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CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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This past year the Board of Directors has continued to both live out our CCCC way of life together, and also infuse that way of life into all that we do. Our primary work has been in the following areas:

- ▶ **Pastoring our Pastors:** Our dream is to equip our local pastors to live out the CCCC Way of Life* with their congregations. To realize this dream, we are creating local Pastoral Communities facilitated by trained Community Pastors. The result of this dream will be healthy pastors leading healthy churches that multiply themselves. In May we held our first training event for about 20 Community Pastors and it was excellent. We are going to continue to train and support these people as they launch their local Pastoral Communities this Fall.
- ▶ **Ministry Directors!** We are also pursuing ways to provide leadership for our ministry priorities of Conference Care, Church Development, and Church Multiplication. For many years we have had the goal of having full-time Directors for each of these priorities but have not been able to fund all of these positions. It is apparent that God is calling us to work within our current funding and create three part-time positions for 2015. We have re-written the job descriptions in preparation for the 2015 budget and the ministry plans will be presented at this Annual Meeting.
- ▶ **Finances:** It is a joy to report to you that we ended our 2013 Fiscal Year very well. In fact, we had the best year-end giving in the history of the Conference! It is also a joy to report that the first two quarters of 2014 have continued to see strong monthly giving! On behalf of the staff and the Board, I thank you for taking seriously our commitment to a “shared life and shared mission,” and for giving as one way of sharing that mission. For our part, we want you to know that over the past three years we have trimmed the budget, put a variety of policies and practices in place to handle our finances with excellence, and completed a full audit for 2012 and for 2013. The auditors are pleased with all that we have done in these last years to tighten our fiscal oversight and controls.
- ▶ **Alignment of Ministries:** As we live out the CCCC Way of Life, we are seeking to orient all that we do around that way of life. We are not pursuing “change for the sake of change.” We are simply following God’s leading to be what He has called us to be, and to do what He has called us to do. Thus we have re-oriented our Board meetings and our Annual Business meetings around the priorities of

our CCCC Way of Life. If you here in Rhode Island for this Annual Conference, you will discover that it, too, is being changed to reflect our way of life. And we are looking at our structure and committees as described in our By-Laws and proposing changes that will better support what God is calling us to be and do.

These are exciting times to be sharing life and ministry! I invite you to join me, and the wonderful team of leaders God has brought together in our Conference, as we simply seek to love God, love others, and as we go, make disciples.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. McPheeters

President



CONFERENCE MINISTER

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

These are exciting and challenging days for the CCCC. I am excited about the growth of the Conference and the growing devotion to live in obedience to Jesus Christ. I have had the personal joy of visiting with member churches and pastors and witnessing their effective ministry in Jesus' name. We face challenges as we continue to work on aligning our vision and resources as we enter a new generation of ministry for our fellowship.

The past year has been busy with travel as I've had the opportunity to represent the Conference in our fellowships and churches. Beyond my interaction with our membership, I have prioritized these issues in the past year.

DEVELOPMENT OF OUR VISION

It has been a joy to work with the leadership of the Conference in developing a CCCC Way of Life to direct our life and activities:

The Irreducible Core

We obey Jesus' commands to love God, love others, and make disciples.

Seven Guiding Values

1. A Culture of Believing Prayer & Intercession
2. Healthy Pastors
3. Healthy Disciple-Making Churches
4. Healthy Church Multiplication
5. A Community that Lives out a Shared Life and Shared Mission
6. A Culture of Peacemaking & Reconciliation
7. A Membership Reflective of the Harvest Field's Diversity

Three Priorities

Church Development

We strengthen existing churches and help them do effective ministry for God's Kingdom by living out The CCCC Way of Life including The Irreducible Core and our Seven Guiding Values.

Conference Care

We provide preventative care by assessing and guiding those looking to enter pastoral ministry as well as churches looking to affiliate with the CCCC. We provide transitional

care to pastors and churches going through times of change. We provide restorative care to churches and pastors going through periods of conflict or other difficulties.

Church Multiplication

We are working to launch a church multiplication movement to start new, healthy, disciple-making congregations across the nation. We provide assessment, training, resources, and ongoing coaching to church planting pastors and their growing congregations.

STRENGTHENING OUR MINISTRY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

I have worked closely with the Structure Task Force, appointed by the Board of Directors, to begin the development of pastoral communities led by trained Community Pastors that will encourage and equip our pastors to effectively serve their congregations and lead them in transformational ministry in their communities. We envision that this will lead to the identification of Area Pastors and Regional Pastors who will oversee these Community Pastors and strengthen the overall life of the CCCC.

The first training of Community Pastors was held in May in New Hampshire. This was a highlight of the year for me and I witnessed God at work in a special way in the preparation of a powerful ministry in our Conference. Further training will take place in the coming year as we identify and train at least 30 Community Pastors.

Staff Development and Re-alignment

God has blessed the Conference with a wonderful ministry staff:

- ▶ John Kimball – Director of Church Development
- ▶ Terry Shanahan – Northeast Regional Minister
- ▶ Lenn Zeller – Volunteer Director of Conference Care (*started in January 2013*)

I meet with the Ministry Staff on a monthly basis via the web for times of reporting, support and prayer. We also held a prayer and planning retreat last September and plan a similar retreat this Fall.

With the guidance of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, I have worked to reshape the work of our Ministry Directors. Beginning in 2015, these positions will be part-time and will be focused on the development of strong oversight teams and regional hubs to emphasize our priorities of Church Development, Conference Care and Church Multiplication. I will meet regularly with the staff via face-to-face and web meetings and will oversee their work and encourage their ministry. This is a step forward for the CCCC in that we will have paid staff emphasizing these priorities and resources our pastors and churches.

Representing the CCCC to the larger Body of Christ

I have been privileged to represent the Conference in meeting with:

- ▶ World Evangelical Congregational Fellowship – triennial meeting in Australia in September 2013
- ▶ National Association of Evangelicals – meetings of the NAE Board

Director of Church Multiplication activities

The CCCC is actively pursuing the goal to have one-half of the member churches be healthy reproducing churches started in the 21st Century. I continue to provide leadership as we move toward that goal. I have worked closely with the Church Multiplication Committee and the leadership of our hubs in this ministry.

One evidence of the Lord's special work in the area of church multiplication is the call that God placed on John Kimball's heart to plant a church in central Florida. This ministry will enable the CCCC to develop our ministry in an area of our nation where we currently have no presence. I encourage you to prayerfully support this newly formed church planting ministry.

I am working with the Church Multiplication Committee and the Northstar Center for Church Multiplication in the planning our the 3rd CCCC National Church Planting Conference to be held in Minneapolis, MN on September 29 – October 2, 2014. This event provides training for church multiplication and encouragement to our church planters as they meet together. Pastors of established churches are encouraged to participate with current and prospective church planters at this special gathering.

Director of Placement activities

I also have directed the CCCC pastoral placement process as we:

- ▶ Assist pastors seeking placement
- ▶ Assist churches seeking pastors
- ▶ Coordinate our placement work with the ministries of Conference Care and Church Development.
- ▶ We have increased efforts to use intentional interim pastors for churches in transition.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers in my ministry for our Lord Jesus and the Conference in the past year.

Respectfully,

Ron Hamilton, Conference Minister

PLACEMENT REPORT

2013 – 2014

CHURCHES ASSISTED IN PLACEMENT

Peoria Heights, IL	Peoria Heights Cong. Church * (<i>Youth Pastor</i>)	Brian Michael
Seward, IL	Seward Congregational Church *	David Bordy
Otsego, MI	First Congregational Church of Otsego *	Darin Youngs
Aurora, MN	Palo Congregational Church	Jerry Kosanovich
Norwood, MN	Church of Peace *	Dale Inman
Seabrook, NH	Rand Memorial Church *	Benjamin Henshaw
Sardis, OH	St. Paul's Church * (<i>Part-time</i>)	Wayne Bearbower
Warren PA	Good News Community Church * (<i>Part-time</i>)	Larry Condron
Cohasset, MA	Beechwood Congregational Church *	Stephen McDonald
Gardner, MA	Mission St. Congregational Church *	David Bodanza
Haverhill, MA	West Congregational Church * (<i>Worship Pastor</i>)	Eric Lindahl
Haverhill, MA	West Congregational Church * (<i>Children & Fam.</i>)	Todd Becker
Otsego, MI	First Congregational Church of Otsego *	Darin Youngs
Mitchell, NE	Federated Church	Bob Rose
Scottsbluff, NE	Emmanuel Congregational Church *	Todd Seay
Hillsboro, WI	First Congregational Church *	Isaac Fleming

PASTORAL OPENINGS

Greeley, CO	St. Paul's Congregational Church * (<i>Part-time Associate Pastor</i>)
Parkersburg, IA	First Congregational Church * (<i>Associate Pastor</i>)
Lamoille, IL	First Congregational Church *
Sulphur Springs, IN	Sulphur Springs Christian Church (<i>Family Life Minister</i>)
Boxford, MA	First Congregational Church of Boxford *
Douglas, MA	Second Congregational Church *
Cook, MN	Ashawa Chapel * (<i>Part-time</i>)
Beulah, ND	Beulah Congregational Church *
Scottsbluff, NE	Plymouth Congregational Church *
Cambridge, NY	Coila Church *
Inwood, NY	Community Bible Church * (<i>Part-time</i>)
Parkman, OH	Parkman Congregational Church *
Beaver Springs, PA	Christ Church (EFCA)
Reynoldsville, PA	Paradise Community Church (UCC)
Derby, VT	Derby Community Church *

* = Conference member

+ = In process



DIRECTOR OF CONFERENCE CARE- VOLUNTARY

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Comments:

God is good, all the time! I have now finished a full year of involvement in the Conference Care Ministry, and the Sovereign Father has given evidence time after time of His wisdom, control and divine timing in our lives and in the challenges we face. Yes, there have been some difficult circumstances and even conflicts with which we have had to deal in the past year, but at the same time we have seen God's work and grace in some wonderful ways. He is still in control and He is still working His purposes, even when that may be hard for us to perceive or understand. And I have been blessed to visit, talk and pray with many gifted, sincere believers who are trying hard to be obedient and faithful, and to do the right thing in the midst of their trials. What an encouragement they have been, and what a witness of God's love and grace.

Ron, John and Terry have been extremely gracious, patient and helpful as I have gotten into the various responsibilities of the DCC. The main challenge has been balancing the time and responsibilities between my full time ministry at St. Paul's Church and the volunteer work of DCC. I fear that when it has gotten difficult, I have generally favored the ministry to my congregation and not given the time to the Conference Care that I might wish. That is still being worked out as we go along. Current proposals to expand the role, with a corresponding expansion of the commitment to it, will allow for more time to be given to the DCC responsibilities.

I am very hopeful and excited about the Structure Task Force's work to date. What is being discussed concerning the Communities of Pastors will go a long way towards preventing some of the congregational and pastoral issues that arise, or at least dealing with them early on. This will give pastors a forum to find help, advice and encouragement within a circle of trusted friends and ministry partners. Things can be discussed and addressed as they are occurring, not when it has reached the point of being so complicated and difficult, as so often seems to be the case. Another plan for future development is hubs for Conference Care, much like the hubs that already exist for Church Development and Church Multiplication. This would give us personal resources in various regions around the country, with trained and experienced people capable of stepping in and assisting congregations and pastors in times of need, providing a more immediate and local response when such needs arise.

Overall, the bulk of my time has been spent on crisis care – churches in conflict, pastors in difficult transitions, those needing the Minister Under Care process - and on the phone, writing e-mails and sending notes/cards of comfort, sympathy or encouragement. While most of our churches enjoy stable and productive ministries, there are plenty of hurting pastors and congregations in need of Conference Care. I am honored to be able to be a part of the Conference's effort to provide that kind of care and support.

My sincere thanks to all of you for your ongoing prayers and support! So many of you have been very kind and encouraging, and I appreciate it very much. My thanks also to the Area Representatives and local pastors who have stepped forward and assisted in wonderful ways with Minister Under Care processes and with crisis assistance in their areas. Your caring ministry is invaluable and much appreciated!

Highlights:

- ▶ Presented Legacy Church seminar, with Dr. John Kimball, 2013 Annual Conference.
- ▶ Peacemaker ministry for congregation in the Midwest, July 2013 ... counseled/ prayed with the pastor and church leadership, worshiped at the church, led Peacemaker training seminar.
- ▶ Peacemaker ministry for congregation in the Northeast, July 2013 ...discussed Legacy Church issues.
- ▶ Staff retreat in Wisconsin, my first, September 2013.
- ▶ Minister Under Care processes: closed/finished three, five ongoing, two or three pending.
- ▶ Structure Task Force meetings in New Hampshire, October 2013 and January 2014.
- ▶ CCCC Board of Directors and Area Representatives meeting in Florida, February 2014.
- ▶ Vista assessment and NCD training with Dr. John Kimball, March 2014.
- ▶ Crisis care visit with pastor and congregation in the Midwest, May 2014.
- ▶ Community Pastors Training Retreat in New Hampshire, May 2014.
- ▶ Hosted the Peacemakers Ministry, Resolving Church Conflict seminar, May 2014.
- ▶ Ongoing counsel with pastors in difficult transitions/forced exits.
- ▶ Plans for ongoing DCC Ministries

Continued involvement in Structure Task Force process and plans.

- ▶ Begin to involve the Conference Ministry Committee for counsel, wisdom and shared ministry.
- ▶ Follow-up conversations with churches/pastors in conflict.
- ▶ Continue with current MUC processes, which are going relatively well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lenn Zeller

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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As of today (June 13), we have completed, by my calculation, 92 files since last year's meeting. We had our Annual Meeting at the First Congregational church of Revere, Massachusetts on January 23 with all members of the Committee, along with Ron Hamilton, present. Thanks to Nick Granitsas and Marguerite Yannity for their hospitality.

