- (1) Temporary pulpit supply. The Board of Elders shall provide for temporary pulpit supply on an interim basis. Pastors serving in this capacity shall be in sympathy with the *F&O* of the BFC.
- (2) Election of a pastoral search committee.
- (3) Congregational self-study, pastoral profile, and candidate search procedures.
- (4) Rules for calling a pastor.

**409-1.2** The Board of Elders shall call a congregational meeting according to our rules (see §403) in order to elect a pastoral search committee. The Board of Elders shall recommend the composition, size and election of the pastoral search committee. The committee may vary from church to church, but in all cases shall be viewed as subordinate to the Board of Elders. Under normal circumstances, the chairman of the pastoral search committee shall be an Elder.

**409-1.3** The Pastoral Search Committee shall maintain regular communication with the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee concerning progress in the pastoral search. The Ministerial Relations Committee shall seek to provide guidance and advice to the Pastoral Search Committee in its work.

**409-1.4** The Pastoral Search Committee shall seek a candidate who is fitted to the needs of the church and is or will be licensed to serve as a pastor in the BFC. If a candidate is not licensed to serve as a pastor in the BFC, he shall be referred to the Ministerial Candidate Committee. Under ordinary circumstances, the candidate must gain

final approval by regular procedures in order to be called by the church.

**409-1.5** On certain exceptional occasions, it may be necessary to expedite the procedure for issuing a call to a man who is previously ordained but not licensed by the BFC.

These circumstances are when:

- (1) geographic distance allows limited direct contact.
- (2) the demands of current ministry do not allow for the normal process.
- (3) the church applies for special consideration because of urgent circumstances.

The expedited process is as follows:

- (1) The church shall request the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee to use the expedited process. He, in consultation with the chairman of the Ministerial Candidate Committee, approves or disapproves the request.
- (2) If the request is approved, the Ministerial Candidate Committee shall interview the man. If he is approved as a candidate under our rules (see 512-13.4), he shall be given the Open Book Examination.
- (3) Upon the satisfactory completion of the Open Book Examination, the church may seek to issue a call, which is provisional.
- (4) After the provisional call is issued, the man shall complete all other examinations and requirements of the Ministerial Candidate Committee before beginning the new ministry or moving into church-provided housing.
- (5) When all examinations and requirements are satisfactorily completed, the Ministerial Candidate Committee will approve the man as a licensed probationer (see §514-13.4), effective on the date of the approval of his final examination. The Ministerial Relations Committee will recognize the provisional call as the formal call on the same date.

**409-1.6** When the Pastoral Search Committee had completed its work, it shall recommend a candidate to the Board of Elders. The Board of Elders shall conduct any other research or interviews it deems necessary, including establishing the terms of the call.

**409-1.7** When the Board of Elders is ready to present a candidate to the congregation, it shall inform the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee of the name and of the terms of the call. The purpose of this consultation is to protect the candidate, the church, and the BFC from unnecessary difficulties. The Ministerial Relations Committee shall have one week to approve or disapprove of the presentation of the candidate to the congregation.

**409-1.8** If the Ministerial Relations Committee approves the presentation of the candidate, the Board of Elders shall call a congregational meeting according to our rules (see §403) for the purpose of calling a pastor.

**409-1.9** The congregational meeting shall be led by the First Delegate or, at his request, a member of the Ministerial Relations Committee. Following the report of the pastoral search committee and/or the Board of Elders, the congregation shall vote on the question, “Are you ready to proceed to the calling of a pastor?” If a majority of members present and voting approve, a vote shall be taken to call the pastor. This vote shall be by written ballot. Absentee ballots are not allowed. The leader of the meeting shall announce the outcome of the vote and inform the congregation that the next step in the process is the approval or disapproval of the call by the Ministerial Relations Committee.

**409-1.10** The Ministerial Relations Committee shall be informed of the outcome of the vote. The purpose of this consultation is to advise the Board of Elders concerning the issuing of a call and to approve or disapprove it. If the vote is approved by a strong majority, the Elders will be advised to proceed with the issuing of a call. If the vote is not approved by a strong majority, the Elders may be advised to consider options other than issuing a call. The Ministerial Relations Committee shall have the final authority to approve or disapprove the call.

**409-1.11** Upon receiving the approval of the Ministerial Relations Committee, the Board of Elders may proceed to issue a call to the pastor as follows:

The (name) Church, of (city and state) , believing that you are well-qualified to serve as our pastor for the glory of God and our spiritual benefit, invite you, (name of candidate) to accept this call to serve as our (title of pastor) promising you all proper support, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord.

In order to provide for your needs, we promise to pay you an annual salary of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ together with additional benefits as follows; (other benefits may include parsonage use, housing, educational or professional allowances). We also will provide (number of weeks) vacation each year.

We also will pay into your Minister's Annuity Fund the percentage of your salary established by Annual Conference.

We will also pay you a sum equivalent to your self-employment tax (FICA).

We will also provide health insurance for you and your family, as agreed on by you and the church.

And we promise to review with you the adequacy of this compensation annually. We, the elders of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, sign our names to this call on (date) .

**409-1.12** Upon receiving the approval of the Ministerial Relations Committee (see 409-1.9), the Board of Elders or Agency Board may proceed to issue a bi-vocational call as follows:

The (church / agency) , believing that you are well-qualified to serve as pastor for the glory of God and the benefit of His church, invite you (name of candidate) to accept this call to serve in the office of (position / title) ,

promising you all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord.

In order to help provide for your needs, we promise to pay you an annual salary of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, together with additional benefits as follows: (other benefits may include parsonage use, housing, educational or professional allowances). We also will provide  (number of weeks)  vacation each year.

We also will pay into your Ministers Annuity Fund the percentage of your salary established by Annual Conference.

We also will pay you a sum equivalent to your self-employment tax (FICA).

(The following clause is optional.)

We also will provide health insurance agreed on by you and the  (church / agency) .

This is a call to serve bi-vocationally, that is, with the understanding that you will provide part of your support through other employment than the ministerial position to which we are calling you.

We promise to review with you the adequacy of this call and its conditions each year, to increase our provision for your support as we are able, and to provide full support for you as soon as it is possible.

We sign our names to this call on  (date) .

**409-1.13** An Agency of the BFC may call a person to serve in its ministry. In such cases the board of directors of the Agency shall act in the place of the Board of Elders, Pastoral Search Committee, and Congregation. As in the case of a call to a Particular Church, the Ministerial Relations Committee shall approve the name, the terms,

and the call of the candidate. The form of the call shall be modeled after the form for particular churches (see 409-10).

**409-1.14** Upon receiving the call from the church or agency, the candidate has three weeks to accept or reject the call in writing. If the candidate accepts the call, the Ministerial Relations Committee shall set the effective date in consultation with the pastor and the church.

**409-2** Dissolving the Pastoral Relationship  
 (omit present 409-2, 409-2.1, 409-2.2)  
 (omit paragraph following title of 409-3)

**409-2.1** An Uncontested Resignation

(2.2) Ordinarily . . . The action of the Board of Elders shall be communicated to the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee prior to the effective date of the resignation. (omit “. . . by the secretary . . . cannot be reached.”).  
 (omit paragraph (3) and replace (4) with the following:)

(3) The Board of Elders shall call a congregational meeting according to our rules (see 403) in order to consider the resignation of the pastor. When the congregation approves the resignation of the pastor, this information shall be communicated to the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee within one week. The special provisions made for the pastor’s transition (see 2.1 above), may be announced by the Board of Elders or, if they so decide, approved by the Congregation.

**409-2.2** A Contested Resignation

(1) Replace final sentence beginning “Rules for communicating the results . . .” with “This decision shall be communicated

to the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee within twenty-four hours.

#### **409-2.3 Churches Desiring Dissolution of the Pastorate**

- (1) If the issues leading to a desire by the church to dissolve the pastorate involve moral or doctrinal charges against the pastor, the church shall follow the procedure outlined in the Book of Discipline (see section 300).
- (2) No changes

#### **409-3.4, 409-3.5, 409-3.6 Omit**

#### **512-14 Ministerial Relations Committee**

The purpose of the Ministerial Relations Committee is to foster a healthy relationship between pastors and churches, to help to resolve problems in the pastoral relationship, and to assist churches in calling pastors.

##### **512-14-1 Composition and Election** Omit (4)

##### **512-14-2 Duties**

- (1) The committee shall provide counsel and advice to churches and pastors upon their invitation. The committee may be invited to assist a church in this way upon request of the Board of Elders, the Pastoral Relations Committee of the church, an individual Elder or Elders, or the Pastor.
- (2) The committee may initiate involvement and call a meeting with the Pastor, Pastoral Relations Committee, or Board of Elders, if the committee concludes there are matters threatening the health of the pastoral relationship which are not being adequately addressed by the Particular Church. This request for a meeting shall be in writing, stating the reasons that the Ministerial Relations Committee has for requesting it.



- (3) The committee shall seek to resolve difficulties in the pastoral relationship whether they have been invited or have initiated involvement in the Particular Church. This involvement may take the form of meetings with the Pastor, Elders or Members, with the Pastoral Relations Committee, with the Board of Elders, or with the Congregation.
- (4) The committee shall oversee the resignation of a pastor according to our rules.
- (5) The committee shall meet with the Elders and/or Pastoral Search Committee with respect to temporary pulpit supply, the pastoral search process, and the calling of a pastor. It shall oversee the calling of a pastor according to our rules.
- (6) The committee shall refer any problems concerning pastoral relationships that it cannot resolve to Annual Conference for final resolution. This referral may or may not have recommendations concerning resolution.
- (7) The committee shall submit a report to Annual Conference, including recommendations concerning the minimum salary package for pastors called under our rules.

### **512.14.3** Conference Pastor - same

**Ministerial Relations Committee:** Randall A. Grossman, Chairman; Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Secretary; Steven Kauffman, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., William G. Schlonecker, John C. Vandegriff, Jr.

## *Report of the Conference Pastor*

At the young age of 25, Hezekiah was handed the awesome responsibility of being the King of Israel. For his entire life, he had lived under the negative influence of his father, Ahaz, of whom it is written, “did not do right in the sight of the Lord.” (2 Chr. 28:1) And yet it is written of Hezekiah, “he did right in the sight of the Lord.” (2Chr. 29:2) In fact, during the very first year of his reign, Hezekiah, “opened the doors of the house of God and repaired them.” He called together the priests and Levites and challenged them to, “Consecrate yourselves now, and consecrate the house of the Lord the God of your fathers, and carry the uncleanness out from the holy place.” (2 Chr. 29:5) Hezekiah made a covenant with the Lord and challenged the leaders to, “Not be negligent now, for the Lord has chosen you to stand before Him, to minister to Him, and to be His ministers and burn incense.” (2 Chr. 29:11) The spiritual leaders responded in obedience and the result was revival.

Revival is not a term we hear much these days. It is on the lips of only a few and in the prayers of less. What is often lamented is the lack of consecration and commitment on the part of so many and the weariness that accompanies those who are doing so much. I invite you to join me in making a fresh covenant with the Lord to be purposefully obedient to Him and a credible example of a truly consecrated, committed servant of God to the flock He has called you to shepherd. May we join in the prayer of the Psalmist: “Revive me according to thy lovingkindness, so that I may keep the testimony of thy mouth.” (Ps. 119:88) Then, we may be encouraged with His faithfulness as expressed in Isaiah 57:15, “For thus says the high and exalted One who lives forever, whose name is Holy, I dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

Throughout this conference year, seven of our churches remain without a pastor. I thank the Lord for our retired pastors and men serving our agencies who have faithfully supplied these pulpits week after week. Because we continue to lack enough men who are eligible to be called as pastor to one of these churches, I encourage

all of us to, “beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” (Matt. 9:38). I am committed to following every lead to men who are known to be called into the gospel ministry. I have had recent interviews with college students, pastors serving outside the BFC, elders within the BFC who are presently taking correspondence courses while continuing their present employment and serving their local congregation. It is my prayer many of these will seek credentials with us and eventually each of our churches will be supplied with a pastor. Please make this need a regular part of your prayer life and that of your congregation.

Continual praise to the Lord is given for the pastors He has given us. These brethren are deserving of our prayers as they remain true to God’s Word and faithfully proclaim the Word without compromise. We also give thanks for our elders and deacons who share diligently in the ministry of the gospel. We especially remember the many years of faithful service of our brothers, Lee Boyles, Sal Roseti, and Paul Rutman and our sister Cordelia (Dell) Dunn, wife of retired pastor John Dunn, each of whom are now, “with the Lord.”

Because of the gracious love gift received during Annual Conference we were able to give a total of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600), from the Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund, to twelve pastors and their families. These expressions of love have been a great source of encouragement to these choice servants of the Lord.

With your acceptance of this report, I complete five years of service as your Conference Pastor. I count it a great privilege to serve Christ and His church in this office. God has graciously provided me safety as I have driven over 50,000 miles throughout our conference of churches.

I am continually blessed and encouraged by the assistance I receive from the Ministerial Relations Committee and the welcome I enjoy from our pastors and congregations. I am very mindful of your prayers and gracious support and thank you sincerely.

Let’s just praise the Lord for, “Choosing us to stand before Him, to minister to Him and to be His ministers...” (2 Chron. 29:11)

Your co-laborer in Christ,  
Ronald C. Mahurin, Conference Pastor

**Financial Report**  
**January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005**

Balance, December 31, 2004		\$ 11.64
Receipts	<u>\$ 7,200.00</u>	
Total Receipts		7,200.00
Expenditures		
Phone	1,145.78	
Meals		1,486.01
Travel	3,387.60	
Lodging	875.38	
Office supplies	<u>674.23</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>7,569.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2004		<u>\$ (357.36)</u>

**Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund**

Opening Balance		\$ 1,200.00
Deposits 2005		1,200.00
Withdrawn		<u>1,600.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2005		<u>\$ 800.00</u>

12 Families Assisted.



*Pastor Ron Mahurin*

## *Report of the Board of Church Extension*

The Board of Church Extension Ministries continues to serve as the church planting arm of the BFC, providing vision, direction, and oversight in planting new BF churches. The health and future of the BFC as a denomination rests heavily on our commitment to planting churches in fulfillment of our Lord's Great Commission. The challenges are great, but the need and opportunities have never been greater.

The Board met four times since last Annual Conference to fulfill its mission. In addition to these Board meetings, the various committees of the Board met numerous times to accomplish necessary work. The Board of Church Extension Ministries seeks to be faithful in promoting the furtherance of our denomination's mission of "becoming an expanding fellowship of churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ."

The Board is grateful to all those who faithfully support the mission of church planting through prayer, finances, and work and ministry projects. Also, the church planters, along with their families, are deserving of our support and gratitude. David E. Gundrum continues to provide excellent leadership and devotion to the Lord's work. The support team plays a vital role as well. Ruth Richards, Administrative Assistant, resigned in September. Ruth's excellent service has been greatly valued. The Lord has provided Lisa Christensen to fill this position, and the transition has gone very well. The office of Church Extension Ministries has moved to office space at Fellowship Manor. The new address is:

Church Extension Ministries  
P.O. Box 753  
Whitehall, PA 18052  
610-769-4337 (office) 610-769-4338 (fax)

Carol Snyder's role in special assignments, publications, and communication is vital. Raymond & Louise Bertolet and John & Judy Pello continue to be a great encouragement and help in the Delmarva region. Three "Aquila and Priscilla" teams are serving in the Department. The Workmans, from Sinking Springs, PA, are serving in Longneck, DE. The Engleharts, from Blandon, PA, are

serving in the La Roca Mission Church, and the Mitchells, from Emmaus, PA, are serving in Hellertown, PA.

In personnel moves, Albert J. Dommel was called to serve full-time as Organizing Church Planter at Hellertown. Mark L. Morrison served as interim church planter at Cape May County, NJ, before accepting the position of Assistant Director of Church Planting Ministries. Mark continues to raise his necessary support, looking forward to serving full-time by the end of the year. David R. Way was called as Church Planter at the Adams County, PA, Mission Church. Thompson, CT, called Dennis W. Spinney with a view toward his seeking to plant another church in New England as the Lord directs and enables. Other potential church planters have been interviewed and assessed during the year. Representatives from the Board have continued to serve on the “Committee to Study and Propose Mechanisms to Provide Support for Weak or Declining Churches.” The Board supports the committee’s recommendations being made to the Annual Conference.

This year we rejoiced in the establishment of a new Mission Church at Fellowship Community in Whitehall, PA. Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. serves as Church Planter for the Fellowship Community Mission Church. In addition to this new mission, a Bible study continues in Millsboro/Dagsboro, DE, in anticipation of a church plant in God’s timing. Long Neck, DE, under the direction of Kenneth F. Barber and Raymond Bertolet, completed their new sanctuary and held their first worship service in the new building on Easter of this year.

The new “Forward Plan for Planting New Bible Fellowship Churches in 2006-2011 – Missions Here and Now,” was adopted by the Board to guide our efforts in church planting within the BFC for the next five years. The successful implementation of this plan will require the denomination’s support and active participation under God’s gracious provision and enablement. The Board is encouraged by the increased awareness, involvement, and support by many churches, but there is much that still needs to be accomplished. Pray for the Lord to raise up church planters from among our churches, as well as lead gifted church planters to us. Continue to pray for God’s direction and provision, for without it nothing of eternal value can be accomplished in the ministry of church planting in the BFC.

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

Adams County, PA	David R. Way
Brooklyn, NY	Ralph E. Ritter
Cape May, NJ	Frank E. Lenahan
Chesapeake, VA	Willis I. Dowling
Fellowship Community, Whitehall, PA	Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
Hellertown, PA	Albert J. Dommel
Las Cruces, NM	Thomas H. Morrison
Long Neck, DE	Kenneth F. Barber
Reading, PA (La Roca)	Carlos G. Rodriguez
South Allentown, PA	Elliot H. Ramos
Worcester County, MD	To be called

The Board of Church Extension makes the following recommendation to the One Hundred Twenty-Third Annual Conference:

1. **Resolved**, that the Annual Conference ratify the election of David E. Gundrum as Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries for a term of three years.
2. **Whereas**, Fellowship Community Mission Church, affords long-time members of the BFC who are now residents at Fellowship Community the opportunity to maintain their BFC membership and involvement in the local church, and **Whereas**, it is important to establish a Particular Church at Fellowship Community in a timely manner because of the uniqueness of the situation and its prospective members, and **Whereas**, the Board of Church Extension has insured that there are sufficient committed individuals and has appointed three elder designees to oversee the church, and **Whereas**, the Board of Church Extension is of the opinion that the Fellowship Community Mission Church, Whitehall, PA, meets the qualifications of a Particular Church as specified in Article 18 of the Articles of Faith of the BFC, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that Fellowship Community Mission Church, Whitehall, PA, be recognized as a Particular Church, and that its delegate be received into membership of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the BFC.

**Board of Church Extension Ministries:** Richard E. Taylor, Chairman; Byron Widger, Vice Chairman; William R. Singletary, Treasurer; William G. Schlonecker, Secretary; Robert W. Davies, Kenneth D. Keeler, Alfred G. Roberts, Clyde W. Snyder, Carl K. Spackman, Robert H. Zentz.

### **Financial Report**

January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

Balance, December 31, 2004		\$ 34,794.79
<b>Income</b>		
Undesignated		
From BFC Churches	134,294.14	
From Other Sources	36,256.62	
Designated		
From BFC Churches	274,236.79	
From Other Sources	137,995.91	
Other		
Reimbursements	10,321.73	
Designated In/Out	22,809.91	
Interest	59.85	
Fund Interest Income	1,500.00	
Emergency Fund Loan	17,000.00	
Director's Car Payoff	16,918.51	
Total Income		651,393.46
<b>Expenses</b>		
Appropriations	432,438.32	
Executive Director		
Salary/Retirement	49,910.00	
Medical Insurance	17,066.46	
Related Expenses		
Housing & Travel	48,116.19	
Education/Conferences	2,340.70	
Administrative Contingency	198.00	
Support Staff/Office Operation		
Salary/Benefits	18,767.79	
Office Expenses	15,806.56	
Rent	6,536.25	
Other		



Internship	0.00	
Board Expenses	3,333.90	
Conference Expenses	575.00	
Insurance, Taxes, Pensions	6,199.98	
Designated In/Out	<u>21,887.89</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 623,177.04</u>
Total, Balance, December 31, 2005		<u><u>\$ 63,011.21</u></u>

## Depository

Savings Account	51,825.31
Department Checking Acct.	11,185.90

Accounts and report have been reviewed and approved by Torry R. Hinkle, EA

Deposited in Mennonite Foundation			
Date		ERF	
01/01/05			
12/31/05	Dep.	(Exp.)	Balance
	\$7,277.14		\$ 7,277.14
		(\$403.53)	\$ 6,873.61
Date		CRF	
01/01/05			
12/31/05	Dep.	(Exp.)	Balance
	\$44,788.19		\$44,788.19
		(\$2,483.59)	\$42,304.60
Date		ZLF	
01/01/05			
12/31/05	Dep.	(Exp.)	Balance
	\$22,956.76		\$22,956.76
		(\$1,272.99)	\$21,683.77
Date		MRF	
01/01/05			
12/31/05	Dep.	(Exp.)	Balance
	\$108,757.82		\$ 108,757.82
		(\$32,153.74)	\$ 76,604.08
1/01/05	Value of Mennonite Funds		\$180,374.27
12/31/05	Value of Mennonite Funds		\$156,559.95
	1 Year Loss in Fund		(\$36,313.85)
	Percent Loss in Fund		-19.759%

**Definitions of Funds**

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

CRF – Capital Resource Fund holds monies 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 ministry. Use of the moneys will focus on the start of new church planting and projects aimed to further develop ongoing Church Extension work.

Owed to Emergency Reserve Fund (ERF) \$ 63,644.20

**2006 Proposed Budget**

**Income**

Undesignated			
From BFC Churches	\$ 149,100		
From Others Sources	32,100		
Designated			
From BFC Churches	298,444		
From Other Sources	113,324		
Other			
Interest	100		
Fund Interest Income	1,500		
<b>Total Income</b>			<b>\$ 594,568</b>

**Expenses**

Appropriations	449,293		
Executive Director			
Salary/Retirement	49,910		
Medical Insurance	16,000		
Related Expenses			
Housing & Travel	36,000		
Education/Conferences	1,200		
Support Staff/Office Operation			
Salary/Benefits	15,500		
Office Expenses	15,000		
Rent	2,000		
Other			
Internship	1,200		
Board Expenses	2,500		
Conference Expenses	575		
Insurance, Taxes, Pensions	4,890		
Miscellaneous Contingency	500		
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 594,568</b>

Church Extension Funds are deposited in Sovereign Bank

**Report of the  
Director of Church Extension**

“...He will give you another Helper...” John 14:16

***The Holy Spirit guides our Mission and our mission of reaching people with the Gospel and planting churches!*** This year I have been more impressed with this Biblical truth than ever before. The opening of new churches, calling church planters and raising their support, taking on an Assistant Director and new Administrative Assistant, along with all the other old and new things that we experienced the past year, was an enormous undertaking for such a small Mission. I must look back and say, were it not for the Holy Spirit’s ministry in Church Extension Ministries, we would be stumbling through our attempts at extending His Kingdom and the BFC. Praise to the Father who sent the Son and to the Son who sent the Holy Spirit and to the Spirit who sends us.

Several years ago I came on the scene with a vision. The vision followed the acrostic B U R S T: ***Bridging*** this vital mission of church planting back to all the churches of the BFC; ***Uniting*** the Mission focus of the BFC in order to be a *Great Commission force*, reaching people with the Gospel and planting BFC churches from our Jerusalem to the uttermost parts of the world; ***Recruiting*** and assessing men who possess the gifts, abilities and capabilities to plant churches; ***Strategically*** producing a plan for planting churches; ***Training*** that will assist the men called to plant churches and make them aware of what God is doing in the realm of church planting throughout the world.

In reviewing this vision, I can say that most parts have been organized and implemented. At this time we have made good progress in having the churches of the denomination involved with our Mission. Each year, more churches are seeing the opportunity to come alongside one of our plants and send a work or ministry team to assist our planters. In 2000, four churches sent teams to our plants. Last year, twelve churches sent teams to assist our plants. Not only have the churches increased their involvement, but also their giving has increased. In 2000, the giving from the churches was \$212,255.00 and this year the figure will be approximately \$400,000.00. This is an increase of approximately \$188,000.00. We

continue to look for ways to keep the churches informed about our planning and opportunities to be involved. One area that remains a burden on my heart, a vital part of our vision and necessary for the growth of the BFC, is having our churches catch the vision for *Daughter Church Planting*. A few of the churches have made inquiries into planting a daughter church but none have stepped forward and made daughter church planting a part of their church's vision. One region, the Berks County, PA, Region, has united and is involved in the planting of the Reading Hispanic Church, La Roca. This joint effort has and is going well.

The union of the two Missions (Foreign and Home) bogged down in previous discussions. We (Board Of Missions and Church Extension) presented the idea to Annual Conference and the Conference approved the establishment of a *Great Commission Board*, but we have not resurrected discussions concerning the union of the two missions. The goal of having one church planting Mission for the BFC, that will plant churches throughout the world, is a goal in our new Forward Plan, *Missions Here and Now*.

Recruiting gifted and capable church planters has become our ongoing goal. We continually seek ways of recruiting such men and calling them to plant churches. The Southern Baptist Mission Board states that only 3-4% of their applicants for church planting qualify as a church planter. What we have done to augment the calling of church planters is to establish our TEAM Structure approach: the establishment of a strong and involved Organizing Elder Board, the calling of an Assistant Director, the provision of coaches and mentors if needed, and the formulation of an Aquila & Priscilla ministry.

We began five years ago with our strategic plan, *A Plan to Plant*. Most of the goals that the Board set forth in that plan were accomplished. At this Annual Conference, you will be given a copy of our new *Forward Plan, Missions Here and Now*. Mark Morrison, our Assistant Director, and I will visit the regions to present the plan and answer your questions as well as consider your input. The Board of Church Extension approved our *Five-Year Plan for Planting Churches*. It has two parts: The *BFC Church Planting Guide* and the *DCPI (Dynamic Church Planting Institute) Handbook*. The Guide is a systematic approach for church planting and works its way through the *four stages of church planting*:

*cultivating/gathering stage, development stage, growth to maturity stage, and graduation stage.* The Handbook is a reference tool for the steps and stages. These tools will assist the church planter and his A-Team with keeping on track and seeing what lies ahead. They will also assist the Organizing Elders in their evaluation and oversight of the Mission.

Lastly, regarding the area of training, this past year we started holding *Training Days*. Two days a year, we bring our men and their wives together for a day of seminars, sharing, fellowship and prayer. I am very pleased with these Training Days and they have been a help to our men. We are still sending our men to the Church Multiplication Training Center's summer boot camp for church planters. I also keep the men informed of the latest developments in church planting strategy. I would like to offer other training materials and opportunities for our men, and with Brother Morrison's experience in church planting and assistance we will be able to formulate a comprehensive church planting training approach.

We accomplished much this past year due to His grace and through the prayers and support of our committed partners and the participation and support of the BFC. I stated last year, *"...There exists the potential to do great things for God in church planting and establishing new Bible Fellowship Churches. May we look beyond, seeing the ripe harvest and stepping out into our Jeruselems, Judeas, and Samarias, and the uttermost parts of the world."* This remains our challenge. The BFC must become a fervent evangelistic church planting force. May God give us His vision of what He is accomplishing through the numerous church planting movements that exist in the world.

There is an Addendum to this report titled, *Church Extension Activity Chart*. You will see the course we have charted for church planting in the years ahead. Please pray with us for God to accomplish His will in Church Extension Ministries.

#### **Review of 2005 in Church Extension**

- Thirty-five people made professions of faith this year and eighteen were baptized.
- Giving and involvement from churches increased in 2005 by \$188,000.00.

- Hundreds of new contacts were made, door-to-door surveys were accomplished in target sites, involvement in community events took place, eleven VBS programs were organized, and several thousand Gospel tracts were distributed, along with a number of other innovative outreaches.
- Throughout the summer, work progressed on the building at the *New Life BFC, Longneck, DE*, church, and the church held their first service on Easter.
- The *DELMARVA Team* was very active in the Millsboro, Dagsboro, and Georgetown areas seeking to open a Mission Church.
- Pastor Albert J. Dommel was called to be the full-time Church Planter at the *Hellertown Mission* and commissioned by the Bethlehem BFC.
- Pastor Mark L. Morrison served as our Interim Church Planter in Cape May County, NJ, and laid the foundation for a man to plant the church.
- Twelve ministry and work teams were sent out to assist our plants in DELMARVA, Cape May, NJ, Brooklyn, NY, South Allentown, Reading, PA Hispanic plant, Chesapeake, VA, and Hellertown, PA.
- Frank Lenahan and his family accepted a call to plant the church in *Cape May County, NJ*.
- David R. Way accepted a call to plant the Church in *Adams County, PA*.
- Ruth Richards concluded her ministry as Administrative Assistant and Lisa Christensen was hired to fill the role.
- Willis I. Dowling became bi-vocational in his church planting ministry and remains actively seeking to develop the *Chesapeake, VA, Mission*.
- Four churches graduated from Church Extension: Thompson, CT, BFC, Cortrell Corners, NJ, BFC, Newark, NJ, BFC, and The Church of the Cross, Toms River, NJ.
- Pastor Dennis W. Spinney accepted a call to the Thompson, CT, church. He wants to lead the church in planting daughter churches in New England.
- *The Fellowship Community Mission Church* opened on the campus of Fellowship Community, ministering to the

population at Fellowship Manor, Community and Courts. Pastor Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. was appointed as the Church Planter.

- Pastor Mark L. Morrison accepted the position of *Assistant Director of Church Extension*, focusing his ministry on working alongside our planters in the field.
- A new *Five-Year Plan* was presented by the Policy & Strategy Committee and approved by the Board of Church Extension. The Plan is comprised of the *DCPI Church Planting Handbook and the BFC Church Planting Guide*.
- The new *Forward Plan: Missions Here and Now* was given to the Board and will be considered for adoption in 2006.
- A number of meetings were held with prospective church planters and groups seeking to plant a church and connect with the BFC.
- Forty-five churches were visited this year by Church Extension staff, who presented our Mission and ministry.
- Several fund raising projects were organized and the responses were good and gracious.
- *The Las Cruces Mission Church* grew and found a new full-time meeting place. Some planning is underway to plant a second church in southern New Mexico.
- *Our Hispanic Church Plants in Reading (La Roca / The Rock) and in Allentown (El Faro / Lighthouse)*, under the leadership of Carlos Rodriguez (Reading) and Pastor Elliot H. Ramos (Allentown), continue their outreach to the Hispanic community. La Roca began services in the Reading BFC and attendance has continually grown. South Allentown faced some challenges this past year with finances and a key family moving on, but recently, God has blessed them with increased attendance and giving.
- John Pello (Outreach Assistant) and Harry & Sandra Workman (Aquila and Priscilla Team) moved to DELMARVA to join our church planting team.
- The Adams County Team, from the Harrisburg and York churches, was sent out to plant the church in Adams County.
- Aquila & Priscilla Teams: the Workmans from the Sinking

Spring, BFC were sent out to DELMARVA and the Engleharts from the Blandon BFC committed to the Reading Hispanic Mission Church.

