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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
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April 24, 2007, Pinebrook Bible Conference



*Mark Barninger Family*



*Tim & Ray Bertolet and Families*



*Davis & Kathy Duggins*



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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	2007
Baker, Delbert, R. II	1976	1979	1975
Barninger, Mark E.	2006	2007	2006
Bennett, C. Larry	2001	1982	2001
Bertolet, Raymond R.	2005	2007	2005
Bertolet, Timothy J.	2004	2007	2006
Bomgardner, Clyde D., Jr.	1997	2000	2006
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
Duggins, Davis E.	2005	1997	2005
Erb, Ronald C.	1981	1983	2005
Evans, Scot B.	2005	2007	2006
Felty, Glenn R.	2006	1966	2003
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
Kohl, Ronald L.	2004	2007	2004
Kuntzman, Donald E.	2003	2006	1996
Mahurin, Ronald C.	1960	1959	2001
Miller, Alan G.	2003	1981	2004
Morrison, Mark L.	1996	1999	2006
Norris, Philip G.	2004	2007	2004
North, Eric R	2003	1992	2003
Paashauss, 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
Schmoyer, Timothy J.	2004	2007	2004
Schoen, David N.	1982	1987	1987
Shorb, Thomas P.	1977	1979	2001

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
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
Tannous, Michael J.	2001	2004	2001
Taylor, Richard E.	1973	1975	1982
Thomann, David A.	1978	1977	1987
Uhrich, Gregory A.	1989	1983	2001
Vandegriff, John C., Jr.	1974	1972	2007
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.	1961	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**

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
Ruhl, Jeffrey L.	1997	2000	2002

Pastor	Year of BFC License	Year of Ordination	Year of Present Status
<b>Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence</b>			
Ellwanger, Donald R.	2001	1988	2004
Frable, Arthur H., Jr.	1969	1971	1999
Trommler, Steven L.	1984	1986	2006
MacMillan, Thomas S.	1983	1986	1990
Tait, Jonathan P.	1994	1996	2004

### **Ordained Ministers in Retirement**

Barber, Kenneth F.	1985	1971	2006
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
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



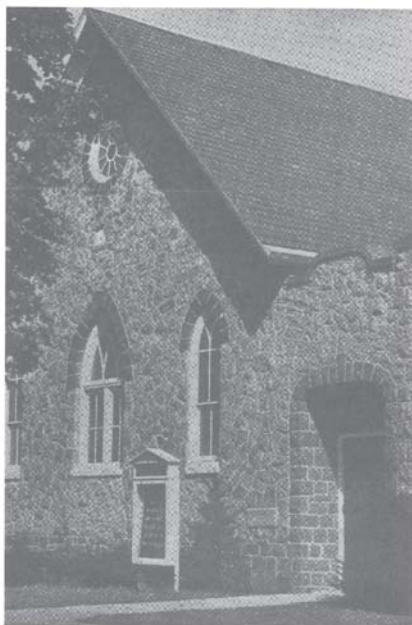
## *A Look Back:*

100 Years Ago – 1907

(Richard E. Taylor, Archivist)

The year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seven. Teddy Roosevelt lived in the White House. Oklahoma became the 46<sup>th</sup> state to enter the union called the United States of America. The United Parcel Service had its beginning. James Michener was born. Ivan Pavlov was conducting his experiments about conditioned responses. First class stamps cost 2 cents. And, the Mennonite Brethren in Christ were meeting for their 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, October 10, 1907.

They met at the Royersford Church located at Sixth and Walnut. The stone on the outside of the church proclaimed in a somewhat pretentious way that they had come to the “M. B. And C. Temple of Royersford.”



Royersford MBC Church

The Annual Conference was preceded by the Ministerial Convention beginning on Wednesday morning, October 9. The pastors and delegates gathered at 9:00a.m. While the pastors shunned formal education, they were eager and enthusiastic learners who wanted to serve the Lord well. If institutions of learning were not helpful, they would learn from each other. Essays were presented. First, George A. Campbell spoke about “The Conversation of the Minister according to Ephesians 5:4.” John G. Shireman followed that with “The Life of the Pastor in the Practice of the Doctrines of the Bible.” Emanuel N. Cassel addressed the issue of “The Proper Study for and the Education of the Minister.” Richard L. Woodring turned his attention to “The Advisability of Employing Evangelists on Already Supplied Territory.” William S. Hottel, a superb teacher and preacher even as a young man, topped off the day in the 7:00p.m. meeting with his essay on “Power Needed for Service.” Each presentation was



discussed and received.

The pastors and delegates left to enjoy the hearty welcome of their Royersford hosts and get a night's rest. Tomorrow they would begin again.

On Thursday morning, twenty-four pastors and eighteen delegates were ready to begin. They left their host breakfast tables which had been piled high with hospitality and proceeded to the meeting house which was warm and waiting for them.

The chairman, W. G. Gehman, preached from *1 Cor. 13* which the secretary called "a very earnest and practical address." They proceeded to pray and seek the blessing of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They turned to the routine reports that have been part of Annual Conferences before and after.

On Thursday evening, they assembled as a committee of the whole. When they met in this way, they could dispense with the niceties of parliamentary procedure and just talk about the matters facing them. The orphanage and the home were to be the primary topics of their discussions. On Friday morning when they reported, they had decided to dismiss some of the wayward brothers and reported that all was well.

They recorded signs of progress. Camp meetings were large and larger. Two new parsonages were ready for the Reading district. A new church and parsonage were purchased in Philadelphia. The spirit of disloyalty at Coopersburg had been conquered with progress noted everywhere in the district, especially at Bethlehem. From Cleveland came the report that the publishing house had large buildings for their headquarters with foundations being laid for a permanent work. The Gospel Mission works at Sunbury and Shamokin were going well. A lot was purchased in Shamokin with a large dwelling in back. A new chapel was nearly finished. The first Gospel Herald Camp Meeting in Shamokin was held that year with 85 tents. Tent meetings had been held in Sunbury, Stroudsburg, Scranton, Washington, NJ, and Norristown. They were all very pleased and encouraged with what they saw.

The Executive Board had little to offer in its report. The Executive Board had first been established six years earlier. They were working to incorporate the churches under the legal name, Mennonite Brethren in Christ, but not making progress.

They had heard from their missionaries. With joy they resolved: Whereas, Our missionaries in Chili, China, and Turkey, reported good health, excellent courage and God's gracious protection through tests in sickness, railroad accidents,

earthquakes, etc., and

Whereas, God has wonderfully blessed their efforts in the salvation of many souls, healing the sick, etc., in the various places, therefore,

Resolved, That we appreciate the devotion, self-denial, and untiring service of those of our beloved brethren and sisters in the "Regions Beyond," and that we pledge ourselves to continue their support as well as to pray more earnestly that their lives may be protected from the hands of their enemies, that they may be kept in the hour of discouragements and temptations, that they may be used more efficiently and successfully than ever for the salvation of souls, the preparation of the Bride and the hastening of the coming of the Lord.

Missionary Calvin F. Snyder was able to join them at the conference. Snyder was serving as a missionary to China. He and his wife would serve faithfully for many more years and send many exciting and encouraging reports. They were also glad for the correspondence from Rose Lambert, working in Turkey to establish an orphanage and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Feldges, working in Chile.

The meetings and discussions continued through Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, they gathered for praise and preaching. The secretary gave a full report.

Each service was opened by a song service, in charge of R. L. Woodring. At 10 a.m., H. B. Musselman, P. E. of the Bethlehem District, preached a very instructive, practical Conference sermon from acts 6:4. Our hearts burned within us as the word was preached in the demonstration of power and the Holy Ghost. It will not be without fruit among the ministry.

At 2p.m., Bro. W. G. Gehman, P. E. of the Mt. Carmel District, preached the Ordination sermon from 1 Timothy 3:10; 2 Timothy 4:5. The meaning, object and benefits of ordination were clearly and forcibly set forth. The proper characteristics of a candidate for ordination, including loyalty, faithfulness, obedience, etc., were clearly defined. The brethren C. F. Snyder, B. A., of China; E. E. Kublic, and P. J. Musselman were ordained amidst the manifest presence of the glory of God.

At 7.30 p.m., J. C. Roth preached a stirring sermon on

Abraham's question relating to Sodom, "Shall God destroy the righteous with the wicked?" He depicted clearly the difference between the end of the righteous and the unrighteous. An invitation and altar service followed, ending with a praise meeting. The church was crowded all day and God's blessing rested upon every service. This was by many termed the best Conference they ever attended.

On Monday afternoon, after the morning off, they re-assembled to finish their business and prepare to return home. They reported their elections and more of the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

They had one more major point of discussion. The resolutions were passed.

Resolved, That the word "Church" be dropped from our records wherever it appears in connection with "Mennonite Brethren in Christ."

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to make the above corrections on all deeds, charters, and other documents wherever and whenever advisable.

What motivated such a resolution? What prompted them to say that they were not a church? Some might have pointed to their history of being church-outsiders. The church had been a state institution that worked against them. They were not part of the church but outside of it. They were Brethren. Others would speak of the demands of church for bureaucracy and organization. Churches had requirements. It shouldn't be like that for they were simple hearted folks who just wanted to serve the Lord together. They were Brethren. Others were prompted to the change by the rising theology of dispensationalism in which the church was a parenthesis, not a plan. Why would you be something temporary and never intended as part of the work? No, they were not a church; they were Brethren. And Brethren they would be, at least until 1943 when the word "church" quietly crept back into the titles. And when they chose a new name, it was not Bible Fellowship. They were the Bible Fellowship Church.

They adjourned their meeting and returned to their homes thinking little about planting churches and lots about bringing people to Christ.

## *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, 2007	
1-3	Victory Valley - Lifeguard Certification Training
9	Friends of Victory Valley Picnic (2 p.m.)
10	Pinebrook - Flower Planting Day Victory Valley - Friends of VVC Picnic
23-29	Pinebrook Wk 1 Mark Cable, Donald Hubbard, speaker
24-8/11	Victory Valley - Summer Camp Season
26-28	MCC Orientation Seminar - Coopersburg
30-July 6	Pinebrook Wk 2 Gordy & Marie, Bruce McCrackin
July, 2007	
7-13	Pinebrook Wk 3 Matt Blagg, Jim Ayers
14-20	Pinebrook Wk 4 King's Army, Steven Cornell
21-27	Pinebrook Wk 5 Don Wyrzten, Tom Taylor
28-8/3	Pinebrook Wk 6 Instruments of Praise, Wendell Calder
August, 2007	
4-10	Pinebrook Wk 7 David Musselman, Ron Blue
September, 2007	
1	Pledges for 2007 Administrative Budget are due.
7	Pinebrook Hymn Sing - 10 a.m., lunch provided
14-16	Victory Valley Camp - Mother/Daughter Weekend

21-23	Victory Valley Camp - Father/Son Weekend
October, 2007	
2-3	Ministerial Convention held at Pinebrook
5	Pinebrook Hymn Sing - 10 a.m., lunch provided
19	Victory Valley Camp - Golf Challenge
23-25	Pinebrook - Senior Saints Retreat - Lynn Warner
27	Historical Society Meeting - Wallingford, PA
November, 2007	
December, 2007	
7	Pinebrook Hymn Sing - 10 a.m., lunch provided
8	Victory Valley Camp, Friends of VVC Banquet
15	Christmas Banquet, Pinebrook Bible Conference
31	Payment from Agencies to Bd of Communications
January, 2008	
1	Missions Budgets due to Board of Missions
4-6	Pinebrook - Combined Sno Glo (grades 6-12)
11-13	Pinebrook - High School Sno Glo (grades 9-12)
18-20	Pinebrook - Middle School Sno Glo (grades 6-8) Victory Valley - Sno-Valley 1 (ages 7-12)
25-27	Victory Valley - Sno-Valley 2 (ages 11-12)
February, 2008	
1-3	Victory Valley - Sno-Valley 3 (ages 7-12)
15-17	Pinebrook Young Adult/Married Couples Retreat
29-3/2	Pinebrook March Madness (Men & Boy's Retreat)

March, 2008	
1	Conference Committee reports are due Church minutes are due Church's statistical reports are due Contributions to Victory Valley
30-4/1	Victory Valley - BFC Summer Missions Retreat
April, 2008	
1	Contributions to Christian Education, Fellowship Homes, & Pinebrook Bible Conference
4	Pinebrook Hymn Sing - 10 a.m., lunch provided
25-27	Pinebrook - Ladies Refresh♥Her
28-30	125 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Pinebrook Bible Conference
May, 2008	
2	Pinebrook Hymn Sing - 10 a.m., lunch provided
8	Missions Rally - Faith BFC, Lancaster, PA
18	Pinebrook - Golf Outing

***Ordination Photo***  
**April 24, 2007, Pinebrook Bible Conference**



*Tim Schmoyer Family*



**Conference Reporter**  
124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
Carol Z. Snyder

At ten a.m., Monday morning, April 23, 2007, the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church was called to order by Chairman Randall A. Grossman. He led in prayer on behalf of the BFC, asking God for wisdom and direction in the proceedings.

Pastor Rick Ravis, a pastor at Christ Community Church in Piscataway, NJ, served as worship leader. In the first service, a number of well-known hymns were sung by the approximately 150 members of Conference. During subsequent times of worship, contemporary praise music was led by a praise band of pastors and delegates.

The conference theme was *A Proclamation of Fellowship*. Chairman Grossman was the Monday morning speaker; presenting the message titled, *Fellowship Enjoyed in Great Wonder*.

Routine business was conducted during the first session. The bar was established (voting members of conference), with most churches being represented by its pastor(s) and delegate. Larger churches had additional representatives. Many first-time members were introduced. The chairman made routine appointments to positions such as parliamentarian, timekeeper and tellers.

During this first day, a unique opportunity was offered to BFC ordained men. The Konolds, Bob and Peg, from Calvary BFC in Coopersburg, PA, were present to take pictures of ordained ministers and make ID cards. Bob, a retired state policeman, provided the equipment needed for this service. The Conference offers thanks to the Konolds for their volunteer service.

During this Conference, a record number of seven men were approved for ordination to the Christian ministry of the BFC, with two of them being father and son, Ray and Tim Bertolet. Also, the former ordinations of two men were recognized. All nine men were seated at the bar on Monday morning. The actual ordination ceremony occurred Tuesday night.

Also on Monday, Marcos Ramirez, pastor of *Iglesia Biblica La Roca* in Merida Yucatan, Mexico, addressed Conference, noting that his church is praying for Annual Conference. He has been in discussion with the *Ethnic Church Planting Committee* of the BFC regarding the possibility of his Mexican congregation becoming part of the BFC fellowship of churches.

Much of the work on Monday included the reception of reports from more than seventeen boards and committees that had

functioned during the year. Each day, elections for those to serve on these were conducted.

Every evening, Conference Pastor Ronald Mahurin led a session of reporting and rejoicing—*Trophies of God's Grace*—when the Conference learned what the Lord is doing in the various regions in the BFC. These reports brought encouragement and prayer support for God's work through the Bible Fellowship Church in seven states and around the world.

Before the business of the first day was concluded, the announcement was made that God's servant, John Pello, church-planting assistant in the DELMARVA region, had just ascended to the presence of his Savior at 6:30 p.m. Prayer was offered, giving thanks for John's life and praying for comfort for the Pello family.

*Fellowship Lost in Great Selfishness* was the topic of the message delivered Tuesday morning by Pastor Calvin T. Reed, pastor at Lebanon BFC, Lebanon, PA.

On this second day, significant time was allotted for the *Report of the Study Committee on the Process and Purpose of God's Calling People to Salvation*. The wording proposed by the committee was approved by conference members. The *Report of the Study Committee on Women Serving as Deacons* was also received and approved at second reading. This action now makes it possible for local boards of elders to use the gifts of women on boards of deacons. (Questions relating to these and other reports and outcomes may be directed to local pastors/delegates.)

On Wednesday morning, Pastor Philip E. Yerrington, Graterford BFC, Graterford, PA, spoke on *Fellowship Restored at Great Grace*.

Elections were concluded and numerous recommendations from boards were considered. Also, the *Report of the Study Committee on the Millennium* was discussed. Another matter of significance was the presentation and adoption of a new Bible Fellowship Church logo.

Conference attenders appreciated the hospitality of Pinebrook Bible Conference and the excellent meals prepared by Pinebrook's new Food Services Manager, Chef Doug.

Should the Lord delay His return to earth, the Bible Fellowship Church will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008. May God help us always to proclaim His glory as *we seek to become an expanding fellowship of churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ*.



## *In Memoriam:*

### **William H. Bartron**

**Nov. 16, 1943 - Aug. 15, 2006**

On November 16, 1943 William Horace Bartron was born in Stroudsburg, PA. to Steward and Mary Bartron. As a teenager, he came to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ through the witness of his childhood friend Carl Cyphers and the ministry of Youth for Christ.



After graduating from Stroudsburg High School, Bill graduated from Berean Bible School and then Nyack College in 1968.

While at Nyack, he met Elizabeth Lane Marbourg. Bill and Betsy married on August 15, 1970. God would later bless them with two children, Drew and Joylane. In years to come, God also blessed Bill and Betsy with a daughter-in-law, Jenn, and 3 grandchildren, Hannah, Abigail, and Emily.

Upon receiving his Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Bill entered fulltime ministry, working with the Church Extension Department of the Bible Fellowship Church in Belvidere, NJ, and was ordained as a pastor in the Bible Fellowship Church in April, 1976.

In subsequent years, Bill served as pastor for the BFC in Carmel, NY (1977-1980), First Baptist Church, Berlin, NY (1980-1987), and Salem BFC, Lehighton, PA (1987-2001).

Since 2002, Bill has served as the Associate Pastor of Calvary BFC, Walnutport, PA, and as Chaplain of Fellowship Community, Whitehall, PA.

Bill was also active in the BFC serving on the Board of Communications as Chairman, and on the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc., as Secretary.

On August 15, 2006 the God Bill loved and served took him Home to be with Him. Bill will be remembered as a faithful husband, father, grandfather, pastor, friend, and servant.

## *In Memoriam:*



**Willard E. Cassel**

**Oct. 19, 1919 - July 13, 2006**

Willard E. Cassel was born October 19, 1919, in the Mennonite Brethren in Christ parsonage on Priscilla Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania. The fourth son of Emmanuel and Ida (nee Price) Cassel, Willard was graduated from Houghton College (1941) and Faith Theological Seminary (1945). He was married to Esther Casselring (from Salem Church,

Philadelphia, now Maple Glen) on June 17, 1944. Willard and Esther have four children; Timothy, Martha, Mary, Rachel and six grandchildren.

Willard served in the Gospel Herald Society in the summer of 1940 and became pastor of Emmanuel Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church, West Philadelphia, in 1944. He also served the Mennonite Brethren in Christ/Bible Fellowship Churches in Graterford-Harleysville (circuit), Chester, Easton, Allentown (Salem), and Denville, NJ. He was pastor of Portland Baptist Church, Portland, Pennsylvania, (1978-1988).

In addition to his pastoral work Willard served BFC in many ways. He was General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, a member of the Committees on Articles of Faith and Church Government, taught at Berean Bible School and was on the staff of Pinebrook Bible Conference.

In retirement, he was an elder and Sunday School teacher at Berean Church, Stroudsburg, and later moved to Park of the Palms, Keystone Heights, Florida. From there, he entered the presence of his Lord on July 13, 2006.

Willard thoroughly enjoyed the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Those he taught benefitted from his instruction and delighted in his frequently-manifested-warm-hearted sense of humor.

# MINUTES

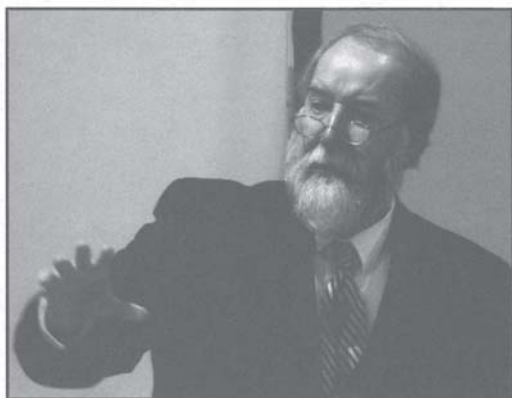
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*Chairman, Randall Grossman  
Monday Morning Speaker*



*Phil Yerrington  
Wednesday Morning Speaker*



*Vice Chairman, Calvin Reed  
Tuesday Morning Speaker*

## *Annual Conference Proceedings - 2007*

### **First Meeting**

**Monday Morning, April 23, 2007, 10:00 AM**

The 124<sup>th</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 B. Ravis, Worship Leader of the 124<sup>th</sup> Conference, led the conference in a time of worship beginning with the conference singing *Rejoice, the Lord is King* and leading in prayer. The conference then sang *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* and *Come Thou, Almighty King*. John R. LoRusso read Matthew 3:13-17. The conference then repeated the Apostles' Creed, sang *Gloria Patri* and *Holy, Holy, Holy*. Chairman Randall A. Grossman spoke on the theme "Fellowship Enjoyed in Great Wonder" using Genesis 1 as his main text.

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

The following requested to be excused from part or all of the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: Walter E. Bortree, Bert N. Brosius, Leonard E. Buck, Wayne M. Chadwell, Brain H. Cooper, Albert J. Dommel, Allen Dorst, Willis I. Dowling, William J. Dunn, Donald Dyer, Michael P. Emrick, Jr., Ronald C. Erb, Carl Fitzgerald, David E. Gundrum, George E. Herb, Keith Howland, Robert A. Johnson, II, Kenneth D. Keeler, Donald T. Kirkwood, Jerry L. Moyer, Thomas A. Pollock, R. C. Reichenbach, L. James Roberts, A. L. Seifert, Austin G. Shelly, Gene W. Smith, Bryan L. Snyder, Keith Splawn, Michael J. Tannous, Mark D. Twombly, John C. Vandegriff, Jr.

**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. Erb, Glenn R. Felty*, Walter E. Bortree, Charles A. Bloomfield, William J. Walters
(Cedar Crest)	
Bethlehem, PA . . . . .	Brian H. Cooper, Robert K. Fields, Carl Ackerman, Mark W. Tress
Blandon, PA . . . . .	Carl J. Fischer, Jr., Gary W. Saggio
Brooklyn, NY . . . . .	Ralph E. Ritter, Carl Fitzgerald
Camden, DE . . . . .	Timothy J. Schmoyer*, Keith Splawn
Clinton Corners, NY	Gerald D. Clark, Wayne M. Chadwell
Coopersburg, PA . . . . .	Thomas P. Shorb, Richard T. Paashauss, David R. Vinson, Gary Sterner
Denville, NJ . . . . .	Richard D. Harris, Guy Warner
Emmaus, PA . . . . .	David N. Schoen, Ralph M. Soper, Robert W. Davies
Ephrata, PA . . . . .	Robert B. Kramer (Probationer), Robert W. Gehret
Finesville, NJ . . . . .	Byron Widger, Michael P. Emrick, Jr.
Fleetwood, PA . . . . .	Roger J. Brush, James E. Mortland
Graterford, PA . . . . .	Philip E. Yerrington, Douglas D. Bowne
Harleysville, PA . . . . .	Andrew T. Crossgrove, Alan G. Miller, Alfred G. Roberts
Harrisburg, PA . . . . .	Carl K. Spackman, Mark E. Barninger*, Harold E. Snyder
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
LaGrangeville, NY . . . . .	James A. Wickstead, Thomas L. Ward
Lancaster, PA . . . . .	David A. Thomann, Gregory A. Uhrich, Horace A. Kauffman, Robert L. Yinger
Lebanon, PA . . . . .	Calvin T. Reed, LeRoy S. Heller, LeRoy O. Herb
Lehighton, PA . . . . .	Robert A. Johnson, II, Bruce A. Kellerman
Long Neck, DE . . . . .	Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Raymond R. Bertolet*, James C. Hart
Maple Glen, PA . . . . .	Louis Prontnicki, Keith Howland
Mt. Carmel, PA . . . . .	Philip G. Norris*, Bryan L. Snyder
Mt. Pocono, PA . . . . .	Timothy J. Bertolet*, Ronald E. Miller
Nazareth, PA . . . . .	Vacant, Rodney P. Plows
Newark, DE . . . . .	William G. Schlonecker, Robert C. Kaatz
Newark, NJ . . . . .	Delbert R. Baker, II, Thomas J. Boose, Jr.

Old Bridge, NJ . . . . .	Vacant
Oley, PA . . . . .	Arthur J. Simpson, Jr., Scott B. Evans*, Robert Kohler
Paradise, PA . . . . .	Shan D. Cleck (Probationer), Jeff L. Hostetter
Philadelphia, PA . . . . .	G. Wayne Clapier, Bud Burroughs
Piscataway, NJ . . . . .	Dennis M. Cahill, Richard B. Ravis, Mark D. Twombly
Quakertown, PA . . . . .	Ronald L. Kohl*, L. James Roberts
Reading, PA . . . . .	Randall A. Grossman, Ronald W. Reed, James A. Stapleton
Red Hill, PA . . . . .	Michael J. Tannous, William E. Blair
Royersford, PA . . . . .	Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Orville E. Gibson
Shamokin, PA . . . . .	Ferdie R. Madara (Probationer), Hugh C. Coulbourn, Jr.
Sinking Spring, PA . . . . .	Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Harold P. Shelly, Bruce Pepperdine
Spring City, PA . . . . .	Kevin W. Clineff, Peter Gunderson
Stroudsburg, PA . . . . .	Davis E. Duggins*, Ed Coover
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 . . . . .	Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., Timothy D. Weaber
Whitehall, PA . . . . .	Vacant, 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

#### Ordained Ministers Serving Bible Fellowship Ministries

Daniel P. Allen, Pinebrook Bible Conference; 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; John C. Vandegriff, Jr., Pinebrook Bible Conference; 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 Ministers in Retirement

Kenneth F. Barber, 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, 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, Gene W. Smith, Robert W. Smock, David E. Thomann, David J. Watkins, Harold C. Weaber, Daniel G. Ziegler, Paul G. Zimmerman

**Resolved**, that the following Alternate Delegate be seated: Douglas Files, Bethlehem.

Report of the Committee on Agenda and Program

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

Report of the Committee on Arrangements (see page 73)

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

**Resolved**, that the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, PA, April 28-30, 2008, 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](mailto:ebfc@ptd.net), by March 1, 2008.

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 A. Johnson, II, Bruce A. Kellerman, Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Mark W. Tress, Hans R. Waldvogel

**Resolutions**: Elliot H. Ramos, Chairman; Jeffery L. Hostettler, Timothy D. Weaver, Philip E. Yerrington

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

**Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes**: Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Gary Saggio, Byron Widger

**Timekeeper**: G. Wayne Clapier

**Parliamentarian**: Clifford B. Boone

**Reporter**: Carol Z. Snyder

The following new members were introduced to Annual Conference: Ferdie R. Madara, Shamokin; William J. Walters, Cedar Crest; Gary Sterner, Coopersburg; James A. Stapleton, Reading; Robert L. Yinger, Lancaster; Timothy J. Bertolet, Pocono Mountain; Robert B. Kramer, Ephrata; Ed Coover, Stroudsburg; James C. Hart, Long Neck, DE; Harold P. Shelly, Sinking Spring; Douglas Files, Bethlehem; Robert Kohler, Oley; Shan D. Cleck, Paradise.

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

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

Howard N. Wells prayed asking for the Lord's blessing on those who will be serving on the various boards and committees.

**Report of the Credentials Committee** (see page 74)

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

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Mark E. Barninger, Raymond R. Bertolet, Timothy J. Bertolet, Scott B. Evans, Ronald L. Kohl, Philip G. Norris, and Timothy J. Schmoyer, and

**Whereas**, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended prior ordination recognition for Davis E. Duggins and Glenn R. Felty, 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 Mark E. Barninger, Raymond R. Bertolet, Timothy J. Bertolet, Scott B. Evans, Ronald L. Kohl, Philip G. Norris, and Timothy J. Schmoyer be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

**Resolved** that the prior ordination of Davis E. Duggins and Glenn R. Felty to the gospel ministry be recognized by the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

**Resolved**, that the service of ordination be held Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 7:30 PM at Annual Conference.

**Whereas**, we believe there are men that are called of God to serve as His servants as Pastors, and

**Whereas**, it is important for the gifts and calling that God has given these men to serve are to be recognized by fellow pastors, and

**Whereas**, we believe it is a tremendous encouragement for fellow pastors to show approval, support and unity for those being ordained, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Credentials Committee resolution at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, “that an ordination service be held Monday, May 21, 2007, at a place to be determined,” be rescinded, and further be it

**Resolved**, that the following two-tiered procedure for ordination be approved and instituted at this year’s 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:

#### **Ordination at Annual Conference:**

- Introduction and testimony of the men
- A charge to the men
- The administration of the vows
- The laying on of hands and prayer
- Extending the right hand of fellowship by the members of the Credentials Committee and the ordained ministers of the BFC Annual Conference

#### **Ordination Service at a Bible Fellowship Church:**

The second part would be a service in the church where each man is serving. In that service, the man would:

- Affirm his vows of ordination by repeating them; the affirmation to be led by a member of the Credentials Committee.
- The elders of that church would pray for him.
- The pastors of that region would be expected to be present to extend the right hand of fellowship and greet the man.
- Someone, the ordinand’s recommendation, would preach an appropriate ordination sermon.
- All of this can be introduced by a time of worship and praise that would have meaning both to the man and the church.

This service would serve to point out the significance of ordinations in the local church and make them part of the process.

**Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

**Resolved**, that Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA; New Life BFC, Long Neck, DE; Pocono Mt. BFC, Mount Pocono, PA; New Life BFC, Oley, PA; Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA, Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA; Camden BFC, Camden, DE; Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA and Cedar Crest BFC, Allentown, PA be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordination of Mark E. Barninger, Raymond R. Bertolet, Timothy J. Bertolet, Scott B. Evans, Ronald L. Kohl, Philip G. Norris, and Timothy J. Schmoyer and prior ordination of Davis E. Duggins and Glenn R. Felty respectively and that they be encouraged to invite the Credentials Committee to send representation to be present at the service.

Keith E. Plows, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, prayed and thanked the Lord for calling these men into the Pastoral Ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church.

**Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee** (see page 84)

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

**Resolved**, that the list of men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee as of February 28, 2007, is as follows:

#### **Probationers**

Mark E. Barninger (2005)	Harrisburg, PA
Raymond R. Bertolet (2005)	Millsboro, DE
Timothy J. Bertolet (2004)	Pocono Summit, PA
David E. Brandt (2006)	Lebanon, PA
Shan D. Cleck (2006)	Lancaster, PA
Steven J. DelDuco (2007)	Reading, PA
Davis E. Duggins (2005)	Stroudsburg, PA
Scott B. Evans (2005)	Oley, PA
Glenn R. Felty (2005)	Allentown, PA
Jonathan D. Forsythe	Brigantine, NJ
Ronald L. Kohl (2004)	Quakertown, PA

Robert B. Kramer (2006)	Ephrata, PA
Frank E. Lenahan (2005)	Cape May Court House, NJ
Ferdie R. Madara (2006)	Benton, PA
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
Colby A. Weinhofer	Akron, PA
Daniel L. Williams (2006)	Parkside, PA

### Candidates

Mark R. Evans	Coopersburg, PA
Shad A. Gilbert	Stockertown, PA
James D. MacArthur	Oley, PA
Joshua P. Miller	Quakertown, PA
David K. Schlonecker	Emmaus, PA
Alphaus D. Stoltzfus	Downingtown, PA
Aaron J. Susek	Royersford, PA

### Applicants

Joshua M. Allen	East Stroudsburg, PA
Timothy G. Clark	Sinking Spring, PA
Samuel Claudio, Jr	Bethlehem, PA
Raymond L. Cole	Newark, DE
John C. Elias	Bethlehem, PA
Kurt P. Francis	Northumberland, PA
David J. Gettel	Graterford, PA
Joshua P. Gibson	Northumberland, PA
Troy S. Good	Boyertown, PA
Robert W. Green	Newark, DE
Peter J. Gunderson	Spring City, PA
Ronald C. Hagy	Corning, NY
Fred J. Hoffman	Lewisburg, PA
Jonathan H. King	Schnecksville, PA
John R. LoRusso	Alburtis, PA
Marcos G. Ramirez	Merida Yucatan, Mexico
Carlos G. Rodriguez	Reading, PA
Mark A. Schaeffer	Kinnelon, NJ
Andrew J. Stapleton	Reading, PA

The following men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee were introduced to the Conference: Timothy J. Schmoyer, Freddie R. Mardara, Timothy J. Bertolet, Shan D. Cleck, Kurt P. Francis, Jonathan D. Forsythe, Steven J. DelDuco, Robert B. Kramer, David E. Brandt, Ronald L. Kohl, Davis E. Duggins, Colby A. Weinhofer, Raymond R. Bertolet, Joshua P. Gibson, Thomas H. Morrison, Daniel L. Williams, Carlos G. Rodriguez, Marcos G. Ramirez, John R. LoRusso, Joshua M. Allen, Timothy G. Clark, David K. Schlonecker, Joshua P. Miller, Mark E. Barninger, Glenn R. Felty, Shad A. Gilbert, Mark R. Evans.

Calvin T. Reed prayed for the men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon as Raymond R. Bertolet closed the first meeting of the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in prayer especially remembering John and Judy Pello with their serious physical needs.



## Second Meeting Monday Afternoon, 1:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randall A. Grossman at 1:32 PM.

### Report of the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church (see page 87)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Resolved, that the rate of mileage reimbursement for conference business conducted in 2007 be 27¢ per mile for calendar year 2007.

### Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee (see page 97)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

### Report of the Conference Pastor (see page 109)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

Randall A. Grossman, Chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee, prayed for Ronald C. Mahurin as he continues as Conference Pastor and for the three churches that are currently without Senior Pastors.

### Report of the Board of Church Health (see page 113)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

### Report of the Board of Church Extension (see page 115)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

### Report of the Director of Church Extension (see page 127)

Resolved, that the report be accepted.

David E. Gundrum, Executive Director of Church Extension, encouraged the conference to consider the Bible Fellowship Church to become church planters through support, and through regional and local daughter church plants. Mark L. Morrison, Assistant Director of Church Extension, also reported on his work with Church Extension.

Thomas H. Morrison, reported on the work in the Las Cruces,

New Mexico, mission.

Alfred G. Roberts prayed for the work of church extension.

**Report of the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting** (see page 136)

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

Dana E. Weller spoke on behalf of the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting. He reported on the possibility of the Merida La Roca Church, Mexico, becoming a Bible Fellowship Church.

The committee presented a video enumerating the possibilities and obstacles of this happening. The committee also provided possible solutions to the obstacles they now face. Marcos Ramirez, Senior Pastor of La Roca, brought greetings from La Roca and spoke of their desire to become connected with the Bible Fellowship Church in an official way.

**Report of the Board of Missions** (see page 138)

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

Dana E. Weller presented a video about the work in taking the Gospel to unreached people groups. John R. LoRusso spoke about the trip he and three others took to find unreached, unengaged people groups in Tanzania. Elliot H. Ramos led the conference in prayer concerning the opportunity with the Merida La Roca Church and LeRoy O. Herb prayed for the opportunities to reach unreached people groups in Tanzania.

**Report of the Board of Directors of Bible Fellowship Homes, Inc.** (See page 153)

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

**Report of the Board of Directors of Pinebrook Bible Conference** (see page 157)

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

David E. Thomann, a former Director of Pinebrook Bible Conference, prayed for Pinebrook and the ministries that take place on these grounds.

**Report of the Board of Victory Valley Camp** (see page 165)

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

Rodney P. Plows prayed for the ministry of Victory Valley Camp.

**Report of the Board of Communications** (see page 173)

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

Scott G. Ott showed a video introducing a possible new logo for the Bible Fellowship Church.

**Resolved**, that the cost of the 2007 *Yearbook* be \$ 8.50 per copy.

**Resolved**, that a contribution of three-hundred-twenty-five dollars (\$325.00) for the conference year 2007 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, 2007.

**Resolved**, that \$1.75 per member of the Bible Fellowship Church for 2007 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 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

**Resolved**, that Rachel Kistler Anderson be ratified as the Business Manager of *Fellowship News* for a three year term.

**Report of the Board of Christian Education** (see page 178)

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

Scott G. Ott, representing the Board of Christian Education, presented an internet tool to help teachers and students. It can be found at [www.livethefreedom.org/learn](http://www.livethefreedom.org/learn).

**Report of the Board of Youth and Young Adults** (see page 180)

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

**Report of the Board of Higher Education** (see page 182)

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

**Resolved**, that the Annual Conference ratify the election to the Pinebrook Educational Foundation of Raymond R. Dotts and Jay H. Fasnacht for terms to end in 2010.

**Report of the Strategic Planning Committee** (see page 186)

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

Richard E. Taylor made a presentation about the need for a new leadership structure for the Bible Fellowship Church.

The following were elected:

**Ministerial Relations Committee**

Ronald W. Reed (3 years)

**Board of Christian Education**

Louis Prontnicki (3 years)

James A. Wickstead (3 years)

**Board of Church Health**

Robert A. Sloan, Jr. (3 years)

**Board of Missions**

Kevin W. Kirkpatrick (3 years)

**Strategic Planning Committee**

Robert T. Evans (3 years)

**Board of Higher Education**

Raymond R. Dotts (3 years)

**Board of Pensions**

Ellis Lee Hostetter (3 years)

**Credentials Committee**

Dennis M. Cahill (3 years)

LeRoy S. Heller (3 years)

**Special Appellate Judicatory**

Richard G. Matthews (3 years)

Harold Schoonover (3 years)

**Committee on Nominations**

Nell Ruch (3 years)

**Chairman of Annual Conference**

William G. Schlonecker (1 year)

**Vice-Chairman of Annual Conference**

Calvin T. Reed (1 year)

**Secretary of Annual Conference**

David A. Thomann (1 year)

The Chairman called a recess for dinner at 5:28 PM. Howard N. Wells gave an update on his daughter Nina and recessed the meeting in prayer.

The meeting was reconvened by the Chairman at 6:32 PM. Lester Moyer, delegate of Bethany Bible Fellowship Church, Hatfield, led the conference in prayer.

### **Report of the Registrar**

The following requested to be excused from part or all of the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: William C. Aukamp, James A. Beil, T. James Bigley, Jr., Thomas J. Boose, Jr., Bud Burroughs, G. Wayne Clapier, Robert W. Davies, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Richard J. Gehman, J. Barclay Harley, Richard D. Harris, Jansen E. Hartman, James D. Head, David N. Heineman, Walter Johnston, Phillip E. Morrison, Duane Moyer, Joe Poyner, David W. Riddell, David N. Schoen, David E. Thomann, David J. Watkins and Robert H. Zentz.

