

181st Allegheny Region Conference Session

May 17-18, 2024

Friday, May 17, 2024 – Kingwood Fellowship Center

1:30 – 4:30 PM - Presentation by Pastor Doug Garasic and Pastor Karl Wendel of the Rust City Church

4:30 PM – Social Time

5:00 PM – Dinner

6:00 PM – Concert by the Devine Family

Saturday, May 18, 2024 – Kingwood Fellowship Center

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Registration

9:00 – 10:30 AM – Ordinance Service

10:45 – 12:00 PM – Business Session

12:00 – 1:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 – 3:00 PM – Business Session

3:00 PM – Ordination Service

Allegheny Region Administrative Council

Meeting #1 – January 31, 2023 - 7:00 P.M. via Zoom

Members Present: M.J. Bobula, J.A. DeVincent, E.A. Dunlap, C.C. Florendo, C. Dix, J.R. Gamble, G.L. Grimm, L.D. Kline, S.O. McMichael, D.E. Nolt, M.H. Yarger. Advisory members: P.J. Scott, and D.A. Hay Jr.

Pastor Mike Bobula led the meeting due to Pastor Doug Nolt not feeling well.

Pastor Rick Gamble led devotions from Leviticus. How are we keeping the light of God going strong?

Minutes:

Ad. Council meeting #7 – November 29 2022

Voted to approve the minutes of Ad. Council meeting #7 as presented.

Ad. Council meeting #8 – December 12, 2022

Voted to approve the minutes of Ad. Council meeting #8 as presented.

Correspondence:

Thank you card from Karen Rhodes for the generous gift of the region

Financial Reports:

Office Financial (November 30 & December 31, 2022)

Motion to receive the Office Financial Reports for November 30 & December 31, 2022 as presented. - passed

Financial-Statistical (November 30 & December 31, 2022)

Motion to receive the Financial Statistical Reports for November 30 & December 31, 2022 as presented. - passed

Motion to send end of the year Financial-Statistical to all the churches with their monthly contributions receipt. - passed

Treasurer & Trustee of Invested Funds (November 30 & December 31, 2022)

Motion to receive the Treasurer and Trustee of Invested Funds reports for November 30 & December 31, 2022 as presented. - passed

Noted that a check for Shirley Follett estate was never cashed so the money was put back into the checking account.

Reported Camp Endowment is doing better this year than last year. We are able to up the monthly amount sent to the camp by \$100. The total amount sent each month is now \$1300.

Officers Meeting Report

Report on software and hardware purchases made in the previous 2 months

MacBook Pro

Microsoft Office

Adobe Acrobat

Will be purchasing Quickbooks online in the near future

Allow Dean to take a Fred Pryor Seminar for Quickbooks cost is \$149

Motion to declare the amount of \$23,000 of the cash compensation paid to Pastor Philip Scott as parsonage allowance for the period beginning January 1, 2023 and all future years until amended. - passed

Standing Committees:

Constitution Committee – Mike

Talked about constitutional change direction

Motion to proceed with reworking of the constitution. - passed

Nominating Committee – no report

Planning Committee appointments – Phil

Meeting with organizers from the Kingwood Church on Feb. 1

Trustees for Conference House – no report

Regional Director's Report – Pastor Phil Scott

Written Report presented.

Ministry Training & Ordination Commission

Discussion of what is done when credential candidates do not attend conference sessions. This was referred to the Constitution Committee

Pastoral Oversight Commission – no action

Commission Minutes:

Ministry Training & Ordination Commission

Pastoral Oversight Commission

Spiritual Formation

Church Planting & Ministry Development

Church Relations

Motion to accept commission reports. - passed

Reports from Agencies (including financial reports):

ARC Foundation - Lee Kline

Talked about investment strategy

Asked that foundation be put in the budget. In order to stay a private foundation, we need to take in \$10,000/year in donations. They asked to be put in the budget for 2024.

Motion to give the ARC Foundation up to \$10,000 for 2023 to be paid mid-December - passed

Camp Sunrise Mountain Board – Carrie Dix

Getting ready for Artic Blast

Junior High

Currently have 49 campers registered

Senior High

Currently have 11 campers registered

Work team from University of Findlay

Pastor Brent is going to be one of the Deans this year

Offering a new event – spring refresher (April 14-16) \$125 for women.

Susan Callaway speaker
Camp rate set at \$300/camper
Explain why camper rate is going up?

Sumner Camp

Sunday – Saturday

June 11-17

June 18-24

June 25-July 1

July 2-8

July 14-16 - ???

Personal Spiritual Retreat in October 12-14

Grove Manor Board – Beth Dunlap

Changed board to a minimum of 5 board members down from 12.

Face to face board retreat March 6 at Laurelville.

Zoom board meeting February 27

Advertising for a chaplain

Grove Manor Foundation – Beth Dunlap

Christian Loving Fund - Rick Gamble

No new grant applications

Voted to receive the Agency Reports as presented.

Reports from Elected Ad. Council Members:

Northern District – Mark Yarger

Written report presented.

Central District – Susan McMichael

Southern District - currently no representative

Member at Large – John DeVincent

Member at Large – Rick Gamble

New Business/Other Reports

Date for Next Meeting – March 28, 7 PM

Adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Hay Jr.
ARC Administrative & Communication Assistant

Allegheny Region Administrative Council

Meeting #2 – March 28, 2023 - 7:00 P.M. via Zoom

Members Present: M.J. Bobula, J.A. DeVincent, E.A. Dunlap, C.C. Florendo, R. Dix, J.R. Gamble, G.L. Grimm, L.D. Kline, S.O. McMichael, D.E. Nolt, M.H. Yarger. Advisory members: P.J. Scott, and D.A. Hay Jr.

Devotions:

Old vs. new wineskins

- John 2

Minutes:

Ad. Council meeting #1 – January 31, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of Ad. Council meeting #1 as presented. - passed

Correspondence:

None

Financial Reports:

Office Financial (January 31 & February 28, 2023)

Financial-Statistical (January 31 & February 28, 2023)

Treasurer (January 31, 2023, February 28, 2023)

Trustee of Invested Funds (January 31, 2023)

Motion to receive the Financial Reports as presented. – passed
2024 Budget

Motion to receive the proposed 2024 Budget - passed

Standing Committees:

Constitution Committee – Mike

- Significant discussion on point 14.04 (chair is creating a task force to address the enforcement issue)

Motion to present the Constitutional changes to conference in session - passed

Nominating Committee – Mike

Planning Committee appointments – Phil

- Met with Kingwood Church about details for conference
- Possibly doing a trip to Falling Water with the Pastors

Trustees for Conference House – no report

Regional Director's Report – Pastor Phil Scott

Written Report presented.

Motion to receive the Regional Director's report as presented. – passed

Ministry Training & Ordination Commission

Pastoral Oversight Commission – no action

Commission Minutes:

Ministry Training & Ordination Commission

Ordination

Scott Leichter
Shawn Roberts

Annual License

John DeVincent
Adam Huff
Jason Kramer

Christian Worker License

Roy Countryman
James Davis
Justin Deiter
Flugga, Jr, Stephen 2022
Iksic, Robert 2021
Jones, Dana 2021
Roberts, Matthew 2021
Vough, Karey

Motion to receive minutes from MTO meetings #3 & 4 - passed

Pastoral Oversight Commission

Spiritual Formation

Church Planting & Ministry Development

Motion to receive minutes from meeting #2 – passed

Church Relations

Motion to accept commission reports. - passed

Reports from Agencies (including financial reports):

ARC Foundation - Lee Kline

- Several inquiries some have fallen through
- Motion to accept minutes and report - passed

Camp Sonrise Mountain Board – Becky Dix

- Refresher Retreat coming up
- Camp registration has opened
- Adopt a campfire site ongoing

Grove Manor Board – Beth Dunlap

Current Board members

Rob Guy - President
Michelle Snyder - VP
Beth Dunlap - VP
Nancy Scott - Treasurer
Phil Scott - Secretary
Mark Yarger
Mike Peck
Dean Hay
Morgan Kelly
Doris Sparks – emeritus

Grove Manor Foundation – Beth Dunlap

No Report

Christian Loving Fund - Rick Gamble

No Report

Motion to receive the Agency Reports - passed

Reports from Elected Ad. Council Members:

Northern District – Mark Yarger

Written report presented.

Central District – Susan McMichael

No report

Southern District - currently no representative

Member at Large – John DeVincent

Member at Large – Rick Gamble

Motion to receive the Representative Reports - passed

New Business/Other Reports

Date for Next Meeting – Reorganizational meeting at Conference Sessions May 20 (if another meeting is needed the chair is granted the privilege of calling such meeting)

Adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Hay Jr.
ARC Administrative & Communication Assistant

Allegheny Region Administrative Council

Meeting #3 – May 20, 2023 – Kingwood Fellowship Center (during lunch of ARC session)

Members Present: M.J. Bobula, J.A. DeVincent, E.A. Dunlap, C.C. Florendo, J.R. Gamble, G.L. Grimm, L.D. Kline, S.O. McMichael, D.E. Nolt, M.H. Yarger. Advisory members: P.J. Scott, and D.A. Hay Jr.

Dates set for 2023-2024 Ad council meetings (to be held via Zoom) at 7 pm

- August 24, 2023
- November 30, 2023
- January 25, 2024
- March 14, 2024

Conference Session 2023 Update

Costs to date for conference session was presented. The final costs will be presented at the next Ad Council meeting.

Adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Hay Jr.
ARC Administrative & Communication Assistant

Allegheny Region Administrative Council
Meeting #4 – August 24, 2023 - 7:00 P.M. via Zoom

Members Present: M.J. Bobula, J.A. DeVincent, E.A. Dunlap, C.C. Florendo, R. Dix, J.R. Gamble, G.L. Grimm, L.D. Kline, ~~S.O. McMichael~~, D.E. Nolt, M.H. Yarger. Advisory members: P.J. Scott, and D.A. Hay Jr.

Devotions

Pastor Doug Nolt spoke about the harvest and how sometimes we are so busy trying to plant that we miss that harvest.

Minutes

Ad. Council Meeting #2 – March 28, 2023

Ad. Council Meeting #3 – May 20, 2023

Motion by J. DeVincent and seconded by E. Dunlap to accept minutes – motion passed

2023 Conference Sessions Minutes

Motion to accept the 2023 Conference Session Minutes by M. Bobula and seconded by E. Dunlap – motion passed

Correspondence

Letter of resignation from Pastor Susan McMichael for MTO and Central District Representative

Moved by J. DeVincent 2nd by E. Dunlap with regret to accept this resignation – motion passed

Financial Reports

Office Financial (March - July 2023)

Financial Statistical (March - July 2023)

Reports presented by Dean Hay Jr.

Treasurer (March - July 2023)

Invested Funds (First & Second Quarter)

Reports presented by Gladys Grimm

Motion by E. Dunlap and 2nd by C. Florendo to accept financial reports – motion passed

Standing Committees

Constitution

Need to figure out how to merge commissions

Decided to leave the marriage wording as it is in the by-laws

Nominating – no report

Planning

Ask Kingwood to once again host the 2024 Conference
Financial report given for 2023 Conference sessions

Motion by M. Bobula, 2nd by J.DeVincent to ask Kingwood to host 2024
Conference session – motion passed

Ask Kingwood Youth to do worship on Friday for Pastors and use another group
for Saturday worship

Trustees for Conference House
Replace hot water heater

Motion by C. Florendo, 2nd by M. Yarger to accept standing committee reports – motion
passed

Director's Report

Regional Director – Phil

Add a representative from each of the two commissions onto Ad. Council. This is
referred to Constitution Committee.

IRS 990 forms need to be given to the Ad. Council for each of the agencies that
are required to do them.

Possible WTS D. Min Cohort possibly happening in 2024

Motion by M. Bobula, 2nd by E. Dunlap to into executive session – motion passed

Motion by M. Bobula, 2nd by E. Dunlap to accept the director's report –
motion passed

Commission Reports

MTO

Moved by J. DeVincent, 2nd by M. Bobula to accept the minutes from meetings 1, 2, 5, 6 – motion passed

Pastoral Ministry Commission

Moved by C. Florendo, 2nd by R. Gamble to accept the August 17 minutes included in that is the 2024 Pastor Salary scale to reflect a 4% increase.