- Church Extension Ministries made plans to move to its new quarters to the Fellowship Community campus.

I am thankful to God for the great privilege it is to serve Him and the BFC. Pray for the Board of Church Extension and me in 2006. Pray that God will give me wisdom to carry out our strategic plan and assist our men in developing their church plants. Pray for our Mission Team: Lisa Christensen - Administrative Assistant, Carol Snyder - Special Projects Coordinator, John Pello - Outreach Assistant, Ray Bertolet - Assistant Church Planter. Especially pray for Pastor Mark L. Morrison, who is serving part-time as Assistant Director, that the Lord will raise up his support so he can serve full-time. Please pray regularly for our church planters and their families who serve in Church Extension Ministries. They are on the front lines of missions and sacrificially serve you as your missionaries to America.

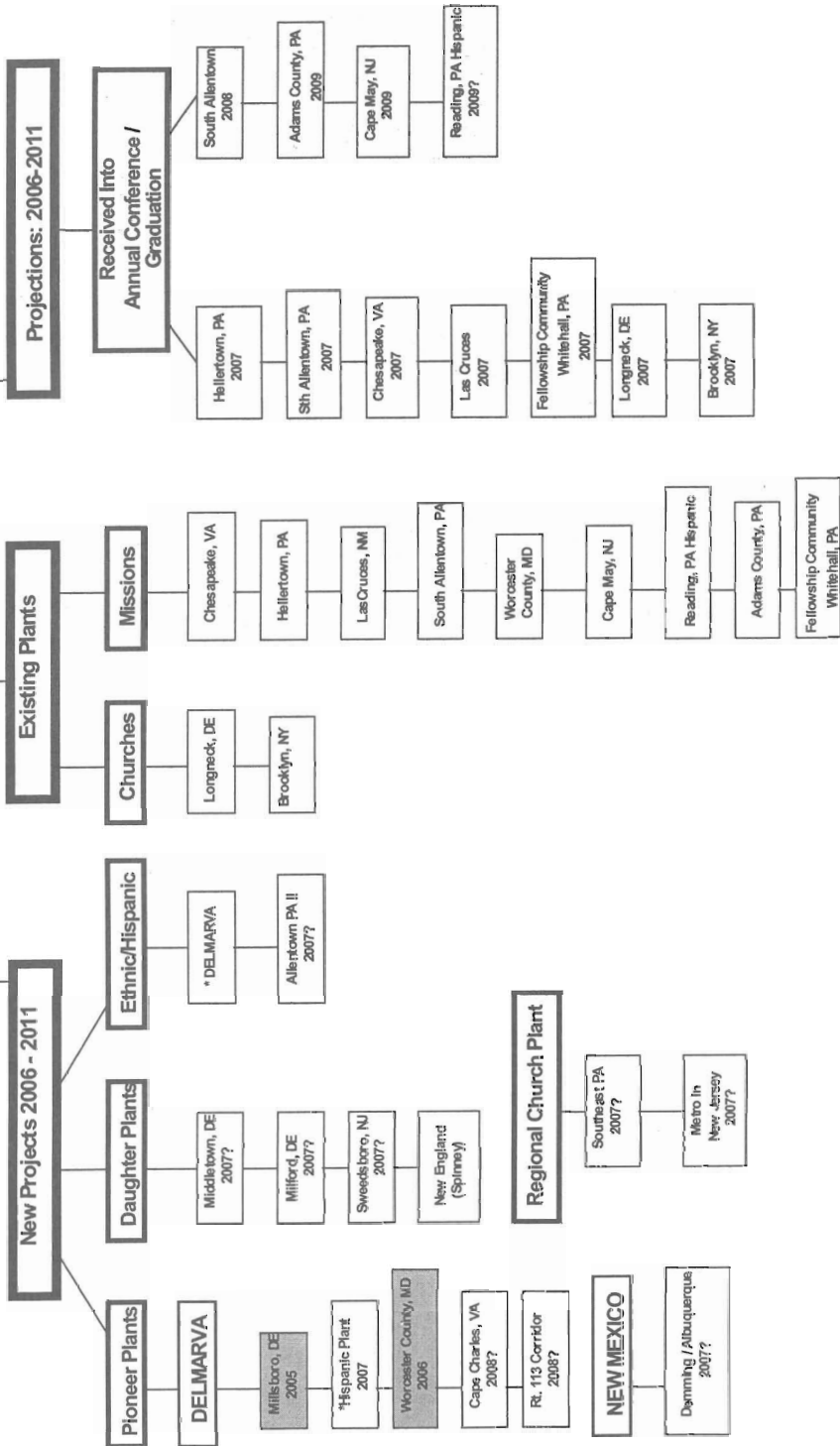
In His Love & Service, Respectfully Submitted,  
David E. Gundrum  
Executive Director of Church Extension



*Dave Gundrum - deep in thought.*



# CHURCH EXTENSION ACTIVITY CHART - 2006-2011



## *Report of the Ethnic Church Planting Committee*

The Joint Committee met five times during the past year and continues to concentrate its efforts on Hispanic Church Planting. Our initial Hispanic Church Plant, the Lighthouse Church in south Allentown pastored by Elliot H. Ramos, experienced some setbacks as core families moved out of the area.

From the experience gained at the La Roca de Reading Church Plant, it was decided that a similar Resource Team was needed for Allentown. David Schlonecker was chosen to oversee the Bethel BFC connection to help move the youth ministry at Lighthouse forward. Communication, teamwork and prayer are needed from the Lehigh Valley BF Churches to form and support a Resource Team. At the writing of this report, the Lord has answered prayer and the attendance as well as the finances for the Lighthouse Church have both significantly improved.

The Reading Hispanic Church Plant continues to do well under Carlos Rodriguez's direction. An ESL pilot program was started and completed averaging eleven students per meeting. The program continues and initially brought two families to the worship service. Attendance varies at the worship service and has been as high as sixty with the number of contacts that Carlos maintains about ninety. Currently, the attendance averages about fifty. The Reading Support Team continues to function well. It is not too early to pray with Carlos for its own building in which La Roca will meet.

Prayer is needed for the Lord's leading as the Joint Committee considers our next Hispanic Church Plant site. The Delmarva area and particularly Delaware has been brought to our attention, considering the large number of Hispanic construction and poultry workers in the region. A visit to the area is planned and demographics will be obtained to assist in the decision-making process.

Finally, we would like to encourage our Churches to reach out to Hispanic people groups in their ministry areas. Perhaps your church will be used of God to reach this neglected people group and establish a church.

We encourage Annual Conference to continue its support for

ethnic church planting. Our desire is that the Churches would create a line item in their budgets. Send your contributions to the Board of Missions, designated for Ethnic Church Planting.

**Joint Committee of Church Planting:** David E. Gundrum, Chairman; Don Faust, Elliot Ramos, Al Roberts, David K. Schlonecker and Dana E. Weller.

## *Report of the Board of Pensions*

### **2005 Review and Status** *(figures rounded for simplicity):*

Ministers' Retirement Fund (MRF) annuity payments to the 35 current beneficiaries was \$208,300 in 2005 (compared to \$201,500 in 2004 and \$116,724 in 1994): see Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. There are 10 future beneficiaries of the MRF, 2 of which will begin receiving payments in 2006, while 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 \$3,991,000. The Present Value lump sum cost of funding these future annual benefits is \$2,310,000. During 2005, the Net Assets in the MRF fell below zero, as expected, and are now (\$3,100), as illustrated on the Balance Sheet. Therefore, the present value shortfall is approximately \$2,313,000, which is being funded by contributions from the Administrative Budget and the churches. To provide future retirement benefits for current pastors, churches are also contributing to each pastor's individual 403(b) account (the Ministers Annuity Fund, or MAF).

### **Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA):**

Partial cost-of-living adjustments have been part of the long-term phase out strategy of the MRF. However, the Board of Pensions has become aware that the remaining phaseouts may be a hardship for the MRF beneficiaries who never had the opportunity to participate in the MAF. Therefore, during 2006, the Board will evaluate the cost of continuing COLA without further reductions for beneficiaries who were more than age 65 when the MRF was frozen on December 31, 1993. The Board will make a final decision at their January, 2007 meeting, effective for payments beginning shortly thereafter if applicable.

### **Interest Bearing Notes:**

As approved by the 119th Annual Conference (April, 2002), the Board of Pensions began to issue interest bearing notes in 2003 to cover the near-term liquidity shortage of the MRF. In June, 2005, \$15,000 of 6.25% Notes were issued, raising the total of Notes outstanding to \$90,000. The Board will not need to issue any Notes during 2006, since adequate liquidity is available. This liquidity resulted from the sale of all of the mutual fund assets (\$65,688.08 net proceeds) on Jan 27, 2006 as resolved by the Board at their annual meeting on that date. It is expected that the Board will need to begin issuing Notes again in June, 2007.

The Notes have a 5-year maturity, and carry an interest rate equal to the yield on the 5-year US Treasury Note at date of issue, plus 2.5%. In order to meet the liquidity needs of the Ministers' Retirement Fund for 2007 through 2011, **IT IS CRITICAL** that the agencies and churches support the issuance of the Notes. Otherwise, the BFC will need to arrange for commercial loans through their banking relationships, at substantially higher cost to the Board of Pensions. If an agency or church has long-term investment assets (legacies, endowment funds, building funds, etc) currently invested in money market funds, CDs or bonds, prayerful and serious consideration should be given to redirecting a portion of those assets to the Board of Pension Notes. Agencies and churches that may be interested in subscribing to ~~2007~~ Notes offering should contact Rick Volpe by May 15, 2006 via e-mail at mail@faithbfc.org. Subscription requests will be first come, first served, with the Agencies having priority. The Board will advertise the availability of these Notes to the churches during 2006.

### **Annual Fundling:**

The Board of Pensions is requesting a contribution from the Administrative Budget in the amount of \$63,000 for 2007, and \$66,000 for 2008. The contribution rate for churches will remain unchanged at the current rate of \$900 per church plus \$9.00 per

member for calendar years 2006 through 2008. Long-term projected contributions from the Churches and the Administrative Budget are shown in the accompanying table labeled, “Annual Contribution Data & Assumptions”.

### **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 or e-mail to Rick Volpe at mail@faithbfc.org.

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

1. **Whereas**, the MRF annuity rate for 2006 is \$213 per year of service, and  
**Whereas**, partial cost-of-living adjustments are part of the long-term phase out strategy of the MRF, therefore be it  
**Resolved**, that the MRF annuity rate for calendar year 2007 be \$215 per year of service.
  
2. Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference **for Calendar Year 2007**

**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, therefore

**Resolved**,

1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year of **2007** 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."

**Board of Pensions:** David J. Watkins, Chairman; Keith E. Plows, Secretary; Robert Gaugler, Ellis Hostetter, Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr, David N. Schoen, Thomas P. Shorb, William R. Singletary, Richard J. Volpe.

**Board of Pensions  
Balance Sheet**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

	FYE 12/31/05	FYE 2/31/04
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash: Harleysville N. B. Acct. #016005680	\$ 20,946.37	\$ 44,631.86
Money Market Funds Vanguard Acct. #30-9884338180	1,887.48	17,739.98
Mutual Funds (5 different stock funds) <sup>1</sup>	62,195.58	53,228.98
Receivables <sup>2</sup>	4,800.00	1,731.75
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 89,829.43</b>	<b>\$ 117,332.57</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
BOP Notes (Face Amount)	(90,000.00)	(75,000.00)
BOP Notes (accrued interest)	(2,945.26)	(2,398.55)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ (3,115.83)</b>	<b>\$ 39,934.02</b>



Footnotes: Note 1: All mutual funds held at Fidelity #579-930164. All mutual funds were sold (\$65,688.08 net proceeds) on Jan. 27, 2006, as resolved by the Board at their annual meeting on that date. Note 2: Receivables represent the amount owed to the MRF through the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter ending December 2005. Net Assets are projected to decline until 2014 to a point of approximately negative \$280.00. However, liquidity will be maintained by the issuance of interest-bearing notes.

**Board of Pensions**  
**Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements**  
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

	FYE 12/31/05	FYE 2/31/04
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Administrative Budget	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Contributions from Churches	102,017.02 <sup>1</sup>	95,760.72 <sup>1</sup>
Payments from Board of Missions	32,370.48 <sup>2</sup>	37,475.72 <sup>2</sup>
Gifts and Bequests	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 191,387.50	\$ 188,236.44
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Retirement Payments:		
Regular	\$ 208,298.51 <sup>3</sup>	\$ 201,489.74 <sup>3</sup>
Board of Missions	32,088.66 <sup>2</sup>	31,522.36 <sup>2</sup>
Administrative Expenses	1,572.82 <sup>4</sup>	1,438.18 <sup>4</sup>
Interest paid on		
BOP Notes outstanding	4,113.00 <sup>5</sup>	1,908.00 <sup>5</sup>
Total Disbursements	\$ 246,072.99	\$ 236,358.28
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ (54,685.49)</b>	<b>\$ (48,121.84)</b>

Footnotes: Note 1: This reflects membership contributions for balances due for 2004, plus contributions during 2005. Note 2: As a service to the Board of Missions, the Board of Pensions makes payments to retired 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: Interest expenses for the Notes will climb annually as additional Notes are issued.

Audited by: Rick Volpe, Asset Planning Services, LTD.

**BFC MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND PROJECTIONS**  
**Status as of December 31, 2005**

**STARTING DATA & ASSUMPTIONS**

TOTAL MRF ASSETS as of	12/31/05	89,829
Benefits begin at Normal Retirement Age		65
Number of Current / Future / Total Beneficiaries	35 / 10 /	45
MRF Annuity Annual Payout Rate 2006 / 2007	213 / 215	
Inflation / Interest Rate Assumption	3.0% / 6.0%	
Cost of Living Gradual Phaseout (COLA): 2003-2005, 40%; 2006-2010, 20%, 0% thereafter		
Assumed Rate for Interest Bearing Notes	6.50% (5-year Treasury Note, plus 2.5%)	
Total amount of Notes projected to be issued: See accompanying graph		

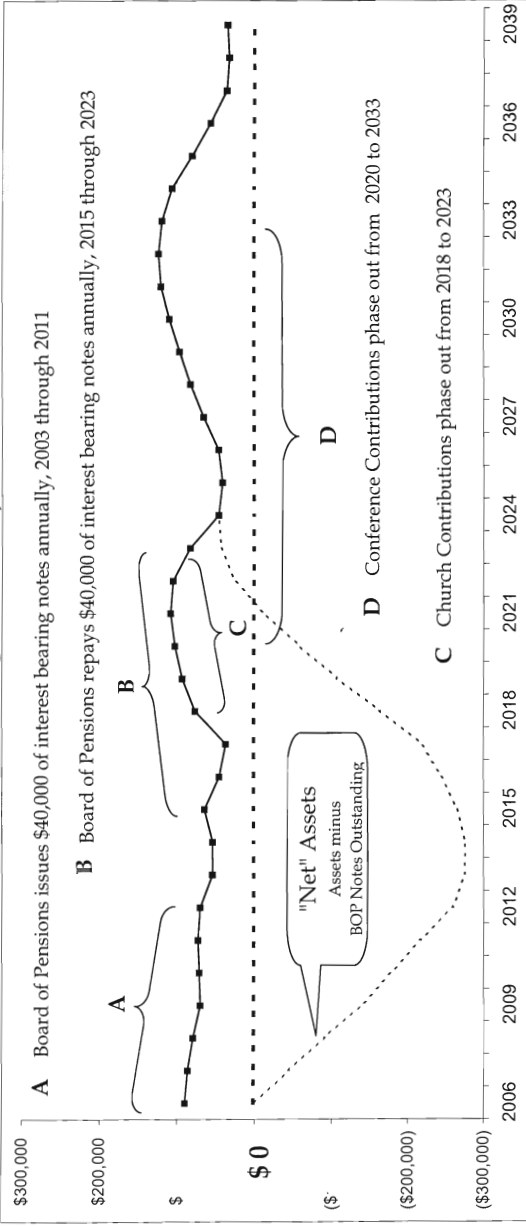
**ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION DATA & ASSUMPTIONS**

Year	Per Member	Admin Budget	Year	Per Member	Admin Budget	
2006	9.00	60,000	2020	8.00	96,000	Basic Church Contribution Rate per Member times 100 BFC members as of 12/31/2004 7,486  Annual Membership Growth 1% (historical avg 1.5% since 1987)
2007	9.00	63,000	2021	6.00	93,000	
2008	9.00	66,000	2022	4.00	90,000	
2009	10.00	69,000	2023	2.00	87,000	
2010	10.00	72,000	2024	0.00	84,000	
2011	10.00	75,000	2025	0.00	81,000	
2012	11.00	78,000	2026	0.00	75,000	
2013	11.00	81,000	2027	0.00	67,000	
2014	11.00	84,000	2028	0.00	59,000	
2015	11.00	87,000	2029	0.00	51,000	
2016	11.00	90,000	2030	0.00	43,000	2006 Church Contribution Example Members 150 times Rate per Member 9.00 equals 1,350 plus Basic Contribution 900 equals Total 2,250 <i>Note: for 2009, \$10.00 per member plus \$1,000</i>
2017	12.00	93,000	2031	0.00	35,000	
2018	11.00	96,000	2032	0.00	27,000	
2019	9.00	99,000	2033	0.00	19,000	

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 2007 to 2011 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 2023.

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



Phase out assumptions for Church and Conference Contributions introduced in 2005 in order to "smooth" prior years' projections.

Current Assumptions		COLA Phaseout Factors	
Mortality Certainty Level	80%	Under review by Board of Pensions...see "Report"	2006 to 2010
Inflation / Interest Rate Assumptions	3.00% 6.00%		2011 to 2035
			2010 20%
			2035 0%
Projected Annual Annuity Payments to MRF Beneficiaries by Calendar Year			
2006	216,824	2012	220,443
2007	220,831	2013	208,152
2008	223,912	2014	201,141
2009	226,994	2015	195,039
2010	228,021	2016	195,039
2011	233,564	2017	185,999
		2018	177,741
		2019	164,143
		2020	155,103
		2021	136,062
		2022	126,887
		2023	111,236
		2024	88,241
		2025	74,850
		2026	54,793
		2027	50,725
		2028	46,374
		2029	39,594
		2030	34,622
		2031	34,622
		2032	34,622
		2033	34,622
		2034	27,640
		2035	23,854
		Total Payments	3,991,251
		2036	19,560
		2037	0
		2038	0
		2039	0
		2040	0

Prepared by the BFC Board of Pensions, January, 2006

## *Report of the Board of Missions*

We have a vision statement that declares we are a fellowship of churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ. I stand amazed at what God has accomplished in that partnership and vision!

I challenge you to read the statistical report that follows. The number of missionaries is not simply statistical figures, but fellow Bible Fellowship members that have heeded the call of God to missions. The financial report is not simply an accounting of dollars and cents, but an accounting of the sacrificial giving of the Bible Fellowship Church.

With great honor and joy, it is a privilege to report what God in His grace is doing through and among us! The statistical report does not reflect the additional hands-on ministries of the BFC such as the continued growth of Short Term ministries. Many of these short term trips are made up of young people who become aware of the unbelievable needs and opportunities in the world. Statistically, well over ninety percent of adults who follow the Lord's call into career missions had already participated in a Short Term Missions trip and well over thirty percent already sensed God's call upon their lives prior to age 16!

Of the over sixty short term trips that I am aware of, one stands out as truly amazing. This winter, forty BFC'ers from nine different BFC churches responded to the needs left by Katrina's devastation in the south. Another two work teams are in the making for future ministry in Louisiana. Again the BFC responded with financial gifts for Katrina victims as they did so generously before for the tsunami victims.

New this year is the Buttress Fund. Seed monies from a most generous gift and a bequest have generated a fund to assist missionaries. \$29,000 has already been distributed to missionaries facing difficult financial needs. Through investments and anticipated future bequests, other distributions of monies from this fund will take place each January and June far into the foreseeable future.

The Pastor's Initiative fund this year helped another five students in Kenya. The impact of this fund may best be reflected in a recent letter from Justus Musila who administers the fund at Scott Theological College:

*"We bless the Lord for His goodness and mercy towards his people. PSI has truly been a channel of blessing to many students, some of whom are now in the field serving the Lord and others are here at the college being prepared for the same".*

*Blessings and peace,  
Justus Musila*

To assist our churches in meeting the expanding call of God upon us, the Board of Missions provides the following services to the Bible Fellowship Church:

### 1. Missionary Care including field visits

We are available and willing to meet with those considering missionary service and our missionaries needing advice or counsel regarding their ministry. Visits to the field of ministry are made to help and encourage our missionaries as the needs arise.

### 2. Seminars

The BOM offers to the Bible Fellowship 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 at a fall Retreat Within a Retreat (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 weekend retreat 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 available 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** to help you and your church partner 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.

### 3. Prayer Calendar

The Prayer Calendar will provide your congregation prayer information that is current. The new format is an attractive readable prayer aid that is offered to the churches at a reduced rate. Nearly 1900 are sent out each month.

### 4. Board of Missions Website

The BOM website is quickly becoming a focal point of information needed by everyone interested in missions in the BFC. This site continues to grow with useful information 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 continually updated and available 24 hours a day. There are also helpful links in planning short-term or career-missions involvement. You can log on to the site at [www.bfcbom.org](http://www.bfcbom.org).

## 5. Email Subscriber Lists

### a. 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 125.

### b. 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 is 190.

## 6. Let's Fish.

A newsletter is 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, with backgrounds that include pastors, missionaries, youth leaders, mission chair people, laymen, and students. There is a readership of nearly 250 each week. A full archive is available on our website.

## 7. 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. A children's program for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade has become a successful part of this day. This year's rally will be held May 11<sup>th</sup> at Lebanon BFC.

## 8. Missionary In-Residence at Pinebrook Bible Conference Summer Family Camp

To promote missions in the BFC, the BOM will supply a missionary family for each of the eight weeks of family camp. Each week the campers will have opportunity to interact at a very personal level with a missionary from the Bible Fellowship Church.

Additionally, the missionary will have opportunity to present their ministry during public meetings.

**9. 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 up to 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.

Found elsewhere in this report is the financial and statistical information 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.

James W. Harris resigned from the Board of Missions due to relocation. Susan Figard from the Cedar Crest BFC was elected to the Board on May 26, 2005 to fill this vacant position.

The Board of Missions recommends the following:

**Whereas**, Dana E. Weller was appointed by the Board of Missions to be Director for a three year term, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that Dana E. Weller be ratified as Director of the Board of Missions for a three year term.

**Missionary Units as of December 31, 2005**

**General Statistical Report on December 31, 2005**

1. Number of Sending Boards under which our missionaries are working . . . . . 38



2. Number of countries in which our missionaries are working . . . . . **31**

3. Number of Missionaries:

	Family Units	Couples	Singles	Total Adults
Active Missionaries	80	62	18	142
Leave of Absence	1	0	1	1
Appointees	8	6	2	14
Active Applicants	2	1	1	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>160</b>

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

Area	Families	Adults	Countries
USA	37	64	United States of America
North America	5	10	Canada, Mexico (excluding U.S.)
Central America	3	5	Costa Rica, Guadeloupe
Caribbean	1	2	Bonaire
South America	3	6	Bolivia, Brazil
Europe	19	32	Austria, France, Germany, UK, Greece, Hungary, Spain, Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia, Czech Republic
Africa	7	11	Kenya, Tanzania, Morocco
Asia	10	16	Kyrgyzstan, China, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, India, Thailand, Ukraine
Southeast Asia & Pacific	5	8	Philippines, Australia, Malaysia

**Our Missionary Family**

- Sam & Melissa Adams      Czech Republic - WOL camping ministries
- Keith & Carol Anderson      Texas, USA - Registrar & Director of Housing
- William Aukamp      South Dakota, USA - evangelism, discipleship, church planting
- Totoram & Felica Baran      Bonaire - evangelism & discipleship

Byron & Lisa Barnshaw	Pennsylvania, USA - graphic design and web master Christar
Bruce & Heather Beal	Mexico - Bible translation
Mark Bickel	Pennsylvania, USA - collegiate outreach
Glen & Leah Ruth Blauser	North Carolina, USA - warehouse manager JAARS
Scott & Stacy Bose	Brazil - administration & teaching Brazilia International School
Gena Bulgrien	Germany - teacher at Black Forest Academy
Jay & Ruth Burrington	China - teaching
Barbara Chappell	New York, USA - evangelism, teaching and discipleship
Sanjay & Karen Dalavai	India - camping ministry
Larry & Michele Davies	Czech Republic - church planting
Francisco & Eliane deSouza	Pennsylvania, USA - missionary care
Ron & Joan Denlinger	Illinois, USA - minister to field staff RHMA
Billy & Dindy Dunn	Pennsylvania, USA - sports ministry
Bill & Lois Early	Pennsylvania, USA - northeast representative for Trans World Radio
John & Karen Elias	England - evangelism and church planting among Muslims
Jaroslav & Natalija Elias	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
Carl & Wren Fitzgerald	Brooklyn, USA - esl church support to Chinese
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 - medical work
Bob & Shirl Harriman	Texas, USA - bookstore ministry RBI
Connie Hartman	Austria - evangelism, discipleship, Bible studies, music
Tim & Barbara Hash	Vermont, USA - ministry to families and youth

Melissa Hause	Czech Republic - church planting, discipleship
James & Lynne Head	South Carolina, USA - training and counseling missionaries
Aaron & Marlene Hoffman	Pennsylvania, USA - home office coordinator, regional representative
Scott & Sue Hoffman	Pennsylvania, USA - sports ministry
Marc & Elizabeth Hoyle	France - construction ministries HIM Int'l
Chris & Alma Hunsicker	Morocco - house parents for the Children's Haven
Walter & Susan Johnston	Philippines - video training ministries, evangelism, discipleship
Cheryl Kline	Thailand - orphanage ministries
Paul & Kathryn Kline	Greece - church planting and evangelism
Annette Kriner	Texas, USA - campus nurse and counselor at Rio Grande B.I.
Brian & Carol Ann Lawrence	Canada - church planting and evangelism among the Kurds
Jim & Trudi MacArthur	SE Asia - creative access
Dave & Rosemarie Manney	Pennsylvania, USA - HCJB Euro-Asia
Kyle & Jenny Merkey	North Carolina, USA - Kyle - aircraft maintenance JAARS, Jenny - teaching
Chris & Beckie Merrick	Pennsylvania, USA - short term project coordinator
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
Jennifer Palmer	Kenya - Physical Therapist

John & Judy Pello	Delaware, 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
Jason Raines	Leave of absence
Nelson & Robyn Randolph	Pennsylvania USA - short-term partnership coordinator
Art & Vicki Reyes	Mexico - evangelism, discipleship and church planting
David & Becky Riddell	France - field director, evangelism, discipleship, church planting
Randy & Amina Ruth	Kazakhstan - church planting and friendship evangelism
Joyce Sacher	Pennsylvania, USA - camp ministry
Amy Sandt	Philippines - teaching
David & Denise Schlonecker, Jr.	Pennsylvania, USA - sports ministry
Dan & Jackie Scott	Kyrgyzstan - outreach to unreached peoples
Mark & Jocelyn Scott	New Jersey, USA - campus ministries
Nathan & Cindy Sefiane	Morocco - maintenance and teaching at Children's Haven
Ted & Grete Shelling	Austria - counseling, international student evangelism/discipleship and Bible studies
David & Sherry Shelly	Ohio, USA - facilities manager and safety coordinator
Bill & Patti Sherman	Florida, USA - office administration
Gary & Karen Shogren	Costa Rica - seminary president & Bible college professor
Efthemes & Irene Sioukiouroglou	Greece - outreach to Muslim refugees and church planting
Bob & Donna Sloma	Vermont, USA - camp ministry
Lillian Solt	Costa Rica - medical missions, evangelism and counseling
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
Colby & Theresa Weinhofer	Pennsylvania, USA - manager BVI's database of translations, recruitment and support for new translation and printing efforts
Dana & Lanette Weller	Pennsylvania, USA - director, BFC Board of Missions
Scott & Joanna Widman	Northern Ireland - camping ministries
Oliver & Linda Williams	England - evangelism & discipleship to Hindus
Mark & Cathy Wimble	Thailand - church planting
Barry & Candy Wingo	Mexico - evangelism, translation, church planting

### **Candidates and Commissionings**

The local church continues to produce world-bound missionaries. This year the Board of Missions processed a number of new applications and approved 12 candidates (Jay & Ruth Burrington, Billy & Cindy Dunn, Carl & Wren Fitzgerald, Chris & Alma Hunsicker, Annette Kriner, Nathan Sefiane, Colby & Theresa Weinhofer). Six missionaries were commissioned: John & Karen Elias, Nathan & Cindy Sefiane and David and Sherry Shelly

### **Individuals Ending Their Active Missionary Service**

Mel & Jan Babcock  
 Osborne and Diane Buchanan  
 Rob & Tio Lockhart  
 Paul & Julie Zimmerman

### **Annual Reports From Missionaries**

Annual activity reports from missionaries will be sent out by the missionaries themselves. These reports for 2005 will be sent out in early 2006.