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

Carl Fitzgerald presented the ministry of Pastoral Scholarship Initiative which supports indigenous pastors in Kenya.

Dana E. Weller introduced the missionaries under the care of the Board of Missions of the BFC: Carl Fitzgerald, William Early, Jr., Mark Bickel, Colby A. Weinhofer, Terri Faust, John R. LaRosso, Dennis Mitchel, David L. Manney, Joseph and Tracy Walsh, Byroncarry the gos Barnshaw, John D. Studenroth, Jay & Ruth Burrington (Thomas P. Shorb reporting), Craig & Karena Miller.

Dana E. Weller thanked the Lord in prayer for our missionary families who faithfully pel throughout the world.

David J. Watkins presented a motion for the formation of a steering committee with the following purpose, composition, and proposed time line:

**Resolved**, that the Annual Conference approve the creation of a Steering Committee.

### **Steering Committee**

#### **Purpose**

To formulate policies and procedures as to how the proposed



Executive Board and Executive Director would be elected and how they would function. It shall work in consultation with the Board of Directors and the Strategic Planning Committee. It will then write legislation to implement these plans.

The committee will steer these proposals through the legislative process and provide answers to the questions that arise along the way. After the Executive Board is formed, the Steering Committee would work with that Board as it seeks to organize itself.

The Steering Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors and ratified by the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in April 2007.

### **Composition**

The Steering Committee would be composed of 13 members from the Board of Directors, agencies, church pastors, and laymen with business, financial, or legal experience.

### **Proposed Time Line**

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| February 2007 | Board of Directors approves members of the Steering Committee.   |
| April 2007    | Annual Conference approves Steering Committee and ratifies its members. Annual Conference approves adjourned session.      |
| March 2008    | Adjourned Session - detailed presentation by Steering Committee.   |
| April 2008    | Complete legislation presented at 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading. Executive Board elected for purpose of organizing for one year. |
| April 2009    | Legislation approved at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading. Executive Board begins to officially function.                            |



Replaced boards and committees are dissolved.

**Resolved**, that the Annual Conference ratify the appointment by the Board of Directors of the following men to be the members of the Steering Committee: David T. Allen, Carl C. Cassel, Raymond R. Dotts, Robert T. Evans, Jay H. Fasnacht, Randall A. Grossman, Ronald W. Reed, Robert A. Sloan, Jr., Hans R. Waldvogel, J. Robert Vaughn, Richard J. Volpe, Timothy D. Weaver and Robert H. Zentz.

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

**Report of the Board of Pensions** (see page 189)

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

**Report of the Historical Committee** (see page 196)

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

**Report of the Conference Judiciary** (see page 199)

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

**Report of the Beneficiary Society** (see page 200)

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

**Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes, 123<sup>rd</sup>** (see page 204)

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

**Report of the Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches** (see page 207)

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

**Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee** (see page 208)

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

**Resolved**, that the following (**found in bold type**) be adopted at Second 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).

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 111; No - 18

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

### **Duties of the Board of Church Health**

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

[SECOND READING]

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

#### 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.

[SECOND READING]

**Resolved**, that the following replace Article 512-11.3 in the *F&O* and be adopted at Second Reading (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 Ministers 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.

[SECOND READING]

Whereas, the category of ministry “**Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries**” was not included in our legislation at last year’s 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, and

Whereas, this has been one of the credible ministry designations, and

Whereas, we believe this category is one we should continue to have, therefore be it

Resolved, that “**Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries**” be retained and numbered (8) in Article 512-11.3 Categories of Ministries, and further

Resolved, that the explanation of this category found in our present *Faith & Order* [Article 512-11.3 (5)] be retained.

Time was set aside for reports of the Lord’s blessings in the different regions. These were designated “Trophies of God’s Grace.”

Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned.

Raymond R. Bertolet reported that John Pello went home to be with the Lord this evening. Robert A. Sloan, Jr. thanked God for John’s life, asked for comfort and strength for his family and friends, and praised God for His goodness to those who are His own.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

## Third Meeting Tuesday Morning, 9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Randall A. Grossman at 9:00 AM. Richard B. Ravis led the conference in worship along with a worship team of Eric R. North, Mark R. Evans, Elliot H. Ramos and Byron G. Barnshaw. The conference sang *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*, after which Richard B. Ravis prayed. The worship continued with the conference singing *Everlasting God*, Mark E. Barninger reading 2 Timothy 3:1-5 and the Conference repeating the Apostles' Creed. Worship concluded with the conference singing *How Great is Our God* and *How Great Thou Art*. Calvin T. Reed addressed the conference on the theme "Fellowship Lost in Great Selfishness." The conference then sang *How Great Thou Art*, a capella.

### Report of the Registrar

The following requested to be excused for portions of Annual Conference: William J. Walters, Elliot H. Ramos, James D. Head, Thomas L. Ward.

Resolved, that these requests be granted.

Resolved, that the following alternate delegates be seated: John Crouch, Denville, NJ; Alan H. Russell, Emmaus; Lloyd Zook, Oley.

The following were elected:

#### **Ministerial Relations Committee:**

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)  
Byron Widger (1 year)

#### **Board of Directors of BFC:**

Carl C. Cassel (3 years)  
Raymond R. Dotts (3 years)  
Robert W. Gehret (3 years)

#### **Board of Church Extension:**

Carl K. Spackman (3 years)  
Richard E. Taylor (3 years)



Robert W. Davies (3 years)

Robert H. Zentz (3 years)

**Board of Christian Education:**

Nancy A. Mertus (3 years)

J. Richard Vroman (3 years)

David W. Eisenhower (1 year)

**Board of Church Health:**

Clyde W. Snyder (3 years)

**Board of Victory Valley:**

Jason J. Englehart (3 years)

Douglas J. Manwiller (3 years)

Timothy D. Weaber (3 years)

**Board of Missions:**

Robert W. Davies (3 years)

Donald S. Faust (3 years)

**Board of Pinebrook Bible Conference:**

Alva C. Cassel (3 years)

Brian H. Cooper (3 years)

Carl Ackerman (3 years)

Jay H. Fasnacht (3 years)

Kermit K. Gehman (3 years)

**Strategic Planning Committee:**

Richard T. Paashaus (3 years)

Richard E. Taylor (3 years)

**Board of Youth & Young Adults**

Andrew T. Crossgrove (3 years)

John C. Vandegriff, Jr. (3 years)

**Board of Higher Education:**

Charles A. Bloomfield (3 years)

David Bossard (3 years)

**Board of Pensions:**

Keith E. Plows (3 years)

**Board of Communications:**

Daniel P. Allen (3 years)

Byron G. Barnshaw (3 years)

**Ministerial Candidate Committee:**

Howard N. Wells (3 years)

**Conference Judiciary:**

Calvin T. Reed (3 years)

Douglas D. Bowne (3 years)



Clyde W. Snyder (3 years)

**Special Appellate Judiciary:**

Randall A. Grossman (3 years)

**Committee on Nominations:**

Richard T. Paashaus (3 years)

**Report of the Study Committee: On the Process and Purpose of God's Calling People to Salvation.** (see page 210)

**Resolved**, that report be accepted.

**Whereas**, it appears that there are some brethren who currently hold to a foreseen faith position as a basis of election, and

**Whereas**, a foreseen faith position is inconsistent with the *Articles of Faith* of the Bible Fellowship Church, which states "election is a free act of the sovereign God in which from eternity, for reasons known only to Himself, and apart from any goodness in man, He graciously chose..." (Article 11-1), therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that any persons who presently hold to a foreseen faith position should not sign that they "subscribe without reservation" [*F&O*, 512-11.2, Duties (4)] to our present *Articles of Faith* but should declare their reservation regarding Article 11. Whether or not the proposed clarifications are adopted, such persons, if holding credentials, should continue to minister and will continue to be embraced by the Bible Fellowship Church. The Bible Fellowship Church will continue to require persons seeking credentials to be "committed without reservation" [*F&O*, 512-13.3, Duties (5)] to the *Articles of Faith*.

Yes - 119; No - 23

**Resolved**, that the following legislation was approved as First Reading:

**Whereas**, the words *But unless regenerated* contained in the proposed Article 10 have been construed by many to require that one must believe that regeneration precedes faith, and

**Whereas**, the Study Committee on the Process and Purpose of God's Calling People to Salvation stated on the conference floor that it was not its intention to imply by these words that regeneration must precede faith, and

**Whereas**, it is the purpose of the proposed changes to bring a greater clarity to the present articles, and

**Whereas**, the meaning of the phrase *but unless regenerated* is not sufficiently clear, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the words *but unless regenerated* be deleted from Article 10 that was adopted at first reading and that the original wording, *but left to himself*, be re-inserted.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 128; No - 12; Abstain - 1

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM with Richard A. Moyer leading in prayer.

## Fourth Meeting Tuesday Afternoon, 1:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Randall A. Grossman, at 1:30 PM. David R. Way led the conference in prayer.

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

The following was elected:

**Historical Committee:**

Harold P. Shelly (3 years)

**Report of the Study Committee on Women Serving as Deacons**  
(see page 224)

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

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

**Whereas**, the 122nd Annual Conference (2005) approved the possibility of women serving as deacons at first reading (2005 Yearbook, p. 34); and

**Whereas**, the Conference asked that study be made of the Principles of Order "to provide legislation covering the entire Article 204 making clear distinction between the qualifications for the offices of elders and deacons and a clarification of the word "minister" (2005 Yearbook, p. 34); and

**Whereas**, in doing that work the Committee identified other needed changes in Sections 201, 202, 204, 401-1, 401-2; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that "officers" and "church officers" be changed to "elders" in sections 201-5 and 201-6 of the *Faith & Order*.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 135; No - 7; Abstain - 1

**Resolved**, that “pastor” be changed to “elders” in section 202-3.2 (5) of the *Faith & Order*.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 131; No - 8

**Resolved**, that the new title and introduction “Article 204 - Elders, Deacons, Staff” be approved as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.

### **Article 204 - Elders, Deacons, Staff**

Having called and assembled His church, our Lord provides for the leadership and care of each Particular Church by providing elders and deacons and enabling them to do their work. Elders are responsible to rule the church and must be qualified men, and deacons are responsible to serve the church and may be qualified men or women. Elders and deacons are the only terms describing continuing positions in the New Testament church. Those who serve in these ways do not create their positions, nor do their positions clothe the individuals with power, but the Lord endows individuals with gifts and qualifications (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1; 1 Peter 5) that enable them to do their work as God Himself has designed.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 124; No - 18

**Resolved**, that the new Article 204-1 Elders, 204-1.1, 204-1.2, 204-1.3, 204-1.4 and 204-1.5 be accepted as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.

### **204-1 Elders**

**204-1.1** In the New Testament church Christ has provided men to hold the position of elder to oversee the life of His Church; those whom He commissions He enables to shepherd His Church.

**204-1.2** The position of elder is given broad responsibility and authority in the New Testament. Because they are to be examples to the flock in godliness and to govern well, they are

called elders. Because they are responsible for oversight and administration of the life of the church, they are called overseers or bishops. Because they are to care for and feed God's people, they are called pastors (shepherds). Because they serve the people of the church, they are called ministers.

**204-1.3** All elders together share the authority in and responsibility for the life of the church. Some elders are gifted and recognized as teaching elders; their primary authority and responsibility is in the Word and doctrine and secondarily in oversight. Other elders are gifted and recognized as ruling elders; their primary authority and responsibility is in oversight and secondarily in the Word and doctrine.

**204-1.4** The work of the elders is to shepherd the flock. This work includes: Guarding (Acts 20:28), Overseeing (1 Tim 5:17; 1 Pet 5:2), Discipling (1 Thes 5:12; 2 Tim 2:2), Preaching and Teaching (1 Tim 5:17; Titus 1:9; John 8:31-32), Evangelizing (2 Tim 4:5), Praying (Acts 6:4, John 17, John 14:12-14, Jas 5:13-16), Serving (1 Tim 4:14; 1 Pet 4:10-11) and Disciplining (Titus 1:9).

**204-1.5** Elders, as leaders of the people, are chosen by the membership of the church on the basis of Scriptural qualifications.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 135; No - 4

**Resolved**, that word "office" be changed to "position" in Article 204-1.6 as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 127; No - 12

**Resolved**, that the new Article 204-2.1 and Article-204-2.2 be approved as First Reading to the *Faith & Order* to replace the former Article 204-1.1 through 204-1.3.

## **204-2 Ministers**

**204-2.1** The Lord of the Church has given gifts to men called

ministers in His church. This position is the first in the church in both dignity and usefulness. Although all elders are to be able to teach, some elders are specially gifted for teaching and preaching. The Lord of the Church has given those gifts to men we call ministers.

**204-2.2 Terminology.** The term "minister" is not used in Scripture to identify the specific position of elder, but to indicate the service to Christ and His people given by those who hold this position. "Pastor" is used as a gift to the church. Although neither "minister" nor "pastor" is used in Scripture as a specific position, these titles are used and are interchangeable in practice for those men we call ministers.

Moreover, though the English word "deacon" has its roots in the Greek word "diakonos," which is translated "minister" or "servant"; this gives no basis for women being elders, ministers or pastors.

A minister or pastor in the BFC must hold or be seeking credentials in the BFC.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 126; No - 7; Abstain - 1

The following were elected:

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

C. Larry Bennett (3 years)

**Board of Directors of Pinebrook Bible Conference**

Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr. (1 year)

**Board of Youth and Young Adults**

Mark R. Evans (3 years)

Mark E. Barninger (2 years)

**Board of Pensions**

Thomas P. Shorb (3 years)

**Board of Communications**

Ralph E. Ritter (1 year)

**Historical Committee**

Ronald W. Hoyle (3 years)



**Resolved**, that Article 204-4.1 and 204-4.4 be approved as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order* at second reading with additional word changes for “office” to become “position.”

**204-4.1** The position of deacon is presented in the Scriptures as a position not of ruling, but of service. A deacon should be a person of deep spiritual life, exemplary conduct, and sound judgment (1Tim 3; Acts 6:1-8). This position is one of sympathetic service to the church and to the distressed, friendless, or sick, after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**204-4.4** Because of the qualifications and dignity of the position of Deacon, each Particular Church shall give careful consideration to ensure that a person who has been divorced or who has married a divorced person is presently characterized as above reproach, and if married, faithful to and exclusively committed to their spouse.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 114; No -14

**Resolved**, that the new Article 204-4.2 and Article 204-4.3 be approved as a First Reading addition to the *Faith & Order*.

**204-4.2** Those who serve in this position should be known for their trustworthiness, their temperance, their faith, and their blameless life.

**204-4.3** Deacons, as servants of the church, are chosen by the membership of the church on the basis of Scriptural qualifications.

[FIRST READING]

Yes -123 ; No - 7

**Resolved**, that “lay elder” be changed simply to “elder,” that “office” be changed to “position,” and “exercise” be changed to “hold” in Articles 401-1.1, 401-1.8 and 401-1.9 to be approved as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*. . . . .

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 124; No -10

**Resolved**, that changes listed under Article 401-2 be adopted at Second Reading (changes found in bold type.)

#### **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) position 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.

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 109; No - 26

**Resolved**, that “office” be changed to “position” and “exercise” be changed to “hold” in 401-2 as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*, and be it further

**Resolved**, that “office” be changed to “position” in 404 as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.

[FIRST READING]

Yes - 119; No -13

The following resolution failed at First Reading.

**Resolved**, that “chairman” be changed to “chair” in 401-2.2 as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.

Yes - 65; No -73

**Report of the Study Committee on Credentials and Multi Staff Churches** (see page 233)

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

The following resolution failed at Second Reading.

**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; I Peter 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.

Yes - 55; No -80

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

**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.

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 105; No - 29

**Whereas**, the Strategic Planning Committee is proposing major organizational changes to the BFC structure, and

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors is proposing a steering committee to work on organizational changes, and

**Whereas**, the steering committee will likely vitiate the work of the Multi-Staff Committee, therefore be it,

**Resolved**, that the Study Committee on Credentials and Multi-staff Churches suspend its work until the BFC reorganization is determined.

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 PM with Shan D. Cleck closing the meeting in prayer.

## **Fifth Meeting**

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

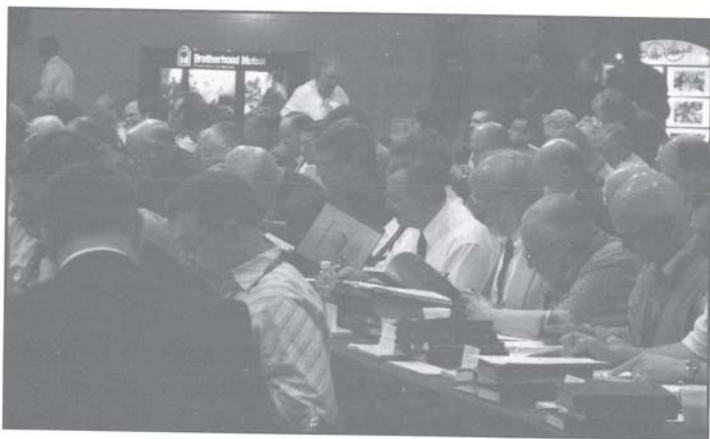
The Chairman, Randall A. Grossman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Bruce A. Kellerman led the conference in prayer.

The conference took time to hear about the "Trophies of God's Grace" as the different regions made reports. Ronald C. Mahurin served as host and opened the time in prayer. The regions reported and prayer was offered praising God for His goodness and asking for His continued blessing on the ministries of the churches.

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Following the fifth meeting, we celebrated the ordination of seven men and recognized the prior ordination of two others. We offer our welcome to the Gospel ministry to: Mark E. Barninger, Raymond R. Bertolet, Timothy J. Bertolet, Davis E. Duggins, Scott B. Evans, Glenn R. Felty, Ronald L. Kohl, Philip G. Norris and Timothy J. Schmoyer. May God cause their ministry to be fruitful and honoring to Him.



*Delegates at work.*



*Singing Praise to God*



## Sixth Meeting Wednesday Morning, 9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Randall A. Grossman, at 9:00 AM. Prayer was offered for Edward K. Moyer (by Richard E. Taylor), Sandy Snyder (by Ronald C. Mahurin), Ralph Reed (by David E. Gundrum) and Ethan Chon (by Dennis M. Cahill) who are experiencing physical difficulties at this time. Randall A. Grossman prayed and asked the Lord for His blessings during this day of Annual Conference.

Richard B. Ravis led the conference in worship accompanied by Eric R. North, Mark E. Barninger, Mark R. Evans, Elliot H. Ramos and Byron G. Barnshaw. The conference sang *Everlasting God* after which Mark R. Evans read Colossians 3:1-4 and prayed. We then sang *Be Unto Your Name*. James R. Batchler, Jr. read 1 John 4:7-21 and the conference repeated the Nicene Creed. Worship was concluded with the conference singing *Take My Life and Let it Be*.

Philip E. Yerrington spoke on the topic, "Fellowship Restored at Great Grace" from 1 John 4.

### Report of the Registrar

The following requested to be excused from portions of Annual Conference: Kenneth F. Barber, Raymond R. Bertolet, John Dunn, Frank L. Herb, Jr., David H. Jones, J. Mark McCreary, Dana E. Weller and Richard A. Moyer.

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

**Resolved**, that the following Alternate Delegates be seated:  
Peter Everett, Cedar Crest; Jay Reinhard, Cedar Crest; and Charles Webb, Lagrangeville, NY.

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

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

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

The following were elected:

**Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church Homes,  
Inc.**

Bruce A. Ellingson (2 years)

**Board of Youth and Young Adults**

Dorothy L. Ruch (2 years)

The Study Committee on the Millennium led a discussion of its work which is found in the 2006 yearbook page 205-221.

Resolved, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM with James E. Mortland closing in prayer.



## Seventh Meeting Wednesday Afternoon, 1:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Randall A. Grossman, at 1:31 PM. Robert K. Fields led in prayer remembering Brian H. Cooper who is having physical issues.

Clyde W. Snyder updated the conference on the tragic accident that claimed the life of his son, David. He spoke of the goodness of God and of the love displayed by the family of God. David R. Way prayed for Clyde and Carol and the rest of the family in their time of need.

### Report of the Registrar

The following requested to be excused from the remainder of the sessions of the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: Scott B. Evans and Ronald W. Reed.

Resolved, that these excuses be granted.

The following failed at Second Reading:

“Because of the qualifications and dignity of the position 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.”

Yes - 63; No - 71; Abstain - 2

Resolved, that the following addition (found in bold type) be adopted to Article 204-1.6 of the *Faith and Order* at Second Reading.

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.**"

[SECOND READING]

Yes - 114; No - 19

**Resolved**, that the request of the Cedar Crest Bible Fellowship Church Board of Elders dated February 6, 2007 be received.

**Whereas**, some members of Annual Conference sincerely understand the proposed wording changes of the BFC *Articles of Faith* as suggested by the Study Committee on the Process and Purpose of God's Calling People to Salvation to be a significant change in the denomination's theological position; and

**Whereas**, some of these members would consider themselves unable to subscribe to the *Articles of Faith* if the proposed wording changes take effect; and

**Whereas**, it is our desire that wording changes such as these be undertaken with Christian grace; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that Annual Conference allow those present members of the Conference who would find themselves unable to agree with the *Articles of Faith* if the proposed wording changes take effect to remain in the Conference and continue serving the Lord with the Bible Fellowship Church.

**Resolved**, that Annual Conference consider the first resolution following the reception of the Report of the Study Committee on the Process and Purpose of God's Calling People to Salvation (recorded in the minutes of the Third Meeting) to be the answer to the request of the CCBFC Board of Elders.

Robert W. Gehret, delegate of the Ephrata BFC, brought a request to address Annual Conference.

**Resolved**, that the request of the Board of Elders of the Ephrata BFC be received.

The Board of Elders of the Ephrata BFC wanted to thank the Study Committee on the Process and Purpose of God's Calling People to Salvation for their work and for retracting the phrase, *but unless regenerated* from Article 10 of the Articles of Faith.

**Resolved**, that the request of the Board of Elders of the Wallingford BFC be received.

**Whereas**, the Annual Conference has sought to clarify Articles 9-13 of the *Articles of Faith*, and

**Whereas**, we have no previous documentation of study papers that allow us to understand why these articles were adopted, and

**Whereas**, we believe that further study would better allow us to make more informed decisions with regard to the proposals to clarify Articles 9-13, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we, the Board of Elders of Grace BFC of Wallingford, PA, request that the Annual Conference appoint the Study Committee on Articles Pertaining to Salvation to prepare studies on these articles, and further

**Resolved**, that their assignment be to consider, as a result of their study, whether to retain or change these articles, and further

**Resolved**, that if they recommend changes they offer proposals and Biblical justification for those changes.

**Resolved**, that the study committee on the Articles Pertaining to Salvation provide exegetical studies on the proposed changes they are presenting, and further

**Resolved**, the Study Committee provide these studies before the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for the elder boards of the BFC to consider, and further

**Resolved**, that this be the answer to the Board of Elders of the



Wallingford BFC.

**Resolved**, that Annual Conference receive the request of the elders of the Maple Glen BFC to have a study committee appointed to study the theological changes taking place at Biblical Theological Seminary.

**Whereas**, a request was received from Maple Glen BFC requesting a study committee to consider theological changes at Biblical Theological Seminary and

**Whereas**, we do not see just cause to warrant the appointment of such a committee, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we deny their request.

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

**Report of the Committee on Auditing** (see page 199)

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

**Report of the Statistical Committee** (see page 237)

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

The following were appointed for the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:

**Register:** Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.

**Assistant Registrar:** Davis E. Duggins

**Agenda and Program Committee:** Three officers for 2008;  
Andrew T. Crossgrove, Robert A. Johnson, II, Thomas P. Shorb

**Arrangements Committee:** David A. Thomann, Chairman;  
Daniel P. Allen, Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Thomas P. Shorb, Chairman for 2008

**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; Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., Louis S. Curcio, C. Larry Bennett, Ronald C. Erb; Jacob F. Susek, Jr., Allan R. Vivona



**Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 be approved for submission to the churches for their pledges.

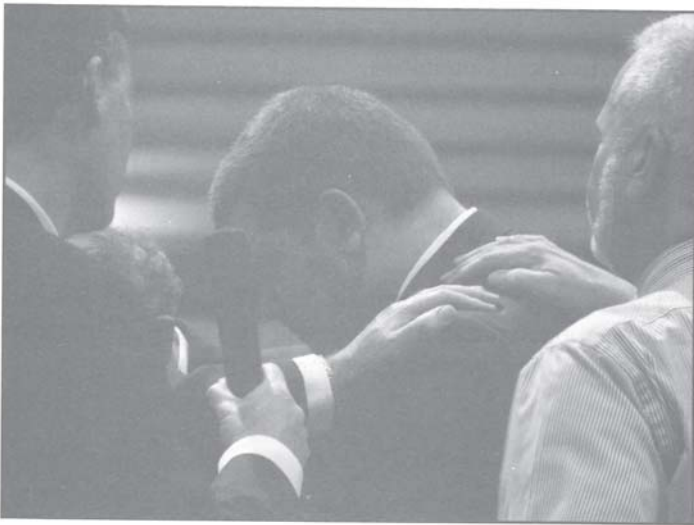
	Proposed 2008 <u>Budget</u>
1. Beneficiary Fund	500
2. Ministers' Assistance Fund	100
3. Ministerial Convention	1,000
4. Ministers' Retirement Fund	66,000
5. Annual Conference	
a. Conference Entertainment	7,500
b. Conference Expense	4,100
6. Fund to Assist Churches	100
7. Board of Communications	5,000
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	41,500
13. ONE Voice	<u>2,750</u>
Total Budget	141,500

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM. Jansen E. Hartman closed the meeting in prayer remembering the family of Ralph Reed who went home to be with the Lord this afternoon.



*Welcoming newly ordained ministers and families.*



*Prayer over newly ordained, Timothy Schmoyer*

## Eighth Meeting Wednesday Evening, 6:15 PM

The Chairman, Randall A. Grossman, called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. Gary Sterner led the conference in prayer.

**Resolved**, that the logo presented at the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference be adopted as the official logo of the Bible Fellowship Church.

**Resolved**, that Annual Conference direct the Board of Directors to acquire appropriate legal protection of our name, Bible Fellowship Church, and logo.

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

**Whereas**, the work of the Strategic Planning Committee as established by the Annual Conference and outlined in the *Faith & Order* of the Bible Fellowship Church will no longer be necessary when the Executive Board and Executive Director are in place, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Strategic Planning Committee as described in Article 512-17 of the *Faith & Order* of the Bible Fellowship Church be dissolved, and further

**Resolved**, that the responsibilities for strategic planning now be cared for by the Executive Board and Executive Director of the BFC, and further

**Resolved**, that Article 512-17 as well as other references to the Strategic Planning Committee be deleted from the *Faith & Order*.

[FIRST READING]

**Whereas**, the MRF annuity rate for 2007 is \$215 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 2008 be \$217 per year of service.

**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 **2008** 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."

**Resolved**, that the recommended minimum salary for a pastor serving in the BFC for the calendar year 2007 be \$31,000.00. In addition to his salary, the church must provide half of the pastor's Social Security tax, parsonage and/or housing allowance (which would include utilities, repair costs, etc.), 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 from the Pastoral Relations Committee can be found in the *Yearbook*. One can also contact the Reading BFC for added information.

**Resolved**, that the Annual Conference ratify the election of Ronald C. Mahurin as Conference Pastor for a term of three years.

**Resolved**, that the salary for the Conference Pastor be \$26,000 and in addition, we provide \$6,200 for health insurance and \$9,300 for auto and professional expenses. Total - \$41,500

The Ministerial Relations Committee presented the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted at Second 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 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, 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 agreed 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 sentence 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).

**409-1.15** 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 candidate and the church.

[SECOND READING]

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

Paragraphs 409-1.1 - 409-1.13 refer to the calling of a Senior Pastor in a church with more than one pastor, or the only Pastor in a church with one pastor. In churches with more than one pastor, the elders may choose to adopt the procedure in paragraph 409-1.14

409-1.14 In churches with more than one pastor, the elders may choose to call a pastor other than the Senior Pastor as follows: The Board of Elders shall serve as the Pastoral Search Committee and shall issue a call without a congregational vote.

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 call in paragraph 409-1.11. The call shall be communicated to the congregation.

[FIRST READING]

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

[SECOND READING]

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

Paragraph 409-2.1 - 409-2.3 refer to the resignation of a Senior Pastor in a church with more than one pastor, or the only pastor in a church with one pastor. For pastors called under the procedures 409-1.4, the resignation shall be according to the procedure of 409-2.4.

#### 409-2.4 Resignation or Removal of Pastors called by Boards of Elders.

In the case of a pastor called under the procedure of 409-1.14, resignation or removal is as follows:

Resignation - The pastor submits his resignation to the Board of Elders. He shall submit a copy to the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee. The Board of Elders shall act on the resignation, including special provisions such as in 409-2.1

The Board of Elders shall inform the congregation of

the effective date and terms of the resignation.

Removal - Boards of Elders shall adopt the procedure of 409-2.3 except that following the due process of 409-2.3 (1)(2.1-5) the Ministerial Relations Committee may approve the request of the Board of Elders to terminate the pastorate. The effective date and terms of the termination shall be communicated to the congregation. paragraph 409-2.3 (2.12) is in effect in this situation.

[FIRST READING]

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted at Second 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.

512.14.3 Conference Pastor - same

[SECOND READING]

**Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 be adopted.

### Administrative Budget

	2007 Budget
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	41,500
13. ONE Voice	<u>3,000</u>
Total Budget	138,250

The Ministerial Candidate Committee presented the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the following amendment to Article 505-1 of the *Faith & Order* be approved as first reading:

505-1. Voting Members.

(5) probationers who have been licensed by the Ministerial Candidate Committee

[FIRST READING]

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

406-2 Mission Organizations: **(proposed changes are underlined and bold)**

406-2.1 Each Particular Church is encouraged to establish organizations that will promote and assist in carrying out its task of world evangelization. Organizations so established are encouraged to inform the Board of Missions **and Church Extension Ministries** of their officers in order that information can be circulated to and coordinated with similar organizations from other Particular Churches. Suggested bylaws for such organizations are available in the Appendix.

406-2.2 Regional Mission Organization Programs. The Board

of Missions **and Church Extension Ministries may** coordinate regional programs as deemed advisable.

[FIRST READING]

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

Article 504 -Membership of Congregations in Annual Conference

504-1. Particular Church.

Any congregation meeting the standards of Article 18 of the Articles of Faith and committed to the F&O, may be admitted to membership in Annual Conference and shall be known as a Particular Church. This admission must follow upon a positive assessment and recommendation by the Board of Church Extension. Assessment includes an evaluation of elders, committed participants and financial stability.

504-2. Mission Churches

504-2.1 Any congregation that is under the supervision of the Board of Church Extension of the BFC but has not yet met the standard for recognition as a Particular Church shall be called a mission church. The term mission church is used in a technical sense, but this does not preclude the use of the term church in any of the congregation's public relations activities.

504-2.2 The Board of Church Extension has the responsibility of assessing the preparedness of the mission church for admission to Annual Conference.

504-2.3 Upon recommendation by the Board of Church Extension, the mission church may be recognized as a church and admitted to Annual Conference by a majority vote of Annual Conference.

504-3. Other Congregations

504-3.1 Daughter churches of Bible Fellowship Churches

- (1) A Bible Fellowship Church desiring to plant a daughter church shall contact the Board of Church Extension and seek its counsel and assistance in the development and preparation of the daughter church for recognition at the Annual Conference.
- (2) When the parent church determines that the daughter church is ready to pursue membership in the Annual Conference, the parent church shall request an assessment from the Board of Church Extension. The daughter church shall be assessed by the Board of Church Extension.
- (3) The daughter church shall be recommended for membership in the Annual Conference by the parenting church and the Board of Church Extension and admitted to Annual Conference upon majority vote of Annual Conference.

#### 504-3.2 Pre-existing Congregations

- (1) An independent congregation or an established congregation of another denomination desiring membership in Annual Conference shall contact the Board of Church Extension.
- (2) This church shall be evaluated by the Board of Church Extension on the basis of its agreement with the F&O, particularly as to its compliance with Article 18 of the Articles of Faith. This church shall meet the standards of Article 18 of the Articles of Faith and be committed to the F & O.
- (3) This church may be recommended for membership in Annual Conference by the Board of Church Extension upon satisfactory completion of an assessment.
- (4) A majority vote of Annual Conference shall be required for membership in Annual Conference.

[FIRST READING]

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

Board of Church Extension



The Board of Church Extension governs Church Extension Ministries which consists of the Board of Church Extension, the Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries, church planters serving under the direction of the Board, all other employees of the Board, and mission churches under jurisdiction of the Board.

#### 512-4.1 Purpose

Church Extension Ministries exists to plant churches in order to build the Body of Christ through extending the Bible Fellowship Church.

It does this by evangelizing in areas, communities, and neighborhoods as well as among people, where Bible Fellowship Churches do not exist, by forming and nurturing to maturity new congregations.

#### 512-4.2 Composition and Election

- (1) The Board of Church Extension will be composed of the Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries, five ministers and five elders. Classes shall be formed as follows:
 

Class I	Two ministers and two elders
Class II	Two ministers and two elders
Class III	One minister and one elder
- (2) The Executive Director shall be called by the Board of Church Extension.
- (3) Each class of the Board of Church Extension shall be elected in turn annually by ballot by the Board of Church Extension, subject to ratification by the Annual Conference.
- (4) The term for each class shall be for three years.

#### 512-4.3 Duties

- (1) It shall have authority to establish and oversee the development of mission churches.
- (2) It shall issue calls to church planters credentialed by the BFC.
- (3) It shall have authority to hire church planters not

credentialed by the BFC, but they must be under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee and be seeking credentials in the BFC. In such cases, a contract for ministry shall be established.

- (4) It shall function as a board of Elders in behalf of mission churches.
- (5) It shall receive applications for admission to Annual Conference from daughter churches or congregations outside the Bible Fellowship Church.
- (6) It shall require all mission churches to adhere to the Faith and Order.
- (7) It shall receive and disburse monies designated for Church Extension Ministries.
- (8) It shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church on the approval and consummation of legal transactions for the purchase of real estate and/or the erection of buildings for purposes of Church Extension Ministries.
- (9) It shall make recommendations to Annual Conference on the admission of mission churches and daughter churches to membership in Annual Conference.
- (10) It shall make a written report of its activities to Annual Conference.
- (11) It shall promote the program of Church Extension Ministries and develop a broadening financial base for its ministry.

#### 512-4.4 Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries

The Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries shall be an ordained minister of the Bible Fellowship Church. He shall, by virtue of his office, be a member of the Board of Church Extension and shall be accountable to the Board of Church Extension for his ministry.

#### 512-4.5 Rules Relative to the Recognition of Churches.

- (1) Any congregation that has a relationship with the Bible Fellowship Church but has not yet met the standards for recognition as a particular church shall be called a mission

church. (See 504-2)

- (2) When, in the opinion of the Board of Church Extension, a mission church is prepared for recognition, the Board shall recommend to Annual Conference that this mission church be recognized as a Particular Church and that it be admitted to the membership of Annual Conference. This recognition will be by a majority vote of Annual Conference.
- (3) Churches which have been recognized by the Annual Conference are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Board of Church Extension and are no longer eligible for financial aid from the Board. Churches recognized by the Annual Conference shall not again come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Church Extension but may seek counsel from the Ministerial Relations Committee and assistance from the Board of Church Health.

[FIRST READING]

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted at one reading:

702-1.1 Name- The name of this organization shall be the (Name of Organization) of (Name of Church) (City. State) .  
**(proposed changes are underlined and bold)**

702-1.2 Purpose -The purpose of this Mission Organization shall be to

- (1) Give diligence to intercessory prayer in behalf of missionaries **under the care of the Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension.**
- (2) Encourage sacrificial giving in behalf of missions
- (3) Support missionary projects, both domestic and foreign
- (4) Correspond with missionaries under the care of the Board of Missions **and the Board of Church Extension.**
- (5) Assist BFC missionaries and missionary appointees under the care of the Board of Missions and **the Board of Church Extension.**
- (6) Promote spiritual growth among the members of the organization
- (7) Seek to provide spiritual growth to missionaries in remote

- areas of the world (e.g. tapes of good messages and music, Christian magazines, etc. )
- (8) Provide prayer letter reproduction, address maintenance, and mailing services to missionaries under the care of the Board of Missions **and the Board of Church Extension** where possible
  - (9) (Other purposes can be added or deleted to fit the organization's purposes.)

702-1.3 Membership -Membership shall be open to Christians of like faith who are interested in missionary work and desire to share in this fellowship.

**Whereas**, Church Extension Ministries has received a petition from a church outside the USA to become a mission church of the BFC, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that, by rule of exception, article 512-4.1 - Purpose, be implemented at this Annual Conference.

The Board of Church Health presented the following resolution:

**Whereas**, it is the goal of the Board of Church Health to support and assist Particular Churches in need, and

**Whereas**, it is imperative that benchmarks be established to allow the Board of Church Health to initiate discussions with local churches with the goal of assisting them in their ministries, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the following legislative addition to the Bylaws for Annual Conference be approved as First Reading:

504-1.1 All new Particular Churches will be on a two year probation with open accountability to the Board of Health.

504-1.2 Any congregation that reports any one of the following criteria will allow the Board of Church Health to initiate discussion with that Particular Church:

- (1) Three consecutive years where attendance declined more than 5% per year.
- (2) Three consecutive years of declining offerings.

- (3) An Elder Board that has declined to fewer than two lay elders.