Church Ministry Commission

No report

General Conference Institution Reports (Administrative Council, UF, WTS)

University of Findlay

- High number of students attending this year
- New turf put in for football practice field

WTS

- Student enrollment lower than expected, but still good
- New opportunities in the future

CGGC

- On-going search to replace Pastor Ben

Reports from Agencies (including financial reports)

ARC Foundation - Lee Kline

No Report

Camp Sunrise Mountain Board – Becky Dix

- Exciting summer camping season
 - o 238 Campers
 - o 95 staff
 - o 43 recommitments
 - o 29 campers expressing interest in ministry
 - o 7 first time commitments
- Lots of volunteers
- Parents appreciated \$30 from the ARC Foundation

Grove Manor Board – Beth Dunlap

- June 1 entered into an agreement with Affinity to be our management company
- Personal care at the Caring Place is now called the Purple Iris
- New Officers (serve for 1 year)
 - o President – Beth Dunlap
 - o Vice President – Mike Peck
 - o Secretary – Phil Scott
 - o Treasurer – Nancy Scott

- Chaplains in all 3 facilities

Grove Manor Foundation – Beth Dunlap

- There to support Grove Manor
- New officers (2 year term)
 - o President – Rob Guy
 - o Vice President – Beth Dunlap
 - o Secretary – Phil Scott
 - o Treasurer – Nancy Scott

Christian Loving Fund - Rick Gamble

- Put long term bonds into short term CDs because of the difference in how they pay
- Officers elected (1 year term)
- Moved by E. Dunlap, 2nd by M. Bobula to accept the minutes from the CLF – motion passed
- Moved by E. Dunlap, 2nd by M. Yarger to appoint R. Gamble as a director for a 5 year term to CLF – motion passed
- Moved by R. Gamble, 2nd by E. Dunlap to appoint Janet Hoffman as a director for a 5 year term to CLF – motion passed

Moved by M. Bobula, 2nd by C. Florendo to accept all the agency reports – motion passed

Reports from Elected Ad. Council Members

Northern District – Mark Yarger

- Written report presented
- Sees himself as a conduit back to the region. Helps connect northern pastors with ARC

Central District – Susan McMichael

- No report

Southern District - Tom McGraw

- No report

Member at Large – John DeVincent

- No report

Member at Large – Rick Gamble

- No report

Moved by E. Dunlap, 2nd by M. Bobula to accept all at large member reports – motion passed

New Business/Other Reports

- New credit card
- Officers given permission to make decision on changing credit card

Date for Next Meeting – November 30, 2023

Meeting adjourned by the president D. Nolt

R. Gamble dismissed us with prayer

Allegheny Region Administrative Council - Meeting #5
November 29, 2023 - 7:00 P.M. (via Zoom)

Members Present: ~~M.J. Bobula~~, J.A. DeVincent, E.A. Dunlap, ~~C.C. Florende~~, R. Dix, J.R. Gamble, G.L. Grimm, L.D. Kline, ~~T. McGraw~~, D.E. Nolt, S.M. Roberts, M.H. Yarger. Advisory members: P.J. Scott, and D.A. Hay Jr.

D. Nolt called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Devotions

Mark Rusnak – Caring Place Chaplain

- Shared a testimony about his wife and his adoption of a 4 week old child that had been brutally beaten. Child was only thought to live only a year or so, he is now 18 years old.
- The Lord always has us in the palm of his hand. He never gives up on us.
- M.H. Yarger prayed for Chaplain Mark and our meeting time.

Minutes

Ad. Council Meeting #4 – August 24, 2023

Motion by J.A. DeVincent and seconded by E.A. Dunlap to accept minutes
motion passed

Ratification of online votes

The following motions were presented via email from the officers to the Ad. Council members

1. A 4% salary increases for each of the 3 staff members. (This is in accordance with the PMC recommendation for our churches.)
2. Christmas gifts in the same amounts as last year: \$1,000 for Pastor Phil; \$500 for Gladys; and \$500 for Dean.
3. Recommending Shawn Roberts to serve out the vacancy for the Central District Representative.

Motion by J.R. Gamble and seconded by E.A. Dunlap to ratify online votes
motion passed

Correspondence

None

Financial Reports

Office Financial (August - October 2023)

Financial Statistical (August - October 2023)

Treasurer (August - October 2023)

Invested Funds (Third Quarter)

Motion by J.A. DeVincent and seconded by E.A. Dunlap to accept the financial reports
motion passed

Update given on Howard and Beverly Potter estate.

Standing Committees

Constitution

Nominating

Planning

Kingwood Church will be hosting Conference Sessions for us again.

Trustees for Conference House

Dishwasher had to be replaced

Hot water heater was replaced

Carpet will need replaced in the near future

Refrigerator will need replaced in the near future

Roof will need replace soon

Director's Report

Regional Director

Motion by L.D. Kline and seconded by J.A. DeVincent to accept the Director's report
motion passed

Commission Reports

Pastoral Ministry Commission

- P.J. Scott gave an update on pastoral situation at the Mt. Pleasant Church

Church Ministry Commission

General Conference Institution Reports (Administrative Council, UF, WTS)

University of Findlay

- Things are going well

Winebrenner Seminary

- Little lower enrollment

- Looking at budget items

Administrative Council

Reports from Agencies (including financial reports): {planned reports should be 5 minutes or less}

ARC Foundation - L.D. Kline

- Foundation took in a little over \$14,000 this year

- No further funds needed from ARC for this year

- Foundation wants to add Pastor Tim Beatty and Pastor Ben Tobias to the foundation board

- Phil will interview Scott Porterfield for the Journey about the Foundation

Camp Sonrise Mountain Board – R. Dix

- Fall retreats
 - o Junior High
 - 37 campers
 - 15 staff
 - o Senior High
 - 34 campers
 - 11 staff
- Recommend Jacob Vough as a new board member
- Camp Board has asked the conference to rescind “No Baptism” rule for campers at Camp Sonrise Mountain
 - o We will address this issue before we come to conference session in May

Grove Manor Board – E.A. Dunlap

- New administrator at the Caring Place
- Chaplains at all nursing home
- Trunk-N-Treat happened at all the facilities
- Caring Place personal care has been named the Purple Iris
- Walk of Tree happening at Woodcrest

Grove Manor Foundation – E.A. Dunlap

Christian Loving Fund - J.R. Gamble

- No meeting since June
- Financials - \$900,000–\$1,000,000 in the fund (a little more than half is donor restricted to help Pastors and Spouses in the nursing home)
- No report on CLF Sunday

Motion by J.A. DeVincent and seconded by S.M. Roberts to accept the agency reports motion passed

Reports from Elected Ad. Council Members {planned reports should be 5 minutes or less}

Northern District – M.H. Yarger

- Continue doing things with Pastors in the Northern district
- Would like to see some polity teachings with some of our Northern district pastors

Central District – S.M. Roberts

Southern District - T. McGraw

Member at Large – J.A. DeVincent

- Spoke about Exponential – Fresh Expressions and how it is impacting him and ultimately how it will impact his church. He highly recommended this for others.

Member at Large – J.R. Gamble

- Appreciated prayer breakfasts with other pastors

Motion by E.A. Dunlap and seconded by M.H. Yarger to accept the elected members reports – motion passed

New Business/Other Reports

Date for Next Meeting – January 25, 2024

Adjournment

- Motion by J.R. Gamble seconded by E.A. Dunlap to adjourn

D.E. Nolt closed in prayer

Members Present: George, Phil, Susan, Wes.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Susan

Interview:

- **James Davis:** James needs one more class before he will have one-third of coursework done. At this point in time, recommend him for Christian Worker License until he completes the additional class.

Discussed:

- Wes has been appointed as co-chair of the MTO.
- **Shawn Roberts:** We have received his ordination application and the paperwork needed. Susan will contact him to see if we can do an in-person interview on Friday, March 3rd or 10th.
- **Steven Flugga, Jr:** necessary information was forwarded to Gladys regarding his tuition bill.
- Bills from Winebrenner will be automatically sent to Gladys for payment. She has a list of current students and Susan will forward information on new students to Phil who will notify both Gladys and Winebrenner.
- Classes:
 - We are paying for the ICS program at Winebrenner, as well as the combined program with the other regions. Students are responsible for books.
 - Taking classes in the combined program with the other regions was on a trial basis. It was decided to continue in on the program. Phil will meet with the other regional directors regarding the curriculum.

Correspondence:

- Received a thank you note from Jason Kramer for the MTO support both in prayers and financially while he was in Seminary. He has graduated from Liberty.

Tabled:

- March: We will discuss the credential renewal requests all at the same meeting for recommendation to Ad Council
- After Conference: Matthew Roberts has requested an Annual License. He must sit at two Annual ARC Conference sessions to be eligible. We will set up an interview with him after this, his second conference. He has met the requirement of having one-third of coursework completed.

The next meeting will be on February 16 at 6:00 PM via Zoom

Phil closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McMichael
Secretary

Members Present: George, Phil, Susan, Wes.

The meeting was opened with prayer by George.

Interview:

- Roy Countryman -recommend renewal of CWL

Items to discuss:

- Adam Huff did not join the meeting – we will try to reschedule him for a later meeting
- Annual Credential letters were due on Feb. 15.
 - The following have been received:
 - Roy Countrymen
 - Justin Deiter
 - John DeVincent
 - Steven Flugga Jr
 - Dana Jones
 - Scott Lichliter
 - Matthew Roberts
 - Jason Kramer
 - Shawn Roberts
 - Kerry Vough
 - Robert Iksic's letter was returned by the Post Office as unclaimed. I emailed a copy of the letter to Phil who will be getting it to Robert.
 - Adam Huff was unable to pick up at Post Office, emailed him a copy of the letter.
 - Never received signed certificate from the following:
 - Beth Linhart – per George, she has indicated she doesn't want her license renewed
 - Pat Linhart - per George, he has indicated she doesn't want her license renewed
 - Letters not returned:
 - Troy Fritz
 - David Tristiani
 - Denis Wyer
 - George has spoken to Matthew Roberts who is requesting an annual license. Since he has not been to two Annual Conference Sessions, he is not eligible for consideration until after conference in May. We will set up an interview with him after this, his second conference. He has met the requirement of having one-third of coursework completed.

Tabled:

- March: We will discuss the credential renewal requests all with an email meeting for recommendation to Ad Council
- Per Ad Council the issue of how to handle unexcused absences will be discussed by the constitution committee and a report given at the March 28 meeting
- Per Ad Council, they are discussing a change in the commission structure in that MTO will be combined with Pastor Oversight and Spiritual Foundation. Plans are not final.

Meeting #2

February 16, 2023

The next meeting will be March 3 in person, and on Zoom, at the West Newton First Church of God at 7:00 P.M. to meet with Shawn Roberts for his ordination interview. Pastor Oversight will be invited to sit in on the meeting.

George closed the meeting with prayer,

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McMichael
Secretary

Members Present: Phil, Susan, Wes.

By Invitation: Morgan Kelly, Chair of the Pastor Oversight Commission

The meeting was opened with prayer by Wes.

Interview:

- Shawn Roberts recommended for ordination

Items to discuss:

- Annual Credential letters were not received from the following people. Susan will send out an email with a second copy of the letter and a note indicating that if return information has not been received by March 11, license may not be given to them at Conference for the 2023-2024 year:
 - Adam Huff – annual
 - Dennis Wyer - annual
 - Troy Fritz – CWL
 - Jennifer Rodriguez – CWL
- Received Scott Lechlitter's ordination application and attachments. Not enough time to set up the interview before the next ARC Administrative Council Meeting. Will recommend annual license for 2023-2024 and schedule an interview in June
- Matthew Roberts has requested an annual license. Since he has not been to two Annual Conference Sessions, he is not eligible for consideration until after conference in May. We will set up an interview with him for July
- Susan will contact Robert Iksic and Karey Vough for biennial interviews in April

Tabled:

- Per Ad Council the issue of how to handle unexcused absences will be discussed by the constitution committee and a report given at the March 28 meeting
- Per Ad Council, they are discussing a change in the commission structure in that MTO will be combined with Pastor Oversight and Spiritual Foundation. Plans are not final.

The next meeting will be April 20 via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McMichael
Secretary

Members Present: Phil, Susan, Wes.

By Invitation: Morgan Kelly, Chair of the Pastor Oversight Commission

The meeting was opened with prayer by Wes

Interview:

- Scott Leichliter recommended for ordination

Items to discuss:

- Attached is a copy of the Commission recommendations for licensing at Conference.

Tabled:

- Matthew Roberts has requested an annual license. Since he has not been to two Annual Conference Sessions, he is not eligible for consideration until after conference in May. We will set up an interview with him for July
- Per Ad Council the issue of how to handle unexcused absences will be discussed by the constitution committee and a report given at the March 28 meeting
- Per Ad Council, they are discussing a change in the commission structure in that MTO will be combined with Pastor Oversight and Spiritual Foundation. Plans are not final.

The next meeting will be 6:00 PM on April 20 via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McMichael
Secretary

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Members Present: ~~Phil~~, Susan, Wes.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Wes

Interview:

- Bob Iksic – recommending for renewal of Christian Worker License
- Karey Vough - recommending for renewal of Christian Worker License

Items discussed:

- Roy Countryman - received email from Roy regarding classwork. Susan will send him an email letting him know the work he did with Pastor Tim Show will be considered credit for the Leadership and Christian Worship classes.
- Reviewed email from Janis Bracken – will recommend excused absence from conference
- Reviewed email from George and Marcie Marasia - – will recommend excused absence from conference
- Susan will send Wes the Winebrenner Syllabus to consider doing an in-house Polity class
- Wes will contact Tim Beatty about the possibility of doing an in-house counseling class.

