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2018 General Assembly

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Mission | Vision | Strategy

Ohio Ministries of the Church of God

Our Identity

We are an association of churches in Ohio networking and laboring together to make Jesus the subject in our lives, our churches, and our communities.

Our Vision

To do whatever it takes to effectively share the good news of Jesus, both locally and globally, to the end that mature disciples are made, biblical leaders are identified, and nurtured, and healthy churches are established and multiplied.

Our Mission

Together, we work to unify, develop, and multiply churches and leaders.

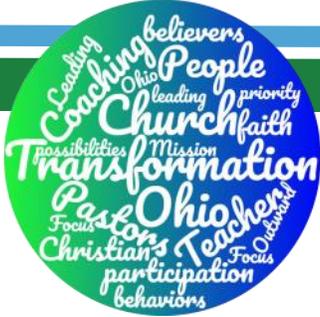
Our Objectives

Believing that we are better together, we work in concert with churches and pastors to accomplish these shared objectives:

- Develop and encourage leaders for ministry;
- Promote, consult, and coach churches for transformation that empowers them to live out the call to make disciples and serve their communities;
- Strategize, assess, train, and resource individuals and churches called to multiply.

Our Strategy

We rely on churches and their leaders to initiate grassroots strategies to fulfill our vision and employ our state ministries staff as a catalyst and a *paraclete* according to our shared objectives. We serve as a catalyst among leaders and churches to empower and accelerate the path toward reaching their God-given mission. We also serve as a *paraclete* to walk alongside leaders and churches to guide, coach, and encourage.



2018 In Review

Consultation churches*

- Dayspring
- Wauseon

*Consultation Church
A partnership between Ohio Ministries and a local congregation in the creation of a new church life cycle.

Ohio Ministries, a paraclete and catalyst ministry to partner with you as you live out God-given dreams

Def of paraclete:
one who walks alongside

Def of catalyst:
an agent that provokes or speeds significant change or action



Senior Adults
430 at Fall Feasts
326 at Spring Fling

Partnership
with
Lima Crossroads and
Northeast Ohio
to re-start Great Lakes Church
Work teams from
Central, NE, NW and SE have
partnered with GLC members to
complete the building restoration
Open house
is in November

**Ontario
Avenue Church**
Is a re-start church.
Now averaging 50% am
attendance increase over
2017

**Mission Team:
Love Does**
Outreach community
projects demonstrating the
love and compassion
of Christ



Working with
Giving Grace to use
the former Carlisle church
facilities
to start a
new congregation
being overseen by the
Monroe Church





START FRESH

Trotwood:

Chris Hall
missional community

Start Fresh
1st time event
311 attended

Navigated a *partnership* with Bellefontaine and West Liberty: Last November Bellefontaine commissioned and sent one of their own, Nate Wilcoxon, to pastor neighboring West Liberty Church of God. At that time the West Liberty church was struggling to survive. Now experiencing revival with over 100 baptized this year.



2018
Youth Ministries
Camp Marengo

271 of campers
75% made decisions
(1st time commitments, rededications, a call to the ministry)
66 churches represented

Leadership Focus:

16 to be ordained in 2018
43 currently in the program

127 Ohio pastors/lay leaders attended the *Large 3C Cultivating Congregations* in August

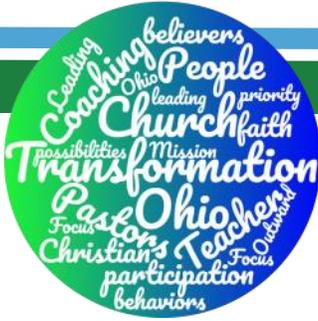
Disaster Relief

- Partnered with Eaton and Ansonia, to send teams to TX
- Raised \$63,850 and counting for hurricane relief to TX, FL, PR, NC/SC
- Sent mop-out buckets, first aid items, personal items, new clothing, water & nonperishable food items