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

Thursday, May 11, 2006 Conference-Wide Missionary Rally 10:00  
am to 3:00 pm at Lebanon BFC

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

**Statement of Financial Position**

As of December 31, 2005

Assets (Cash & Investments)	
Cash in Bank & On Hand	\$ 311,716.78
Accounts Receivable	3,662.98
Board of Pension Bonds	77,399.00
Loan Receivable - PBC	50,000.00
General Fund Investments	660,736.14
Supplemental Aid Investments	173,502.44
Housing Fund Investments	263,510.38
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,540,527.72</u>
Liabilities (Support, SAF & Projects)	
Missionary Support / Projects	\$ 357,731.43
Ethnic Church Planting	10,130.55
Collegiate Outreach	3,566.11
Pastoral Scholarship	1,125.68
Awaiting Designation	16,409.47
Support Excess Reserve	32,264.60
Total Liabilities	\$ 421,227.84
Funds Held in Trust	
Prior Year's GF Balance	\$ 338,569.85
Prior Year's SA Balance	236,474.45
Prior Year's HF Balance	262,547.48
Buttress Fund - Temporarily Restricted	294,577.29
This Year's Excess (Deficit)	4,457.56
Increase (Decrease) in Market Value	
General & Housing Funds	(20,032.57)
Supplemental Aid Fund	2,705.82
Total Funds Held in Trust	<u>1,119,299.88</u>
Total Liabilities & Funds Held	<u>\$ 1,540,527.72</u>

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

For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

General Fund Income:

Undesignated Income - Churches	\$	21,772.21
Undesignated Income - Other		1,300.00
Honorarium Income		1,548.00
Prayer Calendar Income		3,610.25
Associate Director's Support		6,670.00
General Fund Investment Income		22,790.02
Board Ministry Income		86,694.79
Other Income		3,587.00
Subsidized Housing Income		<u>9,264.94</u>
Total Income		\$ 157,237.21

General Fund Disbursements:

Supplemental Support - Dana	\$	6,574.10
Regular Board Expenses		2,886.01
Board of Communications		427.00
Missionary Specials/Projects		300.00
Pensions		1,005.51
Hospitality		577.76
Seminar Expenses		226.50
Office Supplies & Equipment		6,692.06
Office Furniture, Etc.		-
Publicity, Postage		5,726.18
Prayer Calendar		2,494.25
Telephone		2,828.66
Books & Materials		15.98
Missionary In Residence		2,119.00
Hospitalization		24,800.70
Office Expense - (Rent)		16,890.00
Associate Director		57,062.08
Secretarial & Financial Services		12,765.36
Payroll Taxes		2,108.51
Office Cleaning		240.00
Administration Budget		4,200.00
Miscellaneous Expense		<u>871.45</u>
Total Regular Disbursements		<u>150,811.11</u>
General Fund Excess (Deficit)		6,426.10
Bequest Income applied to Operation Expenses		-
Net General Fund Excess (Deficit)		<u>\$ 6,426.10</u>
<u>Temporarily Restricted Gifts and Bequests</u>		
Gifts and Bequests		294,577.29
Disbursements		<u>-</u>
Net Excess		<u>\$ 294,577.29</u>

**Statement of Revenues & Expenditures  
Various Funds**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

Housing Fund (HF):	
HF Income & Interest Income	\$ 10,664.94
Realized Gain on Investments	5,838.32
Housing & Rentals	(1,400.00)
HF transfer to General Fund	<u>(9,264.94)</u>
HF Excess	<u>\$ 5,838.32</u>
Supplementary Aid (SA) Analysis:	
SA Interest & Investment Income	\$ 10,937.22
SA Board Ministries Income	12,118.59
Gain (Loss) on Securities	<u>1,507.81</u>
Total SAF Income	24,563.62
SAF Payments	<u>(32,370.48)</u>
SAF Cumulative Excess / (Deficit)	<u>\$ ( 7,806.86)</u>
Cumulative Missionary Support & Projects Analysis:	
Missionary Support & Projects (Income):	
(Includes Income & Credit adjustments)	
Missionary Support	\$ 1,582,335.06
Missionary Projects	789,302.95
Ethnic Church Planting	20,711.59
Awaiting Designation	<u>136,580.17</u>
Cumulative Total Income	\$ 2,528,929.77
Missionary Support & Projects (Disbursements):	
(Includes Disbursements & Debit adjustments)	
Missionary Support	\$ 1,349,930.12
Missionary Projects	659,284.67
Ethnic Church Planting	10,581.04
Awaiting Designation	<u>87,906.10</u>
Cumulative Total Disbursements	<u>2,107,701.93</u>
Missionary Support & Projects	
Cumulative Excess	<u>\$ 421,227.84</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

For the Period January 1 to December 31, 2005

Note 1 The Board of Missions has provided a Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2005, and is using the Fund Accounting concept. Any excess of cash received as Designated Income over funds disbursed is shown as a payable since it is being held for future payment of missionary support or designated projects.



- Note 2 The liabilities missionary support / projects and awaiting designation and the Total Support Excess includes the balance excess as of December 31, 2005.
- Note 3 The Financial Statements show the investments in the Funds at Market Value and therefore reflect the Increase/Decrease in Market Values at December 31, 2005.
- Note 4 The Board of Missions received a gift and bequest in the amount of \$294,577.29 called Buttress Fund. This fund is temporarily restricted since it will be disbursed over a period of years, along with the earnings for missionary support and Board of Missions staff.
- Note 5 The Decrease in Market Value of General & Housing Funds in an adjustment that includes realized gains on investments sold during 2005 of \$13,900.75 that were previously shown as increases in Market Value.
- Note 6 Fidelity Investments - General & Housing Funds

	12/31/2005 Market Value	12/31/2005 Cost Basis
Janus Mid Cap Value	\$ 25,879.03	\$ 27,197.50
Pimco High Yield Instl	37,901.92	37,742.21
T Rowe Price Equity Income	25,638.58	26,233.11
Vanguard Primecap	80,427.17	58,503.81
Vanguard Short Term Invmt	234,797.35	240,110.88
GNMC # 28984	286.62	272.49
FHLMC # 180822	50.94	48.53
FNMA # 1994-1	10,038.85	9,999.95
FHLMC # 1136	399.56	400.25
Fist Charter Bank	99,083.00	100,000.00
RG Premier Bank	75,000.00	75,000.00
Fidelity Cash Reserves	276,531.37	276,531.37
Cash	3,132.13	3,132.13
	<u>\$ 869,166.52</u>	<u>\$ 855,172.23</u>

## Note 7 Fidelity Investments - Supplemental Aid Fund

	12/31/2005 Market Value	12/31/2005 Cost Basis
Artisan International	\$ 10,297.80	\$ 7,213.10
Fidelity Advisor Natural Rescs	11,815.62	10,815.97
Janus Mid Cap Value	10,144.57	10,661.41
Templeton Developing Markets	2,912.08	2,290.38
Vanguard Growth & Income	22,419.21	20,621.33
Vangurd Primecap	18,286.47	13,301.90
Discover Bank	35,000.00	35,000.00
United States Treasury Notes	60,283.20	55,878.28
Fidelity Cash Reserves	2,338.02	2,338.02
Cash	5.47	5.47
	<u>\$ 173,502.44</u>	<u>\$ 158,125.86</u>

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



*Retired missionaries - Bob & Lois Draper*



*Prayer at Missions' Rally*

## *Report of the Study Committee: Weak or Declining Churches*

The committee met five times since last Annual Conference to complete its assignment.

At an adjourned session of Annual Conference, October 22, 2005, Carl Shank gave a detailed presentation of the Natural Church Development assessment survey. Most churches were represented by a pastor(s), elder(s) or other church leaders. As of February 10, 2006, five churches are in various stages of using the NCD church health evaluation tool. Several others are giving serious thought to using it in the future.

At the adjourned session the Duties of the Board of Church Health were passed at first reading. The committee made a few non-substantive changes to help clarify the language and intent.

We hereby recommend that the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference adopt the following at second reading:

### **Duties of Board of Church Health**

- (1) The Board of Church Health shall monitor the health of Particular Churches.
- (2) It shall approach, based on its discretion, Particular Churches to offer assistance for strengthening church health.
- (3) It shall provide counsel and resources for the self-assessment of the health of Particular Churches.
- (4) It shall provide a list of recommended consultants to Particular Churches needing assistance in moving toward stronger church health.
- (5) It shall offer training and seminars to promote church health.
- (6) It shall inform the Ministerial Relations Committee if a matter threatening the pastoral relationship becomes evident at a Particular Church receiving Board of Health

assistance and shall assist a Particular Church at the request of the Ministerial Relations committee.

- (7) It shall in cooperation with the Board of Directors assist particular churches to close when necessary.
- (8) In the event of a church closing it shall consult with the Board of Church Extension regarding the feasibility of planting a new church in the same area.
- (9) It shall develop sources of financial assistance for Particular Churches who cannot afford church health resources.
- (10) It shall receive and disburse monies designated for church health.

**Committee to Study Weak or Declining Churches:** Byron Widger, Chairman; Carl K. Spackman, Secretary; Carl C. Cassel, Ronald W. Reed, Greg A. Uhrich, John C. Vandegriff (Richard T. Paashaus, Robert A. Sloan, Robert H. Zentz from the Strategic Planning Committee).

## ***Report of the Board of Higher Education***

During the 2005 calendar year, the Board of Higher Education (BHE) met three times, for a total of thirty-nine 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 2008: Stephen C. Cassel, Judith Rychnovsky  
 Term expiring in 2007: Raymond R. Dotts, Jay H. Fasnacht  
 Term expiring in 2006: Gary E. Karch, Robert C. Newman

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 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. The latter of these continues, but could profit from greater participation by BF Churches. The former has been phased out, as Chaplain Ed Moyer has noted that the block scheduling and commuter nature of the Biblical program means that there is no time when a substantial fraction of the students are on campus. In addition, Biblical has its own chaplain Bill Harding, who is handling many of the same matters that Ed was.

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

The BHE has regularly taken time at 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 BFC 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. We have regularly heard reports from board members John Studenroth on the work of Collegiate Outreach, Bob Newman on the Interdisciplinary Biblical Research Institute, Al Russell on Christian high schools and foreign exchange students, and Billy Dunn on youth ministry.

One topic of new interest this year has been the question of whether the BHE might be able to serve as a conduit for presentations at BF churches and Christian high schools on intelligent design and on preparing high school students to navigate their college experience more effectively, whether in Christian or secular institutions.

We thank the Lord that He has provided funding for the PEF, which is now awarding a significant number of scholarships, and that we can encourage CO and IBRI in their current activities.

Bob Newman will be resigning this year from the BHE and PEF, as he is retiring from Biblical Theological Seminary and moving to the Charlottesville, VA, area, where he hopes to be involved in student outreach at the University of Virginia and other nearby colleges, and to speak and teach in various venues both in the US and overseas.

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.

The Board of Higher Education recommends the following:

**Resolved**, that the Annual Conference ratify the election to the Pinebrook Educational Foundation of Gary E. Karch and Karen Stull for terms to end in 2009.

**Board of Higher Education:** Robert C. Newman, Chairman; Raymond R. Dotts, Vice-Chairman; John C. Studenroth, Secretary; Stephen C. Cassel; Billy J. Dunn; Alan H. Russell; Harold P. Shelly.

### **Pinebrook Educational Foundation**

The Board of Directors of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation met three times in 2005.

The Foundation received gifts totaling \$ 2,700 in 2005.

Significant Board actions are described below:

1. Approved guidelines applicable to the Andrew W. Ungerer Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund, a Board-Designated Fund.
2. Granted Scholarships totaling \$10,000 as follows:
  - a. \$1000 to Colby Weinhofer from the Reverend and Mrs. R. C. Reichenbach Scholarship Fund. Colby attends Biblical Theological Seminary.
  - b. \$1000 to Peter Morrison from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Peter attends John Brown University.
  - c. \$1000 to Eddie Mrowka from the temporarily-restricted General Scholarship Fund. Eddie attends Philadelphia Biblical University.
  - d. \$500 to Rachel Taylor from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Rachel attends Philadelphia Biblical University.
  - e. \$500 to Sarah Taylor from the Weaver Memorial Fund. Sarah attends Messiah College.
  - f. \$1000 to Leah Curcio from the Ungerer Memorial Fund. Leah attends Lancaster Bible College.
  - g. \$1000 to Shaun Fink from the Ungerer Memorial Fund. Shaun attends Liberty University.

- h. \$1000 to Mark Matson from the Ungerer Memorial Fund. Mark attends Philadelphia Biblical University.
- i. \$1000 to Amanda Snead from the Ungerer Memorial Fund. Amanda attends Grove City College.
- j. \$1000 to Abigail Redman from the Ungerer Memorial Fund to assist in meeting her outstanding obligations to Biblical Theological Seminary.
- k. \$500 from the Pinebrook Junior College Scholarship Fund, and \$500 from the Ungerer Memorial Fund, to Sarah Matson. Sarah attends Indiana Wesleyan University.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary

**PINEBROOK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
**Financial Report**  
**Balance Sheets**  
**December 31, 2004 and 2005**

ASSETS	2004	2005
Cash in Lafayette Ambassador Bank	\$ 8,943	\$ 1,828
Account Receivable	- - -	1,280
Investments	178,780	184,216
Total Assets	<u>\$187,723</u>	<u>\$187,324</u>
LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS		
Amount Held for Board of Higher Education Expenses	\$ 183	\$ 183
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	118,115	114,833
Temporarily Restricted	5,661	4,542
Permanently Restricted	63,764	67,766
Total Net Assets	<u>187,540</u>	<u>187,141</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$187,723</u>	<u>\$187,324</u>



**Statements of Income (Loss) and Changes in Net Assets  
Years Ended December 31, 2004 and 2005**

	2004	2005
Investment Income	\$14,170	\$ 6,901
Contributions Received	2,900	2,700
Scholarships Awarded	(7,300)	(10,000)
Net Income (Loss)	9,770	(399)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	177,770	187,540
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 187,540</u>	<u>\$ 187,141</u>

The Financial Statements of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation were audited by Darian R. Allen

**PINEBROOK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

December 31, 2004 and 2005

	2004	2005
Verizon Common Stock - 116 Shares	4,699	3,494
Davis Funds - New York Venture A&B	13,046	14,336
Vanguard:		
Bond Funds	80,900	81,843
Stock Fund	80,135	84,543
Total Investments	<u>\$ 178,780</u>	<u>\$ 184,216</u>



*Fellowship Manor*

## *Report of the Board of the Homes, Inc.*

We often hear of the familiar saying “Old age is a matter of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter!” This has been David Golden’s attitude. At the age of 86, David continues to work 35-40 hours per week building cabinets and other items for Fellowship Community Church, Fellowship Manor, Fellowship Terrace and the residents at Fellowship Courts. David and his wife live in Musselman Court.

David’s remarkable feat is a reminder to each of us that we must stay active as long as we can. Far too many folks hit middle and older age and put the body in neutral. And Christians too often put their service for Jesus Christ in the same inactive mode.

Each of us has a responsibility to God as long as He gives us physical and mental strength, to work heartily “as to the Lord” (*Colossians 3:23*). We are never called to retire from life and coast home to Heaven.

The psalmist said that the righteous “shall still bear fruit in old age” (*Psalms 92:14*). For those who are physically able, that means continuing in active service. For those who can no longer move about, that means being active in prayer and in quiet service.

The mission of Fellowship Community Church is to continue serving Jesus Christ and to encourage each resident to understand that old age doesn’t stop us from bearing fruit.

2005 was a very active year on the campus of Fellowship Community and we have achieved the following goals:

- Fellowship Community has been certified to function as a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) by the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance.
- Fellowship Community has obtained approvals to begin construction of 34 new independent units known as Kauffman and Wentz Courts. Construction should begin in 2006.
- Fellowship Community has completed three quarters of the

Park Project with memorial gifts, etc., in the amount of \$220,000. The remainder of the project will be completed when expected grants are received in 2006.

- Fellowship Manor and Fellowship Terrace remain at 98% occupancy. Fellowship Courts remains fully occupied with completed applications for another 50 units.
- Fellowship Community has initiated a fund drive to purchase two new mini vans and other miscellaneous medical equipment.
- Fellowship Community Church became a BF Mission Church under the authority of the Board of Church Extension. The organizing Elders and the Board of Church Extension completed preparation to present Fellowship Community Church to the BFC Annual Conference for consideration to become a Particular Church of the Bible Fellowship Church.
- Fellowship Community is blessed to have the Board of Church Extension offices relocated to our campus. The move has been encouraging to the staff and the residents living on the campus.
- Fellowship Manor and Fellowship Terrace initiated and installed a new extensive fire alarm and security system throughout the facility to maintain compliance with the new Federal and State Life Safety regulations at a cost of approximately \$120,000.
- Fellowship Community maintains a sound financial position. We are in compliance with all Board covenant requirements. Fellowship Community is thankful for the contributions from the BFC. The year 2005 demonstrated that Fellowship Manor and Fellowship Terrace lost \$921,250 due to our Medicaid participation in the Manor and the charitable living provided to 10-12 residents in the Terrace. The \$921,250 is based on cost not charges. The loss is made up by the private pay residents and contributions from churches and individuals. Fellowship Community continues to provide priority to BFC Members regardless of financial status. All contributions from the

churches are directed toward providing direct care to needy residents.

The Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc. Board of Directors is thankful for your support and continuous prayers.

**Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc. Board of Directors:** LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Robert H. Zentz, President/CEO; Dean A. Stortz, Vice Chairman; William H. Bartron, Secretary; John W. Trauch, Treasurer; David W. Cole, Robert A. Erland, Robin Musselman, D. Thomas Phillips, Ralph E. Ritter, Glenn Ruoss, Henry U. Sandt, Jr., Hans R. Waldvogel.



*Residents from the Manor*



*Gehman Court*

## *Report of the Pinebrook Bible Conference*

*Then He said:*

*“Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet,  
for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”*

*Exodus 3:5 (ESV)*

The above words were spoken to Moses by God in front of the burning bush. Although that particular plot of ground was not out of the ordinary, containing no edifice or relic which is typically associated with holiness, it was declared such because of what God was doing and His appearance to Moses.

By no means do we suggest that the grounds of Pinebrook Bible Conference equal the burning bush experience - only God can make such declarations, however, if the criteria for such a designation has anything to do with what God is doing, then indeed, this *is holy ground*.

Take, for instance:

- A retired missionary, now living in Florida, testified that he received the Lord at Pinebrook in the early forties.
- A minister of a large church in Philadelphia noted on his website that he committed himself to the ministry around a campfire at Pinebrook.
- The speaker at this year’s Sno Glo wrote: “Each of the three weekends of Sno-Glo, I was able to stand before the hundreds of kids . . . Kids were saved, and many for the first time considered God's calling upon their lives.”
- A BFC pastor recognized that many of the membership forms he reviews identify Pinebrook as the location in which they either received the Lord or rededicated their lives to the Lord.

And the list goes on and on duplicated perhaps hundreds of thousands of times. This is what Pinebrook is all about: facilitating the furtherance of the Gospel and challenging Christians toward Godly living.

In the process of doing this, there are many mechanical and organizational decisions that need to be made. And, indeed, to trim the budget we’ve had to make some difficult choices during the

course of 2005 as certain positions were eliminated with the resulting loss of some staff members. We solicit your prayers for wisdom on our behalf.

Maintenance and upkeep continue to be priorities. New equipment needed to be purchased; one, in particular, was the new dishwasher. Vehicles either died or needed to be replaced. The Ephrata church sold us a bus replacing the one donated by Quakertown. We experienced some flooding in early April and lost some trees in a storm during this year's Sno Glo.

On the positive side, many weekends were filled with various Christian churches, associations, groups and schools; speaking English, Spanish, Hindi, Korean, Chinese, etc. Pinebrook also hosted its own retreats which included one for the seniors (Senior Saints with Lynn Warner and Dave Boyer) and another for the ladies (Ladies Refresh♥Her). A men's retreat featuring former 76er Bobby Jones has been added for 2006. Friday morning Hymn Sings was a new addition focusing mostly on seniors who love to sing the great hymns of the faith. Four such Sings will be held in 2006.

The indoor pool was finally completed in time for the 2006 Sno Glo. As an attempt to reach out to the community, a very nice write-up was placed in the local paper and the community was invited to free nights of swimming.

The Board of Directors lost a fellow-laborer and dearly beloved friend of Pinebrook when the Lord called Lee E. Boyles to his Heavenly reward. Lee had been on the Board since the BFC took control of Pinebrook in 1968. A tribute was held in his honor during our annual Christmas banquet.

On a personal note, as Director, I've enjoyed speaking in many of our churches (23 during 2005) as well as preaching at Pinebrook each Sunday morning before and during the summer conference. On each occasion I represented Pinebrook and my Savior. I'd consider it an honor to come to your church to share the vision of Pinebrook.

Another designation of holiness is the setting apart of something for God. Oftentimes it is associated with individuals who have been called to holiness *because God is holy*. The grounds of Pinebrook Bible Conference have been set apart to do *All for the Glory of God*. It truly *is holy ground* in this sense as well.

Please pray for us as we continue to live up to our designation. Please promote Pinebrook with your people. Our retreats and

summer conference are designed to assist you in helping your folks grow in our Lord. Finally, consider supporting Pinebrook with your prayers, financial gifts, as well as volunteers. As the following financial report reveals, we are in need of your help.

Wishing you Joy in Jesus,  
Dan Allen

2006 - 2007 Dates of Interest (subject to change)

- April 28-30 - Ladies Refresh♥Her
- May 12 - Friday Morning Hymn Sing
- June 9, 10 - Flower Planting Weekend
- June 18 - Summer Staff arrives
- June 24 - Week 1: Concert - Don Wyrzten; Speaker - Ron Blue; Host Pastor - Jonathan W. Arnold
- July 1 - Week 2: Concert - Bruce Heffner; Speaker - Stanley Toussaint; Host Pastor - Brian H. Cooper
- July 8 - Week 3: Concert - Marie Barlow; Speaker - Charles Wagner; Host Pastor - Bill Schlonecker
- July 15 - Week 4: Concert - Bob Deal; Speaker - David A. Thomann; Host Pastor - Byron Widger
- July 22 - Week 5: Concert - Instruments of Praise; Speaker - David Dunbar; Host Pastor - Alva Cassel
- July 29 - Week 6: Concert - Mark Cable; Speaker - John Goasdone; Host Pastor - Ralph Soper
- Aug 5 - Week 7: Concert - Kings Army; Speaker - Jim Brand; Host Pastor - Clifford B. Boone
- Aug 12 - Week 8: Concert - Matt Blagg; Speaker - Tom Taylor; Host Pastor - Calvin T. Reed
- Sept. 8 - Friday Morning Hymn Sing
- Oct. 3 - Senior Saints Retreat: Concert - Bruce Heffner; Speaker - Lynn Warner
- Nov. 3 - Friday Morning Hymn Sing
- Dec. 1 - Friday Morning Hymn Sing
- Dec. 16 - Christmas Banquet: Concert - This Hope
- Jan. 5, 12, 19 - BFC Sno Glo
- Mar. 2-4 - March Men's Encounter
- Apr. 6 - Friday Morning Hymn Sing
- Apr. 27 - Ladies Refresh♥Her
- May 18 - Golf Outing

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

Daniel P. Allen, Director; Errin G. Mulberry, Associate

### Balance Sheet

December 31, 2005

**Assets**

Current Assets

Cash in Bank - Checking	\$ 28,478	
Cash on Hand & A/R	3,765	
Payroll Account	<u>7,002</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$ 39,245

Fixed Assets

Land	1,239,794	
Buildings-Net of Depreciation	662,877	
Current Inventory	37,860	
Vehicles-Net of Depreciation	<u>13,261</u>	
Total Fixed Assets		1,953,792

**TOTAL ASSETS**

\$ 1,993,037

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	43,255	
Payroll Taxes Payable	1,441	
Line of Credit - Citizens Bank	97,860	
Payroll Deductions Payable	1,495	
Other/Loans Payables	163,911	
Sales Tax Payable	<u>133</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		308,095

Long Term Liabilities

Mortgage - beginning of year	188,006	
Mortgage Principal Paid	<u>(16,796)</u>	
Total Long Term Liability		171,210

Designated & Restricted Liabilities

Pre-paid Summer Conference	3,646	
Deposits - All Retreats	44,466	
Deposits - Summer Conference	21,486	
Restricted Funds	80	
Scholarship/Tip Fund	<u>5,459</u>	
Total Restricted Funds		75,137

**EQUITY**

Equity at Beginning of Year	1,480,049	
This Year's Gain (Loss)	<u>(41,454)</u>	
Total Equity		1,438,595

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

\$ 1,993,037



Consolidated Statement  
of Income and Expenses  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2005

## INCOME

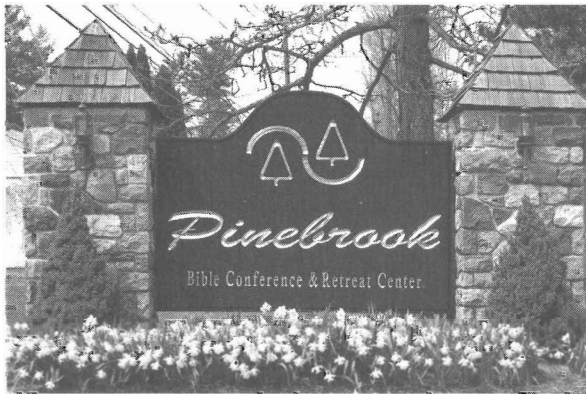
Summer Conferences - BFC	\$ 224,761
Retreats	826,849
Camp Site Rentals	14,084
Banquets, Meals/Breaks/Pizza	33,091
Ladies Retreat	20,158
Senior Citizens Retreat	12,616
Gift Store Sales	31,208
Snack Shop Sales	33,435
Vending Machine Sales	11,584
Other Sales	45,405
Land Leases & Rentals	22,498
Interest Received	1,235
Terms Taken & Damage Reimb.	703
Gifts Received	110,104
Offerings Received	55,552
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,443,283</u>

## EXPENSES

Gift Store Expense	\$ 31,451
Snack Shop Expense	35,556
Vending Machine Expense	2,607
Custodial Expenses	114,763
Kitchen Expenses	314,392
Miscellaneous Retreat Costs	2,857
Pinebrook Retreat Expenses	13,154
Banquets	1,341
Sports	3,083
Music/Audio Visual	9,747
Maintenance	129,219
Maintenance Supplies	6,742
Pest Control	1,440
Water Supply Expense	1,150
Sewer Plant Supplies/Maint.	7,292
Swimming Pools Expense	11,216
Electric	83,709
Gas	12,333
Oil	99,000
Vehicle Costs	21,688
Insurances	167,295
Payroll, FICA & Processing	199,657
Honoraria Paid	14,616
Gifts to Churches (RWR)	7,101
Summer Conference Program	24,164
Office Supplies & Equipment	20,601
Computer Expenses	10,430

Printing, Advertising & P/R	23,491
Telephone	13,925
Postage Stamps & Meter	17,782
Board Expenses	2,409
Benefits, Training & Educate	6,964
Legal & Accounting	265
Sanitation Removal	10,815
Medical Supplies	739
Interest Paid	20,912
Depreciation/Principal Expnd	35,886
Principal Reduction of debt	(34,412)
Real Estate Taxes	28,446
General Improvements	3,865
Other & Misc. Expenses	6,740
Total Expenses	\$ 1,484,431
Securities Loss	(306)
LOSS	\$ (41,454)
Mortgage/Loan Principal Paid	(34,413)
CASH LOSS:	<u>\$ (75,867)</u>

Accounts at Citizens Bank, Stroudsburg, PA  
Books reviewed by Jay Fasnacht



## ***Pinebrook ~ A Place For You!***



## *Report of Victory Valley Camp*

*“And these words, which I am commanding you today,  
shall be on your heart;  
and you shall teach them diligently to your sons  
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house  
and when you walk by the way  
and when you lie down and when you rise up.”  
Deuteronomy 6:6,7*

Entering our second half-century as the only cooperative children's ministry of the BFC, Victory Valley Camp continues to re-imagine and re-invigorate its purpose, program and property.

The Board and Staff remain committed to partnering with parents and local BF Churches to train up children in the way they should go.

We have increased the caliber of our Bible teaching by bringing in skilled, mature preachers and teachers from our BF Churches. These gifted men set an example for our young Summer Missionaries in how to rightly divide the word of truth as they lay a firm foundation in the lives of our campers.

Pastors Ronald L. Kohl (Quakertown), David K. Schlonecker (Emmaus), Mark E. Barninger (Harrisburg), Board of Missions Director Dana E. Weller and college discipleship missionary Mark Bickel (Cedar Crest), opened the books of Samuel and the Psalms in Summer 2005 to lead campers through King David's terrifying and thrilling life of faith.

During the first summer in which our "staff" became Summer Missionaries, raising prayer and support teams, more than 400 adults committed to petition the Lord on behalf of these young men and women. These prayers had a palpable impact on this ministry. Although the income uncertainty of the new system sorely tested the faith of some Summer Missionaries, by God's grace each one earned more than they would have under the previous "employee" system.

Hundreds of parents used our new, fast, convenient and secure online-registration system, and many enjoyed the additional benefit of seeing daily photos of their campers, and sending letters to their

children by email.

We continued to provide substantial discounts to children of BFC pastors and missionaries, as well as camperships for children from other low-income families when their local church could not help.

Behind the scenes, dozens of faithful volunteers labored to improve the property and our programs. They are the Lord's servants, and God's provision for Victory Valley.

Financial giving from both churches and individuals increased, including a \$15,000 pledge from a long-time supporter which will help us to construct a new \$35,000 upper-elements-challenge course, designed with young children in mind. Our existing course is aging, attached to growing trees, and not designed for young children.

As we move toward a total re-design of the property, including replacement of cabins and other structures within the next few years, Facilities Manager John Masters continues to work hard to maintain what the Lord has thus far provided. Sometimes, he's aided by volunteers whose help with a variety of projects and regular maintenance jobs is another of God's gracious ways of sustaining this crucial ministry.

Donna Bauer, our 28-year-veteran-assistant director, worked tirelessly in almost every area of the ministry, continuing to demonstrate her love for young believers, and a humble servant attitude.

Among her numerous valuable contributions to the ministry, JoAnna Walker revolutionized our opening-day check-in process -- making it faster, easier, and "cooler" for our camper families.

Scott Ott, in his second year as Executive Director, enjoyed preaching and speaking at dozens of Bible Fellowship Churches, where he continues to learn more about how to better serve the local church.

Going forward, Victory Valley Camp has three basic goals:

- Systematically train children in the great doctrines of Scripture.
- Actively partner with local BF Churches to help them fulfill their kingdom goals of proclaiming the gospel and making disciples.

- Eagerly involve more adults in all of our programs, to provide greater spiritual maturity and safety, and to strengthen the local BF Church.

