

Eastern Region Representative to ACGC

I was appointed as the Eastern Region representative late spring. On September 8th I attended orientation at the ACGC office in Charlotte, NC and the board meetings were held from September 9-11th at the Shiloh AC Church in Monroe, NC.

Each morning the meetings were opened with worship music and a devotional. On the first day, John Gallagher, the new board president welcomed us and was thankful that we could meet in person.

Steve Lawson, Executive Director presented his report, reminding us that the Executive Council had not met in person since September 2019. Plans are moving forward for the Tri-Annual Conference to be held in 2023. Like all of us, 2020 became a hybrid situation in the office and Zoom meetings have become the norm. There was discussion on the sale of property behind the offices; a committee will be assigned to discuss the use of these funds. It was brought to our attention that a relationship has been established with Converge Worldwide to assist with church planting. Executive Director Lawson thanked his staff for their dedication.

Reports from region superintendents were presented:

- * Appalachian Region's superintendent Bill Millinor has resigned, Pastor Travis Hutchenson presented
- * Central Region - Bill Norwood

Department of Finance, Dawn Rutan shared charts comparing finances from the last 10 years. At this time the budget is 15% under supported. Ms. Rutan presented a working budget for 2022 that will be updated and voted on in December.

Department of International Missions, Jeff Walsh presented his report with highlights and prayers:

- * With the death of Mr. M.M. Immanuel his position as a signatory of funds has been replaced by Mr. Ezhil Christadoss. Mr. Walsh thanked those who assisted with this transition. India has been hit hard with COVID.
 - * In Tanzania, a tribe called Hadzabe has brought more than 50 people to the Lord. They continue to seek bibles in their language.
 - * Myanmar has experienced a military coup, the leaders in our churches are safe but continued prayer is needed.
 - *Christo Salva in Honduras has suspended all future mission trips due to COVID and extreme violence. The clinic is being used 24/7 for COVID patients.
- Mr. Walsh reminded us that reaching the lost is our mission.

Executive Director Lawson brought our attention to policy changes that were made to HR manual. All changes were accepted by the council and approved.

The executive meeting adjourned for the day and a meeting was called to order for AAMS. Two mail-in ballots were approved.

Day 2

Department of Communication Justin Nash shared his report about the *Witness* and *Marnatha* subscriptions. Maranatha is a real concern, as subscriptions are down and finding writers for the daily devotional has become a struggle for the staff. There was much discussion about this publication. Mr. Nash thanked his staff for their dedication to this work.

Department of Church Health is under Justin Nash. Due to COVID there was little direct service to the churches. To date 30 churches have responded to Natural Church Development, which is on goal from the 2017 strategic plan. Mr. Nash continues to reach out to churches with the support of the superintendents. Mr. Nash also announced a Leadership Conference that will be held February 2-4, 2022 at Dowling Park, FL.

Reports from superintendents were presented:

- * Eastern Region - Greg Twitchell
- * Southern Region - Joe Pritchett
- * Western Region - Rick Qualls

Women's Ministries Coordinator Beth Larkin's report was a video. Mrs. Larkin shared updates for WHFMS program planning for 2022.

Coordinator of Leadership Development, Matt Larkin discussed the goals he has accomplished towards the strategic plan. The Ministry Training Institute has been successful with 33 students that began this program in September. At this time there are four field offices promoting this program to raise up leaders in pastoral ministry, church planting, and missions. There is now a position available at ACGC for a Coordinator of Church Planting.

At this time the council went into executive session. At the completion, the meeting adjourned for the day.

Day 3

The last of business was discussed and voted on.

President Gallagher shared the importance of prayer in the region, national and for our churches. A motion was made to adjourn the executive council and the AAMS.

At this time we prayed for each other.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Reed