2017
Youth Ministries

OSyc
633 attended
37 churches represented





~ *Agenda* ~

Call To Order
Welcome and Prayer
Approval of Minutes
Appointment of Tellers and Parliamentarian
Director's Report
Property Sale Proposal
Committee and Team Reports
2019 Budget Presentation
Presentation of Ordination Candidates
Nominating Committee Report
Ratification Ballot
Recognition of Guests
Announcements and Adjournment

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Members of OHIO MINISTRIES with voting privileges shall be as follows:

3.1.1 Ministers. All ministers who are in good standing as defined by the state's credentials committee, and are ordained, licensed, or commissioned in the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) and fulfill any of the following qualifications and declaration thereof by Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) Yearbook registration within the last two (2) years:

- 3.1.1.1 Ministers actively engaged in ministry with Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) congregations in good standing in Ohio.
- 3.1.1.2 Ecumenical ministers actively engaged in ministry while maintaining relationship with OHIO MINISTRIES.
- 3.1.1.3 Retired ministers who maintain identity and affiliation with the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) in Ohio.
- 3.1.1.4 State Executives and Officers of the Corporation.

3.1.2 Lay Delegates. Lay Delegates selected by their local congregation, under the following formula: one for every one hundred people counted in the local congregation's annualized average weekend worship service attendance published in the current **Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) Yearbook**, not to exceed 10 delegates from any one congregation; such lay members of the Assembly shall have their eligibility authenticated by a written statement (presented to OHIO MINISTRIES) from the sending congregation's lead pastor, interim pastor, or leadership board (in the absence of a pastor) before participation is allowed.



2017 Assembly/Governing Board Minutes

Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 1:15 pm

Steve Rauch, Governing Board Chair, welcomed pastors, delegates and guests. Mark Krenz, Meadow Park pastor, welcomed and recognized their church volunteer staff for the day. Steve Rauch welcomed first time attenders to the Ohio General Assembly. He read the voting regulations from article 3, section 1.1.

Approval of minutes from last year's meeting; motion to accept by Kyle Younkman, seconded by Nathan Stewart, motion carried.

GA Positions read by Steve Rauch; Parliamentarian-Vern Allison

Directors report by Dr. Esther Cottrell;

- Catalyst
- Encouragement stories of Church growth, re-development, Emerge-grant program to fund new churches and campuses;
- New church plants
- Re-starts
- New campuses
- Developing church multiplication leadership
- Cluster groups
- Focus groups
- Camp Marengo Master Plan; 2, 5 and 10 years; introduction of Bethanne Martin, Business Development Manager.

Bethanne Martin, Business Development Manager shared her experience at Camp Marengo; she attended then her children attended and then worked as a camp staff. She invited churches to send campers, attend adult retreats and work weekends.

- Church Health-Demetrius: Demetrius Booker, State Associate Pastor, Church Health; Transformation-to make **churches, pastors and congregations a better culture by coaching and conferences**. Dr. Gary McIntire will be here for 2018 GA; "Start Fresh" March 17, 2018 10-3 pm at Meadow Park. (food, folks and fun)
- Good Stewardship-2018 budget: Bob Fulton, Financial Director; This is his final report due to his retirement the end of 2017. Esther presented Bob with a plaque. Bob praised God for allowing him to serve Ohio Ministries for the past 11 years.

2018 Budget proposal: Motion to accept by Stan Harmon, seconded by Rex Heagy.

Johnathan Grubbs, Credentials Chair, presented the 10 candidates; ballots were passed out. Also passed out was this HANDOUT: **Guide to Points of Significant change**-see addition of Credential Manual on-line at: <https://www.ohchog.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/New-Credentialing-Manual-7-6-17pdf>

Resolution to Delay Ratification of the 2017 ed. Of the Credentials Manual of the Church of God-Jonathan read this to the Assembly.

Motion to accept resolution by Marty Cramer, Steve Anthony seconded
Discussion.