[www.VictoryValleyCamp.org](http://www.VictoryValleyCamp.org)

610-966-5880

[info@VictoryValleyCamp.org](mailto:info@VictoryValleyCamp.org)

## 2006-07 Calendar of Events

### 2006

June 2-4	American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Training
June 10	Friends of Victory Valley Picnic
June 25-August 12	Summer Camp Season
October 6	Victory Valley Golf Challenge
December 9	Friends of Victory Valley Banquet

### 2007

January 19-21	Sno-Valley Weekend #1
January 26-28	Sno-Valley Weekend #2
February 2-4	Sno-Valley Weekend #3
March 30-April 1	BFC Summer Missions Retreat (ages 15-18)
June 1-3	American Red Cross Lifeguard Training
June 9	Friends of Victory Valley Picnic
June 24-August 11	Summer Camp Season

**Board of Victory Valley Camp:** Douglas J. Manwiller, Chairman; Timothy D. Weaber, Secretary; C. Larry Bennett, Jason J. Englehart, Bruce A. Ellingson, Alan G. Miller, Rodney Plows, Dennis W. Spinney, Gary J. Wolfinger  
Scott G. Ott, Director

**Financial Report**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As of December 31, 2005**

**Assets**

## Current Assets

Cash on Hand	\$ 3,481.03	
Cash in Bank - Checking	132.47	
Cash in Bank - Money Market	5,568.40	
Accounts Receivable	-	
Marketable Securities	<u>1,618.55</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$ 10,800.45

## Long-Term Assets

Capital Expenditures	\$ 18,714.00	
Pool	69,696.00	
Modular	60,174.00	
Fixed Assets	111,822.00	
Real Estate	399,840.91	
Tractor	20,900.00	
Victory Hall	<u>266,651.00</u>	
Total Long-Term Assets		947,797.91

## Total Assets

\$ 958,598.36

**Liabilities**

## Current Liabilities

Rental Deposit	\$ 50.00	
Payroll Taxes Payable	2,396.64	
Current Portion Long Term Debt	<u>8,805.10</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 11,251.74

## Long-Term Liabilities

Tractor Loan	\$ 5,100.08	
Loan - Individual	100,000.00	
Loan - BFC Homes, Inc.	3,705.02	
Less Current Portion	<u>(8,805.10)</u>	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		100,000.00

## Total Liabilities

\$ 111,251.74

**Net Assets**

Temporarily Restricted	\$ 18,577.00	
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>828,769.62</u>	
Total Net Assets		847,346.62
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		<u>\$ 958,598.36</u>

**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year ended December 31, 2005**

REVENUES AND SUPPORT

Camper Fees:

Day Camp	\$ 10,121.00
Summer	140,231.50
Winter	20,303.09
Parent/Child Weekends	8,317.50
Other Programs	2,115.00

Donations:

Annual Fund	36,347.61
Church Support	50,962.00
Camper Offerings	1,592.18
Campership Projects	5,361.31
Summer Missionary Fund	48,769.28
Golf Challenge	9,644.60
Contribution - Gifts in Kind	750.00

Program:

Crafts	745.40
Gift Shop	5,285.00
Horsemanship	10,715.00
Pictures	2,390.00
Snack Shack	7,001.01
Camp Life	1,178.18

Rental:

Overnight Groups	38,476.50
General	14,618.50
Victory Hall	7,320.00
Challenge Areas & Equipment	6,359.75

Other Income:

Interest & Dividends	614.72
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>2,467.56</u>

Total Revenues and Support \$ 431,686.69

**Expenses for Programs**

Direct Program Expenses

Assistant Director's Salary	\$ 27,645.24
Camper Picture Expense	1,415.75
Craft Supplies	1,213.82
Day Camp	7,335.25
Gift Shop	5,783.44
Health Insurance	11,761.44
Horsemanship	8,661.42
Medical	76.59
Other Program Expenses	1,027.59
Parent/Child Weekends	238.60

Payroll Taxes	5,835.88	
Recreational Supplies	2,785.77	
Snack Shack	4,158.93	
Summer Camper Expenses	9,701.50	
Summer Missionary Development	3,239.33	
Summer Missionary Pay	48,640.98	
Winter Camper Expenses	<u>3,924.02</u>	
Total Expenses for Direct Programs		\$ 143,445.55
Expenses for Buildings and Grounds		
Facilities Manager	\$ 22,286.94	
Cleaning Supplies	1,421.03	
Fuel	1,460.13	
Health Insurance	7,476.54	
Maintenance & Repairs	19,116.14	
Payroll Taxes	1,870.25	
Pool Supplies	3,080.50	
Real Estate Taxes	5,721.04	
Summer Maintenance Crew	2,160.81	
Utilities	22,032.09	
Waste Disposal	<u>2,726.06</u>	
Total Expenses for Building & Grounds		89,351.53
Expenses for Food Service		
Equipment & Supplies	\$ 2,425.37	
Food	<u>28,655.41</u>	
Total Expenses for Food Service		<u>31,080.78</u>
Total Expenses for Programs		<u>263,877.86</u>
Excess Revenues and Support Over		
Expenses for Programs		\$ 167,808.83
Expenses for General Administration		
Conference Convention Meetings	\$ 1,168.21	
Director's Salary	33,537.92	
Dues, Fees & Subscriptions	1,548.76	
Fulltime Staff Development	531.65	
General Insurance	27,925.25	
Health Insurance	14,607.62	
Miscellaneous Expenses	58.58	
Office Salaries	20,425.60	
Office Supplies	7,020.01	
Payroll Taxes	4,128.21	
Postage	2,783.97	
Promotion & Advertising	9,672.32	
Registration Expenses	9,089.03	
Staff Scholarship Fund	5,854.46	
Telephone & Telecommunications	4,892.75	
Travel	<u>1,495.54</u>	
Total Expenses for General Administration		\$ 144,739.88



Other Expenses		
Golf Challenge Expenses	\$ 4,784.34	
Total Other Expenses		4,784.34
Expenses for Debt Service		
Interest Expense		<u>5,582.30</u>
Total Expenses for General		
Administration, Other Expenses and Debt Service	155,106.52	
Change in Net Assets	\$ 12,702.31	
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	834,644.31	
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 847,346.62</u>	

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

### 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.

Depreciation. 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 ©) (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:

- a. 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.

Use of Estimates. 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, 2005 was \$1,618.55

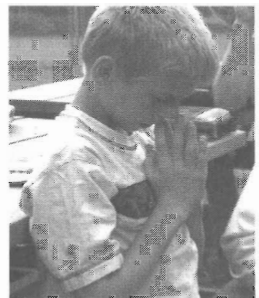
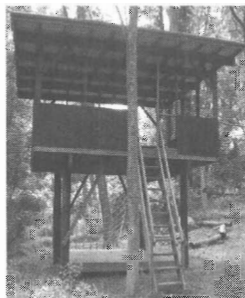
Note 4. Long Term Debt Reduction

	<u>Tractor Loan</u>	<u>Note Payable BFC Homes, Inc</u>
2006	\$ 5,100	\$ 3,705
Total reduction on debt	<u>\$ 5,100</u>	<u>\$ 3,705</u>

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.



## ***Report of the Board of Communications***

*“Do not be afraid, but go on speaking  
and do not be silent,” -Acts 18:9 (ESV)*

God brought this verse to my attention a number of years ago when a visiting missionary from Japan gifted me with a wall hanging with these words in Japanese. (I accepted my brother’s testimony that the Japanese letters and words were indeed Acts 18:9.) Even though I couldn’t read Japanese, that banner sent me back to the English text, and many times I was encouraged to “keep on going on.”

Faithfulness in the work God gives to us is a true mark of God’s calling and sustenance in ministry. We fail in the task to which we are called for reasons such as: unfaithfulness, weariness, frustration, fear, and illness. Each of us has experienced in ministry times of great frustration, disappointment, and exhaustion that may make us want to give up. But, as we continue in faithfulness, God refreshes us in sometimes surprising ways. Had Paul given up because of the opposition he was receiving at Corinth, the Church there may never have materialized under his ministry. God gave grace to Paul by speaking these words to him when he needed them most, and Paul received the blessing of seeing a church established under his ministry there.

Much of what we do in ministry is rather mundane. We become used to it, and the glow of being “called to this work” can be somewhat diminished. Like most other conference boards and committees, we on the Board of Communications do many things that are quite ordinary and common. But, it is truly amazing what all of us together can accomplish over the course of the year.

This year, the Board of Communications, in doing many mundane tasks, has seen many good things come to pass. It has been a time of change in personnel on the Board which will be reflected below in some of the resolutions. Both Ralph E. Ritter and

Rachel Kistler have come on board to fill positions becoming vacant over this past year.

There is much we do on the Board that we cannot do without the help of others from outside the Board. I want to especially thank Thomas P. Shorb for working alongside Daniel P. Allen in revising our *Faith and Order*. We are planning to have a completely revised *F&O* for you this year. This is the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the 1996 revision. Supplement sheets were becoming unwieldy so it was definitely time to revise the whole publication. In the future, updates will be combined from year-to-year so that there are fewer updates.

The Board of Communication is also excited about a new product which will be a great help to our churches. An “Abridged Edition” of the *F&O* containing the *Articles of Faith* and sections 100, 200, 400, and 705 (History of the BFC) will be made available.

\_\_\_ We appreciate the opportunity of working with the Strategic Planning Committee in the ongoing work of developing a logo for the BFC. There is the hope that the new logo will be presented to the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. The cost of logo development is \$3000. This, along with a new printing of the *Faith & Order* as well as the “Abridged Edition” of the *F&O*, will tax our 2006 budget beyond what we are able to handle. We hope that help will be coming from Annual Conference.

Many thanks to Arlene Paashaus for helping coordinate our specially created e-mail group - BFC Pastors' Wives.

We are especially appreciative of articles submitted to *Fellowship News* from those in our churches and agencies.

In closing, we are thankful that God has given gifts to each member of the Board of Communications so that His work can be accomplished. As Chairman, I am deeply grateful for the meticulous work and dedication of these people. It is a joy to serve with them.

The Board of Communications is using one of the mail boxes at Pinebrook Bible Conference for the purpose of various mailings (*Fellowship News*, supplies) and for correspondence. All bills and order blanks should be sent to the following address:

Board of Communications  
Bible Fellowship Church  
12 Pinebrook Road  
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

To help us efficiently handle your concerns please contact the following people as needed:

**Fellowship News**—articles and questions about editorial policy:

Carol Z. Snyder, 3091 York Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, 717-337-3408;

[ccsnyder@supernet.com](mailto:ccsnyder@supernet.com)

**Billing of Accounts**

Rachel Kistler, [rkistler@enter.net](mailto:rkistler@enter.net)

**Webservant**

Scott G. Ott, 7572 Sigmund Rd., Zionsville, PA 18092,

[scottott@victoryvalleycamp.org](mailto:scottott@victoryvalleycamp.org)

or [www.bfc.org](http://www.bfc.org).

**Orders** for anything published by the Board:

Dan Allen, 12 Pinebrook Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301,

[ebfc@ptd.net](mailto:ebfc@ptd.net)

The Board presents the following for your prayerful consideration:

1. **Whereas**, the material approved in 2001 defining the consideration of individuals who have experienced divorce as possible elders or deacons, which was previously located in the *Faith & Order* as §108-4, needs to be preserved, and **Whereas**, the Board of Communications was given the assignment to preserve this material (2004 *Yearbook*, page 52f), therefore be it **Resolved**, that the material be preserved in the *F&O* as follows:

**204-2.5** Because of the qualifications and dignity of the office of Elder, each Particular Church shall give careful consideration to ensure that a man who has been divorced or who has married a divorced woman is presently characterized as above reproach, and if married, faithful to and exclusively committed to his wife.

**204-3.2** Because of the qualifications and dignity of the office of Deacon, each Particular Church shall give careful consideration to ensure that a man who has been divorced or who has married a divorced woman is presently

characterized as above reproach, and if married, faithful to and exclusively committed to his wife.

2. **Resolved**, that the cost of the 2006 *Yearbook* be \$ 8.50 per copy.
3. **Resolved**, that a contribution of three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325.00) for the conference year 2006 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 Board of Communications by December 31, 2006.

4. **Resolved**, that \$1.75 per member of the Bible Fellowship Church for 2006 be forwarded to the Board of Communications from each church to help underwrite the cost of printing and distributing the *Fellowship News*. Payments are to be made to the Board of Communications at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference.
5. **Resolved**, that Rachel Kistler be ratified to fill the position of Business Manager of *Fellowship News* to complete the unexpired term of Paul T. Rutman, 2007.
6. **Resolved**, that Scott G. Ott be ratified as the Webservant for a three year term.

**Board of Communications:** William H. Bartron, Chairman; Daniel P. Allen, Secretary; Rachel Kistler, Business Manager; Carol Z. Snyder, *Fellowship News* Editor; Scott G. Ott, Webservant; Ralph E. Ritter, Clyde W. Snyder

## Financial Report

January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

Balance, January 1, 2005	\$ 7,270.35
Receipts:	
From Administrative Budget	5,000.00
From Boards & Committees	1,175.00
From Churches	15,063.75
<i>Yearbook</i> Sales	5,176.00
<i>Yearbook</i> Sponsors	250.00
<i>Faith &amp; Order</i>	1,647.50
Church Supplies	496.75
Shipping	17.50
Miscellaneous	252.00
Interest Received	13.38
Total Receipts	\$ 29,091.88
Total	\$ 36,362.23

Expenditures:

*Fellowship News:*

Design & Layout	2,650.00
Printing & Mailing	12,204.26
Editor's Expense	278.56
Editor's Honorarium	1,300.00
Proof Reading	200.00
Annual Conference Expense	250.00
Board Expense	1,225.00
<i>Faith &amp; Order</i>	666.50
<i>Yearbook</i> Expense	5,049.62
Business Manager's Expense	24.70
Church Supplies	31.25
Web Site	1,647.90
Miscellaneous Expense	286.76
Total Expenses	25,814.55
Balance, December 31, 2005	\$ 10,547.68

Board of Communications funds held in Wachovia Bank, Camp Hill, PA.

Books were reviewed and approved by Eleanor Bosserman

**Budget - 2007**

Receipts	
Administrative Budget	5,000
Boards and Committees	1,800
Churches	15,000
<i>Yearbook</i> Sales	5,300
<i>Yearbook/Fellowship News</i> Sponsors	250
<i>Faith &amp; Order</i> / "Articles of Faith"	1,800
Church Supplies	500
Shipping	80
Miscellaneous	200.00
Interest	20
Total Receipts	<u>29,950</u>
Expenses	
<i>Fellowship News:</i>	
Layout & Design	2,650
Printing & Mailing	14,350
Editor's Expenses	300
Editor's Honorarium	1,300
Proof Reading	250
Annual Conference Expense	400
Board Expense	1,400
<i>Faith &amp; Order/Articles of Faith</i>	1,600
<i>Yearbooks</i> Costs	5,500
Business Manager's Expenses	100
Church Supplies	500
Web Page Expense	1,500
Miscellaneous	100
Total Expenses	<u>29,950</u>



## *Report of the Board of Christian Education*

The Board met four times this year to provide input and leadership for the Christian Education ministries of the BFC. It is our privilege to serve as resource people to the Pastors and laypersons of the denomination.

This year has been a time of restructuring and refocusing for the Board of Christian Education.

A Family Ministries Committee is working to develop ministries for families across the BFC. Consideration will be given to ministries that may include marriage enrichment, parenting, home-schooling, and inter-generational educational programs. Mark McCreary is leading in this area.

A CE Training Day is scheduled for October 14, 2006. The *Walk Thru the Bible* seminar, "Teaching with Style," will be presented. This practical seminar will prove to be an invaluable asset to all teachers, regardless of the age group with which they minister. Please mark your calendar, watch for details, and promote the conference with your people.

The BFC has an ongoing relationship with *Walk Thru the Bible* that allows us to offer the *Walk Thru the Old and New Testament Seminars* at reduced rate to most of the churches in the denomination. Contact Pastor David Schoen for further information and to schedule such an event.

Several of our ministries have reached completion.

- After extensive work on the teaching materials for the *Biblical Principles for Living*, the entire package is now available on line at [www.BFC.org](http://www.BFC.org).
- The Audio-visual Library of the BFC was a valuable resource for all of the denomination during the 1980's and 90's. Dated materials as well as increased availability of video/DVD programs for local churches at reasonable cost have brought us to the point where we have discontinued the AV Library. The video series were distributed to several BFC churches that requested them. Our thanks to the Emmaus Church for providing oversight of the AV Library for so many years.

- With the discontinuation of Pastor-Elder-Deacon Retreat, the Board recognizes the continued need for leadership development and will address this issue in the years ahead.

A Survey of Christian Education needs and areas of concern will be completed in the Spring of 2006. We believe the input from this survey will provide clear direction for the future ministries of the Board of Christian Education.

Pastor Rick Paashaus completes his term of service at this Annual Conference and has decided not to let his name stand for another term. Pastor David Schoen will chair the Board for the year ahead. Please submit your ideas, concerns, and questions to Pastor Schoen or another of our board members.

**Board of Christian Education:** Richard T. Paashaus, Chairman; David N. Schoen, Vice-Chairman; Nancy Mertus, Secretary; Beth Wiegand, Treasurer; Judy Althouse, Michael Herb, Carol Gearhart, David Eisenhower, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Mark J. McCreary, Michael J. Tannous

### Financial Statement

	Income	Expenditures	Totals
Opening Balance: January 1, 2005			\$ 8,399.80
Church Contributions	4,522.50		4,522.50
Committee Expenses		440.90	(440.90)
Family Ministry - Kits Sold	195.00		195.00
Teacher Training Day	740.00	2,146.71	(1,406.71)
Walk Thru the Bible		1,544.30	(1,544.30)
Bank Account Charges		59.46	(59.46)
Bank Interest	60.21		60.21
Ending Balance: December 31, 2005			\$ 9,726.14

Funds are held at Wachovia Bank  
Report reviewed by Tim Cowen

## *Report of the Board of Youth & Young Adults*

The Board of Youth and Young Adults met four times in 2005 to conduct its work. In addition to the full board meetings, our sub-committees met as needed.

Without question, the major effort of our Board is Sno Glo. At a get-together of youth who are leaders and adult youth leaders, the question was asked, “What event had a significant impact on your life?” Many of the young people answered, “Sno Glo”.

We believe that Sno Glo is a very significant event and can be a tremendous influence for God in the lives of our youth. We desire to take it to another level. In the next year, we will concentrate on the four sessions to add thematic elements to make the messages even more effective. We realize that we must cry out to God for His Spirit to empower the sessions, but we also want to do our dead-level best to put together programs for God’s glory and the good of those who attend.

In the coming year, we are taking steps to connect with those who work with youth in our churches – whether volunteer or professional. We want to do what we can to make the common bond that we have in the BFC stronger.

In the Fall of 2006, we will offer a retreat we call, “Here Am I, Send Me” It is for any man who is considering the possibility that God might be calling him into pastoral ministry. We would like in this retreat to explore the call of God and how it would work within the BFC. We would like a potential mentor, elder or pastoral staff member to accompany each man.

**Board of Youth & Young Adults:** Ronald L Kohl, Chairman; Andrew Crossgrove, Vice Chairman; John Vandegriff, Secretary; William J Dunn, Treasurer; Clyde D. Bomgardner, Regina Gotchel, Lisa Kellerman, Dorothy Ruch, William Walters.

**Board of Youth & Young Adult Ministry**  
**Financial Report**  
 December 31, 2005

Opening Checking Balance \$ 21,585.64

**Revenues & Support**

Sno-Glo 2005	\$ 105,736.47	
Leader's Retreat	1,135.00	
Sno-Glo 2006 Deposit	23,560.00	
Church Contributions	1,160.00	
FallOut 2005	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Revenues		\$ 132,091.47

**Expenditures**

Sno-Glo	\$ 120,559.26	
Leader's Retreat	864.00	
Administrative Assistant	2,250.00	
Committee Expenses	741.03	
One Voice	500.00	
Postage and Supplies	<u>1,731.02</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>126,645.31</u>

Total Assets \$ 27,031.80

Accounts held at East Penn Bank, Emmaus, PA  
 Accounts reviewed by David Schlonecker



*2006 Sno Glo at Pinebrook Bible Conference*

## *Report of the Historical Committee*

Milestones are stones that mark the miles. If you were journeying along a road, milestones showed how far you had come. Some milestones passed in the work of the Historical Committee for 2005 were:

3000 - catalogued items in our collection of documents, books, records and the like.

1500 - photographs in storage, catalogued and indexed in computer files.

700 - files available on our website.

These milestones show how far we have come. The archives started with a few minute books rescued from an attic in Allentown. Years later, the growing collection documents the story of the Evangelical Mennonites / Evangelical United Mennonites / Mennonite Brethren In Christ / Bible Fellowship Church. Is the story important? Certainly not to many who don't know or appreciate the BFC. But to the many of us who have been brought to faith and nurtured in the Christian life as a part of this church, it is a very important story. This church, with its unique history, distinct understandings and commitment to biblical truth, has shaped us and has been used by God in our lives and is being used in the lives of people in many communities.

The story of our past offers clues to who we are becoming, what we will be like and our place in doing God's work. This story does not invite us to live in the past but rather to go boldly into the future to do a work that understands and celebrates the faithfulness of God. This story does not beckon us to enjoy nostalgia but to build on a heritage of faithful service as we seek fervently to be God's servants in a new and changing world. The story of our past is just the prelude to our future.

The Historical Committee continues to serve in the conviction that gathering and preserving the materials that give light to our past is a very important task. We are glad for those who have donated their records, photographs and other items for storage in the archives located in Wallingford. We encourage you to continue to place your valuable historical material in the archives for safe keeping and preservation.

**More milestones events:**

The Historical Committee received nearly \$3,000 in memorial gifts as a result of mailings to the Historical Society. We are grateful for this response. We were able to purchase 3 additional fire resistant cabinets which are already being filled with our irreplaceable materials. In the future, we hope to receive further gifts which will be needed to maintain and expand our archival collection.

The Historical Committee has accepted the kind invitation of Fellowship Community to place its collection there for safe keeping. While the transfer will not take place for several years, the facilities being prepared at Fellowship Community will include a space to store and maintain our archives. We are grateful for this provision which will insure the availability of the collection for those who wish to know the story of the BFC.

We are also grateful to the Board of Directors for having the vision and commitment to include an allowance of \$1,000 in the Administrative Budget in the past years. This annual provision has been of great benefit over the years.

We end this report by repeating our encouragement to you to place historically relevant records, photographs, and documents in the archives so that they might be available to the generations who will follow us.

**Historical Committee:** Jill Davidson, Chairperson; Richard E. Taylor, Secretary and Archivist; Carl C. Cassel, Harold P. Shelly, Robert W. Smock, James A. Beil.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**January 1, 2005 - December 31, 2005**

Balance - 1/1/2005		\$ 1,596.06
Receipts		
Memorial Giving		\$ 2,730.00
Annual Conference Allowance	1,000.00	
Sales	353.00	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 4,083.00</u>	<u>4,083.00</u>
Balance		<u>\$ 5,679.06</u>

Expenses		
Website	220.50	
Mileage	73.92	
Cabinets	1,764.98	
Membership (LMHS)	30.00	
Archive Maintenance	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Expenses	2,589.40	<u>2,589.40</u>
Balance - 12/31/2005		<u><u>\$ 3,089.66</u></u>

Operating Funds	2124.64
Memorial Funds	<u>965.02</u>
	\$ 3089.66

These funds are deposited in the Wachovia Bank, Brookhaven, PA

This account was reviewed by Timothy S. Cowen

### *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. Urich, Secretary; James A. Beil, Douglas D. Bowne, Lee E. Boyles, Carl C. Cassel, Calvin T. Reed, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., Clyde W. Snyder, Dean A. Stortz, Robert H. Zentz

## *Report of the Strategic Planning Committee*

In our Report to the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, the Strategic Planning Committee stated the following objectives. After each of these objectives we have provided updates on progress that has been made in each area.

### Objectives for 2005

*1. Work with the Board of Communications to communicate denominational vision and identity through the development of a new logo.*

We have worked with the Board of Communications in seeking to provide not only a logo but also a broader identity for the BFC. The Board of Communications will be presenting materials to the Annual Conference for consideration. We are pleased that this work is moving toward completion.

*2. Evaluate leadership needs and work with the Board of Christian Education to provide at least three leadership training opportunities.*

The Board was in contact with the Board of Christian Education and is aware of plans for a leadership training seminar that will be offered in the Fall of 2006.

Much more extensive work has been done with the Committee to Study Weak or Declining Churches. Two of our Board members served on both committees and gave significant input in the preparations for the proposed "Board of Church Health." We actively participated in the planning for the Adjourned Session of Annual Conference and wholeheartedly support the work of the Board of Church Health, urging the Annual Conference to approve legislation that will establish such a board.

In addition, extensive work has been done to provide a forum for roundtable discussions and days of encouragement and enrichment for BFC Pastors. Such gatherings are tentatively being planned with Dr. Diane Langberg, the first of which we hope to offer in 2006 at Fellowship Community.



3. *Develop regional organization to provide a coordinator and secretary in each region. Encourage the pastors and elders of each region to meet for fellowship and discussion of shared ministry opportunities.*

Regional development continues to take place. Most regions are actively gathering for prayer, fellowship, and support. All are encouraged to do so according to the guidelines approved by Annual Conference.

Some changes have been made to better provide for the interaction of churches and leaders within a geographic area. A Southern Region now includes Cape May, NJ, Long Neck, DE, Camden, DE, Newark, DE, Chesapeake, VA.

Recognizing the affinity of our “City Concerns” churches, our Philadelphia, Brooklyn NY, and Newark NJ churches will be part of dual regions. The Philadelphia Region will now include Maple Glen, Philadelphia, and Wallingford. A complete list of the realigned regions is included as an addendum to this report.

4. *Encourage 3 regions to begin steps to plant new churches in their region.*

Though no entirely new church plants have been generated from within regional groups, the Lehigh Valley Churches continue to be supportive of the Hellertown Mission as well as the Lighthouse Church in South Allentown and the Berks County Churches have given great support to La Roca Mission in Reading. The Board of Church Extension agrees that regional church plants will be a great asset to the development of new ministries in the BFC.

5. *Establish a Vision Fund that will be used to develop and strengthen denominational vision for ministry.*

We ask that each Bible Fellowship Church contribute to the Vision Fund to provide seed money for promoting denomination-wide events. Contributions should be made to the BFC Treasurer, noting designation for the Vision Fund.

6. *Work with the Board of Directors to implement a plan to develop a central denominational administration and facility.*

The Board of Church Extension now operates from office space located at Fellowship Community in Whitehall, PA. Considerations are underway for the relocation of other denominational offices to that location as well. Our denominational telephone number (877-795-1212) is routed to Fellowship Community at the current time. We deeply appreciate the support of Fellowship Community and believe that further movement toward denominational administrative facilities will be a great asset to our fellowship of churches.

In addition, the Committee's work this year included the following:

1. *Fifth Sunday Denominational Prayer focus*

The Committee continued to provide Fifth Sunday materials for each pastor/church, urging them to pray specifically for the ongoing needs of the BFC. In January, PowerPoint materials were distributed as well. Numerous congregations have made this focus a priority.

2. *Consideration of Denominational Agency Goals*

Leaders from each of the BFC Agencies met with the Committee to give updates on ongoing projects and goals for the future. The interaction was valuable and helped bring focus to the denominational ministries.

3. *The addition of Bob Evans to the Committee*

Bob Evans has served with Bible Centered Ministries and is actively involved at the Wallingford BFC. We are pleased that he consented to fill the vacancy created when Jim MacArthur was called to minister full-time in Indonesia. We pray God's blessings on Jim and his family as they serve and are thankful for Bob's participation thus far on the Committee.

4. *Extensive development of a plan to provide executive leadership for the BFC.*

For at least ten years, pastors and denominational leaders have expressed the need for more definitive leadership for the BFC, particularly between Annual Conferences. We recognize that the denomination has strong legislative and judicial structures, but believe that executive leadership has been lacking. A plan will be presented at Annual Conference to address this need. We believe that executive leadership is necessary for future development of the BFC and are fully in favor of moving forward in this way.

The following are the 2006 Regions of the Bible Fellowship Church:

**Berks Region** - *Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Leader*

Blandon, Fleetwood, Kutztown, La Roca de Reading, Oley, Reading, Sinking Spring

**BuxMont Region** - *Andrew S. Crossgrove, Leader*

Graterford, Harleysville, Hatfield, Quakertown, Red Hill, Royersford, Spring City

**Capital Region** - *David A. Thomann, Leader*

Adams County, Ephrata, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Lebanon, Paradise, Terre Hill, York

**Lehigh Valley Region** - *Byron Widger, Leader*

Bethlehem, Cedar Crest, Coopersburg, El Faro (Lighthouse), Emmaus, Finesville NJ, Hellertown, Nazareth, Walnutport, Whitehall, Zionsville, Fellowship Community

**Metro Region** - *Dennis M. Cahill, Leader*

Brooklyn, NY, Denville, NJ, Howell, NJ, Newark, NJ, Old Bridge, NJ, Piscataway, NJ, Toms River, NJ

**Mid Hudson Region** - *James A. Wickstead, Leader*

Clinton Corners, NY, Holmes, NY, Lagrangeville, NY, Thompson, CT

**North West PA Region** - *Charles E. Cole, Leader*

Mt. Carmel, Shamokin, Sunbury

**Philadelphia Area Region** - *Richard E. Taylor, Leader*

Maple Glen, Wallingford, Wissinoming

**Pocono, PA Region** - *Daniel P. Allen, Leader*

Lehighton, Mt. Pocono, Scranton, Stroudsburg

**Southern Region** - *Timothy J. Schmoyer, Leader*

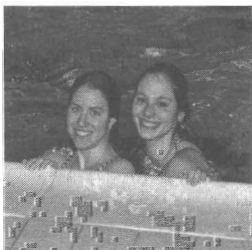
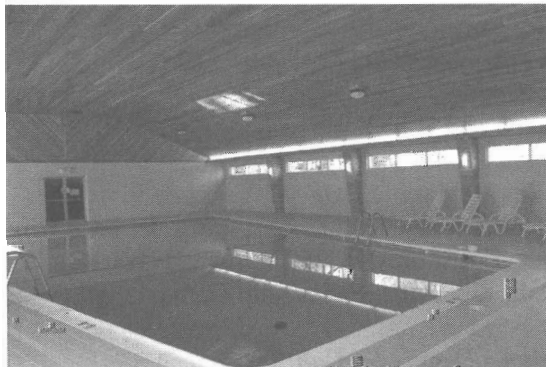
Camden, DE, Long Neck, DE, Newark, DE, Chesapeake, VA,  
Cape May, NJ

**City Concerns Group** - *G. Wayne Clapier, Leader*

Newark NJ, Brooklyn NY, Wissinoming PA

**Strategic Planning Committee:** Dana E. Weller, Chairman;  
Richard T. Paashaus, Secretary; Robert T. Evans, Elliot H. Ramos,  
Richard E. Taylor, J. Robert Vaughn, Robert H. Zentz

***Redone Indoor Pool at Pinebrook Bible Conference***



## *Report of the Beneficiary Society*

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
For His loving kindness is everlasting. Psalm 136: 1*

Our Heavenly Father watched over the members and families of the Beneficiary Society of the BFC in this past year of 2005 and none were called home to their eternal resting place. But already one of our number, Cordelia Dunn, the loving and gracious wife of retired Pastor John Dunn, responded to God's heavenly call and is now in the presence of her Saviour whom she loved with all her heart. Marilyn Coble, having reached the age of 65, has now finished receiving aid grants from the Society and this will be the final year of Barbara Chappell receiving aid. Due to the fact that we had no deaths in the year 2005, the Fund had a slight gain for the year.