Correspondence:

- Thank you note has been sent to George Marasia to thank him for the time he served on MTO

Tabled:

- We will discuss possible additional members for MTO after conference

The next meeting will be 6:00 PM on June 15 via Zoom. The meeting was closed with prayer by Wes.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McMichael
Secretary

Members Present: ~~Phil~~, Susan, Wes.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Wes

Interview:

- Adam Huff – recommending for renewal of Annual License
- Matthew Roberts - recommending for renewal of Christian Worker License; once he has more classes completed, will recommend for Annual

Items discussed:

- Roy Countryman – Susan emailed Gladys that he is enrolled in ICS through Winebrenner. We will ask Phil to notify Winebrenner.
- Kim Rankin is still considering what her call looks like; will contact us if she wishes to pursue any credentials
- At the present time we are still going to operate as MTO, while inviting members of Pastor Oversight to our meetings until final details can be worked out for the joining of the two commissions. We will postpone search for perspective people to serve on the commission until the details are complete.
- Susan will contact Dean to get the roll call from conference so that we can check on the unexcused absences.
- Susan will send the ICS (formerly PTI) syllabus and class information to Morgan and Wes so they can consider classes that we can offer through the ARC

The next meeting will be 6:00 PM on August 17 via Zoom. The meeting was closed with prayer by Susan

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McMichael
Secretary

Meeting #7

Pastoral Ministry Commission

August 17, 2023

Attendance: Wes Lewis, Morgan Kelly, Lon Hogue, Jason Kramer, Phil Scott

Meeting called to order by Wes Lewis.

Discussed July 2023 meeting.

By common consent recommended 2024 Salary to reflect a 4% increase.

Discussed timeline of Sabbatical development and approach.

Discussed names of persons to recruit and assigned contacts.

Met with Jason Kramer, discussed the future and ordination for 2024.

Discussed ongoing projects:

- Sabbatical Policy

- Editing Ordination Questions

- Education Offerings.

Submitted by Phil Scott

Meeting # 2

Church Planting and Ministry Development (Mobilizing Disciples)

Meeting at Center Bethel Church of God

February 23, 2023

Present is Jason Krammer, Pastor Lee Kline, Pastor Mitch Johnston

We discussed a book that we can sow into the pastors at conference sessions. We talked about a do a book? Or do a retreat? Mitch has spoke with Phil about the books "Renovated" by Jim Wilder, and "A Church of House Churches" by Jason Shepherd. Jason suggested the a retreat for the pastors around the idea of invigoration, stimulation, that is pushing discipleship. We have to work on language. Or possibly doing mini-grants for workshops. Lee shared the easy way is handing a book out or how do we get buy in from the pastors. What can we do with fresh expressions or exponential.

How do we get pastor to look at in-reach, out-reach and mobilizing disciples. We talked about 95% of our work is inward. And we pat ourselves on the back for outreach. How do we be more urgent and intentional? So if we give a book, it is part of a retreat? Is it over night or one day? Who is the person with credibility or experience that can lead it?

Jesus said "go and make disciples ... what are you going to do about it?". What is our purpose? What are we doing that people want to come and participate? Handing out a book is easy, but we want something deeper? Is there something we can tease an idea at conference? So we agree that we are trying to get a ground floor for discipleship. It has to be more than one and done, but do a retreat that gives them something and then we follow up with a next step. Perhaps they come up with a project and you get a small grant? Then comes a testimony on what you accomplished with the project you designed at the retreat. So to bring this around, do we want to make a commitment (wet or firm) to do this retreat? Why do they want to come?

We kept coming back on how we need to continue this conversation at our next meeting and we need to be in prayer about purpose and what will be something people want to come to. We will look at someone one that is seeing success. But we have the money to bring in a quality speaker and do a quality retreat. So we will pray about a speaker and when we want them to come.

Jason closed in prayer.

**Northern District Representative
Mark H. Yarger
March 22, 2023**

- I continue to receive and make email contacts/ phone calls with Northern District churches and update Phil as necessary.
- We had 23 Pastors and spouses in attendance at the dinner in the Villa restaurant at Kittanning PA on March 9. Great responses and a great time by all.
- We had a total of 8 in attendance at the Northern District (Ellwood area) breakfast at Hugger/Muggers in New Castle. There was a really positive response and we plan to continue them monthly. The next is schedule for April Tuesday April 11 at 8:30 am same location. This is open to any pastor and elders.
- A breakfast in a second location (Franklin area) is sit for Tuesday April 18 at 8:30 am in the Caring Place. This open to any pastor and elders.
- Working on monthly breakfasts in the Indiana Pa area for Pastors in the Kittanning, Punxy and Cherry Tree areas.
- Deb and I volunteer one Sunday a month to do a Sunday service and communion at Grove Manor.
- I do bible studies in the skilled and Personal Care facilities weekly at grove Manor.
- Working with Grove Manor board to hire a full-time Chaplain at Grove Manor.
- Our nursing homes are open to our churches to do activities at any time. Contact the Activities or chaplains of those homes.

**Submitted by
Mark Yarger**

Northern District Representative report to administrative council

Meeting - August 24, 2023:

-We had three different groups of pastors and quests of the northern district continue to meet monthly in New Castle, Franklin and Punxsutawney for prayer breakfast, devotions, fellowship and prayer. There's approximately a total of 20 different pastors and elders that meet in these groups. We also have community pastors and elders from other churches of different denominations. I attended the Franklin and Punxsutawney groups in July and August.

- Plans are being made to have a combined fall cookout and campfire at Grange Church of God on Sunday October 15.

-Pastor Marcus Johns hosted a walk through the Bible event at Grange Church of God. There were 45 in attendance which including district pastors. I heard some very positive reports about the events.

-Congress Hill has begun a second morning worship service.

-Grove Manor is holding a special carnival event for the residents on September 23. Plans are to recruit volunteers from our churches to serve. This is just a few of the exciting things happening in our northern churches.

Submitted by Mark Yarger

Northern District Representative Report to Administrative Council

Meeting – November 30, 2023:

- Our three Pastors' Breakfast groups continue to meet monthly in New Castle, Franklin and Punxsutawney for prayer, devotions, fellowship and support. I meet monthly with the New Castle group. I also attended the special event at Grange and the Franklin group breakfast in November. In addition to our own Northern District pastors and elders, we have pastors and members from three other denominations. We also planned and attended a Pastors and wives' dinner and fellowship time hosted by the Grange Church of God on Sunday, October 15. Pastor Marcus and Hanna added a nice change for the Punxsutawney breakfast group by hosting the gathering in their home and serving an Indian breakfast which brought rave reviews by those attending.

- The New Castle breakfast group is working through a chapter a month in a book entitled, *Digging The Wells of Revival*. I shared a devotion on the biblical references between the connections of fasting and prayer with revival from the book to the Franklin group as well. They received it well and many took down the name of the book.

- Pastor Phil and Nancy Scott, as well as I, attended Grove Manor's special carnival event for the residents on September 23.

- Discussion on possible future ideas and events:
 1. Church and community prayer walks at our Nursing Homes.
 2. A possible truck stop ministry through the guidance of Pastor Jeff Harris at the T&A Truckstop in Barkeyville.
 3. Continue introducing the *Fresh Expressions* movement to our Northern District churches and members.
 4. Possible collaborations with churches and agencies near our Nursing Homes on missional strategies to reach out to the residents, their families, and Nursing Home staff.
 5. Engage Northern District churches and pastors in prayer for revival.

Submitted by Mark Yarger

Allegheny Regional Conference Foundation

Meeting # 2

7 pm at Center Bethel, Alverton PA

Present Pastor Lee Kline, Pastor Mitch Johnston, Ms Gladys Grimm

Not Present Scott Porterfield, Pastor Lon Hogue

The ARC foundation opened in Prayer by Lee Kline.

The foundation considered three requests.

First, the **Adrain Community Church of God**, pastor Wes Lewis, is seeking a request to help for an outreach project in putting a **digital sign** out front of the church. This will help get the word out to the local community of the events beyond signs and banners and facebook. ACCOG has a total project of \$8000 and is asking for half which is \$4,000. The church is going to raise it regardless. **We will request two additional items for clarification:**

1. They are looking to see what their 501c3 status is through the IRS or CGGC.
2. We will also ask for a timeline from ACCOG and Pastor Wes.

Mitch will communicate via email our requests.

Secondly, the New Brighton Church of God, Pastor Lon Hogue, is seeking request for a chair lift for their church. We have not received a proposal in writing as of this meeting.

Thirdly, the Center Bethel COG request to help with Navigators. CBCOG has a completed time line, with a proposal for total grant request of \$6,750.00. The grant would be used for navigators partnership, training and promotional items, tables for meeting and equip disciple-makers in the pilot partnership with Navigators.

With ACCOG, we need more information, and will consider theirs contingent on the 501c3.

With CBCOG, we will consider to approve their proposal for \$ 6,750.

With NBCOG, we need a written proposal.

Lee had a discussion with Scott about the three requests. Scott has agreed to be at Conference session in May. Do we need to put a sample up at conference for churches to see.

We talked about why more churches are not applying for the grants.

We acknowledged that the ARC as a region at their last ad council meeting agreed to add the ARC to the annual budget for the conference sessions.

Mitch closed in Prayer.

Christian Loving Fund Meeting
June 23, 2023
Franklin Church of God

Present: Pastor Jim Leichliter, John Doyle, Janet Hoffman, Priscilla Earhart, Joy Strain, Pastor Rick Gamble, and ARC director Phil Scott.

Jim began the meeting with Prayer.
Mileage was handed in.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were looked at from the September 24, 2022 meeting. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Joy presented Treasurer's report. Priscilla motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Janet 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

Stifel: Chris Simms from Stifel stepped in and gave a report on investments. Chris felt we should move the long-term bonds to short-term CDs. Rick motioned that we move the long-term bonds to short term CDs per Stifel's recommendation. John 2nd the motion. Motion was approved. Chris then left the meeting.

Financial Clerk's Report: John presented the Financial Clerk's report: Rick motioned to accept the Financial Clerk's report. Janet 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

Old Business:

Grove Manor Honor Board: John needs name plates and is looking for prices. John will contact a company.

New Business:

Janet motioned that Pastor Rick Gamble be appointed as a director to the CLF for another 5-year term. Priscilla 2nd the motion. Motion was approved,

Election of officers: John motioned that all officers retain their positions for the next year. Janet 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

Rick motioned to approve a grant from the Caring place for a small portable sound system. Janet 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

Phil shared some insight on the Grove Manor Board and Grove Manor foundation.

Christian Loving fund Sunday will be the Frist Sunday in November. A letter will be sent to the Churches.

John will give information from Stifle to Priscilla.

Next meeting will be determined later.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Pastor Rick Gamble, CLF Secretary

Camp Sonrise Mountain
Executive Director's Report
December 2023

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & UPGRADES

- Installed hasp and keep on pump house door (door kept blowing open).
- Repaired various locks and doorknobs in dining hall.
- Installed weather stripping and door sweeps on outside dining hall doors.
- Stacy and Brooke worked on the brush hog – it's very easily dented because the reinforced metal has broken or fallen off. They attempted to get some of the dents out so it doesn't interfere with the blade. It is not in very good shape. It will continue to dent every time it hits a stump. The differential casing leaks oil. It is most likely cracked. The brush hog will need to be replaced when we can afford to. It is needed for field areas and trails.
- Cleared / widened Lovers Lane so there will be room for the brush hog in the spring.

GROUNDS:

- Brush hogged fields and trails.
- Cut up fallen trees for firewood.

COTTAGE:

- Stacy replaced the shingles that had blown off the porch roof and inspected the entire roof. He believes it should be good for another year. Will reevaluate in the fall.

RESIDENCE:

- Repaired holes in walls and painted the little room that was once the camp office.
- Replaced doorknobs in basement/garage so all are keyed alike.
- Installed new bathroom faucet.
- Installed weather stripping on garage man door.

UPCOMING GROUPS:

- Junior High Arctic Blast: February 2 – 4
- Senior High Arctic Blast: February 16 – 18

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- I attended a Zoom meeting on 12/14 as part of the Camp Policy Task Force to help draft a uniform policy for the CGGC camps regarding transgender issues. The draft will be reviewed by the legal department then passed along to the CGGC Ad Council.
- The camp Christmas cards were mailed out.
- A "Save the Date" postcard has been designed for summer camp. We will have it printed and mailed out to campers and churches.
- We are considering creating a monthly blog to add to the camp website. We'll try it in January and will continue with it if it doesn't take up too much time.

I took the last two weeks of December off to regroup and reset. It was another "first" without my mom and I felt it necessary to just be still and let God speak to my heart. Only He can give us the peace that we so very much need as we travel through grief. I found much comfort in our family traditions – both new and old, but my deepest comfort comes from the Lord. The same Baby who was born in a manger all those years ago reigns today in my heart. So many things have changed and will continue to change, but that's okay, because God is the same today, tomorrow, and forever. As I look forward to 2024, it is once again with hope and excitement. For where He leads, I will follow.