[FIRST READING]

**Whereas**, we have taken action requiring ministers who now have our credentials and hold a foreseen faith view of election to declare their reservation regarding Article 11; and

**Whereas**, our *Faith and Order* views ministers and elders as bearing equally the responsibility for the life of the church; and

**Whereas**, the *Faith and Order* requires both ministers (512-11.2) and elders (401-11.9) to subscribe annually in writing their agreement with our Articles of Faith; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that men now serving as Elders and who hold to a foreseen faith position on election should not sign that they subscribe without reservation to our present Articles of Faith but should declare their reservation regarding Article 11. Whether or not the proposed clarifications are adopted, such men, if now serving as elders should continue to serve and will continue to be embraced by the BFC. Every Board of Elders will continue to require men being considered to become elders to include only those men who are able annually to declare in writing their agreement with the Articles of Faith (401-1.9)

**Whereas**, there has been considerable discussion at the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the proposed changes to the Articles of Faith regarding salvation, and

**Whereas**, additional materials pertaining to these proposed changes are being prepared for circulation to the churches, and

**Whereas**, some Boards of Elders have already voted on the proposed changes and have reported these votes prior to the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that any Board of Elders desiring to change its position on these proposed changes in articles 9-13 prior to the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference be allowed to do so, and that the revised position be considered to supercede any prior communication with respect to articles 801-3 and 801-4 of the *Faith and Order*.



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

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

**Whereas**, Jonathan W. Arnold, Sr., Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., Kenneth F. Barber, Timothy J. Bertolet, and Gene W. Smith 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 Jonathan W. Arnold, Sr.'s current ministry at New Life Bible Fellowship Church; Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr.'s current ministry at Calvary Bible Fellowship Church of the Northern Lehigh Valley; Shan D. Cleck's current ministry at Paradise Bible Fellowship Church; David E. Brandt at Lebanon Bible Fellowship Church; Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. at Fellowship Manor Bible Fellowship Church; Robert B. Kramer at Ephrata Bible Fellowship Church; Ferdie R. Madara at Calvary Bible Fellowship Church of Shamokin; Steven J. DelDuco at Reading Bible Fellowship Church; and Timothy J. Bertolet's current ministry at Pocono Mountain Bible Fellowship Church.

**Whereas**, Mark E. Barninger, Raymond R. Bertolet, Timothy J. Bertolet, Scott B. Evans, Ronald L. Kohl, Philip G. Norris, and Timothy J. Schmoyer were approved for ordination, and

**Whereas**, Davis E. Duggins and Glenn R. Felty were approved to have their prior ordinations 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 124<sup>th</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 is the Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries, 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 is now full time as Assistant Director of Church Extension Ministries, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we pray that our sovereign Lord would grant Mark L. Morrison wisdom, direction and strength as he continues to serve in this ministry.

**Whereas**, Dana E. Weller, Director of the Board of Missions, introduced us to the Tanzania Project, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we pray for God's leading in each particular Bible Fellowship Church's involvement in this exciting ministry.

**Whereas**, Ronald C. Mahurin has served diligently and with a shepherd's heart as the Conference Pastor, and

**Whereas**, Ronald C. Mahurin was ratified by the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for a term of three years as the Conference Pastor, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we pray to our sovereign God to grant Ronald C. Mahurin, wisdom, direction, and strength as he continues to serve the Lord as the Conference Pastor.

**Whereas**, the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church has begun to pray and take the necessary steps to investigate the possible connection of Iglesia Bíblica La Roca of Mérida, México to the Bible Fellowship Church, and

**Whereas**, this is a new venture for Church Extension Ministries and

the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Members of the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference continue to pray to our Lord for wisdom, direction and guidance in regards to how the Bible Fellowship Church can connect with Iglesia Bíblica La Roca de Mérida.

**Whereas**, Pastor Marcos G. Ramírez Montalvo has began the process for credentials with the Bible Fellowship Church, and

**Whereas**, he has traveled from the city of Mérida in México, to bring greetings from Iglesia Bíblica La Roca de Mérida, and will return with a report to his congregation on the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for the interest and commitment of Pastor Marcos G. Ramírez Montalvo to pursue connection with the Bible Fellowship Church by becoming an applicant for credentials, and further

**Resolved**, that we pray for the leadership and the members of Iglesia Bíblica La Roca as they continue to seek God's wisdom in regards to their connection to the Bible Fellowship Church, and further

**Resolved**, that we pray for the continual spiritual and numerical growth, and witness of Iglesia Bíblica La Roca de Mérida.

**Whereas**, it has pleased God to call to Himself our dear brothers and longtime pastors William H. Bartron, Willard E. Cassel, longtime elder Ralph Reed, and longtime missionary John Pello, and

**Whereas**, William H. Bartron, Willard E. Cassel, Ralph Reed and John Pello served the Lord faithfully for many years, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we give thanks to the Lord for these saints of God whose gracious lives and service to the Kingdom of God through the Bible Fellowship Church and their committed exemplified lives dedicated to giving God all the glory.

**Whereas**, since our last Annual Conference, the Lord saw it fit to call home to Glory our sisters Addy Mull, wife of former pastor and missionary William W. Mull; and Mary Heffner, wife of former pastor William A. Heffner, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for their lives, and pray for God's

comfort for their loved ones.

**Whereas**, Cottrell Corners, Whitehall, and Blandon 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 denomination who are qualified to serve in our churches.

**Whereas**, the staff and volunteers of Pinebrook Bible Conference along with some wives of our pastors and delegates have readily served the members of the 124<sup>th</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**, the pages, Josh Allen, Mark Bickel, David Brandt, Steve Delduco, Mark Evans, Jonathan Forsythe, Kurt Francis, Josh Gibson, John Lorusso, Josh Miller, David Mumma, Carlos Rodriguez, Dave Schlonecker, Colby Weinhofer, Dan Williams, Tom Morrison, and Steve Morten have humbly, readily, and cheerfully enabled the work of the 124<sup>th</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**, Randall A. Grossman, Calvin T. Reed, Philip E. Yerrington, 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**, Richard B. Ravis has served 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**, Calvin T. Reed has served with distinction as Vice Chairman of the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we thank the Lord for his faithful service.

**Whereas**, Randall A. Grossman has served outstandingly as Chairman of the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the members of the Annual Conference show their appreciation for Brother Grossman's four consecutive years of service with a standing ovation.

**Whereas**, William G. Schlonecker will serve as Chairman of the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that we be steadfast in prayer for him as he strives to fulfill his responsibilities.

**Resolved**, that the members of the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference send our greetings to Pastor Marcos G. Ramírez Montalvo and the members of Iglesia Bíblica La Roca de Mérida.

**Resolved**, that we adjourn.

The 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was adjourned at 8:50PM as Vice Chairman, Calvin T. Reed closed in prayer.

The corporate and official address will be 3000 Fellowship Drive, Whitehall, Pa. 18052. The Secretary of the Conference Judicatory is Gregory A. Uhrich. The Secretary of the Special Judicatory is David J. Watkins.



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## *Report of the Committee on Arrangements*

The Committee on Arrangements for the 124<sup>th</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.

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 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is Louis Curcio, Assistant Pastor, Hatfield, PA, and the Head Page is Daniel Williams, Pastor of Evangelism and Outreach, Wallingford, PA.

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).

Our Lord called home two faithful ministers during the conference year, Willard E. Cassel and William H. Bartron. Carl C. Cassel has been asked to write an obituary for brother Cassel and Harvey J. Fritz and James A. Beil have been asked to write one for brother Bartron.

### Recommendations

1. **Resolved**, that the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference be held at Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, PA, April 28-30, 2008 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, 2008.

### Committee on Arrangements for 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:

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

## *Report of the Committee on Credentials*

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

The *Faith and Order* questionnaire was sent to each of the ministers holding Ordination Credentials with the BFC. All of the brethren returned their questionnaires except one. The Committee is well satisfied with the responses of those who handed in their questionnaires.

The Lord, in His providence this year, has chosen to take home two of our ministering brethren William H. Bartron and Willard E. Cassel. We thank God for their many years of ministry among us, their commitment to our Savior and we look forward to the day we will be reunited with them in glory.

The Committee conducted an ordination service on May 22, 2006 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. We 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:

Jonathan W. Arnold was changed from Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the BFC to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

W. Neil Harding, Jr. was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers in Other Christian Ministries.

Jonathan P. Tait was changed from Ordained Ministers Between Calls to Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence.

Jeffrey L. Ruhl was changed from Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence to Ordained Ministers Between Calls.

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

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

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

1. **Whereas**, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended ordination for Mark E. Barninger, Raymond R. Bertolet, Timothy J. Bertolet, Scott B. Evans, Ronald L. Kohl, Philip G. Norris, and Timothy J. Schmoyer, and  
**Whereas**, the Ministerial Candidate Committee has recommended prior ordination recognition for Davis E. Duggins and Glenn R. Felty, 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 Mark E. Barninger, Raymond R. Bertolet, Timothy J. Bertolet, Scott B. Evans, Ronald L. Kohl, Philip G. Norris, and Timothy J. Schmoyer be ordained to the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, and further  
**Resolved** that the prior ordination of Davis E. Duggins and Glenn R. Felty to the gospel ministry be recognized by the Bible Fellowship Church, and further  
**Resolved**, that the service of ordination be held Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 7:30 PM at Annual Conference.

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

\* 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:

Harding, W. Neil, Jr.	Lea, Herbert K.
Lawrence, Dennis J.	Martin, Carl T.

## V. Ordained Ministers Between Calls:

Arnold, Jonathon W.	Reitz, Roger L.
Commerford, Robert S.	Ruhl, Jeffrey L.
McCreary, J. Mark	

## VI. Ordained Ministers on Leave of Absence:

Ellwanger, Donald R.	Tait, Jonathan P.
Frable, Arthur H., Jr.	Trommler, Steven L.
MacMillan, Thomas S.	



## VII. Ordained Ministers in Retirement:

Barber, Kenneth F.	Herb, George E.
Batchler, James R., Jr.	Herb, John H.
Beil, James A.	Hertzog, Roy A.
Bigley, T. James, Jr.	Hoyle, Ronald W.
Brosius, Bert N.	Kirkwood, Donald T.
Buck, Leonard E.	Koch, James G.
Byrd, Terris L.	Minsky, Barry J.
Cassel, Alva C.	Moyer, Edward
Cassel, Carl C.	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

Credentials Committee makes the following additional recommendations:

2. **Whereas**, we believe there are men that are called of God to serve as His servants as Pastors, and  
**Whereas**, it is important for the gifts and calling that God has given these men to serve are to be recognized by fellow pastors, and  
**Whereas**, we believe it is a tremendous encouragement for fellow pastors to show approval, support and unity for those being ordained, therefore be it  
**Resolved**, that the Credentials Committee resolution at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, “that an ordination service be held Monday, May 21, 2007, at a place to be determined” be rescinded, and further be it



**Resolved**, that the following two-tiered procedure for ordination be approved and instituted at this year's 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:

**Ordination at Annual Conference:**

- Introduction and testimony of the men
- A charge to the men
- The administration of the vows
- The laying on of hands and prayer
- Extending the right hand of fellowship by the members of the Credentials Committee and the ordained ministers of the BFC Annual Conference

**Ordination Service at a Bible Fellowship Church:**

The second part would be a service in the church where each man is serving. In that service, the man would:

- Affirm his vows of ordination by repeating them, the affirmation to be led by a member of the Credentials Committee.
- The elders of that church would pray for him.
- The pastors of that region would be expected to be present to extend the right hand of fellowship and greet the man.
- Someone, the ordinand's recommendation, would preach an appropriate ordination sermon.
- All of this can be introduced by a time of worship and praise that would have meaning both to the man and the church.

This service would serve to point out the significance of ordination in the local church and make them part of the process.

3. The Credentials Committee brings the following legislation to Annual Conference:

**Resolved**, that the following material be adopted as Second 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 *Faith and Order*, 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 *Faith and Order* (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 Ministers 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. **Whereas**, the category of ministry “**Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries**” was not included in our legislation at last year’s 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, and  
**Whereas**, this has been one of the credible ministry designations, and  
**Whereas**, we believe this category is one we should continue to have, therefore be it  
**Resolved**, that “**Ordained Ministers Working in Other Christian Ministries**” be retained and numbered (8) in Article 512-11.3 Categories of Ministries, and further  
**Resolved**, that the explanation of this category found in our present *Faith & Order* [Article 512-11.3 (5)] be retained.
  
5. **Resolved**, that an Ordination Service be held Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.
  
6. **Resolved**, that Grace BFC, Harrisburg, PA, New Life BFC, Long Neck, DE, Pocono Mt. BFC, Mount Pocono, PA, New Life BFC, Oley, PA, Grace BFC, Quakertown, PA, Bethany BFC, Mt. Carmel, PA, Camden BFC, Camden, DE, Berean BFC, Stroudsburg, PA and Cedar Crest BFC, Allentown, PA be encouraged to have a service in recognition of the ordination of Mark E. Barninger, Raymond R. Bertolet, Timothy J. Bertolet, Scott B. Evans, Ronald L. Kohl, Philip G. Norris, and Timothy J. Schmoyer and prior ordination of Davis E. Duggins and Glenn R. Felty 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 has among its duties to “safeguard the doctrinal purity of the church by exercising vigilance when examining prospective ministers concerning their beliefs and practices, endeavoring to approve only those who are committed without reservation to the authority of the Scriptures and the doctrines and practices of our church as the system of doctrine taught in the Scriptures.” To carry out this responsibility, the Ministerial Candidate Committee meets regularly and seeks to give quality interviews and examination to men who would serve among us.

In the past year, the Committee met ten times and conducted thirteen interviews with the following men: Shan D. Cleck, Timothy J. Schmoyer, Ronald L. Kohl, Mark E. Barninger, Davis E. Duggins, Philip G. Norris, Glenn R. Felty, Raymond R. Bertolet, Scott B. Evans, Timothy J. Bertolet, Aaron J. Susek, Mark R. Evans, and Joshua P. Miller.

The following men were approved for ordination examination: Timothy J. Schmoyer, Ronald L. Kohl, Mark E. Barninger, Philip G. Norris, Raymond R. Bertolet, Scott B. Evans, and Timothy Bertolet.

The following men were approved for examination for recognition of previous ordination: Davis E. Duggins and Glenn R. Felty.

The following men were issued licenses: Daniel L. Williams, Shan D. Cleck, Robert B. Kramer, David E. Brandt, Ferdie R. Madara, and Steven J. DelDuco.

The following men were approved as probationers eligible to receive a call: Shan D. Cleck, Colby A. Weinhofer, Ferdie R. Madara, and Aaron J. Susek

The Annual Orientation Seminar will be held June 26-28, 2007, at Calvary Bible Fellowship Church in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania.

1. **Resolved**, that the list of men under the care of the Ministerial Candidate Committee as of February 28, 2007, is as follows:



**Probationers**

Mark E. Barninger (2005)	Harrisburg PA
Raymond R. Bertolet (2005)	Millsboro DE
Timothy J. Bertolet (2004)	Pocono Summit PA
David E. Brandt (2006)	Lebanon PA
Shan D. Cleck (2006)	Strasburg PA
Steven J. DelDuco (2007)	Reading PA
Davis E. Duggins (2005)	Stroudsburg PA
Scott B. Evans (2005)	Oley PA
Glenn R. Felty (2005)	Allentown PA
Jonathan D. Forsythe	Brigantine NJ
Ronald L. Kohl (2004)	Quakertown PA
Robert B. Kramer (2006)	Ephrata PA
Frank E. Lenahan (2005)	Cape May Court House NJ
Ferdie R. Madara (2006)	Benton PA
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
Colby A. Weinhofer	Akron PA
Daniel L. Williams (2006)	Parkside PA

**Candidates**

Mark R. Evans	Coopersburg PA
Shad A. Gilbert	Stockertown PA
James D. MacArthur	Oley PA
Joshua P. Miller	Quakertown PA
David K. Schlonecker	Emmaus PA
Alphas D. Stoltzfus	Downingtown PA
Aaron J. Susek	Royersford PA

**Applicants**

Joshua M. Allen	East Stroudsburg PA
Timothy G. Clark	Sinking Spring PA
Samuel Claudio, Jr	Bethlehem PA
Raymond L. Cole	Newark DE
John C. Elias	Bethlehem PA
Kurt P. Francis	Northumberland PA
David J. Gettel	Graterford, PA



Joshua P. Gibson	Northumberland PA
Troy S. Good	Boyertown PA
Robert W. Green	Newark DE
Peter J. Gunderson	Spring City PA
Ronald C. Hagy	Corning NY
Fred J. Hoffman	Lewisburg PA
Jonathan H. King	Schnecksville PA
John LoRusso	Alburtis PA
Marcos G. Ramirez	Merida Yucatan Mexico
Carlos G. Rodriguez	Reading PA
Mark A. Schaeffer	Kinnelon NJ
Andrew J. Stapleton	Reading, PA

2. **Resolved**, that the following amendments to Article 513-13 be approved at first reading:

**512-13.1 Purpose** - The objective of the Ministerial Candidate Committee shall be to provide the BFC with ministers that are called of God, faithful to the Word, dedicated wholeheartedly to Jesus Christ, and committed to the doctrines and practices of the BFC.

**512-13.2 Composition and Election**

- (1) It shall be composed of seven ordained ministers elected on a rotating basis to serve terms of three years.

Class I	Three ministers
Class II	Two ministers
Class III	Two ministers

**512-13.3 Duties**

- (1) It shall receive applications from all who offer themselves to be ministers in the BFC.
- (2) It shall be available to the candidates and probationers for consultation when requested.
- (3) It shall examine those who offer themselves for service in our Church and determine as far as possible the sincerity and genuineness of their call to the ministry.

- (4) It shall ascertain as far as possible whether the candidates and probationers have the Scriptural qualifications to be a pastor in the BFC.
  - (5) It shall safeguard the doctrinal purity of the church by exercising vigilance when examining prospective pastors concerning their beliefs and practices, endeavoring to approve only those who are committed without reservation to the authority of the Scriptures and the doctrines and practices of our church as the system of doctrine taught in the Scriptures.
  - (6) It shall license probationers for Annual Conference prior to ordination.
  - (7) It shall recommend qualified probationers to the Credentials Committee for ordination examination.
  - (8) It shall furnish prior to Annual Conference to the Registrar a list of those probationers who are eligible to be members of Annual Conference.
  - (9) It shall submit a written report to Annual Conference.
3. **Resolved**, that the following amendment to Article 505-1 of the *Faith & Order* be approved at first reading:

505-1. Voting Members.

- (5) probationers who have been licensed by the Ministerial Candidate Committee
4. **Resolved**, that the following amendment to Article 204-1.4 of the *Faith & Order* be approved for first reading:

**Physical Qualifications.** The minister must be a mature man who is physically and mentally fit, being free from impairments that would vitiate the effectiveness of his ministry. His physical and mental fitness should give promise that he will be able to bear the demands of the ministry.

**Ministerial Candidate Committee:** Calvin T. Reed, Chairman; Richard E. Taylor Secretary; Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr, Howard N. Wells, David E. Gundrum.

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

The Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church 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, and Board of Church Extension, and churches.

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.

A legal suit against Bible Fellowship Church and others, filed in Dutchess County, NY, four years ago, was settled in 2005. However, it was not possible at that time for the Holmes BFC to fund the settlement. Accordingly, funds were borrowed by the Board of Directors from Quakertown National Bank to fund the settlement. In 2006 the Holmes Church repaid these funds, and all other funds supplied by BFC entities, with money received in the sale of the Holmes parsonage.

In its meeting of December 1, 2006 the Board of Directors approved the following resolution in response to a proposal from the Strategic Planning Committee that changes be made in the administrative structure of the BFC.

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors favors changes in the administrative structure of the Bible Fellowship Church, and

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors sees both potential and the need for further refinement in the proposal of the Strategic Planning Committee, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Annual Conference approve creation of a Steering Committee as described in attached material titled

Steering Committee and dated December 1, 2006, and, be it further

**Resolved**, that the Annual Conference ratify the appointment by the Board of Directors of the following men to be the members of the Steering Committee: David T. Allen, Carl C. Cassel, Raymond R. Dotts, Robert T. Evans, Jay H. Fasnacht, Randall A. Grossman, Ronald W. Reed, Robert A. Sloan, Hans R. Waldvogel, J. Robert Vaughn, Richard J. Volpe, Timothy D. Weaver, Robert H. Zentz.

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

We recommend that the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference adopt the following:

1. **Resolved**, that the rate of mileage reimbursement for conference business conducted in 2007 be 27¢ per mile for calendar year 2007.
2. **Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 be adopted.
3. **Resolved**, that the Administrative Budget for January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 be approved for submission to the churches for their pledges.  
Pledges for the 2008 Administrative Budget shall be received by the Financial Secretary by September 1, 2007.

**Board of Directors of the 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; David T. Allen, L. James Roberts, Jr., Gregory A. Uhrich.

## Steering Committee

### Purpose

- To formulate policies and procedures as to how the proposed Executive Board and Executive Director would be elected and how they would function. It shall work in consultation with the Board of Directors and the Strategic Planning Committee. It will then write legislation to implement these plans.
- The committee will steer these proposals through the legislative process and provide answers to the questions that arise along the way. After the Executive Board is formed, the Steering Committee would work with that Board as it seeks to organize itself.
- The Steering Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors and ratified by the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in April 2007.

### Composition

- The Steering Committee would be composed of 13 members from the Board of Directors, agencies, church pastors, and laymen with business, financial, or legal experience.

### Proposed Timeline

February 2007	Board of Directors approves members of the Steering Committee
April 2007	Annual Conference approves Steering Committee and ratified its members Annual Conference approves adjourned session
March 2008	Adjourned Session - detailed presentation by Steering Committee
April 2008	Complete legislation presented at 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Executive Board elected for purpose of organizing for one year
April 2009	Legislation approved at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Executive Board begins to officially function Replaced boards and committees are dissolved

**Bible Fellowship Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 December 31, 2006

## Assets

## Current Assets

## Cash

General Fund	76,807.22
Ministers' Assistance Fund	1,707.25
Church Assistance Fund	6,187.41
Pastoral Intern. Fund	7,153.39
Special Projects Fund	10,000.00
Vison Fund	<u>750.00</u>

Total Cash	102,605.27
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Accounts Receivable - One Voice	<u>5,749.77</u>
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Total Current Assets	108,355.04
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## Fixed Assets

R. Est. - Pinebrook Conference	435,268.08
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R. Est. - Victory Valley	<u>111,877.01</u>
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Total Fixed Assets	<u>547,145.09</u>
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Total Assets	<u>655,500.13</u>
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## Liabilities

## Prepayments

Admin. Budget (Note 1)	<u>1,736.67</u>
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Total Liabilities	1,736.67
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Net Worth	<u>653,763.46</u>
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Total Liabilities & Net Worth	<u>655,500.13</u>
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**General Fund Statement of Income**  
 December 31, 2006

## Income

Administrative Budget	114,482.10
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Contributions, Special	382.00
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Holmes Settlement	333,775.90
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Special Projects Fund	147,667.39
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Interest	4,153.55
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Vision Fund	<u>750.00</u>
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Total Income	601,210.94
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## Expenses

Ministers' Assistance Fund	4,393.94
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Church Assistance Fund	250.00
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Special Projects Fund	307,928.92
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An. Conference Entertainment	7,000.00
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An. Conference Expense (Arrangements Com)	4,056.14
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Beneficiary Fund	500.00
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Conference Pastor	40,357.36
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Historical Committee		1,000.00
Ministers' Retirement Fund		60,000.00
Board of Communications		5,000.00
Ministerial Convention Exp.		1,000.00
One Voice		3,000.00
Expenses of Committees		
Com. to Exam Church Min.	105.95	
Credentials Committee	941.54	
Ministerial Candidate Com.	1,855.12	
Ministerial Relations Com.	252.31	
Nominating Committee	(22.85)	
Statistical Committee	192.45	
Study Com. Divorce Elder	271.52	
Board of Church Health	753.82	
Study Com.: Millennium	424.74	
Conference Agenda & Program	223.40	
Study Com.: Multiple Staff	115.27	
Study Com.: Role of Women	509.14	
Study Com.: Salvation	152.82	
Strategic Planning Com.	<u>598.27</u>	
Total Committee Expense		6,373.50
Chaplaincy Expense		1,013.76
Board of Directors' Expenses		1,384.17
Holmes Settlement Costs		180,275.41
Interest on Quakertown N. B.		<u>3,621.92</u>
Total Expenses		627,155.12
Gain or (Loss)		(25,944.18)

**Real Estate Fund Balance**  
December 31, 2006

## Assets

## Current Assets

Cash	192,190.46	
Accounts Receivable		
Notes		
Bayshore, NJ	39,935.48	
Brooklyn, NY	55,845.00	
Cape May Co., NJ	10,145.90	
Longneck, DE	175,000.00	
Newark, NJ	11,792.76	
Toms River, NJ	48,476.37	
Thompson, CN	48,619.74	
Mortgage		
Beraca Church	<u>62,814.81</u>	
Total Current Assets		644,820.52

Fixed Assets - Real Estate		
Brooklyn, NY	207,750.00	
Cape May Co., NJ	44,919.99	
Howell, NJ	146,146.00	
Toms River, NJ - Parsonage	126,985.70	
Ocean Co., NJ - Church	175,000.00	
C.E. Parsonage	178,193.04	
Thompson, CN	132,427.00	
Total Fixed Assets		<u>1,011,421.73</u>
Total Assets		<u>1,656,242.25</u>
Liabilities		
Mortgages		
Brooklyn, NY	140,000.00	
Thompson, CN	66,183.30	
Howell, NJ	44,186.70	
Toms River, NJ - Parsonage	48,476.37	
Toms River, NJ - Church	103,423.00	
Total Liabilities		402,269.37
Trust Funds		
Brooklyn, NY	67,750.00	
Cape May Co., NJ	44,919.99	
Howell, NJ	101,959.30	
Toms River, NJ	150,086.33	
Thompson, CN	66,243.70	
Total Funds Held in Trust		430,959.32
Net Worth		823,013.56
Total Liabilities, Net Worth & Trust Funds		<u>1,656,242.25</u>

### Real Estate Fund Income Statement

December 31, 2006

Income		
Church Contributions	69.39	
Interest Received	10,733.32	
Closed Churches Balance	59,146.86	
Total Income		69,949.57
Expenses		
Property Investigations	13,481.17	
Grants to Missions	37,072.90	
Total Expenses		<u>50,554.07</u>
Gain or (Loss)		<u>19,395.50</u>

## 2006 Church Giving

Church	Budget Pledge	Given for Budget
Allentown, PA, CC	7,650	7,650
Allentown, PA, Lighthouse	0	0
Bethlehem, PA	2,215	2,500
Blandon, PA	2,060	2,160
Brooklyn, NY	0	0
Camden, DE	500	500
Clinton Corners, NY	200	200
Coopersburg, PA	6,350	6,350
Denville, NJ	175	0
Emmaus, PA	8,044	9,876
Ephrata, PA	6,285	6,475
Fellowship Community Ch	100	100
Finesville, NJ	1,000	1,000
Fleetwood, PA	600	500
Graterford, PA	2,400	1,200
Harleysville, PA	4,300	0
Harrisburg, PA	4,150	2,183
Hatfield, PA	4,500	4,500
Holmes, NY	250	500
Howell, NJ	400	400
Kutztown, PA	1,428	1,428
Langrangeville, NY	1,750	1,650
Lancaster, PA	6,000	6,000
Lebanon, PA	2,500	2,950
Lehighon, PA	740	750
Long Neck, DE	250	250
Maple Glen, PA	600	600
Mt. Carmel, PA	1,380	1,380
Mt. Pocono, PA	2,200	2,200
Nazareth, PA	2,900	2,900
Newark, DE	1,500	1,500
Newark, NJ	1,150	1,150
Old Bridge, NJ	0	0
Oley, PA	4,951	4,951
Paradise, PA	800	800
Phila. Wissinom'g, PA	660	660
Piscataway, NJ	1,200	1,200
Quakertown, PA	6,000	6,000
Reading, PA	3,300	3,125
Red Hill, PA	475	475
Royersford, PA	2,000	2,000
Shamokin, PA	0	0

Church	Budget Pledge	Given for Budget
Sinking Spring, PA	4,400	4,400
Spring City, PA	100	100
Stroudsburg, PA	2,000	2,000
Sunbury, PA	3,931	3,931
Terre Hill, PA	650	650
Thompson, CT	380	380
Toms River, NJ	250	250
Wallingford, PA	5,700	5,700
Walnutport, PA	216	216
Whitehall, PA	225	225
York, PA	2,000	2,000
Zionsville, PA	540	540
Bd. of Church Extension	250	250
BFC Homes, Inc.	1,500	1,375
Bd. Missions	2,300	2,300
Pinebrook Bible Conference	1,180	0
Brotherhood Mutual	9,000	10,584
Totals	127,585	122,964

### Pledges to the Administrative Budget

Church	2006 Pledge	2007 Pledge
Adams County	0	100
Allentown, PA, CC	7,650	7,900
Allentown, PA, Lighthouse	0	0
Bethlehem	2,215	2,500
Blandon, PA	2,160	2,160
Brooklyn, NY	0	0
Camden, DE	500	500
Clinton Corners, NY	200	200
Coopersburg, PA	6,350	6,500
Denville, NJ	175	
Emmaus, PA	8,044	10,097
Ephrata, PA	6,285	6,400
Fellowship Community	100	1,000
Finesville, NJ	1,000	1,100
Fleetwood, PA	500	500
Graterford, PA	2,400	
Harleysville, PA	4,300	4,300
Harrisburg, PA	4,158	4,300
Hatfield, PA	4,500	4,750
Holmes, NY	250	600

Church	2006 Pledge	2007 Budget
Howell, NJ	400	400
Kutztown, PA	1,428	1,428
Langrangeville, NY	1,700	1,800
Lancaster, PA	6,000	6,000
Lebanon, PA	2,900	
Leighton, PA	740	750
Long Neck, DE	250	300
Maple Glen, PA	600	600
Mt. Carmel, PA	1,380	1,440
Mt. Pocono, PA	2,200	2,300
Nazareth, PA	2,900	2,500
Newark, DE	1,500	1,500
Newark, NJ	1,150	1,000
Old Bridge, NJ	0	
Oley, PA	4,951	5,100
Paradise	800	800
Phila. Wissinom'g, PA	660	675
Piscataway, NJ	1,200	1,200
Quakertown, PA	6,000	6,300
Reading, PA	3,300	3,500
Red Hill, PA	475	500
Royersford, PA	2,000	2,100
Shamokin, PA		
Sinking Spring, PA	4,400	5,000
Spring City, PA	100	100
Stroudsburg, PA	2,000	2,000
Sunbury, PA	3,931	3,931
Terre Hill, PA	650	650
Thompson, CT	380	350
Toms River, NJ	250	500
Wallingford, PA	5,700	5,700
Walnutport, PA	216	230
Whitehall, PA	225	
York, PA	2,000	2,000
Zionsville, PA	540	540
BFC Homes, Inc.	1,500	1,375
Bd. Church Extension	250	300
Bd. of Missions	2,300	2,350
Pinebrook Bible Conference	1,180	1,200
Brotherhood Mutual	9,000	11,095
Totals	127,951	130,421
Proposed Budget		138,250
% of Budget Pledged		

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### Administrative Budgets

	Proposed 2007 Budget	Revised 2007 Budget	Proposed 2008 Budget
1. Beneficiary Fund	500	500	500
2. Ministers' Assistance Fund	100	100	100
3. Ministerial Convention	1,000	1,000	1,000
4. Ministers' Retirement Fund	63,000	63,000	66,000
5. Annual Conference			
a. Conference Entertainment	7,000	7,000	7,500
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	8,000	8,000	8,000
9. Expenses, Board of Directors	3,000	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	40,000	41,500	41,500
13. ONE Voice	3,000	3,000	2,750
Total Budget	136,750	138,250	141,500
% of previous budget	102.2	103.4	102.4

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## *Report of the Ministerial Relations Committee*

The Lord continues to graciously provide for and oversee His flocks in the Bible Fellowship Church. 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 in 2006. In addition to these meetings, 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 also send out general emails to Annual Conference keeping them informed of current Ministerial Relations Committee information.

The committee wishes to thank John C. Vandegriff, Jr. for his years of service on the Ministerial Relations Committee and has appointed Byron Widger to replace him until this year's conference.

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

<b>Church</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Nazareth, PA	Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.	June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006
Lebanon, PA	Timothy J. Bertolet	August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2006
Long Neck, DE	Kenneth F. Barber	December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2006
Whitehall, PA	Gene W. Smith	April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Blandon, PA	Carl J. Fisher, Jr.	April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2007

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

<b>Church</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Walnutport, PA	Clyde D. Bomgardner	July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2006
Paradise, PA	Shan Cleck	July 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2006
Lebanon, PA	David E. Brandt (Asst. Pastor)	August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2006
Fellowship Manor	Harvey J. Fritz	August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2006
Mt. Pocono, PA	Timothy J. Bertolet	August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2006

Ephrata, PA	Robert B. Kramer	August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2006
Shamokin, PA	Ferdie R. Madara	December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2006
Reading, PA	Steven J. DelDuco (Asst. Pastor)	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2007
Long Neck, DE	Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2007
Nazareth, PA	Carl J. Fisher, Jr.	May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2007
Holmes, NY	Steven J. DelDuco	August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2007

The following churches are presently in the process of seeking a pastor, either a senior pastor or an addition to the pastoral staff: Blandon, PA, Old Bridge, NJ, Whitehall, PA.

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 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:

1. **Resolved**, that the recommended minimum salary for a pastor serving in the BFC for the calendar year 2007 be \$31,000.00. In addition to his salary, the church must provide half of the pastor's Social Security tax, parsonage and/or housing allowance (which would include utilities, repair costs, etc.), 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 from the Pastoral Relations Committee can be found in the *Yearbook*. One can also contact the Reading BFC for added information.

2. **Resolved**, that the Annual Conference ratify the election of Ronald C. Mahurin as Conference Pastor for a term of three years.
3. **Resolved**, that the salary for the Conference Pastor be \$26,000.00 and in addition, we provide \$6,200.00 for health insurance and \$9,300.00 for auto and professional expenses.  
Total - \$41,500.00
4. **Resolved**, that the following legislation be adopted at Second Reading, and further  
**Resolved**, that the legislation in *bold italics* 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

*Paragraphs 409-1.1 - 409.1.13 refer to the calling of a Senior Pastor in a church with more than one pastor, or the only Pastor in a church with one pastor. In churches with more than one pastor, the elders may choose to adopt the procedure in paragraph 409-1.14*

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 has 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,





\$ \_\_\_\_\_, 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 409-1.16).

**409-1.14** *In churches with more than one pastor, the elders may choose to call a pastor other than the Senior Pastor as follows: The Board of Elders shall serve as the Pastoral Search Committee and shall issue a call in place of the congregation.*

*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 call in paragraph 409-1.11. The call shall be communicated to the congregation.*

**409-1.15** 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 and Second Reading)

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

*Paragraphs 409-2.1 - 409-2.3 refer to the resignation of a Senior Pastor in a church with more than one pastor, or the only pastor in a church with one pastor. For pastors called under the procedures 409-1.14, the resignation shall be according to the procedure of 409-2.4*

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 (formerly 409-3.3)

- (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

#### ***409-2.4 Resignation or Removal of Pastors called by Boards of Elders.***

***In the case of a pastor called under the procedure of 409-1.14, resignation or removal is as follows:***

***Resignation - The pastor submits his resignation to the Board of Elders. He shall submit a copy to the chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee. The Board of***

*Elders shall act on the resignation, including special provisions such as in 409-2.1*

*The Board of Elders shall inform the congregation of the effective date and terms of the resignation.*

*Removal - Boards of Elders shall adopt the procedure of 409-2.3 except that following the due process if (409-2.3 (1)(2.1-5) the Ministerial Relations Committee may approve the request of the Board of Elders to terminate the pastorate. The effective date and terms of the termination shall be communicated to the congregation. paragraph (409-2.3 (2.12) is in effect in this situation.*

First and Second Reading

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

- (1)
- (2)
- 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.

#### 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., Byron Widger.



## *Report of the Conference Pastor*

*"...and He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is perfected in weakness.'  
Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weakness,  
that the power of Christ may dwell in me." 2 Cor. 12:9*

One will never know the strength of the Lord until he first recognizes his own weakness. To experience any amount of success in the service of the Lord, to do any work well and triumphantly, we must sense our own weakness.

To go forth to battle in one's own might, to insist, "I can do this in and of myself," is to welcome defeat. God will not go forth with that person who marches in his own strength. He who counts on his training, skill, experience, or anything else, has yet to learn, "...it is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of hosts." They who enter a spiritual battle dressed in the armor of the flesh shall return with their armor stained with disgrace. Those who serve God must serve, "in the strength He supplies," or He will never accept their service. That which we do, unaided by divine strength, God can never own. God will have no strength used in His battles but the strength which He Himself imparts.

When we are most aware of our own weakness we are best prepared to receive the strength only God supplies. Are you painfully aware of your own weakness? Take courage, for "He will strengthen your heart." Your emptiness is but the preparation for His filling.

"Therefore I am well content with weakness... for when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Cor. 12:10

Throughout this conference year I have been wonderfully aware of the Lord's presence in my life and that of our fellowship of churches. Many times I have prayed, "Lord, who is sufficient for these things?" and have been encouraged and strengthened to hear, "My grace is sufficient for you..." and I have thanked God that it is, "Christ Jesus who strengthens me."

I continually praise and thank the Lord for our pastors who faithfully proclaim God's word through their preaching-teaching ministry and their exemplary lives. Along with the leadership of

elders and deacons, God is being glorified and new worshipers are being added to His church. By His sovereign will God called several choice servants of His to their eternal home this year. Among these are William H. Bartron, Willard R. Cassel, Mary Heffner, and Addy Mull. The memory of their exemplary lives and faithful service is a comfort, blessing, and challenge to we who remain.

The need for men to serve as pastors in the BFC is continually before us. Four of our churches remain without a pastor and our Church Extension Department waits for an additional two men to answer the call to areas anxious to plant a church. May we join together in, "...beseeching the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:38) I commend the Youth and Young Adult Committee who is offering a, "Here Am I, Send Me" retreat-seminar to men who show potential and interest in the ministry. I call upon all our pastors and elders to, "...look out among you..." for such men and offer your encouragement with respect to their involvement in ministry.

Because of the gracious love gift received during the 2006 Annual Conference, we were able to give a total of twenty-one hundred dollars (\$2100) from the Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund to fifteen pastors and their families. These expressions of love were gratefully received and a real encouragement to these choice servants of the Lord.

I do not cease to give thanks to God for the help and encouragement I receive from the Ministerial Relations Committee and the gracious way I am received by our pastors and congregations.

With the acceptance of this report, I complete six years of privilege, serving as your Conference Pastor. In answer to your faithful prayers God has protected me as I have driven over 61,000 miles in the fulfillment of the responsibilities of this office. Please accept my sincere heartfelt thanks for your prayerful and financial support.