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

### **Financial Report January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005**

ASSETS - January 1, 2005		\$ 186,688.76
Receipts		
Dues	\$ 3,700.00	
Gifts	50.00	
Administrative Budget	500.00	
Total Receipts		4,250.00
Investment Income		
Interest -		
Wachovia	10,218.25	
Less Accrued Interest Paid	(400.47)	
Gains (Loss) on Securities Sold	(282.71)	
Total Investment Income		9,535.07
		200,473.83
Expenditures		
Board & Secretarial Expenses	65.41	
Gifts	329.17	
Death Benefits	-	
Total Expenditures		394.58
Total Assets - December 31, 2005		\$ 200,079.25

## Checking and Savings Accounts

Lebanon Val. Farmers Bank - Ck	\$ 937.13	
Wachovia - Cash & MM 1.28%	12,945.96	
Total Checking & Savings Acct.		\$ 13,883.09

Investments - Wachovia	%	Market Value	Cost
FHLMC - 2781 DD	5.50	7,916.16	8,040.00
FHLMC - 2792 CC	6.00	3,960.80	4,000.00
FHLMC - 2890BB	5.50	2,815.11	3,006.00
FHLMC - 2643EE	5.00	5,635.26	6,000.00
FHLMC - 2858EE	5.50	14,662.50	15,006.00
GNMA - 03-76KD	5.50	1,349.53	1,374.64
GNMA - 03-81B	5.50	2,937.27	3,000.00
FHLMC - 2724GG	5.50	5,613.18	5,970.00
FHLMC - 2722EE	5.50	9,880.10	10,000.00
GNMA - 04-11WE	5.50	1,796.18	1,791.65
GNMA - 04-16EC	5.50	6,844.25	7,000.00
GNMA - 2004-16AE	5.50	989.01	1,006.00
Bank of America - 04-31A4	5.50	4,026.48	4,036.00
FHLMC - 2973CC	5.50	1,962.40	2,026.00
FHLMC - 2946EE	5.50	5,607.42	6,072.00
FHLMC - 2940CC	5.25	9,645.10	10,012.00
GNMA - 04-42BE	6.00	60.11	61.76
MASTR - 04-15A4	5.50	5,325.10	5,355.25
GNMA - 04-41CD	6.00	928.58	968.86
FHLMC - 2875HH	5.50	1,950.48	2,006.00
FHLMC - 2825DD	6.00	7,703.20	8,080.00
FHLMC - 2841NN	5.50	1,982.62	1,997.50
FHLMC - 2968MM	5.50	4,652.60	5,006.00
FHLMC - 2964GG	5.50	4,637.65	5,006.00
FNMA - 05-27AD	5.50	2,896.32	3,051.00
FHLMC - 2982DD	5.50	8,212.72	8,006.00
FHLMC - 2975DD	5.50	2,797.50	3,006.00
FHLMC - 2991HH	5.00	3,814.16	4,006.00
GSR MTG SECS - 05-5F2A7	5.50	5,850.66	6,006.00
FHLMC - 302HH	5.50	1,868.38	2,016.00
FHLMC - 3014GG	5.50	11,984.05	13,006.00
FHLMC - 3033WW	5.50	2,792.49	3,036.00
FHLMC - 3040CC	5.50	12,979.59	13,136.00
Countrywide - 05-21A9	5.50	8,413.20	9,073.50
FHLMC - 3063LL	6.00	3,052.41	3,036.00
Countrywide - 05-53T22A4	5.50	1,924.72	1,996.00
Total Investments		179,440.29	186,196.16
Total Assets - Dec. 31, 2005			<u>\$ 200,079.25</u>

## Notes

1 - Investments are listed at cost or Face Value.

2 - Anticipated income on Wachovia investments for year is \$10,263  
Books reviewed by Ellis Lee Hostetter, CPA. "Audit Letter" available upon request.

## *Report of the Committee to Examine A.C. Minutes*

In pursuance of our responsibility to produce accurate minutes of Annual Conference, the committee compares the approved minutes with the those published in the *Yearbook* as well as receiving and reviewing suggested corrections to the *Yearbook* submitted during the year. This task is accomplished each year with considerable help from many who take the time to carefully examine the *Yearbook* for errors and omissions.

The following minor corrections should be made to the 2005 official minutes (*Yearbook*):

- P. ix – Board of Youth and Young Adults – 2<sup>nd</sup> line. – John C. Vandegriff Jr. should have a comma between name and Jr.
- P. 31 – The legislation at the bottom of page 31 of the 2005 Yearbook has the wrong section # in the heading, in the Whereas, and in the resolution. The number should be 402-2.3 not 202-2.3 in all three places.
- P. 34 – 204-3.1 – FIRST READING overlaps last line.
- P. 54 – Ordained Ministers Between Calls – 3 names out of line with others.
- P. 68 – 1. Resolution – The first and second paragraphs have the same sentence stated twice. Is this to be or is one to be deleted: “Housing allowance, health insurance, and retirement must be provided in addition to his salary, and provision should be made for reimbursement for allowable car and professional expenses.”
- P. 73 – 4<sup>th</sup> last line – “enable-ment” – delete hyphen.
- P. 99 – Missionary Family – Gena Bulgrien – “Academy” out of place.

- P. 105 – Extra spacing in middle of disbursements.
- P. 133 – Last line of Financial Report – Date should be December 31, 2004 not 2003.
- P. 138 – 4<sup>th</sup> Whereas, 2<sup>nd</sup> line – men whom will be should be who.
- P. 141 – Treas. Report – Balance of 2003 should be moved to right in line with totals.
- P. 167 – 4<sup>th</sup> last line – Stewardship should be Stewardship.
- P. 170 – 2005 Convention Committee – Charles E. Cole Secretary out of line.
- P. 196 – Palmer, Jennifer – address Jenya should be Kenya.
- P. 214 – Terre Hill, PA, Berman should be Berean.
- P. 235 – Pastor Carlos Rodrigues last name was misspelled. The proper spelling should be – Rodriguez.

**Committee to Examine the Minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference:** Robert A. Johnson, II, Chairman; Philip G. Norris, David W. Eisenhower



*Report of the  
Committee on Examination of Minutes  
of Particular Churches*

The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches met on Monday, March 14, 2006 at Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA. We miss sorely our brother William H. Bartron from our meeting and pray for his successful recovery from his bout with cancer.

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*

These reports should arrive no later than March 1, 2007.

The Committee 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 to have the Pastoral Relations Committee function as per the *F&O*. **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 *Biblical Principles for Living*.****

The Committee would like to strongly remind 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 are no petitions this year from any of our churches.

**Committee on the Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches:** 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 27-28, 2005 at Pinebrook.

The conference theme was entitled: “The Power of One Word - TRUST.” The speakers were Glenn Miller (son-in-law of Ronald C. Mahurin) and Gil Palmer who came from Colorado to address the matter of trust in ministry and relationships. They led us and shared insights based on the training they have received from the authors of the book *Beyond Your Best* written by Bill Thrall, Ken McElrath, and Bruce McNicol. It was the desire of the Ministerial Convention Committee that the sessions would help pastors and our wives as they seek to minister with their leaderships to foster a “*culture of trust in a climate of grace*” in our personal lives, churches and ministries.

At the business meeting Raymond R. Bertolet and Philip E. Yerrington were elected to serve, replacing Charles E. Cole and Ralph E. Ritter whose terms expired. We offer our thanks for the excellent services of both Charles E. Cole and Ralph E. Ritter.

The Committee is constituted as follows:

### **2005 Committee**

Howard N. Wells, Chairman  
Charles E. Cole, Secretary  
Ralph E. Ritter, Treasurer  
Gerald D. Clark  
Allan R. Vivona  
Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

### **2006 Committee**

Howard N. Wells, Chairman  
Allan R. Vivona, Secretary  
Gerald D. Clark, Treasurer  
Raymond R. Bertolet  
Philip E. Yerrington  
Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

Length of terms are as follows:

- 1 year – Allan R. Vivona, Howard N. Wells
- 2 years – Gerald D. Clark
- 3 years – Raymond R. Bertolet, Philip E. Yerrington

The 2006 Ministerial Convention is scheduled for September 26-27, 2006. The theme will be an expansion on the subject of healthy church development. Our guest speaker will be Carl Shank of Natural Church Development.

**Ministerial Convention Committee:** Howard N. Wells, Chairman; Allan R. Vivona, Secretary; Gerald D. Clark, Treasurer; Raymond R. Bertolet, Philip E. Yerrington, Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

**Balance Sheet**  
December 31, 2005  
**Financial Report**

Beginning Balance, Fall 2004		\$ 120.00
Receipts:		
Appropriation, BFC Annual Budget	\$ 1,000.00	
Convention Registrations	<u>7,051.00</u>	
Total Receipts		8,051.00
Expenditures:		
Pinebrook Charges		
(less \$50.80 deposit)	5,600.67	
Materials		
(Participant's/Leader's Guides)	1,270.00	
Honorarium	500.00	
Speaker's Travel Expenses	506.80	
Expenses for Wives Group	57.30	
Refunds for No-Shows (less deposit)	40.00	
Partial 2005 Deposit	<u>121.00</u>	
Total		<u>8,095.77</u>
Balance, September 2005		<u><u>\$ 75.23</u></u>

Funds on Deposit with Citizens Bank.

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

The Study Committee on Credentials and Multi-staff Churches brings the following legislation to Annual Conference:

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted as Second Reading for inclusion into the *Faith and Order*:

**204-1.4 The Qualifications for the Ministry.**

**Personal Qualifications**

- (1) The minister must have a love for the study of Scripture inasmuch as his primary function is to be pastor-teacher.
- (2) The minister must possess qualities of leadership and administration, together with a willingness to assume responsibility, inasmuch as he is an Elder who numbers ruling among his duties.
- (3) The minister, being accountable to God, must have a genuine love for people, exercise patience in dealing with them, be receptive to criticism and correction, and remain steadfast in his duties inasmuch as he is an under-shepherd of the flock of God.
- (4) The minister must not be a lover of money inasmuch as he is to be a lover of God.
- (5) The minister must be willing to forgo personal rights and privileges for the sake of ministering to others inasmuch as he is to be an example of a servant.

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted as First Reading for inclusion into the *Faith and Order*:

**401-1.1**

***The Board of Elders shall be composed of the pastoral staff and all of the active lay elders of the congregation. The active lay elders shall designate at least one individual of the pastoral staff as a voting member of the Board of Elders, and shall designate others of the pastoral staff as either voting or non-voting members. The lay elders shall be elected by***

majority vote of the congregation. They shall be mature men who meet the qualifications of Scripture (1Tim. 3; Titus 1; 1Pe. 5). If the congregation has more qualified elders than are needed to serve at one time, the number of active elders shall be determined by the congregation by ballot vote upon recommendation of the Board of Elders.

Note:

The ***bold - italicized*** above replaces – “The Board of Elders shall be composed of the minister and all of the active elders of the congregation.....”

#### **401-1.2**

***The Board of Elders shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman, and one of its members to serve as secretary.*** Two-thirds of the membership of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Note:

The ***bold-italicized*** above replaces – “The minister shall serve as chairman of the Board of Elders; the board shall elect one of its members to serve as secretary.....”

The committee wishes to continue its work on making a glossary of terms that will explain what is meant by the terminology used to describe the pastoral staff. We will offer any recommendations to the 124<sup>th</sup> Session of Annual Conference.

#### **The Study Committee on Credentials and Multi-Staff Churches:**

LeRoy Heller, Chairman; Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Secretary; Calvin T. Reed, James L. Roberts, Jr., Ralph M. Soper

## *Report of the Study Committee: Women as Deacons*

The committee continued its work this year. The committee did not complete the work of defining more precisely the use of the term "minister" in our legislation, but it proposes to complete that work in this coming year.

### **Resolutions:**

**Whereas**, the *Faith & Order* uses “minister” as a technical term and Scripture does not; and

**Whereas**, the 122nd Annual Conference approved equating “minister” and “pastor”; and

**Whereas**, the Study Committee on Women Serving as Deacons has been asked to clarify the use of the term “minister” in the *Faith & Order* (see page 33 and 34 of the 2005 *Yearbook*); and

**Whereas**, the Scripture teaches that only males shall serve as elders (whether teaching or ruling elders); and

**Whereas**, the issue of women serving as deacons is distinct from defining “minister” more clearly; and

**Whereas**, the Study Committee has not completed the work defining “minister” more precisely with the intent of providing “legislation covering the entire Article 204” (p. 34, 2005 *Yearbook*); and

**Whereas**, the 122nd Annual Conference approved recommendation #1 at First Reading; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we recommend to the Annual Conference approval of recommendations #2 and #3 at First Reading; and further

**Resolved**, that the Committee continue its study of “minister” in the coming year.

NOTE: The study committee sees recommendations # 1, 2 and potentially 3 coming up for Second Reading all at once at Annual Conference next year, if First Reading for #2 and 3 is approved this year.

## #1.

**204-3. Deacons**

204-3.1 The office of deacon is presented in the Scriptures as an office not of ruling, but of service. A deacon should be a **person** (replaces man) of deep spiritual life, exemplary conduct, and sound judgment (1 Tim. 3; Acts 6:1-8). **This** (replaces His) office is one of sympathetic service to the Church and to the distressed, friendless, or sick, after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## #2.

**401-2. The Board of Deacons**

401-2.1 The Board of Deacons shall be composed of all deacons duly elected by and from the congregation who meet the qualifications of the Scriptures. They shall be mature **believers** (replaces men) who demonstrate a spiritual wisdom and compassion so that they might serve the needy in a Christlike, merciful way.

401-2.5 Election and Installation of Deacons. Each congregation may elect deacons in keeping with the qualifications set forth in Scripture. Deacons must be (delete male) **members** in full communion in the church in which they are to exercise their office.

The term of office shall be determined by the Particular Church by congregational vote, but shall not be less than three years, except when a Particular Church desires a probationary term of service for newly-chosen deacons. When possible the Board of Deacons shall be divided into not fewer than three classes as determined by congregational vote in each of the Particular Churches.

In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or removal, a **member** (replaces man) may be elected to fill the unexpired term of office....

Questions to the congregation - end of 401-2.5

(1) Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother (**or sister**) as a deacon?

(2) Do you promise to give him (**or her**) all the honor,

encouragement, and support in the Lord to which **this** (replaces his) office entitles him (**or her**)?

After the members of the church have answered these questions in the affirmative by holding up their right hands, the minister shall proceed to set apart the candidate by prayer to the office of deacon and shall give to him (**or her**) and to the congregation an exhortation suited to the occasion.

### #3.

#### **Article 18 – The Church**

##### Article 18-4.

A properly constituted local Church must include the ministry of God’s Word, the observance of the ordinances, the oversight by **elders** (replaces officers), and the exercise of discipline. The overseers of the Church are to be prayed for, obeyed and honored.



*Bethel, Emmaus, Mission Team in Greece, 9/2005*

**Women Serving as Deacons Study Committee:** Carl C. Cassel, Chairman; Michael J. Tannous, Secretary; Clifford B. Boone, David W. Eisenhower, Richard A. Moyer, [Dr. Robert C. Newman, 2005 only] and Ralph E. Ritter.



*Report of the  
Study Committee:  
Articles Pertaining to Salvation*

In response to our mandate from Annual Conference, the committee initiated a study of the Biblical teaching on the process and purpose of God's calling people to salvation.

The purpose of God's saving individuals is ultimately to bring honor and glory to Himself. The process by which God saves individuals is by choosing them according to His sovereign prerogative, granting faith and life to those who are dead in their trespasses and sins. The Bible teaches that all that He chooses, He saves, and none of those who are saved will be lost. Since salvation is totally the work of God from its commencement to its completion, God is honored and glorified, and man is humbled and kept from boasting in the salvation he receives.

The committee met six times since last Annual Conference. In keeping with the resolution from Annual Conference, the committee studied Articles 10 through 17 of our Articles of Faith, focusing its efforts on Articles 9 through 13 for the purpose of removing any perceived ambiguities within the Articles of Faith concerning "the process and purpose of God's calling people to salvation."

In order to best accomplish our assignment, the committee decided to amend existing articles as opposed to adding additional articles to the *Faith and Order*. We have intentionally avoided taking any position on the extent of the atonement, although the extent of the atonement is certainly relevant to the purpose and process by which God saves individuals. Our goal has been to confine ourselves to more fully representing our present position on the doctrines of salvation as opposed to seeking to establish a more detailed position on the atonement since we believe that no clear consensus exists within the BFC.

We propose the following amendments to the "Articles of Faith" to the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. Each amendment was unanimously approved by the members of our committee.

All proposed changes are underlined and boldfaced.

## Article 9 – Sin

### *Current article in Faith & Order*

- 9-1. Sin is any lack of conformity to the will of God<sup>1</sup> or any transgression of the law of God.<sup>2</sup> Sin separates man from God, incurring His wrath and judgment, and it is manifest in the selfishness, rebellion, and total depravity of man's conduct and behavior before God and man. Sin is the cause of the curse on and defilement of the created universe.<sup>3</sup>

### **Proposed changes**

- 9-1. “Sin is any lack of conformity to the will of God<sup>1</sup> or any transgression of the law of God.<sup>2</sup> Sin separates man from God, incurring His wrath and judgment, and is manifest in the selfishness, rebellion, **unbelief** and total depravity of man’s **being**.<sup>3</sup> Sin is the cause of the curse on and defilement of the created universe.”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> All wrongdoing is sin (1Jo. 5:17a). Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins (James 4:17).

<sup>2</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness (1Jo. 3:4). For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it (James 2:10).

<sup>3</sup> “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, (2) in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air. (3) All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.” (Eph. 2:1-3). “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, (19) since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. (20) For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. (21) For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” (Rom. 1:18-21). Also Rom. 3:10-12, Rom. 8:7-8.

<sup>4</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time (Rom.8:22). (See also Gen.3:17,18).

## Article 10 – Human Ability and Responsibility

### *Current article in Faith & Order*

- 10-1. In his original creation man was endowed with the ability to will and do good or evil and was accountable for his willing and doing.<sup>1</sup> But by the fall of Adam man lost his ability, apart from God's grace,<sup>2</sup> to will and to do those things necessary for a right relationship with God;<sup>3</sup> however, he is still accountable to God for obedience to all of His commands.<sup>4</sup> Man has not lost his ability to make decisions,<sup>5</sup> but left to himself, he acts only in accordance with his fallen, sinful nature.<sup>6</sup>
- 10-2. Only by God's infinite grace can man will or do anything necessary to his salvation.<sup>7</sup> By that grace, God saves men<sup>8</sup> whom He causes to will and to do good; however, He does this without nullifying man's ability to act responsibly.<sup>9</sup>

### **Proposed changes**

- 10-1. In his original creation man was endowed with the ability to will and do good or evil and was accountable for his willing and doing.<sup>1</sup> But **through** the fall of Adam man lost his ability, apart from God's grace,<sup>2</sup> to will and to do those things necessary for a right relationship with God;<sup>3</sup> however, he is still accountable to God for obedience to all of His commands.<sup>4</sup> Man has not lost his ability to make decisions,<sup>5</sup> **but unless regenerated**<sup>6</sup>, he acts only in accordance with his fallen, sinful nature.<sup>7</sup>
- 10-2 “Only by God’s infinite grace can man will or do anything necessary to his salvation.<sup>8</sup> By that grace, God saves **those** men whom He causes to will and to do good;<sup>9</sup> however, He does this without nullifying man’s ability to act responsibly.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die” (Gen.2:16,17).

<sup>2</sup> As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one

time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath (Eph.2:1-3).

<sup>3</sup> There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God (Rom.3:11). Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God (Rom.8:8).

<sup>4</sup> God "will give to each person according to what he has done." To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile (Rom.2:6-10). In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30).

<sup>5</sup> Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live (Deu.30:11,19).

**“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.” (Titus 3:5) “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins...(5) made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions...” (Eph. 2:1, 5)**

<sup>7</sup> As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one" (Rom.3:10,12). Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil (Jer.13:23). (See also footnote 2).

<sup>8</sup> It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy (Rom.9:16).

**<sup>9</sup>Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God – (13) children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1:12-13)**

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose (Phil.2:12,13).

## Article 11 – Election

### *Current article in Faith & Order*

**11-1.** Election is a free act of the sovereign God in which from eternity,<sup>1</sup> for reasons known only to Himself,<sup>2</sup> and apart

from any goodness in man<sup>3</sup> He graciously chose from among the fallen mankind a people unto salvation,<sup>4</sup> that they might be conformed to Christ's image.<sup>4</sup> Those so chosen He redeemed<sup>5</sup> by His Son and seals by His Spirit.<sup>6</sup>

### Proposed changes

- 11-1 Election is a free act of the sovereign God in which from eternity,<sup>1</sup> for reasons known only to Himself,<sup>2</sup> and apart from any **foreseen faith and/or goodness found** in man,<sup>3</sup> He graciously chose from among the fallen mankind a people unto salvation,<sup>4</sup> that they might be conformed to Christ's image.<sup>4</sup> Those so chosen He redeemed by His Son<sup>5</sup> and seals by His Spirit.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will (Eph.1:4,11).

<sup>2</sup> "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Mat.11:27).

<sup>3</sup> **Who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time (2 Tim.1:9). Rom. 8:29-30 – "For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified."**

<sup>4</sup> Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Eph.4:13).

<sup>5</sup> But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth (2 Thes.2:13).

<sup>6</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit (Eph.1:13).

## Article 12 – Salvation

### *Current article in Faith & Order*

- 12-1. Salvation is offered in the gospel to all men<sup>1</sup> and is received by grace through faith and the instrumentality of the Holy Spirit,<sup>2</sup> apart from works or human merit.<sup>3</sup> Salvation centers in a person, Jesus Christ, and receiving Him<sup>4</sup> includes the remission of sins on the grounds of His shed blood,<sup>5</sup> the imputation of His perfect righteousness,<sup>6</sup> the reception of the Holy Spirit,<sup>7</sup> and the impartation of eternal life.<sup>8</sup>

### **Proposed changes**

- 12-1. **Salvation is the work of God<sup>1</sup> in which He reconciles fallen men to Himself,<sup>2</sup> ultimately removes the consequences of the curse,<sup>3</sup> and bestows upon His redeemed creation<sup>4</sup> the riches of His grace, all to His glory.<sup>5</sup>**
- 12-2. Salvation is offered in the gospel to all men<sup>6</sup> **and is accomplished in all the elect.**<sup>7</sup> It is received by grace through faith and the instrumentality of the Holy Spirit,<sup>8</sup> apart from works or human merit.<sup>9</sup> Salvation centers in a person, Jesus Christ, and receiving Him<sup>10</sup> includes the remission of sins on the grounds of His shed blood,<sup>11</sup> the imputation of His perfect righteousness<sup>12</sup> the reception of the Holy Spirit,<sup>13</sup> and the impartation of eternal life.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (Heb. 7:25) Also Eph. 2:4-5, 8-9.

<sup>2</sup> “Through Him to reconcile all things to Himself...” (Col. 1:20) For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! (Rom. 5:10)

<sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. (Rev. 22:3)

<sup>4</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of

childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Rom. 8:18-25)

<sup>5</sup>I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my own Sake, and remembers your sins no more. (Isaiah 43:25)

<sup>6</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

<sup>7</sup>All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. (John 6:37) No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:44) For you granted him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those you have given him. (John 17:2) When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all those who were appointed for eternal life believed. (Acts 13:48)

<sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment (John 16:8).

<sup>9</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast (Eph.2:8,9).

<sup>10</sup>Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12).

<sup>11</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace (Eph.1:7).

<sup>12</sup>It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption (1 Cor.1:30).

<sup>13</sup>And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ (Rom.8:9b).

<sup>14</sup>And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11, 12).

## Article 13 – Repentance

### *Current article in Faith & Order*

- 13-1. Repentance unto life is a voluntary act of man,<sup>1</sup> accomplished by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. Repentance consists in a knowledge of sin,<sup>2</sup> a sense of guilt and corruption that

results in the confession and forsaking of sin, and a turning to God.<sup>3</sup>

### Proposed changes

- 13-1 Repentance unto life **is a gift of God<sup>1</sup> and** a voluntary act of man,<sup>2</sup> accomplished by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. Repentance consists in a knowledge of sin,<sup>3</sup> a sense of guilt and corruption that results in the confession and forsaking of sin and a turning to God<sup>4</sup> **that results in loving, obedient service.**<sup>5</sup>

**<sup>1</sup> Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? (Rom. 2:4) When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life."(Acts 11:18)**

<sup>2</sup> And repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47). In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30).

<sup>3</sup> When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment (John 16:8).

<sup>4</sup> For they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God (1Thes.1:9).

**<sup>5</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph. 2:10) We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Thes. 1:3)**

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## *Report of the Study Committee: The Millennium*

The Committee would request two hours at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference for discussion of our work and recommendation. We will request the formation of “a committee of the whole” which will permit us to work through a prepared Bible study, referred to in our outline as “Summary of Biblical Work”. We will then present the remainder of our work and entertain a free-ranging discussion of our work as a whole without the limitations of parliamentary procedure. At the end of our discussion we must give a report that can then go into the minutes of Annual Conference.

### **Outline:**

- I. Basic Recommendation**
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### **I. Basic recommendation - Eschatological liberty:**

After having spent two years in intensive study concerning the issue of the Millennium, the Committee recommends that eschatological liberty be granted those holding an evangelical/orthodox understanding of the millennium. We do not believe a particular evangelical millennial view to be a test of evangelical authenticity. We understand that there is an “already / not yet” dimension to the Kingdom of God. We further believe that our recommended articles will allow for proper evangelical eschatological liberty. Also, our proposal will allow us collectively as a denomination and individually as Pastors and Elders, to hold confidently and unapologetically to a firm Biblical understanding of the primary events associated with Christ’s return without causing

harmful and unnecessary division within the body of Christ.

## II. Summary of Biblical Work:

The Committee studied Scripture carefully in an effort to hear what God says in it about the millennium. This summary is provided as a summary of some of the Committee's work and as a basis for further interaction on the proposal of the Committee.

### 1. The day of the Lord

**Amos 5:18-20; 9:7-15; Joel 2:1-11; Zeph. 1:7- 8,14-18**

In the OT, "the day of the Lord" is a primary and significant way of describing the climax of history in God's triumph over evil and establishment of righteousness. It is not simply the outworking of human sin, but is the Lord's direct intervention. In that day God will judge all unrighteousness and establish righteousness.

### 2. The last days or later days

**Acts 2:17-21 (see Joel 2:28-32); 1Tim. 4:1; 2Tim.3:1; Heb.1:2;9:26; 1Pet.1:20; 2Pet. 3:3**

Peter at Pentecost identifies the time between Christ's first coming and second coming as "the last days." In those days the promises of God's redemptive purpose made in the OT were fulfilled in the first advent of Christ and God's redemptive purpose will be consummated in his second advent.

### 3. The kingdom of God

The OT contrast between the present order of things and the redeemed order of the future is called in the NT the kingdom of God. This connects the day of the Lord with the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God/heaven is the theme of John the Baptist, Jesus, Paul and all the NT.

**a. Kingdom defined** – The word "kingdom" as used in Scripture is not a geographical location or a period of time. Rather it is the living, actual reign, rule or dominion of God. God's kingdom is everlasting (**Psa. 145:10-13**); it rules over everything that exists (**Psa. 103:19**). God's people in the OT thought about and used this idea in many wrong ways: they wanted a king God had not chosen and wanted him for wrong reasons (**1Sam. 8**); their kings did not rule in the ways God desired them to reign—this was true of all

of the kings of Israel (1Kgs. 12 to 2Kgs. 17); many of the kings of Judah (2Chr. 33-36) even those who were more faithful to God than others were not perfect (David - 2Sam. 12; Solomon -1Kgs. 11; Hezekiah - Isa. 39). God promised someday to send a king out of one family that would reign forever (2Sam. 7:12-16). Finally that righteous and eternal king came; his name was Jesus (Luke 1:33; John 18:33-37). Christ *is* King now and he will also *become* King.

Christ is king—exercises his rule, his kingdom which will never end—forever.

**b. Kingdom is the central message of the NT** -- Because this kingdom is a righteous kingdom, to enter, sinners must repent from their sins. Because this kingdom is eternal life, to enter, the spiritually dead must be born from above. John and Jesus began their ministries with the call to repent because the kingdom of God was near (Mat. 3:2; 4:17). Early summaries of Jesus preaching (Mat. 4:23; 5:19,20) and his instructions to those he sent out are characterized as the gospel of the kingdom (Luke 9:1-6).

Jesus says to the disciples of John the Baptist (Mat. 11:2-6) that his ministry is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy (Isa. 35:5,6). This gospel of the kingdom must be preached to the whole earth before Christ returns (Mat. 24:14). In Acts, Paul's message is summarized as "proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom" (28:31).

**c. Kingdom has present and future aspects**

(1) **Present aspect** -- Jesus tells Nicodemus that being born from above is essential to being able to grasp and enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3,5). In his interaction with the rich young ruler (Mat. 19:16-30) Jesus equates having "eternal life" (v. 16), entering "the kingdom of heaven" (v.23) and being "saved" (v.26). Paul speaks of our salvation as God having "delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:13). This kingdom is here now (Luke 17:20,21).

(2) **Future aspect** -- Although Jesus taught that his kingdom was present, he also taught his people to pray for it to come (Mat. 6:10). There is an aspect of the kingdom different from its present manifestation. When Jesus interacted with the rich young ruler about the kingdom, eternal life and salvation in the present, he also spoke of a future aspect of these things: "Truly, I say to you, there is no

one who has left house or brothers . . . for my sake and the gospel's sake, but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now in the present age . . . and in the world [mg., age] to come, eternal life (**Mark 10:29,30**).

Somehow the kingdom is present and yet it is future.

#### 4. This age and the age to come

Jesus speaks of this age and the age to come (**Mat. 12:32**). So does Paul. In fact Paul says the Father has given his Son authority and power to rule “in this age and in the age to come” (**Eph. 1:20-23**). The writer of Hebrews speaks of people having tasted the heavenly gift, and shared in the Holy Spirit and tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come (**Heb. 6:4,5**). This age is separated from the age to come by the return of Christ (**Mat. 24:3,14**). At the consummation of this age the Son of Man will send his angels to separate the wicked from the righteous (**Mat. 13:39-43**).

**a. Characteristics of this age** – This age is evil (**Gal. 1:4**), ruled by its own leader (**2Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:1-3**), seeks to squeeze believers into its mold (**Rom. 12:2**).

**b. Characteristics of the age to come** – The age to come is the age of eternal life (**Mark 10:30**); in it the righteous will shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father (**Mat. 13:43**). In **Mark 10:24, 30**, Jesus equates the age to come with both eternal life and the kingdom of God. The age to come is one of blessing and judgment (**Mat. 25:31-46**).

The age to come has broken into this age through the work of our Lord Jesus Christ and the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. Salvation is a present possession and a future consummation (**1Pe. 1:3-5; Rom. 8:23; 13:11**).