At the meeting, we came up with the following recommendations of Systematic Theologies for those seeking Ordination: Erickson (full edition), Ryrie, Grudem and Frame. It was also suggested we reference the CCCC "Nature of Our Fellowship" along with a three sentence introductory paragraph to the above theological works in the next printing of "When You Consider Ordination."

We agreed that we desire "more than a few words" as comments on our Statement of Faith when people apply for a license. Erickson's "little" Systematic Theology was suggested as a good resource for such persons who need assistance.

We also agreed that if member ministers do not return the Annual Questionnaire twice, they should be contacted by their Area Rep via e-mail or phone and send a recommendation to the office for further action, including warnings about being dropped. If finances are the issue, the Area Rep should emphasize "a contribution of any amount" will be sufficient. Also, we should remind retirees that nothing is required to keep their standing. Note: At our 5/7/14 meeting, we discussed and voted in favor of creating a new standing, "Emeritus," for those pastors who would still like to be affiliated with the Conference in their retirement. They would still have to return our annual questionnaire and sign that they are in agreement with our doctrinal and ethical statements.

Tom Johnston of Praxis joined us for lunch and an afternoon session in which he challenged us to realize that there are many non-traditional pathways to pastoral ministry now being developed and that we should consider allowing people into pastoral ministry before full formation happens – i.e. to find ways to learn on the job under some sort of supervision/counsel.

Once again, I would like to thank God for my Committee, Ron and Shirley Hamilton, John Kimball, the Area Reps, First Congregational Church of Hartford, my wife Judy and, most of all, the Lord Jesus Christ Who, by His death and resurrection, made it possible for us all to receive credentials for heaven.

Sincerely in Him,

Doug Livingston, Chairman

Mark Alvis, Jim Gustafson, Ed Whitman, Drake Williams

Files completed as of June 20, 2014

Ministers and Sacred Workers

OM (Ordained):

Layne Mershimer.....Midlothian, TX
Lafe Murray.....Mesa, AZ

Eckhard SchnabelTopsfield, MA

LM-OM (Licensed to Ordained):

Joel Bucklin.....Ashland, OH
Eric Camfield.....Lombard, IL
Lisa Capozzoli.....Oak Brook, IL
Jonathan ChubbPeabody, MA

Scott Nice.....Telford, PA
Nathan Thebarger.....Monroe Center, IL
Daniel Warriner.....Rocky Hill, CT

LOM-OM (Licensed Ordained to Ordained):

Russell WestbrookMount Vernon, IN

LOM (Licensed Ordained):

David BensonHayward, WI
Mark Clark.....Midway Park, NC
Gavin Ortlund.....Sierra Madre, CA

James SmithGlenville, NY
Richard WoodwardDunstable, MA

AOM-OM (Associate Ordained to Ordained):

Gary Crites.....Durham, NC

AOM (Associate Ordained):

Michael MalangaBowling Green, OH

OM-AOM (Ordained to Associate Ordained):

David Anderson.....Essex Fells, NJ
Martin GrangerWaxhaw, NC
Lana RitterSalem, OR

John SparksKalamazoo, MI
Jon SwartRussell, PA
Carlton Walker ...Camden-Wyoming, DE

LM (Licensed):

Sara CoonsN Reading, PA
Randall ForesterChicora, PA
Paul GardPeterborough, NH
Michael Goff.....Manchester, NH
Timothy Hagberg.....Hayward, WI
Benjamin HenshawAudubon, PA
Jerry Kosanovich.....Aurora, MN

Jonathan MelloCranston, RI
Christopher NegleyOrland Park, IL
Charles NelsonErie, PA
Shann ProfittLewiston, ID
James PruchClifton Park, NY
Steven White.....S Hamilton, MA

CC-LM (Conference Care to Licensed):

Jonathan Romig.....Lowell, MA

Randall Thissell.....Port Clyde, ME

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ALM-LM (Associate Licensed to Licensed):

Terry Pringle..... New Matamoras, OH

LM-ALM (Licensed to Associate Licensed):

Luis Cataldo..... Kansas City, MO

ALM (Associate Licensed):

Matthew DeYoung..... Geneva, IL

CC (Conference Care):

David Bordy..... Oregon, IL

Michael Buser..... Oley, PA

Nathan Caldwell..... Glenville, NY

MUCC (Minister under Care Completed):

Daniel Earp (OM)..... Redlands, CA

Douglas Glynn (LM) Mesa, AZ

MUC (Minister under Care):

Daniel Chester..... Norfolk, VA

Stephen McLaughlin Huron, OH

SUSP (Suspension):

Richard Esty New Haven, VT

Dismissal by Request:

Richard Chamberlin..... Hingham, MA

Jim Farinacci..... Troy, NY

Lynda Johnson Bloomington, MN

Donald Limmer..... Naperville, IL

Toni McAndrew Virginia Beach, VA

John McCurdy Greenville, OH

Dismissal by Lapse of Credentials:

Clifford Allcorn..... Running Springs, CA

Justin Bannister..... Cartersville, GA

William Bradley Glen Ulin, ND

William Broderick..... Twenty Nine Palms, CA

Stephen Fowler..... Dennisport, MA

Jeffrey Hancock..... Raleigh, NC

Credentials Denied:

Rolan DeLoach Jr. (LM to OM)..... Boxford, MA

Emily Pember Cromwell, CT

Jordan Roberts Philadelphia, PA

John Solvei..... Deep River, CT

Philip Hoyer (OM) Carlsbad, CA

Stephen Wills..... New Bremen, OH

John Ritter Salem, OR

Robert Stanton..... Kenneth City, FL

Ted Vinatieri Fredericksburg, VA

Diane Johnson (ILM) Woodbury, MN

Kimberly Gardell (ILM) Spokane, WA

Samuel Maihack..... Lutz, FL

Wesley O'Neill..... Coppell, TX

Jonathan Palmer Suffolk, VA

Howard Sloan..... Bedford, PA

David Tickner S. Pasadena, CA

David Walker..... Henderson, NV

Credentials in Process:

John Solovei (CC) Deep River, CT
 Richard Esty (SUSP-DISM by Request). New Haven, VT
 Steven White (LM) S. Hamilton, MA

Deceased

Gordon G Avery.....	New Boston, NH	Lynn E Scovil.....	Oshkosh, WI
Robert W Baker	Three Forks, MT	Gladys Tatem	Hartford, WI
James M Lower.....	Elgin, IL	Phillip E Webster....	Kennebunkport, ME
Anne Ortlund.....	Newport Beach, CA	Ward E Willioughby	Redding, CA

CHURCHES

CM (Church Membership):

Big Spring Congregational Church..... Wisconsin, WI
 Evangelical Cong. Church..... Tyngsboro, MA
 Derby Community Church..... Derby, VT
 First Congregational Church Hayward, WI
 East Barre Congregational Church East Barre, VT
 Lake View Community Church Lake View, NY
 East Franklin Union Church..... East Franklin, VT

CID (Church in Development):

Palmwood Church..... Oviedo, FL
 The Cross Erie, PA

Dismissal by Request:

St. Paul's Church Trail Run.....Sardis, OH

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas B. Livingston, Credentials Committee Chair

CONFERENCE CARE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Vice-President

Rev. Matt Milligan.....2014 - 2017

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Mr. Michael McElroy2017

Rev. Mark Galloway2017

Mrs. Kimberly Gardell 2017

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Rev. Steven Felker 2017

Nominating

Rev. Stephen Sloat 2017

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Church Development

Rev. Tim Franklin 2017

Education Committee

Rev. Dave Meckley 2017

Women's Committee

Mrs. Sharon Galloway2017

Mrs. Diane Wood 2017

DEPARTMENT OF CONFERENCE OUTREACH

Church Multiplication

Rev. Brian Schulenburg2017

CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES REPORT

Annual Family Conference—2014

This past year I provided endorsements for military and civilian chaplains and was able to participate in the commissioning of one of our Army chaplains and the ordination of one of our hospice chaplains.

With input from the field, we've drafted a policy regarding our chaplains' response to an openly-gay military. Tolerance is important, and we're expecting it to be a two-way street. This means the military needs to respect the limitations of its chaplains, and all chaplains have some limitations. Rick Warren writes: "Our culture has accepted two huge lies: The first is that if you disagree with someone's lifestyle, you must fear or hate them. The second is that to love someone means you agree with everything they believe or do. Both are nonsense. You don't have to compromise convictions to be compassionate."

I have been working with a retired Army Infantry Major and Hebrew professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary to develop a DMin program there, and I continue to mentor seminarians considering the chaplaincy. I've made some major changes to our Chaplaincy Bibliography, and I e-mail matters of interest out weekly to all our chaplains (Make sure I have your current e-mail address!).

Our former Conference Minister, Chaplain (CDR) Steve Gammon, USN, has just got back from an extended tour at Guantanamo where he worked in an inter-service capacity. At present, we have no chaplains deployed in harm's way.

A Vietnam vet said: "I was scared once in Vietnam--from the time my plane landed to the time I left." PTSD continues to be a major concern among our veterans, and can be extended to include any experience that overwhelms one's coping mechanisms. Traumatic experiences destroy the illusion of safety. Chaplains help with "battle-proofing" troops prior to deployments and by offering pastoral care afterwards, validating the stress and listening to the stories.

A soldier recounts a chaplain, a companion in suffering, offering the Eucharist in Vietnam: "Preaching no sermon, simply going among those of us who were left with bread saying, 'the Body of Christ, the Body of Christ'...with the smell of our dead buddies, stacked in empty bunkers, still in our noses, he walked among us with another broken body."

PRO DEO ET PATRIA,

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Robert G. Leroe,

US Army Retired

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

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The Spiritual Life Committee is Rev. Pat Street (chair) and Rev. John Hood. The committee has met twice. The purpose of the committee was to encourage and challenge our conference churches to increase and strengthen prayer within the life of the church.

The book: DARING...DEFINITE...DELIBERATE...PRAYER was sent to all the CCCC churches as a call to prayer. Many churches responded and requested more books to train their congregations in prayer-life. Rev. Dale Keefer, area representative, Western New York and NW Pennsylvania, hosted a Pastor's Prayer Retreat and invited Rev. Pat Street and Rev. John Hood to attend and lead the one-day retreat using the above book. Twenty-two pastors attended.

This summer the book: THE FLAME OF WORSHIP & PRAISE will be sent out (after annual conference) to all the conference churches. The spiritual life of our church includes prayer and worship. In the fall a third book will be sent: THE CHURCH...UNMISTAKABLE, UNSHAKABLE, UNSTOPPABLE.

The committee is currently building an e-mail list of CCCC churches to send out weekly "prayer tips" and prayer devotionals.

As chair, I have been blessed to share with the conference the essentials of prayer and believe that faith-based prayer is the driving engine of the CCCC conference.

Respectfully,

Pat Street, Chair

WOMEN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT

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The purpose statement of the Women's Ministry Committee is to *"unify in Christ, encourage, strengthen, network, and minister to the needs of the women in member and other churches."* As we look back over the year we have, as we have been able, fulfilled that purpose.

The 2013 speaker for our women's luncheon at the Annual Conference was Shirley Dubeau from Salem, CT. Shirley is a pastor's wife, bible teacher and ministry partner with her husband Tim. Following the luncheon she shared her personal testimony and thoughts on Romans 12:1. Her story illustrated how the continuous embrace of the grace of God causes change in us. In her seminar session, *What Needs to Change?* Shirley explored the promise and hope of biblical change.

Sharon Galloway also presented a seminar at the Annual Conference on the *"Changing role of Pastors' Wives."* Sharon explored the changes in the lives of pastors' wives over the years. Sharon helped us look at changes in pastors' wives positions in the church, their roles within their family and their lives outside the church. A breakout session further explored God's call on pastor's wives lives. We came away with a charge to use our unique spiritual gifts to serve God and to be the authentic person He calls us to be.

Once again, we were able to provide teaching and encouragement resources for women to have at no charge. We encouraged women to take the books, handouts and other items provided and to use them in their places of ministry or for the nurture of their own souls. These resources are possible because of the fund-raising efforts of The Church of The Apostles, in Coventry, RI. Resources are again provided for the 2014 conference. The women's ministry committee seeks to live out our mission by continuing to evaluate the needs of CCCC women and minister to our women's holistic needs (body, mind, and spirit). We hope to expand connectedness through social media, keep providing resources for encouragement for all CCCC women and support pastors' wives as we are able. To that end during our 2014 conference we are excited to add the provision of a special place for women to gather, connect, chat and pray on an ongoing basis. Our premier desire is to see our dear CCCC women growing in the LORD so we may pass on *"the plans of His heart for every generation!"* Ps 33:11b

Respectfully,

Sharon Galloway Chair



FINANCIAL REPORTS

2014 FINANCE COMMITTEE

Delegates to last year's Annual Meeting approved changes to our bylaws in order to restructure the duties and consistency of the Finance Committee. By way of reminder, the Finance Committee is now responsible for reviewing the Conference's financial reports on a regular basis, establishing sound financial controls, requesting an annual Audit, and reviewing the findings of the Audit. The Finance Committee also assists the Treasurer and Controller in writing an annual budget, which is submitted to the Board of Directors and then, at Annual Meeting, to you.

Thanks to the work of the Financial Oversight committee, temporarily established by the Board of Directors in 2012, the new Finance Committee was able to immediately transition into these duties and responsibilities. Melanie Kreider, Rob O'Neal and John Wallace were elected to the committee and served along with me, your Treasurer, and Phil Lewis, your Controller.

I am pleased to report that the committee worked diligently throughout the year strengthening our internal financial controls, preparing budgets and forecasts, working with and reviewing the work of our auditors and keeping a watchful eye, each month, on the Conference's financial statements. Rob O'Neal undertook the huge task of compiling a Board Policy Manual, which our committee approved and which memorializes a number of the policies established by our committee in the last year and by the Financial Oversight committee in years passed. That policy manual is now pending Board approval at the time of this writing. Thank you Rob!