Q. Marty Cramer asked if they will have input before it is ratified?

A. Yes (Jonathan) voice questions and request clarification before we come to a final vote. That is the intent.

Q. Will we have a voice nationally?

A. As a movement rather than independent.

A comment was made of Commendation that we have a chance to read it before we have to pass it.

Voice vote to accept by saying I, Opposed same sign I. Motion carries.

Ballot was passed out by tellers and read by Steve Rauch. Tellers were then sent to count.

Guests were Recognized:

- Gary Agee School of Theology
- Dawn Anderson,
- Steve Bustos, Kelley Troyer
- Bob Moss Church of God Ministries
- Jim O'Bold servant solutions
- Jim Walters vision ministries

Recognition of Steve Rauch, Gov. Board Chair by Esther.

Request for prayer for future round tables.

Steve Rauch announced the 7 pm service; list of restaurants at the registration table; ballot outcome to be announced later that day and also in minutes; move to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kyna Shindle*

2017 Official Ratification Results

	Nominee	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Governing Board Chair:	Mark Martin	82	2	2
Governing Board Member:	Vaughn Bell	86	0	0
	Mark Jackson	82	2	2
	Rick Rufenaucht	83	1	2
	Cindy Schooler	83	1	2
Credentials Committee Member:	Marty Johnson	85	1	0
Retreat Center Committee Member:	Bob Henry	85	0	1
	Karen Sullivan	83	0	3
	Carol Woodmoore	83	0	3
2018 Proposed Budget:		85	0	1
Ordination Candidates:	Liisa Erskine	83	1	2
	James Frampton	85	0	1
	Debra Heagy	84	0	2
	Kevin Hensley	84	0	2
	Ken Perrin	85	0	1
	Andrea Ramsey	84	0	2
	Joshua Stefanow	85	0	1
	Robert White	84	0	2
	Rhonda Wirtley	84	0	2
	Kyle Younkman	84	0	2



2018 Chairman of the Assembly/Governing Board Report

I want to begin this year's report by thanking you, the General Assembly, for entrusting to us the oversight responsibility of Ohio Ministries of the Church of God. This is not a task we take lightly and we are honored to serve the Lord and the assembly in this capacity.

I want to first of all thank the incredible staff of Ohio Ministries. We are so blessed to have Dr. Esther Cottrell at the helm as our State Pastor and Director of Ministries. This year she has shown us how to lead with excellence and integrity in the face of adversity. Rev. Demetrius Booker complements her leadership as our State Associate Pastor of Church Health. He has been called on to step up to the leadership plate in significant ways this year and has done so with excellence. The "Start Fresh Conference" that he spearheaded in the spring was one of the best conferences ever for Ohio Ministries.

Together they lead a gifted team of persons who are deeply committed to the vision, mission and core values of Ohio Ministries. We commend Bethanne Martin, Nancy Blankenship, Kyna Shindle, David Woodward, Katlyn Martin, Vernon Maddox, and Michael Parks for their excellent service on our behalf.

I also want to thank our board: Shannon New-Spangler, Vaughn Bell, Mark Jackson, Rich Rufenacht, Richard Triplett, and Matt Roe for their excellent service as members of the Governing Board. They are each capable leaders and take seriously their responsibility to lead with humility and integrity. It is a joy to serve alongside of them.

Our board had an excellent retreat at Deer Creek State Park in June. I believe that we grew together in our understanding of one another and our commitment to work in partnership with our staff and the assembly to lead Ohio Ministries well for such a time as this.

Our year has been focused on two critical issues above all others. First, to help put Ohio Ministries in a fiscally sound position for the foreseeable future, and second, to make a clear-cut decision on the disposition of Camp Marengo and the State Offices. These two issues are closely interrelated and quickly rose to the top of our decision-making priorities for the year.