#### 5. The kingdom of God is already inaugurated, but is not yet consummated.

Salvation in Christ is a thoroughly eschatological reality. God's full saving of his people has already been effected by Christ. We have been saved (**Eph. 2:8**), but we are also “being saved” (**1Cor. 1:18**) and some day “we shall be saved” (**Rom. 5:9**). Redemption is already (**Eph. 1:7**) and not yet (**Eph. 4:30**); our adoption is already (**Rom 8:15**) and yet is more full some day (**Rom. 8:23**). Our

justification (the gift of righteousness) is ours now (**Rom. 5:1**) and is yet to come (**Gal. 5:5**). Those who are believers have already been raised with Christ in his resurrection (**Rom. 6:4,5; 8:10,11**) and will be raised from the dead at a future time (**1Cor. 15:20-28**). In the teaching of Jesus and Paul, the closeness of the concepts of salvation, eternal life and the kingdom, all have a present reality and a future consummation.

Although the kingdom is a present reality as the fulfillment of the promises of the OT, it is not yet consummated. The one who is king now with all authority in heaven and on earth will become king in the future. The kingdom of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ (**Rev. 11:15**). God's Spirit is given to all those who are believers as a down payment of their inheritance, first fruits of their salvation and seal that all promised will be received (**Eph. 1:13,14; 2Cor. 1:21,22**). These concepts underscore the present possession and future fullness of all that Christ provided by his life, death, and resurrection.

### **Conclusion**

The way in which the future manifestations of the kingdom of God will play out is the subject of significant and prolonged discussion. Some see the manifestation of the kingdom as part of the last stage of history in a literal millennium and others see the manifestation of the kingdom in the new heavens and new earth of eternity.

In the light of this study are the differences between Bible believing people over how all this will work out items that we ought to make a test of faith?

### **III. Points of Eschatological Commonality and Unity:**

An eschatological position that seeks its basis in the authority of God's Word should not be a cause for division in the body of Christ. The order of the specific events associated with the return of Christ should not be made a test of evangelical authenticity. We do not need to make one's understanding of the millennium an obstacle for membership, fellowship and service.

The following are doctrinal points of commonality and unity shared within the greater Evangelical community regarding eschatology that are derived from one's fidelity to Scripture.

- a. We all have an equally high view of the authority of Scripture, believing that the Bible is the infallible Word of God and that our understanding of the millennium is grounded from our study of Scripture.
- b. The millennium is a time span during which Christians reign with Jesus Christ.
- c. After the millennium, when all enemies have been put under Christ's feet, and all things made subject to Him, Christ will deliver the kingdom to God the Father, and heaven and earth will be made new.
- d. We all believe that God has all power and will do all that he purposes and will fulfill all his prophecies.
- e. We all believe that Jesus Christ has all power and authority, and that he has brought us into his kingdom even in this age.
- f. We all believe that Christ has given us life when we were dead in trespasses and sins, that we go to be with him when we die, and that we will be bodily resurrected.
- g. We all agree that Jesus has defeated Satan and that Satan still exercises influence in the world.
- h. We all agree that his influence will be completely and permanently stopped at some point in the future.
- i. We all believe that all humans will be resurrected and judged by our merciful and loving and righteous God.
- j. We all believe that Christ will bodily return, and will triumph over all His enemies, and will lead all believers into an eternity with God.
- k. We all believe in the new heavens and new earth in which righteousness dwells, and we agree that this wonderful world tomorrow will last forever.
- l. We all believe that eternity will be better than the millennium (no matter how we define the millennium).
- m. We all believe that we should be ready at any moment to meet Christ.
- n. We all believe that we should be prepared to undergo great trials and sufferings for our faith.
- o. We all believe that when Jesus Christ returns, everyone of his children will rejoice! No one will be disappointed and everyone will have better things to do than to gloat about

- getting the chronological details right.
- p. We all believe that people can be saved without any particular belief about the millennium. The gospel is about how to *enter* the kingdom, not the chronological or physical details of particular phases of that Kingdom.
  - q. We all believe that God has blessed the ministry of individuals and churches who have held to various millennial understandings of Scripture with the conversion of souls and the spiritual maturity of the redeemed.
  - r. We all believe that humility should govern our interaction with those having different views from our own.

#### IV. Benefits to our potential new articles:

1. Our potential new articles **honor** the Lord of the Church. We believe they reflect a movement of the Holy Spirit, expressing an emerging evangelical eschatological consensus which recognizes an “already / not yet” understanding of the Kingdom of God.

2. Our potential new articles will create a Biblical openness to this subject which will allow for greater study by granting men the opportunity to investigate honestly, to examine without prejudice, to evaluate without fear, to admit of misgivings without feeling threatened and to listen without having to be defensive. Hence, this will only **strengthen** our knowledge of Scripture because of having studied it more closely.

3. Our potential new articles will provide a positive venue through which we as leaders can teach our people how to interact within the body of Christ regarding areas of Biblical differences. Working properly through this issue will better equip our congregations to deal with other matters of disagreement, helping to bring **spiritual maturity**, which would minimize splits and divisions that have already occurred throughout church history.

In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity.

4. Our potential new articles will allow us to be able to **honestly hold** to the preamble of our *Faith and Order*.

*“Although these standards have been acknowledged to be of lesser importance than the inspired words of Scripture, they cannot be neglected without resulting in serious impairment of the life of the church.”* [Emph. ours]

5. Our potential new articles will open opportunities for very **qualified men to be able to work and serve among us.**

6. Our potential new articles **will not require** nor necessitate a change of anyone's current understanding of the millennium.

**V. Potential New Articles (to replace Articles 24 thru 28) (not to be moved or voted on at this Annual Conference):**

**Article 24 - The Kingdom of God**

24-1. The kingdom of God is His sovereign rule over all things (1Chr. 29:10-11; Psa.103:19; 145:11-13). It is dynamically active in human history through Jesus Christ and is a present reality experienced by believers through their being united with Him and His resurrection in the New Birth (John 3:3,5; Eph. 2:6; Col. 1:13; 3:1). The kingdom of God is also a longed for and confident hope that awaits its fullness with the return of Jesus Christ, (Mat. 6:10; 25:31-46; Rev. 20-22). While believers live in this present evil age (Gal. 1:4), through their Spirit-wrought union with Christ they also experience a foretaste of the powers of the age to come (Heb. 6:5). The moment a believer is regenerated he possesses eternal life (John 6:47) and having been made alive spiritually he is a new creation (2Cor. 5:17). However, he is still in a mortal body, living in a fallen world, awaiting the resurrection of the body (John 6:39,40) and Christ's final victory. Thus, a believer in Jesus Christ experiences the tension between already sharing in the glories of the Kingdom of God while yet awaiting its final and consummate realization (Rom. 8:17-25; 2Thes. 1:3-10; Heb. 2:5-9).

**Article 25 -- The Return of Jesus Christ**

25-1. The return of Jesus Christ is the blessed hope of the believer, who waits for it with patience, endurance and anticipation (Tit. 2:13). Jesus Christ will return to this earth - personally (Acts 1:9-11), visibly (Mark 14:61,62), physically (Phil. 3:20,21; Luke 24:29-43), and suddenly (1Thes. 5:2-3) in



power and great glory (Luke 21:27); and in conjunction with His return, He will gather His elect (Mat. 24:31), raise the dead (1Thes. 4:15-17; John 5:28-29), judge the nations (Mat. 25:31-46; Rev. 19:15-21), remove the curse (Rom. 8:20-21), consummate His kingdom (1Cor. 15:22-28) and recreate a new heaven and earth (2Pe. 3:10).

25-2. The bodily resurrection of Christ is the basis for the bodily resurrection of all mankind, both the righteous and the unrighteous (John 5:28,29; 11:25). At the return of the Lord the bodies of the righteous dead will be raised, and the living believers will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air (1Thes. 4:14-17). Believers will, at His return, receive spiritual and immortal bodies like Christ's own glorious body (Phil. 3:20,21; Job 19:25-27).

25-3. The return of Jesus Christ is the believer's source of encouragement and comfort inspiring him to active service for Christ, and is a motive for purification and holy living (2Pe. 3:14; 1Jo. 3:3)

### **Article 26 - The Eternal State**

There are two final, eternal destinies for man: heaven for the righteous and penitent and hell for the unrighteous and impenitent (Mat. 25:46). The judgment that brings this about will vindicate believers and condemn all of the enemies of God to eternal punishment. The righteous will enter into the everlasting joy of their Master (Mat. 25:23; Eph. 2:7; Rev. 21:3-4); the wicked who suppressed the truth in unrighteousness will be consigned to everlasting conscious torment in hell from which there is no escape (Rev. 20:11-15). The new heavens and the new earth shall be created as the final state in which the righteous shall dwell forever in the presence of God.

## VI. A Divergent View by Committee Member Robert C. Kaatz

It has been a privilege for me to work on the committee with Jake Susek, Al Dommel, Kevin Kirkpatrick, John Studenroth, and in the last months, Carl Cassel. The times of fellowship and mutual sharing of the things of the Lord have been very precious to me. The report the committee is presenting to the Annual Conference for consideration is the fruit of many, many hours of study and deliberation.

As I read through the report I was struck with the conviction that I could not support this statement as it is being presented. When I read the statements in the “Summary of Biblical Work,” the “Points of Commonality” and the “Proposed revisions to our current Articles of Faith,” I am convinced that my position as a premillennialist has been lost in the statements that are presented here today.

I, too, believe that one’s position on the millennium should not be “a test of faith.” It most certainly is not. One’s position on the millennium is also not “a test of evangelical authenticity.” I agree wholeheartedly that one’s position on the millennium should never be a reason to negatively impact or diminish in any way fellowship between believers in the Lord.

In the course of our many committee meetings we often spoke about certain points of concern and we presented papers on various topics. I noticed that in the entire two years, no one changed his basic premises about the Bible. There were many issues that were not addressed or resolved. I would like to mention three.

The first is **the issue of hermeneutics**. Understanding the Bible literally seemed to be too unacceptable. The question was asked several times why the only place in the Bible the number 1,000 years is found is in Rev. 20. It was suggested that these six references to the number 1,000 should not be understood as an actual number. The statement in Rev. 19:11 about Jesus riding a white horse must also be understood figuratively because it was so far fetched to understand the text the way it sounds. Alcorn asks rightly, “When Christ is described as riding on a white horse (Rev. 19:11), must this be purely symbolic? When he rode a colt into Jerusalem (John 12:12-16), it had symbolic meaning, but it was also literal – *he was actually riding a colt*. If Christ could descend from Heaven at the

Second Coming, why couldn't he just as easily come down riding on a horse? Kings often rode horses into vanquished cities. Thus, commentators say that riding a horse symbolizes a kingly entrance. Of course it does. But that's because *kings really did ride horses into cities*. And they really did sit on thrones that had symbolic significance. Christ has a body suited to sitting on a throne and riding a horse, doesn't he? He created horses and exults in their magnificence (Job 39:19-25). Why should we assume he won't actually return on horseback or sit on a throne?" (Randy Alcorn, Heaven (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.; Eternal Prospective Ministries, 2004), 472). Taking the Bible at face value seems to be a correct method to me, When the normal meaning is not respected, the result is that a subjectivism is inserted into the meaning of the text and the biblical text is no longer the authority, we are. Alcorn rightly says, "If the text can be said to mean everything, it ceases to mean anything" (*Ibid.* , p. 476).

A second area that was never resolved was that in order to make a case for amillennialism, **one must understand that only the New Testament text is the truly authoritative standard as to what the Bible means**. That means that the many promises God made in the OT are redefined on the basis of what the NT says. In this connection, the OT is made to be dependent upon the NT. Instead of understanding the promises made in the OT in a normal manner and knowing that the NT progressively gives us more of God's revelation, those promises are lost through this redefinition. At Christ's first advent, hundreds of OT prophecies were literally fulfilled. It seems perfectly acceptable to expect many other OT promises made to Israel concerning the millennium that have not yet been fulfilled would be fulfilled in the same manner when Christ comes the second time. If this is not the case, God really did not keep his covenant promises made to Abraham and Israel. The unconditional covenants that the Lord made to Israel in the Old Testament about the great nation and blessing (Gen 12), the land (Dt 30), the seed to sit on the throne (2 Sam 7) and the new covenant (Jer 30) are the basis for the premillennial position. Why would God not restore his people Israel to their land in direct fulfillment to the promises he made long ago? The allmillennialist says all these promises are fulfilled through the church in the NT. Paul makes a clear distinction between Jews, Gentiles and the church of God (1

Cor 10:32) thereby showing his understanding that the nation of Israel was still a defined entity. Paul's statement in Rom. 11:26 that "all Israel will be saved" (3<sup>rd</sup> person singular future indicative passive tense!) demonstrates that he believed that the nation of Israel was to experience national conversion at a future point in time when Jesus would take away their sins (as also clearly prophesied in Jer. 31:33-34).

A third area that was left unresolved was the notion that **Jesus** is not sitting at the right hand of God's throne (read, however, Heb 1:3; 8:1; 12:2) but that he **is sitting on David's throne**. Psalm 110:1-4 is thus seen as having been fulfilled with Jesus sitting on David's throne which gives the result that the kingdom has been "inaugurated." Blaising and Bock, who are a progressive dispensationalists, insist that "there is no doubt from a NT perspective that the Melchizedekian priesthood is an office given to David's son as part of his inheritance" (Craig A. Blaising and Darrell L. Bock, Progressive Dispensationalism (Wheaton: Victor Books, 1993), 162). The reference to the Melchizedekian priesthood in Psalm 110:4 is thus tied to David's line and so when Christ ascended into heaven he sat down on David's throne thereby giving rise to the notion of an inaugurated kingdom. Psalm 110:1 says Christ should sit on the Father's right hand until Christ's enemies are put under his feet. That did not happen at Christ's first coming and it didn't happen when he ascended into heaven. The fulfillment of the prophecy of Psalm 110 (and Zech 14:4, 9) will be fulfilled when Christ returns the second time in power and great glory (Rev 19:15-16). The NT does not describe Christ sitting on David's glorious throne with great power at this time. Rather, it says he is our "Advocate with the Father" (1 Joh 2:1) who is our High Priest seated on the throne of grace (Heb 4:14-16).

## VII. Recommended Reading

Russell D. Moore, *The Kingdom of Christ*, Chapter 2 *Toward a Kingdom Eschatology*

## VIII. Annotated Bibliography

The following are selected books and articles by various members of the committee that will help give you a good understanding of the issues involved in the study of eschatology. Personal notes and commentary given by Jacob J. Susek, Jr.

### BOOKS:

#### 1. General category:

*The Kingdom of Christ*, by Russell Moore.

This was our prime reference book. We found this book extremely helpful in giving to us a broad historical movement, roughly within 20<sup>th</sup> century evangelicalism / fundamentalism regarding the issue of eschatology.

#### 2. Dispensational Premillennialism:

*Things to Come*, by Dwight Pentecost

Puts forth a case for dispensational premillennialism

*The Millennial Kingdom*, by John Walvoord

Puts forth a case for dispensational premillennialism

*There is a Difference*, by Renald Showers

Dr. Showers seeks to contrast the differences between Dispensational and Covenant Theology. His portrayal of Covenant Theology unfortunately is not very accurate.

#### 3. Progressive Dispensational Premillennialism:

*Progressive Dispensationalism*, by Craig Blaising and Darrel Bock

Puts forth a case for progressive dispensationalism. These men are professors at Dallas Theological Seminary.

#### 4. Historic Premillennialism

*A Systematic Theology of the Christian Religion*, by James Oliver Buswell, Jr.

Late professor of theology at Wheaton College. You would want to read the section: The Future Kingdom of Christ.

*Israel, the Church and Millennialism*, by Barry E. Horner

Dr. Horner is a reformed pre-millennialist and presents the case for an historic premillennial view.

George E. Ladd: *Crucial Questions Concerning the Kingdom of God*. Although this is an older book, in it Ladd answers specific issues raised by a distinctly dispensational approach. An excellent point to see some of the exegetical support for some the statements Moore makes in *The Kingdom of Christ*.

George E. Ladd: *Jesus and the Kingdom*. In this book Ladd develops the idea that the kingdom of God was promised in the OT, introduced by John the Baptist and Jesus as the rule of God present now, but with a future consummation in the millennium. This title was published in 1964, but it has been reprinted more recently with a different title (I am not aware of that title.)

D. H. Kromminga: *The Millennium in the Church*. This is a study of eschatology through church history by a professor of church history at Calvin Seminary. This history convinced him the premillennialism was snot new. (Out of print, but I have a copy.)

D. H. Kromminga: *The Millennium*. The same author giving his exegetical support for a reformed, premillennial understanding of eschatology. (Out of print, but I have a copy.)

Iain Murray: *The Puritan Hope*. A statement summarizing puritan thinking about the Lord's return with some exegetical support for a literal millennium in the future which consummates in the return of Christ. This is basically postmillennial, but without the liberal and progressive elements of the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Arthur F. Holmes: *An Examination of the Dispensational Approach to the Gospel of Matthew*. This is an unpublished thesis written at Wheaton College Graduate School examining the

exegetical approach of dispensationalism to the important book. (I have a copy of this.)

### 5. Amillennialism:

*The Bible and the Future*, by Anthony A. Hoekema

This is a classic work on Amillennialism. In part he discusses “Inaugurated Eschatology” looking particularly at the eschatological outlook of the Old Testament, the nature of NT eschatology, the kingdom of God, the Holy Spirit and Eschatology and the tension between the “Already and Not Yet”.

Chapter 15 is a critique of Dispensational Premillennialism, chapter 16 on the “resurrection” and chapter 17 deals with the millennium of Rev. 20.

*The Case for Amillennialism*, by Kim Riddlebarger

This puts forth a good understanding of the issues of hermeneutics while walking through an organized approach to the overall story line of the Bible. Some recommended chapters:

- How do we interpret Bible Prophecy?
- Christ and fulfillment of Prophecy
- The Nature of New Testament Eschatology
- The Kingdom of God
- The New Creation, the Israel of God and the Suffering Church

\*He also has chapters that deal with Daniel’s prophecy of the Seventy Weeks, the Olivet Discourse, Romans 11 – *Is there a future for Israel?* and an exegesis of Revelation 20.

*The Promise of the Future*, by Cornelius Venema

In Part One, he emphasizes the “present” aspect of eschatology. In Part Five he specifically seeks to evaluate the various millennial views, especially those of historic and dispensational premillennialism. He also gives an exegesis of Revelation 20.

*The Last Things*, by Herman Banvinck

This is an “older” book. In part II he discusses the nature of Old Testament Eschatology. He explains what they were literally looking for and how the New Testament interprets the Old.

*Understanding Dispensationalists*, by Vern Poythress

Dr. Poythress took a sabbatical and interacted with professors at Dallas seeking to better understand their position. He does try to show how “dispensational” theology has been changes, and notes changes in Covenantal Theology as well. Of particular interest is his chapter discussing hermeneutics entitled, “What is Literal Interpretation?”

*The Return of the King*, by Vern Poythress

This is his commentary on the book of Revelation. It is a good demonstration of how an amillennialist goes about interpreting this book.

*The Israel of God*, by O. Palmer Robertson

Recommended chapters would be:

The Israel of God: It’s Land

The Israel of God: It’s People

The Israel of God and the Coming of the Kingdom

The Israel of God and Romans 11

*The Christ of the Covenants*, by O. Palmer Robertson

Recommended chapters would be:

11. *Excursus*: Which Structures Scripture—Covenants or Dispensations?

12. David: The Covenant of the Kingdom

13. Christ: The Covenant of Consummation



**ARTICLES:**

1. Darrell Bock's exegesis of Acts 2, equating Jesus heavenly session at the right of God to be the fulfillment of God's promise to David of having a descendant on his throne. This will give you a good insight into the issues of how the New Testament seeks to interpret the Old. It is written by a progressive dispensationalist.

2. Meredith G. Kline, *THE FIRST RESURRECTION*. This is a major exegetical work on understanding "the first resurrection" reference in Revelation 20. He also has a follow up response to Ramsey Michael entitled, *THE FIRST RESURRECTION: A REAFFIRMATION*.

3. *GENRE AND HERMENEUTICS IN REV. 20:1-6*, by Vern Poythress. This can be found in the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 36.1 (Mar 1993).

4. *LAND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT* by Bruce Waltke. What makes this article of particular interest is that Dr. Waltke can trace his early spiritual development to the Gospel Herald Society ministering in Jersey City, N.J. For 25 years he was the professor of Old Testament at Dallas Theological seminary. His study of how the New Testament interprets the Old resulted in him shifting his position from dispensationalism to amillennialism. His article will soon come out as a chapter in his soon to be released book: *An Old Testament Theology*. This article traces the trajectory of the "Land" promises and demonstrates how the New Testament redefined and reinterpreted the Old Testament outlook.

5. *II THESSALONIANS 1 SUPPORTS AMILLENNIALISM*, by Vern Poythress. Gives a good exegesis of II Thess and notes the tension within various millennial structures.

**Study Committee: The Millennium:** Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Chairman; Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Secretary; Albert J. Dommel, Robert C. Kaatz, John C. Studenroth.

Advisor to the committee, Carl C. Cassel.

***Report of the  
Study Committee:  
Distinction Between the Office  
of Pastor & Elder with Reference to Divorce***

This paper is the Committee's response to the assignment given by the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference as follows:

**Whereas**, the Study Committee on Divorce and the Office of Elder recommended that divorce shall not automatically and forever exclude a man from serving as a pastor or an elder, and

**Whereas**, the Annual Conference did not provide a Biblical basis for a distinction between pastor and elder, therefore be it,

**Resolved**, that the Chairman appoint a study committee of five pastors to examine whether Scripture warrants maintaining the distinction between the qualifications for elders and pastors as regards divorce, and be it further

**Resolved**, that legislation representing the product of the Committee's study be presented to the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference for first reading, and be it further

**Resolved**, that this action will constitute the answer to the congregation of Community B.F.C., Howell, NJ.

**The Background Work of the Previous Study Committees**

At the 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (1999), the Conference passed, at First Reading, the following legislation, upon the recommendation of the appointed study committee:

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

That conference also instructed the Committee to study whether this would also apply to a man being considered for ordination, and to report the next year.

The following year that committee noted, among other things, that “The Biblical evidence clearly teaches the equality of the office of elder and pastor,” and that “There are no Biblical distinctions in the moral and spiritual qualifications for an elder or a pastor,” and therefore that “Divorce alone does not automatically disqualify a man from being ordained.”

The 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (2000) passed, at First Reading, the following resolution:

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

The 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (2001) did not pass, at Second Reading, the proposed legislation that would have allowed a man who had been divorced or who has married a divorced woman to be at least considered for ordination. At the same time, the conference passed, at Second Reading, legislation to allow such a man, as described above, to serve as an elder in a local church, if he is presently considered above reproach.

## **The Work of this Present Study Committee**

The charge given to this present study committee is to examine whether Scripture warrants maintaining the distinction between the qualifications for elders and pastors as regards to divorce. We have sought to build on the fine exegetical work and practical considerations given by the previous study committees.

### **I. Examination of Relevant Scripture Passages**

**A. I Timothy 5:17-19** “Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, ‘You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,’ and ‘The laborer deserves his wages.’ Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.”

## Observations:

1. The worthiness of double honor is a clear reference to material remuneration. This is borne out by the phrase, "*the laborer deserves his wages.*"
2. The functions of an elder which are worthy of double honor include both ruling well and laboring in preaching and teaching.
3. These verses speak of distinctions in calling, gifting, and function in ministry. There is also an implied distinction relating to faithfulness (i.e. "*rule well*"). There is *no distinction made*, regarding moral and spiritual qualification of church leaders.
4. To place a "*higher standard*" upon those gifted as preachers/teachers over against others serving as elders or deacons is a man-made distinction, but certainly cannot be substantiated from this passage.
5. Verse 19 makes no distinction between pastor and elder when it comes to the issue of discipline.

**B. I Peter 5:1-2** "So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you...." Observations:

1. Peter identifies himself in 1:1 as an apostle (one personally called by Christ and sent out on a particular mission). Here in 5:1 Peter identifies himself as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ and partaker in the glory yet to be revealed.
2. While the calling and function of the office of apostle has ceased, and while the function of elder is still in existence, no distinction is made between the moral and spiritual qualifications of each office. Peter proclaims himself to be qualified on the same basis as any other man holding the office of elder.
3. When Peter addresses "*the elders among you, as a fellow elder,*" he gives solid evidence that "*what [he] urges upon elders, he exemplifies in his own life and office.*" (from Richard C. H. Lenski's Commentary on 1 Peter)
4. Apostolic authority and elder authority relate not to quality of the man, but quantity of oversight. Lenski expounds upon

this: “As apostolic elders they exercised oversight over many flocks; congregational elders exercised such oversight over the one flock that had called them. ‘Fellow elder’ and Peter’s simple ‘elder’ state that the apostolic office was the same office as that held by the congregational elders.”

5. In 5:2 Peter exhorts the elders (plural) to shepherd the flock of God. The particular aspect of shepherding here relates to “*exercising oversight*.” No distinction is made between elders as to moral and spiritual qualification. In this regard, all elders, including those who are gifted in ruling and those who are gifted as pastors/teachers, are on the same footing. There is no Biblical hierarchy of a “higher standard” or “higher class” of leadership qualification.

**C. 1 Cor. 9:27** “No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”

Can Paul’s statement in 1 Corinthians 9:27 be understood to mean a divorced man is precluded from consideration to pastoral ministry? Does Paul see divorce as the disqualifying deed that caused him to write, “No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize”.

The following observations about the context help to answer this question:

The immediate context of 1 Corinthians 9:27 is the question of the Christian and meat sacrificed to idols (8:1-11:1). Paul had addressed issues of marriage and divorce in chapter seven, but his statement in 8:1 (“Now about food sacrificed to idols...”) shows clearly that he has left that subject. Thus it is unlikely that Paul is referring to divorce in 9:27.

In 8:1-11:1, Paul deals with knowledge about idols (8:1-6), the weak brother (8:7-13), and his own example (9:1-27). As an apostle, Paul had rights (9:1-14) which he refused to exercise (9:15-18). He committed himself to serving all people (9:19-23), and he exercised self-control in order to discharge the duties of his office (9:24-27).

He offers Israel as an example to warn the Corinthians about idolatry (10:1-13), points out the incompatibility of the Christian and idol feasts (10:14-22), gives guidance on the exercise of the believer's freedom, and encourages his readers to follow his example in these matters (10:23-11:1).

Observations about the verse also help in answering this question:

- a. When Paul speaks of beating his body and making it a slave, he is referring to disciplining his body by abstaining from certain rights and privileges.
- b. Paul recognizes there are some activities or deeds that could potentially make him unfit for his work.
- c. The apostle's rights are to be subordinated to his office and ministry of preaching. He will not yield to these if they threaten to hamper the discharge of his apostolic calling, particularly his preaching ministry.
- d. Paul's motivation in subordinating his personal rights for the sake of others is to provide for a more effective gospel ministry and to protect from losing the prize, God's approval on his suitability to minister the gospel.
- e. Paul's commitment to denying himself his rights in order to maintain his qualification to serve as an apostle (vs. 19-23) is an example to all Christians to discipline their lives for Christ's sake (9:14).

It is evident 1 Corinthians 9:27 deals with Paul's practice of surrendering his rights as an apostle to protect the effectiveness of his ministry and to maintain God's approval. Therefore 1 Corinthians 9:27 should not be used to argue that men who have divorce in their past are precluded from consideration for gospel ministry.

**D. Eph. 4:11-13** "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,<sup>12</sup> to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up<sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

This is the only passage that specifically mentions the pastor at all. Note the following:

1. In a parallel passage, 1 Cor. 12:28-29, the pastor is not mentioned at all: “And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?”

2. F.F. Bruce comments: “The two terms ‘pastors (shepherds) and teachers’ denote one and the same class of men...they are the same people as are elsewhere called elders and bishops, one of whose qualifications is being ‘apt to teach’.”

3. The word “pastor” in Eph. 4:11, when translated “shepherd” in the other places, can refer to the church elders, as in Acts 20:28, “Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” Note the parallels as Paul addresses the church leaders in Acts 20 as “Elders” (*presbuteros*) in v. 17 and as “Overseers” (*episkopo*) in v. 28, and to “Be Shepherds” (*poimainein*) in v. 28. F. F. Bruce comments: “The leaders of the Ephesian church are indiscriminately described as elders, bishops... and shepherds (or pastors).”

Therefore this lone mention of the gift/ office of a pastor, instead of creating some higher moral standard for the office, rather shows how interchangeable the term is with that of elder and overseer, and, in conjunction with the other passages mentioned above, gives evidence that all these church leaders were held to the same moral and spiritual standards.

**E. Leviticus 21** It is possible that some might want to use the stricter standards that were given for the priests in the Old Covenant as a basis for a similar higher standard for the pastor today, particularly in regards to divorce.

Lev. 21:7-8 “They (the priests) must not marry women defiled by prostitution or divorced from their husbands, because priests are holy to their God.<sup>8</sup> Regard them as holy, because they offer up the

food of your God. Consider them holy, because I the LORD am holy—I who make you holy.”

Lev. 21:13-15 “The woman he (the priest) marries must be a virgin. <sup>14</sup> He must not marry a widow, a divorced woman, or a woman defiled by prostitution, but only a virgin from his own people, <sup>15</sup> so he will not defile his offspring among his people. I am the LORD, who makes him holy.”

This argument can be answered in a number of ways. First, all believers in Jesus Christ are now priests, both royal and holy (1 Peter 2:9), so there is no longer a two-tiered level of holiness. Second, we do not think that the BFC wants to impose some of the other standards listed in Lev. 21 on its pastors today, such as whose funerals he may attend (21:1-4, 11) or how he cuts his hair or beard (21:5), or whether he is allowed to marry a widow. We understand that these requirements for the priests were outward pictures of the true holiness that the Lord now gives us in the New Covenant.

## F. Other Relevant New Testament Passages

If there is a spiritual and moral distinction between pastors and elders that would require a higher standard for pastors in the matter of divorce, then we would expect to see some evidence of that distinction in how Scripture treats the offices. But instead what we find is that the leaders of each local church are grouped together without such distinction.

In the book of Acts, the church leaders or overseers are repeatedly referred to as elders, not as the pastor and the elders.

Acts 14:23 “Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church...”

Acts 15:2 “.... Paul and Barnabas were appointed...to see the apostles and elders about this question.

Acts 15:22-23 “Then the apostles and elders ...decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch ....With them they sent the following letter: The apostles and elders, your brothers.....”

Acts 20:17, 28 “...Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. ...<sup>28</sup> Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood....”



In Phil. 1:1, Paul addresses the whole church, “together with the overseers (*episkopois*) and deacons.” No mention is made of the pastor in distinction from the other church leaders.

The moral and spiritual qualifications given in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 are for overseers or elders, but there is no separate or stricter list of moral and spiritual standards for choosing a pastor. These two lists cover both elders and pastors.

Hebrews 13:7 and 17: “Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.” “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.”

Here the writer commands his readers to remember and obey “your leaders” and to submit to their authority. If there were ever a place for the writer of Scripture to indicate that the pastor of a church should be given higher authority or held to a higher moral standard, we might expect to find it here. But instead, all the church leaders are equally held up as examples to imitate and as authorities to obey.

