



# Churches of God

General Conference

## Allegheny Region Conference

### **The Allegheny Region Conference, Churches of God, General Conference**

We are a network of 43 churches working together to support each other, three nursing homes (Grove Manor Nursing Home, The Caring Place Nursing Home, and Woodcrest Senior Living Community), a church camp (Camp Sunrise Mountain), and a foundation to expand ministry efforts (Allegheny Region Foundation). Our sister churches are spread across Western PA, WV, and include one church in MD. We are divided into three districts, North, Central and South.

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### **Annual Conference Sessions**

We are a representative form of governance, called presbyteral polity. The churches send their pastor and representatives (2 adults, and 1 youth), to an annual meeting to share updates on ministry, goals, and elect representatives, including officers, to an Administrative Council who work to support our local and collective ministry efforts. The ARC Ad Council actions and future plans are approved by the church representatives at the annual meeting. A cooperative budget to accomplish our common goals is approved annually.

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### **Allegheny Region Conference Administrative Council**

The President is the presiding officer of the region and leads the Administrative Council. The Ad Council consists of representatives of each district and acts on behalf of the Annual Conference. The ARC Ad Council is tasked by the body to maintain credentials of pastors, assist in legal matters at the local church, provide guidance in local matters, maintain our collective ministries, and consider and orchestrate new efforts. They do that in part by hiring and maintaining a staff which currently is two persons, a Regional Director (Phil Scott) and an Administrative and Communications Assistant (Dean Hay, Jr.).

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### **ARC Agencies**

The ARC agencies have their own boards reporting to the ARC Ad Council. The Ad Council approves all appointments to the agency boards. They are:

**The Allegheny Region Foundation Board:** The Foundation Board meets to manage the endowment and review and disperse grants.

**Camp Sunrise Mountain Board:** This board is responsible for maintaining the records, MD regulations for camping, finances, the grounds and facilities, as well as the entire camping ministry of the ARC. They maintain a staff as deemed necessary for the Boards management.

**Grove Manor Corporation Board:** This board is responsible for the senior care ministry of the ARC and all the regulations and requirements necessary for this business/ministry.

**Christian Loving Fund Board:** This board seeks to improve the quality of life for the residents of our three homes and take on projects not allowed by the Grove Manor Corporation Board by regulation or fiscal limitations. They provide home and resident specific grants such as resident activities, transportation, site improvements, individual medical devices for residents, etc.

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## ARC Commissions

The commissions are the direct “hands” of the Ad Council, tasked with specific duties for the Ad Council. The Annual Conference approves the creation of new or restructured commissions.

**Pastoral Ministry Commission:** They interview ministry candidates, oversees, and provides for education needs for ministry and credentialing. They interview candidates and recommend credentialing to the Ad Council. They assist in pastoral searches, appoint credentialed men and women to those charges, recommend salary scales, assist the pastor in congregational disputes. Their actions are approved by the Ad Council and at Annual Conference by all the churches consent.

**Church Ministry Commission:** They adjudicate congregational disputes, provide trainings and recommend opportunities for churches, ministry leaders and pastors, as well as spearhead new churches and new ministry launches. Their actions are approved by the Ad Council and at Annual Conference by all the churches consent.

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## ARC Publications

The ARC utilizes The Compass to communicate weekly activities of the region and The ARC Journey. The Journey is a weekly Video Log communication of announcements, interviews, and stories of the ministries with which the ARC churches are involved.



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### Churches of God, General Conference

The Churches of God, General Conference is a representative form of governance. We have seven regions across the US. Each region is allotted representatives of the region to meet at a triennial conference session to elect a national board, officers of the denomination, and to approve of the work of the past three years and hear the goals and work moving forward.

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### CGGC Administrative Council

The President is the presiding officer of the denomination and leads the Ad Council. The Ad Council consists of representatives of each region, regional directors, and acts on behalf of the Triennial Conference. This is the governing body of the regions, missions (Global Reach), and other cooperative efforts. They employ an Executive Director (J Lance Finley) who manages a team to administrate the needs of the Ad Council. They direct commissions based on the goals of the Triennial Session and the needs of the regions. The offices of the CGGC are located in Findlay, OH.

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### CGGC Ministry Areas

**Developing Leaders:** Developing Leaders aims to provide a clear line of development within the denomination and to serve regions and churches by helping them do the same. We also have select opportunities to equip leaders from your church so they can be sent back into fruitful ministry. The world is an increasingly digital, dynamic, and connected place and our desire is to equip biblical leadership for all matter of missional expressions for entire world mission field development.

**Global Reach:** Help churches fulfill Christ's commandment to "make disciples of all nations." Our growing global footprint extends to 14 distinct people groups in the USA, Mexico, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Kenya, India and Bangladesh. There are 17 mission fields and 323 churches we impact.

**Mobilizing Disciples:** Our Mission: to come alongside Regions, Local Churches or groups of Churches to Envision the Harvest both near and far and help Equip them through training and finding resources to Engage those unconvinced about the unconditional love of God through Christ.

**Partnerships:** Partnering in God's Mission aims to help various leaders, churches, and organizations come together to make an impact for God's Kingdom. By creating opportunities to work together, we recognize that we can accomplish more than we ever could do alone.

**Strengthening Churches:** The resource arm of the General Conference. Aiming to provide tools and connect churches and leaders to helpful content, this is where you can ask questions to help build your ministry. If we don't have a resource on our list to connect you with, we'll work hard to find you one.

**Women's Ministry:** Their mission is training leaders to connect and equip women to live boldly for God.

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## CGGC Agencies

The Ad Council receives reports and elects representatives to several agencies. They are:

The University of Findlay  
Winebrenner Theological Seminary  
The CGGC Pension Fund  
The CGGC Archives

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## CGGC Publications

CGGC E-News: A weekly update on ministry and stories.

The Global Advocate: An online quarterly publication of news across the denomination.

Social Media: Updates from events and news.

Global Reach E-Mail News: As it's happening.

Global Reach field updates: News from each field by the directors in the field.