On September 20, 2018 we as a board acted decisively, and after much dialog, thought, and prayer unanimously accepted an offer to purchase Camp Marengo and the State Offices for \$2,050,000.00. We did not make this decision lightly. In fact, I can tell you with integrity that I so heavily felt the weight of this decision that once it was made I wept. I am confident that we have acted in the best interest of Ohio Ministries in this decision and it is now entrusted to you the General Assembly to affirm our decision.

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving on your behalf.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Martin
Chair of the Governing Board



Rev. Mark Martin



2018 State Pastor's Report

As I reflect over this past year, two words keep coming to me: thankful and challenged. I am thankful for more things than I can count in this report but let me say the following:



- I am thankful for you and the many prayers, cards, messages, and other acts of kindness you offered on my behalf while I walked through a brief, but intensive journey with cancer!
- I am thankful for the healing work of the Lord that enables me to continue living out the call to ministry!
- I am thankful for a great staff who more than filled the gap during my absence and who continue to work with passion and excellence to serve the Church of God in Ohio.
- I am thankful for a supportive and visionary Governing Board who, with compassion, wisdom, and courage, walked with me as we dealt with my personal health issues and our shared ministry to the Church and to you. I am indeed grateful for these gifts of grace.

I am also challenged as I reflect over this past year and seek to peer into the future.

- I have been challenged over this past year as I served on the *Project Imagine Roundtable*. Conversations, at times, were intense as we wrestled with the macro and micro issues of the Church. Although the work of the *Roundtable* has been brought to a close, the need for the Church of God to come together with clear vision and mission remain. For this reason, I want to urge all pastors to get in your 2019 church budget funds to attend the National General Assembly in Orlando, FL next June.
- I have been challenged by the Governing Board to schedule a long overdue sabbatical. That has been scheduled to begin right after Thanksgiving and extend through February. During that time I plan to spend time reflecting on my ministry over the last 12 years at Ohio Ministries; experience a season of Sabbath rest; and then imagine a preferred future for this ministry.
- Certainly, the challenges of completing the sale of properties, setting up policies and procedures to steward these funds, and celebrating the God moments that have occurred during events on the camp properties loom large on my heart and mind.
- I also am challenged to lead this assembly in the raising of a healthy budget reflecting our shared mission and goals. I am fully aware that it is only as the churches strengthen and continue support of the operational expenses and special project funds reflected in the budget that will we reach our vision and mission.
- But even larger is the challenge to lead us in "keeping the main thing, the main thing." For the People of God that is most succinctly spelled out in the Great Commission. We simply must focus on disciple-making, which begins with evangelism and continues to walk with someone until they too become a disciple-maker. That is the impetus of the 120 Fellowship. As we focus on disciple-making our children and youth will encounter and grow in God, our churches will be transformed, our communities will be impacted with the Good News, new leaders will be raised up, and new churches and campuses will join us in our mission.

Thank you, my brothers and sisters, for the support and confidence you continue to place in me and in Ohio Ministries. The staff and I are both humbled and honored to serve you as *together we work to unify, develop, and multiply churches and leaders.*

Believing that we are . . .
better together!

Esther M Cottrell



Next Steps for 2019

Each ministry that Ohio Ministries oversees and offers is designed and managed with one view in mind: to serve you, our leaders and congregations, as a catalyst and Paraclete. We are only successful if you are. As we look to next year the following items are “on our plate.”

Church Transformation

- Beginning with the General Assembly we are focusing our big events and much of the extra effort throughout the year on one of our key reasons for being. The focus this year is Church Transformation.
- Appoint and train a new team to guide our *Church Transformation* efforts

Camp Marengo

- Prepare for a great camping season this summer. The theme is *Worship*.
- Continue providing retreats for groups and pastors through September 2019.
- Plan a celebration to commemorate the ministry of the Camp through the years with a special day, September 21st.
- Develop an Investment Team to guide the stewarding of proceeds from the sale of the facilities.
- Engage the Camp Committee and consultants to re-imagine camping ministry that Ohio Ministries no longer owns and operates, but rather leases.
- Develop a cohesive plan to serve the churches as a catalyst and Paraclete in the evangelism and discipleship of the children and youth in Ohio.
- Research and secure a facility to hold summer camps for our children and youth in 2020 and beyond.