"It is the LORD your God you must follow, and Him you must revere. Keep His commands and obey Him; serve Him and hold fast to Him." ~ Deuteronomy 13:4

Blessings,
Carrie Dix

Church Name	Cooperative 2023 2022		Designated 2023 2022		Total Giving 2023 2022	
Adrian Community	\$8,450.00	\$7,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,450.00	\$7,800.00
Breakneck	\$11,000.00	\$12,020.00	\$2,731.00	\$2,993.00	\$13,731.00	\$15,013.00
Buchanan	\$31,400.00	\$31,275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,400.00	\$31,275.00
Centennial	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Center Bethel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,387.00	\$4,974.00	\$4,387.00	\$4,974.00
Clinton	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Colliers First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Congress Hill	\$7,705.00	\$6,316.00	\$8.50	\$0.00	\$7,713.50	\$6,316.00
Fair Oaks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Franklin First	\$13,112.00	\$13,206.00	\$4,800.00	\$6,308.00	\$17,912.00	\$19,514.00
Garman	\$9,889.00	\$8,775.00	\$3,347.50	\$1,800.00	\$13,236.50	\$10,575.00
Goodridge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grandview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grange	\$17,516.94	\$16,610.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,516.94	\$16,610.74
Hickory Grove	\$4,956.64	\$4,962.97	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$7,456.64	\$6,962.97
Indian Head	\$28,618.85	\$32,036.55	\$13,600.00	\$11,925.00	\$42,218.85	\$43,961.55
Kecksburg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kennerdell	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
Kimberly	\$13,280.99	\$12,493.17	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$19,280.99	\$18,493.17
Kingwood	\$54,006.62	\$46,830.19	\$17,028.30	\$20,204.60	\$71,034.92	\$67,034.79
Kittanning	\$7,440.46	\$6,820.00	\$2,652.87	\$3,453.59	\$10,093.33	\$10,273.59
Latrobe First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lillyville	\$19,347.27	\$22,648.72	\$533.00	\$513.50	\$19,880.27	\$23,162.22
Logos Christian Fellowship	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Maranatha	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Markleysburg Union	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
McMechen First	\$6,706.48	\$9,441.63	\$745.17	\$0.00	\$7,451.65	\$9,441.63
Mount Carmel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Nebo	\$7,548.53	\$5,639.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,548.53	\$5,639.91
Mount Pleasant	\$56,404.07	\$51,737.45	\$14,124.56	\$18,162.36	\$70,528.63	\$69,899.81
Mount Tabor (WV)	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
New Brighton First	\$1,983.72	\$1,943.05	\$8,983.71	\$8,743.05	\$10,967.43	\$10,686.10
New Centerville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pine Grove	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,676.08	\$1,926.32	\$1,676.08	\$1,926.32
Sanborn	\$0.00	\$6,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,250.00
Sand Spring	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,200.00
Saved by Grace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
South Charleston First	\$6,291.00	\$6,505.00	\$0.00	\$1,770.00	\$6,291.00	\$8,275.00
Templeton	\$7,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$350.00	\$500.00	\$7,350.00	\$6,000.00
United Community	\$667.00	\$7,000.00	\$628.00	\$600.00	\$1,295.00	\$7,600.00
West Newton First	\$10,396.60	\$10,675.42	\$990.00	\$435.00	\$11,386.60	\$11,110.42
Totals	\$331,521.17	\$334,286.80	\$87,885.69	\$94,508.42	\$419,406.86	\$428,795.22

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
ALLEGHENY REGION
OF THE
CHURCHES OF GOD, GENERAL
CONFERENCE



ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION
KINGWOOD
MARKLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

MAY 17-18, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE FUND

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$24,605.65**

RECEIPTS:

Tithes	\$ 139,372.47	
Foundation	\$ 5,000.00	
	\$ -	
		\$144,372.47
		\$168,978.12

DISBURSEMENTS:

Meeting Expenses -	\$ -	
Payroll	\$98,576.82	
Conference Session-Program & Expenses	\$ 4,112.81	
Copies, postage, etc.	\$ 331.25	
Gladys L. Grimm, Treasurer & Trustee	\$ 12,350.00	
Christmas Gift for Dean Hay	\$ 500.00	
Christmas Gift for Gladys Grimm	\$ 500.00	
Christmas Gift - Phil Scott	\$ 1,000.00	
Pastor's Appreciation - Phil Scott	\$ 500.00	
Phil Scott - Pension	\$ 8,280.00	
Dean Hay - Pension	\$ 4,116.00	
Foundation	\$ 5,000.00	
Blanket Bond -	\$ 218.00	
		\$135,484.88

BALANCE - December 31, 2023 **\$33,493.24**

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$1,353.03**

RECEIPTS:

Tithe	\$ 2,389.20	
Inerest from checking interest	\$ 40.27	\$2,429.47

\$3,782.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Conference Delegates	\$ -
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BALANCE - December 31, 2023 **\$3,782.50**

GENERAL CONFERENCE TITHE

\$0.00

Balance - January 1, 2023

RECEIPTS:

Tithes	\$ 117,062.26	
Tithes - Non-Budget	\$ 60,089.73	\$177,151.99

DISBURSEMENTS:

Tithes	\$ 117,062.26	
Tithes - Non-Budget	\$ 60,089.73	
		\$177,151.99

Balance - December 31, 2023 **\$0.00**

CHURCH MUTUAL INSURANCE

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$0.00**

RECEIPTS

Tithe	\$5,140.00	\$5,140.00
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DISBURSEMENTS;

Package Policy	\$ 4,354.00	
Umbrella Polcy	\$ 350.00	
Workers Comp.	\$ 436.00	
		\$5,140.00

Balance - December 31, 2023 **\$0.00**

CAMP SONRISE MOUNTAIN

\$0.00

Balance - January 1, 2023

RECEIPTS:

Tithes	\$40,000.00
Improvements	\$ 6,810.65
Operations	\$ 13,115.80
Building Fund	\$ 1,309.00

Camp Endowment	\$ 700.00	\$61,935.45
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Tithes	\$ 40,000.00	
Improvements	\$ 6,810.65	
Operations	\$ 13,115.80	
Building Fund	\$ 1,309.00	
Camp Endowment	\$ 700.00	
		\$ 61,935.45

Balance - December 31, 2023	\$0.00
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CAMP SONRISE MOUNTAIN - ESCROW ACCOUNT

Balance - January 1, 2023	\$10,600.00
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RECEIPTS;

Interest	\$ 11.22	\$11.22
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DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ -	
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Balance - December 31, 2023	\$10,611.22
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CHRISTIAN LOVING FUND

Balance - January 1, 2023	\$ -
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RECEIPTS:

Contributions	\$ 930.00	\$ 930.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 930.00	
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Balance - December 31, 2023	\$0.00
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GROVE MANOR CORP. - CHAPLAIN MINISTRY

Balance - January 1, 2023	\$20.00
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RECEIPTS;

Contributions		\$0.00
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DISBURSEMENTS;	\$	-	\$0.00
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Balance - December 31, 2023			\$20.00
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LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Balance - January 1, 2023			\$0.00
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RECEIPTS:

Tithes	\$	5,288.40	\$	5,288.40
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Allegheny Region Office	\$	5,288.40		
				\$5,288.40

Balance - December 31, 2023				\$0.00
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SPECIAL GIVING FOR PHOEBE MARASIA

Balance - January 1, 2023			\$335.00
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RECEIPTS:		<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00
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DISBURSEMENTS;

Given by West Newton - Sent to Bryan & Katie Tyland - Missionaries	\$	335.00	\$335.00
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Balance - December 31, 2023			\$0.00
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CONFERENCE OFFICE AND STAFF

Balance - January 1, 2023			(\$2.12)
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RECEIPTS:

Tithes			\$	5,271.88
				\$5,269.76

DISBURSEMENTS:

Allegheny Region Office	\$	5,269.76		
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Balance - December 31, 2023				\$0.00
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ALLEGHENY REGION FOUNDATION

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$0.00**

RECEIPTS;

\$ 5,000.00 **\$5,000.00**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Foundation of the Allegheny Conference \$ 5,000.00 **\$5,000.00**

Balance - December 31, 2023 **\$0.00**

GENERAL FUND

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$25,796.03**

RECEIPTS:

Interest Income \$ 539.33 **\$ 539.33**
\$ 26,335.36

DISBURSEMENTS: **\$0.00**

Balance - December 31, 2023 **\$26,335.36**

CONFERENCE OFFICE - PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REPAIR FUND

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$784.43**

RECEIPTS:

Tithe \$3,012.00 **\$3,012.00**

\$ 3,796.43

DISBURSEMENTS:

Real Estate Taxes \$ 2,549.20
Dish Washer \$ 759.48
Hot Water Tank \$ 1,157.00 **\$ 4,465.68**

Balance - December 31, 2023 **(\$669.25)**

CONFERENCE OFFICE AUTOMOBILE

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$ 26,685.01**

RECEIPTS;

Tithes \$ 2,250.00
Interest Income \$ 30.50 **\$2,280.50**
\$28,965.51

DISBURSEMENTS;

Inspection \$ 1,107.34

\$1,107.34**Balance - December 31, 2023****\$27,858.17****COMMISSION STUDENT AID****Balance - January 1, 2023****\$17,474.34****RECEIPTS:**

	\$	900.00	
Interest Income - Mid Penn Bank	\$	12.38	\$ 12.38
			\$ 17,486.72

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mileage	\$	-
Postage for License renewal	\$	149.15
Course - The Gospels	\$	1,000.00
Education - Roy Country	\$	200.00
Education - Davis Gess	\$	600.00
Education - Stephen Flegga, Jr.	\$	3,300.00
Education - Karey Yough	\$	2,250.00
Winegrenner Seminary	\$	600.00

Total Disbursements**\$8,699.15****Balance - December 31, 2023****\$8,787.57****COMMISSION ON SPIRITUAL FORMATION****Balance - January 1, 2023****\$14,949.90****RECEIPTS:**

Tithe		\$0.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

	\$	-
Books	\$	162.18
		\$162.18

Balance - December 31, 2023**\$14,787.72****COMMISSION PASTORAL OVERSIGHT****Balance - January 1, 2023****\$1,811.72****RECEIPTS:**

Tithe	\$	-	\$0.00
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			\$1,811.72
DISBURSEMENTS:			
none	\$	-	<u>\$0.00</u>

Balance - December 31, 2023 \$1,811.72

COMMISSION ON CROSS CULTURAL

Balance - January 1, 2023 \$5,470.39

RECEIPTS:

Tithe \$ - \$0.00

DISBURSEMENTS: \$5,470.39

\$ - \$0.00

Balance - December 31, 2023 \$5,470.39

COMMISSION ON LOCAL MISSIONS

Balance - January 1, 2023 \$4,653.22

RECEIPTS:

\$ - \$0.00

\$4,653.22

DISBURSEMENTS:

\$ - \$0.00

Balance - December 31, 2023 \$4,653.22

COMMISSION ON CHURCH RELATIONS

Balance - January 1, 2023 \$11,969.61

RECEIPTS:

Tithe \$ - \$0.00

\$11,969.61

DISBURSEMENTS:

Discovery Conference \$ 2,270.08

Expense for Navigators \$ 1,573.79

\$3,843.87

Balance - December 31, 2023 \$8,125.74

COMMISSION ON CHURCH & MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$108,290.46**

RECEIPTS:

Tithe	\$	-	
Investment Income - Mid Penn Bank	\$	156.67	\$156.67

\$108,447.13

DISBURSEMENTS:

none

Balance - December 31, 2023 **\$108,447.13**

PASTORS EXPENSES

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$5,000.00**

RECEIPTS;

\$ -

DISBURSEMENTS

\$ -

Balance - December 31, 2023 **\$ 5,000.00**

FIELD CONSULTANT

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$7,899.70**

RECEIPTS:

\$0.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Balance - December 31, 2023 **\$7,899.70**

CHURCHES OF GOD YOUTH ADVANCE

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$9,130.44**

RECEIPTS:

Penny Pile - Center Bethel - Alverton	\$	929.00	
Penny Pile -Kittanning Church of God	\$	604.85	
Investment Income - Dollar Bank	\$	120.55	
Interest Income - Mid Penn Bank	\$	5.04	
			\$ 1,659.44
			\$ 10,798.88

DISBURSEMENTS:

Camp Sonrise Mountain - Penny Pile	\$	1,533.85	
			\$ 1,533.85

BALANCE - December 31, 2023 **\$9,256.03**

CHURCHES OF GOD MISSION TRIPS FUND

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$5,477.41**

RECEIPTS;	\$	-	
Donation	\$	-	
Interest	\$	4.80	\$ 4.80
			\$5,482.21

DISBURSEMENTS;

\$ -

BALANCE - December 31, 2023 **\$5,482.21**

GROVE MANOR, CARING PLACE, WOODCREST

Balance - January 1, 2023 **\$33,235.95**

Interest	\$	41.54	
Increase Edward Jones Investments	\$	335.25	
Thank Offering	\$	75.00	
			\$451.79
			\$33,687.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Decease in Edward Jones Investments	\$	-	
Thank Offering - Annette Weiona	\$	75.00	\$75.00

BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2023 **\$33,612.74**

Mid Penn Bank - Savings		\$27,808.22
INVESTMENTS IN EDWARD JONES INVESTMENTS		\$5,804.52
for Grove Manor Board of Homes	Total	<hr/> \$33,612.74

Gladys L. Grimm, Treasurer

Trustee's Report

SUMMARY OF INVESTED FUNDS ACTIVITY
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