The finances of the Conference continue to make healthy progress, as we reduce prior accumulated deficits and seek to increase our overall integrity through sound financial practices. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Conference and for your contribution to our financial health through sacrificial giving.

In Christ alone,

Bob McKenney, Treasurer and Chair

2014 TREASURER'S REPORT

This past year your CCCC Board of Directors and Officers, our auditors and the Finance Committee continued their work to improve our Conference's financial health and accountability. We are making great progress!

I praise God, and thank you, that we had another year of faithful and sacrificial giving to the Comprehensive Campaign, now in its final year of progress. Contribution income in 2013 was at one of our greatest levels ever! As we seek to give and receive with a focus on the irreducible core (loving God and neighbors) and the Seven Guiding Values, please continue to pray for our collective stewardship and for God to provide the means to support our mission.

I am pleased to report that we have broken the long string of operating deficits, with an operating surplus of over \$42,000 in 2013. The surplus was largely accomplished by the reduction of expenses, primarily in the area of staffing. Our volunteer staff, consisting of Carolyn Benson, Shirley Hamilton and Len Zeller, have given sacrificially of their time while providing our Conference with an unsurpassed level of quality and dedication. I am pleased to report that we are now able to pay, on a part-time basis, our office staff as we had budgeted in 2014.

As a result of these and other changes, we are forecasting operating surpluses for the next several years, as we continue to work down prior years' internal borrowings for operations from our temporarily restricted funds. This will help pay off a small, short-term unsecured borrowing in 2014 and allow us to continue building our cash balance to the point where it is adequate to sustain our budgeted expenses during the lean summer months when giving drops.

The 2015 budget, to be presented at the upcoming Annual Meeting, shows reductions in both expenses and income, as we conservatively consider the financial impact to our contribution income as Comprehensive Campaign giving comes to an end. Of course, it is our hope and prayer that churches and credentialed individuals will continue to give at existing levels, in order to support the work of the Conference, but we will not presume upon those means in our budgeting process, as it is imperative that we do what is necessary to sure up the financial health and integrity of the CCCC. We have found ways to further reduce operating expenses and have eliminated the transfer to the Life Changing Churches fund in order to accomplish the necessary reductions in the 2015 budget.

In summary, our Conference is blessed by generous giving, greater stewardship of our resources and mission, and an improving picture of our financial health. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer and for your unwavering faithfulness in supporting the mission of the CCCC.

In Christ alone,

Bob McKenney, Treasurer

CCCC PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

	2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	2015 Budget
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:								
Churches	\$455,500	\$297,428	\$470,000	\$326,552	\$320,500	\$319,467	353,199	289,177
Pastors	230,000	143,708	210,000	154,051	180,000	168,933	166,622	152,916
Laymen	21,000	13,281	28,000	10,262	19,000	1,227	11,099	1,111
Chaplains	6,000	5,600	5,000	1,755	6,000	3,460	1,898	3,132
Fellowships	5,000	3,575	5,000	5,108	3,500	524	5,525	474
Interest	3,000	593	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Other (Transfers, etc)	20,000	19,683	20,000	5,119	15,000	33,525	8,000	3,190
Total Support and Revenue	740,500	483,868	739,000	502,847	544,000	527,136	546,343	450,000
EXPENSES:								
Transfer to Life Changing Churches Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	78,575	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
Transfer to Campaign Fund	0	0	0	21,424	0	0	0	0
Ministry Staff : (Including Benefits and Taxes)								
Conference Minister	91,400	91,618	92,000	90,440	92,000	91,140	92,000	92,000
NE Regional Minister	78,700	78,131	79,000	77,740	79,000	77,914	79,000	79,000
Director of Church Development	78,700	77,501	79,000	78,740	79,000	78,006	79,000	30,000
Director of Conference Care	39,350	0	39,500	0	0	0	0	20,000
Director of Church Multiplication	78,700	20,716	39,500	0	0	0	0	30,000
Unallocated Adjustments for Taxes						(142)		
Total Ministry Staff Salaries	366,850	267,966	329,000	246,920	250,000	246,918	250,000	251,000
Administrative Staff : (Including Benefits and Taxes)	136,550	99,089	142,000	81,976	105,000	1,478	25,000	18,000
Travel:								
Conference Minister	6,500	9,312	12,000	3,872	10,000	11,876	10,000	10,000
Northeast Regional Minister	12,000	10,582	12,000	10,514	12,000	9,680	12,000	12,000
Director of Church Multiplication	1,000	4,190	500	2,006	500	1,721	500	3,500
Director of Church Development	8,000	12,764	10,000	8,879	10,000	12,398	10,000	3,500
Other	2,000	1,366	3,500	1,076	1,500	1,376	1,500	1,500
Total Travel	29,500	38,214	38,000	26,347	34,000	37,051	34,000	30,500
Office Expenses:								
Bldg Maint., Prop. Ins. & Assoc'n Fees	8,000	9,544	14,000	6,323	10,000	9,166	10,000	10,000
Utilities	3,000	2,380	2,500	1,906	2,500	2,447	2,500	2,500
Telephone/Internet	11,000	12,548	11,500	9,618	12,500	13,148	10,000	13,148
Equipment Maintenance	9,500	12,874	15,000	12,750	13,000	8,718	13,000	13,000
Printing	1,500	657	3,500	644	1,000	4,879	750	4,879
Supplies	6,500	2,844	6,000	1,915	3,000	831	3,000	2,000

	2011 Budget	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	2015 Budget
Conference Minister Expenses	500	0	1,000	1,166	500	264	1,000	500
NE Regional Minister Expenses	3,000	999	3,000	33	1,500	701	500	500
Director Conference Care Expenses	500	98	500	1,461	500	217	1,000	500
Dir. of Church Multiplication Expenses	500	1,290	500	251	500	40	500	500
Staff Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	500
Postage	11,000	6,053	8,000	6,874	6,000	5,860	6,000	6,000
Outside I.T.	0	0	0	12,617	0	17,762	17,500	18,000
Media for Computers - I.T.	1,500	3,777	2,500	9,629	4,000	9,248	10,000	8,500
ACS Software - I.T.	3,000	3,349	3,800	3,528	4,000	3,105	4,000	3,300
Online Credit Card Processing Exp	1,200	1,455	1,200	1,276	1,500	2,467	1,500	3,500
Other	1,800	469	2,400	291	1,000	2,166	1,000	1,000
Total Office Expenses	62,500	58,336	75,400	70,282	61,500	81,019	97,250	88,327
Interest Expense	2,400	2,668	2,400	10,502	2,800	9,416	0	6,000
Other Expenses:								
<i>Board and Committee Expenses:</i>								
Board Meetings	3,000	5,909	6,500	9	10,000	24,828	10,000	10,000
Audit/Legal fees	13,000	14,930	14,000	16,510	5,000	7,144	13,000	8,000
Other Board Expenses	500	624	500	0	1,000	809	1,000	1,000
Area Representatives	4,000	1,758	7,000	528	2,500	4,608	2,000	1,000
Credentials Comm.	1,000	463	500	417	500	1,124	500	500
Other Committees	2,100	179	2,100	1,050	2,100	0	1,100	1,100
Total Board and Committee Expenses	23,600	23,862	30,600	18,514	21,100	38,513	27,600	21,600
<i>Publications:</i>								
Yearbook	7,500	6,481	7,500	(30)	5,500	0	0	0
Foresee	5,000	4,459	5,000	(265)	5,000	1,950	0	1,950
Other (Communication Coordinator)	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	6,504	1,000	6,504
Total Publications	13,500	10,940	13,500	(295)	11,500	8,454	1,000	8,454
<i>Contributions:</i>								
Nat Ass'n of Evangelicals	1,000	1,000	3,500	2,427	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
NAE Chaplaincy	1,500	1,500	1,500	750	1,500	3,000	1,500	1,500
Nat Council Ministers-Armed Forces	500	500	500	530	500	530	500	500
World Evang Cong. Fellowship	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	1,200	2,400	1,200	1,200
Mission America Coalition	500	500	500	850	500	750	500	500
Nat. Pro Life Rel. Council	700	700	700	250	700	250	700	700
Cong. Lib. & Hist. Society	200	200	200	100	200	300	200	200
Other	0	0	0	0	0	825	0	
Total Contributions	5,600	5,600	8,100	4,907	8,100	11,555	8,100	8,100
Total Other Expenses	42,700	40,401	52,200	23,126	40,700	58,522	36,700	38,154
Total Expenses	740,500	606,675	739,000	559,152	544,000	484,404	492,950	431,981
Surplus Transferred to (from) Reserves	\$0	(\$122,807)	\$0	(\$56,305)	\$0	\$42,732	\$53,393	\$18,019



God is Good, All the Time.

As I reviewed my last years' Annual Report and considered what has transpired since the last Annual Meeting I have to say that the CCCC in the Northeast continues to be in a state of transition. At last year's writing ten churches were in transition, between pastors, working with an Intentional Interim and/or actively seeking their next settled pastor. This year the number of churches in transition has increased to eighteen, with six of those currently involved in an active pastoral search. These are exciting times as churches are engaged in casting a vision for their future and partnering with the Holy Spirit to discern who their next shepherd will be and how that will affect their ministry for the next number of years.

As our theme verse for this Annual Conference attests "*The plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purpose of His heart for all generations*" Ps 33:11. This verse is being lived out in our times, through the generations. God remains the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. We rejoice over the plans He has for us.

A positive side to many of our long term pastors retiring is that many of them still have much to offer the Kingdom. They are being trained as Intentional Interims. This spring we held our first CCCC sponsored Interim training at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. It was so well received we intend to make it an annual event. Some from that training are already engaged in Interim work. Pastors and churches alike are being blessed.

God is certainly on the move in the Northeast as many churches and pastors continue to seek affiliation with our Conference. Some are joining with us at this Annual Meeting while others are still in process. In my fellowship with other evangelical denominational leaders I discover that this is not the norm. As I interview churches and pastors seeking us out, they make it clear that the attraction to the CCCC is manifold. First they are in alignment and want to embrace and live out our strong Biblical standards. Our evangelical Statement of Faith and our Code of Ethics for pastors and churches are the very theological umbrella they are seeking to be under. Secondly they want to be part of a group of like minded believers that have cast a vision for revitalization, church planting and conference care. This strikes a chord with many of the younger pastors seeking to minister with us as they are called to our churches or beginning their ministry call. Thirdly, they are attracted to the fellowship. Our regional activities and our pastor groups let them know they are not alone, that we intend to co-labor in the harvest field together and we are developing resources for support. God is blessing the Conference with new life, new churches, new pastors and new revitalized churches.

In my seven years in this position there has been a lot of change leading to transitions. Alan J. Roxburgh in "*The Sky Is Falling*" distinguishes between change and transition. He says that

“Change is what happens to us from outside and over which we usually have no control. Transition is our response to the change we are experiencing and over which we do have some control”. The Conference is responding to change by addressing those things over which we do have control. No where will that be more evident than the restructuring of the Conference which is ongoing. We are transitioning and will continue to transition towards the Conference that Christ would have us to be. Committees will change and roles will change but God will never change. One of our most exciting new initiatives is the vision for “Community Pastors” which you will continue to hear more about. I was privileged to be part of our first training and I know that this grass roots movement will have a major impact for the Kingdom and bind our Conference together in amazing ways.

I am blessed to serve this Conference in the Northeast and I am excited about this season of transition as it honors God and displays His glory. I also am blessed to serve with eight Area Representatives who faithfully serve the Conference as well and freely use their time and talents to the glory of God. I am especially thankful for the many years of service by our brother Rev. Phillip Webster, Area Representative for Maine, who went home to be with his Lord this spring. The blessings of working with the CCCC staff are too numerous to mention, but I feel so privileged to be part of the team.

All the time, God is good.



AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

This year, we are pleased to welcome to New Hampshire Ben Henshaw as the new pastor of Rand Memorial Congregational Church in Seabrook, Mike Goff, a church planter in Manchester, and Paul Gard, new pastor of the Monadnock Congregational Church in Peterborough. In addition, Shea Fitzgibbons had his vicinage council at the Kingston Congregational Church.

The New Hampshire pastors have been meeting on a monthly basis now for study, discussion and fellowship for over ten years. We just concluded our discussions of 1 Timothy, with each member of the group taking turns leading the discussion. From these monthly meetings, wonderful Christian friendships have been made, and all that regularly attend know and appreciate that none of us in the ministry have to “go it alone.”

On a personal note, I wish to thank all of you for your prayers and words of encouragement after the fire in our home. We are now settled back in our restored house, and appreciate all our CCCC family!

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Randlett

VERMONT

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

August

- ▶ Derby Community Church in Derby, VT- I attended a worship service on Sunday morning and spoke to the congregation about membership in the CCCC, encouraged them in their ministry, and talked to them about finding their next permanent pastor. My family and I spent the afternoon with the congregation at their “parsonage party” where we were able to interact with and encourage many parishioners.
- ▶ Had a conversation with Peter Anderson, pastor of the Jericho Congregational Church, about his upcoming retirement after 27 years of ministry at that church.

September

- ▶ Had a conversation with Rick Shover, pastor of the United Church of Irasburg in Irasburg, VT. Conversation included his standing in the CCCC and how to move the church toward breaking from the UCC and entering the CCCC.

October

- ▶ Had a conversation with Susan Moody, interim pastor of the Chester Congregational Church in Chester, VT about the process of ordination in the CCCC. We discussed a timetable for setting up a vicinage council.

November

- ▶ Had a conversation with Tim Sargent, pastor of the East Barre Congregational Church, about, life, ministry, and moving the church toward membership in the CCCC.
- ▶ Held a dinner party for CCCC pastor’s and spouses at Tim Sargent’s home. Attendance, fellowship, and mutual encouragement was excellent.