James 3:1 “Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.” If teaching elders are seen as pastors, does this verse give some basis for a higher moral standard for pastors with regards to divorce? We may note that if this is what James intended to mean, he could have simply said, “Not many of you should presume to be pastors,” but he did not write that. Instead James left it to include a wider scope of all who wished to teach God’s Word, which would certainly include elders. This verse raises the moral bar for all Christian teachers (1 Cor. 12:28), not just for pastors.

## II. Addressing Personal and Cultural Perceptions

We could find no statistics dealing with the narrow scope of our study. There are some statistics that discuss divorce as it relates to clergy but just with regard to the fact that it does happen, and that most will or have remarried. Obviously the number of clergy who have divorce in their background prior to their appointment or call

is dependent on their acceptance by a congregation (if independent) or denomination (and subsequently a congregation).

Here are some possible questions that a church may raise:

1. *“What will the people in our churches think and what will outsiders think?”* Statistical information on the prevalence of divorce would lead to the conclusion that people are probably more understanding of the circumstances that lead to divorce, since they likely have been touched by it in some way. What churched people will think would seem to be shaped by things such as family culture, church culture, pastoral teaching, and personal experience. This could become a subjective, emotional issue in addition to being an objective (and contextually) Biblical one. *Churches would do well to consider here the teaching of Biblical Principles for Living 104-4.3 concerning Christian liberty.*

2. *“Allowing men with divorce in their background will either send us down a liberal path or lower the dignity of the office of pastor (or both.)”* What does God regard as being important issues to Him? *We believe that God’s Word is concerned about ongoing-character issues rather than past behavior. In examining qualifications of a man to be ordained, issues such as pride, gossip, dishonesty, or being inhospitable should prevent someone from being considered eligible, not a past forgiven sin or even being married to someone with divorce in her background.* It is often quoted that “God hates divorce” (Malachi 2:16), however the context needs to be considered. Divorce among the people and the priesthood, as well as their actions regarding offerings and worship in chapter 1, was symptomatic of a heart that stopped caring about God and was indicative in all of their attitude and behavior. This is far different than a life that is lived in grace, obedience, and forgiveness through repentance of sin and faith in Christ.

If the Bible teaches us anything, it is to raise the bar of grace. In the book of Acts, when Gentiles were receiving the Holy Spirit, Jewish believers had to completely rethink their understanding of God’s relationship to man in light of Christ’s death and resurrection. This was a huge shift! What Jesus did in His life and through the church was to consistently defy conventional thinking. It is not the consideration of divorced men that would lower the bar. What would

lower the bar would be a blanket acceptance of anyone wanting to be credentialed regardless of his life's circumstances. Our desire is to open the door for eligibility on a case-by-case basis. Men and women sin and are victims of sin. If forgiveness has been offered and received, why are we preventing a good, godly man from consideration?

In examining a man for ordination who has divorce in his background, we affirm the five considerations that require wisdom and discernment that have already been stated in the 2000 *Yearbook*, on p. 214:

1. Culpability
2. Resolution of the Divorce
3. Disposition of church discipline
4. The amount of time since the divorce
5. The chronological relationship of divorce to conversion.

### **III. Relation to the BFC *Faith & Order***

Article 204-2.4 instructs us that “Elders, as leaders of the people, are chosen by the membership of the church on the basis of Scriptural qualifications.” Those Scriptural qualifications are found in 1Timothy 3 and in Titus 1, and they form the same basis for determining the moral qualifications for an elder, and/or pastor.

“The BFC acknowledges that the Biblical evidence clearly teaches the equality of the office of elder and pastor. There are no Biblical distinctions in the qualifications for a pastor or for an elder. Therefore, just as divorce alone, does not automatically disqualify a man from being an elder, so too divorce alone does not automatically disqualify a man from being ordained.” (p. 213 of the 2000 *Yearbook*)

**Recommendations:**

**Whereas**, the Biblical evidence clearly teaches the equality of the office of elder and pastor, and

**Whereas**, there are no Biblical distinctions in the moral and spiritual qualifications for an elder or a pastor, and

**Whereas**, divorce alone does not automatically disqualify a man from being an elder, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that this study committee recommends that the local church, the Ministerial Candidate Committee and the Credentials Committee *give due consideration to this report in examining men for ordination and for candidating at a church*, and further

**Resolved**, that Article 206-1.4 (6) be added to the *Faith & Order* at first reading:

“Because of the qualifications and dignity of the office of Pastor, when considering a man for ordination, the Ministerial Candidate Committee and Credentials Committee shall give careful consideration to ensure that a man who has been divorced or who has married a divorced woman is presently characterized as above reproach, and if married, faithful to and exclusively committed to his wife.”  
*(Adapted from the 2000 Yearbook, pp. 215-216)*

**Study Committee on the Distinction between the Office of Pastor and Elder with Reference to Divorce:** Eric R. North, Chairman; Louis Prontnicki, Secretary; Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Delbert R. Baker, II, Allan R. Vivona

*Adjourned Session of*  
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**2005**

**Ninth Meeting**

Saturday, October 22, 2005  
Calvary Bible Fellowship Church  
Sinking Spring, PA

The Chairman, Randall A Grossman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by leading the Conference in prayer. Greg Irvin, led the conference in singing. We sang “Forever,” “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee,” “God of Wonders,” and the Doxology. He closed the time of worship in prayer and in leading the conference in singing, “Thank You for the Cross,” and “Agnus Dei.”

William G. Schlonecker, Vice-Chairman, led the Conference in a devotional time. His text was the doxology found in Ephesians 3:20-21 and his challenge was for us to break forth in doxology for God’s greatness, expecting great things from the God “who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.”

**Report of the Registrar**

**Resolved** that the Pastors and Delegates with the green 3x5 cards constitute the conference bar.

**Resolved**, that the following excuses for absence from this meeting be granted: Hugh C. Colburn, Jr., Roy A. Hertzog, Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis, J. Richard Vroman, Willis I. Dowling, David H. Jones, James R. Batchler, Michael J. Tannous, William E. Blair, Alva C. Cassel, Robert L. Draper, David N. Heineman, LeRoy S. Heller, John H. Riggall, Wayne M. Chadwell, Douglas M. Wynn, Edgar H. Munyan, Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Robert W. Gehret, Gene W. Smith, Walter E. Bortree, Thomas L. Galloway, Jan A. Musser, Guy Warner, Michael Giordano, John C. Vandegriff, III.

Carl K. Spackman introduced H. Carl Shank, a licensed consultant from Natural Church Development. He presented the work done by Natural Church Development and how it would relate to individual churches.

The Conference recessed for lunch at 12:27 p.m. as Robert A. Sloan, Jr. closed in prayer.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

After H. Carl Shank prayed, he led a seminar on healthy growth in the smaller church and the mid-sized church. This included a time of questions and answers.

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted as First Reading:

### Board of Church Health

#### Purpose

The Board of Church Health exists to serve the Particular Churches of the BFC by promoting strong church health.

#### Composition and Election

- (1) The Board of Church Health shall consist of four ordained ministers and four elders.
- (2) They shall be elected for a term of three years in classes as follows:
 

Class I	Two ministers and one elder
Class II	One minister and two elders
Class III	One minister and one elder

#### Duties

- (1) It shall monitor and assess the health of Particular Churches.
- (2) It shall approach, based on its assessment, Particular Churches to offer assistance for strengthening church health.
- (3) It shall provide counsel and resources for the assessment of the health of particular Churches.

- (4) It shall provide a list of recommended consultants to Particular Churches needing assistance in moving toward stronger church health.
- (5) It shall offer training and seminars to promote church health.
- (6) It shall in cooperation with the Board of Directors assist particular churches to close when necessary.
- (7) It shall make recommendations to Annual Conference to declare a Particular Church closed.
- (8) It shall consult with the Board of Church Extension regarding the feasibility of planting a new church in the same area.
- (9) It shall develop sources of financial assistance to Particular Churches who cannot afford church health resources.
- (10) It shall receive and disburse monies designated for church health.

YES:100; NO:10

**Resolved**, that the Committee to Study Weak or Declining Churches continue its work and report to the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference.

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with Clifford B. Boone, Vice Chairman of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, closing in prayer.



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## 2006 Statistical Report

## Pastor's Activities

Church	Pastor	Ord	Prob.	Elders	Deac	P. Visits	Other Vis.	Bapt.	Child. Ded.	Wed.	Fun.
Allentown, CC	Boone	9	1	12	15	157	837	31	12	4	10
Bethlehem	Cooper	6	1	12	9			22	6	7	3
Blandon	Fischer	1	0	8	7	466		12	1		13
Brooklyn, NY	Ritter	1	0	1	0	128	48	2	2	0	2
Camden, DE	Schmoyer	2	1	5	2	80	0	3	1	1	0
Clinton Crms. NY	Clark	0	1	2	2	53	30	1	0	1	3
Coopersburg	Shorb/Paashaas	6	1	10	11	602	363	25	5	7	5
Denville, NJ	Harris	1	0	2	0	100	0	0	0	1	6
Emmaus	Schoen/Soper	7	1	15	9	706	105	12	3	3	5
Ephrata		1	0	8	7		340	6	0	0	10
Finesville, NJ	Widger	2	0	2	2	150	0	6	1	2	6
Fleetwood	Brush	1	0	3	5	81	0	7	3	2	1
Graterford	Yerrington	1	0	5	7	156	0	0	0	0	5
Harleysville	Crossgrove	3	0	5	5	100	125	7	2	4	2
Harrisburg	Spackman	1	1	3	3	225	30	5	1	1	2
Hatfield	Wells	2	0	9	9	85	0	4	0	3	3
Holmes, NY		0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Howell, NJ	North	1	0	4	0	40	0	3	0	0	1
Kutztown	Vivona	2	0	3	2	301	0	3	0	1	0
Lagrangeville, NY	Wickstead	1	0	2	1	100	0	0	0	2	1
Lancaster	DAThmann	6	0	11	11	190	475	29	3	4	0
Lebanon	Reed	3	1	12	7	441	1,704	3	0	0	11
Lehighton	Johnson	1	0	3	5	751	0	3	0	0	2
Longneck DE	Barber	1	0	0	0	360	0	4	0	3	15
Maple Glen	Prontnicki	2	0	1	2	180	0	8	1	2	2
Mt. Carmel	Norris	1	1	4	0	372	0	2	2	1	4
Mt. Pocono		1	0	2	3		0	3	2	0	4
Nazareth	Arnold	4	0	7	9	249	0	13	0	0	2
Newark, DE	Schlonecker	2	0	9	10	214	331	25	10	2	4
Newark, NJ	Baker	2	0	3	0	302	0	0	2	0	1
Old Bridge, NJ		1	0	3	0	321	0	6	0	2	1
Oley	Simpson	2	0	7	11			11	3	2	4
Paradise		1	0	5	5	15	0	2	3	1	0
Philadelphia	Clapier	1	0	2	2	398	0	0	0	1	0
Piscataway, NJ	Cahill/Ravis	2	0	3	5	243	0	7	8	1	3
Quakertown	Kohl	4	1	8	8	223	102	0	2	1	4
Reading	Grossman	5	0	11	9	394	383	10	4	4	9
Red Hill	Tannous	2	0	4	3	54	64	11	0	1	0
Royersford	Susek	1	0	5	8	200	100	10	6	2	2
Scranton											
Shamekin		3	1	6	0	111	0	5	2	1	2
Sinking Spring	Sloan	1	0	13	8	150	200	15	7	5	2
Spring City	Clineff	2	0	6	6	99	0	5	0	0	2
Stroudsburg	Duggins	3	1	3	6	51	0	4	0	0	0
Sunbury	Cole	2	0	8	12	692	885	11	3	1	16
Terre Hill	Kirkpatrick	1	0	4	4	218	0	0	2	0	1
Thompson, CT	Spinney	1	0	2	0	150	0	1	0	2	1
Toms River, NJ	Stortz	1	0	2	2	208	0	1	1	2	0
Wallingford	Taylor	3	1	12	6	273	288	1	5	1	4
Walnutport		2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Whitehall	Smith	1	0	4	3	141	0	6	2	4	6
York	Keeler	2	0	9	9	200	125	10	9	1	6
Zionsville	Bennett	1	0	4	0	110	0	0	1	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>113</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>10,840</b>	<b>6,535</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>190</b>
Allentown, L.	Ramos	1	0	0	0	312	0	6	0	1	1
Cape May, NJ	Lenahan	0	1	4	0	210	0	0	0	1	1
Chesapeake, VA	Dowling	1	0	0	0	182	0	0	1	0	4
Fell. Community	Fritz	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Gettysburg	Way	1	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Hellertown	Dommel	1	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	1	2
Las Cruces, NM	T. Morrison	0	1	0	0	251	0	0	0	0	1
Reading (la Roca)	Rodriguez	0	0	0	0	340	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,342</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>118</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>12,182</b>	<b>6,535</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>199</b>

## 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	30	0	0	30	6	0	0	4	0	10	20		668
Bethlehem	25	0	0	25	3	0	0	6	7	16	9		398
Blandon	16	0	0	16	3	0	0	0	0	3	13		159
Brooklyn, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			21
Camden, DE	4	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		45
Clinton Crms. NY	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		28
Coopersburg	14	0	1	15	2	2	0	2	2	8	7		304
Denville, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6		6	26
Emmaus	9	2	0	11	5	13	0	4	0	22		11	341
Ephrata	9	0	0	9	4	0	4	2	7	17		8	221
Finesville, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			38
Fleetwood	5	0	0	5	1	0	25	0	0	25		21	67
Graterford	3	0	0	3	2	0	19	0	8	29		26	92
Harleysville	3	0	8	11	2	3	12	0	7	24		13	199
Harrisburg	9	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	2	7		126
Hatfield	6	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	3	3		132
Holmes, NY	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	0	2	15		15	21
Howell, NJ	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		1	19
Kutztown	3	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	3		45
Lagrangeville, NY	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		32
Lancaster	46	6	0	52	1	0	0	0	0	1	51		348
Lebanon	1	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	5		4	205
Lehighton	5	4	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9		79
Longneck DE	13	0	0	13	2	0	0	0	0	2	11		42
Maple Glen	3	0	6	9	1	0	0	2	4	7	2		39
Mt. Carmel	7	0	0	7	2	0	11	0	0	13		6	92
Mt. Pocono	8	0	0	8	3	4	0	4	0	11		3	134
Nazareth	5	0	0	5	2	0	1	0	4	7		2	202
Newark, DE	10	0	0	10	1	0	2	0	0	8	2		238
Newark, NJ	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2		2	62
Old Bridge, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			20
Oley	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4		4	202
Paradise	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7		101
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			56
Piscataway, NJ	12	0	0	12	0	0	4	2	0	6	6		133
Quakertown	1	2	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	5		2	208
Reading	11	6	3	20	11	3	15	4	4	37		17	360
Red Hill	10	2	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14		103
Royersford	16	0	0	16	1	0	34	0	0	35		19	120
Scranton													23
Shamokin	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		94
Sinking Spring	25	0	0	25	2	0	43	4	0	49		24	416
Spring City	5	0	0	5	3	2	9	0	0	14		9	99
Stroudsburg	2	0	0	2	1	6	22	0	4	33		31	110
Sunbury	21	0	0	21	2	0	0	0	0	2	19		258
Terre Hill	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		62
Thompson, CT	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	9		9	28
Toms River, NJ	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		27
Wallingford	5	0	0	5	0	2	1	0	0	3	2		238
Walnutport	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	4		4	52
Whitehall	9	0	0	9	3	4	2	2	0	11		2	90
York	13	1	0	14	3	1	2	2	4	12	2		175
Zionsville	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1		50
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>7,448</b>
Allentown, L.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	6		6	22
Cape May, NJ													
Chesapeake, VA													
Fell. Community													
Gettyburg													
Hellertown													
Las Cruces, NM													
Reading (la Roca)													
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>7,470</b>

## Enrollment/Attendance/Property/Offerings

Church	SS. Roll	SS	AM	PM	Chs	Par.	T Income	T. Offerings
Allentown, CC	891	552	746	335	1	0	2,103,327	1,520,997
Bethlehem		240	568		1	1	1,005,855	972,548
Blandon		127	229	58	1	0	376,177	346,382
Brooklyn, NY	16	14	24		0	1	45,093	19,623
Camden, DE	52		43	24	1	0	86,674	85,207
Clinton Crms. NY		38	48		1	0	93,905	93,475
Coopersburg	317	288	461	113	2	1	666,333	647,469
Denville, NJ	23	21	45		1	1	62,132	46,800
Emmaus		393	494	114	7	0	1,053,951	761,733
Ephrata		167	276	63	1	0	633,652	488,075
Finesville, NJ	44	31	51		1	1	80,083	80,061
Fleetwood	82	71	118	21	1	1	150,571	150,543
Graterford	141	89	130	34	1	2	220,659	215,561
Harleysville	273	160	257		1	2	420,989	420,925
Harrisburg	187	120	182		1	1	312,058	306,763
Hatfield			125	41	1	3	358,571	331,613
Holmes, NY	22	20	25	10	0	1	20,970	20,970
Howell, NJ			40		1	1	69,000	54,500
Kutztown	50	31	58	12	1	1	110,077	110,042
Lagrangeville, NY	30	25	46		1	1	95,964	83,869
Lancaster	206	212	454		1	0	974,777	707,645
Lebanon	332	255	269	175	1	1	475,310	467,191
Lehighton	117	58	105		1	1	95,214	82,381
Longneck DE		30	62		1	0	113,830	85,830
Maple Glen	50	25	55	12	1	0	108,170	101,911
Mt. Carmel	86	65	75	30	1	1	110,891	110,802
Mt. Pocono		68	145		2	0	291,398	282,586
Nazareth	189	129	153	59	1	1	254,666	245,083
Newark, DE			455		1	3	823,467	781,653
Newark, NJ	58	42	55	12	1	0	218,434	202,636
Old Bridge, NJ			52		1	1	86,892	55,302
Oley	242	242	376		3	1	649,898	619,519
Paradise		64	95		1	0	143,293	133,557
Philadelphia	46	38	48		1	0	67,756	64,048
Piscataway, NJ		94	236		0	0	528,879	486,846
Quakertown	180	130	224	68	1	1	725,537	365,700
Reading	300	226	320	83	1	1	548,802	488,165
Red Hill	106	53	120		1	0	150,863	150,863
Royersford	130	130	210		2	2	381,613	278,365
Scranton								
Shamokin	140	93	150	71	3	1	117,434	114,241
Sinking Spring		327	756		1	0	1,299,275	1,292,814
Spring City	59	59	98	27	1	1	101,221	101,221
Stroudsburg		75	151	84	1	1	16,799	217,271
Sunbury	170	171	287	137	1	1	588,579	394,147
Terre Hill	61	52	70	31	1	1	97,197	94,532
Thompson, CT	32	25	44		1	0	77,085	56,997
Toms River, NJ			27	18	1	1	60,282	40,682
Wallingford		194	263		1	2	491,466	482,700
Walnutport	29	23	52	6	1	2	76,582	73,953
Whitehall	62	48	141	39	1	0	170,490	170,490
York	197	129	181	41	2	0	377,881	250,677
Zionsville	36	25	55	25	2	1	104,651	87,420
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,956</b>	<b>5,499</b>	<b>9,750</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18,294,673</b>	<b>15,844,384</b>
Allentown, L.			35		1	1	39,451	16,038
Cape May, NJ			26		2	1	22,735	22,735
Chesapeake, VA			19		0	0	23,972	23,972
Fell, Community			50				2,000	2,000
Gettysburg		11	16		0	0	19,561	16,288
Hellertown	23	16	16		0	0	0	0
Las Cruces, NM			22	6	0	0	70,178	70,178
Reading (a Roca)			38				12,513	5,634
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>190,410</b>	<b>156,845</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>4,979</b>	<b>5,526</b>	<b>9,972</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>18,485,083</b>	<b>16,001,229</b>

## Conference Disbursements

Church	Ad. Bud.	Missions	Ch. Ext.	Home	PJC	Ch. Ed.	V. Valley	PBC	T. Conf. Disb.
Allentown, CC	7,420	248,549	24,215	0	0	0	2,700	2,500	285,384
Bethlehem	2,129	56,235	9,810	3,660	0	0	1,880	1,880	75,594
Blandon	2,000	42,990	22,323	200	0	100	1,200	350	69,163
Brooklyn, NY	0	200	0	0	0	0	300	0	500
Camden, DE	500	3,056	2,400	0	200	0	965	0	7,121
Clinton Crns. NY	0	2,865	1,880	0	0	0	0	0	4,745
Coopersburg	6,000	62,238	26,550	900	0	250	2,300	1,600	99,838
Denville, NJ	175	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	215
Emmaus	9,044	101,813	17,325	1,500	0	100	9,077	1,300	140,159
Ephrata	6,285	59,179	5,725	150	0	200	200	200	71,939
Finesville, NJ	900	16,538	1,000	0	0	0	100	0	18,538
Fleetwood	600	9,199	3,694	500	0	0	200	100	14,293
Graterford	2,400	32,160	9,150	0	0	125	1,500	300	45,635
Harleysville	4,300	32,644	16,010	1,000	0	500	1,000	1,000	56,454
Harrisburg	3,800	23,280	6,500	475	0	125	600	400	35,180
Hatfield	4,250	26,161	9,300	500	0	300	1,000	1,000	42,511
Holmes, NY	0	3,415	250	0	0	0	250	0	3,915
Howell, NJ	400	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	500	0	2,900
Kutztown	1,322	13,580	4,200	500	0	50	500	500	20,652
Lagrangeville, NY	1,649	4,045	2,858	0	0	100	100	100	8,852
Lancaster	6,000	111,780	2,200	0	0	150	700	500	121,330
Lebanon	2,900	33,622	10,500	500	0	100	4,555	200	52,377
Lehighton	1,325	5,143	500	0	0	50	100	100	7,218
Longneck DE	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
Maple Glen	600	17,737	2,600	0	0	50	0	0	20,987
Mt. Carmel	1,320	22,082	100	0	0	250	50	250	24,052
Mt. Pocono	2,000	42,537	11,400	100	0	100	1,200	100	57,437
Nazareth	2,900	29,678	10,000	500	0	50	1,200	1,200	45,528
Newark, DE	1,400	15,370	12,100	400	0	300	2,500	700	32,770
Newark, NJ	1,150	1,363	800	200	0	0	0	0	3,513
Old Bridge, NJ	445	217	0	0	0	0	0	0	662
Oley	4,584	112,543	14,327	0	0	0	1,000	0	132,454
Paradise	800	20,077	1,764	0	0	0	500	500	23,641
Philadelphia	657	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	674
Piscataway, NJ	1,010	32,694	4,200	265	0	265	265	265	38,964
Quakertown	5,800	64,676	15,075	0	0	100	1,500	1,000	88,151
Reading	3,545	81,120	20,525	0	0	200	2,000	500	107,890
Red Hill	950	7,300	6,500	0	0	0	0	0	14,750
Royersford	1,800	18,031	1,500	200	0	100	500	200	22,331
Scranton	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Shamokin	0	7,700	0	0	0	0	200	200	8,100
Sinking Spring	3,996	71,354	36,998	750	0	50	550	1,000	114,698
Spring City	100	6,705	1,508	0	0	0	0	0	8,313
Stroudsburg	2,500	37,940	2,350	250	0	50	300	300	43,690
Sunbury	3,700	45,003	6,750	200	0	200	500	2,400	58,753
Terra Hill	600	14,491	1,300	50	0	50	50	50	16,591
Thompson, CT	350	0	500	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,850
Toms River, NJ	250	819	813	0	0	0	0	0	1,882
Wallingford	5,600	50,161	12,705	0	0	100	500	500	69,566
Walnutport	200	1,808	400	50	0	0	200	0	2,558
Whitehall	225	11,791	6,478	1,100	0	100	225	0	19,919
York	2,000	29,315	12,674	0	0	0	0	0	43,989
Zionsville	500	5,587	900	100	0	0	850	500	8,437
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>112,881</b>	<b>1,637,876</b>	<b>361,667</b>	<b>14,660</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>4,115</b>	<b>44,817</b>	<b>21,695</b>	<b>2,197,293</b>
Allentown, L.	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Cape May, NJ	0	25	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	1,525
Chesapeake, VA	0	500	12,091	0	0	0	0	0	12,591
Fell. Community	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,000
Gettysburg	0	0	6,860	0	0	0	0	0	6,860
Hellertown	0	0	26,055	0	0	0	0	0	26,055
Las Cruces, NM	0	0	26,055	0	0	0	0	0	26,055
Reading (la Roca)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>51,606</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45,553</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>112,881</b>	<b>1,638,450</b>	<b>413,163</b>	<b>14,660</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>4,115</b>	<b>44,817</b>	<b>21,695</b>	<b>2,242,846</b>

## Local Disbursements

Church	Min. Salary	Min. Bene	Par. Allow	Insurance	Assis. Sal.	Assis. Bene	Christ. Ed.
Allentown, CC	39,400	6,220	25,000	58,120	224,239	17,561	33,454
Bethlehem	49,270	3,289	0	41,503	84,340	5,109	31,904
Blandon	33,600	12,749	18,300	24,890	39,380	12,157	9,228
Brooklyn, NY	24,552	195	0	0	0	0	0
Camden, DE	13,420	5,750	12,000	17,166	0	0	3,236
Clinton Cms. NY	25,527	1,953	12,000	5,987	8,000	240	1,116
Coopersburg	66,796	31,131	17,500	25,069	9,706	1,373	21,186
Denville, NJ	28,700	2,000	4,500	16,566	0	0	2,500
Emmaus	105,591	31,951	0	52,177	46,802	14,375	28,046
Ephrata	27,050	0	20,100	34,903	46,576	0	37,055
Finesville, NJ	30,725	4,500	2,200	3,300	0	0	2,899
Fleetwood	29,640	0	0	19,447	19,990	0	10,957
Graterford	42,000	6,897	0	6,072	19,922	0	6,582
Harleysville	38,610	14,639	13,150	32,554	37,884	26,036	16,608
Harrisburg	47,250	3,981	0	31,582	29,269	12,109	13,057
Hatfield	42,669	9,001	12,000	27,415	36,324	6,941	15,763
Holmes, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	741
Howell, NJ	21,600	4,000	3,000	5,000	0	0	0
Kutztown	29,046	3,947	10,266	17,399	0	0	755
Lagrangeville, NY	25,000	10,391	0	13,386	0	0	1,190
Lancaster	51,392	520	14,400	25,502	58,473	10,854	12,621
Lebanon	44,300	16,077	18,000	48,839	37,745	25,701	24,659
Leighton	13,232	12,232	0	8,337	0	0	5,053
Longneck DE	12,324	8,000	12,324	4,715	0	0	600
Maple Glen	27,000	0	12,500	7,855	0	0	2,442
Mt. Carmel	25,392	8,618	0	8,124	0	0	4,061
Mt. Pocono	22,327	771	10,625	4,580	0	0	6,167
Nazareth	34,946	12,249	7,200	12,000	0	0	13,650
Newark, DE	39,000	22,919	24,000	39,146	85,200	46,905	38,362
Newark, NJ	14,185	2,881	7,596	12,433	0	0	2,431
Old Bridge, NJ	23,415	0	0	11,600	0	0	475
Oley	44,668	3,000	23,000	27,323	44,720	2,400	10,778
Paradise	2,000	4,050	0	0	0	0	4,425
Philadelphia	17,295	3,054	12,000	0	0	0	2,256
Piscataway, NJ	45,988	18,508	70,000	36,144	0	0	6,831
Quakertown	38,600	2,000	0	11,260	38,680	0	13,470
Reading	35,360	9,000	21,600	28,506	55,300	23,732	27,316
Red Hill	29,266	1,900	20,000	21,782	0	4,056	7,608
Royersford	26,969	9,052	24,548	15,084	23,226	1,650	16,080
Scranton							
Shamokin	34,828	0	0	1,028	0	0	3,034
Sinking Spring	41,022	16,958	24,000	64,357	98,058	12,052	28,454
Spring City	28,538	0	0	6,901	0	0	3,326
Stroudsburg	30,115	2,433	8,528	8,103	44,302	1,092	5,835
Sunbury	41,562	6,902	0	13,455	32,530	5,826	23,163
Terre Hill	27,906	1,276	0	8,433	0	0	2,264
Thompson, CT	17,050	8,750	11,000	0	0	0	2,728
Toms River, NJ	16,100	3,855	0	0	0	0	207
Wallingford	55,015	5,022	0	34,674	65,395	3,460	13,364
Waukegan	1,008	1,434	0	70	11,786	4,920	3,750
Whitehall	24,250	0	11,300	5,500	0	0	3,600
York	26,427	15,412	22,000	22,326	32,000	2,100	13,324
Zionsville	27,500	2,724	10,200	15,515	0	0	3,714
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,639,426</b>	<b>352,181</b>	<b>514,837</b>	<b>936,128</b>	<b>1,229,847</b>	<b>240,649</b>	<b>542,325</b>
Allentown, L.	0	1245	6,685	17,399	0	0	11,365
Cape May, NJ							
Chesapeake, VA	11,861	1,000	0	0	0	0	951
Fell. Community							
Gettysburg	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0
Hellertown	6,854	0	0	0	0	0	0
Las Cruces, NM	26,055	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reading (la Roca)							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>44,770</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>11,685</b>	<b>17,399</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,316</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>1,684,196</b>	<b>354,436</b>	<b>526,522</b>	<b>953,527</b>	<b>1,229,847</b>	<b>240,649</b>	<b>554,641</b>

## Local Disbursements Continued/Totals

Church	Debt Ser.	Benevolence	O. Missions	WMS	Conf. Del.	General Disb.	T. Gen. Disb	Total Disb.
Allentown, CC	129,185	34,465	165,268	1,262	0	679,292	1,413,466	1,698,850
Bethlehem	4,575	21,741	69,964	1,900	250	1,213,219	1,527,064	1,802,558
Blandon	50,081	6,277	16,510	0	0	76,220	299,392	368,555
Brooklyn, NY	12,181	120	1,038	0	0	13,837	51,923	52,423
Camden, DE	0	480	1,660	0	0	19,383	73,095	80,216
Clinton Crms. NY	10,413	675	1,237	0	200	21,874	89,222	93,967
Coopersburg	61,813	7,847	37,063	1,178	400	239,093	520,155	619,993
Denville, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	54,266	54,481
Emmaus	51,512	1,106	19,627	2,755	455	385,668	740,065	880,224
Ephrata	54,813	11,560	61,659	0	0	259,018	552,734	624,273
Finesville, NJ	0	1,110	239	0	0	13,491	58,464	77,002
Fleetwood	0	0	2,098	0	200	53,480	135,812	150,105
Graterford	5,778	790	1,925	600	300	120,154	211,020	256,655
Harleysville	42,082	15,976	18,645	3,027	350	96,215	355,776	412,230
Harrisburg	9,255	16,697	11,333	1,171	300	173,056	349,060	384,240
Hatfield	0	15,936	17,338	0	0	92,676	276,631	318,574
Holmes, NY	0	305	0	0	0	18,989	20,035	23,950
Howell, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	33,600	36,600
Kutztown	0	300	2,955	474	0	23,367	88,509	109,161
Lagrangeville, NY	0	5,617	3,781	0	0	23,765	83,130	91,982
Lancaster	202,301	8,119	12,600	0	0	302,431	699,213	820,543
Lebanon	90,837	5,724	11,871	0	85	99,220	423,058	475,435
Lehighton	0	1,603	5,058	0	100	40,614	86,229	93,447
Longneck DE	18,270	165	0	0	1,017	96,461	153,676	154,376
Maple Glen	0	900	11,583	0	0	26,290	88,570	109,557
Mt. Carmel	0	275	1,800	0	0	38,203	86,473	110,525
Mt. Pocono	0	7,859	27,117	0	0	118,295	197,741	255,178
Nazareth	0	996	9,865	0	0	47,158	138,064	183,592
Newark, DE	146,965	27,408	118,718	0	0	248,490	837,113	869,883
Newark, NJ	6,759	2,348	0	0	0	143,718	192,351	195,864
Old Bridge, NJ	34,459	0	0	0	0	16,450	86,399	87,061
Oley	1,604	34,951	28,657	0	0	296,506	517,607	650,061
Paradise	0	1,168	5,556	0	300	101,884	119,383	143,024
Philadelphia	0	2,071	0	0	0	30,167	66,843	67,517
Piscataway, NJ	0	6,321	6,173	0	0	100,574	290,539	329,503
Quakertown	0	22,008	111,600	1,000	0	487,019	725,537	813,688
Reading	0	13,085	54,725	0	350	183,562	452,536	560,426
Red Hill	0	2,000	2,470	0	0	64,445	153,527	168,277
Royersford	0	2,903	11,900	0	200	388,613	520,225	542,556
Scranton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Shamokin	0	2,992	12,600	800	350	64,466	120,098	128,198
Sinking Spring	61,233	16,542	151,115	0	0	580,025	1,093,817	1,208,515
Spring City	8,777	300	7,279	0	100	43,776	98,988	107,301
Stroudsburg	0	2,901	54,490	0	447	57,622	215,863	259,559
Sunbury	0	1,500	25,654	2,000	0	400,332	553,124	611,877
Terre Hill	0	803	1,759	0	0	56,905	199,346	115,937
Thompson, CT	2,855	1,350	2,000	0	0	27,377	73,050	74,900
Toms River, NJ	18,710	49	0	0	0	16,966	55,880	57,762
Waltonford	0	10,707	23,809	0	0	139,135	350,631	420,197
Walnutport	0	2,306	2,032	0	200	22,239	49,745	52,403
Whitehall	0	2,086	0	1,848	336	48,730	97,817	117,536
York	0	2,300	1,750	300	300	113,186	251,425	295,414
Zionsville	0	3,617	0	198	0	0	63,468	71,905
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,044,458</b>	<b>328,270</b>	<b>1,134,413</b>	<b>18,511</b>	<b>6,239</b>	<b>7,903,898</b>	<b>15,891,192</b>	<b>18,028,439</b>
Allentown, L	0	394	1,200	0	0	12,993	51,281	51,298
Cape May, NJ	0	0	3,120	0	0	0	3,120	0
Chesapeake, VA	0	327	500	0	0	10,395	25,034	37,625
Fell. Community	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gettysburg	0	300	745	0	0	4,244	9,689	9,689
Hellertown	0	0	0	0	0	19,646	26,500	33,390
Las Cruces, NM	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,059	52,110
Reading (Ja Roca)	0	1,540	0	0	0	6,945	8,485	3,485
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>4,965</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54,223</b>	<b>160,154</b>	<b>192,597</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>1,044,458</b>	<b>330,831</b>	<b>1,139,378</b>	<b>18,511</b>	<b>6,239</b>	<b>7,958,121</b>	<b>16,041,346</b>	<b>18,290,727</b>



## *Pastor's Statistical Information*

The Annual Report of the Board of Elders to the Congregation shall be the source of information for this schedule. The report shall contain:

### I. Officers:

- a. The number and names of all ordained pastors with Bible Fellowship Church credentials who are members of your church, including retired pastors and ordained missionaries.
- b. The number of probationers of the BFC who are members of your congregation.
- c. The number of Elders and Deacons in your congregation.