CAMP SONRISE MOUNTAIN PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance January 1, 2023			\$215,196.50
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Contributions	\$	4,750.00	
Investment Income	\$	16,410.59	
Interest Income	\$	<u>902.80</u>	
			\$ 22,063.39
			\$ 221,659.89
<u>Disbursements:</u>			
Camp Sonrise Mountain	\$	<u>15,600.00</u>	
			\$ 15,600.00
Balance - December 31, 2013			\$221,659.89

MINISTERS SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT FUND

Balance - January 1, 2023			\$112,386.11
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Investment Income	\$	2,789.64	
Interest Income	\$	<u>64.89</u>	
			\$ 2,854.53
			\$ 113,235.07
<u>Disbursements:</u>			
G. E. Beatty	\$	230.00	
J. C. Gray	\$	230.00	
R. L. Molgaard	\$	230.00	
J. Pennington	\$	230.00	
James R. Leichter	\$	156.00	
James Monticue	\$	110.00	
David C. Stickle	\$	230.00	
Joseph Wingrove	\$	230.00	
John Fosbrink	\$	230.00	
Carol Umbel		\$115.00	
F. Carl-Kyser	\$	115.00	
Maralee Dugger	\$	115.00	
Gladys Grimm	\$	115.00	
Sharon Solomon	\$	115.00	
Nancy Show	\$	<u>115.00</u>	
			\$ 2,755.00
Balance - December 31, 2023			\$113,595.07

WILLIAM BAUDER'S BEQUEST

Balance - January 1, 2023		\$	1,500.00
Receipts:			
Investment Income	\$	<u>56.28</u>	\$ <u>56.28</u>
			\$ 1,556.28
Disbursements:			
General Conference - Missions	\$	<u>56.28</u>	\$ <u>56.28</u>
Balance - December 31, 2020		\$	1,500.00

PERMANENT VOYAGE FUND

Balance - January 1, 2023		\$	1,000.00
Receipts:			
Investment Income	\$	<u>37.56</u>	\$ <u>37.56</u>
			\$ 1,037.56
Disbursements:			
General Conference - Missions	\$	<u>37.56</u>	\$ <u>37.56</u>
Year End Report - 2023- Invested Funds		\$	1,000.00

BAANCE - YEAR END - 2023 \$337,754.96

Gladys L. Grimm
Trustee for Invested Funds

It has been encouraging to hear the reports back of the challenge to make five new disciples in each church family. The reports started coming early in the Summer and have continued all year! It has been furthermore encouraging to hear the creativity and industrious missional involvement of our church families with their communities. There are exciting stories happening all over our region!

Of particular impact is the camaraderie and support the Northern District is experiencing. I hope to see this resurgence of mutual support in the Central and Southern Districts.

Dean Hay, our Administrative and Communications Assistant, has been hard at work creating Quickbooks book keeping for the region and transitioning most things to online. He has moved most of ongoing records to an online format, major updates to the Web page, rebooting our social media platforms, and troubleshooting the updates and cross program bugs.

The Grove Manor Board has regained traction and on a good post covid trajectory. Affinity, our management team, has become a force multiplier. The board is strong, engaged and seeking new members. It is a ground breaking time to be involved in Senior Care.

The ARC Foundation has taken some bold steps in grant distribution and is actively seeking new opportunities to give to the region. Do not hesitate to talk to Scott Porterfield about any opportunity or questions you might have in seeking a grant distribution.

Camp Sonrise Mountain is experiencing something new God is doing. They have taken some steps to centralize record keeping, incorporating a counselor training, introducing a uniform yearly theme, and seeking to prayerfully expand and provide discipleship program opportunities even as rental opportunities continue to hold steady and grow.

The Pastoral Ministry Commission has put forward a Sabbatical Policy for our consideration. It is policy long over due. In partnership with WTS they continue to offer funding for those who are seeking a credential in the ARC at very attractive and affordable rate. They also in collaboration with WTS and the Midwest and Western Regions, have been providing classes that fulfill credentialing but are open to anybody to participate with no charge. You need only make your calling known to your pastor who can help schedule a meeting with the PMC to get you signed up!

The Church Ministry Commission is continuing to explore connecting opportunities for discipling resources and training opportunities to add to the local churches tool box.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to represent the ARC with WTS and the University of Findlay.

It is a deep honor to serve you. You are foremost in my prayers and thoughts. I cannot wait to see what God is doing next. Remember God chose you for this time and place and that means everything. Keep Shining!

Serving A Risen Savior Together,
Phil Scott

Discipleship

A disciple is someone who is following Jesus, being transformed by Jesus, and on the mission of Jesus.

Eight Characteristics of a Disciple. A disciple of Jesus is someone who...

Loves God with all their heart	Mt 27.37; Ph 3.8
Loves other believers and contributes to their growth	Jn 13.34-35; He 10:24-25
Loves and is obedient to scripture	Jn 8.31-32; 2 Ti 3.16-17
Loves Jesus and surrendering to His Lordship	Lk 9.23; Ga 2.20
Loves to share the goodness of Jesus with others	Mt 4.19; Ro 1.16
Loves growing their faith in prayer	Lk 11.1; Ph 4.6-7
Loves to obey and follow Jesus in the routine of life	Jn 14.21; Lk 6.46
Loves to serve others through time, talent and treasure	Mt 25.37-40; Acts 20.35

**CONSTITUTION FOR THE
ALLEGHENY REGION CONFERENCE
OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD, GENERAL CONFERENCE**

ARTICLE I - NAME

- 1.01 The name of this body shall be: "Allegheny Region Conference of the Churches of God, General Conference".
- 1.02 The Allegheny Region Conference of the Churches of God General Conference shall be referred to in this document as the Allegheny Region Conference and/or the Region.
- 1.03 The Allegheny Region Conference is the former West Pennsylvania Conference and the West Virginia Conference of the Churches of God, General Conference.
- 1.04 The Allegheny Region Conference of the Churches of God, General Conference shall remain true to the historic Christian Faith and Doctrine set forth in the Holy Scriptures as believed and taught by John Winebrenner and his successors.
- 1.05 Allegheny Region Conference, Churches of God General Conference is a duly and properly registered non-profit corporation as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with corporate office registered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and shall be further subjected to the laws of any state(s), commonwealth(s), or other jurisdictions in which it conducts its affairs applicable to non-profit religious organization.
- 1.06 The purpose of the Allegheny Region is stated in its corporate bylaws and further defined by the Mission and Vision Statements of the Resource Manual Section A.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

- 2.01 Existing Churches of God, General Conference Churches:
- All existing Churches of God, General Conference Churches who were member churches in the West PA Conference and West VA Conference shall be member churches in full standing in the Allegheny Region and entitled to all the privileges granted by this Constitution.
- 2.02 New Church Plants:
- Any new group of Christian believers united together as a religious body or church, subscribing to the polity, principles and doctrines of this Region and the General Conference, and adopting its own Constitution as approved by the Church Planting and Ministry Development Commission shall be received as a member church of the Churches of God, General Conference in full standing by this Region in Session and be entitled to all the privileges granted by this Constitution. Until a new church is received as a member church it shall be entitled to send representatives to Regional Sessions who have a voice but cannot vote or be elected to Regional offices.
- 2.03 Pre-Existing Non-Churches of God, General Conference Churches:
- A. Any pre-existing group of Christian believers united together as a religious body or church, and are not a member church of the Churches of God, General Conference, may upon request to and approval by the Administrative Council, be received as an Associate Member Congregation in this Region and may be served by a Regional minister.
- B. An Associate Member Congregation:
- Must be willing to affirm the polity, principles and doctrines of this Region and the General Conference.

- Be entitled to send representatives to Regional Sessions who have a voice but cannot vote or be elected to Regional Offices.
- Associate Membership may continue for five (5) years during which time a request for Full Membership may be made. At the end of five (5) years if a request has not been made, then the Regional Director and the Associate shall make an intensive evaluation and study to determine if the church wants to become a Full Member or discontinue their status with the Region. The Administrative Council may grant the church additional time as an Associate Member if warranted, but it shall not exceed beyond five (5) additional years. At the end of ten (10) years if a request for Full Membership has not been received their status in the Region shall be discontinued.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

- 3.01 The Allegheny Region Conference shall hold one regular meeting each year with the date and place to be set each year by the Administrative Council. The body shall have the privilege of extending additional Sessions if necessary to complete business. The meeting shall be held for the transaction of such business as properly pertains to ecclesiastical bodies.
- 3.02 Voting representation for conference meeting will be by delegates as follows:
- A. Ministerial Delegates:
All ministers holding a Life Ordination Certificate or Annual License Certificate from this Region shall be members with full voting privileges during the term of their certificate, unless otherwise restricted by this Constitution. (Unless otherwise indicated, the terms pastor or minister in this Constitution refers to both senior pastors and associate pastors.)
 - B. Lay Delegates:
 - 1. Each church is entitled to two (2) adult delegates. All adult delegates shall be at least 18 years of age and be regularly elected from active members in good standing in their church. They shall be full voting members of the Regional session.
 - 2. Each church is entitled to one (1) youth delegate. Youth delegates shall be at least 13 and no older than 18, unmarried and regularly elected from active members in good standing in their church. They shall be full voting members of the Regional session.
 - C. Delegates-at-Large:
Delegates-at-Large shall consist of the members of the Administrative Council, Commission Members, Regional Directors, and retired pastors. Delegates-at-large shall not be counted against the number of delegates a church is entitled to as prescribed above. They shall be full voting members of the Regional Session.
 - D. Christian Worker Licentiates:
A Christian Worker Licentiate shall not be counted against the number of delegates a church is entitled to as prescribed above. They shall be full voting members of the Regional Sessions.
- 3.03 The President of this Region shall call an extra meeting when approved by the Administrative Council. An extra meeting may be requested by ten (10) other members of this Region. The request must be in writing stating the reasons for the request.
- 3.04 The Regional Sessions shall open with a Christian service when the President, or someone appointed by him/her, shall address the delegates on the designated theme. If there is no designated theme then a Biblical message.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS, ELECTIONS AND TERMS

- 4.01 The officers of this Region shall be President, Vice-President, Clerk and Treasurer. The Regional Directors, and the Administrative Assistant shall be members by virtue of their office.
- 4.02 Elections and Terms of Office:
- A. In odd numbered years:
A Clerk shall be elected at Conference for a two (2) year term.
- Three (3) Members at Large representing the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts shall be elected at Conference for a two (2) year term.
- B. In even numbered years:
A Vice President shall be elected at Conference for a two (2) year term. He shall then ascend to the presidency for a two (2) year term.
- A Treasurer shall be appointed by the Administrative Council at a meeting held prior to the Annual Conference Sessions for a two (2) year term.
- Two (2) Members at Large shall be elected at Conference for a two (2) year term.
- 4.03 Term Limits: A President may not be elected to the office of Vice President in the year his term as President expires.
- 4.04 Those elected shall assume their respective office at the close of the Sessions in the year in which they were elected.

ARTICLE V - VOTING

- 5.01 All balloting shall be done by delegates of the Regional Sessions.
- 5.02 All elections shall be done by secret ballot. Voting on issues not requiring a ballot may be done verbally or by prescribed sign designated by the chair.
- 5.03 In the event there is no election in the first ballot, all candidates who receive ten (10) or less votes shall have their names dropped from the second ballot. If all candidates receive more than ten (10) votes, the one with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, with the exception that a ballot shall have at least two (2) names remaining on the ballot. If additional ballots are needed they shall contain only one (1) more candidate than the number of vacancies to be filled. The candidates shall be those with the highest number of votes on the preceding ballot.

ARTICLE VI - ORGANIZATION

- 6.01 This Region shall be re-organized each year at the first session. It shall be constituted by the President or Vice-President and the Clerk of this Region provided they are present; if not, then others shall be appointed by the President for that purpose; after which the elections determined by this Constitution shall be held.
- 6.02 A majority of members enrolled on the Sessions Roster shall constitute a quorum. The roster, as completed and adopted at the first session, shall be the official roster.
- 6.03 No new minister in this Region shall be eligible to hold an elective office in this Region until he/she has served through two (2) Annual Regional Sessions as a minister, so as to give him/her time for orientation. He/she may be elected to an office at the third annual session. In the case of a minister transferring from another CGGC Region, his/her service in that region shall count as one (1) session toward the two (2) session minimum service. Therefore he/she could be elected at the second annual

session.