December

- ▶ Had multiple conversations with Frank Beaty about the United Church of Derby’s by-law changes and vote to join the CCCC.
- ▶ Dialogued with the Jericho Congregational Church about finding a candidate for intentional interim pastor.

January

- ▶ Attended Rev. Peter Anderson’s retirement celebration at the Jericho Congregational Church. Met with and fellowshiped with a number of CCCC pastor’s and spouses. Publically thanked Peter for his service to JCC and to the conference on behalf of the CCCC.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS CONTINUED

- ▶ Interviewed the executive committee at the United Church of Derby for membership in the CCCC.

February

- ▶ Attended the CCCC Area Representatives Meeting in Orlando, FL on from February 11-13.

March

- ▶ Had breakfast with Rev. Peter Anderson, newly retired pastor of the Jericho Congregational Church.
- ▶ Held pastor's and spouses dinner party in East Barre, VT. Rev. Terry Shannahan, Northeast Regional Minister joined nine pastors for a fellowship dinner party and a roundtable discussion about evangelism in New England.

April

- ▶ Worshipped with the East Barre Congregational Church on Sunday, April 6th. Interviewed the church for membership in the CCCC and had a wonderful afternoon of fellowship with Rev. Tim and Bobbie Sargent.

May

- ▶ Visited the Chester Congregational Church on May 4th. Met with the church leadership and consulted about rural church revitalization.

June

- ▶ Attempted to have an all Vermont CCCC picnic and fellowship day, but we couldn't settle on a date that worked for the majority of churches. This event is now planned for Labor Day September 1st, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jason R. McConnell
Vermont Area Representative

NORTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

The author of the book of Hebrews reminds us of this: “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship/serve God acceptably with reverence and awe.” May the Lord help us keep serving Him and one another faithfully, so that we may proclaim and live out His Gospel with joy and thanks as we should!

It is my privilege to pray on a regular basis for the thirty-three 4C churches and over ninety credentialed individuals here in northeastern Massachusetts. I am so thankful for their partnership in the things of Christ! With the Lord’s help, I have continued to serve them in the following ways during the past year.

I continued to be a part of the executive committee for the New England Congregational Christian Fellowship, which meets once every other month in Bolton, MA. I attended the following annual NECCF regional events: the pastors and spouses’ retreat in Andover, MA, and the annual meeting of the NECCF in Bolton, MA. Along with senior pastor Jon Paul at our Andover, MA church, I helped lead a monthly pastors’ roundtable discussion with an average of 15-20 credentialed individuals from the region attending. During this past year, our topics for discussion each month were various aspects of discipleship. I met with all the other 4C Area Representatives at our annual meeting with the national 4C leadership team in Orlando, Florida back in February. I was also invited to attend a Community Pastors’ Conference for 4C leaders throughout the country back in May up in New Hampshire.

Throughout the year I also assisted our national Credentials Committee by interviewing the following seven individuals for various phases of ministerial standing in the 4C’s: Sara Coons, Jonathan Mello, Jonathan Romig, Eckhard Schnabel, Joie Thomson, Steven White, and Richard Woodward. In addition, I had the privilege of interviewing the leaders of the Evangelical Congregational Church in Tyngsboro, MA. This church was subsequently received as a new member church of the 4C this past year.

I served as the moderator of the ordination councils for Jonathan Chubb at Second Congregational Church in Peabody, MA and for Mary Sue Strautin, who will serve as an official Hospice Chaplain, at South Congregational Church also in Peabody. I also participated in both ordination services that followed.

I continued to participate in a Missions Consortium with our 4C churches in Malden, North Chelmsford, and Revere who meet on a quarterly basis to support new work among an unreached people group in southeast Asia. We pray regularly for two of our 4C missionary families who are representing us in this work. It is an ongoing joy to serve our folks in northeastern Massachusetts in these various capacities.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Burkett

SOUTHEAST MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

This year has been a wonderful learning experience as it has been my first serving in any leadership capacity with the 4Cs. John Dale, the former area representative as well as our Regional Minister, Terry Shanahan and Conference Minister, Ron Hamilton have been a great blessing during this time of transition.

One of the great highlights has been our monthly pastor's gatherings (September thru May) in which we gathered for spiritual growth, prayer and fellowship. Most months, various regional pastors would lead discussions centered around various Biblical doctrines found in the Heidelberg Catechism. At the end of each of our monthly meetings, we spent time sharing those issues that weighted deeply upon each one of us which was followed with prayer for one another.

Throughout the year, I have had the privilege of meeting with those who are interested in local church ministry as well represent the 4Cs at various church meetings. After getting to know so many new people over the course of the last year, it is clear that God has richly blessed our churches with an abundance of godly as well as skilled pastors and lay leaders. This experience has left me deeply optimistic about the work that God has in store for us in the days, months and years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Bruce D. M. Smith

CONNECTICUT/RHODE ISLAND

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

Easily the most significant event in the life of our CT/RI area this year was the fire that consumed the historic 1850 meetinghouse of Pomfret Congregational Church. Tom Crumb, pastor of the Pomfret Church, reports that plans are well underway already for a new building. In a loss of this kind, the blessing is that no one was injured in the fire and that the church is being renewed now in *every* way. They will be able to craft a building suited to the needs of today's congregation. We ask the entire Conference to pray for the Pomfret Church as they work through the myriad challenging details around the building of a new sanctuary, as well as the many relational challenges that always arise within a believing community as they build.

There are roughly 15 member churches in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Though we are a relatively small geographic area (no more than 3 hours from corner to corner), we are a very diverse fellowship. We have small churches and mid-sized churches. We are fortunate enough to have Church of the Apostles, the unique CCCC Church from an Anglican tradition in our midst. We also have churches that have been served by one pastor for thirty years and churches that just called a new pastor this year. We have church in rural areas and in suburban areas; churches in wealthy areas and in economically challenged areas. Thus, we often find it difficult to see the commonalities enough to set aside the time to really fellowship deeply with one another.

A few of us took it upon ourselves this year to reach out to all the CCCC credentialed folks in our area, but we have yet to find something that really galvanizes us and calls us to act as one. Last fall we ordained Daniel Warriner to the Gospel ministry, and that was a good time of fellowship for those of us who were able to attend. Still, I wish there was a consistent gathering that really drew good numbers of us.

It is important that we gather, and do it regularly. Thus, we will begin to offer a new Preachers Roundtable this September. The focus of this gathering will be building us as preachers. Those who gather will preach to one another and offer fresh insights into God's Word, share stories and frustrations about sermon writing and delivery, and encourage each other to offer our best through pulpit ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Colegrove

EASTERN NEW YORK & WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. (Col. 1:18)

Our Regional Fellowship consists of Eastern New York State and Western Massachusetts. This includes at last count 16 member churches.

In October of 2013 I was privileged to conduct an interview for James Prooch for licensure in the conference. James serves as Associate Pastor of Grace Chapel in Clifton Park, NY. Then in May of this year I was privileged to conduct an interview with James Smith who is the recently called pastor of East Glenville Community Church of East Glenville, NY. James Smith is new to the CCCC after having served many years with the American Baptist Conference. Both men will be a valuable addition to our Conference.

I have to confess that our Regional Fellowship has not been very active during the past year. We have had some serious illness in our ranks and our Executive Committee needs to be re-activated. We have several churches in our region that are in transition.

I once again consider it a real privilege to serve the Conference in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Bridgman

GREATER NY CITY AND NEW JERSEY

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

Our area has experienced several notable events. The first to report is the occupancy of their new building by the Bronx Household of Faith (BHoF). This has been a long time in the making and has been realized with the help of many fellow Christians praying and contributing time, talents, and money towards this long standing dream. One of the first services held in the new facility was the annual CCCC joint Good Friday observance. Taking advantage of their new location, BHoF is looking to launch a “Street School” this fall, a school targeting at risk middle schoolers. You can learn more about it at the church’s website. The court case regarding use by churches of public school space in New York City that has BHoF at its center, is ongoing.

This Spring a vicinage council was organized to examine Joshua Crumlich’s fitness for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the church of Jesus Christ. Josh has been serving as the Associate Pastor of Neighborhood Church of Greenwich Village (NCGV) for the past two years. At the council’s recommendation Josh was ordained by NCGV at the beginning of June. An additional item to mention related to NCGV is the addition of a discipleship ministry serving men who contend with unwanted same-sex attraction. This ministry had been under the covering another church and when that church had to close its doors in the Spring of 2013, NCGV made it a priority to make it part of its budget. The ministry was recently accepted into the Restored Hope Network.

Pastors of area CCCC churches, as well as ministers from other area churches, have been active in fellowship and encouragement by attending an almost monthly meeting. These gatherings provide an opportunity to catch up with one another as well take time to have significant discussion regarding issues important to the ministry of the church in the 21st century. In particular, we have had several discussions prompted by the success of gay activists in promoting an unbiblical view of human sexuality. While the issue is not confined to the New York City metropolitan area, it is certainly relevant in our context.

One unfortunate development was the departure of one our pastors from one of our area churches. Apparently irreconcilable differences regarding vision prompted the decision. The matter is under review.

I have had a few inquires into the CCCC from area ministers looking for possible affiliation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk van der Swaagh

WESTERN NY AND NW PENNSYLVANIA

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

Our regional fellowship has increased to 16 churches and 21 pastors and commissioned associates.

The Western New York and PA Regional Fellowship has a growing sense of unity as we endeavor to fulfill the core beliefs of Loving God, Loving Others and as we go, Make Disciples. It is our desire to grow healthy churches led by healthy pastors. Several intentional regional gatherings keep us focused on these goals.

In October 2013, we held our annual fall banquet at the Stockton Community Church in Stockton, New York, hosted by Pastor Richard and wife, Mickey Hamilton. The theme of the evening was surrounding the evangelistic campaign of the Billy Graham Organization called “Bringing America Back to Christ”, (My Hope America). A stirring testimonial DVD from My Hope, was shown marking the impact of changed lives.

On January 28th, our annual Pastor’s retreat was held with the theme “Daring....Definite...Deliberate Prayer”. J. Patrick Street, the National CCCC Spiritual Life Chairman came and shared from his CCCC booklet called “Daring...Definite...Deliberate Prayer”. He brought with him two CCCC Pastors from the Ohio regional and we enjoyed stirring seasons of prayer and renewal.

One special highlight from last year was the resurrection of a former 4C’s church. The Lakeview Congregational Church had a young pastor come to their fellowship, but in the course of about 6 years, the church declined to 3 members. The pastor had talked the church into leaving the CCCC. But, just before the church building was about to be sold, the remaining 3 members recalled the days of the CCCC fellowship and reached out to our regional fellowship. I am happy to report that under the interim pastorate of Dr. Stanley Weisbrod, a retired pastor, the church has grown back to about 30 worshippers and have rejoined the CCCC. This story was featured in the April edition of The Foresee, Lake View Church is NOT Dead!

Every other month we have a regional Pastor’s and wives tureen dinner and fellowship, where we hear a devotional and spend a significant time in prayer. Hosting us were, Kiantone Congregational Church, Rev. Mel McGinnis, Pastor; Wiltsie Community Church, Rev. Todd Venman, Pastor; Fluvanna Community Church, Rev. Dayle Keefer, Pastor; and Stockton Community Church, Richard Hamilton, Pastor.

The plans are set for our fall banquet, where we will perform “The Living Last Supper”. A “Living Disciple” will be chosen from each church, to portray a Biblical Disciple in this dramatic presentation.

We are also delighted to have a church plant in Erie, PA called "THE CROSS" being pastored by a CCCC candidate, Chuck Nelson. He and his new church fellowship desire to be part of the CCCC because of its emphasis on church planting. "The conference creates an atmosphere where we can grow", says Pastor Chuck.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayle Keefer

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

Psalm 73:28: *“But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all Thy works.”*

God is doing some wonderful things in Eastern Pennsylvania. Sensing the need to be more connected, our regional fellowship decided to meet more frequently and celebrate the Lord’s Supper as a regular part of our meetings. We now gather once per eight weeks at the Old Country Buffet in Wyomissing, PA. Check out our website at www.easternpa4C.org.

Among our member churches, God is blessing and sustaining ministries, as well as preparing us for the future. For instance, at Mount Bethel Church in McClure, Pennsylvania, Rev. Don Wise has faithfully served for 20 years. The church has supported a new church plant in Cleveland, Ohio, known as City View Church. Mount Bethel also has an active Women’s Aid group that sponsors children overseas and conducts a Vacation Bible School for the community.

7-Mile Road Church in Philadelphia is a “Church in Development” with the CCCC. Last September, founding Pastor Ajay Thomas and congregation celebrated the four year anniversary of their public launch. Most recently, 7-Mile Road’s leadership expanded to include two elders and one deacon. Five groups participate in their Gospel Communities on Mission, a small group program that emphasizes participation in local mission.

Lately, the church has been calling for attendees to become members. 80 individuals took part in nine hour class, (spread over three days). Baptisms have resulted and the congregation is growing.

In addition, a family was recently sent to India as fulltime missionaries, participating in Bombay Teen Challenge in Mumbai to fight human trafficking. The church, under Ajay’s direction, is identifying themselves as a community of missionaries called to make a difference in the world.

St. John’s Church of Port Clinton, PA is nestled in the shadows of the Appalachian Trail. Amy Kirkpatrick became the pastor there almost four years ago after Pastor Shirley Breiner went on to be with the Lord. The past three and a half years have brought healing to this small congregation, by God’s grace. Pastor Amy marks the present time as a season of growth, faith, and outreach. For instance, the congregation has rallied around a local young lady who survived a traumatic automobile accident. St. John’s held benefit events and helped her in many ways.