Yes! "...I am well content with weakness... For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Cor. 12:10

"I am weak but thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long

As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.”

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

**Financial Report**  
**January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006**

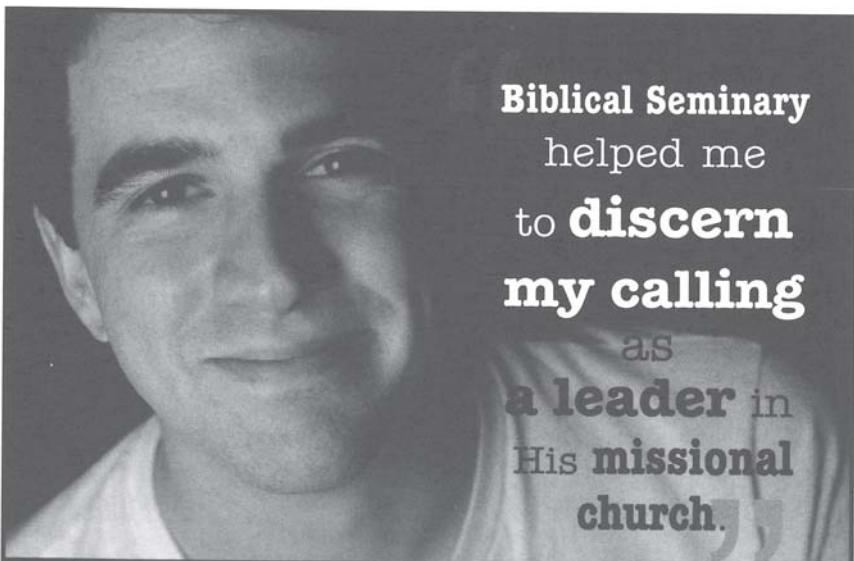
Balance, December 31, 2005		\$ (357.36)
Receipts		8,162.10
Expenditures		
Travel	4,941.20	
Meals		1,926.25
Lodging	461.41	
Phone	1,156.16	
Office supplies	<u>606.59</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>9,091.61</u>
Balance, December 31, 2006		<u>\$ (1,286.87)</u>

**Darlene J. Mahurin Memorial Fund**

Opening Balance	\$ 800.00
Deposits	1,600.00
Withdrawn	<u>2,100.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2006	<u>\$ 300.00</u>

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## *Report of the Board of Church Health*

The Board of Church Health met four times during the year to begin its steps of strengthening church health. Numerous pastors and churches were talked with and three churches were visited. Ronald C. Mahurin, Conference Pastor, met with the Board to discuss opportunities for ministry to our churches.

In October 2005, an Adjourned Session of Annual Conference presented materials from Rev. Carl Shank and Natural Church Development, including a survey that could ascertain the health of the local church. All Bible Fellowship Churches were urged to consider participating in that survey. We are pleased to note that 13 of our congregations have completed the survey and found it to be valuable on a local level. Carl Shank assisted us as a Board in compiling the surveys for a general overview of local church results. He found that the overall responses from the 13 churches showed our strengths to be "Need Oriented Evangelism" with secondary strengths being shown in the areas of Functional Structures, Inspiring Worship, and Holistic Small Groups. The average combined score in all areas was 46, below the median point of the healthy church range and just below the Northeast average of 48. We found it significant that the area of greatest need was "Loving Relationships" where our average score was 38. As further results come in from BF Churches in the coming year, we will continue to compile and compare the findings. We believe it would be valuable for each local church to consider ways they can develop and strengthen relationships within their congregations during the year ahead.

If your congregation has not yet participated in the survey from Natural Church Development, we urge you to consider doing so in 2007. We are so committed to this process that the Board of Church Health is willing to provide financial assistance to churches that would find the \$300 fee to be prohibitive. Please contact our secretary or chairman for more details. To schedule a survey, contact Rev. Carl Shank at 717-385-6468 or at [cshank@antrimbic.org](mailto:cshank@antrimbic.org).

We look forward to being a supportive ministry to you and your churches during the year ahead.

The Board of Church Health recommends the following:

**Whereas**, it is the goal of the Board of Church Health to support and assist Particular Churches in need, and

**Whereas**, it is imperative that benchmarks be established to allow the Board of Church Health to initiate discussions with local churches with the goal of assisting them in their ministries, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the following legislative addition to the Bylaws for Annual Conference be adopted at First Reading:

**504-1.1** All new Particular Churches will be on a two-year probation with open accountability to the Board of Church Health. In addition, any congregation that reports any one of the following criteria will allow the Board of Church Health to initiate discussion with that Particular Church.

- (1) Three consecutive years where attendance declined more than 5% per year.
- (2) Three consecutive years of declining offerings.
- (3) Board of Elders that has declined to fewer than two lay elders.

**Board of Church Health:** Carl K. Spackman, Chairman; Robert A. Sloan, Vice Chairman; Byron Widger, Secretary; Robert C. Kaatz, Richard T. Paashauss, Ronald W. Reed, Clyde W. Snyder, Robert H. Zentz.

Annual Conference  
Praise Band





## *Report of the Board of Church Extension*

The Board of Church Extension Ministries is the church-planting arm of the BFC, seeking to strategically assist the BFC to “become an expanding fellowship of churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ.” Largely, the extent to which we are committed to planting new churches in obedience to the Great Commission, will be the extent to which we are successful in accomplishing our mission. Planting churches is at the heart of the Great Commission – gathering new believers into communities of faith and obedience under the authority of Jesus Christ.

The Board met four times since last Annual Conference and various committees of the Board met additional times to accomplish necessary work.

The Board recognizes the immense value of each member of the team. David E. Gundrum, Executive Director, has provided faithful and diligent leadership for another year. This year the Board called Mark L. Morrison to serve as Assistant Director of Church Extension Ministries, full-time as of January 1, 2007. He has been working closely with several church-planting pastors in providing oversight, direction, and encouragement. We encourage churches to consider financial support for Mark as he has now begun to serve fulltime with the department. Lisa Christensen, Administrative Assistant, continues to serve with excellence in this area of ministry. William Singletary, long-time Board member and treasurer of Church Extension Ministries for many years, deserves a hearty “well done” as he devotes hours in his retirement to keeping the financial records of the department. Carol Snyder continues to assist in special assignments, publications, and communication. Raymond and Louise Bertolet and John and Judy Pello continue to assist in the Delmarva region.

The Board continues to appreciate and support the concept of “Aquila and Priscilla” teams in the ministry. The Workmans are serving in Long Neck, DE, the Engleharts are serving in La Roca mission church in Reading, PA, and Sandy Mitchell continues to be a part of the Hellertown, PA, mission church. The Pellos are experiencing some challenging health issues and during the past year Philip Mitchell was suddenly called home to be with the Lord. Pray

for these auxiliary team members who are so vital to the development of church plants. Visits to church plants for worship services can go a long way in encouraging church planters and their congregations. Also, numerous church plants would welcome assistance in the areas of music and youth ministry. Why not consider how you or a group from your church can personally be of assistance and encouragement to a particular Mission Church?

The Personnel Committee is very active in meeting with and providing direction for each church planter. This year, Kenneth F. Barber resigned from the pastorate at Long Neck, DE, in order to move south with his new wife, Cathy. Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr. has been called as pastor at Long Neck, effective January 1, 2007. Raymond R. Bertolet has been recommended for ordination by the Ministerial Candidate Committee.

In conjunction with the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting, the Board approved the pursuit of a connection with La Roca church of Merida, Mexico, and will continue to work with the Committee toward this end. With the approval and support of the Board of Missions and the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting, the Board is recommending legislative changes to Annual Conference that will impact the carrying out of the mission of church-planting in the BFC. Also, the Board approved the establishment of a Mission Church in Mantua, NJ, to be known as New Beginnings, embracing this small core group of believers who desired to be a part of the BFC. The Board continues to wait on the Lord for His timing in launching a church plant in the Millsboro/Dagsboro, DE area.

The "Forward Plan for Planting New Bible Fellowship Churches in 2006-2011: Missions Here and Now," provides the blue print for growth along with strategic goals. The Board encourages each local church to review this plan and to consider ways to be increasingly involved in reaching these goals for God's glory. Toward that end, the Board is seeking to establish an Endowment Development Committee to formulate a strategic financial plan to support the five year plan. The Board is encouraged by the increased support and involvement of many churches and concerned individuals, but much more can be accomplished. Hundreds of individuals pray regularly for Church Extension Ministries, many using The Extension Call, the monthly prayer guide supplied. Please

help the Board by making these available and accessible to as many in your congregation as possible. Pray for the Lord to raise up church planters from among our churches. Pray for the church planters who continue to faithfully serve the Lord on the front lines. The Board is deeply grateful to these church planters and their families – for their sacrificial labor of love unto the Lord and His Church. The Board covets the continued prayer and support of so many churches and individuals. Together, let us “expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.”

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

Adams County, PA	David R. Way
Brooklyn, NY	Ralph E. Ritter
Cape May, NJ	Frank E. Lenahan
Chesapeake, VA	Willis I. Dowling
Hellertown, PA	Albert J. Dommel
Las Cruces, NM	Thomas H. Morrison
Long Neck, DE	Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr.
Mantua, NJ	To be called
Reading, PA (La Roca)	Carlos Rodriguez
South Allentown, PA (El Faro)	Elliot H. Ramos
Worcester County, MD	To be called

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted at first reading:

406-2 Mission Organizations: **(proposed changes are underlined and bold)**

406-2.1 Each Particular Church is encouraged to establish organizations that will promote and assist in carrying out its task of world evangelization. Organizations so established are encouraged to inform the Board of Missions **and Church Extension Ministries** of their officers in order that information can be circulated to and coordinated with similar organizations from other Particular Churches. Suggested bylaws for such organizations are available in the Appendix.

406-2.2 Regional Mission Organization Programs. The Board

of Missions **and Church Extension Ministries** may coordinate regional programs as deemed advisable.

Article 504 -Membership of Congregations in Annual Conference  
[proposed]

504-1. Particular Church.

Any congregation meeting the standards of Article 18 of the Articles of Faith and committed to the F&O, may be admitted to membership in Annual Conference and shall be known as a Particular Church. This admission must follow upon a positive assessment and recommendation by the Board of Church Extension. Assessment includes an evaluation of elders, committed participants and financial stability.

504-2. Mission Churches

504-2.1 Any congregation that is under the supervision of the Board of Church Extension of the BFC but has not yet met the standard for recognition as a Particular Church shall be called a mission church. The term mission church is used in a technical sense, but this does not preclude the use of the term church in any of the congregation's public relations activities.

504-2.2 The Board of Church Extension has the responsibility of assessing the preparedness of the mission church for admission to Annual Conference.

504-2.3 Upon recommendation by the Board of Church Extension, the mission church may be recognized as a church and admitted to Annual Conference by a majority vote of Annual Conference.

504-3. Other Congregations

504-3.1 Daughter churches of Bible Fellowship Churches

504-3.1.1 - A Bible Fellowship Church desiring to plant a daughter church shall contact the Board of Church Extension and seek its counsel and assistance in the

development and preparation of the daughter church for recognition at the Annual Conference.

504-3.1.2 - When the parent church determines that the daughter church is ready to pursue membership in the Annual Conference, the parent church shall request an assessment from the Board of Church Extension. The daughter church shall be assessed by the Board of Church Extension.

504-3.1.3 The daughter church shall be recommended for membership in the Annual Conference by the parenting church and the Board of Church Extension and admitted to Annual Conference upon majority vote of Annual Conference.

#### 504-3.2 Pre-existing Congregations

504-3.2.1 An independent congregation or an established congregation of another denomination desiring membership in Annual Conference shall contact the Board of Church Extension.

504-3.2.2 This church shall be evaluated by the Board of Church Extension on the basis of its agreement with the F&O, particularly as to its compliance with Article 18 of the Articles of Faith. This church shall meet the standards of Article 18 of the Articles of Faith and be committed to the F & O.

504-3.2.3 This church may be recommended for membership in Annual Conference by the Board of Church Extension upon satisfactory completion of an assessment.

504-3.2.4 A majority vote of Annual Conference shall be required for membership in Annual Conference.



## 512-4 Board of Church Extension. [proposal]

The Board of Church Extension governs Church Extension Ministries which consists of the Board of Church Extension, the Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries, church planters serving under the direction of the Board, all other employees of the Board, and mission churches under jurisdiction of the Board.

## 512-4.1 Purpose

Church Extension Ministries exists to plant churches in order to build the Body of Christ through extending the Bible Fellowship Church.

It does this by evangelizing in areas, communities, and neighborhoods as well as among people, where Bible Fellowship Churches do not exist, by forming and nurturing to maturity new congregations.

## 512-4.2 Composition and Election

(1) The Board of Church Extension will be composed of the Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries, five ministers and five elders. Classes shall be formed as follows:

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

(2) The Executive Director shall be called by the Board of Church Extension.

(3) Each class of the Board of Church Extension shall be elected in turn annually by ballot by the Board of Church Extension, subject to ratification by the Annual Conference.

(4) The term for each class shall be for three years.



### 512-4.3 Duties

- (1) It shall have authority to establish and oversee the development of mission churches.
- (2) It shall issue calls to church planters credentialed by the BFC.
- (3) It shall have authority to hire church planters not credentialed by the BFC. In such cases, a contract for ministry shall be established.
- (4) It shall function as a board of Elders in behalf of mission churches.
- (5) It shall receive applications for admission to Annual Conference from daughter churches or congregations outside the Bible Fellowship Church.
- (6) It shall require all mission churches to adhere to the *F&O*.
- (7) It shall receive and disburse monies designated for Church Extension Ministries.
- (8) It shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors of the BFC on the approval and consummation of legal transactions for the purchase of real estate and/or the erection of buildings for purposes of Church Extension Ministries.
- (9) It shall make recommendations to Annual Conference on the admission of mission churches and daughter churches to membership in Annual Conference.
- (10) It shall make a written report of its activities to Annual Conference.
- (11) It shall promote the program of Church Extension Ministries and develop a broadening financial base for its ministry.

### 512-4.4 Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries

The Executive Director of Church Extension Ministries shall be an ordained minister of the Bible Fellowship Church. He shall, by virtue of his office, be a member of the Board of Church Extension and shall be accountable to the Board of Church Extension for his ministry.

## 512-4.5 Rules Relative to the Recognition of Churches.

- (1) Any congregation that has a relationship with the Bible Fellowship Church but has not yet met the standards for recognition as a particular church shall be called a mission church. (See 504-2)
- (2) When, in the opinion of the Board of Church Extension, a mission church is prepared for recognition, the Board shall recommend to Annual Conference that this mission church be recognized as a Particular Church and that it be admitted to the membership of Annual Conference. This recognition will be by a majority vote of Annual Conference.
- (3) Churches which have been recognized by the Annual Conference are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Board of Church Extension and are no longer eligible for financial aid from the Board. Churches recognized by the Annual Conference shall not again come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Church Extension but may seek counsel from the Ministerial Relations Committee and assistance from the Board of Church Health.

702-1.1 Name- The name of this organization shall be the (Name of Organization) of (Name of Church) (City. State) . **(proposed changes are underlined and bold)**

702-1.2 Purpose -The purpose of this Mission Organization shall be to

- (1) Give diligence to intercessory prayer in behalf of missionaries **under the care of the Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension.**
- (2) Encourage sacrificial giving in behalf of missions
- (3) Support missionary projects, both domestic and foreign
- (4) Correspond with missionaries under the care of the Board of Missions **and the Board of Church Extension.**
- (5) Assist BFC missionaries and missionary appointees under the care of the Board of Missions and **the Board of Church Extension.**
- (6) Promote spiritual growth among the members of the

- organization
- (7) Seek to provide spiritual growth to missionaries in remote areas of the world (e.g. tapes of good messages and music, Christian magazines, etc. )
  - (8) Provide prayer letter reproduction, address maintenance, and mailing services to missionaries under the care of the Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension where possible
  - (9) (Other purposes can be added or deleted to fit the organization's purposes.)

702-1.3 Membership -Membership shall be open to Christians of like faith who are interested in missionary work and desire to share in this fellowship.

**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, David E. Gundrum, Executive Director; Mark L. Morrison, Assistant Director.

### Financial Report

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

Balance, December 31, 2005		\$ 63,011.21
<b>Income</b>		
Undesignated		
From BFC Churches	136,564.33	
From Other Sources	39,746.26	
Designated		
From BFC Churches	279,440.32	
From Other Sources	135,536.00	
Other		
Reimbursements	1,225.78	
Designated In/Out	163,802.98	
Interest	178.49	
Fund Interest Income	1,500.00	
Emergency Fund Loan	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Income		767,994.16

<b>Expenses</b>		
Appropriations	428,498.16	
Executive Director		
Salary/Retirement	49,910.00	
Medical Insurance	18,128.96	
Related Expenses		
Housing & Travel	35,814.42	
Education/Conferences	1,540.67	
Administrative Contingency	150.00	
Support Staff/Office Operation		
Salary/Benefits	16,889.16	
Office Expenses	28,818.91	
Rent	1,651.25	
Other		
Internship	0.00	
Board Expenses	2,900.39	
Conference Expenses	575.00	
Insurance, Taxes, Pensions	7,155.75	
Designated In/Out	<u>181,254.98</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 773,287.65</u>
Total, Balance, December 31, 2006		<u>\$ 57,717.72</u>
Depository		
Savings Account	48,105.01	
Department Checking Acct.	9,612.71	

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

All monies deposited in Sovereign Bank



*Newly Ordained Pastors*

Board of Church Extension Funds Deposited in the Mennonite Foundation			
ERF			
Date	Beginning Bal.	Year to Date	Ending Bal. for Year
01/01/06	\$31,958.74		
		Int. & Div. Income =	\$ 1,594.74
		Cash Added =	38,104.75
		Expenses =	(168.91)
		Chg. in Mkt. Val =	3,521.80
12/31/06			\$ 75,011.12
CRF			
Date	Beginning Bal.	Year to Date	Ending Bal. for Year
01/01/06	\$26,502.36		
		Int. & Div. Income =	\$ 1,322.49
		Cash Added =	31,599.05
		Expenses =	(140.07)
		Chg. in Mkt. Val =	2,920.51
12/31/06			\$ 62,204.34
ZLF			
Date	Beginning Bal.	Year to Date	Ending Bal. for Year
01/01/06	\$12,439.25		
		Int. & Div. Income =	\$ 580.39
		Cash Added =	14,785.66
		Expenses =	(65.54)
		Chg. in Mkt. Val =	1,366.55
12/31/06			\$ 29,106.31
MRF			
Date	Beginning Bal.	Year to Date	Ending Bal. for Year
01/01/06	\$76,604.08		
		Int. & Div. Income =	\$ 3,161.60
		Cash Added =	63,200.00
		Expenses =	(11,949.79)
		Chg. in Mkt. Val =	3,418.19
12/31/06			\$ 134,434.08
01/01/06	Value of Mennonite Funds		\$ 147,504.43
12/31/06	Value of Mennonite Funds		300,755.85
	1 year Gain in Fund		153,251.42
	Per cent Gain in Fund		103.896%

Note - The expenses include fees, withdrawals and change in market values  
from 1/1/06 to 12/31/06

## 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.

## 2007 Proposed Budget

### Income

Undesignated		
From BFC Churches	\$ 150,624	
From Other Sources	39,000	
Designated		
From BFC Churches	278,539	
From Other Sources	145,000	
Other		
Interest	175	
Fund Interest Income	2,000	
Total Income		\$ 615,338

### Expenses

Appropriations	451,863	
Executive Director		
Salary/Retirement	52,800	
Medical Insurance	17,000	
Related Expenses		
Housing & Travel	34,000	
Education/Conferences	1,300	
Support Staff/Office Operation		
Salary/Benefits	16,400	
Office Expenses	16,000	
Rent	1,200	
Other		
Internship	1,000	
Board Expenses	2,500	
Conference Expenses	575	
Insurance, Taxes, Pensions	5,200	
Miscellaneous Contingency	500	
Emergency Reserve Fund	15,000	
Total Expenses		\$ 615,338



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

*“...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said  
...It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35*

In Christ's quote, the Apostle Paul sets forth the essence of Christian character- *sacrifice!* The Church is to be *other oriented* and willing to give up itself and its possessions for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom. The same sentiment is revealed in two other sections of Paul's writings. In his letter to the Church in Corinth, he tells the Corinthians (1 Cor. 13) that love is centered in how willing we are to give ourselves up for one another. In Romans, the same other-oriented sentiments are expressed when Paul enters into his *one-anothering* section (Rom. 12). The ultimate example of sacrifice is our Lord's willingness to give up glory for the cross (Phil. 2). In summary, we are not to be holding on, but rather giving up what the Lord has given in order for the Kingdom to grow and people's lives to be blessed.

How does this principle apply to the BFC and specifically to Church Extension and its mission to reach people with the Gospel and plant new Bible Fellowship Churches? The BFC has a vision,

*“To be an **expanding** fellowship of churches  
united to make disciples of Jesus Christ.”*

One or several growing churches do not grow a denomination. This is evident by our own history. Looking at the Particular Churches in the BFC (not the Mission Churches in Church Extension), the BFC declined in 2006 from 7,486 members in 2005 to 7,448 in 2006 (*2005 and 2006 Yearbooks*). There was a loss of 38 members even though six churches grew by more than ten members each. In morning worship services, nine churches grew in attendance by at least ten people while most of the remaining churches lost people and some remained the same. My point is that just because we see a handful of churches growing, we cannot expect *to be an expanding fellowship of churches*. Growth among some churches does not grow a denomination. It helps but if a denomination is to grow, its churches must have an outward and sacrificial vision. To be an expanding fellowship we must *sacrifice our people and resources and plant new BF churches*.

Church planting is dependent upon sacrificial church planters and sacrificial churches. When a man follows the call to plant a church, he takes a huge step of faith and makes tremendous sacrifices. No one knows for sure whether or not a new church plant will survive; therefore, the church planter is truly on a faith mission. Our men live on minimal salaries and have little resources or start-up materials available to them. They and their families work hard at making contacts, winning souls, gathering people and maintaining support. This weighs constantly on their minds and energies. The ministry, material and financial support we receive from the BFC is very much appreciated, but is not nearly what is needed to plant new churches and be an expanding fellowship. Churches will need to give up people, resources and finances for the church-planting mission of Church Extension Ministries. The idea is not only giving up for Church Extension, the church-planting Mission charged with planting churches, but most of all giving up for the Lord and His Kingdom. Particular Churches ought to plant daughter churches, BFC Regions ought to come together and plant regional daughter churches because this is God's means for building His Kingdom and what He is doing throughout the world. All over the world great church planting movements are focusing on this strategy of churches planting churches, yet few denominations in America, including the BFC, are following what the Holy Spirit is doing through church-planting movements that are giving up their people and resources to go and plant new churches.

It is not wrong for churches to plan building projects, increase their programs, or add staff, but when these things take precedence over the opportunities to sacrifice and build the Kingdom through evangelistic church planting, a denomination stagnates and declines and the Kingdom suffers.

At last year's Conference I presented the Board of Church Extension's new Forward Plan, *Missions Here and Now*. The Plan calls for thirteen new Bible Fellowship Churches to be planted in the next five to ten years. This is not a grandiose goal compared to a number of other denominations who plan on planting this many churches every six months, but is a great step of faith for the BFC, yet a step that needs to be accomplished if we are going to expand and grow.

*Missions Here and Now* has a goal of planting five new churches in the DELMARVA Project. This project has bogged down because of the need to assist New Life BFC, DE, get back on its feet and the lack of men responding to calls for church planters to go to the region. Our Plan also calls for planting four ethnic churches among Hispanic people in America. We are pursuing ways to accomplish this through help from sources who minister among Hispanics and our Hispanic Church Planters, Brothers Ramos and Rodriguez. Four daughter churches are to be planted by Particular BFC Churches and two BFC Regions. One pastor and his church, Pastor Dennis Spinney – Thompson, CT BFC, are planning a daughter church plant in Danielson, CT. No regions have yet responded to plant a regional daughter church.

Our Five-Year Plan for planting a church estimates it costs \$280,000 to plant a church in five-years. The math is clear, thirteen new churches multiplied by \$280,000 equals \$3,640,000. The BFC now gives an average of \$360,000 a year to Church Extension and outside sources total about \$200,000. Most of this giving is designated for our present church planters and other portions are needed for administrative costs, staff salaries, equipment and special projects. What we have for starting new churches may be enough to plant one church for five-years. Where will \$3,000,000 come from to reach our goals?

Maybe even more important to reaching our goals is having qualified church planters answer God's calling to reach people with the Gospel and plant churches. Church planting is not a track of ministry most Bible Colleges and Seminaries offer. Yet, it is the Biblical model for missions and those whom we call missionaries from the pages of Scripture were church planters, i.e. Paul, Barnabas, John Mark, Epaphroditus, Silas, Timothy, Aquila and Priscilla, and more. The recruiting of gifted church planters will be a struggle and without the resources for these gifted men, it makes recruiting even more difficult.

I believe we have developed a good plan and strategy for planting new churches, a good process for assessing men to plant, a good team structure, good accountability and training for our men, and good communication and relationships with the churches of the BFC. I remain committed to church planting and the conviction that the planting of new BF Churches is the salvation for a stagnant



denomination. My prayers and my work will continue with the casting of this vision, challenging the BFC to plant churches, raising the resources and financial support necessary to reach our goals, and going after men gifted to reach people with the Gospel and plant churches. I am praying I will be able to count on the churches of our denomination to support this vital Mission called Church Extension Ministries and increase their involvement in church planting through the means of churches and regions planting churches and sacrificially increasing their giving to this lifeblood of the BFC.

I close with a paraphrased quote from my 2005 Report:

*“... There exists the potential to do great things for God by means of church planting and establishing new Bible Fellowship Churches. May we look beyond and see the ripe harvest - stepping out into our Jerusalems, Judeas, and Samarias, and the uttermost parts of the world and planting churches. This remains our challenge. The Bible Fellowship Church must become a fervent evangelistic church planting force. May God give us His vision of what He can accomplish through a church planting movement within the Bible Fellowship Church.”*

There is an Addendum to this report titled, *Church Extension Activity Chart*. You will see the course charted for church planting in the years ahead.

### REVIEW OF 2006 IN CHURCH EXTENSION

- We recorded *thirty-one people making professions of faith* this year and *sixteen baptisms*.
- *Giving* from churches increased in 2006 by approximately six percent.
- Two *Training Days* were held for our men including guest presenters and case studies from former BFC church planters.
- Mark Morrison and Frank Lenahan attended *CMTC Church Planter's Boot Camp Training* in Lancaster and were sponsored by Church Extension.
- I met with two churches seeking *Connection with the BFC*.
- Hundreds of *new contacts were made*, door-to-door surveys took

place in target sites, networking in community events, nine VBS programs were organized, and several thousand Gospel tracts were distributed.

- **Fellowship Community BFC** graduated and is now a Particular Church in the denomination.
- The **DELMARVA Team** was active in the Millsboro, Dagsboro and Georgetown areas. Our Aquila & Priscilla Team, Harry & Sandra Workman, started a Bible study in their development and the Team assisted at New Life BFC.
- Pastor Ken Barber retired from the pastorate of New Life BFC. This young church went through some trials this year. It **called Jonathon Arnold** to be its new pastor in December. The church is seeking to graduate from Church Extension in 2008.
- The **Hellertown Mission** grew from twelve to thirty-five this year and a couple from the Nazareth BFC was commissioned to come and help.
- Pastor **Mark Morrison** served part-time as Assistant Director. In December, the Board of Church Extension called him to full-time ministry. He is assisting at Cape May, NJ, Adams County, PA, Hellertown, PA, and South Allentown, PA.
- **Nine ministry and work teams** were sent out to assist our plants in DELMARVA, Cape May, NJ, Brooklyn, NY, South Allentown, Hellertown and Reading, PA, and Las Cruces, NM.
- The **Cape May County Mission** held numerous outreach events, but has not seen significant growth, along with struggles it faced over the past year. The Mission is praying for a growth year in 2007.
- David & Barb Way set up housekeeping in **Adams County, PA**, and are consistently networking with the community and seeking to gather new people and acquire a full-time meeting place. A team from Bethlehem BFC came to assist with outreach.
- **Administrative Assistant, Lisa Christensen**, has been a tremendous help with all the administrative duties of the Mission. This year, the office moved to Fellowship Community and, in doing so, gained a very active volunteer force.
- We praise God for the blessing of **a monetary gift from the estate** of a dear sister in the Lord and supporter of the Mission. This

- gift enabled us to buy some needed office equipment and computers for the staff.
- Willis Dowling continues his bi-vocational church planting ministry and remains actively seeking to develop a church in *Chesapeake, VA*. AWANA club continues, along with several home Bible studies. God has raised up a potential elder.
  - *New Beginnings BFC in Mantua, NJ*, petitioned the Board of Church Extension to be approved as a Mission Church in the BFC. The Board approved this connection and meetings are being held to assimilate this church into the BFC.
  - *Pastor Dennis Spinney of the Thompson, CT BFC* communicated his desire to plant a daughter church in Danielson, CT.
  - Our Church Planters and their Organizing Elders implemented *the Five-Year Church Planting Plan*, comprised of the DCPI Church Planting Handbook and the BFC Church Planting Guide.
  - The *Forward Plan: Missions Here and Now* was presented to several regions during the year.
  - A number of meetings were held with *prospective church planters*.
  - *Thirty-two Churches were visited* this year by Church Extension staff where we presented our Mission and ministry.
  - We had two fund raising projects, *SummerTen and Christmas Gift Month*. They were well organized and the responses were good but fell short of our goals.
  - *The Las Cruces Mission Church* continued to grow in size and finances. Plans were made for graduating the Mission in 2008. Planning began on planting a second church in southern New Mexico.
  - *Our Hispanic Church Plants in Reading (La Roca) and Allentown (El Faro)* under the leadership of Carlos Rodriguez (Reading) and Pastor Elliot Ramos (Allentown) continued their outreach to the Hispanic community. *La Roca* experienced significant growth in 2006 along with many challenges. *El Faro* grew this year and a new Organizing Elder Board began serving. It is faced with financial challenges. God has raised up several men for leadership.
  - I chair the *Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting*. This



year the Committee focused its efforts on Hispanic church planting. We visited a church in Merida, Mexico, interested in becoming a Bible Fellowship Church.

- **Jason and Joanne Englehart**, a new Aquila & Priscilla team from Blandon BFC, were commissioned by the church to serve alongside Carlos Rodriguez at *La Roca* Mission Church.
- **John Pello (Outreach Assistant)** was diagnosed with liver cancer and is undergoing treatments. His wife Judy is battling scleroderma.
- I once again served this past year on the **Ministerial Candidate Committee** and have enjoyed working with new pastors coming into the BFC.

God continues to give me the privilege of serving Him and the BFC. I count this a true blessing. With all the challenges that accompany the call to ministry, they pale in comparison to the honor of serving the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Pray for the Board of Church Extension and me in 2007. Pray for God to give me wisdom to direct this Mission. Times are dark and doing missions is increasingly difficult. Pray that Mark Morrison and I will be able to assist our men in developing their church plants. Pray for our Team: Lisa Christensen - Administrative Assistant, Carol Snyder - Special Projects Coordinator, John Pello - Outreach Assistant, Ray Bertolet - Assistant Church Planter and our growing list of volunteers. Please pray regularly for our church planters and their families who serve in Church Extension Ministries. They are the spearhead of this Mission and sacrificially serve you as your missionaries to America.

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

***Resources for Churches & Regions Seeking to Plant  
and Prospective Church Planters***

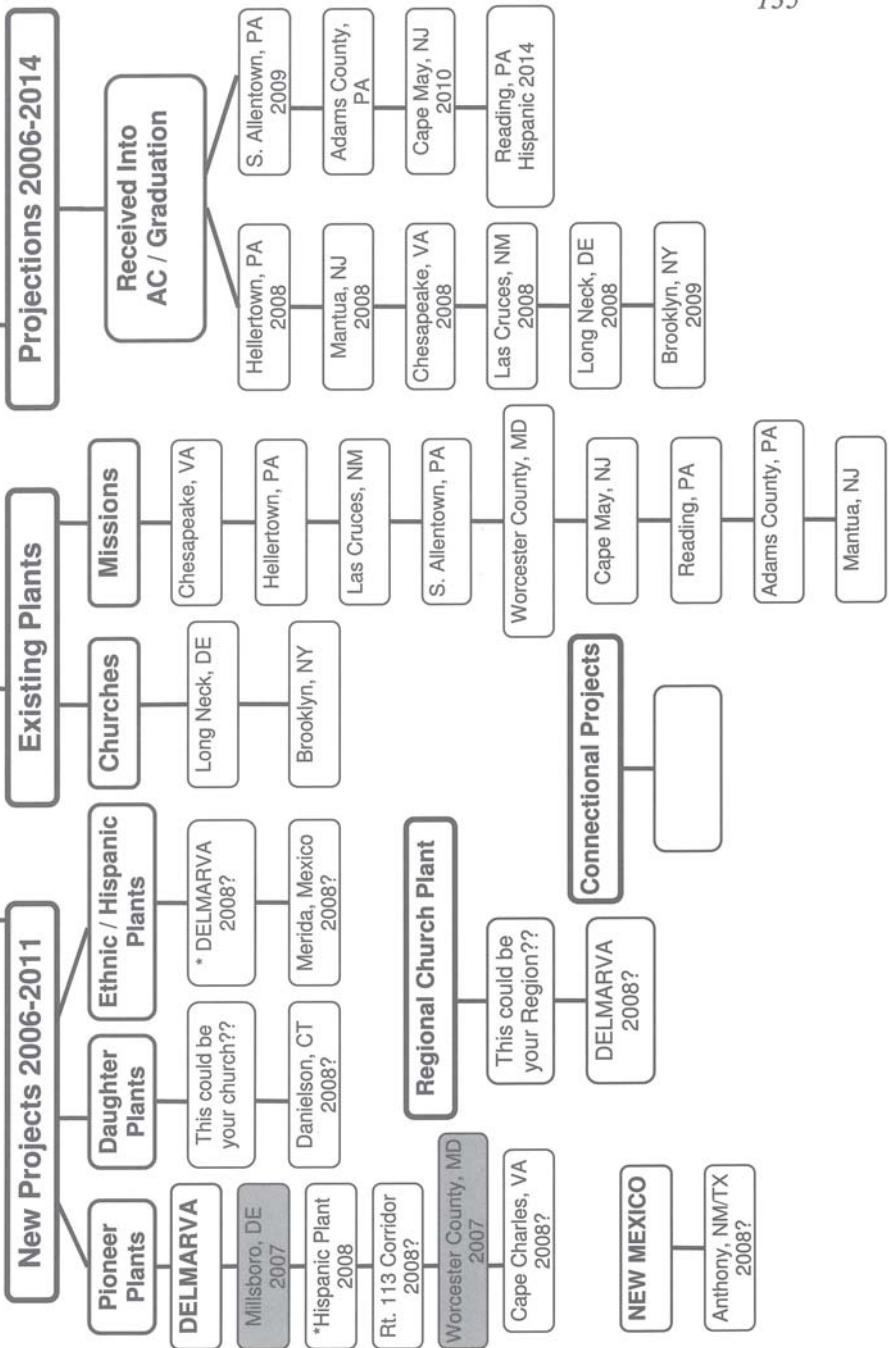
**Churches/Regions**

- ***Churches Planting Churches*** – A guide designed to walk your church through the process of planting a daughter church.
- ***The Dynamic Daughter Church Planting Handbook (DCPI)*** - The Biblical basis for planting a daughter church. Answers to common questions: (e.g. can we afford to plant a daughter church? What size do we need to be to daughter? What is in it for us as a mother church? Won't a daughter church destroy the fellowship in the mother church?) The six-step process for planting a daughter congregation.

**Prospective Planters**

- ***DCPI – Pre-Assessment and the BFC Comprehensive Assessment*** – The DCPI booklet is an inductive and introductory assessment for those looking into church planting. The BFC Assessment is a complete assessment process to determine whether a man has the gifts, abilities and competencies to plant churches.
- ***BFC Church Planting Guide & DCPI Handbook*** – The BFC plan and approach to church planting. A complete systematic process for the Planter and his Team to move from the initial *Identification Stage* to the *Graduation Stage*.
- ***Church Planter's Toolkit*** - The Church Planter's Toolkit includes 12 audio CDs as well as detailed checklists and action planning worksheets to form a comprehensive package for church planters and their TEAM.

**Addendum** – Church Extension Activity Chart (see next page)



## *Report of the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting*

The Joint Committee met numerous 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, led by Pastor Elliot Ramos, experienced growth in 2006 and is now looking to train several men to be elders.

The Reading, PA, Hispanic Church Plant continues to make progress under Carlos Rodriguez's direction. An ESL program is well attended and it reaches new people. Carlos is seeking to evangelize the ESL people and assimilate them into La Roca. Growth at La Roca has been constant. Attendance varies but averages around sixty with the number of contacts that Carlos maintains over one-hundred. The Berks Regional Resource Team continues to function well. Pray the right timing for La Roca to have its own building. Recently the first baptisms were held and people continue to be saved.

The Joint Committee is considering its next Hispanic Church Planting site. The Delmarva area is one site under consideration. This past year, five members of the Committee: David Gundrum, Elliot Ramos, Al Roberts, David Schlonecker, and Dana Weller traveled to Merida, Mexico and visited the Merida La Roca Church. The Committee representatives met with the La Roca Elders and the church members to discuss the possibility of having the church become a Bible Fellowship Church. At this time, the Elders and Church have declared their agreement with the Faith & Order. Pastor Marcos Ramirez, Senior Pastor of La Roca, is presently seeking credentials with the BFC. If all goes well, the Merida church could be received into next year's Annual Conference. This would be the first church outside of the United States received into Conference. Pray for the Lord's leading.

The Committee met with CAM International Mission and several of its representatives. CAM is seeking ways to assist denominations ministering among Hispanics and planting Hispanic churches in America. CAM has several seminaries in Central America and could provide men to assist our Hispanic church planting enterprise. A Partnership Agreement has been drafted and

is now being considered for approval. If approved, CAM could provide interns from its seminaries to assist our church planters and church planting missionaries to plant Hispanic BFC churches.

The Committee formed a translation team directed by David Schlonecker. This translation team is preparing a Spanish version of the BPLs. Pastor Marcos Ramirez, from the Merida Church, worked hard in producing a draft of all the BPLs in Spanish and the team is editing his translation.