- 6.04 All commission members must be an active member in good standing in a local Regional church.
- 6.05 An Administrative Council shall be elected according to this Constitution (Article IV) through which the work of the Conference is to be carried forward (Article VIII). The Administrative Council shall be the Regional Conference between Annual Sessions.
- 6.06 The annual reports of the Administrative Council, Agencies, etc. shall include all items of business from January 1 to December 31, and copies shall be made available to all registered delegates three (3) weeks prior to the opening of the Regional Sessions. Any item from the annual reports may be called up for consideration.
- 6.07 All reports for publication in the Journal shall be prepared for electronic or print distribution.
- 6.08 The Allegheny Region Conference is divided into three (3) Districts: the Northern District (member churches North of US Route 22), the Central District (member churches South of US Route 22 including member churches in Maryland and West Virginia), and the Southern District (member churches South of Morgantown, West Virginia).
 - A. The purpose of each District is to promote spiritual enrichment, evangelism, prayer, education, service, etc. in their local churches through worship services, rallies, seminars, workshops, etc.
 - B. Each District may elect a President, Vice President and Secretary to plan and promote the ministries of the District. Other officers may be elected as needed.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS AND STAFF

- 7.01 Regional Director:
 - A. shall be the administrator of the Conference.
 - B. primary role is vision casting and overseer of the personnel and programs that serves the local churches in the Allegheny Region Conference.
- 7.02. Ministry Directors:
 - A. two (2) Ministry Directors shall be appointed by the Administrative Council to watch over the pastoral and church ministries of the Allegheny Region.
 - B. shall represent the interest of the two (2) and their ministry efforts.
- 7.03 The President shall:
 - A. serve two (2) years after serving as Vice President for two (2) years;
 - B. preside over Regional Sessions and Administrative Council;
 - C. conduct the business thereof according to the By-Laws, Article A. In the absence of a by-law he shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, revised;
 - D. sign all legal documents when required and approved by Regional Conference or Administrative Council;
 - E. other duties as may be stated in the By-Laws.
- 7.04 The Vice President shall:
 - A. be elected in even numbered years for a two (2) year term;
 - B. preside in the absence of the President or as the President shall direct;
 - C. serve as Chairman of the Constitution Committee and Nominating Committee;
 - D. other duties as may be stated in the By-Laws.
- 7.05 The Clerk shall:
 - A. be elected in odd numbered years for a two (2) year term;
 - B. be the stated Clerk of this Region;
 - C. sign all legal documents when required and approved by Regional Conference or Administrative Council;
 - D. sign all orders on the treasury, except where otherwise provided;
 - E. serve as assistant to the Administrative Assistant at meetings and record the minutes in the absence of the

- Administrative Assistant;
- F. serve on the Committee on Constitution;
- G. in the absence of both the President and the Vice President, the Clerk shall be authorized to fulfill the duties of the office of the President until such time the President or Vice President can resume their duties or an appropriate election takes place;
- H. other duties as may be stated in the By-Laws;

7.06 The Treasurer shall:

- A. be appointed in even numbered years by the Administrative Council for a two (2) year term;
- B. hold all funds belonging to this Region;
- C. invest and/or disburse funds, as the Administrative Council may direct, but no money shall be disbursed without an order, authorized either by the Regional Sessions, the Administrative Council or persons designated by the Administrative Council; or without an order signed by the Financial Secretary of agencies to draw upon their funds only when held by the Treasurer;
- D. be responsible for the prudent investing of all Capital Investment Funds as defined and identified by the Administrative Council from time to time;
- E. credit earnings as defined and identified by the Administrative Council;
- F. other duties as may be stated in the By-Laws;

7.07 Additional Staff:

The conference in session, upon recommendation of Administrative Council, shall consider additional staff as necessary to accomplish our Regional mission.

ARTICLE VIII - ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

8.01 Organization:

- A. The Administrative Council will be composed of thirteen (13) voting members as follows: President, Vice President, Clerk, Treasurer, four (4) Agency Representatives, and five (5) Members at Large. The Regional Director, two (2) Ministry Directors, and the Administrative Assistant will serve as non-voting members. The Administrative Assistant will record the minutes.
- B. A majority of the Administrative Council voting members shall constitute a quorum.

8.02 Authority:

- A. The Administrative Council will be the Corporation of the Conference and will constitute the Board of Directors of the Corporation (Board of Trustees where required).
- B. The Administrative Council will be the governing body with the authority to oversee, project and correlate the total ministries and goals of this Region between the annual business sessions, i.e., be the Regional Conference in the interim.
- C. The Administrative Council is authorized to make by-laws, rules and regulations on all matters so long as they are compatible with this Constitution and the Constitution and Polity of the Churches of God, General Conference.
- D. The Administrative Council will have authority over the appointment and work of all commissions, committees, organizations, agencies and employees of this Region. It will meet as often as necessary to facilitate the work of this Region. Special meetings may be called by the President.
- E. The Administrative Council has the authority to appoint or dissolve any special committees, and have the right and power to remove from office members of commissions, committees, organizations, and employees in the event of misdemeanor, wrongdoing, misconduct, etc.

- F. The Administrative Council is vested with judicial powers in all cases under this Constitution not otherwise provided for and it shall be responsible for making decisions on the recall of ministerial credentials.
- G. The Administrative Council has the authority to employ persons for positions that have budget approval by the delegates in Regional Session. All employees of this Region are accountable to the Administrative Council for the performance of their duties.
- H. The Administrative Council shall have the authority to resolve any issue or question of interpretation regarding this Constitution, the By-Laws, or any other Regional Policy.
- I. The Administrative Council shall have authority to call this Region into Session when required to deal with matters of substantial importance.
- J. The Administrative Council will appoint all members of our agency boards. Appointments may be terminated by action of the respective Boards, or by resignation of the individual. This Council shall be kept informed of all changes in Directors.
- K. The Administrative Council will handle all transfers of ordination according to Article 12.12.
- L. The Administrative Council will prepare a Proposed Budget for this Region and make it available to the delegates at least three (3) weeks prior to the Annual Sessions, and make every effort to hold down unnecessary expenditures.
- M. The Administrative Council will hold in trust, title to, and control all property whether personal, mixed or real estate which are now or may become the property of the Allegheny Regional Conference by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, devise, bequest or otherwise.

ARTICLE IX – COMMISSIONS

9.01 Organization:

- A. There will be two (2) Commissions with a minimum of five (5) members each, which includes the chairperson. The Chairpersons will be appointed annually by the Ad. Council at their last regularly scheduled meeting of each year.
- B. Commission Chairpersons shall submit to the Administrative Council for approval a minimum of five (5) commission members.
- C. Nominations and appointments on commissions will be made according to giftedness and ability. Consideration will be given for representation of various districts when possible.

A district organized according to provisions of Article 6.08, may select from their district, one (1) person for consideration to each of the two (2) commissions, and submit the same to the Administrative Council with recommendation for assignment to the commission. The purpose of this provision is to assure representation of respective districts on each commission.
- D. Commissions may appoint a Task Force to study or carry out a specific area of ministry or program.
- E. Each Commission shall keep a record of each meeting and provide a summary to the Administrative Council for inclusion in its minutes.
- F. Each commission shall have authority to set guidelines, goals and policies to further define and execute its mission, subject to approval by the Administrative Council. Each commission's goals will be presented at annual conference meeting and recorded in the annual journal.

- G. Each commission shall cooperate closely with applicable departments and ministries of the Churches of God, General Conference.

9.02 Commission Structure

Commissions are organized into two (2) focus areas:

- A. Pastoral Ministry Commission: The Pastoral Ministry Commission will support and oversee the training, appointments, spiritual guidance, and spiritual support of the ARC pastors, future pastor, elders, and lay leaders. *(This commission combines the efforts and current members of the former Pastoral Oversight, MTO, and Spiritual Formation Commissions, and will utilize all materials previously developed by these commissions as well as developing new ideas.)*
- B. Church Ministry Commission: The Church Ministry Commission will support and oversee the effort to assist churches to continue to become healthy, growing, reproducing congregations. This involves self-evaluation tools for churches, assistance in pastoral search efforts, and developing effective communication between the church councils and the ARC Ad Council. *(This commission combines the efforts and current members of the former Church Relations (w/Youth & Family), Church Planting and Development Commissions, and will utilize all materials previously developed by these commissions as well as developing new ideas.)*
- C. Each Commission shall utilize the spiritual gifts, skills, and specialized training that each commission member brings to the their area of ministry.

ARTICLE X - STANDING COMMITTEES

- 10.01 Constitution Committee: Shall be composed of the Vice President, who shall chair this Committee, the Clerk, and one (1) other member appointed by the President at the closing Annual Session for the following year. They shall prepare amendments to the Constitution, as the need arises, to be presented in writing to the Administrative Council no later than their last regularly scheduled meeting before Regional Sessions, when it shall be considered and submitted to the delegates in Session with their recommendation.
- 10.02 Resolution Committee: The Administrative Council shall recommend resolutions to the Regional Sessions as they deem it necessary.
- 10.03 Nominating Committee: Shall be composed of five (5) members. The Vice President shall be the Chairman. The Nominating Committee shall supply two (2) names for each office along with a biographical sketch for Regional Conference. Nominations may be made from the floor. If a vacancy occurs on Administrative Council they shall, if possible, make the nomination for Administrative Council to elect.
- 10.04 Program Committee: Shall be composed of the President, Director, and Administrative Assistant and others as deemed appropriate. They shall prepare the program, select the speaker(s), prepare the Order of Business and make necessary arrangements for the Regional Sessions. They shall entertain invitations from individual churches to host the Sessions and make recommendations of the same to the Administrative Council.
- 10.05 A Historian shall be appointed annually by the President, who shall be responsible for seeing that the history of the Allegheny Regional Conference is kept up-to-date.

ARTICLE XI - TASK FORCES

- 11.01 Task Forces may be authorized and appointed by the Regional Sessions, Administrative Council, Commissions or a Standing Committee to accomplish specific tasks. Task Force members shall be selected on the basis of their giftedness and expertise from people across this Region. Prior to the appointment of a Task Force, the appointing body shall provide a written directive containing a description of the task(s) to be accomplished, the reporting procedure, and the anticipated time for the completion of the task. The job description and completed records with results of each Task Force shall be on file in the Regional Office. Each Task Force shall keep a written

record of each meeting and submit them to the Body which supervises it.

ARTICLE XII - CREDENTIALS

- 12.01 All persons desiring to enter the pastoral ministry of this Region shall be required to furnish letters of recommendation from the church or denomination from which they come.
- 12.02 The region shall grant three (3) credentials for ministry: Ordination, Annual License, and Christian Worker License.
- 12.03 Ordination is the standard credential for ministry in this Region. It signifies that the person is fully qualified and authorized to perform all pastoral duties and offices. It may be granted to both full-time and part-time ministers who fulfill the qualification.
- 12.04 Qualifications for all credentials shall be those set forth in the current *General Conference Standards for Ministerial Credentials*.
- 12.05 Those in a ministerial education program shall be permitted to complete the program according to the same regulations under which they started.
- 12.06 Each applicant shall be examined by the Pastoral Ministry Commission which shall recommend to the Regional Sessions the appropriate credential. License may be granted in the interim by the Administrative Council, but Ordination may be approved only by the delegates during Annual Session.
- A. The questions being listed in 12.07 shall be answered in writing to the Commission before recommendation is made to the Administrative Council.
- B. In the event that a candidate for Annual License or Christian Workers License has been properly excused from the conference sessions, the credential shall be granted based on the written response to the questions. This would also apply to licenses granted in the interim.
- 12.07 Having been approved for Credentials, the candidate shall appear before the Regional Session during an appropriate worship service at which time the President or someone appointed by him/her shall address each applicant the following questions which shall be answered individually by the candidates:
1. Do you believe the doctrines as taught by the Churches of God, General Conference are true and correct?
 2. Do you believe that in seeking the office of Christian Ministry you are influenced by a sincere love for God, your Savior, and that you desire to promote His glory in the salvation of men?
 3. Do you promise faithfully and zealously to preach the truths of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as contained in the Holy Scriptures?
 4. Do you promise, by the aid of God, faithfully to cooperate with the Region and to carry out and obey all rules and regulations thereof?
 5. Do you promise to preach all such and only such doctrines as are taught and practiced by the Churches of God, General Conference, as a body, so long as you shall remain a minister in said body?
 6. If for any cause this Region should deem it proper to recall your credential, do you promise to deliver same upon official request?
- 12.08 The questions having been answered in the affirmative, the President, or someone appointed by him/her, shall in an appropriate address, confer on them the rights and responsibilities of ministry appropriate to their credential, and shall extend to them the right hand of fellowship, after which everyone shall unite in prayer on behalf of the candidates, led by the President or someone appointed by him/her.
- 12.09 Ministers on Special Assignment:
- A. No minister shall serve in any other Region, denomination, or agency under Allegheny Region Credentials

unless granted permission by the Administrative Council upon written request by the individual. A minister granted such permission shall be considered a "Minister on Special Assignment" and shall fulfill all the requirements of this Constitution.

- B. No minister shall serve in this Region under the ordination of another Region or denomination unless granted permission by the Administrative Council upon written request of the individual and recommended by the Pastoral Ministry Commission. Such permission shall only be granted for special circumstances and only when the request is made before service in this region begins. A minister granted such permission shall be considered a "Minister on Special Assignment" and shall fulfill all the requirements of this Constitution.
- 12.10 No minister shall be permitted to hold Ordination with any other Conference, Region, or denomination while holding Ordination with this Region.
- 12.11 A minister, upon becoming a member of this Region from another denomination, may continue to hold non-Churches of God credentials during the provisional period, but all non-Churches of God credentials must be returned to the conferring bodies before he/she can be ordained in this Region. During the provisional period an Annual License shall be granted.
- 12.12 All transfers of Ordination are handled by the Administrative Council as follows:
 - A. Persons ordained and in good standing in other Regions (Churches of God, General Conference) will have their ordinations accepted in this Region.
 - B. Any person ordained by another church group or denomination must meet this Region's standards. Such persons will not be appointed until they have been approved by the Administrative Council upon the examination and recommendation of both the Pastoral Ministry Commission. Such persons shall unite with a local Church of God in this Region within ninety (90) days of their acceptance, be on provisional status for three (3) years as members of the Churches of God before their ordination is ratified, and during this time shall serve with a Regional Annual License.
 - C. Persons ordained and in good standing in this Region will be transferred to any other Region or denomination upon them being accepted and appointed (serve) in a Christian ministry.
- 12.13 Ministerial credentials held by persons in this Region may be recalled by action of the Administrative Council for just cause upon the recommendation of the Pastoral Ministry Commission.