Family dinners occur once per month centered on a particular theme. Folks who could not normally afford to eat at a restaurant are encouraged to come and the fellowship is a blessing. The congregation has concentrated on building community and attendance is up to 50-55 per

Sunday. Younger people are returning and a new youth group has been started. Check them out at www.stjohnspcpa.org.

St. Paul's Church of Stowe, PA is seeing the seventh guiding principle operating in their church: "A Membership Reflective of the Harvest Field's Diversity." Six years ago, Pastor Lenn Zeller sensed a burden to become involved with an after school Bible club at Barth's Elementary School. Today, over 60 children are participating in the club, and some are now attending St. Paul's Church from the nearby Bright Hope housing development. The program has become a strategic part of the church's outreach to the community.

Herb Anderson is the Senior Pastor of South Philadelphia's Snyder Avenue Congregational Church. Next year, the congregation will celebrate Herb and Sharon's 50th year of ministry with them. Snyder Avenue Church recently hired Associate Pastor David Grainge & his wife Lisa to develop outreach and pastoral care in the community. Many different ethnic congregations are holding their worship services at Snyder Avenue. Among them are Christian brothers and sisters from all over the world, including Burma, Nepal, and Cambodia. Praise God for the outreach and multi cultural work taking place at Snyder Avenue Church!

Christ Reformed Church of Indian Creek, located in Telford, PA celebrated the ordination of Pastor Scott Nice within the past year. Pastor Scott just returned from a trip to the Holy Land. He also reports: "Here at Christ Reformed Church, God is blessing us as we partner with Child Evangelism Fellowship in reaching elementary age students in the Souderton Area School District with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have after school Bible Clubs at each of the five elementary schools. In addition, we have a weekly club that meets Tuesday evenings here at CRC to which all the clubs are invited. We have 80 non-churched kids coming on Tuesday nights for ministry. That's almost four times as many kids as we have in our Sunday school. We are fulfilling the Great Commission where and when the opportunity arises!"

From Dreherstown, PA: CCCC pastor Robert Burkey reports: "Immanuel Evangelical Congregational Church has been growing steady with new members over the last year. We also were donated seven acres of ground which was much needed. Before this gift, we owned just a three foot perimeter around our church and a one half acre parking lot on the opposite side of the street."

The Holy Spirit continues to move among His church in Eastern Pennsylvania. We are blessed to be a part of His work in our region.

Respectfully submitted,

David McKinley

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

Allegheny Fellowship is alive and well in Western PA. We have 15 clergy, 2 missionaries and 13 churches. We gathered the first Saturday in August, 2013 at Yellow Creek State Park for a family picnic and fellowship. Participants connected easily and naturally as old friendships were renewed and new acquaintances were deepened into collegial relationships. The group decided to meet quarterly.

Our Fall gathering was held at noon at a restaurant in Somerset. Ten of our clergy/missionaries were in attendance, including one via Facetime. Fellowship and engaging discussion of issues transpired formally and informally around the table. A resource, *Doing the Right Thing*, a Worldview study of ethics by The Chuck Colson Center was distributed thanks to a member of the Fellowship.

Three of our clergy are actively preparing for their vicinage councils with the goal of ordination in the CCCC. I recommend to each the use of the CCCC Polity Course available through Gordon-Conwell Semlink at http://store.gordonconwell.edu/product_p/ncs-mc601hi.htm.

Our Winter gathering drew a smaller group of 6 that allowed for more personalized sharing and prayer together. We reviewed the recent initiative by the Board to implement Community Pastors to further equip our clergy in our discipling ministries.

Spring meeting was well attended with a report from Pastor Jim Bertoti, just back from training as Allegheny Fellowship's Community Pastor. We look forward to groups forming around the region in the near future. We closed the meeting praying for one another.

Our Ladies Fellowship has remained active over the years and meets twice annually. The Fall Retreat is held at Sequanota Conference Center near Jennerstown, PA. Thirty-one ladies attended in September, 2013. Dates for this fall are September 19-20, 2014. The Ladies' spring meeting was held April 5 at Mt Zion Reformed Church in Pavia.

As Area Representative I was able to worship on Sunday morning in the churches of two of our clergy this past year. This is a tremendous help in establishing or solidifying rapport with colleagues. Otherwise, I continue to reach out to clergy and churches who might benefit from affiliating with the CCCC as well as come alongside our clergy and churches through times of crisis or transition.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Meckley

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

It has been my pleasure and joy to represent the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference as the Mid-Atlantic Area Representative and Chairman of the Board of Area Representatives in 2014. Below is a bulleted list of highlights of my activities as Area Representative this year.

- ▶ I interviewed and recommended Rev. Matt Stevens & Reese Jones for ministerial licensure with the CCCC.
- ▶ I followed up with a previous candidate, Justin Banister, and discontinued recommendation of him for credentials with the CCCC.
- ▶ I answered questions from a handful of ministers who contacted me about their potential interest in the CCCC.
- ▶ I attended the Area Representative meeting in Orlando in February.
- ▶ I discussed enhancing the Mid-Atlantic Fellowship to begin again meeting for regular meetings with Rev. Michael Brinkley. However, as he and I are both departing the region at the end of this year, very little was done to move ahead in that regard. The Mid-Atlantic Fellowship remains in significant need of reinvestment to become a viable fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Chris Surber

SOUTHEAST

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

Dear Colleagues,

As I walk and/or ride around (golf cart) our Retirement Community (ACV) I noticed the Suwannee River has filled its banks once again from all the rain we've had since July. We just enjoyed a slow ride down the Suwannee on the ACV pontoon boat. Here at ACV, we're celebrating 100 years of ministry and there's never a dull moment. As we move forward in expectation of the Lord's return, it's always a joy to reflect back on all our heavenly Father has accomplished by His grace. So often He uses ordinary people to accomplish His perfect will. We give thanks for your years of ministry and dedication in serving the King.

My heart was filled with praise when I received our latest 4C newsletter highlighting our 65th Annual Meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota. I've already contacted some friends in the Northeast to be sure we plan very early to be together in Providence RI for our 66th Annual Meeting in July, 2014. I'm sure you're aware that our, SHARING HIS VISION: MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE, campaign is continuing through 2014. How exciting to experience the planting of churches, the expanding of staff and the response from member churches and individuals in support of the vision the Lord has given to our leadership.

As we remain in prayer, take time to rejoice with me that the Lord is raising up more workers for the field ready for harvest. Join me in prayer that as the baton is being passed to those running the race, our support will encourage them. Again, thanks for your faithful service. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a "cooler" fall season. Maranatha!!

Paul A. Bertolino,

Southeast Rep >---<>

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 New Living Translation (NLT)

The Faith of the Thessalonian Believers

"We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ".

EASTERN OHIO

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

It has been a growing and grace-filled experience in my first year as Area Representative. Contacts with churches and pastors include:

- ▶ Visitation with a church interested in the Cornerstone Fund.
- ▶ Interview with a pastor applying for ordination credentials.
- ▶ Ongoing work with a church and Interim Pastor including working through church profile development and search process.
- ▶ Implementation and current continuation of a Minister Under Care Process directed by Director of Conference Care, Rev. Lenn Zeller.
- ▶ Support and advice for a pastor and church that went through the process of adopting a new Constitution/By-laws based upon a CCCC model.
- ▶ Participation in the Vicinage Council for Ordination of Joel Bucklin. We celebrated in the United Church of Huntington's ordination of Joel on June 1, 2014.
- ▶ Dialogue and meeting with a church possibly interested in the CCCC.
- ▶ Participation in Area Representative Training in February.
- ▶ Perhaps most fulfilling is meeting one-on-one with more and more of our Ohio CCCC pastors. From spiritual support to direct help with church conflict resolution, *this is an increasing part of my Area Rep. ministry.*

Rev. John Hood does a faithful job in organizing our Ohio pastors' and leaders' gatherings. Huntsburg Congregational hosted our Fall meeting. Our Annual Winter Banquet was held February 28 at Malone University featuring Malone instructor Bill Quigley speaking about youth ministry. The First Congregational Church of Lodi hosted our May 3 Spring gathering. Also, there continues to be a growing group of pastors who meet usually monthly for prayer and support. This has led to very healthy contact and pastors caring for pastors between those meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Barber

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS CONTINUED

INDIANA AND WESTERN OHIO

No Report

MICHIGAN

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

Michigan had a good year in 2014. In October the pastors and their wives got together in Cedarville for a time of mutual ministry and encouragement. We try to build one another up in Christ. Cedar Campus (InterVarsity) is a beautiful facility and highly conducive to drawing near to the Lord and to each other!

On the first Saturday of May the entire Michigan family gathered for a spring rally. This year we were graciously hosted by the Congregational Church of Bancroft, where Mike MacDonald is the pastor. Pastor MacDonald and Dr. David Balicki presented papers on the topic of “Healthy Disciple-making Churches” our third guiding value. The congregation had the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the material presented and a lively discussion ensued. !!

Rev Gary Evans retired in June as Senior Pastor of the Highland Congregational Church, in Milford, Mi. Gary has been a strong CCCC supporter for more than 27 years at Highland. He and I have shared the Area Rep duties for many years. I’ll have to work hard to find a replacement!

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Wood

WISCONSIN

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

There are now 13 churches that make up the Wisconsin Fellowship, along with the CCCC pastors and retired pastors in the area. Pilgrim Church in Milwaukee was welcomed into the Conference this past July, and now Big Spring Congregational Church will be welcomed at this annual meeting. We meet on a bimonthly basis for fellowship, inspiration and prayer on the second Tuesday of the odd months, and move our gathering to different regions of the state so that more are able to attend at least on occasion.

In addition to meeting with the Big Springs leadership in May and again in November, I attended our CCCC Mid-Winter Meeting in February with the Area Reps and our conference staff, and visited with Pastor Isaac Flemming, the new pastor at Hillsboro. Wisconsin Fellowship activities included:

- ▶ September 10, 2013; Nine of us met at Community Baptist Church of Allenville, Oshkosh, with Dave Eisley serving as host. Dave Eisley shared devotions and gave a brief presentation on CCCC Church Development. A number of Wisconsin churches are currently involved in church development.
- ▶ November 12, 2013: Twelve of us met at Big Spring Congregational Church, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Host Pastor Bob Brandhagen opened with prayer and led us in devotions from Mark 4:21-25 on the theme of “Jesus’ Kingdom Rules for Kingdom Living and Kingdom Parables” followed by group discussion. Don Ehler reminded us that the 2014 Annual Meeting will be held in Providence, RI. July 21-24.
- ▶ January 14, 2014: We were to have met at St. Peter Evangelical Church near Elkhart Lake but a storm forced us to postpone this meeting until March.
- ▶ March 11, 2014: We met at Plymouth Congregational Church in Oshkosh, with guest Dr. Walter Kaiser presenting an inspiring message from God’s Word.
- ▶ On May 12-13, Ron Hamilton was our guest speaker at our third annual pastors fellowship retreat at Riverside Bible Camp. It was a great opportunity to join together in worship and be encouraged by God’s Word, as well as to get to know each other better.

On a sad note, on Saturday, July 9 of last year a number of our CCCC brothers attended the funeral service for Richard Abernathy, who had served as pastor at the Leon Church and Pastor Lynn Scovil went home to be with the Lord on February 4th of this year. It has been my privilege to serve as Area Rep this year.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Keith Hunholz

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS CONTINUED

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

Special activities since the annual Conference in 2013 area summarized below:

- ▶ Vicinage Councils were held for:
 - Nathan Theborge at Monroe Center on 10/19/2013
 - Thomas Mathisen at Blue Island on 11/9/2013
- ▶ Ordination Services:
 - Nathan Theborge at Monroe Center on 11/17/2013
 - Thomas Mathisen at Blue Island on 12/8/2013
- ▶ Installation Service:
 - Thomas Mathisen, Blue Island, 12/8/2013
 - Thomas Curry, Wabash, Indiana, 5/4/2014
- ▶ Northern Illinois Fellowship annual meetings: 6/1/2013, North Aurora, IL and July 2014, Freeport, IL
- ▶ Interviews for CCCC standing:
 - David Bordy, Seward Congregational Church – 9/22/2013
 - Matthew DeYoung – in care – 10/19/2013
 - Christopher Chad Negley, Christ Church, Oak Brook – 2/16/2013
- ▶ Service attendance and meeting with representatives:
 - Community Church of Round Lake & Mark Drinnenberg – 9/8/2013 and 11/17/2013
 - Seward Congregational Church and David Bordy – 9/22/2013, 1/12/2014, and 6/8/2014
 - Church planter, Jason Egan presentation at Blue Island 4/27/2014
- ▶ 90th Anniversary program participation – Evangelical Community Church of Blue Island, IL 11/16/2013

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert Schroeder

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS/MISSOURI

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

I sent out a monthly letter with a printed copy of the FORSEE newsletter to each one listed below, and have made occasional phone calls as well. I have also had face-to-face visits, phone call and e-mail exchanging with a few in the past year: Craig Frazier (now at a PCA church), Rick Mortimer (a missionary with Christ for India) and Larry Wentzel (recently retired). And I have regular contact with Pleasant View Church in Palestine, IL.

We are small in numbers and spread out, many of our pastors and churches seem to function in a very independent way. So shared life and shared ministry is challenging for CCCC pastors and churches in this area, even though I have tried to reach out and draw us closer together.

I have enjoyed serving the CCCC in this region but am resigning as Area Representative at the 2014 annual meeting to focus on the needs of my local ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell Weber

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS CONTINUED

IOWA

No Report

UPPER MIDWEST

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

“Beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain.” I Corinthians 15:58

Once again I have had the privilege this past year to serve the UMCF as their Area Rep. Two pastoral communities gather to meet on a regular basis for mutual encouragement, mission and prayer. There has been some discussion about mobilizing other pastors others as well who are further spread out. Ron Hamilton and Matt Milligan went to the Northwest region of MN and met with a couple of pastors. I and Brian Schulenberg went North/Northeast to meet with pastors from both MN and WI. Everyone was mutually encouraged by these visits.