Finally, we would like to encourage our Churches to reach out to ethnic people groups in their ministry areas. Perhaps your church will be used of God to reach a neglected people group and establish a church among the many people coming to our shores from all over the world.

*We encourage Annual Conference to continue its support for ethnic church planting. If your church has not budgeted an amount for ethnic church planting, please do so. The opportunities are many and we need your support. Send your contributions to the Board of Missions, designated for Ethnic Church Planting.*

**Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting:** David E. Gundrum, Chairman; Donald S. Faust, Secretary; Elliot H. Ramos, Alfred G. Roberts, Carlos G. Rodriguez, David K. Schlonecker and Dana E. Weller.



## *Report of the Board of Missions*

*“There is no one like Thee among the gods,  
O Lord; nor are there any works like Thine.  
All nations whom Thou hast made  
shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord;  
and they shall glorify Thy name.  
For Thou art great and doest wondrous deeds;  
Thou alone art God.”  
Psalm 86:8-10 (NASB)*

What a great day it will be when we find ourselves a part of that great throng of “all the nations” who worship before the throne of God and glorify His name! The Lord has been pleased to continue to use the BFC in reaching “all the nations” with the Good News of the incarnation, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to provide salvation from sin. Because of BFC efforts around the world, that great throng of worshipers will include Mexican, French, Austrian, Kenyan, Greek, Costa Rican, Moroccan, Mongolian, Kyrgystani, Bolivian, Ukranian, Spanish and yes, American people. These are just a few of the 32 countries where BFC missionaries are currently in ministry. These missionaries would be the first to tell you that the glory for any fruit of their ministry goes to God, for He is great and does wondrous things, and He alone is God!

It is a great privilege and joy to serve the BFC and its missionaries through the work of the Board of Missions. The Board of Missions Policy Handbook states: “The purpose of the Bible Fellowship Church Board of Missions is to assist local Bible Fellowship Churches to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ. This is accomplished by directing and promoting the missions program as well as selecting, overseeing and caring for the missionaries of the Bible Fellowship Church (in) cooperation with the local church and sending agency.”

One of the very key phrases in this purpose statement is “local Bible Fellowship Church” also described as “the local church.”. The Board of Missions is not some independent agency that sets an agenda and dictates the direction of the missions program of the



BFC denomination. Rather, it exists to “assist” and work “in cooperation with” individual churches. To that end, the Board of Missions serves the local church by responding to and supporting church-led initiatives in missions; by approving missionary candidates, thus giving them access to many individual churches without having to go through repeated approval processes; and by setting standards of education and preparation that help to ensure readiness for missionary service.

The Board of Missions gets really excited when a Pastor or church representative says, “Will you help us? We would like to be involved in missions by \_\_\_\_\_” (fill in the blank with an area that your church is interested in.) Or, “Our church is small but wants to be involved in reaching all the nations. What can we do?” The Board of Missions provides a wealth of resources to assist BF Churches in their missions endeavors:

### 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. Buttress Fund distributions assist our missionary family in time of financial needs. This year’s distribution from this fund was in excess of \$68,000!

### 2. Seminars

The BOM offers to the BF 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 dynamics 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 onto 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 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 Bible Fellowship 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 Cedar Crest 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 seven weeks of family camp.

Each week the campers will have opportunity to interact at a very personal level with a missionary from the BFC. 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.

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

## Missionary Units as of December 31, 2006

### General Statistical Report on December 31, 2006

1. Number of Sending Boards under which our missionaries are working ..... 39
2. Number of countries in which our missionaries are working ..... 32
3. Number of Missionaries:

	Family Units	Couples	Singles	Total Adults
Active Missionaries	85	64	19	147
Leave of Absence	1	0	1	1
Appointees	3	3	0	14
Active Applicants	3	0	3	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>165</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	4	8	Canada, Mexico (excluding U.S.)
Central America	3	5	Costa Rica, Guadeloupe
Caribbean	1	2	Bonaire
South America	2	4	Bolivia, Brazil
Europe	19	32	Austria, France, Germany, UK, Greece, Hungary, Spain, Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia, Czech Republic, Spanish Canary Islands
Africa	6	10	Kenya, Tanzania, Morocco
Asia	8	15	Kyrgyzstan, China, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, India, Thailand, Ukraine
Southeast Asia & Pacific	5	7	Philippines, Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia



**Our Missionary Family**

Sam & Melissa Adams	Czech Republic – WOL camp 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
Glen & Leah Ruth Blausser	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 - appointees, to be determined
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 & Cindy Dunn	Pennsylvania - 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 Eljas	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, 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 troubled teens
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 - director of finance and administration Push the Rock
Marc & Elizabeth Hoyle	France - architectural design ministries
Chris & Alma Hunsicker	Morocco - house parents at Children's Haven
Walter & Susan Johnston	Philippines - video training ministries, evangelism, discipleship
Cheryl Kline	Indonesia - training interns
Paul & Kathryn Kline	Greece - church planting and evangelism
Brian & Carol Ann Lawrence	Canada - church planting and evangelism among the Kurds
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 - missionary partnership coordinator
Barry & Lesa Miller	Morocco - house parents at Children's Haven and Christian school
Craig & Karena Miller	Canary Islands - church planting, and discipleship
Dennis & Nancy Mitchell	Pennsylvania - collegiate outreach
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, discipleship - 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
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	Thailand - outreach to unreached peoples
Mark & Jocelyn Scott	New Jersey, USA - campus ministries
Nathan & Cindy Sefiane	Morocco - maintenance, teaching and houseparents 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
Patti Sherman	Florida - office administration
Gary & Karen Shogren	Costa Rica - seminary president & Bible college professor
Efthemes & Irene Sioukiourglou	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 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 - financial administration, local church ministry representative
Rick & Donna Warner	Mongolia - agricultural ministries, evangelism and discipleship
Colby & Theresa Weinhofer	Appointees – not yet assigned
Dana & Lanette Weller	Pennsylvania, USA - director, BFC Board of Missions
Scott & Joanna Widman	Northern Ireland - camping ministries
Oliver & Linda Williams	Pennsylvania, USA – home office finance department
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 2 candidates: Denny & Nancy Mitchell, and commissioned 3 missionaries: Larry & Michelle Davies & Melissa Hause.

### Individuals Ending Their Active Missionary Service

Jim & Trudi MacArthur  
Jennifer Palmer

### Annual Reports From Missionaries

Annual activity reports from missionaries will be sent out by the missionaries themselves. These reports for 2006 will be sent out in early 2007.

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

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2007 Conference-Wide Missionary Rally  
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Cedar Crest  
 BFC, Allentown, PA

**Statement of Financial Position**

As of December 31, 2006

Assets (Cash & Investments)	
Cash in Bank & On Hand	\$ 345,124.14
Accounts Receivable	2,700.27
Board of Pension Bonds	77,399.00
Loan Receivable - PBC	50,000.00
General Fund Investments	374,307.74
Supplemental Aid Investments	166,738.43
Housing Fund Investments	281,865.53
Buttress Fund Investments	312,496.28
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,610,631.39</u>
Liabilities (Support, SAF & Projects)	
Missionary Support / Projects	\$ 319,357.47
Ethnic Church Planting	5,680.26
Collegiate Outreach	5,590.07
Pastoral Scholarship	2,530.68
Awaiting Designation	16,689.47
Support Excess Reserve	32,264.60
Total Liabilities	\$ 328,112.55
Funds Held in Trust	
Prior Year's GF Balance	\$ 325,700.66
Prior Year's SA Balance	236,474.45
Prior Year's HF Balance	262,547.48
Buttress Fund - Temporarily Restricted	397,095.74
This Year's Excess (Deficit)	(5,107.25)
Increase (Decrease) in Market Value	
General & Housing Funds	11,807.76
Supplemental Aid Fund	-
Total Funds Held in Trust	<u>1,228,518.84</u>
Total Liabilities & Funds Held	<u>\$ 1,610,631.39</u>

## Statement of Revenues & Expenditures General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

### General Fund Income:

Undesignated Income - Churches	\$ 5,352.34
Undesignated Income - Other	300.00
Honorarium Income	1,030.00
Special Events Offerings	140.00
Prayer Calendar Income	5,237.50
Associate Director's Support	6,850.00
General Fund Investment Income	24,329.83
Board Ministry Income	89,733.46
Missions Week Contributions	600.00
Other Income	38.41
Subsidized Housing Income	<u>12,439.99</u>
Total Income	\$ 146,051.53

### General Fund Disbursements:

Supplemental Support - Dana	\$ 9,466.16
Regular Board Expenses	4,075.88
Board of Communications	327.00
Missionary Specials/Projects	-
Pensions	5,550.90
Hospitality	1,417.27
Seminar Expenses	-
Office Supplies & Equipment	6,581.34
Office Furniture, Etc.	-
Publicity, Postage	5,870.30
Prayer Calendar	2,905.00
Telephone	2,836.82
Books & Materials	68.00
Missionary In Residence	3,310.00
Hospitalization	4,336.89
Office Expense - (Rent)	17,998.00
Associate Director	59,400.96
Secretarial & Financial Services	11,815.00
Payroll Taxes	4,416.21
Office Cleaning	300.00
Administration Budget	2,300.00
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>438.93</u>
Total Regular Disbursements	143,414.66
General Fund Excess (Deficit)	<u>2,636.87</u>
Bequest Income applied to Operation Expenses	-
Net General Fund Excess (Deficit)	<u>\$ 2,636.87</u>



Temporarily Restricted Gifts and BequestsButtress Fund Income

Contributions	\$ 154,464.46	
Investment Income	16,603.99	
Total Buttress Fund		\$ 171,068.45
Disbursements		68,550.00
<u>Net Excess</u>		<u>\$ 102,2518.45</u>

### Statement of Revenues & Expenditures Various Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

## Housing Fund (HF):

HF Income & Interest Income	\$ 13,439.99	
Realized Gain on Investments	-	
Housing & Rentals	(1,000.00)	
HF transfer to General Fund	(12,439.99)	
HF Excess		\$ - . .

## Supplementary Aid (SA) Analysis:

SA Interest & Investment Income	\$ 18,750.64	
SA Board Ministries Income	11,138.48	
Gain (Loss) on Securities	-	
Total SAF Income	29,889.12	
SAF Payments	(37,633.24)	
SAF Cumulative Excess / (Deficit)		\$ ( 7,744.12)

## Cumulative Missionary Support &amp; Projects Analysis:

## Missionary Support &amp; Projects (Income):

(Includes Income &amp; Credit adjustments)

Missionary Support	\$ 1,474,785.84	
Missionary Projects	881,162.43	
Ethnic Church Planting	17,819.12	
Awaiting Designation	48,954.07	
Cumulative Total Income		\$ 2,422,721.46

## Missionary Support &amp; Projects (Disbursements):

(Includes Disbursements &amp; Debit adjustments)

Missionary Support	\$ 1,263,744.47	
Missionary Projects	764,725.58	
Ethnic Church Planting	12,138.86	
Awaiting Designation	- . .	
Cumulative Total Disbursements		2,040,608.94

## Missionary Support &amp; Projects

Cumulative Excess		<u>\$ 382,112.55</u>
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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Period January 1 to December 31, 2006

- Note 1 The Board of Missions has provided a Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2006, 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, 2006.
- 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, 2006.
- Note 4 The Board of Missions received a gift and bequest in the amount of \$294,577.29 during 2005 and \$154,464.46 during 2006. The investment income on this fund was \$16,603.99 during 2006. The amount disbursed during 2006 was \$68,550.00, leaving a fund balance on December 31, 2006 of \$397,095.74. This fund is 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 Fidelity Investments - General & Housing Funds

	12/31/2006	12/31/2006
	Market	Cost
	Value	Basis
Janus Mid Cap Value	\$ 29,825.88	\$ 29,438.20
Pimco High Yield Instl	41,491.97	40,616.35
T Rowe Price Equity Income	30,545.62	27,514.74
Vanguard Primecap	90,336.56	63,971.54
Vanguard Short Term Invmt	296,522.39	300,787.51
GNMC # 28984	136.31	132.15
FHLMC # 180822	19.76	19.08
FNMA # 1994-1	8,007.42	7,999.98
FHLMC # 1136	279.31	279.85
Western Asset Core Plus	124,541.31	125,250.37
Fidelity Cash Reserves	34,018.04	34,018.04
Cash	1,969.32	1,969.32
	<u>\$ 657,693.89</u>	<u>\$ 631,997.13</u>

## Note 6 Fidelity Investments - Supplemental Aid Fund

	12/31/2006	12/31/2006
	Market	Cost
	Value	Basis
Artisan International	\$ 12,930.06	\$ 8,337.12
Fidelity Advisor Natural Rescs	13,719.94	11,283.21
Janus Mid Cap Value	9,649.31	9,523.67
Templeton Developing Markets	2,660.92	2,428.57
Vanguard Growth & Income	20,425.61	20,796.87
Vangurd Primecap	20,539.51	14,545.08
United States Treasury Notes	59,334.58	55,878.28
Fidelity Cash Reserves	30,859.11	30,859.11
Cash	11.15	11.15
	<u>\$ 170,130.19</u>	<u>\$ 153,663.06</u>

## Note 7 Fidelity Investments - Buttress Fund

	12/31/2006	12/31/2006
	Market	Cost
	Value	Basis
Spartan Total Mkt Index Inv \$	61,812.20	\$ 60,633.69
Spartan Intl Index Investor	31,550.39	30,561.53
Vanguard Short Term Market	120,284.48	120,320.39
Fidelity Cash Reserves	93,889.84	93,889.84
Cash	46.99	46.99
	<u>\$ 307,583.90</u>	<u>\$ 305,452.44</u>

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

## *Affiliate Report*

### *Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.*

At Fellowship Community, Christ-centered caring is our focus. Our compassionate staff encourages spiritual growth while enhancing physical and emotional well-being during the later stages of life.

At the present time, we have 329 residents living on the campus. To assist the residents, we have 245 full-time and part-time employees and 35 contracted Sodexo Dining Service employees who strive to provide the highest level of quality care. We continue to be accredited by the Joint Commission for Health Care Organizations and maintain an excellent standing with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Pennsylvania Department of Health Division of Life Safety, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance.

We are presently completing construction of the Kauffman and Wentz Courts, which will provide an additional 34 independent living units. The first section of the Kauffman Court will be available for occupancy during July 2007.

Fellowship Community reaffirmed its commitment to the pastors and members of the denomination of the Bible Fellowship Church and will continue to give priority admissions to all BFC members. The Board of Directors has developed an Endowment Fund, which will help pay for those BFC members who cannot pay their cost of care. All money from the BFC will be directed to the Endowment Fund.

During the year 2006, Fellowship Community provided charitable care valued at more than \$1,500,000 to needy residents. Approximately \$225,000 was provided to BFC members.

The residents, their families, the staff and the Board of Directors are very grateful for all the various forms of support that have been and continue to be provided by BF Churches, including prayer, volunteers, special gifts and financial support.

We request that you continue to uphold Fellowship Community in prayer, asking the Lord to provide the necessary wisdom, guidance, appropriate staff and all other resources necessary to continue to operate this facility in a God-honoring way, as the ever-increasing number of regulations and restrictions imposed by

various governmental agencies and health insurance providers continue to increase the challenge to provide quality care at affordable rates. Then, we would ask that you, as a church body, prayerfully consider whether you might be able to increase the level of financial support you provide for resident care at Fellowship Community.

**Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc. Board of Directors:**

LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Robert H. Zentz, President/CEO; Dean A. Stortz, Vice Chairman; Ralph E. Ritter, Secretary; John W. Trauch, Treasurer; David W. Cole, Robert A. Erland, D. Thomas Phillips, Glenn Ruoss, Henry U. Sandt, Hans R. Waldvogel.

**Financial Report  
Bible Fellowship Church Homes, Inc.**

Note that the financial report prepared by Lisa Hazler, CPA, is a condensed version of the full financial report audited by ParenteRandolph. The audited report from ParenteRandolph is available and may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of the Board.

**Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2006**

**Assets**

Current Assets:

Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 3,273,294
Assets whose use is limited, under trust indenture, held by trustee	517,499
Accounts receivable, residents, net of estimated allowance for doubtful collections of \$75,000	1,117,446
Inventories	127,699
Prepaid expenses & other current assets	251,149
Total current assets	\$ 5,287,087
Assets whose use in limited, under trust indenture, held by trustee	1,791,212
Long-Term Investments	3,270,605
Property and Equipment, net	20,503,053
Deferred Financing Costs, Net	1,034,782
Total	<u>\$ 31,886,739</u>

**Liabilities & Net Assets**

Current Liabilities:	
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 420,000
Accounts Payable:	
Trade	368,443
Entrance Fees	99,450
Amounts withheld from employees for taxes, etc.	55,598
Accrued expenses	884,704
Deferred revenue	11,383
Total current liabilities	\$ 1,839,578
Long-Term Debt	20,240,000
Refundable Fees and Deposits	6,108,132
Deferred Revenues from Advance Fees	2,485,246
Total liabilities	\$ 30,672,956
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	1,198,542
Temporarily restricted	15,241
Total net assets	1,213,783
Total	<u>\$ 31,886,739</u>

**Statement of Operations**

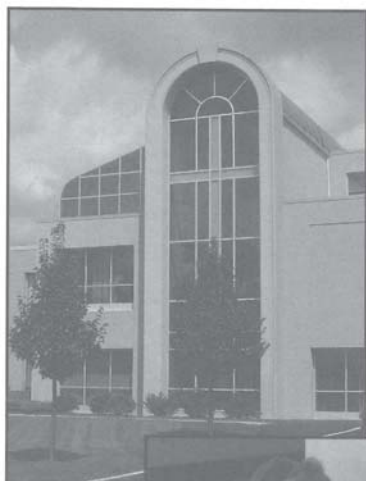
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Unrestricted Revenues:	
Net resident service revenues	\$ 15,266,889
Other revenues	95,548
Pending settlement agreements	229,132
Investment income	358,071
Unrestricted contributions	302,533
Total unrestricted revenues	<u>16,252,173</u>
Expenses	
Healthcare	6,842,723
Dietary	1,523,532
Housekeeping and laundry	780,199
Social services and activities	695,712
Plant operations	1,323,778
General and administrative	1,342,801
Pennsylvania nursing home assessment	320,291
Depreciation	1,267,659
Amortization	65,419
Interest	1,435,438
Total expenses	<u>15,597,552</u>
Operating Income	654,621
Change in Net unrealized gains and losses on investments other than trading securities	(125,601)
Net Assets released from restrictions used for purchase of property and equipment	142,918
Increase in unrestricted net assets	<u>\$ 671,938</u>



**Statement of Changes in Net Assets**  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Unrestricted Net Assets:	
Operating Income	\$ 654,621
Change in net unrealized gains and losses on investments other than trading securities	(125,601)
Net assets released from restrictions used for the purchase of property and equipment	
increase in unrestricted net assets	142,918
Increase in unrestricted net assets	<u>671,938</u>
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:	
Contributions	73,994
Net assets released from restrictions used for:	
Purchase of property and equipment	<u>(142,918)</u>
Decrease in temporarily restricted net assets	<u>(68,924)</u>
Increase in Net Assets	603,014
Net Assets, Beginning	610,769
Net Assets, Ending	<u><u>\$ 1,213,783</u></u>





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

*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,  
that by it you may grow up to salvation."*

*1 Peter 2:2 (ESV)*

"Infants," that is what young believers are likened to. As Peter infers, they begin as "new born babies" who naturally desire milk. Of course in other passages the inference is that solid food should replace milk as the babies mature in Christ (*1 Cor. 3:2; Heb. 5:12*).

Following this analogy, therefore, the church is a birthing room, nursery, school house, work place and geriatrics center. It covers the gambit from seekers to saints. We are thrilled when a seeker recognizes his/her need for a Savior and comes to the cross of Jesus Christ. We are delighted to watch them grow in the Lord. And, oh how wonderful it is to observe those seasoned saints as they continue to lead by example, demonstrating God's grace in and through them.

Pinebrook Bible Conference sees her role in an ancillary capacity as she comes alongside of the church to help in the birthing, maturing and aging process. To begin with, since last Annual Conference we've had a lot of new births - from kits (baby foxes) to puffs of fur (baby woodchucks), two piglets, and quackers (baby ducks and geese) as well as four little humans (two boys, two girls - one of which was adopted). We celebrate all of this, but in the light of eternity, our purpose is the spiritual new births that have us and the angels in Heaven rejoicing. For example, during the three weekends of Sno Glo a conservative estimate of 50-60 hands were raised by those who prayed a prayer to receive Jesus as Savior. Add to this an early March retreat from an outside group which had an equal number who confessed Jesus Christ. Time and eternity will reveal how many of these actually made it through the birthing process, but this is an indicator of what is happening on these grounds. It would be fair to say that over the 74 years of ministry hundreds and even thousands claimed Pinebrook as their spiritual birthplace. All to the glory of God!

Pinebrook isn't just an evangelistic center, but it is also about spiritual growth and maturity. At the same Sno Glo, approximately

125 came forward to indicate a desire to follow Christ or recommit their lives to the Lord. Every weekend, teens and adults are committing themselves to Jesus as well as literally thousands each year are sitting under the sound teaching and preaching of God's Word. Add to this the spiritual training that takes place during the weeks of Summer Bible Conference, as Pinebrook continues to play a key role in the Kingdom of God. All to the glory of God!

To help in the process, especially with friends of Pinebrook, we have been adding our own retreats. Two were typically held in the past and continue - Spring Ladies Refresh♥Her and Senior Saints Retreat. Last year, we added the March Madness Men's & Boys' Encounter and this year, a Young Adult Retreat (geared for college-age kids and young married couples). Friday morning Hymn Sings continue to attract seniors. We appreciate Barry & Dianne Kauffman, from our Lancaster church, for assisting with these. The dates for 2007 and 2008 retreats and events are listed below.

Since last year, Pinebrook has added some amenities that are attracting groups and, at the same time, providing good, clean fun and entertainment. Thanks to donations from teens at Sno Glo and other supporters, snow-making equipment was purchased in December. The tubing hill provided a lot of fun for many kids. George and Sarah Smith, from our Walnutport church, joined the staff this year and with them came Paintball. Capture the Flag while "marking" opponents with paint will never be the same. We hope in the near future, to add a climbing wall and ropes course.

Other new staff joined us during the course of last year. After a 30-year absence John and Ruthie Vandegriff, longtime Pinebrook supporters and former employees, returned to the staff as Conference Host & Registrar. Another former employee, Jim Herrold, is also back with the job of obtaining retreats. With Jim and John working together (the Jim & I project), we have seen a tremendous increase in new retreats. Our goal of filling this place 52-weekends a year is becoming a reality. Doug Ryan, along with his family, has taken over the cooking responsibilities. Chef Doug is raising us to new levels in food services. His oldest daughter, Amber, is overseeing the Snack Shop.

Despite working in an aging facility, over 74 years old, we continue to maintain the buildings and do upgrades. The "Lake

House” was completely gutted and restored. Under-Overbrook is going through that same process. An early July flood forced our hand on this one. It, and eight other rooms in Sunnybrook and Overbrook, suffered the blunt of the flood waters. New carpets and thorough cleaning were done in each room.

A ministry as old as Pinebrook needs a fresh make-over on occasion. If we plan to be relevant in the years to come and provide a quality facility and programming, we will need to make necessary changes. To that end, the Strategic Planning Committee of the Pinebrook Board is devoting this year to evaluating our goals and rediscovering our vision.

East Stroudsburg Christian Academy continues to meet on the grounds at Pinebrook. The students have been a huge help in setting up rooms for each weekend retreat with some of the parents actually cleaning the guest rooms.

A cursory look at our financial statement reveals what appears to be a bleak picture. The negative figures for 2006 are worse than the two previous years. If the metaphorical concept of it being darker before the dawn is true, we believe we are on the verge of breaking through. One way of meeting our budget is by filling our weekends. The “Jim & I” project is doing that very thing. Retreats for 2007 are up compared to 2006. The December - February retreats were up more than 7% compared to the same time last year and Spring retreats are up almost 30%, with the Fall much better than 2006. But in order for us to really advance, financial gifts are needed. Gifts and offerings were only up 4% over last year, not including a large gift annuity. BFC giving totaled around \$22,000 with several churches giving a majority of this.

Many BFCers use Pinebrook’s facilities and directly support us with their giving and/or paying of fees. Most churches, on the other hand, only give a “token” gift to Pinebrook. If this truly is our conference center, we are going to need more money. If each church were to double what they gave last year, which for many would only be a couple of hundred dollars, we could start advancing and begin upgrading our facilities.

The other area of assistance is in regards to helpers. RWR (Retreat within a Retreat) is a great way for church youth groups or adults to assist us during weekends. These groups serve in the Dining Hall, Kitchen, Snack Shop and closing up the camp for the

week. Workers are also needed any time and for a variety of projects. The wish list of jobs to be completed before the summer is as follows:

- Bridge built (behind Sunnybrook)
- Guest Services Building portico needs to be rebuilt
- Under-Overbrook - lots of work
- Landscaping around the fire pond and in various other spots
- Painting, wood chopping, flower planting (June 9), etc. etc.

Other jobs waiting in the wings:

- Renovation of the restrooms in Fellowship Hall (adding several stalls in each)
- Staircase - walkway to Director's Study

If you can send a work team or just a few to assist, please contact us @ 570.424.1212.

I wish to thank all the staff that surrounds me here at Pinebrook – Jeremy Beichler, Mark & Peggy Cicchinelli, Jess Creeden, Nate Heater, Jim Herrold, Ann Lee, Amber Ryan, Doug Ryan, George & Sarah Smith, Bob Titus, Joel Trayer, John & Ruthie Vandegriff and their families, plus my lifetime companion, Vonnie, and a bunch of part-timers. Especially I thank my associate Errin Mulberry for his tireless efforts to keep everything afloat. The Pinebrook Board is also deserving of thanks. They continue to keep us on track. We are truly blessed with a great staff and board.

Pinebrook is preparing herself for next year's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. This will include special speakers and musicians, plus a Cruise (October 11-18, 2008). But we do not plan to rest on our laurels. There is much work to be done as an incubator and learning center that should keep us busy until we hear that, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Incidentally, as the Director, I would consider it an honor and privilege to come to your church representing Pinebrook and my Lord. Allow me to re-introduce Pinebrook to your folks.

Wishing you Joy in Jesus,  
Dan Allen

**2007 - 2008 Dates of Interest (subject to change)**

- April 27-29 - Ladies Refresh♥Her  
 May 4 - Friday Morning Hymn Sing - Tom Hearton  
 May 18 - Golf Fund Raiser  
 June 9, 10 - Flower Planting Weekend  
 June 17 - Summer Staff arrives  
 June 23 - Week 1: Concert - Mark Cable; Speaker - Donald Hubbard; Host Pastor - Jonathon Arnold  
 June 30 - Week 2: Concert - Gordy & Marie; Speaker - Bruce McCrackin; Host Pastor - Brian Cooper  
 July 7 - Week 3: Concert - Matt Blagg; Speaker - Jim Ayers; Host Pastor - Bill Schlonecker  
 July 14 - Week 4: Concert - Kings Army; Speaker - Steve Cornell; Host Pastor - Byron Widger  
 July 21 - Week 5: Concert -Don Wyrzten; Speaker - Tom Taylor; Host Pastor - Alva Cassel  
 July 28 - Week 6: Concert - Instruments of Praise; Speaker - Wendell Calder; Host Pastor - Ralph Soper  
 Aug 4 - Week 7: Concert - David Musselman; Speaker - Ron Blue; Host Pastor - Cal Reed  
 Sept. 7 - Friday Morning Hymn Sing - Bruce Heffner  
 Oct. 5 - Friday Morning Hymn Sing - Paashaus Brothers  
 Oct. 23-25 - Senior Saints Retreat: Speaker - Lynn Warner  
 Dec. 7 - Friday Morning Hymn Sing  
 Dec. 15 - Christmas Banquet  
 Jan. 4-6, 11-13, 18-20 - BFC Sno Glo  
 Feb. 15-17 - Young Adult Retreat  
 Feb. 29-Mar.1 - Men's & Boys' Retreat  
 Apr. 25-27 - Ladies Refresh♥Her  
 October 11-18 - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise

**Board of Directors, Pinebrook Bible Conference,** Alva C. Cassel, Chairman & President; Charles E. Cole, Vice Chairman & Vice President; Charles Bomgardner, Secretary; Jay Fasnacht, Treasurer; Carl Ackerman, Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr., Brian H. Cooper, Kermit K. Gehman, LeRoy O. Herb, Donald E. Kuntzman, Financial Secretary; Gerald Schlonecker, Hans R. Waldvogel, Robert H. Zentz

Daniel P. Allen, Director; Errin G. Mulberry, Associate



**Balance Sheet**  
December 31, 2006

**Assets**

## Current Assets

Cash in Bank - Checking	\$ (2,371)
Cash on Hand & A/R	5,934
Payroll Account	<u>2,295</u>

Total Current Assets \$ 5,858

## Fixed Assets

Land	1,239,793
Buildings-Net of Depreciation	662,827
Equipment	14,164
Current Inventory	37,860
Vehicles-Net of Depreciation	<u>11,788</u>

Total Fixed Assets 1,966,432

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$ 1,972,290

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

## Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	98,872
Payroll Taxes Payable	41
Line of Credit - Citizens Bank	96,860
Payroll Deductions Payable	3,604
Other/Loans Payables	183,838
Sales Tax Payable	<u>173</u>

Total Current Liabilities 383,388

## Long Term Liabilities

Mortgage - beginning of year	171,209
Mortgage Principal Paid	<u>(14,724)</u>

Total Long Term Liability 156,485

## Designated &amp; Restricted Liabilities

Pre-paid Summer Conference	3,646
Deposits - All Retreats	54,343
Deposits - Summer Conference	34,834
Restricted Funds	147
Scholarship/Tip Fund	<u>2,587</u>

Total Restricted Funds 95,557

**EQUITY**

Equity at Beginning of Year	1,438,595
This Year's Gain (Loss)	<u>(101,735)</u>

Total Equity 1,336,860

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** \$ 1,972,290



Consolidated Statement  
of Income and Expenses  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2006

## INCOME

Summer Conferences - BFC	\$ 243,095	18.1
Retreats	737,172	54.8
Camp Site Rentals	15,505	1.2
Banquets, Meals/Breaks/Pizza	32,938	2.4
Ladies Retreat	21,152	1.6
Paintball	1,035	0.1
Senior Citizens Retreat	7,693	0.6
Other Pinebrook Retreats	1,750	0.1
Gift Store Sales	32,730	2.4
Snack Shop Sales	13,499	1.0
Vending Machine Sales	10,398	0.8
Other Sales	33,943	2.5
Land Leases & Rentals	17,253	1.3
Interest Received	273	0.0
Terms Taken & Damage Reimb.	148	0.0
Gifts Received	<u>176,389</u>	<u>13.1</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,344,973	100.0

## EXPENSES

Gift Store Expense	\$ 37,878	2.8
Snack Shop Expense	26,655	2.0
Vending Machine Expense	2,183	0.2
Custodial Expenses	72,277	5.4
Kitchen Expenses	291,680	21.7
Miscellaneous Retreat Costs	784	0.1
Pinebrook Retreat Expenses	16,317	1.2
Banquets	3,444	0.3
Sports, Paintball	5,736	0.4
Music/Audio Visual	9,812	0.7
Maintenance	135,170	10.1
Maintenance Supplies	6,726	0.5
Pest Control	1,550	0.1
Water Supply Expense	350	0.0
Sewer Plant Supplies/Maint.	10,189	0.8
Swimming Pools Expense	10,273	0.8
Electric	89,193	6.6
Gas	13,403	1.0
Oil	91,400	6.8
Vehicle Costs	17,963	1.3
Insurances	177,338	13.2
Payroll, FICA & Processing	201,538	15.0
Honoraria Paid	16,407	1.2
Gifts to Churches (RWR)	7,725	0.6
Summer Conference Program	24,296	1.8
Office Supplies & Equipment	18,501	1.4

Computer Expenses	3,278	0.2
Printing, Advertising & P/R	16,802	1.2
Telephone	18,013	1.3
Postage Stamps & Meter	14,056	1.0
Board Expenses	1,174	0.1
Benefits, Training & Educate	6,201	0.5
Sanitation Removal	13,953	1.0
Medical Supplies	690	0.1
Interest Paid	21,851	1.6
Depreciation/Principal Expnd	46,820	3.5
Principal Reduction of debt	(45,029)	(3.3)
Real Estate Taxes	32,873	2.4
General Improvements	1,196	0.1
Other & Misc. Expenses	26,042	1.9
Total Expenses	\$ 1,446,708	107.6
Gain (Loss)	\$ (101,735)	(7.6)
Mortgage/Loan Principal Paid	(45,029)	
CASH LOSS:	<u>\$ (146,764)</u>	

Accounts at Citizens Bank, Stroudsburg, PA  
Books reviewed by Jay Fasnacht

### *New Amenities at Pinebrook*



Ladies playing  
Paintball



Snow-making  
equipment for tubing hill

## *Report of the Board of Victory Valley Camp*

Victory Valley Camp completed its 50<sup>th</sup> year of Christian children's camp ministry in 2006, looking back to our bold and faithful founders for inspiration and forward with hope to the generation that will take up the mantle of those spiritual giants.

Sno-Valley participation continues to increase on the strength of BFC churches bringing children together in groups. Our three weekends saw a total of 165 children come to the wintry woods to grow in Christ.

Summer 2006 was the second year for our Summer Missionary program, and again, hundreds of adults committed to pray for our young servants of Christ and supported them financially as they ministered the gospel to children and trained them to follow Jesus. Once again, the Lord used the Summer Missionary process to strengthen the faith of many as they learned to rely on God's provision, seeking first the kingdom of God.

Summer Camp and Outpost participation numbers decreased again, as they have each year since the 1999 peak of about 1,000 campers. Summer 2006 saw Victory Valley minister to 669 children in Camp, Outpost and Day Camp – 89 of those in Day Camp.

Bible Fellowship Church pastors again took time from active schedules to proclaim God's word to our campers. During Summer 2006, campers and Summer Missionaries alike heard from Pastors Randy Grossman (Reading), Danny Williams (Wallingford), Mark Evans (Coopersburg), Elliot Ramos (Allentown), David Gundrum (Church Extension), Al Dommel (Saucon Valley), Mark Morrison (Church Extension) and former BFC Pastor Dennis Lawrence.

Our Mother-Daughter and Father-Son retreats in the fall were lightly attended yet heartily enjoyed by those who came. We took a new approach to the Father-Son event, with a focus on developing the Dads as spiritual mentors for their boys. Throughout the weekend, the fathers took the leadership role in each activity. In addition to Bible study, we lived out several elements of the story of Gideon – including literally tearing down a “pagan” altar and cutting up the Asherah pole, building shelters in the hills to hide from the enemy, kneeling by the stream to

demonstrate how God winnowed Gideon's army, making real torches and ultimately blowing the horns, shattering the clay jars and shouting "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon."

As it has for a number of years, Victory Valley faces the challenge of aging facilities (many of which were built as temporary structures more than four decades ago) as well as sparse capital funds and the normal challenges of finding skilled volunteers to do what work we can afford to do. Nevertheless, the Lord provided a new roof for the Stone House at a substantially reduced price, as well as caps for window frames and other exterior features to protect the wood from weather damage. BFC Missionary Chris Merrick, and several volunteers, assisted Victory Valley Facilities Manager John Masters with this particular project. Many other volunteers helped in ways large and small. Of particular note, Sue Weller continued to beautify the property by planting and maintaining all the flower beds, with plants donated by Diddens Greenhouse, Hatfield.

The cost of maintaining the property, and the ever-escalating cost of insurance, fuel and supplies continually challenges us to rely on the Lord, and on the people of His church.

The staff and Board of Directors are taking steps to not only maintain the ministry but to re-imagine it for a new generation. This will require deep faith and bold action by the Bible Fellowship Church.

Our renewed focus on the local BFC led to the Board's approval of discounted pricing for church groups starting in summer 2007, as well as a small discount for individual campers coming alone from a BFC church.

At the end of 2006, the Board of Directors decided to pursue construction of a new Upper Elements Challenge Course for Children. The camp's existing course is suitable only for teens and adults, so it doesn't get used most of the summer. In 2007, boys and girls as young as five years will enjoy the thrill and faith-bolstering challenge of this new apparatus. The roughly \$38,000 course, including 400' zipline ride, is made possible by a major pledge from a faithful friend of Victory Valley, as well as proceeds from our Fall Golf Challenge and other gifts from churches and other individuals.

The Board would like to recognize Donna Bauer's quarter century of service as assistant director. Her ministry has touched many lives. As this report went to print in early 2007, "Aunt Donna" had just retired from Victory Valley Camp, but not from ministry. Next year's report will include more about this faithful servant of Christ.

Our bookkeeper/registrar, JoAnna Walker, and her husband Mike, received an answer to persistent prayer during the summer when JoAnna gave birth to Emma Joy Walker. JoAnna decided in October to focus her time and efforts on Emma, and so left the camp staff with our blessing.

As part of our overall efforts to reduce the costs that we can control, we have not filled that position, but have contracted with a "freelance" bookkeeper and have volunteers who enter paper registrations into our online system. The transition was made easier by the cheerful, energetic assistance of Stephanie Ott, the director's wife.

The Board of Directors and staff of Victory Valley Camp continue to believe in the transformative power of bringing kids out into God's creation and filling them with God's word.

This summer, your future pastor or perhaps a missionary who will give his own life to preach the gospel to an unreached people group...these people may very well be splashing about in Victory Valley's pool, singing by our campfire and being led by God's spirit to make decisions that will transform them forever.

That's the legacy and the future of Victory Valley Camp.

#### 2007-08 Schedule of Events

Mar 30

-April 1 45 Hour Core Challenge Weekend (Biblical Training for Youth)

April 20-22 Father-Daughter Weekend w/Children 7-12 years

May 18-20 Mom-Son Weekend w/Children 7-12 years

June 1-3 Lifeguard Training/Certification Retreat

June 9 Friends of Victory Valley Picnic, 2 p.m.

June 10 Summer Missionary Leadership Corps Arrives

June 13 Summer Missionary Senior Leaders Arrive

June 15 All Summer Missionaries arrive

- June 24 First Day of children's Summer Camp & Outpost  
 June 25 First Day of Valley Day Camp

Summer Camp & Outpost Weeks for Ages 8-13 (Sun. 4 p.m. - Sat. 8:30 a.m.)