### II. Pastors' Activities:

- a. The number of visits made by the Senior Pastor.
- b. The number of visits made by other members of the pastoral staff.
- c. The number of people baptized.
- d. The number of children dedicated.
- e. The number of weddings.
- f. The number of funerals.

### III. Membership:

- a. Received into Church fellowship
- b. Received by transfer from Bible Fellowship Churches
- c. Received by transfer from other churches
- d. Total increase
- e. Died
- f. Withdrawn
- g. Dropped
- h. Transferred to Bible Fellowship Churches
- i. Transferred to other churches
- j. Total decrease
- k. Net increase or decrease (**NOT BOTH**)
- l. Total membership

**In compiling this membership report be sure you have begun with the figure for total membership shown in the previous yearbook.**

### IV. Enrollment:

- a. The number of people enrolled in your Sunday School.
- b. The number of children enrolled in your Cradle Roll.
- c. The number of people enrolled in your Home Department

V. Average Attendances: (Compute for the whole year)

- a. Sunday School Average Attendance
- b. Sunday Morning Worship Average Attendance
- c. Sunday Evening Service Average Attendance

VI. Church Property:

- a. The number of church buildings.
- b. The number of parsonages.

VII. Receipts:

- a. Total income
- b. Total offering  
 In most churches these two figures might be identical. Total income would include, above offerings, the following: Interest, Rent, Church Extension Appropriations, **BUT NOT** Sale of properties, loans from banks or loans from individuals.

VIII. Disbursements; Denominational Benevolences:

- a. The amount given to the BFC Administrative Budget.
- b. \*The amount given to the Board of Missions of the BFC.
- c. \*The amount given to Church Extension.
- d. The amount given to the BFC Homes, Inc.
- e. The amount given to Pinebrook 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.
- b. Minister's Supplemental Benefits -- This shall include: Social Security, church paid Minister's Retirement, car allowance, book and seminar reimbursements, etc.
- c. Parsonage Allowance.
- d. Health Insurance Premium.
- e. Administrative Assistants' Salary -- For others on

Pastoral Staff -- not for secretarial staff members or janitorial staff.

- f. Administrative Assistants' Benefits.
- g. Local Christian Education program -- This shall include Sunday School, Local Youth Fellowship, AWANA Clubs, VBS, etc.
- h. Debt Service.
- i. Local Benevolence.
- j. Other Missions.
- k. Women's Missionary Society.
- m. Annual Conference Delegate.
- n. General Disbursements -- All other disbursements not already recorded.

The Pastor shall send a copy of the minutes of all Congregational meetings, which shall include the Board of Elders' 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, 2007 (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, 2007.

If the Pastor's Statistical Report is not in the hands of the Committee on Statistics by March 1, 2007, 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**

Fellowship News - \$1.75 per member - make checks payable to Board of Communications or send to:

BFC Board of Communications  
12 Pinebrook Road  
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

**MONTHLY:**

Conference Administrative Budget - Beginning January 1st; pledge may also be paid annually in advance. Make check payable to Bible Fellowship Church and mail to:

Horace A. Kauffman  
25 E. Lemon St.,  
Lititz, PA 17543

**QUARTERLY:**

Church Extension - make checks payable to Board of Church Extension and send to:

Church Extension Department  
Bible Fellowship Church,  
PO Box 753  
Whitehall PA 18052

Missions - make checks payable to Board of Missions and send to: Board of Missions

1011 Brookside Rd., Suite 145  
Allentown, PA 18106-0555

Board of Pensions - Payments should be made April 30, July 30, October 30, and January 30. Make checks payable to Board of Pensions 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*. In 2006 the rate changed to \$900 and \$9 respectively (see page 86 of the 2005 *Yearbook*).

**BY MARCH 1:**

Victory Valley Camp - make check payable to Victory Valley and send to:

Victory Valley Camp  
7472 Sigmund Rd., Zionsville, PA 18092

**BY APRIL 1:**

Board of Christian Education - make check payable to Board of Christian Education & mail to:

Berean BFC, PO Box 208  
Terre Hill, PA 17581

Board of Youth - Make checks payable to Board of Youth and mail to:

Billy Dunn, c/o Bethel BFC,  
418 Elm St. Emmaus, PA 18094

Bible Fellowship Church Homes - make check payable to Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc. and mail to:

Fellowship Community  
3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, PA 18052

Pinebrook Bible Conference - make checks payable to Pinebrook Bible Conference and mail to:

Pinebrook Bible Conference,  
PO Box 1, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Pinebrook Educational Foundation - make checks payable to Pinebrook Educational Foundation 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 2006--call BOM office for stateside address

∞ On leave of absence

- Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel (Melissa), Centrum Word of Life  
Cerna Hora, 67921, Czech Republic
- Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Keith (Carol), 214 Marissa Court,  
Edinburg, TX 78539; (210) 380-8124.
- Aukamp, Rev. William, HC 80, Box 696,  
Piedmont, SD 57769; (605) 787-6910.
- Baran, Rev.& Mrs. Totoram (Felicia), Kaya Pos Di Amor #23  
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(610) 351-8118
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Waxhaw, NC 28173, (704) 243-4076
- Bose, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Bose (Stacey) Brasilia International School  
SMDB Conj, 6 Casa 6 71680-060, LAGO Sul Brasilia, Brazil
- Bulgrien, Miss. Gena, Buehlstrasse 4, 79400 Kandern/Holzen  
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Lititz, PA 17543, (717) 581-0136

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Slough, Berks, SL2, 5AS, UK
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- Hash, Mr. & Mrs. Tim (Barbara), 623 Vail Drive, Lyndonville,  
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- Head, Rev. & Mrs. Jim (Lynne), 524 Shepherd's Creek Circle  
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- Hoffman, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron (Marlene), 351 Palomino Drive  
Lancaster, PA 17601, (717) 293-8298
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- Hunsicker, Mr. & Mrs. Chris (Alma), call BOM for address after  
June 30
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- Kline, Mr. & Mrs. Paul (Kathryn), 12 Lydias St, Athens 11527,  
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- Lawrence, Mr. & Mrs. Brian (Carol Ann), 34 Huntington Avenue  
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## Directory of Churches & Missions

City, State, Church	SS	AM	PM	Prayer (Wed)
Allentown, PA, Cedar Crest	10:30	9:00	6:00	7:00
610.432.2200 (Fax) 610. 435.4006 <u><a href="mailto:ccbfc1@juno.com">ccbfc1@juno.com</a></u> Clifford B. Boone David T. Allen Ronald C. Erb Glenn R. Felty Timothy H. Schaeffer Jonathan H. King		1151 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. Allentown, PA 18103  web-site: <u><a href="http://www.CedarCrestBFC.org">www.CedarCrestBFC.org</a></u>		
Allentown, PA, El Faro (Lighthouse)		11:00		7:00
610.791.9995 (Fax) 610.791.3355 <u><a href="mailto:pastorelliot@elfaro.org">pastorelliot@elfaro.org</a></u> Elliot H. Ramos		641 S. Genesee Street Allentown, PA 18103  web-site: <u><a href="http://www.elfarobfc.org">www.elfarobfc.org</a></u>		
Bethlehem, PA, Ebenezer	10:00	8:30/11		3:30
610.868.5501 (Fax) 610.868.6939 <u><a href="mailto:Office@aplaceforyou.org">Office@aplaceforyou.org</a></u> Brian H. Cooper Robert K. Fields Shad Gilbert Jason Hoy		3100 Hecktown Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18020  web-site: <u><a href="http://APlaceForYou.org">APlaceForYou.org</a></u>		
Blandon, PA, Trinity	10:30	9:00	6:00	7:00
610.926.4594 (Fax) 610.916.4777 <u><a href="mailto:trinitybfc@juno.com">trinitybfc@juno.com</a></u> Carl J. Fischer, Jr. Thomas Wiley Tom Post, Jr.		220 Main St. PO Box 739 Blandon, PA 19510-0739		
Brooklyn, NY, New Community	10:00	11:00		Thur.7:00
718.209.9469 <u><a href="mailto:nccbfc@netzero.net">nccbfc@netzero.net</a></u> 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 <a href="mailto:office@camdenbfc.org">office@camdenbfc.org</a> Timothy J. Schmoyer	201 E. Camden-Wyoming Ave. Camden, DE 19934  web-site: <a href="http://www.camdenbfc.org">www.camdenbfc.org</a>			
Cape May Court House, NJ		10:30		7:00
609.465.2338 Frank E. Lenahan <a href="mailto:lenahanclan@aol.com">lenahanclan@aol.com</a>	BFC of Cape May County 1159 Route 9 South Cape May Court House, NJ 08210			
Chesapeake, VA		10:45		
757.494.1511 <a href="mailto:willisdowling@juno.com">willisdowling@juno.com</a> Willis I. Dowling	(Location): Cornerstone Christian School 1212 Willow Ave., Chesapeake, VA (Mailing): 512 Kemp Lane Chesapeake, VA 23325  <a href="http://www.chesapeake.bfc.org">www.chesapeake.bfc.org</a>			
Clinton Corners, NY, Cornerstone	9:30	10:45		7:00
845.266.8057 <a href="mailto:cornerstonebfc@verizon.net">cornerstonebfc@verizon.net</a> Gerald D. Clark	1592 Hollow Road Clinton Corners, NY 12514  web-site: <a href="http://www.cornerstonebfc.org">www.cornerstonebfc.org</a>			
Coopersburg, PA, Calvary	9:45	8:30/11:00	6:00	6:30
610.282.3161 (Fax) 610.282.9546 <a href="mailto:Church@CalvaryBFC.org">Church@CalvaryBFC.org</a> Thomas P. Shorb Richard T. Paashaus Carl C. Cassel	6782 N. Main St. PO Box 166 Coopersburg, PA 18036  web-site: <a href="http://www.calvaryBFC.org">www.calvaryBFC.org</a>			
Denville, NJ	9:30	11:00		7:00 Thur
973.625.1880 <a href="mailto:harris.ds@verizon.net">harris.ds@verizon.net</a> Richard D. Harris	263 Diamond Spring Rd. Denville, NJ 07834  web-site: <a href="http://www.bfcdenville.org">www.bfcdenville.org</a>			
Emmaus, PA, Bethel	9:45	8:30/10:45	7:00	*
610.965.2682 (Fax) 610.965.4534 <a href="mailto:bethel@bethelbfc.org">bethel@bethelbfc.org</a> David N. Schoen Ralph M. Soper David K. Schlonecker	418 Elm St., Emmaus, PA 18049  web-site: <a href="http://www.bethelbfc.org">www.bethelbfc.org</a>  * Prayer Meeting: 6:30 & 10 a.m.; 7 p.m.			

Ephrata, PA	9:15	10:30	6:00	3 & 7:00
717.733.2526 (Fax) 717.733.4122 <a href="mailto:ebfc@ephratabfc.org">ebfc@ephratabfc.org</a> Vacant Robert W. Smock	(Location) 491 Peach Road (Mailing) PO Box 299, Ephrata, PA 17522  web-sites: <a href="http://www.ephratabfc.org">www.ephratabfc.org</a>			
Finesville, NJ, Calvary	9:00*	10:00		7:00
908.995.7678 Byron Widger <a href="mailto:byron@finesvillebfc.org">byron@finesvillebfc.org</a>	191 Rt. 627, Finesville Phillipsburg, NJ 08865  <a href="http://www.Finesvillebfc.org">www.Finesvillebfc.org</a> * Sept. - May			
Fleetwood, PA, Faith	9:15	10:30	6:00	7:00
610.944.7080 <a href="mailto:faithbfc@juno.com">faithbfc@juno.com</a> R. Jerry. Brush	236 S. Richmond St. Fleetwood, PA 19522			
Graterford, PA	9:30	10:40		Thur. 7:30
610.489.9389 (Fax) 610.489.9389 Philip E. Yerrington David Gettel	Route #29, 693 Church Road Graterford, PA 19426  web-site: <a href="http://www.graterfordbfc.org">www.graterfordbfc.org</a>			
Harleysville, PA, Faith	9:15	10:30		7:00
215.256.6026 <a href="mailto:mail@faithbfc.org">mail@faithbfc.org</a> Andrew T. Crossgrove Alan G. Miller	140 Harleysville Pike Harleysville, PA 19438  web-site: <a href="http://www.faithbfc.org">www.faithbfc.org</a>			
Harrisburg, PA, Grace	9:30	10:45		6:30
717.652.5229 (Fax) 717.671.4760 <a href="mailto:church@gracebfc.com">church@gracebfc.com</a> Carl K. Spackman Mark E. Barninger	1250 Colonial Road Harrisburg, PA 17112  web-site: <a href="http://www.gracebfc.com">www.gracebfc.com</a>			
Hatfield, PA, Bethany	9:30	10:45	6:00	7:00
215.855.2449 (Fax) 215.855.8756 <a href="mailto:Bethanyoffice@bethanybfc.com">Bethanyoffice@bethanybfc.com</a> Howard N. Wells Louis S. Curcio	75 W. Broad Street Hatfield, PA 19440  web-site: <a href="http://www.bethanybfc.com">www.bethanybfc.com</a>			

Hellertown, PA, Saucon Community		9:00		Thurs. 7
610.838.3111 scbfc@bfc.org Albert J. Dommel	Location: Saucon Valley Community Center 323 Northampton St., Hellertown Mailing: PO Box 198, Hellertown, PA 18055 web-site: <a href="http://www.sauconcommunitychurch.org">www.sauconcommunitychurch.org</a>			
Holmes, NY, Faith	9:30	10:45	Wed. 6	Sun. 7
845.878.3861 <a href="mailto:Hwaldvog@JHMC.org">Hwaldvog@JHMC.org</a> (Vacant)	Location: White Pond Road, Stormville, NY PO Box 79, Holmes, NY 12531			
Howell, NJ, Community		10:30		Tue. 7
732-363-8941 <a href="mailto:communitybfc@optonline.net">communitybfc@optonline.net</a> Eric R. North	3071 Lakewood Allenwood Rd. Howell, NJ 07731			
Kutztown, PA	9:00	10:00		
610.683.9366 <a href="mailto:arvinkutz@juno.com">arvinkutz@juno.com</a> Allan R. Vivona John C. Studenroth	15170 Kutztown Rd. Kutztown, PA 19530  web-site: <a href="http://www.kutztownbfc.org">www.kutztownbfc.org</a>			
La Roca de Reading. PA HBFC		10:30		
610.376.2468 (Fax) 610.769.4338 <a href="mailto:hispanicbfcinreading@hotmail.com">hispanicbfcinreading@hotmail.com</a> Carlos Rodriguez	Fellowship Hall, Grace BFC, Reading 1128 Hampden Blvd. Reading, PA 19604			
Lagrangeville, NY, Valley (formerly, Poughquag)	9:45	11:00 10 summer		7:30
845.724.3984 <a href="mailto:jimband3@aol.com">jimband3@aol.com</a> James A. Wickstead	1875 Clove Rd. Lagrangeville, NY 12540  web site: <a href="http://www.members.aol.com/jimband3/">www.members.aol.com/jimband3/</a>			
Lancaster, PA, Faith	9:00	9:00/10:30		
717.285.1900 (Fax) 717.285.1913 <a href="mailto:office@faithbfc.com">office@faithbfc.com</a> David A. Thomann Gregory A. Uhrich Claire A. Harstad	151 Donerville Road Lancaster, PA 17603  web-site: <a href="http://www.faithbfc.com">www.faithbfc.com</a> <a href="http://www.faithbfc.net">www.faithbfc.net</a>			

Las Cruces, NM, Grace Bible	10:30	10:00	6:00	7:00
505.532.1234 Thomas H. Morrison <a href="mailto:gracebiblepastor@cs.com">gracebiblepastor@cs.com</a>	(Location) 2615 Missouri Ave, Suites A & B (Mailing) PO Box 7964 Las Cruces, NM 88011  <a href="http://www.gracebiblechurchbfc.org">www.gracebiblechurchbfc.org</a>			
Lebanon, PA	9:30	10:45	7:00	7:30
717.273.4802 (Fax) 717.273.1568 <a href="mailto:lebbfc@nbn.net">lebbfc@nbn.net</a> Calvin T. Reed LeRoy S. Heller Timothy J. Bertolet	1635 Mill Road Lebanon, PA 17042			
Lehighton, PA, Salem	9:30	10:45	1:30	7:00
570.386.2578 (Fax) 570.386.2578 <a href="mailto:salembfc@ptd.net">salembfc@ptd.net</a> Robert A. Johnson, II	1105 Frederick's Grove Rd. Lehighton, PA 18235-9718			
Long Neck, DE, New Life	9:00	10:00		7:00
302.945.4814 Kenneth F. Barber Raymond R. Bertolet <a href="mailto:kenbarber@newlife-bfc.org">kenbarber@newlife-bfc.org</a>	24771 Cannon Road Long Neck, DE 19966  <a href="http://www.newlife-bfc.org">www.newlife-bfc.org</a>			
Maple Glen, PA	9:15	10:30		
215.646.1220 (Fax) 215.643.9788 <a href="mailto:mgbfc@juno.com">mgbfc@juno.com</a> Louis Prontnicki	700 Welsh Rd., PO Box 3102 Maple Glen, PA 19002  web-site: <a href="http://www.mapleglenchurch.org">www.mapleglenchurch.org</a>			
Mt. Carmel, PA, Bethany	9:30	10:45	6:00	7:00
570.339.4693 (Fax) 570.339.4693 <a href="mailto:philnorr9@aol.com">philnorr9@aol.com</a> Philip G. Norris	1 Bethany Road Mt. Carmel, PA 17851			
Mount Pocono, PA, Pocono Mt.	9:30	10:45		7:00
570.839.6922 (Fax) 570.839.4183 <a href="mailto:elders@pmbfc.org">elders@pmbfc.org</a> Vacant	Montanesca Lane PO Box 300 Mt. Pocono, PA 18344  web-site: <a href="http://www.pmbfc.org">www.pmbfc.org</a>			

Nazareth, PA, Grace	10:30	9:00	6:00	7:00
610.759.7036 <a href="mailto:gracebfc@juno.com">gracebfc@juno.com</a> Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.	100 E. Beil Ave. Rose Inn & Beil Avenues Nazareth, PA 18064  web-site: <a href="http://www.gracebfcnaz.org">www.gracebfcnaz.org</a>			
Newark, DE	10:00	8:30 / 11:00	6:30*	
302.366.8539 (Fax) 302.366.8542 <a href="mailto:bfcnewark@northerntrail.net">bfcnewark@northerntrail.net</a> William G. Schlonecker Robert W. Green Raymond L. Cole Stephen J. Morton	808 Old Baltimore Pike Newark, DE 19702  web-site: <a href="http://www.bfcnewarkde.org">www.bfcnewarkde.org</a>  *1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Evening Service, Small Groups			
Newark, NJ	10:00	11:00	6:30	7:15
973.373.3677 (Fax) 973.373.3171 Delbert R. Baker, II <a href="mailto:newarkbiblefellowshipchurchnj@juno.com">newarkbiblefellowshipchurchnj@juno.com</a>	30 Randolph Place Newark, NJ 07108			
New Oxford, PA, BFC Adams County	9:30	11:00		
717.624.2855 <a href="mailto:daveway@localnet.com">daveway@localnet.com</a> David R. Way	PO Box 553 New Oxford, PA 17350  web-site: <a href="http://www.bfcac.net">www.bfcac.net</a>			
Old Bridge, NJ, Cottrell Corners Community		11:00		
732.970.8755 Vacant	442 Cottrell Road Matawan, NJ 07747  web-site: <a href="http://www.cottrellcorners.org">www.cottrellcorners.org</a>			
Oley, PA, New Life	9:30	8/10:45		7:00
610.987.3192 (Fax) 610.987.6654 Arthur J. Simpson Scott Evans Austin G. Shelly	2960 W. Philadelphia Ave. Oley, PA 19547-8915  web-site: <a href="http://www.newlifebfc.org">www.newlifebfc.org</a>			
Paradise, PA	9:00	10:15		7:00
717.687.7577 <a href="mailto:office@pbfc.cc">office@pbfc.cc</a> Vacant	3092 Lincoln Hwy. E. Paradise, PA 17562 web-site: <a href="http://pbfc.cc">pbfc.cc</a>			



Philadelphia, Wissinoming, PA	9:30	10:30		
215.743.3751 <a href="mailto:clapiergw@aol.com">clapiergw@aol.com</a> G. Wayne Clapier	4414 Van Kirk St. Philadelphia, PA 19135			
Piscataway, NJ, Christ Community	9:45	11:00		
732.393.9800 (Fax) 732.393.9444 <a href="mailto:church@christcommunitynj.com">church@christcommunitynj.com</a> m Dennis M. Cahill Richard B. Ravis	(Location) - Livingston Student Center, Joyce Kilmer Ave., Piscataway (Mailing) - 1347 Stelton Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854  web-site: <a href="http://www.christcommunitynj.com">www.christcommunitynj.com</a>			
Quakertown, PA, Grace	9:00	10:00	7:00	7:15
215.536.6096 (Fax) 215.536.7335 <a href="mailto:grace@quakertownbfc.org">grace@quakertownbfc.org</a> Ronald L. Kohl David J. Watkins	1811 Old Bethlehem Pike North Quakertown, PA 18951			
Reading, PA, Grace	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
610.375.2333 (Fax) 610.375.6002 <a href="mailto:gracebf.reading@verizon.net">gracebf.reading@verizon.net</a> Randall A. Grossman Steven J. DelDuco	1128 Hampden Blvd. Reading, PA 19604  web-site: <a href="http://www.gracebfcreading.com">www.gracebfcreading.com</a>			
Red Hill, PA, Community	8:45	10:00		7:00
215.541.4880 <a href="mailto:Communityredhill@verizon.net">Communityredhill@verizon.net</a> Michael J. Tannous D. Thomas Phillips, Emeritus	426 Main St., PO Box 281 Red Hill, PA 18076			
Royersford, PA	9:00	10:15		7:00
610.948.9764 (Fax) 610.948.5484 <a href="mailto:jsusek@royersfordbfc.org">jsusek@royersfordbfc.org</a> Jacob J. Susek, Jr. Aaron J. Susek	431 N. Lewis Road Royersford, PA 19468  <a href="http://www.royersfordbfc.org">www.royersfordbfc.org</a>			
Shamokin, PA, Calvary	9:30	10:35	6:00	7:00
570.648.1466 (Fax) 570.648.1466 Ferdie Madara	35 S. Second St., Shamokin, PA 17872			

Sinking Spring, PA, Calvary	9:50	8:30/9:47/ 11:00		7:00
610.678.5166 (Fax) 610.678.6727 <a href="mailto:cbfc@dejazzd.com">cbfc@dejazzd.com</a> Robert A. Sloan, Jr. Greg Larsh Wayne Rissmiller	4891 Penn Ave Sinking Spring, PA 19608  web-site: <a href="http://www.cbfc.net">www.cbfc.net</a>			
Spring City, PA	9:30	10:45	6:00	7:15
610.948.9448 <a href="mailto:faithbfc@worldlynx.net">faithbfc@worldlynx.net</a> Kevin W. Clineff	25 Pennhurst Rd, Spring City, PA 19475			
Stroudsburg, PA, Berean	8:45	10:00	6:00	7:00
570.421.0617 (Fax) 570.420.8103 <a href="mailto:bereanbe@ptd.net">bereanbe@ptd.net</a> Davis Duggins John Rosetti	1028 Valley View Dr. Stroudsburg, PA 18360  web-site: <a href="http://www.bereanbfc.org">www.bereanbfc.org</a>			
Sunbury, PA, Emmanuel	9:00	10:15	7:00	7:00
570.286.8313 (fax) 570.286.8025 <a href="mailto:emmanuel.sunbury@verizon.net">emmanuel.sunbury@verizon.net</a> Charles E. Cole Bert N. Brosius Joshua P. Gibson	1051 Catawissa Ave. Sunbury, PA 17801			
Terre Hill, PA, Berean	9:30	10:30	7:00*	7:30
717.445.4401 (fax) 717.445.5490 <a href="mailto:bereanbfc@dejazzd.com">bereanbfc@dejazzd.com</a> <a href="mailto:Kevin.W.Kirkpatrick">Kevin W. Kirkpatrick</a>	Location: 407 W. Main St. Mailing: PO Box 208 Terre Hill, PA 17581  web-site: <a href="http://www.terrehillbfc.org">www.terrehillbfc.org</a> * 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays			
Thompson, CT	9:00	10:00		6:30 Tue
860.923.9512 <a href="mailto:thompsonbfc@aol.com">thompsonbfc@aol.com</a> Dennis W. Spinney	400 Quinebaug Road (Route 131) PO Box 619 Quinebaug, CT 06262  <a href="http://www.thompsonbfc.org">www.thompsonbfc.org</a>			

Toms River, NJ, Church of the Cross		10:30	5:00*	7:30
732.505.8174 <a href="mailto:ddstortz@juno.com">ddstortz@juno.com</a> Dean A. Stortz	(Location) 1060 Church Road (Mailing): 800 First Ave. Toms River, NJ 08757 *2nd/4th Sunday of the month			
Wallingford, PA, Grace	9:00 / 10:45			
610.876.8725 (fax) 610.876.8725 Richard E. Taylor Timothy S. Cowen Daniel L. Williams	723 S. Providence Rd. Wallingford, PA 19086-6940  <a href="http://www.gracebfc.org">www.gracebfc.org</a>			
Walnutport, PA, Calvary	9:15	10:15	7:00	6:30
610.767.7447 Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr. (as of July 1) William H. Bartron	233 Main St., Walnutport, PA 18088			
Whitehall, PA, Bethany	9:15	10:30	6:00	7:00
610.434.8661 <a href="mailto:GWS.WHALL@enter.net">GWS.WHALL@enter.net</a> Gene W. Smith	3300 Seventh St. Whitehall, PA 18052  web-site: <a href="http://www.bethanybfc.org">www.bethanybfc.org</a>			
Whitehall, PA, Fellowship Community		10:00		
610.769.4314 (Fax) 610.799.3099 <a href="mailto:chaplain@fellowshipcommunity.com">chaplain@fellowshipcommunity.com</a> Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.	3000 Fellowship Drive Whitehall, PA 18052			
York, PA, Faith	9:15	10:30		7:00
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610.967.3048 <a href="mailto:Clbjeb@juno.com">Clbjeb@juno.com</a> C. Larry Bennett	6401 Vera Cruz Rd. Zionsville, PA 18092			

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 Shillington, PA 19607  
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 Home - 610.967.2555  
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**Ronald C. Mahurin** ..... (H) 610.336.0852  
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### Committee on Communications

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