Multiplication Ministries

- Appoint a task force to spearhead the 120 Fellowship plan to enlist and resource 120 churches committed to disciple-making.
- Continue partnering with Indiana and Michigan to resource churches and pastors called to multiply their church with new churches and campuses.
- Continue working with Emerge, a free standing Church of God affiliation of congregations and state organizations seeking to financially aid church planters and new campuses.

Financial Report

Budget Comparison—Income



Nancy Blankenship,
Business Admin

Income

	2018 Budget	2018 Actual thru Aug	2019 Pro-Budget
Church & Ind. Contributions	330,000.00	185,307.42	334,950.00
Kingdom Partners	0.00	4,285.72	0.00
Loan Receipts	0.00	3,000.00	1,200.00
Mission Receipts	10,920.00	5,989.99	2,000.00
Leadership Dev	4,918.00	894.00	4,918.00
Camp Marengo / OSYC	341,552.00	192,780.31	315,918.00
Rental Income	13,800.00	8,865.00	4,950.00
Property Sales and Estate Income	90,000.00	202,937.15	2,114,000.00
State Assembly Mtgs / Programming Receipts	19,000.00	10,572.79	23,700.00
Misc. Receipts / Other Contributions	10,900.00	15,803.86	15,000.00
Total Income	821,090.00	630,436.24	2,816,636.00

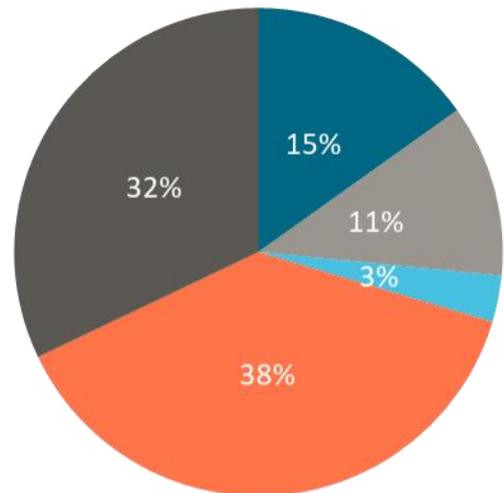
2019 Proposed Budget

	Budget 2019	Budget 2018	Actual YTD 2018
Total Income	\$2,816,636	\$ 821,090	\$ 630,436
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 809,136</u>	<u>\$ 822,774</u>	<u>\$ 549,093</u>
Surplus (loss)	\$2,007,500	(\$ 1,684)	\$ 81,343

2019 Budget Expenses

2019 OM Budget EXPENSES Overview

Description	Amount
Church Multiplication	\$122,500.00
Church Transformation	\$92,300.00
Leadership Development / Missions	\$24,910.00
State Operations/Administration	\$309,877.00
Student Ministries / Camp Operations	\$259,549.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$809,136.00



- Church Multiplication
- Church Transformation
- Leadership Development / Missions
- State Operations/Administration
- Student Ministries / Camp Operations



Property Purchase Proposal

In a historic meeting on September 20, the Governing Board unanimously voted to accept the offer to sell the Ohio Ministries property, including Camp Marengo. This is contingent upon a Vote of Affirmation by the 2018 Ohio General Assembly. Click **HERE** to view a short message from our State Pastor and Director of Ministries, Dr. Esther Cottrell.