June 24-June 30 | July 1- 7 | July 8-14 | July 22-28 | July 29-Aug. 4 | August 5- 11

Summer Camp & Outpost for Ages 12-14 [Middle School] (Sun. 4 p.m. - Sat. 8:30 a.m.)

July 15-21

Valley Day Camp Ages 5-11 (Mon.-Fri. 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

June 25-29 | July 2-6 | July 9-13 | July 16-20 | July 23-27 | July 30-Aug. 3 | Aug. 6-10

Sept. 14-16 Mom-Daughter Weekend w/Children ages 7-12 years

Sept. 21-23 Father-Son Weekend w/Children ages 7-12 years

Oct. 19 Victory Valley Golf Challenge (now on Friday)  
 Wedgewood Course, Coopersburg, Shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Dec. 8 Friends of Victory Valley picnic, 5 p.m.

Jan. 18-20 Sno-Valley Weekend I (Ages 7-12)

Jan. 25-27 Sno-Valley Weekend II (Ages 11-12)

Feb. 1-3 Sno-Valley Weekend III (Ages 7-12)

**Board of Victory Valley Camp:** Douglas J. Manwiller, Chairman;  
 Bruce A. Ellingson, Vice Chairman; Timothy D. Weaber,  
 Secretary; Dennis W. Spinney, Treasurer; Jason J. Englehart,  
 Alan G. Miller, Timothy J. Bertolet, Rachel E. Norris, Rodney  
 P. Plows  
 Scott Ott, Director



**Financial Report**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As of December 31, 2006**

**Assets**

## Current Assets

Cash on Hand	\$ 6,029.04	
Cash in Bank - Checking	10,183.72	
Cash in Bank - Money Market	1,584.78	
Cash in Bank - CDs	35,000.00	
Accounts Receivable	-	
Marketable Securities	<u>1,618.55</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$ 54,416.09

## 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		<u>947,797.91</u>

## Total Assets

\$ 1,002,214.00

**Liabilities and Net Assets****Liabilities**

## Current Liabilities

Rental Deposit	\$ 1,050.00	
Payroll Taxes Payable	3,605.32	
Current Portion Long Term Debt	<u>-</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 4,655.32

## Long-Term Liabilities

Tractor Loan	\$ -	
Loan - Individual	100,000.00	
Loan - BFC Homes, Inc.	-	
Less Current Portion	<u>-</u>	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		<u>100,000.00</u>

## Total Liabilities

\$ 104,655.32

**Net Assets**

Temporarily Restricted	\$ 18,577.00	
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>878,981.68</u>	
Total Net Assets		<u>897,588.68</u>

## Total Liabilities and Net Assets

\$ 1,002,214.00

**Statement of Activities  
For the Year ended December 31, 2006**

**REVENUES AND SUPPORT**

Camper Fees:	
Day Camp	\$ 10,317.00
Summer	132,367.69
Winter	25,327.22
Parent/Child Weekends	3,147.61
Other Programs	2,835.00
Donations:	
Annual Fund	78,823.41
Church Support	43,258.00
Camper Offerings	2,242.69
Campership Projects	2,236.00
Summer Missionary Fund	41,595.16
Golf Challenge	8,318.00
Contribution - Gifts in Kind	-
Program:	
Crafts	653.00
Gift Shop	4,317.60
Horsemanship	10,810.00
Pictures	2,165.00
Snack Shack	6,683.19
Camp Life	1,508.06
Rental:	
Overnight Groups	27,786.34
General	18,142.53
Victory Hall	10,255.58
Challenge Areas & Equipment	2,119.55
Other Income	
Interest & Dividends	360.28
Miscellaneous Revenue	365.49
<b>Total Revenues and Support</b>	<b>\$ 435,634.40</b>

**Expenses for Programs**

Direct Program Expenses	
Assistant Director's Salary	\$ 29,001.40
Camper Picture Expense	1,345.05
Craft Supplies	60.42
Day Camp	35.49
Gift Shop	3,533.96
Health Insurance	13,321.96
Horsemanship	9,893.62
Medical	754.25
Other Program Expenses	1,090.81
Parent/Child Weekends	189.69
Payroll Taxes	5,868.78
Recreational Supplies	4,626.64
Registrar/Bookkeeper	13,244.47
Snack Shack	4,328.62
Summer Camper Expenses	1,451.28

Summer Missionary Development	2,352.16	
Summer Missionary Pay	38,932.07	
Winter Camper Expenses	<u>4,045.02</u>	
Total Expenses for Direct Programs		\$ 134,075.69
Expenses for Buildings and Grounds		
Facilities Manager	\$ 23,986.33	
Cleaning Supplies	1,669.78	
Fuel	2,065.61	
Health Insurance	7,276.43	
Maintenance & Repairs	19,421.45	
Payroll Taxes	2,072.18	
Pool Supplies	1,736.74	
Real Estate Taxes	5,779.15	
Summer Maintenance Crew	2,613.08	
Utilities	23,690.37	
Waste Disposal	<u>2,676.58</u>	
Total Expenses for Building & Grounds		92,987.70
Expenses for Food Service		
Equipment & Supplies	\$ 3,614.20	
Food	<u>24,900.62</u>	
Total Expenses for Food Service		<u>28,514.82</u>
Total Expenses for Programs		<u>255,578.21</u>
Excess Revenues and Support Over Expenses for Programs		\$ 180,056.19
Expenses for General Administration		
Conference Convention Meetings	\$ 906.12	
Director's Salary	35,214.92	
Dues, Fees & Subscriptions	1,045.93	
Fulltime Staff Development	1,105.92	
General Insurance	28,225.25	
Health Insurance	8,431.62	
Miscellaneous Expenses	722.37	
Office Salaries	6,226.25	
Office Supplies	8,639.46	
Payroll Taxes	3,580.18	
Postage	2,872.63	
Promotion & Advertising	8,154.11	
Registration Expenses	8,125.58	
Staff Scholarship Fund	1,430.54	
Telephone & Telecommunications	3,743.73	
Travel	<u>1,824.25</u>	
Total Expenses for General Administration		\$ 120,248.86
Other Expenses		
Golf Challenge Expenses	\$ 4,482.02	
Total Other Expenses		4,482.02
Expenses for Debt Service		
Interest Expense		<u>5,063.25</u>
Total Expenses for General Administration, Other Expenses and Debt Service		<u>129,794.13</u>
Change in Net Assets		\$ <u>50,262.06</u>
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		847,296.62
Net Assets, End of Year		<u>\$ 897,558.68</u>

**Notes to Financial Statements**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

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, 2006 was \$1,618.55

Note 4. 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*

*"In the beginning was the Word  
and the Word was with God and the Word was God,"  
John 1:1*

Bible scholars know that this "Word" (Logos) is a direct reference to Jesus Christ. While His life on earth is characterized as being the "Living Word", it is the written word which tells us about the Living Word whom we adore, worship and preach.

The Board of Communications attempts to assist in the proclamation of this written and Living Word. We have been given the task of publishing materials that are useful for our churches especially in relationship to Annual Conference. To this end, the *Yearbook, Faith & Order* and booklets related to both are produced by this committee. The task for communicating encompasses the entire denomination via the *Fellowship News* which is in its 41<sup>st</sup> year of publication. Approximately 5000 copies are produced monthly. Broadening our scope to the entire world is done via the internet. Our website continues to receive hits from home and abroad (approximately 1500 - 1600 hits per month).

On occasion tasks are not completed. This is not necessarily due to dereliction of duty, however, sometimes this mostly volunteer team is unable to complete a self-imposed task. This is the case with the "Abridged Edition of the *F&O*". Although still felt to be a valuable resource for churches, as opposed to purchasing an entire *F&O* for members, with all the changes made on a yearly basis, we are not sure exactly when to go to press. Those who pre-paid will be issued a credit for this year unless otherwise directed.

Our Chairman for a number of years, William H. Bartron, was called home during this conference year. We miss his leadership and friendship, but have vowed to continue on.

As the new Chairman, I am delighted with the members of the Board working with me. I especially appreciate the work the Snyders do with the *Fellowship News* (Carol, Editor; Clyde, design). I'm also grateful for the financial guidance and bookkeeping given by Rachel Kistler Anderson and Scott Ott's



work overseeing the website. Thanks, too, for the many who have submitted articles for the *Fellowship News*.

Annual Conference directed the Board of Communication to either update the BFC logo, designed more than forty years ago, or create a new one. We assembled a logo committee consisting of members from both the Board of Communications and Strategic Planning Committee. The team included two graphic artists, a former marketing and advertising specialist, a BFC historian and a man with years of media experience. We are excited to unveil the results of their work at the 124th Annual Conference.

We believe the new logo visually projects the BFC vision ("an expanding fellowship of churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ"). At the unveiling, a short video will help explain the meaning behind the image. Guidelines for the recommended use of the new logo will be provided. We hope the conference will be as enthusiastic as we are about this new logo.

It is important that communication continue between us, therefore the following emails, addresses, and phone numbers are provided:

**Bills and orders should be sent to the following address:**

Board of Communications  
12 Pinebrook Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301  
Dan Allen, [ebfc@ptd.net](mailto:ebfc@ptd.net)

***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 Anderson  
2944 Diamond Ave., Allentown, Pa 18103,  
484.347.6118; [rkistler@enter.net](mailto:rkistler@enter.net)

**Webservant**

Scott Ott  
7572 Sigmund Rd., Zionsville, PA 18092  
[webservant@bfc.org](mailto:webservant@bfc.org) or [www.bfc.org](http://www.bfc.org).



The Board presents the following for your prayerful consideration:

1. **Resolved**, that the cost of the 2007 *Yearbook* be \$ 8.50 per copy.
2. **Resolved**, that a contribution of three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325.00) for the conference year 2007 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, 2007.
3. **Resolved**, that \$1.75 per member of the Bible Fellowship Church for 2007 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 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.
4. **Resolved**, that Rachel Kistler Anderson be ratified as the Business Manager of *Fellowship News* for a three year term.
5. **Resolved**, that the logo presented at the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference be adopted as the official logo of the Bible Fellowship Church.
6. **Resolved**, that Annual Conference direct the Board of Directors to acquire appropriate legal protection of our name, Bible Fellowship Church, and logo.

**Board of Communications:** Daniel P. Allen, Chairman; Allan R. Vivona, Secretary; Rachel Kistler Anderson, Business Manager; Scott G. Ott, Webservant; Carol Snyder, *Fellowship News* Editor; Maggie Gallo, Ralph E. Ritter (filling term of William H. Bartron until 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference), Clyde W. Snyder.

**Financial Report**

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

Balance, January 1, 2006	\$ 10,538.65
Receipts:	
From Administrative Budget	5,000.00
From Boards & Committees	675.00
From Churches	12,486.00
<i>Yearbook</i> Sales	5,193.50
<i>Yearbook</i> Sponsors	585.00
<i>Faith &amp; Order</i>	4,563.50
Church Supplies	296.75
Shipping	45.00
Interest Received	7.65
Mahurin Booklet	891.63
Bank Adjustment	84.01
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 29,478.04</u>
Total	\$ 40,016.69

## Expenditures:

*Fellowship News:*

Design & Layout	2,540.00
Printing & Mailing	14,955.83
Editor's Honorarium	1,450.00
Annual Conference Expense	350.00
Board Expense	2,593.24
<i>Faith &amp; Order</i>	6,028.00
<i>Yearbook</i> Expense	5,319.67
Church Supplies	163.93
Web Site	566.45
Miscellaneous Expense	20.00
Logo Development	1,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>34,987.12</u>
Balance, December 31, 2006	<u>\$ 5,029.57</u>

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	1,625
Churches	15,000
<i>Yearbook</i> Sales	5,300
<i>Yearbook/Fellowship News</i> Sponsors	600
<i>Faith &amp; Order</i> / "Articles of Faith"	1,500
Church Supplies	400
Shipping	80
Miscellaneous	200
Interest	10
Past Due Contributions	<u>1,485</u>
Total Receipts	31,200

## Expenses

*Fellowship News:*

Layout & Design	2,650
Printing & Mailing	15,500
Editor's Expenses	300
Editor's Honorarium	1,750
Proof Reading	300
Annual Conference Expense	500
Board Expense	2,500
<i>Yearbooks</i> Costs	5,500
Business Manager's Expenses	100
Church Supplies	500
Web Page Expense	600
Logo Development	<u>1,000</u>
Total Expenses	31,200

## *Report of the Board of Christian Education*

The Board met four times during this past year to discuss avenues by which we might assist the individual Christian Education ministries of the Particular Churches. Five sub-committees have worked toward this end.

Leadership Development (Kevin Kirkpatrick, Eric North) has met with the Strategic Planning Committee and is brainstorming ideas to strengthen the development and training of Elders and Deacons within our churches.

The Family Ministries group began work in its area but was slowed due to the resignations of Mark McCreary and Judy Allhouse. Carol Gearhart continues to work on this important need.

The Curriculum and Doctrinal Issues sub-committee (Michael Tannous, Scott Ott, John Studenroth) have developed a website that will provide both resources and education opportunities utilizing material from the BFC pastors as well as other educators within the denomination. We are excited about the potential this can afford the BFC. It is hoped that a demonstration of the website and its resources will be available at the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. We give special thanks to Beth Lorah (Emmaus BFC) for the hours she has spent on the keyboard and downloading data to the site.

Dave Eisenhower has been working as the lone member of the Regional Training sub-committee. He desires to harness the potential of the regional divisions of the BFC to provide training and resources for all the churches.

The CE Training group (Nancy Mertus, Michael Herb, Dave Schoen) sponsored a "Teaching With Style" seminar on October 14, 2006. The teaching ministry of Dr. Jody Hice of Atlanta, GA, was both encouraging and very practical. One hundred and three attended this training event held at the Allentown Cedar Crest BFC. Future planning is being done with the possibility of another denomination-wide gathering in the Spring 2008.

Our licensing contract with Walk Thru The Bible Ministries makes it possible for your church to host an Old or New Testament seminar for adults as well as seminars for children at a reduced rate. Churches with an average Sunday worship attendance of 499 or less are eligible. Please contact Dave Schoen (Emmaus BFC)

for further information.

Pastor Michael Tannous will serve as Chairman for the Board during this coming year. Please submit your thoughts, ideas, concerns or questions to him or to another of our board members.

**Board of Christian Education:** David N. Schoen, Chairman; Michael J. Tannous, Vice-Chairman; Nancy A. Mertus, Secretary; Kevin W. Kirkpatrick, Treasurer; David Eisenhower, Carol A. Gearhart, Michael Herb, Eric R. North, Scott G. Ott, John C. Studenroth

**Board of Christian Education  
Financial Statement**

Opening Balance - January 1, 2006		\$ 9,726.14
Income		
Church Contributions	3,750.60	
Teacher Training Day	1,766.00	
Interest	28.67	
Total Income	<u>5,545.27</u>	5,545.27
Expenditures		
Teacher Training Day	2,568.69	
Committee Expenses	481.31	
Bank Account Charges	35.70	
Total Expenses	<u>3,085.70</u>	<u>3,085.70</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 12,185.71

## *Report of the Board of Youth & Young Adults*

The Board of Youth and Young Adults (BYYA) met four times during the 2006 year to conduct its business. This report identifies the three events in which our board is involved

The first is the "Here Am I, Send Me" Retreat which was held at Timbertops in Newfoundland, PA, on January 26-27, 2007. This retreat is for men who believe it may be possible that God is calling them into the ministry in general and the pastorate in the BFC in particular. Five men came this year with four mentors to shepherd them as they continue this quest. We believe this retreat does crucial work and it will be repeated as needed in the future.

The second is our signature event – Sno Glo. This is an effort put on cooperatively by the BYYA and Pinebrook Bible Conference. Sno Glo was held during three weekends in January. We have deeply appreciated the cooperation that Pinebrook has given us as we have put this retreat on year after year. Every year we receive many evaluations from campers and leaders and we strive to improve the quality of our programming. We pray that this retreat meets the spiritual needs of those who attend.

For some years, we've been re-working our approach to our Young Adults ministry. This year, a big, positive stride was taken through another cooperative effort with our board and Pinebrook. A Young Adult Retreat was held at Pinebrook on February 16-18, 2007. This retreat was a first-time event and all connected with it believe that we are really into something good.

We encourage churches in the BFC to add the Board of Youth and Young Adults to their annual giving.

Respectfully presented,  
John C. Vandegriff, Jr., Secretary

**Board of Youth & Young Adults:** Ronald L. Kohl, Chairman; Andrew T. Crossgrove, Vice Chairman; John C. Vandegriff, Jr., Secretary; William J. Dunn, Treasurer; Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr., Regina A. Gotchel, Lisa F. Kellerman, Dorothy L. Ruch, William J. Walters.



## Board of Youth & Young Adults Financial Report

2006

Balance, January 1, 2006 \$ 27,031.80

### Revenues & Support

Sno-Glo 2006	\$ 107,015.47	
Sno-Glo 2007 (Deposit)	24,560.00	
Church contributions	1,360.00	
Fall Out 2006	300.00	
Total Revenue	133,235.47	

### Expenditures

Sno-Glo	123,559.26	
Administrative Assistant	2,250.00	
Committee Expenses	1,692.07	
Postage and supplies	1,731.02	
Sno-Glo 2008 Deposit	3,000	
Total Expenditures	132,232.35	

Total Assets of the BYYA - 12/31/06 \$ 28,034.92

Account held at East Penn Bank, Emmaus, PA

Accounts reviewed by David Schlonecker

## *2007 Sno Glo at Pinebrook*



## *Report of the Board of Higher Education*

During the 2006 calendar year, the Board of Higher Education (BHE) met three times. The BHE continues to oversee the work of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation (PEF), 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:

Terms expiring in 2009: Gary E. Karch, Karen Stull

Terms expiring in 2008: Stephen C. Cassel, Judith Rychnovsky

Terms expiring in 2007: Raymond R. Dotts, Jay H. Fasnacht

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

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

The topic of our meetings this past year has been whether the BHE has any purpose for existence any more (other than overseeing the PEF), and whether we should continue or request that the BHE be dissolved and the oversight of the PEF be turned over to another agency. No definite conclusions have yet been reached, but the discussions have been very lively.

**Resolved**, that the Annual Conference ratify the election to the Pinebrook Educational Foundation of Raymond R. Dotts and Jay H. Fasnacht for terms to end in 2010.

**Board of Higher Education:** William J. Dunn, Chairman; Raymond R. Dotts, Vice Chairman; Alan H. Russell, Secretary; Charles A. Bloomfield, Stephen C. Cassel, Ralph E. Ritter, Karen Stull.

**Pinebrook Educational Foundation**

## 2006 Annual Report to the Board of Higher Education

The Board of Directors of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation met three times in 2006. The Foundation received gifts totaling \$3,200 in 2006. Significant Board actions are described below:

1. Obtained approval from Dr. Bruce Reichenbach to revise the Reichenbach Scholarship Document to state that earnings of the Fund in any particular year shall be available for a scholarship award during the immediately-succeeding year (the "Grant Year"). At the end of the Grant Year, any unawarded earnings of the immediately-preceding year shall become part of the principal of the fund.
2. Granted scholarships totaling \$10,500 as follows:
  - a. \$1,000 (two grants of \$500 each) to Jeffrey Cole from the Ungerer Memorial Fund. Jeffrey attends Lancaster Bible College.
  - b. \$500 to Megan Mertus from the Ungerer Memorial Fund. Megan attends Cedarville University.
  - c. \$1,000 to Colby Weinhofer from the Weaver Memorial Scholarship Fund. Colby attends Biblical Theological Seminary.
  - d. \$1,000 to Stephen Bowne; \$200 from the Pinebrook Junior College Scholarship Fund and \$800 from the Weaver Memorial Scholarship Fund. Stephen attends Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Stephen's father, Douglas, is a graduate of Pinebrook Junior College.
  - e. \$1,000 to Louis Curcio from the Weaver Memorial Scholarship Fund. Louis attends Lancaster Bible College.
  - f. \$1,000 to Jeremy Fischer from the Weaver Memorial Scholarship Fund. Jeremy attends Lancaster Bible College.
  - g. \$1,000 to Alan G. Miller from the Ziegler Memorial Fund. Alan is enrolled in a doctoral program at Baptist Bible Seminary.
  - h. \$1,000 to Roshelle Ravier from the Weaver Memorial Scholarship Fund. Roshelle attends Toccoa Falls College.
  - i. \$1,000 to Jodi Ravier from the Ungerer Memorial Fund.

- Jodi attends Indiana Wesleyan University.
- j. \$1,000 to Lisa Richards from the Ungerer Memorial Fund. Lisa attends Taylor University.
  - k. \$1,000 to Mark Bickel from the Reverend and Mrs. R.C. Reichenbach Scholarship Fund. Mark attends Biblical Theological Seminary.
3. Presented Raymond R. Dotts and Jay H. Fasnacht to the Board of Higher Education for approval as nominees for ratification by Annual Conference to serve on the Board of Pinebrook Educational Foundation for a three-year term ending in 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jay H. Fasnacht, Secretary

**Pinebrook Education Foundation**  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2006 and 2005

<u>Assets</u>	2006	2005
Cash in Lafayette Ambassador Bank	\$ 738	\$ 1,828
Accounts Receivable	2,388	1,280
Investments	<u>196,305</u>	<u>184,216</u>
Total Assets	<u>199,431</u>	<u>187,324</u>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Amount Held for Board of Higher		
Education Expenses	\$ 183	\$ 183
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	118,048	114,833
Temporarily Restricted	12,212	4,542
Permanently Restricted	<u>68,988</u>	<u>67,766</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>199,248</u>	<u>187,141</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>199,431</u>	<u>187,324</u>

**Statements of Income (Loss) and Changes in Net Assets**  
Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

	2006	2005
Investment Income	\$19,407	\$ 6,901
Contributions Received	3,200	2,700
Scholarships Awarded	<u>(10,500)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
Net Income (Loss)	12,107	(399)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>187,141</u>	<u>187,540</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u><u>199,248</u></u>	<u><u>187,141</u></u>

The Financial Statements of the Pinebrook Educational Foundation were audited by Darian R Allen

**Pinebrook Educational Foundation**  
**Schedule of Investments**  
**December 31, 2006 and 2005**

	2006	2005
IDEARC Common Stock – 5 Shares	\$ 136	\$ ---
Verizon Common Stock – 116 Shares	4,320	3,494
Davis Funds – New York Venture A&B	16,490	14,336
Vanguard:		
Bond Funds	81,156	81,843
Stock Fund	94,203	84,543
Total Investments	<u><u>196,305</u></u>	<u><u>184,216</u></u>



Dennis Cahill making a point to those being ordained

## *Report of the Strategic Planning Committee*

In 1991, the Annual Conference called for the appointment of a Strategic Planning Committee for the denomination. Since that time, the Committee selected by Annual Conference has sought to provide vision, cohesive direction, support, and encouragement for the ministries of the BFC. They worked toward the development and implementation of a Vision Statement, took major steps to regionalize the ministries of the BFC, oversaw the provision of two denomination-wide gatherings for corporate worship, provided evaluation and encouragement to churches in need, took steps toward developing a corporate identity for the denomination, sought to streamline administrative processes, and sought to bring cohesive focus to denominational ministries.

It is quite possible that this Committee has now worked itself out of a job.

During their shared ministry, the Strategic Planning Committee met extensively with pastors, laymen, denominational leaders, agency heads, and even leaders of ministries outside of the BFC to gain perspective for the direction, focus, and vision of our fellowship of Churches. Repeatedly, we heard pastors and laymen asking for more leadership, a structure that would better oversee our denomination, and centralized offices.

Working with the Board of Directors and Agency Leaders, the Committee has developed the foundations for a restructuring of the BFC. A proposed framework for streamlining Annual Conference, developing an executive branch of the denominational ministry for leadership on a year-round basis, moving toward corporate offices, and providing an Executive Director to serve as an encourager and implementer of BFC vision was presented to all of the Bible Fellowship Church pastors, elders, and agency leaders in 2006. Those who reviewed the proposals were positive and supportive and gave significant input to help develop the framework into a useable plan for restructuring of the denomination. We were very pleased with the broad participation and input we received in regional gatherings in the late Fall and Winter of 2006. Our thanks



to all who participated.

After extensive interaction with members of the Board of Directors, we join them in proposing that a Steering Committee be established with the express goal of formulating procedures necessary for the provision of a denominational Executive Board and Executive Director. We believe that such provision will give leadership for the denomination in the years ahead that will be cohesive, comprehensive, and coordinated. Furthermore, we encourage the Annual Conference to expedite this process so that the BFC can proceed in serving our Lord, His Church, and His world more effectively in the days ahead.

We also believe that the establishment of this Steering Committee and the subsequent provision of an Executive Board along with the Executive Director should result in the dissolution of the Strategic Planning Committee as it currently exists. The work we have overseen should be cared for under the auspices of the Steering Committee and the subsequent Executive Board.

Thank you for your support and participation in our work these past 16 years. We trust that the work we have done has strengthened the fellowship of churches and has brought cohesive perspective of ministry and vision to the BFC.

May we, as the Bible Fellowship Church, continue to "seek to become an expanding fellowship of churches united to make disciples of Jesus Christ."

#### **Resolution:**

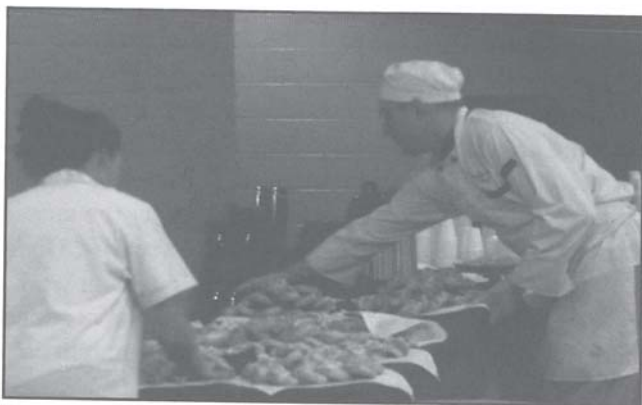
**Whereas**, the work of the Strategic Planning Committee as established by the Annual Conference and outlined in the *Faith & Order* of the Bible Fellowship Church will no longer be necessary when the Executive Board and Executive Director are in place, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Strategic Planning Committee as described in Article 512-17 of the *Faith & Order* of the Bible Fellowship Church be dissolved, and further

**Resolved**, that the responsibilities for strategic planning now be cared for by the Executive Board and Executive

Director of the BFC, and further **Resolved**, that Article 512-17 as well as other references to the Strategic Planning Committee be deleted from the *Faith & Order*. [FIRST READING]

**Strategic Planning Committee:** Dana E. Weller, Chairman; Richard T. Paashaus, Secretary; Robert T. Evans, Elliot H. Ramos, Richard E. Taylor, Robert Vaughn, Robert H. Zentz.



*Preparing for Break*



*Headed for Lunch*

## *Report of the Board of Pensions*

**2006 Review and Status** (*figures rounded for simplicity*): Ministers' Retirement Fund (MRF) annuity payments to the 35 current beneficiaries was \$215,900 in 2006 (compared to \$208,300 in 2005 and \$201,500 in 2004): see Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. There are 8 future beneficiaries of the MRF, the youngest of which will begin receiving benefits at age 65 in the year 2013. There were three beneficiaries who went home to the Lord in 2006. 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 \$3,703,500. The Present Value lump sum cost of funding these future annual benefits is \$2,181,000. During 2006, the Net Assets in the MRF continued to fall as expected, and are now (\$50,900), as illustrated on the Balance Sheet. Therefore, the present value shortfall is approximately \$2,230,000, which is being funded by contributions from the Administrative Budget and the churches. To provide future retirement benefits for current pastors, the *Faith & Order* requires churches to contribute to each pastor's individual 403(b) account (the Ministers Annuity Fund, or MAF) at a minimum rate of 3% of Schedule SE compensation (4% if the pastor is also making voluntary contributions). If you are a pastor and your church is not making its contribution to your 403(b) plan, contact the Secretary of the Board, Keith Plows, at P.O. Box 323, 228 Hope Street, Stockertown, PA 18083.

**Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA):** Partial cost-of-living adjustments have been part of the long-term phase out strategy of the MRF. At its meeting on January 19, 2007, the Board evaluated the cost of eliminating the COLA phaseout for beneficiaries who were more than age 65 when the MRF was frozen on December 31, 1993. The Board concluded that the cost outweighed the benefits when spread over the entire group of MRF beneficiaries. It would be more appropriate to provide additional assistance to individual beneficiaries who are experiencing financial difficulties.

**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 2006, no Notes were issued, and the total

of Notes outstanding remains at \$90,000. This 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 its annual meeting on that date. The Board will need to issue \$40,000 of Notes during 2007, and has a firm commitment from an agency at this time. It is expected that the Board will need to begin issuing Notes again in June, 2008.

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 2008 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 the **2008 or 2009 Notes** offering should contact Rick Volpe 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 mid 2007.

**Annual Funding:** The Board of Pensions is requesting a contribution from the Administrative Budget in the amount of \$66,000 for 2008, and \$69,000 for 2009. 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](mailto:mail@faithbfc.org).

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

1. **Whereas**, the MRF annuity rate for 2007 is \$215 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 2008 be \$217 per year of service.

Resolution Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Ministers of this Conference **for Calendar Year 2008**

2. **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 **2008** 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; Jay Fastnacht, Robert Gaugler, Ellis L. Hostetter, Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr, David N. Schoen, Thomas P. Shorb, Richard J. Volpe.



**Board of Pensions  
Balance Sheet**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

	FYE 12/31/06	FYE 2/31/05
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash: Harleysville N. B. Acct. #xxxxx5680	\$ 17,519.02	\$ 20,946.37
Money Market Funds Vanguard Acct. #xxxxx0164	22,364.05	1,887.48
Mutual Funds <sup>1</sup>	0.00	62,195.58
Receivables <sup>2</sup>	2,169.00	4,800.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 42,052.07</b>	<b>\$ 89,829.43</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
BOP Notes (Face Amount)	(90,000.00)	(90,000.00)
BOP Notes (accrued interest)	(2,945.26)	(2,945.26)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ (50,893.19)</b>	<b>\$ 3,115.83</b>

Footnotes: Note 1: 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, 2006. Net Assets are projected to decline until 2014 to a point of approximately negative \$227,000. 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, 2006

	FYE 12/31/06	FYE 2/31/05
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Administrative Budget	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 57,000.00
Contributions from Churches	112,605.25 <sup>1</sup>	102,017.02 <sup>1</sup>
Payments from Board of Missions	32,982.24 <sup>2</sup>	32,370.48 <sup>2</sup>
Gifts and Bequests	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 205,587.49</b>	<b>\$ 191,387.50</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Retirement Payments:		
Regular	\$ 215,885.94 <sup>3</sup>	\$ 208,298.51 <sup>3</sup>
Board of Missions	32,370.48 <sup>2</sup>	32,088.66 <sup>2</sup>
Administrative Expenses	1,786.00 <sup>4</sup>	1,572.82 <sup>4</sup>
Interest paid on		
BOP Notes outstanding	5,017.11 <sup>5</sup>	4,113.00 <sup>5</sup>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 255,059.53</b>	<b>\$ 246,072.99</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ (49,472.04)</b>	<b>\$ (54,685.49)</b>

Footnotes: Note 1: This reflects membership contributions for balances due for 2005, plus contributions during 2006. 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, 2006

#### STARTING DATA & ASSUMPTIONS

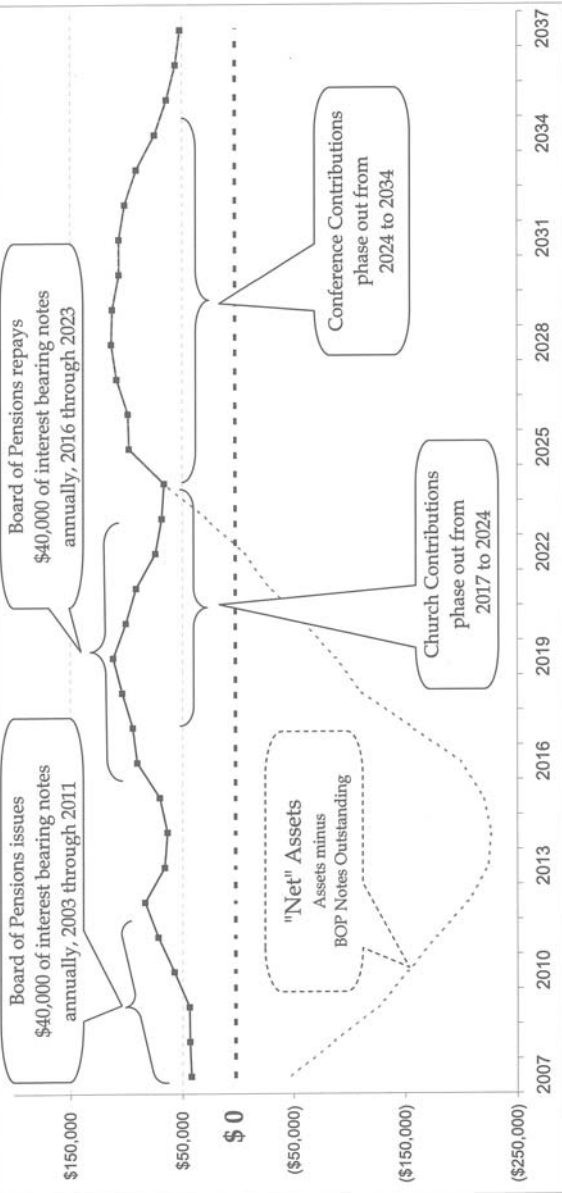
TOTAL MRF ASSETS as of	12/31/06	42,052
Benefits begin at Normal Retirement Age		65
Number of Current / Future / Total Beneficiaries	35 / 8 /	43
MRF Annuity Annual Payout Rate 2007 / 2008	215 / 217	
Inflation / Interest Rate Assumption	3.0% / 6.0%	
Cost of Living Gradual Phaseout (COLA): 2006-2010, 20%, 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	
2007	9.00	63,000	2022	5.00	91,000	Basic Church Contribution Rate per Member times 100 BFC members as of 12/31/2005 <b>7,446</b>  Annual Membership Growth 1% (historical avg 1.5% since 1987)
2008	9.00	66,000	2023	4.00	91,000	
2009	10.00	69,000	2024	3.00	81,000	
2010	10.00	72,000	2025	0.00	71,000	
2011	10.00	75,000	2026	0.00	61,000	
2012	11.00	77,000	2027	0.00	51,000	
2013	11.00	79,000	2028	0.00	41,000	
2014	11.00	81,000	2029	0.00	36,000	
2015	11.00	83,000	2030	0.00	31,000	
2016	12.00	85,000	2031	0.00	26,000	
2017	11.00	87,000	2032	0.00	21,000	2007 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>
2018	9.00	89,000	2033	0.00	16,000	
2019	8.00	91,000	2034	0.00	16,000	
2020	7.00	91,000	2035	0.00	16,000	
2021	6.00	91,000	2036	0.00	16,000	

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 2012 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 2016 and be complete by 2024.

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.



Current Assumptions		COLA Phaseout Factors	
Mortality Certainty Level	80%	2007 to 2010	20%
Inflation / Interest Rate Assumptions	3.00% 6.00%	2011 to 2035	0%
Projected Annual Annuity Payments to MRF Beneficiaries by Calendar Year			
2007	211,738	2012	223,781
2008	213,708	2013	210,422
2009	214,693	2014	203,534
2010	215,678	2015	193,314
2011	220,112	2016	187,401
		2017	178,641
		2018	178,641
		2019	163,530
		2020	150,299
		2021	146,795
		2022	122,957
		2023	107,791
		2024	92,789
		2025	72,532
		2026	53,096
		2027	49,154
		2028	44,938
		2029	44,938
		2030	33,550
		2031	33,550
		2032	33,550
		2033	33,550
		2034	26,784
		2035	23,115
		2036	18,954
		2037	33,550
Total Payments			3,703,533

Prepared by the BFC Board of Pensions, January 2007

## *Report of the Historical Committee*

The past is not our future.

Those who long for the good old days might offer an argument. We would be better off, they suggest, if things were like they used to be. Why don't we just follow the Bible like they used to?

Say it again - the past is not the future. We don't live there anymore. Even though the past seems kinder and gentler, less intense and more secure, it is not where we are and not where we are going. So why bother with history and heritage? Why keep the memories alive? Why remember people long gone?

The philosopher George Santayana said, "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it." It is a good thought. The BFC story contains things we would like to forget and things we can never forget. Our past contains lessons to be learned about what not to do and lessons about when we were at our best. Even though the past is not our future, it is our past.

What can we learn?

We learn the BFC is unique. God has led us on a unique journey making us a unique church with a unique task. Only one denomination has ever made the journey we have made. We are not alone in making a journey since every denomination has its own journey. Only our denomination has made our journey. We started as a few people who burned with evangelistic zeal. Our forefathers and foremothers did not look to make a name and did not even think about being a church. God has led from that handful of people. They loved the Lord Jesus and wanted to obey him from the pit of their hearts. They were willing to listen to His word and change when they thought they were wrong. They recognized their faults and looked for ways to improve. God changed us as our journey progressed. As a result, our church is part of God's plan and work in this world. God has led us to an understanding of His word and to expectations that lead us to take what God has given us and what He has made us to the world. The world will be different for it.

We learn who we are. The adult was a child once. The child grew. The adult was in the child and the child is in the adult. When adults want to understand who they are, part of the

understanding is in the memories of the child. There were events and people who shaped the child and formed the adult. It is no less true for our church. We are changing. What we are becoming is formed from what we were. Why were we so committed to preaching the gospel? Why did we return again and again to the Bible to receive its direction? Why were we obsessed with organization and record keeping? Why was loyalty the great virtue? How does who we were shape what we will be? How does what we were hold us back from our future? What are the strengths that we must not abandon as the processes of change continue?

The Historical Committee believes these lessons are crucial. Learning to understand our strengths and weaknesses is a vital exercise as we face the changes that inevitably come to a people who want to follow God and know that the past is not our future. We are committed to our task of preserving the past believing that we are helping to shape the future.

The routine work of collecting and cataloguing continues. In recent years, the numbers of acquisitions has declined. We believe that many significant documents, records and photographs are still laying around which need to be placed in the archives. We encourage our churches and individuals with important historical material to place them in the archives for preservation and safekeeping. Recently, some very special and unique photographs were given to archives. They were rescued from a pile of material destined for a trash heap. In this case, we appreciate that someone saw their value and protected them. How many more records, documents and photographs will wind up in a land fill? You can help by assuring that historical materials are protected by routing them to the archives where they will be protected.