It has been nearly one year since our UMCF hosted the annual CCCC Family Conference in St. Paul, MN. Brian Egelston, of Mantorville Congregational Church served as Coordinator. He did a great job and we in the UMCF stand proud with him.

During this year, I met and interviewed the following pastor's and/or congregations interested in the CCCC. Tim Hagberg and the First Congregational Church of Hayward, WI. Jerry Kosanovich of Palo Congregational Church in Aurora, MN. Jack Schoenenthaler, pastor of First Congregational Church in Dodge City, MN. And more recently, the Saratoga PCUSA church in Saratoga, IA.

In November of last year, I attended a three day Peace Maker's Conference, held at Faith Community church in Hudson, WI. I received training in Conflict Coaching and Mediation. I plan to use this training in my own church with a teaching and preaching series in the Fall of 2014.

I and Bob Evans, a member of the St. Lucas Community Church met with the North Star Multiplication team to present a possible church plant opportunity. Since that meeting, the focus of outreach has changed. Bob's vision has now become centered on coming along a Dorothy Day Center in urban center of St. Paul, Mn. It remains to be seen what this ministry will be but a group of people are praying and gearing up to launch a ministry to the disadvantage in the next few weeks.

I and Ron Hamilton met with one of our local CCCC churches to help them consider their future life and mission and to pray for their next pastor.

In May, several CCCC pastors gathered for our annual retreat at the Oak Forest Center in Frederick, WI. Brian Schulenburg, Dan Schauer, Ron Hamilton, and Rob O'Neal lead our sessions and communion.

I also attended the first training of Community Pastor's, held at Camp Brookwoods in Alton, NH. The worship and teaching time, food, fellowship and setting was valuable in laying down a foundation of how to go about helping local pastors be healthy pastors. Further equipping is expected sometime in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Peterson

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS CONTINUED

TEXAS, ARIZONA & NEW MEXICO

No Report

CENTRAL MIDWEST

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

The 4-C footprint in the heartland of America remains constant. That is the good news. The better news is that God may be planning something more for us with some increased interest in the 4-Cs.

In the past four months I have interviewed two individuals who are seeking standing with us; one in Kansas City, MO and the other in Dallas, TX. Their acceptance will increase the number of 4-C pastors by 50 per cent. There are other indications of more interest in the 4-Cs in Texas in the days ahead.

The distances between all of us make regular meetings difficult. Nevertheless, I recently was able to spend an enjoyed afternoon visiting with Ted Weis of the Little River church. I will be preaching for him shortly after our annual conference this summer. A similar time with Andrew McHenry is planned for July.

Please pray for us as we serve the Lord and represent the 4-Cs here in the Central Midwest.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry E. Towne

GREAT PLAINS CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

The Great Plains Congregational Fellowship has been meeting on a by-monthly basis from Sept. 2013 through March 2014. These meetings have been held at the Evangelical Bible Church in Dickinson, ND.

It was decided that our GPCF Annual Conference would be held at New Bethel Congregational Church, Hazen, ND on June 20-22, 2014. Rev. Harley Holden of Anchor Christian Counseling in Bismarck, ND was chosen to be our guest speaker.

Two of the churches in our association are searching for pastors. Christ Evangelical and Reformed in Hardin, MT has Will Hope as their Interim Pastor. Retired pastor Elden Zuern is serving as Interim at the Congregational Church of Beulah, Beulah, ND. Please keep these churches in prayer as they go through this process.

We also have two churches in our fellowship that are going through building projects. Ebenezer Congregational in Sydney, MT is almost complete with the addition onto their building. Evangelical Bible Church, Dickinson, ND has finally gotten things moving after some major setbacks with contractors.

There are also two churches going through the Church Development process. First Congregational, Kulm, ND and New Bethel Congregational, Hazen, ND have joined together to work through this training hubs and be an encouragement to each other. They did the second round of hubs at the end of March. A date has not yet been set for the next hub.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Cook

HIGH PLAINS

June 25, 2014

This has been a great year for the High Plains Fellowship. The fellowship is made up of six churches in the Panhandle of Nebraska: Emmanuel Congregational Church (Pastor Todd Seay), Plymouth Congregational Church (Pastoral searching), Salem Congregational Church (Pastor Dale Brown) and Zion Congregational Church (Pastor Garry Schick) all in Scottsbluff, Nebraska; The Federated Church (Pastor Bob Rose) in Mitchell, Nebraska; Hope Congregational Church (Pastor Ted Meter) in Bayard, Nebraska.

As with other years the churches participated together for combined Lenten services and a Thanksgiving service.

This has been a special year for Zion as they celebrated their 100th Anniversary the weekend of March 22-23. The weekend began with a time of gathering and reminiscence on the afternoon of Saturday, March 22 followed by meal attended by over 350 people consisting of current and past members and pastors as well as pastors and people from our six sister churches in the valley. After the meal came a special service of reminiscence including area and past pastors Clarence Schultz and Doug Jones. Sunday morning, March 23, the service began in German translated into English as it did in days gone by and with women and children sitting on the left and the men sitting on the right. The women even went so far as to wear hats that would be worn to church by ladies years ago. The service then shifted into its modern expression of worship and the message came from Psalm 133 on brotherly unity in Christ. Following the service they enjoyed a carry in dinner before the closing service of Rededication Sunday afternoon. Clarence Schultz gave the closing message and Area Representative Dale Brown led the congregation in a final act of rededication.

Emmanuel Congregational is excited that Todd Seay accepted and began his service as Pastor on April 22nd. We were also blessed with a wonderful installation service on June 1st, with attendance and participation from all the High Plains Fellowship churches.

Pastor Seay states, "We are thankful that God sustained us through a lengthy Pastor search and already see the signs of revitalization beginning for our Church. We look forward to what God is going to do in our hearts and the hearts of those around us."

Also in April The Federated Church sponsored a Creation Research Institute event that was held in Scottsbluff's historic Midwest Theater. It was well attend and appreciated by the local Christian community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale H. Brown

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

Throughout this year I have had opportunities to meet with some of our area pastors to give encouragement and direction.

In January, our regional fellowship met at Zion Congregational Church in Brighton, CO hosted by Craig Conrad. Craig has stepped in to assist the church and is his ministry to them is so timely and valuable.

In March, Ken Fulton led a men's conference in Fort Morgan to reach men in northeastern Colorado. It's exciting to see the ministry that Ken has and is developing.

In June, I was invited by Pastor Riley Fraas and members of the Board to meet and dialogue over issues the church is facing.

On June 22, I was able to attend a reception for Pastor Bob Strauch who is leaving the area to teach in the northwest. Bob is dearly loved in the Flagler and Arriba churches and highly respected in the community. On one hand, it is sad to see him leave, but on the other hand, it is so meaningful to celebrate and recognize his faithful ministry and service for over twenty years!

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Tolson

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

Greeting from the Pacific Northwest in the Name of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus;

Thank you for your prayers and support, we are blessed to have such wonderful and encouraging fellowship caring for us as we seek God's heart for the PNW.

I have been encouraged and blessed over the past three years to serve as the area representative in the Pacific Northwest. The time has been fruitful and has had its challenges. Through everything God has shown Himself to be much bigger than the challenges and His mercies are new each and every day and His grace abounds more and more each passing moment. I will not be attending the Family Conference this year as it is time to minister at 153 Fishcamp in Whale Pass, Alaska. Every other year I have the privilege of working as the on staff pastor for the fish camp, this year Becky and I will be the hosts for the camp taking on several more duties than usual. I will work on having representation from the PNW there at the Family Conference. We continually pray for the fellowship and leadership of the CCCC and look forward to sharing more time together as God continues to knit our lives together to reach our respective communities. Please accept this report from the Pacific Northwest, humbly submitted in Christ's Name.

We have experienced a wonderful infilling of the Holy Spirit as we have learned and began practicing Biblical Peacemaking. Garfield Christian Fellowship (GCF) in Garfield, WA; Plymouth Congregational Church (PCC) in Spokane, WA; and Community Congregational Church (CCC) in Thompson Falls, MT have begun the process of Church Development. We began our journey with a combined Peacemaking seminar and since have had a follow up seminar at GCF and CCC. We have seen how challenging and rewarding peacemaking is as we have taken to heart Jesus words: *"God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God."* (Matthew 5:9, NLT). God has shown us the fruits of peacemaking at GCF as we have experienced practical church discipline. Through the heart of peacemaking the involved parties' relationships have been fully restored. This process took dedication and work and the end result was absolutely beautiful. Praise God through whom all blessings flow!

Three churches Garfield Christian Fellowship (GCF) in Garfield, WA; Plymouth Congregational Church (PCC) in Spokane, WA; and Community Congregational Church (CCC) in Thompson Falls, MT have completed the Vista Assessment (and have discovered their respective areas of weaknesses and strengths), have finished the Crossing and Infusion Hubs. Two of the three are still waiting to sign the updated Church Development covenant

The Plymouth Congregational Church has been so wonderful and gracious since they joined the CCCC family as they are providing us a place to have all our combined Church

Development meetings, hubs, and conferences. We are so excited to have them join us in the work God is doing in the greater Spokane area and in the PNW.

We are looking forward to our continued challenging and encouraging through Church Development as John Kimball and Rich Cook come and bring more teaching and understanding of the organic process of developing healthy ministries in our churches.

This is truly an outstanding ministry our conference provides. We are grateful for all your prayers as we continue to seek God's heart for all God is doing in the Pacific Northwest.

The next exciting news is that God has seen fit to provide a PNW Regional Conference June 20-21, 2014. Through a survey sent out last year, it was evident that a regional meeting was highly desired. Through prayer God showed us when, where, and how to make this happen. We are very excited to have the opportunity to provide a conference in Spokane, WA at the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Our theme for the conference "Our Identity in Christ" and the Scripture is: **Ephesians 2:10** *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.* (NLT)

God is blessing us with CCCC Guest Speakers Pastor Ron Hamilton our conference minister and Pastor Ed Rinehart from the Church Development Team. The theme was given while attending the Family Conference last summer, coming to a greater realization that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is one of power, might, and glorification of our Heavenly Father. How exciting it would be for Kingdom work if we starting walking out our Christian faith as if we "*are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests.*" (1 Peter 2:5).

Things are going well in the Seattle area, George and Helen Allen and Ted Bradshaw are in continual contact with me and we are looking forward to the PNW Regional meeting this June. Ted and George have been great support and continue to pray for the CCCC presence in the PNW.

From the Portland area; I received a letter from Pastor Ron Hamilton that John Ritter has moved on and his letter of dismissal was approved. Brian Becker from Estacada, OR has contacted me concerning ordination and will be attending the PNW Area Conference in June. I am looking forward to meeting Brian and working with him in Estacada.

This past August we had a powerful Peacemaking Seminar, where four churches from the Garfield area came together to hear from John Kimball about peacemaking in the church (John's first seminar in Garfield, and our third time going through Peacemaking training). Since then we have had several opportunities to work with the peacemaking materials and

bring reconciliation in other's lives. We have seen, in our own church, several times where confession and repentance has led to reconciliation.

Please join us in prayer for Garfield Fellowship, Plymouth Congregational, and Community Congregational as they continue to seek God's heart in the Church Development process; Ted Bradshaw as he starts a new "blog" adventure; Continue to join us in prayer for Biblical Unity and connectedness in the CCCC family of the PNW as well as developing positive Biblical relationships with other churches.

We are encouraged as we continue to build relationships and living life together. We have never been more blessed as the CCCC has been a wonderful support for all of us here in the PNW, and around the conference. Dedicated to the irreducible core: Loving God, Loving others, and making disciples along the way.

Lots of hugs to you all from the PNW.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Walker

CALIFORNIA

Annual Family Conference—July 2014

This year has been full of activity and some exciting milestones. Even though most of our churches are in Southern California, it is still a rather large geographic area. As a result I have spent quite a bit of time on So. Cal. freeways. In spite of all the driving, it has been a great year serving as California Area Rep.

We are working toward life-on-life ministry to one another at most of our

Regional Meetings. In the San Diego region, our “Southern Command,” we met together at Carlsbad Community Church (CCC) on 11 September and 4 December 2013, plus 26 February and 14 May 2014. In our “Central Command,” the greater Los Angeles region, on 12 November 2013 we met at Montrose Community Church and at Lake Avenue Church (LAC) on 29 May 2014.

In November we said farewell to a wonderful model of faithful Christian service, disciple-making, renewal, and Christ-like love, Anne Ortlund. Her example lives on in the host of lives she influenced for Christ, my own live included.

I was able to attend services at a few of our churches: Sunday Morning Worship on 18 August at CCC; Memorial Service for Anne Ortlund on 25 November at LAC; and Saturday Evening Worship and Ordination Service for Roger Bosch on 7 June at LAC.

In addition to some interviews for Licensing with CCCC, I was privileged to participate in the Ordination process for: Rev. Gavin Ortlund (Vicinage Council on 13 July and the Ordination Service on 15 September 2013, both at Sierra Madre Congregational Church); Art McCleary (Vicinage Council at CCC on 4 March 2014); and Rev. Roger Bosch (Vicinage Council on 10 May and Ordination Service on 7 June 14, both at LAC).

I had some special meetings with some Lead Pastors at LAC to discuss strengthening the relationship between LAC and CCCC. These have been going very well.

Looking forward, are hoping to host the 68th Annual Meeting we in California. By previous custom the CCCC Annual Meeting was in California every 8 years. Since 1994, however, the Annual meeting has been to California only once, 2007. We regret that in the last 20 years our CCCC members have been afforded only one opportunity to take a tax-deductible trip to the Golden State. In 2016 we intend to change that!