ARTICLE XIII - PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

- 13.01 All pastors (Senior Pastors, Associate Pastors, Mission Pastors, Regional Staff, etc.) in this Region serve under appointment by the Pastoral Ministry Commission.
- 13.02 Pastoral Ministry Commission shall have the authority to appoint pastors as well as remove pastors when necessary to protect the integrity and order of the church. Typically pastors are appointed to churches only if both the pastor and church agree to said appointments.
- 13.03 Pastors considering resignation and churches desiring a pastoral change shall contact the Pastoral Ministry Commission and follow the established guidelines.
- 13.04 Persons seeking pastoral appointment and churches seeking pastors must follow the established guidelines. The basic policy is: 1) persons seeking appointment must apply to the Pastoral Ministry Commission and may not contact churches directly; 2) churches seeking pastors may deal only with candidates given to them or approved by the Pastoral Ministry Commission; 3) a church may negotiate with only one (1) candidate at a time and a candidate may negotiate with only one church at a time; and 4) final appointment must be made by the Pastoral Ministry Commission.
- 13.05 Pastoral appointments will be made for an indefinite period of time and a vote concerning a pastor may be requested by the pastor, church council, congregation or the Pastoral Ministry Commission.

- 13.06 Pastoral resignations or requests for a pastoral change must follow the established guidelines. The basic policy is: 1) the pastor or church, whichever is requesting the change, must first consult with the Pastoral Ministry Commission; and 2) the request must be made not less than sixty (60) days in advance of the suggested termination date, unless a shorter termination date is agreed to by the pastor, church and the Pastoral Ministry Commission.
- 13.07 Pastors will not be assigned to churches that are insubordinate to the Allegheny Region Conference and the Churches of God, General Conference.
- 13.08 Pastors that are licensed and assigned under a church that is insubordinate or in the process of dissolution, will be given a reasonable time to move their assignment to another Church of God.

ARTICLE XIV - ACCOUNTABILITY OF PASTORS

- 14.01 All pastors of this Region are accountable to this Region for their conduct and may be tried and expelled by the Administrative Council when found guilty of any crime or conduct unbecoming a minister of the Gospel.
- 14.02 All persons to be received as a pastor in this Region shall be subject to a provisional status period requiring him to serve through two Annual Sessions of this Region. Any credentials granted at the time of being received shall be issued subject to final ratification following the provisional status period. Persons coming from other denominations shall meet the requirements of this Constitution.
- 14.03 All reports required of pastors shall be completed and returned as requested to implement the work and program of this Region. Each assigned pastor shall be required to give an annual report of services rendered etc., which shall be confined to the Annual Statistical Reports. All unassigned pastors, except officially retired pastors, shall give an annual report of service rendered.
- 14.04 All pastors are encouraged to attend the ARC Annual Sessions and certain benefits, such as event scholarships, will be extended to pastors having attended conference sessions.
- 14.05 Any pastor or Christian Worker Licentiate having forfeited his/her claim upon this Region for not answering to his/her name may be reinstated upon recommendation of the Pastoral Ministry Commission.
- 14.06 No pastor shall be allowed to labor in the field of another assigned ministers' field without the invitation and consent of the assigned minister and church council, unless authorized by Pastoral Ministry Commission or the Administrative Council.
- 14.07 No pastor of this body shall be allowed to employ or permit to preach in his/her pulpit, an expelled pastor of any eldership, conference or religious body without the approval of the Administrative Council.
- 14.08 Any pastor belonging to this Region who shall refuse compliance with these rules or to carry out any order of this Region shall be liable to a charge of insubordination before the Pastoral Ministry Commission.
- 14.09 It shall be the duty of each pastor who holds an appointment from this Region to encourage tithing to the region. Failure to comply with this article shall make him/her liable to censure by this Region.

ARTICLE XV - CHURCHES

- 15.01 Church Constitutions and their teachings and practices shall be consistent with the Constitutions and the teachings and practices of this Region and the General Conference.
- 15.02 The churches shall manage their affairs through the councils elected by the members of said church, but this

Region shall have the exclusive right to appoint and change pastors and to intervene when the teachings, practices or actions and “including insubordination,” of a church or pastor are inconsistent with those of the General Conference or the Allegheny Region Conference.

- 15.03 Membership in local churches shall include persons who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and have promised to take the Bible as the supreme rule of faith and conduct for their life.

ARTICLE XVI - CHURCH PROPERTY

- 16.01 The property of member congregations in full standing in this Region is subject to the laws of this larger ecclesiastical body, i.e. this Region, and in turn to the rule of the General Conference. See General Conference Constitution regarding "Property".
- 16.02 All church property shall be held by the trustees of the local church or by the local church corporation, if there be such, in trust for this Region. The existence of this trust, however, shall in no way limit the power and authority of the local church, otherwise existing over such property, so long as the local church remains a part of and subject to this Region.
- 16.03 Any church having property Deeded to the Allegheny Region Conference, West PA Eldership or Conference, or West VA Eldership or Conference, and desires to buy, build or repair property with borrowed funds must first obtain the consent of the Administrative Council. The Administrative Council, before granting permission, may appoint a Task Force to make sure architectural and construction design have State and Local Government approval, and their financial plan is sound.

ARTICLE XVII - DISSOLUTION

- 17.01 Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Administrative Council shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation in compliance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by its overseeing denominational Corporation, the Churches of God General Conference or its successors, exclusively for such purposes or causes that the Churches of God General Conference or its successors shall determine which are operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XVIII - AMENDMENTS

- 18.01 The Constitution may be amended at any annual session of this Region by a two-third vote, provided the amendment shall have been presented in writing to the Administrative Council no later than their last regularly scheduled meeting before Regional Sessions, when it shall be considered and submitted to the delegates with their recommendation.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE A - MEETINGS

- A-1. The times of the Sessions shall be set by Administrative Council in consideration of the Program Committee recommendations.
- A-2. Business of the Conference Sessions shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order, under the authority of the President of the Conference as advised by the appointed parliamentarian.
- A-3. The business of this Region shall be taken up each day in the following order:
- a. The roll of members shall be taken
 - b. Unfinished business of preceding day
 - c. Reports of committees
 - d. Business of a general nature
 - e. Miscellaneous business
- A-4. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution or especially ordered by this Region, in which case they shall be elected by ballot. It shall be the duty of each committee to assemble at the call of the Chairman and no committee shall hold its meeting during the sitting of the Regional Sessions without special permission.
- A-5. An appropriate Memorial tribute to the deceased members of the Churches will be accomplished during the first service by placing a floral arrangement in their memory.
- A-6. The reports of all commissions and all resolutions and motions except to amend, to strike out, to commit, recommit, postpone, lay on the table, for previous questions, to adjourn, shall be reduced to writing before they are presented to the delegates in session.
- A-7. Any member of this Region wishing to speak or deliver any matter to the delegates or to make any report from a commission, shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer and await recognition before he proceeds.
- A-8. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same subject or longer than fifteen (15) minutes at a time without special permission of the delegates in session.
- A-9. When a question is under discussion no motion shall be entertained but:
- a. To adjourn
 - b. To lay on the table
 - c. For previous question
 - d. To postpone indefinitely
 - e. To postpone to a certain day
 - f. To commit or recommit
 - g. To amend
 - h. To adopt
- The above motions shall have precedence in the order enumerated.
- A-10. The recall of a previous question shall only be admitted when demanded by one-fifth of all members present.
- A-11. All questions shall be decided by a plurality of votes, and all voting shall be done by voice except when otherwise ordered by this Constitution or delegates in session.
- A-12. When a motion has been carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for reconsideration thereof on the same or next succeeding day.
- A-13. The following motions shall not be debatable:
- a. To adjourn
 - b. To lay on the table

- c. The previous question
- d. All incidental questions pertaining to the previous questions
- e. All questions pertaining to priority of business
- f. To take yeas and nays
- g. To reconsider
- h. All questions of order and appeals from the decision of the presiding officer

A-14. The following motions shall not be amendable:

- a. To lay on the table
- b. To postpone indefinitely
- c. The previous question

A-15. All resolutions introducing original questions to the delegates in session shall be referred to the Administrative Council without debate when objection is made to their immediate consideration.

A-16. No member of the Regional Sessions shall be interrupted while speaking, unless for explanation or to call him to order, or when his remarks are foreign to the subject under consideration.

A-17. Any member being called to order shall take his seat unless an appeal be taken from the decision of the chair and sustained by the delegates, or privilege be granted to continue his remarks in order.

A-18. The Administrative Council, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Agency may transact official business by correspondence, as it may deem necessary until its next meeting, at which time such business shall be given final consideration and ratification.

A-19. The Administrative Council, Commission, Committee, Task Force, or Agency may transact business with one or all members participating in any meeting by means of a conference telephone call or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other.

ARTICLE B - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

B-1. The President shall:

- a. sign all Certificates of Ordination and Annual and Christian Workers Licenses;
- b. appoint all Committees required by the Constitution and By-Laws;
- c. recommend goals for this Region;
- d. other duties stated in the Constitution.

B-2. The Vice President shall:

- a. carry out duties stated in the Constitution.

B-3. The Clerk shall:

- a. provide and issue Certificates of Ordination, Annual License and Christian Workers License, and see that they are delivered to the respective persons upon approval;
- b. relate to the Administrative Council any concerns regarding regional property;
- c. read all papers and documents which the President may lay before the Regional Sessions;
- d. provide for the publication of all required notices;
- e. recommend to the Administrative Council the securing of a bond(s) for the Officers and Treasurers who handle large sums of money for this Region;
- f. other duties stated in the Constitution.

B-4. The Treasurer shall:

- a. administer the Allegheny Region Conference Minister's Supplemental Retirement Fund according to the guidelines and approved by the Administrative Council;
- b. provide at least quarterly reports for the Capital Investment Funds to the Administrative Council and an annual report to the Regional Sessions;
- c. make a monthly report of the Working Funds to Administrative Council, and an annual report to Regional Sessions of accounts, exhibiting the amount of receipts, investments and disbursements;

- d. monitor the Budget and keep the Administrative Council informed of any Budget line item where disbursements exceed funds available;

ARTICLE C - AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

- C-1. Sisters of Strength (SOS)
 - a. The SOS shall further the work of the Churches of God by uniting women in spiritual fellowship, evangelism, prayer, education, giving and service.
 - b. It shall elect officers and conduct its affairs as provided in its Constitution. It shall relate to the Church Relations Commission with the President being a voting member of the Commission.
 - c. The CGWM shall maintain a close relationship with each District and General Conference CGWM.

ARTICLE D - AGENCIES

- D-1. Camp Sonrise Mountain Corporation:
 - a. Camp Sonrise Mountain is a nonprofit subsidiary corporation, operating a youth camp facility in Garrett County Maryland located between Markleysburg, PA and Friendsville, MD.
 - b. It shall elect officers and conduct its affairs as provided in its Constitution. It relates to the Administrative Council who interviews and appoints members to the Camp Sonrise Mountain Board of Directors. The Regional Director and President are advisory members of the Board of Directors.
- D-2. Grove Manor Corporation:
 - a. Grove Manor is a non-profit corporation that operates nursing homes for the aged or other dependent persons.
 - b. It shall elect officers and conduct the affairs as provided in its Constitution. It relates to the Administrative Council who interviews and appoints members to the Grove Manor Board of Directors. The Regional Director and President are advisory members of the Board of Directors.
 - c. Grove Manor Corporation operates three (3) facilities, namely: Grove Manor Nursing Home, 435 North Broad Street, Grove City, PA 16127; The Caring Place, 103 North 13th Street, Franklin, PA 16323; Woodcrest Senior Living Community, One Woodcrest Circle, Scottsdale, PA 15683.
- D-3. Christian Loving Fund Corporation:
 - a. Christian Loving Fund is a non-profit corporation that is organized exclusively for charitable purposes as outlined in its corporate By-Laws.
 - b. It shall elect officers and conduct the affairs as provided in its Constitution. It relates to the Administrative Council who interviews and appoints members to the Christian Loving Fund Board of Directors. The Regional Director and President are advisory members of the Board of Directors.
- D-4. Allegheny Region Foundation:
 - a. Allegheny Region Foundation is a non-profit corporation that is organized exclusively for charitable purposes as outlined in its corporate By-Laws.
 - b. It shall elect officers and conduct the affairs as provided in its Constitution. It relates to the Administrative Council who interviews and appoints members to the Allegheny Region Foundation Board of Directors. The Regional Director and President are advisory members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE E - DISCIPLINE

- E-1. Charges of a private or personal nature shall not be entertained against a pastor or any member of this Region unless the teachings of Matthew 18:15-17 shall have been complied with. A written copy of charges shall be given to the accused, if possible, ten (10) days before the convening of the Administrative Council or the Pastoral Ministry Commission. In charges that pertain to matters of doctrine and charges of a public nature, a written notice shall be given to the accused five (5) days before the convening of the Administrative Council.