Our on-line library continues to grow with additions being made on a regular basis. Past minutes, study papers, statistics and other helpful materials are available at our website, [bfchistory.org](http://bfchistory.org).

The Historical Society was hosted this year by the Fleetwood Church. Jim Mortland from the Fleetwood Church made a presentation entitled, "130 Years in Fleetwood." Jill Davidson, Vice-President of the Society who is a member of the Graterford Church, read a paper entitled, "A Feather in Your Cap: Legalism in the MBC / BFC."

Next year's meeting of the Historical Society will be held at

Wallingford, PA, on October 27, 2007. Presentations will be made on the history of the Wallingford Church and former Pastor E. N. Cassel and his role in the evolution of our doctrinal positions.

**Historical Committee:** Jill Davidson, Chairperson; Richard E. Taylor, Secretary and Archivist; James A. Beil, Carl C. Cassel, Harold P. Shelly, Robert W. Smock.

**Historical Society**  
Financial Report  
January 1 - December 31, 2006

Balance - 1/1/2006		3089.66
Receipts		
Sales	\$ 318.00	
BFC Allowance	<u>1000.00</u>	
	1318.00	<u>1318.00</u>
		4407.66
Expenses		
Petty cash	\$100.00	
Data entry	121.63	
Membership - LMHS	35.00	
New Checks	<u>18.00</u>	
	274.63	<u>274.63</u>
Balance 8/31/2006		4133.03
 <b>Deposits</b> at Wachovia Bank, Brookhaven, PA		
Checking account	2133.03	
CD	<u>2000.00</u>	
	4133.03	
 <b>Funds</b>		
Memorial Funds	965.02	
Operating Funds	<u>3168.01</u>	
	4133.03	

Financial accounts were 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. Uhrich, Secretary; James A. Beil, Douglas D. Bowne, Carl C. Cassel, W. Lester Moyer, Calvin T. Reed, Ronald W. Reed, L. James Roberts, Jr., Clyde W. Snyder, Dean A. Stortz, Robert H. Zentz.

## *Report on the Committee on Auditing*

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

**Committee on Auditing:** Robert W. Gehret, Chairman; Horace A. Kauffman, Robert H. Zentz



*Michael Tannous & the Chairman*

## *Report of the Beneficiary Society*

*"I will sing praises to you among the nations,  
for your loving kindness  
is great to the heavens, and your truth to the clouds."  
Psalm 57:10*

As we look back on this past year of 2006 we mourn the loss of two of God's faithful servants and proclaimers of His Sacred Word, Willard E. Cassel and William H. Bartron, and three faithful wives of our ministers, Cordelia Dunn, Mary Heffner and Addy Mull. They have gone to their reward, to be with their Lord and Saviour. Mrs. Bartron is now receiving a monthly grant from our Minister's Aid. During the year we have received a number of our ordained Brethren ministering under the direction of the Board of Missions and several who have recently received their license in the BFC. The Society now has 94 paying members besides many retired Pastors and their wives. We covet your prayers that we may be able to continue our ministry in an effectual manner.

Several changes have been made to the article on the Beneficiary Society in the *Faith & Order*, changing rules, regulations and benefits. Please make yourselves aware of these changes.

1. Any Probationer/Ordained man licensed or ordained by the BFC must become a member of the Beneficiary Society of the BFC, except for those designated in paragraph two under membership.

### 701-1.3

Each Probationer/Ordained man entering the membership must pay into the society an equal amount of money equivalent to the number of years that he was licensed, up to the current year. This amount will be the total of the amounts paid for each year of his service.

2. The following corrections (**in bold and underlined**) to be made to the Article on Beneficiary Society in the *F&O*.

## 701-1.1

The Beneficiary Society of the BFC is a mutual aid society of all ordained and/or licensed ministers engaged in the ministries of the BFC. - **Rest of the paragraph eliminated.**

## 701-1.3

3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph

Ministers receiving Ministers' Retirement Fund benefits, ministers on disability, and ministers under the Ministers' Annuity fund who have retired at age 65 or later are members of the Society but are exempt from dues. **Those who continue or choose to continue serving as Pastors under agencies of the BFC must pay dues.**

Dues - the dues of all members of the Beneficiary Society shall be set at the annual meeting and shall be paid at Annual Conference. **After a Pastor reaches the age of 72 he no longer is expected to pay into the fund of the society.** Non-payment by the end of Annual Conference automatically cancels any **claims to** benefits until payment is received by the secretary.

Benefits - each member of the Society is entitled to death benefits for himself, his wife and his children. **Each child is insured until he or she reaches the age of 19.**

**A widow of a minister not receiving aid from MRF or MAF shall not receive less than \$100 per year.**

**A member must pay into the Beneficiary Society Fund for at least 10 years to receive full benefits. If a member pays into the fund less than 10 years the benefits are as follows; less than 10 years - ½ of the prescribed benefits; less than 5 years - 1/4 of the prescribed benefits.**

**When the assets of the Society fall below \$110,000, death benefits for the Pastor revert to \$5,500**

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

**Financial Report**  
**January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006**

ASSETS - January 1, 2006	\$ 200,079.25
Receipts	
Dues	\$ 9,241.00
Gifts	-
Administrative Budget	<u>500.00</u>
Total Receipts	9,741.00
Investment Income	
Interest -	
Wachovia	10,679.44
Less Accrued Interest Paid	(121.81)
Gains (Loss) on Securities Sold	<u>( 83.50)</u>
Total Investment Income	<u>10,474.13</u>
	<u>220,294.38</u>
Expenditures	
Board & Secretarial Expenses	210.47
Gifts	306.28
Death Benefits	<u>27,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>27,516.75</u>
Total Assets - December 31, 2006	<u><u>\$ 192,777.63</u></u>
Checking and Savings Accounts	
Lebanon Val. Farmers Bank - Ck	\$ 1,144.05
Wachovia - Cash & MM 2.70%	<u>2,272.49</u>
Total Checking & Savings Acct.	\$ 3,416.54

	%	Market Value	Cost
Investments - Wachovia			
FHLMC - 2781 DD	5.50	7,616.48	8,040.00
FHLMC - 2890BB	5.50	2,854.47	3,006.00
FHLMC - 2643EE	5.00	5,335.26	6,000.00
GNMA - 03-81B	5.50	2,834.31	3,000.00
FHLMC - 2724GG	5.50	5,703.84	5,970.00
FHLMC - 2722EE	5.50	9,484.50	10,000.00
GNMA - 04-16EC	5.50	6,715.03	7,000.00
GNMA - 2004-16AE	5.50	952.16	1,006.00
Bank of America - 04-31A4	5.50	3,655.44	4,036.00
FHLMC - 2973CC	5.50	1,900.90	2,026.00
FHLMC - 2946EE	5.50	5,698.08	6,072.00
FHLMC - 2940CC	5.25	9,153.50	10,012.00
MASTR - 04-15A4	5.50	4,909.20	5,289.80
GNMA - 04-41CD	6.00	475.55	483.79
FHLMC - 2875HH	5.50	1,894.44	2,006.00
FHLMC - 2968MM	5.50	4,733.55	5,006.00

FHLMC - 2964GG	5.50	4,735.65	5,006.00
FNMA - 05-27AD	5.50	2,831.31	3,051.00
FHLMC - 2982DD	5.50	7,577.12	8,006.00
FHLMC - 2975DD	5.50	2,839.80	3,006.00
FHLMC - 2991HH	5.00	3,475.36	4,006.00
GSR MTG SECS - 05-5F2A7	5.50	5,374.50	6,006.00
FHLMC - 3022HH	5.50	1,899.98	2,016.00
FHLMC - 3014GG	5.50	12,306.84	13,006.00
FHLMC - 3033WW	5.50	2,852.13	3,036.00
FHLMC - 3040CC	5.50	12,327.77	13,136.00
Countrywide - 05-21A9	5.50	8,404.56	9,073.50
FHLMC - 3063LL	6.00	3,034.20	3,036.00
Countrywide - 05-53T22A4	5.50	1,878.04	1,996.00
Countrywide - 06-64CB1A3	6.00	12,757.94	13,006.00
FHLMC - 3081KK	5.75	2,937.33	3,006.00
FHLMC - 3148BB	6.00	1,967.60	2,006.00
FHLMC - 3158DD	6.00	4,928.65	5,006.00
FHLMC - 3173GG	6.00	2,948.10	2,991.00
Countrywide - 06-24CBA3	6.00	4,930.65	5,006.00
Countrywide - 06-24CBA3	6.00	4,930.65	5,006.00
Total Investments		<u>178,854.89</u>	<u>189,361.09</u>
Total Assets - Dec. 31, 2006			<u>\$ 192,777.63</u>

## Notes

1 - Investments are listed at cost or Face Value.

2 - Anticipated income on Wachovia investments for year is \$10,552

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



*When R. C. Reichenbach  
was with Gospel Herald Society*



*Long time Beneficiary Secretary  
R. C. Reichenbach*

***Report of the  
Committee on Examination  
of Annual Conference Minutes***

In pursuance of our responsibility to produce accurate minutes of Annual Conference, the committee compares the approved minutes with 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. We would particularly like to thank Mildred Musselman of Calvary BFC, Coopersburg, PA, for her careful reading and notations on the text.

The following minor corrections should be made to the 2006 official minutes:

- p. 52 Third paragraph, line 3 should be "agreed" instead of "agree"
- p. 63 Third resolved should be "Ronald C. Erb's" rather than "Ron C. Erb's" to be consistent.
- p. 66 Third line of last whereas – should include "Glenn R. Felty" instead of Glen R. Felty"

The following minor corrections should be made to the remainder of the *Yearbook*:

- xxiv Last section "May 2006" should read "May 2007"
- p. 2 Upper left picture is Dan Allen not Randy Grossman. It would be best to put a picture of Randy Grossman in that spot since the next picture is of Dan Allen.
- p. 96 First line "had completed" should read "has completed."
- p. 104 In Financial Report - Meals 1486.01 listed in total column should be moved left because it is an expenditure not a total.
- p. 124 Balance Sheet FYE 2/31/04 should be FYE 12/31/04
- p. 125 Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements FYE 2/31/04 should be FYE 12/31/04



- p. 134 Francisco & Elaine deSouza ministry designation should be in right column.
- p. 134 Billy and Dindy Dunn should be Billy and Cindy Dunn.
- p. 138 Change first word from “ates” to “Dates”
- p. 144 Fourth line – capitalize Particular Churches to be consistent with rest of report.
- p. 147 Eliminate extra line between d and e.
- p. 172 Under Expenses – “Yearbooks Costs” should be “Yearbook Costs”
- p. 178 Historical Committee Report – Memorial Giving amount \$2730.00 in total column should be moved to the left and put in the first column.
- p. 187 Third line - eliminate “the” before those.
- p. 201 Footnote three – “Rom. 8:29-30” should be after that passage is quoted and placed in parentheses to be consistent with the other references.
- p. 215 Third line from bottom – should read “amillennialist” instead of “allmillennialist”
- p. 216 Second paragraph, sixth line – “who are a progressive dispensationalists” eliminate “a”.
- p. 217 First line under Annotated Bibliography should read “The following are books and articles selected by various members of the committee...”
- p. 218 Second paragraph, second line - eliminate the hyphen in “pre-millennialist” to be consistent with the rest of the report.
- p. 218 Fifth paragraph, second sentence – should read “This history convinced him that premillennialism was not new” rather than “This history convinced him the premillennialism was snot new.”
- p. 219 Third line from bottom of page should read “various millennial views” instead of “various millenniums views”
- p. 220 Second paragraph, fourth line – “theology has been changes” should be “theology has seen changes.”
- p. 234 Under Composition and Election, Class I - move “Two ministers and one elder” to the left to line up with Class II and Class III.
- p. 237 First line under pastors – should be “Ordained Ministers” instead of “Or dained Ministers” (eliminate space in

- ordained)
- p. 245 At bottom of page eliminate b and c under enrollment since statistical report does not include statistics for Cradle Roll and Home Department.
- p. 255 Under Directory of Missions after **HCJB World Radio** entry add:

**Immanuel Ministries International, Inc., P.O. Box  
1000052, Brooklyn, NY, 11210;**  
Telephone: (718) 337-0744  
Barbara Chappell

**Committee on Examination of the Minutes of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Conference:** Philip G. Norris, Chairman; Gary W. Saggio,  
Byron Widger.

## *Report of the Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches*

The Committee on Examination of Minutes of Particular Churches met on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at Bethel BFC, Emmaus, PA.

The minutes of Particular Churches were examined on the basis of the suggested format for congregational meetings as stated in the *Faith & Order*, Article 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.*

The minutes and reports were to arrive no later than March 1, 2007. Several churches did not submit their minutes on time and we would request that you have your congregational meeting early enough to meet this date.

The Committee appreciates those churches that used the checklist to make sure they were providing all the necessary information. **Several churches noted on this form where the requested information could be found in the reports. This helped to streamline our work, which was greatly appreciated.** The 2008 checklist will include a place to note this.

We would remind each of the churches again this year of the need to verify evidence of a *financial review* and to provide a report from the Pastoral Relations Committee.

**We would further remind each church of the need to include a copy of the signed Elder's Declaration of Agreement with the Articles of Faith and a willingness to follow the Principles of Order of the BFC.** (see *F&O* §401-1.9).

The committee found no petitions to Annual Conference.

### **Committee on the Examination of Minutes of Particular**

**Churches:** Ralph M. Soper, Chairman; Ronald C. Erb, Secretary; C. Larry Bennett, Allan R. Vivona.

## *Report of the Ministerial Convention Committee*

The annual Ministerial Convention was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 26-27, 2006 at Pinebrook Bible Conference Center.

The conference theme was entitled: "The Three Colors of Ministry." The speaker was Carl Shank of Natural Church Development (NCD). Mr. Shank's sessions focused on how the churches might implement gift-oriented ministries, as described in Christian Schwarz's book *The 3 Colors of Ministry*. Sessions included discussions of NCD's Trinitarian approach to identifying and developing spiritual gifts, as well as discussions of how to organize your church around its particular spiritual gift mix.

At the business meeting, Steven J. DelDuco and John C. Vandegriff, Jr. were elected to serve, replacing Allan R. Vivona and Howard N. Wells whose terms expired. We offer our thanks for the faithful services of both Allan R. Vivona and Howard N. Wells.

The Committee is constituted as follows:

### 2006 Committee

Howard N. Wells, Chairman  
Allan R. Vivona, Secretary  
Gerald D. Clark, Treasurer  
Raymond R. Bertolet  
Philip E. Yerrington  
Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

### 2007 Committee

Raymond R. Bertolet, Chairman  
Steven J. DelDuco, Secretary  
Gerald D. Clark, Treasurer  
John C. Vandegriff, Jr.  
Philip E. Yerrington  
Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor

### Length of terms are as follows:

1 year – Gerald D. Clark  
2 years – Raymond R. Bertolet, Philip E. Yerrington  
3 years – Steven J. DelDuco, John C. Vandegriff, Jr.

The 2007 Ministerial Convention is scheduled for October 2-3, 2007. The theme will be *The Emerging Church*. Our guest speaker will be Dr. John Franke, Professor of Theology, Biblical Seminary.

**Ministerial Convention Committee:** Raymond R. Bertolet, Chairman; Steven J. DelDuco, Secretary; Gerald D. Clark, Treasurer; John C. Vandegriff, Jr., Philip E. Yerrington, Ronald C. Mahurin, Advisor.

**Ministerial Convention  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2006**

Beginning Balance, Fall 2005	\$75.23
Income:	
BFC Annual Budget	\$1000.00
Registration Fees	<u>\$5081.00</u>
Total	<u>\$6156.23</u>
Expenses:	
New checks and binder	\$18.79
Pinebrook	\$5106.39
Materials (books & brochures)	\$376.00
Honorarium (Carl Shank & Heather Evans)	\$500.00
Refunds (less deposit)	<u>\$144.00</u>
Total	<u>\$6145.18</u>
Ending Balance 2006	\$11.05

Funds on deposit with Citizens Bank.



*Report of the  
Study Committee:  
On the Process and Purpose of God's Calling  
People to Salvation*

The Study Committee on the Process and Purpose of God's Calling People to Salvation presented to 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference changes in wording to various articles relating to soteriology. The committee was then given the assignment by Annual Conference "to supply Annual Conference pastors and delegates with materials giving reasons for their proposed changes" in Articles 9-13 of our *Articles of Faith* (2006 BFC Yearbook, p. 37). The committee fulfilled its assignment and a copy of those materials, which was sent to each church, comprise Appendix A of this report.

In fulfilling its assignment, the committee stressed once again that the suggested changes in wording do not represent any change in the doctrinal positions presently found in our *Articles of Faith*. Therefore, the committee did not present exegetical material to support the word changes to the present articles. It did not believe that it was necessary to present detailed scriptural support of what we already hold as a body to be true.

Whether ultimately the proposed wording for Article 11, *Foreseen faith*, as proposed is adopted or not, we cannot be ambiguous as to what our present position actually is.

While we do not question the integrity of any who sign that they are in agreement with the *Articles of Faith*, we do question the understanding of any who would hold to a foreseen faith view of election while at the same time affirming that "election is a free act of the sovereign God in which from eternity, for reasons known only to Himself, and apart from any goodness in man, He graciously chose from among the fallen mankind a people unto salvation, that they might be conformed to Christ's image." (Article 11-1)

Therefore, any persons who presently hold to a foreseen faith position should not sign that they are in full agreement with our present *Articles of Faith* but should declare their reservation regarding Article 11. Whether or not the proposed clarifications are adopted, such persons, if holding credentials, should continue



to minister and will continue to be embraced by the Bible Fellowship Church. The BFC, however, will continue to require persons seeking credentials to be in full agreement with the *Articles of Faith*. The committee is proposing a resolution to this effect.

The committee has become aware that an exegetical study by previous committees of this and related articles has not been preserved. If Annual Conference desires a detailed written exegetical study concerning Article 11 or any or all other articles under consideration, the Committee is willing to present such a study to be circulated before the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for inclusion in a report to the conference.

Upon further reflection and interaction with various individuals, the committee has become aware that the proposed wording of Article 10, *But unless regenerated*, has been construed by many to mean that one must hold that regeneration comes before faith. And since the committee has already stated on the floor of conference that no such understanding was intended to be communicated by the proposed changes, the committee will present a resolution at this Annual Conference that the words *But unless regenerated* be removed from the Proposed Article 10 that has been adopted at First Reading.

The committee unanimously proposes the following resolutions:

1. **Whereas**, it appears that there are some brethren who currently hold to a foreseen faith position as a basis of election, and  
**Whereas**, a foreseen faith position is inconsistent with the *Articles of Faith* of the Bible Fellowship Church, which states "election is a free act of the sovereign God in which from eternity, for reasons known only to Himself, and apart from any goodness in man, He graciously chose..." (Article 11-1), therefore, be it  
**Resolved**, that any persons who presently hold to a foreseen faith position should not sign that they "subscribe without reservation" [F&O, 512-11.2, Duties (4)] to our present *Articles of Faith* but should declare their reservation regarding Article 11. Whether or not the proposed clarifications are adopted, such persons, if holding

credentials, should continue to minister and will continue to be embraced by the Bible Fellowship Church. The Bible Fellowship Church will continue to require persons seeking credentials to be “committed without reservation” [*F&O*, 512-13.3, Duties (5)] to the *Articles of Faith*.

2. **Whereas**, the words *But unless regenerated* contained in the proposed Article 10 have been construed by many to require that one must believe that regeneration precedes faith, and

**Whereas**, the Study Committee on the Process and Purpose of God’s Calling People to Salvation stated on the conference floor that it was not its intention to imply by these words that regeneration must precede faith, and

**Whereas**, it is the purpose of the proposed changes to bring a greater clarity to the present articles, and

**Whereas**, the meaning of the phrase *but unless regenerated* is not sufficiently clear, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the words *but unless regenerated* be deleted from Article 10 that was adopted at first reading and that the original wording, *but left to himself*, be re-inserted.

[First Reading]

**Committee to Study Articles Pertaining to Salvation:** Calvin T. Reed, Chairman; Ronald L. Kohl, Secretary; David T. Allen, Clifford B. Boone, Andrew T. Crossgrove, William G. Schlonecker, Arthur J. Simpson

**Materials for Annual Conference pastors and delegates  
to understand the proposed clarifications  
in Articles 9-13 of the *Articles of Faith***

Dear Pastors and Elders,

In response to the initial 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.

In the report to the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, the committee unanimously concluded, "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 Study Committee on the Process and Purpose of God's Calling People to Salvation presented changes in the wording of articles that were approved at first reading. In order to facilitate the discussion and vote by the Boards of Elders of particular churches that is required before second reading, the committee was given the assignment by Annual Conference "to supply Annual Conference pastors and delegates with materials giving reason for their proposed changes" in Articles 9-13 of our *Articles of Faith* (2006 BFC Yearbook, p. 37). It is in fulfillment of that assignment that the committee presents these materials to you.

You received a letter from the Committee on Arrangements dated Oct. 2, 2006, explaining that it is the responsibility of the Boards of Elders of each particular church to review and vote on proposed changes to the *Articles of Faith*.

## Background to the Report Submitted To the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

It is the committee's sincere belief that the suggested changes in wording do not represent any change in the doctrinal positions presently found in our *Articles of Faith*. Instead, they clarify the meaning that is already present. Therefore, the committee has not entered into a new scriptural study to support the articles; such study was accomplished when the present articles were written. It is the committee's desire to remove any perceived ambiguities, so that each article is clearly understood, even at a cursory reading by one who is not familiar with the BFC. The committee also believes this will aid in the recruitment of pastors by attracting those who hold to the same theological positions that are held by the BFC.

The sole purpose of these materials is to demonstrate that the proposed changes in wording are, in fact, clarifications of the BFC's present doctrinal position, and not changes in position. This will be accomplished by noting how the clarifications are consistent with wording in both the article under consideration and the wording in other existing articles. The committee rejects any suggestion that the proposed clarifications constitute a new position for the BFC. An assertion to the contrary *would* constitute a new doctrinal position for the BFC.

Therefore, the materials that you have before you for consideration represent a study of the *Articles of Faith* of the BFC, demonstrating that the proposed wording of the articles is consistent with the present wording of the articles; and further, that the clarifications presented are helpful in the recruitment of pastors and in erasing perceived ambiguities.

### 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 clarifications

- 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 (1 John 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 (1 John 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).

1. Adding the word *unbelief* to Article 9-1 is consistent with Article 15, Justification, which states, "the sinner is declared righteous solely through faith in the redemptive work of Christ." Prior to faith, man was unrighteous and unbelieving, thereby incurring God's wrath and judgment.

2. Total depravity includes not just man's conduct and behavior, but his whole *being* or nature. This is consistent with Article 10-1, Human Ability and Responsibility, which states that

while man has not lost his ability to make decisions, "left to himself, he acts only in accordance with his fallen, sinful nature."

## 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 clarifications**

- 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).

1. The replacement of "by" with *through* in Article 10-1 is simply designed to eliminate a possible misunderstanding of time-chronology. It was through Adam's fall, not "by the time of Adam's fall," that sin came into the world and man lost his ability,

apart from God's grace, to will and to do those things necessary for a right relationship with God.

2. The replacement of "but left to himself" with the proposed clarification *but unless regenerated* asserts nothing more than that fallen man, with a fallen nature, has no other nature from which to work "in accordance with" unless he is first regenerated. In addition, Article 17-1, Perseverance of the Saints, notes that it is "those regenerated by the Word of God through the work of the Holy Spirit become partakers of the divine nature." They are not "partakers of the divine nature" before regeneration.

3. "God saves *those* men" is consistent with Article 11-2, Election, which states "those so chosen He redeems by His Son and seals by His Spirit."

## 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 clarifications**

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. (Romans 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).

1. The present article on election states that God chose for “reasons known only to Himself.” To postulate that God chooses individuals on the basis of *foreseen faith* is to posit *the* reason for God choosing whom He does. In fact, it is asserted by those who hold to a *foreseen faith* position that we as humans know the reason why God chooses whom He does, namely *foreseen faith*, and that the reason is not just known by God, but He has revealed the reason in His Word. A *foreseen faith* position stands in complete opposition to the plain reading of the current article, which states “for reasons known only to Himself.”

Further, the present article states that it is apart from “goodness” that God chooses who will be saved. *Foreseen faith* would be a “goodness” found in man that men without faith do not possess. Such a faith determines God’s choosing of a person; hence, God’s choice is no longer “for reasons known only to Himself and apart from any goodness in man.” As such, a *foreseen faith* position is antithetical to our current article on election. Either the basis of God’s choosing is a reason known only to God or *foreseen faith* is the reason. Either it is apart from man’s goodness or it is because of the goodness of man’s faith. It cannot be both. The present article does not provide room for *foreseen faith* as a part of God’s choosing, but rather man’s faith is a result of God’s choosing.

2. The addition of the word *found* in the phrase “*found* in man” simply means that faith was not resident or inherent in fallen



man, but comes as a result of God's grace. God brings fallen man to faith as opposed to discovering faith resident in man's heart. Article 10-1, Human Ability and Responsibility, states that "man lost his ability, apart from God's grace, to will and to do those things necessary for a right relationship with God."

## 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 clarifications**

- 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).

1. The committee noted that the *Articles of Faith* nowhere define salvation. Therefore, in 12-1, the Annual Conference approved a summary definition that is a clarification in keeping

with what the articles on salvation teach as a whole. This definition includes scriptural support in the footnotes.

2. That “salvation...*is accomplished in all the elect*” is consistent with Article 11-1, Election, which states “those so chosen He redeemed by His Son and seals by His Spirit.” In addition to the footnoted Scriptures, Ephesians 1:13 says, “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...” It is only those who have believed who are sealed by His Spirit. As such, when the article presently states that “those so chosen He redeemed by His Son and seals by His Spirit,” it is intended to communicate that salvation *is accomplished in all the elect.*

## 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 clarifications**

- 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) 2 Tim. 2:25 “correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of truth . . .”



<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 (1 Thess.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. (1 Thess. 1:3)**

1. The addition of the phrase *a gift of God* is consistent with Article 10-1, Human Ability and Responsibility, which states, "But by the fall of Adam man lost his ability, apart from God's grace, to will and to do those things necessary for a right relationship with God." Therefore, the act of repentance is not solely the work of man's will but is a gift of God's grace. In addition to the footnoted Scriptures, 2 Timothy 2:25 says, "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. *Loving, obedient service* as a result of true repentance is consistent with Article 11-1, Election, which states that those who are chosen "might be conformed to Christ's image." *Loving, obedient service* is a mark of conforming to Christ's image. It is also consistent with Article 16-1, Sanctification, which notes that sanctification is a "progressive work" that "conforms the whole man" to Christ's image "as the Word of God is believed and obeyed."

The committee thanks the pastors and elders in advance for their consideration of this material and the proposed clarifications to the articles. If you have any further questions, please contact Pastor Calvin Reed, chairman of the committee.

The members of this study committee unanimously approve this report.

## *Report of the Study Committee on Women Serving as Deacons*

### Introduction

In our initial assignment we were to answer the question: "Does the Scripture allow women to serve as deacons?" Our report in 2005 answered this question affirmatively. Likewise the Conference approved that recommendation at first reading. At that time, this committee also cautioned the presentation of new legislation by this comment: "Churches in which the leadership is satisfied that the Bible permits women deacons should be allowed to do so. The study committee wants to emphasize that we think Annual Conference should not require the practice of using women in the role of deacon. However, the committee encourages that the door be open to this biblical practice."

In that light, our assignment by the 122<sup>nd</sup> and 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conferences was to define "minister" more precisely with the intent of providing "legislation covering the entire Article 204."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *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

Before presenting the proposed legislation, the following material is presented in anticipation of the fear that underlies much of these discussions: Is allowing women to be deacons the first step in the “slippery slope” for allowing women to be elders? The core concept around which most of the material culminates is this sentence: **“Moreover, though the English word deacon has roots in the Greek word for ministry or minister<sup>2</sup>, this etymological connection gives no basis for women being elders.”** (Proposed in section 204-2.2) Although an attempt has been made to clarify and change terminology, the title “minister” has been kept as an appropriate title for the elder who holds that position.

So, what is in this massive report?

1. An explanation of the theological flow of the rewording of the legislation.
2. An explanation of using the word “position” instead of “office.”
3. Biblical evidence for having men only serve as elders.
4. The proposed legislation.
  - a. The small, 9-point print is untouched legislation. Sometimes printed in both columns just for clarity sake.
  - b. Left column – proposed legislation. The proposed legislation includes newly- proposed changes and second reading changes from this committee PLUS italic paragraphs for second reading from the other study committees.
  - c. Right column - present form of the F&O we are proposing to change. Some words are highlighted to signify where the change occurred.

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***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.

<sup>2</sup> The Greek *διακονος* can be translated servant, minister or deacon.

## I. An Explanation of the Flow of the Proposed Legislation.

The 204 section of legislation has been renumbered to reflect a logical/theological flow of thought. Basically it flows like this:

### A. Elders

1. The authority of the plurality of elder-rule; the work of elders; men only.
2. Ministers and Pastoral Staff - elders working at the behest of elder board.
  - a. Deacons working under the authority of the elders.
  - b. Church Staff hired by the church and working under the authority of the elders.

To explain more fully: our *Article of Faith* 18-3 states well, "The Head of the Church administers the affairs of His body through overseers chosen by Himself and selected by the people..." Hence, the only singular administrative function in the local church belongs to Jesus (1Pet. 5:1,4; Col. 1:18). Yet He engages a plurality of elders to get that work done.

"Even churches that claim to be governed by a plurality of elders have redefined eldership so that its original purpose and noble standing have, in practice, been eclipsed by the ordained pastor and his staff."<sup>3</sup> The study group wanted to clearly avoid this misunderstanding.

Elders of NT churches exercised freedom in assigning specific tasks or areas of responsibility to individuals among the eldership and within the local body. The proposed legislation describes the broader responsibilities of the plurality of elders. Within the local church, some responsibilities are reserved for the elders alone while other ministries are transferable outside the plurality of elders. The idea to let the legislation be outlined in such a fashion that it highlights the theological importance of elder-rule church government seems practical and perspicuous. Among other things, pastors would be seen to serve more clearly at the behest of the elder board. Elder boards would be free to formulate their pastoral staff, church staff, boards and committees according to local ministry needs. Men performing tasks that include responsibilities

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<sup>3</sup> *Biblical Eldership*, Alexander Strauch, 1987



reserved for elders would be required to be elders; others would not.

The legislation champions the plurality of elder-rule while at the same time recognizes the position of "minister" in our local churches. Strauch describes the principle "first among equals" when he points out that Peter and John bore no special title or formal distinctions from the other apostles and likewise elders who receive double honor formed no official class or receive no special title. "The advantage of the principle of "first among equals" is that it allows for *functional, gift-based diversity within the eldership team without creating an official, superior office over fellow elders.*"<sup>4</sup> Some changes already in progress in our denomination would be validated by this biblical foundation -- a pastor not having to serve as chairman of the elder board; elders not having to sit on every committee.

The overall result would be that the appreciation of the position of elder would be increased.

## II. An Explanation of Using the Word "Position" Instead of "Office."

Throughout the present Faith and Order, the word "office" is used to denote the positions of elder and deacon in the church. We have purposely replaced the word "office" with the word "position" or, "elder" or "deacon" when appropriate.

The primary reason why we replaced the word "office" is because in our present, everyday language the word "office" conveys authority. This is precisely the idea to avoid when talking about the position of deacon - especially in discussions and new legislation regarding women as deacons. The new term avoids any kind of linguistic hints that the position of deacon is more than just a position of service and not of ruling or authority.

Moreover, the terms "office" or "officer" are not used in the New Testament for these positions. Although some English translations include the term "office" in 1 Timothy 3:1 there is not a corresponding word in the Greek text.

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<sup>4</sup> *Biblical Eldership*, Alexander Strauch, 1987; italics by Strauch

### III. Biblical Evidence for Having Men Only Serve as Elders.

Why do we believe that the Scripture teaches that only men can hold the position of elder in the church?

1. In the list of qualifications for elder in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 there is no corresponding mention made of women's qualifications, as there is in the discussion of qualifications for deacons in 1 Timothy 3:8-13.
2. There is no mention of a female elder in the New Testament, unlike the specific mentioning of a female deacon in Romans 16:1.<sup>5</sup>
3. There is a specific prohibition given in Scripture to women teaching and exercising authority over men – 1 Timothy 2:12.

“I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.” We recognize that there are some disagreements over the interpretation of this passage; specifically, whether it is one command or two. However, whether 1 Timothy 2:12 is viewed as one or two commands, the conclusion of both interpretations remains the same – women should not teach in a way that exercises authority over men. Teaching is really an issue extraneous to our purpose. The question, “Can women teach men?” does not directly relate to our assignment. But, the verse clearly excludes women as elders because eldership requires “exercising authority” in the church.

Teaching is an issue because it MAY infringe upon exercising authority. Moreover, previous committees which have studied this subject have concluded the same in 1977<sup>6</sup> and 2001<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> See also the supporting data in the Report to Annual Conference by Study Committee on Women as Deacons; 2005 Yearbook, page 172ff.

<sup>6</sup> “The force of the phrase, “not to exercise authority over a man” would certainly preclude any kind of authoritative or “official” teaching position in the church, such as a “ruling elder” who is “apt to teach” or the office of “pastor-teacher.” Yet, what about the non-authoritative kind of teaching that is not a part of exercising authority in the church? Is that kind of teaching forbidden to women? Perhaps not....

“The understanding of the force of these passages is in essence what has been practiced in the Bible Fellowship Church. We have allowed women to teach in our Bible School, at such places as the Sunday School Convention, training sessions, etc. without any apparent sense of having violated the Scriptures. We have at the



Again, we recognize the different exegetical approaches to the verse but all come to same conclusion: women are excluded from the position of elder yet are allowed to teach in some capacity which does not exercise authority in the church (nor gives the impression that a woman is vying for a position of leadership in the church). How this teaching is worked out culturally in each church is a question outside of the realm of this report.

Moreover, the concepts of “quietness” and “silence” enjoined on women in the New Testament strongly correlate to the concept

*same time taken a position that disqualified women from holding the office of elder and from the office of pastor-teacher.*

*“... Perhaps one of the most difficult areas in which to apply the principle [of subordination] is in the area of teaching. That women are disallowed from those areas of teaching that are considered authoritative is clear from Scripture, but we also recognize that there is a non-authoritative kind of teaching from which they are not excluded.*

*“In seeking to apply the biblical principle to actual situations within the church it is helpful to keep in mind that: (1) the work of an elder belongs to men, and (2) the Scriptures know only two specific classes with respect to ecclesiastical authority – elders and non-elders. That is, all members of the church fall into one of two categories: elders and non-elders. Women have the same possibilities to function in the life of the church in those areas that are allowable to non-elder men.”*

*- 1977 BFC Study Committee*

<sup>7</sup> “The remark about not permitting a woman to teach is not to be taken absolutely, but as qualified by the object “a man,” which it shares with the following verb. Elsewhere, older women are clearly instructed to teach younger women (Titus 2:3-5), and mothers to teach children (Prov 1:8; 31:1; 2 Tim 1:5; 3:15). There will be differences of opinion among Christians about when a boy becomes a man, and this will probably vary from culture to culture. .... Given that the word is used in tandem with the neutral verb “to teach” in our context, there is no reason to think that it should be limited to the negative idea of “domineer” here. Particularly when the Scripture teaches that Christian leaders are not to domineer over their followers, but they are certainly to teach. The whole point of Paul’s context here is some contrast between men and women, as the following verses indicate. ... The differences between men and women extend into the areas of teaching and authority. Women may teach and have authority over children and over other women. They are not to have this authority over adult men. The exact boundaries of this restriction are not spelled out. When does a boy become a man? Does the prohibition extend to team-teaching a mixed Sunday School class? Serving on a committee?”

*- 2001 BFC Study Committee*

of male-only eldership.<sup>8</sup>

4. From Old Testament precedents of male leadership in the home, community and spiritual life to practices of the synagogue in the first century, women were not promoted to positions of spiritual authority. Furthermore, until the last century no women were accepted as elders or pastors in the local church. Church history confirms that the saints throughout the ages have come to the same

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<sup>8</sup> On the word *silence and quietness* (NIV) in 1Cor. 14:34ff and 1Tim. 2:12: ησυχια and ,κεΥ' ^ ,Υφ.

"Quietness," the second word which needs elaboration, is sometimes translated as "silence." However, the Greek word in 1Timothy is not the same word as the word for "silence" in 1Cor. 14:33. The word for silence in 1Cor. 14 (sigao)[σιγατωσαν] is the common word for making no sound. Hesychia [ησυχια], the word in 1Tim 2:11-12 (the same word found in 1 Pt 3:4) is often translated "calmness," "peacefulness," or "quietness."<sup>(8)</sup> In some passages in the New Testament (e.g., Acts 22:2), hesychia refers to a process of ceasing to make objections or ceasing to be contentious. The word "quietness" in these passages, then, refers to a condition that would be characteristic of those who are taught and who receive what is being said. In 1Thes. 4:11, the word is used to denote the quality of being concerned with one's own affairs and of not trying to handle something that is outside the scope of one's responsibility. "Quietness" in 1 Timothy, then, probably refers to a disposition that is ready for learning and is receptive to direction hesychia is closely related to subordination and could well be a word for the state or personal bearing that corresponds to genuine subordination or submissiveness—that is, a state of peace, trust, and receptivity. Refusal or a disinclination to accept teaching or direction is the opposite of hesychia. The term does not necessarily mean refraining from all speech in public situations or in assemblies of the community, but it would mean refraining from speech which would be directive or involve teaching.

"The difficulty in applying the passage does not arise from an unclarity in the meaning of the passage, but from the difference between the approach to teaching taken by the modern church (and the modern world) and the approach of the early Christians. Teaching today is less a way of exercising authority in a relationship, and more an indoctrination or a transfer of information. Therefore, it is difficult to understand in many situations which contemporary teaching would qualify as the kind of teaching the passage is concerned with." - **Man and Woman in Christ: An Examination of the Roles of Men and Women in Light of Scripture and the Social Sciences.** Stephen B. Clark, 1980; <http://www.cbmw.org/resources/books/clark>

conclusion.<sup>9</sup>

#### IV. The Proposed Legislation.

1. **Whereas**, the 122nd Annual Conference (2005) approved the possibility of women serving as deacons at first reading (2005 Yearbook, p. 34); and  
**Whereas**, the Conference asked that study be made of the Principles of Order "to provide legislation covering the entire Article 204 making clear distinction between the qualifications for the offices of elders and deacons and a clarification of the word "minister" (2005 Yearbook, p. 34); and  
**Whereas**, in doing that work the Committee identified other needed changes in Sections 201, 202, 204, 401-1, 401-2; therefore be it  
**Resolved**, that "officers" and "church officers" be changed to "elders" in sections 201-5 and 201-6 as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.
2. **Resolved**, that "pastor" be changed to "elders" in section 203-3.2 (5) as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.