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Sloat



DIRECTOR OF CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

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Church Development Team

The Lord has blessed me once again with a great team. The camaraderie and partnership of these men is a major factor in our overall success. As of last annual meeting, Rich Cook (Hazen ND) took over as our Chairman, giving Todd Venman (Russell PA) the space he needed to prepare for his upcoming new role as CCCC President. Rich has asked a lot of questions and has suggested some improvements to our process. His insights have been very helpful. Todd remains on the team and is an active participant. The rest of our team members are Ed Rinehart (Lima OH), Dave Balicki (Grand Rapids MI), Tim Franklin (Bridport VT), Peter Wood (New Ipswich NH) and Dave Eisley (Allenville WI). As we move toward the new year, there will be a stronger Conference emphasis on moving vital ministries like Church Development out to the regional and local level. We are prayerfully considering how the team may be expanded to best fulfill that vision.

Hubs and Ministry Activity

We now have five Church Development Hubs operating at various stages in our process: Pacific Northwest, Pittsburgh Area, Eastern Wisconsin, Northeast, and North Dakota. In most cases, each church in each hub has now experienced The Peacemaker and the introductory training. Others are well into the training process and are beginning their initial implementation. This represents 14 local congregations if all decide to sign the Church Development Covenant and follow through. We have also been excited about the response to some of the slight changes we have made in our sequence and presentation. We look forward to a fruitful relationship with these pastors and churches.

Wider Ministry

This year (2014) has also seen our influence grow beyond the CCCC. Through various relationships and partnerships, I have received invitations to take some of our process and training to other venues. In each case, God has opened a door for us to connect in ways that foster wider kingdom ministry. I was invited last fall to lead a weekend Peacemaker event for the whole town of Garfield, WA, which brought the churches of the whole community together and invested the gospel-based reconciliation principles we teach in congregations from multiple denominations. Through my connections with GOBA (Greater Orlando Baptist Association), I received an invitation to take part in the Renovate! 2014 National Church Revitalization Conference, where I will lead a pre-Conference intensive for denominational executives (multiple backgrounds) and will offer several workshops on “Church Revitalization in Rural Settings.” I also received an invitation to join our partners at Interim Pastor Ministries as a Keynote Speaker for their 2014 Annual Summit at Trinity International University in Deerfield,

IL. I was asked to speak on “Healing the Church through Intercessory Prayer” (a mandatory component of our process and a personal passion of mine) and to lead workshops on biblical reconciliation and on coaching pastors. It has been a great year building relationships with folks in the Evangelical Free Church in America, Converge International, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Church Planting

Many regularly ask me for updates on our new Church Planting adventure. It is amazing, scary and exciting all at the same time! The Palmwood Church core team has been assessed by the CCCC’s Northstar Center for Church Multiplication, we have gone through months of training and preparation (including the Quest Training), and we are now all preparing to move to Oviedo, Florida over the next few months. I have been amazed and blessed at how many partnerships “on the ground” the Lord has established for us, the new friends we have in our lives, and the number of people who have said “yes” to join us on this adventure. As of the writing of this report, if the three who are praying about their full participation make the move, we will begin our ministry with 19 people (including children)! We also have made numerous contacts already in Florida and know that at least three families (including children) will connect with us initially to prayerfully test if they should also join us. That is an additional 12 people!

We are now making appointments to share our vision with individuals and churches, to raise needed financial support for the start-up and first three years (we believe the church should be self-supporting by the end of year three), and to recruit additional laborers and church planters who have a heart for the Southeastern United States. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to email us a office@palmwoodchurch.com or call me directly at the Conference office at (651) 739-1474.

Conclusion

Once again I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve the Conference as your Director of Church Development. There is much work to be done, but the joy and fulfillment in this ministry is such a blessing. I look forward to continued service again this next year (albeit from a much warmer base of operations)!

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kimball

CCCC Director of Church Development

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Annual Family Conference—2014

It is wonderful being a part of the Lord's working in the CCCC as part of the Church Development Committee. I have been a part of this Committee since its inception in 2007 and was chosen to be its Chairman at our last Annual Conference. It has been my privilege to work with some fantastic individuals who make up our committee and our larger team. The members of our team are myself, Peter Wood, David Balicki, Todd Venman, Dave Eisley, Ed Rinehart and Tim Franklin. Our fearless leader is Dr. John Kimball, Director of Church Development.

The Church Development Team meets twice a month for two hours per meeting. One meeting is for discussion of business and the other is for prayer. On the days we meet for prayer any remaining time is also used for business.

In the very near future our team will be expanding its number of team members as part of a vision the Lord has given us for this ministry. We believe God is calling us to a more relational approach, which would require more people in more places who can do life-on-life with others. This expansion sees the life-on-life process multiplied through already existing relationships. Team members would walk with people through the development process in a way that those individuals could duplicate in their relationships. The focus will be more on relationship than curriculum, which will result in an organic growth process.

This change in vision also requires a change in material. Our team is presently facing the issues that come with developing new material and we covet your prayers. We give thanks to the Lord for His grace in bringing the CCCC into a relationship with The Praxis Center For Church Development. We also wish to thank Tom Johnston and Mike Perkinson for their training, guidance and encouragement as we have used their Praxis materials for the past 6 years in our Church Development process, and are still using them with our current training hubs.

Currently there are four Church Development training hubs in progress. These are in Pittsburgh, PA, Spokane, WA, Wisconsin, and in the Great Plains. Though these hubs are at different points in the process, we are encouraged by what the Lord is doing. We are also continuing to work with a number of pastors and churches in a coaching/mentoring relationship as they continue to apply principles that were taught during the training hubs.

With great anticipation we look forward to what it is that Lord will continue to do in our team and in the CCCC.

Respectfully,
Rich Cook, Chairman

LAY MINISTRIES COMMITTEE*No activity*EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT*Annual Family conference—2014*

The Education Committee awarded one scholarship this past year. Every Conference Care student is urged to apply for scholarship aid to help defray seminary expenses. Complete scholarship information and application form are available on our website: http://www.cccusa.com/ministries/conference_care/student-care/

We are awaiting God's timing to replace our Conference Historian. Please be in prayer as the Board continues that important search process. In the meantime, we are eager to learn of those able to lead workshops on historic Congregationalism or the Reformed heritage of our churches for future Annual Family Conferences. For 2014 the Education Committee sponsored the "Introduction to the CCCC" workshop, led by Pastor Nick Granitsas. Also, committee member Marcia Moskal, along with Pastor Joel Bucklin are presenting, "The Viability of a Small Group Ministry in the Local Church."

In order to enhance your knowledge of historic Congregationalism as well as your teaching for Confirmation classes, new member classes or other Christian education gatherings, the CCCC History and Polity course is available to purchase online at http://store.gordonconwell.edu/product_p/ncs-mc601hi.htm. Be sure to order the notebook along with the course. The notebook includes many extras that greatly enhance one's learning experience. This course is especially helpful to familiarize transferring clergy and new congregations to our CCCC polity, values and history.

We appreciate your continued prayers for the work of this committee. We also ask that you would contact any one of the committee members with information about successful educational ventures in your ministry that may be instructive to other congregations. We also are interested in the needs and concerns facing local churches and clergy in terms of disciple making and education in particular.

Respectfully,

Dave Meckley

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

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Editorial projects for 2013-2014 included:

- ▶ **The FORESEE** newsletter is sent out monthly in online and pdf formats. The PDF is now attached directly to the email notification and can be accessed to be printed with a “single click.” See the Editor’s report following this one.
- ▶ **CCCC Yearbook**
The yearbook is published annually at the beginning of the calendar year and includes updated information from the ministerial and church questionnaires. The online/self-print version is updated again in August to reflect the changes voted in at the Annual Family Conference. This year’s edition includes email and web address. We greatly appreciate your assistance to keep your contact information current. Please let the Home Office staff know of any changes.
- ▶ **Spiritual Life Committee Monday Prayer Guide** brochure
The Monday Prayer Guide is produced after the Annual Family Conference. Copies are included in the Fall Mailing. PDF versions in both black and white and color are posted in the Resources section of the website.
- ▶ **Cornerstone Corps Brochure** updated and a PDF version posted under the Resources tab on the website.
- ▶ To reach one of the goals set by the committee last year, “to provide pertinent ministry resources to members.” Media Manager, Jeremy Peters and Jeff Holton are teaming up to present the “*Media as Ministry*” **Workshop** at the Annual Family Conference.

On going discussion in committee web conferences includes: upgrading print and media resources used by conference committees and staff, revision and upgrading website content, increased use of technology and social media, development of content about the CCCC and effective ways to present that to new audiences and our constituency.

Kim Gardell

Editorial Committee

Dan Ledwith, Mo Cromier, also participating, Jennifer Cromier and Jeff Holton

Ad hoc members:

Ken McGarvey, FORESEE Editor;

Jeremy Peters, Media Manager

FORESEE EDITOR'S REPORT*Annual Family Conference—July 2014*

The FORESEE, the official organ of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, has been published monthly on the Internet since 2009. It was printed bimonthly and distributed by mail for many decades before that. I have been editor since 2007 — a very positive ministry that a decade ago I would not have FORESEEN, but that God has given me in my geezerhood.

We rely on Conference Minister Ron Hamilton, Northeast Region Minister Terry Shanahan, director of Church Development John Kimball, volunteer director of Conference care Lenn Zeller and Betty Mitchell, parish nurse from Immanuel Bethel Church in Royal Oak, Michigan for regular articles. We also receive occasional articles from other Conference leaders and members. Our Area Reps produce Around the Conference articles each month on a rotation basis. I also pull pastoral articles or essays from some of the church newsletters that are sent to me. I also get articles from the World Evangelical Congregational Fellowship, Reformed Congregational Fellowship and other organizations. Another key person in the production and publishing of The FORESEE is Kim Gardell, a source of ideas and advice, and the one who produces the PDF printable version of the newsletter each month.

We receive some statistics from Google Analytics, giving us a little information on how many people from different computers click on which articles each month. Far more people click on placement information than anything else. Also popular are Conference Minister Comments, Around the Conference, Northeast Region Minister and Church Development. Despite our strong emphasis on missions and church planting, those articles are not nearly as popular as those previously mentioned. Many people read obituaries and other Conference announcements, including announcements about the Annual Family Conference.

It has been a privilege to serve as editor for the past seven years, and I look forward to another year in this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken McGarvey,

Editor of The FORESEE

CHURCH MULTIPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Church Multiplication committee has been in existence since 1999. We exist to “develop and sustain a Multiplication Movement in the Conference.” In 2009 at a committee meeting in Boston, we prayed for a vision for church multiplication in the CCCC. What emerged was something beyond the (humanly) possible:

We believe that by the year 2020 over one-half of the member churches in the Conference will be healthy reproducing churches started by the CCCC in the 21st Century. A majority of these new churches will be planted in major metropolitan areas and will reach people from every generation and ethnic group...We believe that other churches will be born in rural and suburban settings as daughter churches of existing CCCC member churches that have rediscovered their mission to make disciples and impact their communities. We envision that every CCCC church will know the joy of birthing one or more daughter churches.

This past year has consisted of growth and the realization that we have a long way to go. At our Boston meeting we laid out a roadmap to measure the journey. To reach this God-sized accomplishment we would need 10 churches that would each multiply every three years. As such we would look for the following mile markers: 2008 – 10 churches, 2011 – 20 churches, 2014 – 40 churches, 2017 – 80 churches, 2020 – 160 churches.

While we are traveling a bit slower than we’d hoped, we are not without movement and growth. We currently have three hubs where much of the activity takes place. Last year our LA Metro hub lost her leadership and she continues to recover. Ron has visited a few area churches to promote church planting. One church graciously gave a gift of \$1200 in response. He has also met with area planters, working to rebuild the LA Metro Hub. Interest continues to grow and we’re hopeful that we may soon have a representative from that area on our national committee. We’re excited to say that The Greenhouse Project (Sam Harrell) continues to grow steadily, meeting their expected growth goals. Two “Gospel Communities” meet weekly and they have a strong outreach to an area rescue mission. We sought to bring a God-honoring closure to our relationship with Sovereign Grace Church, meeting with Alex to live out the CCCC value of peace-making. The committee was pleased with that meeting and the CCCC board believes we did the right thing.

Our NorthStar (Minneapolis-St. Paul) Hub regularly promotes our conference and church multiplication efforts to potential planters and churches. They connect with Bethel Seminary to reach out to students there and held The Call for 3 students. We’re excited to report that we believe Living Pathway Church (Matt Milligan, Hudson, MN) is established and growing. Consequently, their funding will end this year. We’re also very excited that John Kimball (Palmwood Church) has felt called to plant in Orlando, Florida. NorthStar had oversight of assessment and training for this project and the church was recently accepted as a Church

in Development. Jason Egan's (Downer's Grove, IL) project growth is steady but slow, as he and Megan continue to disciple new Christians. Like many planters, he needs to develop sources of income. So he is developing a home-based business selling a variety of products to churches and individuals. (Jason has a display at the annual meeting to promote this effort to support his church plant).

The NEX Hub also continues to meet monthly and foster the movement. They have held a regional Quest Training and several individual assessments. They also have had several opportunities to make presentations to Gordon-Conwell Seminary to promote the Conference and our movement. Through a "divine appointment" on a running path, God brought together Bryan Long and a small group of people looking for someone to lead them in a new church. They formed The Agora Community (Rochester, NY) and began public worship services this spring! We're excited to say we have legacy church opportunity in Massachusetts where one church wants to give their building to a church in the next community. We have a potential church planter for that project out of Gordon-Conwell. Nate Hall, an active member of NEX, suffered the tragic loss of his daughter, Erika, in an automobile accident. We want to express our deepest sympathies to Nate and Eileen Hall (Pacific Union Church, MA) in this loss.