- E-2. Appeals from churches to this Region must be done in the same way. Where a pastor or a member of the church has been tried by the church (of which he is a member) and desires to appeal to the Pastoral Ministry Commission, he must notify the church of his intention at least ten (10) days previous to making the appeal and within ten (10) days after the decision of the council of said church.

ARTICLE F - MARRIAGE

- F-1. Marriage is a biblical institution established by God as clearly described in the Scriptures. The Allegheny Region and her churches recognizes that marriage is the uniting of one (1) man and one (1) woman in Covenant commitment. Accordingly, this body, her churches and her facilities, her pastors and staff will only officiate marriages between one (1) man and one (1) woman.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The By-Laws may be amended by the Administrative Council by a two-third vote of its total members at a regularly scheduled meeting, provided the amendment shall have been presented in writing and discussed at the previous regularly scheduled meeting.

Allegheny Region Conference 2025 Proposed Budget

	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
2023 Cooperative Giving - \$331,621.17	\$ 354,541.00	\$ 361,999.00	\$ 369,985.00
Section 1 CGGC Cooperative Budget			
General Conference Cooperative Giving	\$ 122,000.00	\$ 118,255.00	\$ 118,255.00
Section 1 Total	\$ 122,000.00	\$ 118,255.00	\$ 118,255.00
Section 2 Administrative Ministries			
A. Administrative Expense Fund			
A.1. Mileage, Phone, Postage, etc.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
A.2. ARC Conference Sessions	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
A.3. Compensation	\$ 135,891.00	\$ 148,694.00	\$ 152,680.00
A.4. Blanket Bonds	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
2.A. Sub Total	\$ 141,141.00	\$ 153,944.00	\$ 157,930.00
B. Commission Expense			
B.1. CPMD Commission Church Ministry Commission	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
B.2. MTO Commission Pastoral Ministry Commission	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
B.3. Pastoral Oversight Commission	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
B.4. Cross Cultural Commission	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
B.5. Spiritual Formation Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
B.6. Local Missions Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
B.7. Church Relations Commission	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
2.B. Sub Total	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
C. Ministers Group Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
D. Conference Car Escrow	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
E. Church Mutual Insurance	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
F. CGGC Delegates	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
2.C-F Sub Total	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 16,500.00
Section 2 Total	\$ 170,141.00	\$ 176,944.00	\$ 181,930.00
Section 3 Office Operations			
A. Website	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
B. General Office Fund	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
C. Car and Travel	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
D. Car Insurance	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
E. Office Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
F. Director's Book Allowance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
G. Cell Phone	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Section 3 Total	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00
Section 4 Agencies			
A. Camp Sonrise Mountain	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
A.1. Camp Sonrise Mountain Escrow for Strategic Planning	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
B. ARC Foundation	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
C. Christian Loving Fund: Designated Benevolence	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
D. Grove Manor Corporation: Self Funded Non-Profit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Section 4 Total	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,000.00
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Section 5 Parsonage			
A. Utilities and Maintenance	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
B. Property Taxes	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
C. Windows	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	
Section 5 Total	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 9,700.00

Section 1-5 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Section 1 CGGC Cooperative Budget	\$ 122,000.00	\$ 118,255.00	\$ 118,255.00
Section 2 Administrative Ministries	\$ 170,141.00	\$ 176,944.00	\$ 181,930.00
Section 3 Office Operations	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00
Section 4 Agencies	\$ 44,000.00	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 52,000.00
Section 5 Parsonage	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 9,700.00
Totals	\$ 354,541.00	\$ 361,999.00	\$ 369,985.00

To support the cooperative budget, each church is asked to contribute 15% of their income to the Cooperative Budget. The 15% contribution has a projected break down of 5.3% (35.3%) to the General Conference Cooperative Budget and 9.7% (64.7%) to the Allegheny Region Cooperative Budget. Additional contributions can be made to the Designated Ministries of the General Conference and Allegheny Region Budgets. The General Conference Budget is available upon request.

Camp Sonrise Mountain
2023 Annual Report

I'm excited to share with you all the amazing things that happened at camp in 2023 and to let you know how things are going for this year. I can pretty much sum it up in 3 words. GOD IS MOVING!

In January we created various social media accounts so we could connect better with the campers and their parents. Even though we don't allow cell phones and electronic devices at camp, we do recognize the need to meet these kids where they are in order to communicate with them about camp. They have really enjoyed the posts and videos that we've shared on these different platforms.

February brought 72 junior and senior high campers back for Arctic Blast. The junior high kids focused on making wise choices and recognizing the consequences of making poor decisions and the senior high kids learned that it's really all about Jesus and the importance of worship.

We also had a wonderful group of college students from the University of Findlay who volunteered to spend their spring break at Camp to work and worship. These 10 students, along with the group leader, spent over 20 hours doing various tasks including cleaning, painting, and cutting firewood.

The month of March brought with it some good weather. A group of volunteers from Mt. Pleasant Church of God were able to come back to camp and complete the repairs to the Good Old Number 7 campfire site. What a huge improvement!

The cottage at the top of the driveway was given a makeover with new carpeting and new-to-us furniture. It's really cute and cozy and is available to rent.

We had a wonderful time at our annual Friends and Family Fun Day in August. Over 90 people showed up – we ate some great food (we have some fabulous cooks out there!), went swimming, played games, and just fellowshiped. Please mark your calendars for this year's Camp Day on August 18th. Lots of fun for everyone and it's a great way to introduce camp to the little ones!

Our September golf outing was a huge success ... again! We had a total of 16 teams which was the maximum number permitted at this golf course. The weather was cold and rainy, but that didn't dampen our spirits! We had a good time, good food, and we raised over \$12,000! And a bonus was that two of the golfers were also Primary Week campers! The golf outing for this year will once again be held at King's Mountain Golf Course on September 14th.

Fall Retreat was held during the months of October and November with a total of 71 campers attending. The Junior High campers learned that church is not an airport that takes you away from your problems, but rather a way to help you through them. The Senior High group focused on the difference between salvation and sanctification. Two amazing weekends spent with God!

Throughout the year, Camp continued to be a gathering place for 21 different youth groups, church picnics, women's retreats, men's groups, and Bible Quizzers. This year we're on track for a few more as God brings more people to His beautiful camp and we're excited about that as well. Kids need camp. And so do adults.

I intentionally saved the best for last ... SUMMER CAMP! It's what we're all about! Beginning on June 11th and concluding on July 8th nearly 240 kids called Camp Sunrise Mountain home for a week. Twenty-one campers made a first-time commitment to be a follower of Christ, 31 campers rededicated their lives to Christ, and 29 of these precious kids expressed an interest in full-time ministry! I can't stress enough the importance of sending kids to camp. Surveys have shown that 87% of individuals become a Christian before the age of 18. Camp plays a crucial role in nurturing and encouraging the next generation of believers. D.L. Moody once said, "If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God." Moody understood the importance of the early years and the strategic investment they represent. If the early and teen years are so crucial to the faith development of a Christian, then we would be wise to focus on this time of life in our churches and homes. Parents, pastors, aunts, uncles, friends – please get these kids to camp. It's a week they won't forget ... and it could literally change their lives by steering them away from the negative influences and toxic relationships and into the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

NEW STUFF

Many of you may have heard about our most recent fundraiser – the Envelope Challenge. The Challenge was actually started by one of our campers when he realized the girls had new bunk beds while the boys were still using the old original bunk beds. So, he decided to do something about it! He started the challenge at his home church, Markleysburg Union. We thought it was such a great idea that we asked him if camp could take this challenge to all of our churches to help raise money. It's really quite simple. Churches who are willing to participate would get a stack of envelopes that are numbered from \$1 to whatever amount (the church can select the number of envelopes they want; 1-25, 1-50, 1-100, 1-150, 1-200). People can choose an envelope based on the number(s); whatever amount they select is what they donate. For example, you could have 50 envelopes numbered \$1 to \$50. A person can take however many envelopes they want – maybe a \$35 envelope and a \$20 envelope and they would donate \$55. When all envelopes are turned into the point person at your church, Camp would receive \$1,275! Or, your church could choose to have 200 envelopes, again numbered \$1 to \$200. When all envelopes are turned in, Camp would receive \$20,100! Isn't that fantastic?! As I'm sure you can imagine, making camp happen takes a lot of work and money. From permits and maintenance to providing meals and staffing, the costs can add up pretty quickly. The first \$35,000 from the envelopes will go to the bunk bed fund if Liam hasn't reached his goal by then; the remaining monies will go to the general fund to help as needed. A few churches have already committed to the challenge – we're praying for at least 75% participation.

We have stepped out in faith that all of the money will come in for the bunk beds and placed the order. Can you just imagine the impact this is going to make in the life of that 13 year old camper? The beds will arrive on May 9th, so we're going to have a bunk bed demolition party on Sunday, May 5th at 2 pm, followed by a bunk bed assembly party on a date that has yet to be determined. We'll keep you all updated!

Another exciting event we're having this year is a new and improved Counselor Retreat/Training. Behind every amazing summer camp experience is a dedicated and passionate group of staff and volunteers. These folks play a crucial role in shaping the lives of campers, creating a safe and supportive environment, and fostering a sense of community and belonging. Our focus going forward is to unite as Christians, as people who love kids and want to make a positive difference in their future, as a team –

not simply WEEKS of camp, just CAMP. We will be connected, unified and grow stronger together ... as a camp family.

Last camping season we were so very blessed to have teams of volunteers in kitchen during each week of camp. It worked out so well and was so helpful to our kitchen staff that we're doing it again! We already have some volunteers from Kingwood and Mt. Pleasant, and would welcome more! It's a great way to see the campers and get to witness how God is working at Camp! We would also like some help with housekeeping on Saturdays after the campers leave so we can be fully prepared for the next group coming in. If you'd like to know more about that, please let me know. We'd love to have you! We love our volunteers – from those who have volunteered their time with the maintenance projects, to those who have helped us out in the kitchen with cooking, serving, and cleaning up. We absolutely could not operate as efficiently without these helping hands and serving hearts.

In closing, I would like to thank the Allegheny Region Churches of God and our wonderful donors for your kindness and generosity. Your unwavering support makes it possible for us to maintain our beautiful camp throughout the year and empowers us to continue sowing seeds of faith, hope, and joy in the hearts of our youth, ensuring that Camp Sunrise Mountain remains a beacon of light in an ever-changing world.

Christian Loving Fund

Annual Report for 2024

The Christian Loving Fund met in person on June 23, 2023. Much business was conducted via email. Also, the annual letter for Christian Loving Fund Sunday set for the first Sunday in November, was sent out to the churches.

We continue to use the investment foundation of Stifel Nicholas to handle the investments of CLF.

Throughout the year, the CLF handed out grants to all of the nursing facilities: Grove Manor Nursing Home, The Caring Place, and Woodcrest Senior Living Community. The CLF also gave quarterly grants to each home for their activity funds.

The Directors consist of Pastor Jim Leichliter, President; Janet Hoffman, V. President; John Doyle, Financial Clerk; Priscilla Earhart, and Pastor Rick Gamble; Secretary. Joy Strain continues to serve as treasurer for the CLF (not a director).

The CLF continues to serve the people in our care facilities within the Conference hoping to enrich their lives in some way. The CLF would like to thank everyone for contributing through prayer and finances.

In Christ,

Pastor Rick Gamble

CLF Secretary

Grove Manor Corporation

Grove Manor Inc. is a non-profit facility affiliated with the Allegheny Region Conference of the CGGC and committed to the Christian vision of hope and healing.

We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of each unique person, that our residents are providentially entrusted into our care, and that we are called to share in Christ's compassion and ministry to them based on Luke 10:33, "and he saw him and he was moved with compassion."

Our mission at our homes is to offer quality and holistic care to our ill and aged residents, and to provide for them a loving and compassionate environment, attending carefully to their physical, spiritual and emotional needs.

Our aim is to ensure a comfortable and well maintained facility, a high-quality food service, an array of professional health and therapy services, a variety of social and recreational activities and a Biblically based, interdenominational spiritual ministry.

Our homes include:

Grove Manor in Grove City PA is a home with 59 skilled beds and The Pines a 40 bed Personal home.

The Caring Place in Franklin PA is a home with 100 skilled bed and The Purple Iris is a 40 bed Personal Care home.

Woodcrest in Scottdale PA is a home with 13 Independent living homes/bungalows and 54 personal care beds.

In 2023 Grove Manor Inc. partnered with Affinity Health Services for the management of our homes. This has proved to be a very helpful decision. They have a very similar mission and have been very helpful in recovering from all the effects of Covid. We have not completely recovered but are working in the right direction thanks to Affinity.

Our Board of Directors:

Pastor Beth Dunlap – President

Mr. Mike Peck – Vice President

Pastor Phil Scott – Secretary

Mrs. Nancy Scott – Treasurer

Dr. Rob Guy

Pastor Dean Hay

Pastor Morgan Scott

Pastor Mary Yarger

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Respectively Submitted,

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