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<sup>9</sup> "In fact, women have done almost everything men have, and have done it just as well. The significant exception to that generalization is that, until the very recent past, the "office" of teaching and of the sacramental ministry, with the jurisdictional powers this implies, has been reserved for men. Of course, there have been historical anomalies, and there have been sects and peripheral groups that accepted women preachers who may also have offered the Eucharist. Yet, in its broad central tradition and practice, the church—East and West and in a multiplicity of cultural and social settings—has consistently maintained that to men alone is it given to be pastors and sacramental ministers.

"In service of prayer and charity, scholastics and writing, martyrdom and administration of church functions, women all played key roles down throughout the ages. But one unifying theme throughout church history independent of times, culture, customs and traditions, women, until recently, have not been included in the authoritative teaching/preaching ministries of an assembled church." - **Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism**, Edited by John Piper and Wayne Grudem. <http://www.leaderu.com/orgs/cbmw/rbmw>

3. **Resolved**, that the new title and introduction “Article 204 - Elders, Deacons, Staff” be adopted as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.
4. **Resolved**, that the new Article 204-1 Elders, 204-1.2, 204-1.3, and 204-1.4 be adopted as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.
5. **Resolved**, that word “office” be changed to “position” in Article 204-1.6 as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.
6. **Resolved**, that the new Article 204-2.1 and Article-204-2.2 be adopted as a First Reading to the *Faith & Order* to replace the former Article 204-1.1 through 204-1.3.
7. **Resolved**, that Article 204-4.1 and 204-4.3 be adopted as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order* at second reading with additional word changes for “office” to become “position”.
8. **Resolved**, that the new Article 204-4.2 and Article 204-4.3 be adopted as a First Reading addition to the *Faith & Order*.
9. **Resolved**, that “lay elder” be changed simply to “elder”, that “office” be changed to “position”, and “exercise” be changed to “hold” in Articles 401-1.1, 401-1.8 and 401-1.9 to be adopted as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.
10. **Resolved**, that changes listed under #2, pg. 195 of the 2006 *Yearbook* for Article 401-2 be approved at Second Reading.
11. **Resolved**, that “office” be changed to “position” and “exercise” be changed to “hold” in 401-2 as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.
12. **Resolved**, that “office” be changed to “position” in 404 as a First Reading revision to the *Faith & Order*.

**Women Serving as Deacons Study Committee:** Carl C. Cassel, Chairman; Michael J. Tannous, Secretary; Allan R. Vivona, David W. Eisenhower, Richard A. Moyer, Robert C. Newman, Ralph E. Ritter.

***Report of the  
Study Committee on  
Credentials and Multi Staff Churches***

The **Study Committee on Credentials and Multi-staff Churches** brings the following legislation to Annual Conference:

SECOND READING

**Resolved**, that the following be adopted as Second 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 (I Timothy 3; Titus 1; I Peter 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.....”

A motion was made and approved by this committee to suspend its work until the BFC reorganization is determined.

**Whereas**, the Strategic Planning Committee is proposing major organizational changes to the BFC structure, and

**Whereas**, the Board of Directors is proposing a steering committee to work on organizational changes, and

**Whereas**, the steering committee will likely vitiate the work of the Multi-Staff Committee, therefore be it,

**Resolved**, that the Study Committee on Credentials and Multi-staff Churches suspend its work until the BFC reorganization is determined.

**Study Committee on Credentials and Multi-Staff Churches:**

LeRoy S. Heller, Chairman; Jacob J. Susek, Jr., Secretary;  
Calvin T. Reed, James L. Roberts, Jr., Ralph M. Soper



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## 2007 Statistical Report

## Pastor's Activities

Church	Pastor	Ord.	Prob.	Elders	Deac	P. Visits	Other Vis.	Bapt.	Child. Ded.	Wed.	Fun.
Boone, CC	Boone	9	1	11	12	156	518	11	11	5	16
Cooper	Cooper	7	0	12	9			24	10	5	2
Fischer	Fischer	1	0	11	8	512	764	8	1	0	12
Ritter	Ritter	1	0	3	0	162	36	3	0	0	2
Schmoyer	Schmoyer	2	1	5	2	218	0	3	0	0	1
Clark	Clark	1	0	2	2	99	0	1	1	0	3
Shorb/Paashaus	Shorb/Paashaus	7	0	10	11	591	406	27	3	8	7
Harris	Harris	1	0	2	0	200	0	2	1	0	3
Schoen/Soper	Schoen/Soper	6	1	11	6	667	162	5	0	1	3
Kramer	Kramer	1	1	9	7	80	367	8	6	0	4
Fritz	Fritz	3	0	4	0	125	0	3	0	0	0
Widger	Widger	2	0	2	1	150	0	3	0	0	2
Brush	Brush	1	0	3	5	61	0	0	3	4	4
Yerrington	Yerrington	1	1	7	5	156	30	4	3	0	1
Crossgrove	Crossgrove	3	0	6	5	110	145	6	2	4	5
Spackman	Spackman	1	0	4	3	180	35	5	2	1	2
Wells	Wells	2	0	5	9	62	60	1	0	1	4
		0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
North	North	1	0	4	0	45	12	1	0	0	0
Vivona	Vivona	2	0	4	2	280	0	2	4	0	0
Wickstead	Wickstead	1	0	2	2	95	0	2	0	1	4
Thomann	Thomann	6	0	11	10	180	470	17	6	2	1
Reed	Reed	3	1	11	16	320	1,727	5	4	1	3
Johnson	Johnson	1	0	4	5	766	0	6	1	0	7
Arnold	Arnold	1	1	5	0	375	400	0	0	2	4
Pronnicki	Pronnicki	2	0	1	2	180	0	0	0	0	0
Norris	Norris	1	1	4	0	240	0	0	1	0	2
Bertolet	Bertolet	0	1	4	2	70	0	1	0	0	3
		4	0	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schlonecker	Schlonecker	2	0	8	9	226	282	28	3	6	6
Baker	Baker	2	0	2	1	298	0	5	0	0	2
Simpson	Simpson	2	1	7	11			6	2	2	3
Cleck	Cleck	0	1	6	6	35	0	12	1	0	1
Clapler	Clapler	1	0	1	2	273	0	6	0	2	5
Cahill/Ravis	Cahill/Ravis	2	0	3	5	305	0	8	4	2	4
Kohl	Kohl	4	1	7	8	154	150	11	4	3	6
Grossman	Grossman	4	1	11	10	377	204	9	5	5	11
Tannous	Tannous	2	0	4	3	48	65	9	2	2	1
Susek	Susek	1	0	6	8	200	200	15	6	0	2
Madara	Madara	3	1	7	0	109	0	4	0	0	4
Sloan	Sloan	1	0	11	16	150	195	45	23	3	2
Clineff	Clineff	2	0	5	6	99	0	11	3	0	1
Duggins	Duggins	3	1	4	6	142	0	1	3	0	1
Cole	Cole	2	2	9	14	711	1,440	14	2	3	14
Kirkpatrick	Kirkpatrick	2	1	4	4	274	0	3	2	1	7
Spinney	Spinney	1	0	2	0	150	0	3	2	1	0
Stortz	Stortz	1	0	2	2	212	0	0	0	0	4
Taylor	Taylor	4	1	10	6	263	450	2	5	5	6
Bomgardner	Bomgardner	2	0	5	0	131	0	3	0	1	1
Smith	Smith	1	0	3	3	163	71	5	2	6	7
Keeler	Keeler	2	0	10	8	218	120	7	0	0	4
Bennett	Bennett	1	0	5	0	129	0	0	1	0	0
		116	19	298	263	10,749	8,309	355	129	77	187
Ramos	Ramos	1	0	0	0	233	0	4	0	0	1
Lenshan	Lenshan	0	1	4	0	419	0	0	0	0	2
Dowling	Dowling	1	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	1
Dommel	Dommel	1	0	0	0	108	0	2	0	1	1
T. Morrison	T. Morrison	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Way	Way	1	0	0	0	114	0	0	0	0	0
Rodriguez	Rodriguez	0	1	0	0	380	0	0	0	1	2
Rentschler	Rentschler	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
		4	4	8	0	1,302	0	7	1	2	11
D TOTALS		120	23	306	263	12,061	8,309	362	130	79	198

## 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	34	0	0	34	5	4	1	1	3	14	20		688
Bethlehem	49	8	4	61	2	2	0	0	2	6	55		453
Blandon	11	0	0	11	1	16	0	0	0	17		6	153
Brookdyn, NY	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2			21
Camden, DE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			45
Clinton Crms. NY	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2			28
Coopersburg	14	0	12	26	3	2	0	2	0	7	19		323
Denville, NJ	4	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	2		28
Emmaus	4	0	0	4	2	13	30	8	0	53		49	292
Ephrata	2	2	2	6	3	1	1	3	6	14		8	213
Fell. Community	5	18	0	23	0		0	0	0	0	23		23
Finesville, NJ	6	0	0	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	4		42
Fleetwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4		4	63
Graterford	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		1	91
Harleysville	9	4	3	16	5	0	23	0	0	28		12	187
Harrisburg	14	0	0	14	2	5	0	0	0	7	7		133
Hatfield	10	1	0	11	4	0	0	1	0	5	6		138
Holmes, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4		4	17
Howell, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			19
Kutztown	6	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	2	4		49
Lagrangeville, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			32
Lancaster	24	0	0	24	1	0	2	0	0	3	21		369
Lebanon	6	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	6			205
Lehighon	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	3		1	78
Longneck DE	1	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	6		5	37
Maple Glen	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2			39
Mt. Carmel	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2		2	90
Mt. Pocono	2	1	0	3	4	4	6	0	0	14		11	123
Nazareth	8	3	1	12	1	0	0	2	0	3	9		211
Newark, DE	15	0	4	19	2	4	0	0	6	12	7		245
Newark, NJ	6	0	0	6	1	2	0	0	2	5	1		63
Old Bridge, NJ													20
Oley	12	0	0	12	2	0	0	0	0	2	10		212
Paradise	8	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	7		108
Philadelphia	7	0	0	7	5	4	10	0	12	31		24	32
Piscataway, NJ	19	0	0	19	1	6	0	0	0	7	12		145
Quakertown	10	0	0	10	4	3	5	0	0	12		2	206
Reading	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			360
Red Hill	8	0	6	14	0	1	0	0	0	1	13		116
Royersford	15	0	0	15	2	0	0	0	18	20		5	115
Shamokin	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		1	93
Sinking Spring	27	0	0	27	0	0	13	0	0	13	14		430
Spring City	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9		108
Stroudsburg	8	5	0	13	2	3	3	0	2	10	3		113
Sunbury	14	0	0	14	6	0	0	0	0	6	8		266
Terre Hill	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		1	61
Thompson, CT	3	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	1		29
Toms River, NJ	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		28
Wallingford	6	0	0	6	3	0	4	0	0	7		1	237
Walnutport	10	2	1	13	3	0	0	0	0	3	10		62
Whitehall	13	0	0	13	1	0	0	0	0	1	12		102
York	13	1	0	14	3	0	16	1	13	33		19	156
Zionsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			50
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>7,547</b>
Allentown El Faro	4	0	6	10	0	0	0	0	4	4	6		28
Cape May, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Chesapeake, VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Hellertown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Las Cruces, NM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
New Oxford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Reading (la Roca)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Sewell, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>7,575</b>



## Enrollment/Attendance/Property/Offerings

Church	SS. Roll	SS	AM	PM	Chs	Par.	T Income	T. Offerings
Blentown, CC	898	574	773	273	1	0	2,510,881	1,176,238
Bethlehem		295	640		1	1	1,074,231	1,054,194
Blanton		126	230	52	1	0	380,617	347,230
Brooklyn, NY	14	12	31		0	1	56,766	21,090
Camden, DE	52	30	44	22	1	0	94,388	92,831
Clinton Crms. NY		41	55		1	0	97,887	96,625
Coopersburg	327	297	494	131	2	1	802,631	739,179
Cresskill, NJ	25	22	35		1	1	72,744	51,908
Crossroads		374	471	121	7	0	1,152,604	1,117,973
Crofton		161	251	70	1	0	399,027	385,642
St. Community	11	9	49		0	0	27,136	27,136
Cresskill, NJ	31	24	44		1	1	78,284	78,284
Crofton	79	65	111	27	1	1	151,623	151,594
Crofton	140	72	119		1	2	236,522	233,640
Crofton	291	150	240		1	2	443,312	443,098
Crofton	185	125	189		1	1	336,887	325,202
Crofton			113	37	1	3	353,203	321,768
Crofton, NY	16	16	28	10	0	1	19,960	19,960
Crofton, NJ			40		1	1	89,050	74,150
Crofton	55	30	61	11	1	1	124,209	124,120
Crofton, NY	39	19	44		1	1	97,416	90,322
Crofton	238	225	481		2	0	889,258	697,972
Crofton	328	251	265	173	1	1	484,459	477,787
Crofton	122	63	110		1	1	101,132	82,846
Crofton DE	25	20	55		1	0	114,043	114,043
Crofton Glen	45	25	50	12	1	0	105,785	98,621
Crofton Carmel	83	62	73	30	1	1	133,471	132,854
Crofton Pocono		54	120		1	0	251,792	246,401
Crofton	165	112	140	37	1	1	201,738	193,494
Crofton, DE			455		1	2	795,251	786,571
Crofton, NJ	48	38	52	12	1	0	107,410	107,243
Crofton Bridge, NJ								
Crofton	220	220	395		2	1	505,935	485,627
Crofton Paradise	74	73	106		1	0	152,078	145,702
Crofton Philadelphia	25	25	35		1	0	60,884	59,886
Crofton, NJ		93	236		0	0	513,323	458,432
Crofton	205	128	221	72	1	1	628,456	356,568
Crofton	300	223	315	103	1	1	541,992	502,294
Crofton Hill	88	88	118		1	0	167,947	167,947
Crofton		130	150		1	2	765,698	298,578
Crofton	129	82	136	69	3	2	126,976	125,485
Crofton Spring		340	802		1	0	1,463,378	1,460,371
Crofton City	46	46	100	15	1	1	115,147	115,147
Crofton		68	156	110	1	1	383,633	251,441
Crofton	200	187	299	161	1	1	544,082	417,765
Crofton Hill	70	49	67	27	1	1	148,813	110,996
Crofton, CT	36	25	45		1	0	70,644	52,516
Crofton River, NJ			29	18	1	1	66,513	40,513
Crofton		174	248		1	2	617,905	617,905
Crofton	26	27	69	14	1	2	86,796	81,641
Crofton	62	51	142	31	1	0	172,687	144,060
Crofton	183	127	182		2	0	377,481	273,069
Crofton	36	27	54	19	2	1	104,141	87,888
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,917</b>	<b>5,475</b>	<b>9,787</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>19,577,226</b>	<b>16,164,027</b>
Crofton El Faro			46		1	1	35,637	24,182
Crofton May, NJ			27		2	1	26,987	17,949
Crofton, VA			18		0	0	24,901	24,901
Crofton		13	28		0	0	34,789	34,789
Crofton, NM	5	2	26	6	0	0	98,640	94,088
Crofton Oxford		10	15		0	0	27,191	27,127
Crofton (la Roca)			50		0	0	19,635	12,795
Crofton, NJ	8	8	26		0	0	43,488	43,488
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>311,468</b>	<b>279,319</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>4,922</b>	<b>5,490</b>	<b>10,003</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>19,888,694</b>	<b>16,443,346</b>

## Conference Disbursements

Church	Ad. Bud.	Missions	Ch. Ext.	Home	PJC	Ch. Ed.	V. Valley	PBC	T. Conf. Disb.
Allentown, CC	7,650	237,275	23,230	0	0	0	2,700	2,500	273,355
Bethlehem	2,500	64,740	10,060	3,660	0	0	1,880	1,880	84,720
Blandon	2,160	47,337	23,908	200	0	100	800	500	75,005
Brooklyn, NY	0	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	167
Camden, DE	500	2,798	3,075	0	700	0	0	0	7,071
Clinton Crms. NY	200	2,865	3,580	0	0	0	0	200	6,845
Coopersburg	6,350	69,480	29,600	1,000	0	250	2,500	2,000	111,180
Denville, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ernmaus	9,876	108,520	17,700	1,000	0	100	6,000	1,000	144,196
Ephrata	6,475	56,916	6,500	150	200	200	200	500	71,141
Fell. Community	100	1,931	2,575	0	0	0	0	0	4,608
Finesville, NJ	1,000	16,315	1,000	0	0	0	100	100	18,515
Fleetwood	500	8,299	3,316	0	0	0	200	100	12,415
Graterford	1,200	28,938	8,450	0	0	0	1,700	300	40,588
Harleysville	1,125	53,039	18,100	1,000	0	500	1,000	1,000	75,764
Harrisburg	2,183	18,432	8,000	475	0	125	600	400	30,215
Hatfield	3,375	21,570	8,850	500	0	300	1,000	1,000	36,595
Holmes, NY	500	3,650	400	750	0	900	250	350	6,800
Howell, NJ	400	1,334	1,750	0	0	0	500	0	3,984
Kutztown	1,428	13,680	3,850	500	0	50	500	500	20,508
Lagrangeville, NY	1,650	3,846	3,177	100	0	100	200	100	8,973
Lancaster	6,000	75,898	2,200	0	0	150	700	800	85,748
Lebanon	2,950	33,011	10,500	500	0	100	1,850	450	49,361
Leighton	750	5,515	0	0	250	50	100	100	6,765
Longneck DE	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250
Maple Glen	600	17,617	1,850	0	0	50	0	0	20,117
Mt. Carmel	1,380	22,226	100	0	0	100	50	100	23,956
Mt. Pocono	2,200	39,652	10,250	250	0	250	1,200	300	54,102
Nazareth	2,900	30,273	10,000	500	0	50	1,200	1,200	46,123
Newark, DE	1,500	15,590	15,050	400	250	300	2,500	700	36,290
Newark, NJ	1,150	1,117	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,267
Old Bridge, NJ	0		225						225
Oley	4,951	101,050	14,327	0	0	96	1,000	0	121,424
Paradise	800	19,513	1,836	0	0	0	250	250	22,649
Philadelphia	660	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	677
Piscataway, NJ	1,200	25,720	4,200	300	0	300	300	300	32,320
Quakertown	6,000	62,660	20,500	0	0	200	6,500	3,000	98,860
Reading	3,125	82,960	10,200	0	0	200	2,000	500	98,985
Red Hill	475	7,317	5,000	0	0	0	500	500	13,792
Royersford	2,000	17,641	1,500	200	0	100	500	200	22,141
Shamokin	0	8,210	0	0	0	0	200	200	8,610
Sinking Spring	4,440	67,676	34,425	750	0	50	550	1,000	108,891
Spring City	100	6,705	1,118	0	0	0	0	0	7,923
Stroudsburg	2,000	47,678	2,800	250	0	50	300	300	53,378
Sunbury	3,931	45,873	6,750	200	0	200	700	2,400	60,054
Terre Hill	650	15,884	1,300	50	0	50	50	50	18,034
Thompson, CT	380	1,650	600	0	0	0	0	0	2,530
Toms River, NJ	250	869	2,438	0	0	0	0	0	3,557
Wallingford	5,700	41,720	11,892	0	0	150	500	500	60,462
Wainutport	216	1,796	400	100	0	0	400	0	2,872
Whitehall	225	9,789	6,177	1,100	0	100	1,000	52	18,443
York	2,000	31,386	13,335	0	0	0	0	0	46,721
Zionsville	540	5,498	1,000	100	0	50	900	600	8,686
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>108,495</b>	<b>1,603,399</b>	<b>386,994</b>	<b>14,036</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>5,221</b>	<b>43,380</b>	<b>25,932</b>	<b>2,169,859</b>
Allentown El Faro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cape May, NJ	0	0	1,300	0	0	0	0	0	1,300
Chesapeake, VA	0	540	11,825	0	0	0	0	0	12,365
Hellertown	0	30	8,315	0	0	0	0	0	8,345
Las Cruces, NM	0	0	28,055	0	0	0	0	0	28,055
New Oxford	0	34	12,083	0	0	0	0	0	12,117
Reading (la Roca)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sewell, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>61,678</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,065</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>108,495</b>	<b>1,604,003</b>	<b>428,672</b>	<b>14,036</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>5,221</b>	<b>43,380</b>	<b>25,932</b>	<b>2,231,038</b>



## Local Disbursements

Church	Min. Salary	Min. Bene	Par. Allow	Insurance	Assis. Sal.	Assis. Bene	Christ. Ed.
Antwone, CC	42,000	6,350	25,000	64,473	250,800	18,160	36,824
Ashelem	49,398	2,779	0	36,393	104,838	82,475	38,462
Andon	33,272	13,519	19,300	27,979	36,248	10,730	10,494
Brooklyn, NY	24,552	700	0	0	0	0	610
Anden, DE	13,930	6,035	12,000	18,442	0	0	3,137
Anton Crms. NY	26,278	2,806	13,126	7,730	0	0	1,301
Appersburg	75,540	33,162	17,500	23,158	10,351	1,699	27,853
Arville, NJ	28,500	3,000	4,500	11,624	0	0	335
Armaus	108,759	27,902	0	58,849	71,082	11,629	35,444
Arata	38,517	5,480	29,000	13,500	10,044	14,552	438
Ar. Community	0	1,423	0	0	0	0	0
Arvesville, NJ	31,800	4,800	2,200	4,830	0	0	1,225
Arwood	28,600	5,000	0	17,649	20,000	0	6,305
Arterford	43,000	2,104	0	10,064	21,100	0	7,065
Arveysville	44,241	10,417	14,322	34,267	40,728	30,379	12,808
Arisburg	34,271	5,714	28,289	25,559	29,039	8,954	9,975
Arfield	43,969	8,181	12,000	28,200	38,924	7,101	11,375
Armes, NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	574
Arwell, NJ	21,600	4,000	3,000	5,000	0	0	1,000
Arztown	29,918	4,123	10,574	18,468	0	0	743
Arangeville, NY	26,677	11,543	0	13,226	0	0	1,021
Arcaaster	51,392	468	17,100	32,184	62,932	16,890	15,871
Aranon	44,300	17,158	19,000	47,165	43,201	24,637	33,604
Arighton	15,222	13,100	0	9,629	0	0	4,169
Arigneck DE	12,324	9,000	12,324	3,540	0	0	1,411
Arple Glen	28,000	2	12,500	6,806	0	0	1,045
ArCarmel	26,000	9,486	0	9,007	0	0	2,144
ArPocono	12,500	4,868	4,250	6,250	0	0	9,393
Arareth	47,183	6,373	3,600	7,996	0	0	10,691
Arark, DE	39,500	23,700	24,000	49,000	94,818	49,500	28,144
Arark, NJ	29,514	1,963	7,596	13,217	0	0	2,761
ArBridge, NJ							
Arby	48,424	8,631	23,180	52,071	66,293	12,625	10,224
Aradise	20,797	8,192	0	5,135	0	0	5,331
Aradelphia	16,478	2,440	11,000	0	0	0	2,416
Arataway, NJ	43,854	21,962	75,000	39,961	0	0	13,907
Arakertown	40,500	2,500	0	17,224	48,934	0	16,664
Arading	35,360	9,500	21,600	29,986	56,290	23,800	28,966
Arate Hill	31,236	1,661	20,000	26,260	16,721	70	4,463
Arayersford	28,968	9,934	23,980	16,000	24,409	2,100	18,700
Aramokin	23,842	0	12,000	5,962	0	0	3,762
Arking Spring	43,021	5,127	24,000	27,950	165,408	33,788	30,398
Aring City	29,300	0	0	7,921	0	0	4,000
Aroudsburg	35,000	5,031	6,351	18,054	41,200	3,735	4,622
Arnbury	42,809	6,962	0	23,603	51,326	6,486	23,914
Arre Hill	29,237	4,902	0	3,873	0	0	2,459
Armpson, CT	21,391	8,235	12,000	0	0	0	1,798
Arms River, NJ	16,100	3,671	0	0	0	0	288
Arillingford	54,480	5,120	0	46,169	95,200	17,141	13,782
Arinutport	15,405	1,957	6,600	9,501	13,631	5,220	2,624
Aritehall	26,000	9,085	11,330	0	0	0	500
Ark	28,624	11,972	22,000	27,636	33,155	2,100	11,867
Arnsville	30,596	2,862	10,800	17,158	0	0	3,543
ArTALS	1,710,379	374,900	571,002	980,489	1,446,672	383,771	520,690
Arntown El Faro	0	50	5,970	13,744	0	0	4,322
Arpe May, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arpesapeake, VA	9,988	1,600	0	0	0	0	1,019
Arllertown	7,815	0	0	0	0	32	0
ArCrucis, NM	0	1,600	0	617	0	0	0
Arw Oxford	83	0	12,000	0	0	0	304
Arading (la Roca)	0	1,309	0	0	0	0	505
Arwell, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ArTALS	17,886	4,559	17,970	14,381	0	32	6,160
ArAND TOTALS	1,728,265	379,459	588,972	994,850	1,446,672	383,803	526,810

## Local Disbursements Continued/Totals

Church	Debt Ser.	Benevolence	O. Missions	WMS	Conf. Del.	General Diab.	T. Gen. Diab.	Total Diab.
Allentown, CC	48,000	10,000	30,498	885	0	326,368	859,358	1,132,713
Bethlehem	26,108	18,648	40,241	1,900	250	566,134	971,626	1,056,346
Blandon	51,579	9,109	11,409	0	51	74,059	297,749	372,754
Brooklyn, NY	12,181	0	410	0	0	15,582	54,035	54,202
Camden, DE	0	622	931	0	0	38,560	93,657	100,728
Clinton Crms. NY	10,413	815	1,259	0	200	21,887	85,815	92,660
Coopersburg	91,813	12,486	87,961	1,501	800	312,311	696,135	807,315
Denville, NJ	0	400	0	0	0	67,926	116,285	116,285
Emmaus	41,371	2,647	17,412	2,657	0	345,495	723,247	867,443
Ephrata	0	4,741	4,620	0	400	422,221	543,513	614,654
Fell Community	0	956	3,200	0	0	1,898	7,477	12,083
Finesville, NJ	0	1,804	1,171	0	0	17,420	65,250	83,765
Fleetwood	0	0	970	0	200	59,413	137,137	149,552
Graterford	18,513	0	10,859	300	300	100,205	213,510	254,098
Harleysville	42,062	17,035	33,660	2,076	350	99,550	381,915	457,679
Harrisburg	13,256	11,163	4,439	0	300	106,984	277,922	308,137
Hatfield	0	12,427	16,389	0	0	152,334	330,900	367,495
Holmes, NY	0	0	800	0	0	37,611	38,985	45,785
Howell, NJ	9,000	0	4,000	0	0	36,760	84,360	88,344
Kutztown	0	300	2,305	625	0	32,599	99,655	120,163
Lagrangeville, NY	0	850	6,832	0	0	28,986	89,135	96,108
Lancaster	213,681	6,737	19,795	0	300	288,251	725,601	811,349
Lebanon	88,595	3,707	12,404	0	95	101,165	435,031	484,392
Lehighton	0	944	6,901	0	100	49,295	99,360	106,125
Longneck DE	48,249	971	0	0	0	36,914	124,733	124,983
Maple Glen	0	900	10,667	0	0	24,129	83,849	103,966
Mt. Carmel	0	1,309	900	0	0	60,783	109,629	133,585
Mt. Pocono	0	1,961	23,312	0	0	119,694	182,228	236,330
Nazareth	0	2,622	7,623	1,589	0	65,679	153,356	199,479
Newark, DE	158,916	13,616	144,656	0	392	225,310	851,552	887,842
Newark, NJ	3,000	1,577	0	0	0	66,219	125,847	128,114
Old Bridge, NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225
Oley	1,500	22,248	56,714	0	0	218,146	520,056	641,480
Paradise	0	997	6,276	0	450	71,644	118,822	141,471
Philadelphia	5,460	0	788	0	0	21,684	60,266	60,943
Piscataway, NJ	0	7,982	10,393	0	0	144,657	357,716	390,036
Quakertown	0	12,422	41,200	1,000	0	209,449	389,893	488,753
Reading	0	23,506	32,202	0	350	155,023	416,583	516,568
Red Hill	0	3,300	0	0	0	52,742	156,453	170,245
Royersford	0	7,331	19,800	0	0	445,575	596,797	618,938
Shamokin	0	2,745	11,800	800	350	62,779	124,060	132,670
Sinking Spring	285,328	11,866	151,302	0	0	522,173	1,300,361	1,409,252
Spring City	8,102	200	640	0	250	42,204	92,617	100,540
Stroudsburg	0	286	13,818	0	423	105,439	233,759	287,137
Sunbury	0	1,500	23,659	2,200	0	298,901	481,360	541,414
Terre Hill	0	807	8,041	0	0	44,800	94,119	112,153
Thompson, CT	11,948	6,520	1,000	0	0	17,996	80,888	83,418
Toms River, NJ	18,710	0	0	0	0	19,992	58,761	62,318
Wallingford	0	14,746	97,295	0	0	211,191	555,134	615,596
Walnutport	0	926	758	0	356	32,453	89,831	92,703
Whitehall	0	600	0	2,312	500	50,327	100,654	119,097
York	0	2,300	300	300	300	232,022	370,776	417,497
Zionsville	0	250	0	291	0	38,822	104,122	112,808
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,207,804</b>	<b>256,879</b>	<b>981,410</b>	<b>16,436</b>	<b>6,717</b>	<b>6,900,561</b>	<b>15,361,880</b>	<b>17,530,736</b>
Allentown El Farc	0	850	0	0	0	13,701	38,637	38,637
Cape May, NJ	0	0	3,120	0	0	4,420	7,940	8,840
Chesapeake, VA	0	450	500	0	0	10,052	23,609	35,974
Hellertown	0	60	0	0	0	24,404	32,311	40,656
Las Cruces, NM	0	119	1,075	0	0	25,630	29,041	57,096
New Oxford	0	0	0	0	0	7,890	20,277	32,394
Reading (la Roca)	0	95	0	0	0	4,554	6,463	6,463
Sewell, NJ	0	0	4,260	0	0	0	4,260	4,260
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>8,956</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,651</b>	<b>131,138</b>	<b>181,203</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>1,207,804</b>	<b>260,453</b>	<b>990,366</b>	<b>16,436</b>	<b>6,717</b>	<b>6,991,212</b>	<b>15,624,018</b>	<b>17,755,056</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' Salaries -- 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, 2008 (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, 2008.

If the Pastor's Statistical Report is not in the hands of the Committee on Statistics by March 1, 2008, 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**

Beneficiary Society - \$50 per member

Payment should be sent to the Secretary of the Society or paid at Annual Conference:

R. C. Reichenbach

6241 Warren Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17112

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,  
1 Pinebrook Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

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 2007--call BOM office for stateside address

∞ On leave of absence

Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel (Melissa), Centrum Word of Life  
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Piscataway, NJ 08854, (732) 463-0487
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(215) 659-9291
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- Hoffman, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron (Marlene), 351 Palomino Drive  
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610.921.0324; [notelpats4@aol.com](mailto:notelpats4@aol.com)

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## Directory of Churches & Missions

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Allentown, PA, Cedar Crest	9:00 / 10:30		6:00	7:00
610.432.2200 (Fax) 610. 435.4006 <a href="mailto:ccbfc1@juno.com">ccbfc1@juno.com</a> 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: <a href="http://www.CedarCrestBFC.org">www.CedarCrestBFC.org</a>			
Allentown, PA, El Faro (Lighthouse)		11:00		7:00
610.791.9995 (Fax) 610.791.3355 <a href="mailto:pastorelliot@elfaro.org">pastorelliot@elfaro.org</a> Elliot H. Ramos	641 S. Genesee Street Allentown, PA 18103  web-site: <a href="http://www.elfarobfc.org">www.elfarobfc.org</a>			
Bethlehem, PA, Ebenezer	8:15/ 9:45	8:15/9:45/ 11:15		3:30
610.868.5501 (Fax) 610.868.6939 <a href="mailto:Office@aplaceforyou.org">Office@aplaceforyou.org</a> Brian H. Cooper Robert K. Fields Shad Gilbert Jason Hoy	3100 Hecktown Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18020  web-site: <a href="http://www.APlaceForYou.org">www.APlaceForYou.org</a>			
Blandon, PA, Trinity	10:30	9:00	6:00	7:00
610.926.4594 (Fax) 610.916.4777 <a href="mailto:trinitybfc@juno.com">trinitybfc@juno.com</a> Vacant 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 <a href="mailto:nccbfc@netzero.net">nccbfc@netzero.net</a> 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. Paashauss Carl C. Cassel Mark R. Evans	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 Tues
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 Joshua Edwards	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> Robert B. Kramer 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 * Sept. - May <a href="http://www.Finesvillebfc.org">www.Finesvillebfc.org</a>			
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	10:45	6:30*	7:00
610.489.9389 (Fax) 610.489.9389 Philip E. Yerrington David Gettel	693 Church Road, Route #29 Graterford, PA 19426 * Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 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		6:45
717.652.5229 (Fax) 717.671.4760 <a href="mailto:church@gracebfc.com">church@gracebfc.com</a> Carl K. Spackman Mark E. Baminger	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.org">bethanyoffice@bethanybfc.org</a> Howard N. Wells Louis S. Curcio	75 W. Broad Street Hatfield, PA 19440  web-site: <a href="http://www.bethanybfc.org">www.bethanybfc.org</a>			

Hellertown, PA, Saucon Community		9:30		7:00
610.838.3111 <a href="mailto:scbfc@bfc.org">scbfc@bfc.org</a> 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	7:00	6:00
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 <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	9:00/10:45			
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.faihbfc.com">www.faihbfc.com</a>			



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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 88006  web-site: <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@verizon.net">lebbfc@verizon.net</a> Calvin T. Reed LeRoy S. Heller David E. Brandt	1635 Mill Road Lebanon, PA 17042  web-site: <a href="http://www.lebanonbfc.org">www.lebanonbfc.org</a>			
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
302.945.8145 <a href="mailto:jwarnoldsr@mchsi.com">jwarnoldsr@mchsi.com</a> Jonathon W. Arnold, Sr. Raymond R. Bertolet	24771 Cannon Road Long Neck, DE 19966  web-site: <a href="http://www.newlife-bfc.org">www.newlife-bfc.org</a>			
Mantua, NJ, New Beginnings		10:45		
856.468.9199 <a href="mailto:crentschler@comcast.net">crentschler@comcast.net</a> Carl Rentschler, Interim	88 Somerset Ave. Sewell, NJ 08080			
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 Pronnicki	700 Welsh Rd., PO Box 3102 Maple Glen, PA 19002  web-site: <a href="http://www.mapleglenchurch.org">www.mapleglenchurch.org</a>			
Mérida Yucatá, Mexico		10:00	7:00	7:30
(99-9) 1952093 Marcos Ramirez <a href="mailto:ramcas94@hotmail.com">ramcas94@hotmail.com</a>	Calle 42 #303A x 53 y 53C Fraccionamiento Francisco de Montejo Mérida Yucatá, Mexico			

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570.339.4693 (Fax) 570.339.4693 <a href="mailto:philnorr9@aol.com">philnorr9@aol.com</a> Philip G. Norris	1Bethany 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:office@pmbfc.org">office@pmbfc.org</a> Timothy J. Bertolet	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> Carl J. Fischer, Jr.	100 E. Beil Ave. Rose Inn & Beil Avenues Nazareth, PA 18064  web-site: <a href="http://www.gracebfcnaz.org">www.gracebfcnaz.org</a>			
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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>			
Newark, NJ	10:00	11:00	6:30	7:15
973.373.3677 (Fax) 973.373.3171 <a href="mailto:newarkbiblefellowshipchurchnj@juno.com">newarkbiblefellowshipchurchnj@juno.com</a> Delbert R. Baker, II	30 Randolph Place Newark, NJ 07108			
New Oxford, PA, BFC Adams County	9:30	11:00		7:00
717.624.4779 <a href="mailto:daveway@localnet.com">daveway@localnet.com</a> David R. Way	(Location) 3045 York Rd., Gettysburg, PA (Mailing) 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 Jim MacArthur	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> Shan D. Cleck	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  * September - May			
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> 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 Joshua Miller	1811 Old Bethlehem Pike North Quakertown, PA 18951			
Reading, PA, Grace	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:45
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 Timothy G. Clark	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		
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	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.	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  web-site: <a href="http://www.myfaithbfc.org">www.myfaithbfc.org</a>			
Stroudsburg, PA, Berean	8:45	10:00	6:00	7:00
570.421.0617 (Fax) 570.420.8103 <a href="mailto:bereanbc@ptd.net">bereanbc@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
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Terre Hill, PA, Berean	9:30	10:30	7:00*	7:00
717.445.4401 (fax) 717.445.5490 <a href="mailto:bereanbfc@dejazzd.com">bereanbfc@dejazzd.com</a> Kevin W. Kirkpatrick	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 *3rd Sunday			
Wallingford, PA, Grace	9:00 / 10:45		6:30	
610.876.8725 (fax) 610.876.8725 <a href="mailto:office@gracebfc.org">office@gracebfc.org</a> 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	6:30*	7:00
610.767.7447 <a href="mailto:mail@nlbfc.org">mail@nlbfc.org</a> Clyde D. Bomgardner, Jr.	Calvary BFC of the Northern Lehigh Valley 233 Main St., Walnutport, PA 18088 <a href="http://www.nlbfc.org">www.nlbfc.org</a> *2nd/4th Sunday of the month			
Whitehall, PA, Bethany	9:15	10:30	6:00	7:00
610.434.8661	3300 Seventh St. Whitehall, PA 18052  web-site: <a href="http://www.bethanybfc.org">www.bethanybfc.org</a>			



Whitehall, PA, Fellowship Community	8:30	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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Zionsville, PA	9:30	10:30	7:00	7:30
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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