We have two developing Ohio projects. Matt Reed is developing the Mosaic Church in Canton, OH. Things are slow but growing. Also, we have another legacy opportunity in Marion, OH. Salem Evangelical Church has given a church building and \$15,000 in assets. They have pastor in place to plant a new church in the building and they are already running 40 – 50 people. In Pennsylvania, Todd Venman, pastor of the Wiltsie Community Church in Russell, PA, attended last year's Nineveh Project church planters' conference to learn about "daughtering" a church plant. In another development in Pennsylvania, a recent church plant in Erie, PA, The Cross, has been received as a Church in Development and their pastor, Charles Nelson, will be received as a member minister this year.

Our present church planters include: Jason Egan, Mike Fehan, Mike Goff, Sam Harrell, Matt Kaminski, Jerry Keranen, John Kimball, Abel Kimm, Matt Kruse, Jack Littler, Bryan Long, Matt Milligan, Rob O'Neal, Matt Reed, Dan Schuaer, Glenn Stone, Ajay Thomas, Charles Nelson. Our potential church planters include: Steve Christian, Doug Glynn, Jeremy Peters, David Preuss, Randy Schulenburg, Ryan Hobbs, Mark Creighton, Benjamin Lantzer, Rhett Crabtree.

The committee met in Orlando for their annual face-to-face meeting. We spent the bulk of the time reviewing and evaluating our C2M2 (Cultivating Church Multiplication Movements) plan created in 2010. We also created a job description and discussed potential candidates for the part-time Church Multiplication Director conference position.

We are pleased to announce that this year's Nineveh Project (our church planting conference) will be held on September 29 – Oct 2, 2014. Hosted at City Church in Minneapolis, the conference is designed for planters and churches considering to multiply themselves. David T. Olson, author of the groundbreaking book, *The American Church in Crisis*, will be our

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keynote speaker, where he will talk about leadership styles and developing leaders. More information can be found at www.theninevehproject.com.

As we look to the future, we see the need to figure out how to financially steward this movement. This will take far more money than we presently have. We also need to design a pathway to promote and assist churches interested in “daughtering” a church. This next year we hope to put in writing the existing services and pathways for church planters, so that they know what it will take to plant a church with the CCCC. Finally, we need to formalize our current policy, yet also adapt policy that will facilitate the movement as it changes and grows.

How can you get involved in this move of God’s Spirit? We invite you to regularly pray for this movement. We ask you to consider “birthing” a church plant out of your present church. You could commit to partner financially in the Life-Changing Churches Fund. Promote the idea of church planting among your teens and young adults.

We want to thank the Conference for your support and prayers, particularly among our Conference leaders.

Respectfully,

Jeff O’Guin, Chair

CONFERENCE GROWTH COMMITTEE

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Since our time together at our last Annual Family Conference in St. Paul, MN, the Conference Growth Committee coordinated one project for the Cornerstone Corps.

Our Fall 2013 project was to assist the congregation of the International Christian Fellowship of Portland, Maine. This congregation is one of our newer churches within the CCCC. God has blessed this church with remarkable growth in recent years, almost doubling in attendance since 2008 to over 200 regular members. Most of the parishioners are immigrants and refugees, building a new life in the United States. This is truly a mission field! With growth comes challenges – and this congregation has now outgrown their existing facility. The congregation has already found a larger building that would better serve their immediate needs while also allowing for growth.

Through the generous giving to the Cornerstone Corps, we were able to present the International Christian Fellowship of Portland, Maine, with a gift of \$4,545.83, to assist in the purchase and development of their new facility. The members of this congregation have asked that their deep appreciation be passed on to you, the gracious and giving people of the CCCC.

Our upcoming Fall 2014 project will be to assist the East Oberlin Community Church in Oberlin, OH. Please watch for a mailing with more details about this upcoming project. May God richly bless each one of you as you walk with Him in His Word and by His Spirit every day.

In Christ's Love,

Michael Hecht, Chairman

Jim Bertoti

Dan Schauer

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

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It is a privilege for our Mission's Committee to have the opportunity to encourage the 100 missionaries listed with the CCCC. These include 31 overseas missionaries, serving in 18 countries, as well as 69 missionaries serving in the USA.

Our committee recognizes that these 100 missionaries have other sponsoring agents, but we stand ready to assist them as CCCC members.

The key goals that our Committee has discussed include: (a) Expanding the activity/ministry news about each of our missionaries to the CCCC churches. (b) Gaining a better understanding of the global and USA mission projects that our CCCC churches currently working on. This is a key communication goal. We have been discussing how this communication can be accomplished beyond the internet newsletter.

We are thankful for the CCCC missionaries who write to us with news and prayer requests each month. We ask that all of our missionaries put us on their list, and keep us informed. (We especially are thankful for the effort of Malcolm Collins, who faithfully publishes all the missionary prayer letters.)

Our Committee is having an ongoing discussion about how to improve the Missionary Prayer Booklet.

We are discussing whether the CCCC Newsletter could be utilized from time to time in publishing some of our missionary prayer requests.

This year, our Committee approved a mission short term scholarship for one CCCC pastor to minister in Haiti.

We hope that many CCCC missionaries will attend the Annual Meeting, and be recognized.

Missions Committee,

Marv Eyler, Chairman

Art Fleming, Malcolm Collins, Eugene Schamko, Roland Rose, Michael Greene

MICRONESIA MINISTRIES COMMITTEE*Annual Family Conference—July 2014*

This past twelve months the ministry of Morning Star Institute (MSI) has been carried on by Max Vague, Director of MSI, Barry Jones and Kohne Ramon. Max has taught in Portland, OR, Maui, HI and Chuuk, Saipan and Guam in Micronesia. In each place local church leaders are instructed in biblical and church leadership topics. Dan Pulliam, committee member, is also teaching Palauan believers in the Portland, OR area and will take MSI teaching to the island of Palau soon. Kohne Ramon teaches on Pohnpei and its outer islands as well as in the states.

Barry Jones took his last trip to the islands in February and was received with great affection by large groups. Barry leaves a legacy of 30 years of ministry in group and personal settings. He has helped so many pastors and the patriarch of the CCCC ministry to Micronesia will be sorely missed. He continues to communicate and send resources as requests come to him. Age-related health issues for Barry and his wife, Chris, have necessitated his retirement.

The financial support for Mizpah Christian High School on Chuuk has dropped dramatically this past 12 months. Carlsbad Community Church has increased their support to help Mizpah continue. Mizpah has graduated another small class and by God's grace will continue.

The balance in the Micronesia fund has dropped to the point that by the annual conference significant changes will likely have been made. God is closing some doors and will open others in his time.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Gardell, Chair

Diane Lepior, Bill Brandon, Jake Hartnett, Dan Pulliam and Max Vague

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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Our mandate: “carry on discussions and build relations with other like-minded bodies in this country and throughout the world.” III(5)(E)

Please join the “Fraternity”

... Men and women given to Godly discussions, fellowship and intercessory prayer for our evangelical Congregational fellowship. We are a needy people, especially today. Your concern is critical today. Join us and our CCCC Missions Committee to mobilize our local churches to support our international fellowship ... in a dangerous world.

More Christians in startling jeopardy ... Iraq needs our prayers today

(June 6, 2014 CNSNews.com) – “The startling gains made by Jihadist fighters in Iraq are placing the region’s already extremely vulnerable Christians in even greater peril, Christian advocacy groups are warning.

While hundreds of thousands of Iraqis are affected by the Islamic State of Iraq and the (insurgents’) takeover of key cities including the Ninawa (Nineveh) provincial capital, Mosul, minority Christians – some of whom trace their origins to the earliest years of Christianity – are among those with the most to lose.

In previous years, Christians fleeing violence in Baghdad or elsewhere in the south often headed for the Mosul area. The Nineveh Plain formed the historic homeland of Assyrians, an ancient non-Arab ethnic group in Iraq. Main Christian denominations include Chaldean Catholic, Assyrian, Syrian Orthodox, Armenian and evangelicals.”

Since this report the dangerous prospect of an Islamic Caliphate may already be a reality. The Assyrian Orthodox Church was reportedly burned down in Mosul, the capital of Nineveh Province. Hundreds have been slaughtered. The Assyrian Presbyterian Church in Chicago continues to lead prayers for Iraq. The World Evangelical Alliance of our National Association of Evangelicals will be a key to helping our churches to mobilize to pray and care for the needy.

Serving the “Fraternity” in the U.S.

David Midwood has a long and productive relationship with interdenominational ministries with Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Vision New England, His leadership has benefited the church well beyond the CCCC. Beyond our fellowship is Overseed Ministries that encourages mainline denominations that are seeking evangelical renewal. Partnering with the Hispanic Prayer Encounter will bring the CCCC closer to broader fellowship and revival. Relationship, encouragement and prayer. Does David’s theme resonate with your commitments and busy life of service? I hope so.

Serving the “Fraternity” internationally.

A. Barry Jones continues to be an advocate for the growing relationship of the CCCC as a member of the World Evangelical Congregational Fellowship (WECF). He introduced Pastor David Saunders from Rochford, England to the CCCC some years ago. When David was President of the WECF, he was instrumental in helping our Evangelical Congregational Church Fellowship in Manipur, North India as they went through a horrific decade of fratricide. David and Barry helped our CCCC to respond to Pastor T. J. Haopik and the Kuki Nation to find spiritual revival and stability. Currently there is peace in that region,

This past month, Narendra Modi was elected Prime Minister of India. Our Fellowship in Northern India needs our support and prayer. Mr. Modi is a brilliant leader in many ways. He has committed himself to “diversity.” A committed Hindu, Mr. Modi’s party seems linked to extreme views that are anti-conversion. Our fraternity is fragile and will need our understanding and wisdom. May God change the hearts of the leaders.

Please follow the Asian news and Indian nationals in your churches so you can encourage our Fellowship in Manipur. Barry and I will do our best to give you good information.

Serving our National Pro-life Council (NPRC)

Kirk van der Swaagh serves in an executive position in the NPRC on behalf of the CCCC. Since we joined the NPRC, God has led us in encouraging our CCCC churches to join this fraternity of pro-life evangelicals. In Rev. Ben Sheldon’s invitation to us in 1996, he challenged the CCCC to minister to “those hurt by this culture of death in which we live.” Nationally and internationally. Let us continue to respond.

Please read Kirk’s Annual Report in this booklet. May God lead you to join Kirk and our fraternity of care and prayer.

May we serve together to expand this “Fraternity of care and ministry.” Let us hear from you so we can learn from you and serve you all.

Soli Deo Gloria,

*David Midwood, A. Barry Jones, Kirk van der Swaagh,
Art Gay, Chairman (artgay@gmail.com)*

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: NATIONAL PRO-LIFE RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

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The National Pro-life Religious Council (NPRC) continues in its mission to fulfill its vision of seeing “every Christian denomination or fellowship proclaim and obey Biblical teaching and Christian tradition that affirm the value of all human life.”

On January 22, 2014, the NPRC co-hosted the 20th annual National Memorial for the Preborn and Their Mothers and Fathers. This is a prayer liturgy designed to include a very broad spectrum of the church as it includes participation of clergy from multiple denominations and traditions who join together to pray for an end to abortion and for healing for those who have been or are involved in abortion. The extremely cold weather made for a low turnout, both for the service and the annual March for Life, but prayers were offered by those gathered. Next year’s Memorial will be held at Constitution Hall in Washington, DC, 1776 D St., NW (18th and D St) on the morning of Thursday, January 22, 2015. CCCC clergy would be welcome to be part of the number who are leading the liturgy. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to be updated on the preparations for the service.

In the course of the Memorial, the NPRC presented their annual Proudly Pro-life Award to Brad Mattes, CEO of Life Issues Institute. Brad is host and executive producer of the weekly pro-life television show, Facing Life Head-On. The program has earned three Regional Emmy® Awards. He is also the host of Life Issues, a daily radio commentary carried on over 1,100 outlets. In addition, Brad serves as president of the International Right to Life Federation and is a frequent speaker on abortion and related life issues.

Efforts continue to be made to have additional pro-life witnesses included into the membership of the NPRC. Several denominations and para-church organizations are in conversation with the NPRC at this time.

Press releases were published over the past year regarding the contraception mandate in the Affordable Care Act. As some of the forms of contraception that are covered are abortifacients, the NPRC felt it had to make the biblical position of the sacredness of life from conception until natural death known in the public square.

I also represented the CCCC at the Council’s quarterly board meetings in Washington, DC, and I continue to serve as the NPRC’s Vice-president.

Respectfully,

Kirk van der Swaagh, CCCC Delegate to the National Pro-life Religious Council

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION STUDY COMMITTEE

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Receiving input from the Board of Directors, the following changes are proposed to the Conference for adoption.

Constitution Studies Committee,

Steven Felker, Chair, Mary Braham, Nicholas Granitsas

With the same concern as those that prompted the change for Board of Director terms that was passed at the 2013 annual meeting, the following is proposed to establish the possibility of two consecutive terms for Conference President and Vice President:

Article VIII.1.D. Read 2013, voted 2014.

Current read:

The office of the Conference President and the Conference Vice President shall be limited to one full term, but following a one-year lapse, their eligibility for re-election shall be restored. No Conference officer, except for the Conference Minister, may serve more than nine consecutive years in Conference offices without a lapse of at least one year between those offices.

Motion: to Make the necessary changes to read:

The office of the Conference President and the Conference Vice President shall be limited to two full terms, but following a one-year lapse, their eligibility for re-election shall be restored. No Conference officer, except for the Conference Minister, may serve more than twelve consecutive years in Conference offices without a lapse of at least one year between those offices.

An additional reminder: The Constitution Study Committee is also charged with assisting member churches with the development and review of their own constitutions and bylaws. If we can be of service in any way, please don't hesitate to be in touch with us.



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