KEY FACTORS

Here are some Key Factors that informed the Board in their decision:

1. God Initiated: Esther Cottrell reflected on a handful of non-negotiables she believed would have to happen and had prayed that if the Lord wanted Ohio Ministries to ever sell the property that He would initiate and lead that process. Those non-negotiables are:
 - a. The property would not be put back on the market. This offer came to us “out of the blue.” The property was not on the market nor was there any plan or discussion at the board or ministry staff level to seek out a buyer.
 - b. The Ohio Church of God would receive at least \$2,000,000.
 - c. It would be the whole property. We would not need to sell portions and keep others.
 - d. It would allow the Church time to celebrate the great ministry that has happened on the Camp Marengo grounds.
 - e. There would be a provision for our long-time camp personnel.
2. Financial Considerations:
 - a. The agreed upon price is \$2.05 million, which is \$250,000 more than the appraisal evaluation of the property conducted in 2015. It exceeds the non-negotiable prayer for \$2 million.
 - b. The property is in need of many updates that would cost us several hundred thousand dollars, yet the buyer is taking the offer *as is*.
 - c. From the camp’s inception, the camp has never been able to be self-sufficient. Over the last 12 years alone, Ohio Ministries has sustained the camp at a total approximating \$1.3 million dollars, about \$100,000 per year. This is an unsustainable stewardship path.
3. Property Use:
 - a. The contract allows Ohio Ministries to maintain use and ownership of the property through September 2019, thus allowing us another camping year to celebrate, as well as time to secure other options for future camping ministry.
 - b. The contract also allows Ohio Ministries to remain rent-free in the office building until November 2020. This is not only a savings but also gives time to explore and secure new facilities.
 - c. In it’s heyday, Camp Marengo claimed a thousand or more students who attended church camp in a summer. That number has steadily, but surely declined over the years. Since 2007 the student average declined almost every year moving from over 600 in 2007 to less than 300 in 2018.
4. Human Resource Issues:
 - a. Our Camp Site Supervisor has been offered a similar position with the new business which offers him and his family to also remain in the house while an employee of the business.
 - b. Most of the other camp employees will have opportunity to remain with Ohio Ministries though will see a change in job descriptions as we transition to a ministry without the responsibility of owning camping facilities.
5. Future Thinking:
 - a. The Board shares with the Ohio Ministries staff a deep and continuing commitment to student and children’s ministry that resources and aids the local church in the evangelism and discipleship of our kids. A healthy, though yet to be determined, amount of the sale of the property will be invested in this ministry.
 - b. Staff will seek out suitable camping facilities that will enable Christian camping ministry to continue through Ohio Ministries.
 - c. The Board is eager to engage in the question of how to best steward these additional funds, combined with the continued support of the churches in Ohio, to reach **our mission to unify, develop, and multiply churches and leaders.**

2019
Start Fresh

Ohio Ministries
2019
Empowerment
Conference

As more and more congregational leaders search for new and relevant tools to help them minister, both in and outside their community of faith, Ohio Ministries can partner with you to develop new Leaders, equipped to minister to a changing culture.

Join us on March 16, 2019
at Meadow Park,
for a time of worship,
training and fellowship.
Look for registration
details the first of the year.

Start Fresh!

March 16, 2019

10 AM - 3 PM

at

Meadow Park Church of God

2425 Bethel Road, Columbus OH 43220



The **3W's** to a Winning Church

Valuing **Women** in Ministry

Inspiring **Worship**

WOW factors that contribute to growing congregations



Rev. Demetrius Booker
State Associate Pastor



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of the Church of God

*Teach the wise,
and they will become
even wiser;
teach good people, and they
will learn even more.*
Proverbs 9:9 NCV



Leadership Focus is a 6-module program to support the credentialing requirements in the Credentials Manual of the Church of God and is designed to prepare leaders for ordination.



LEADERSHIP FOCUS

EQUIPPING | COACHING | CREDENTIALING

Candidates are assigned to a cluster group that they “journey” with throughout a nearly 3-year process; each cluster is comprised of 3 to 5 individuals from a variety of locations across the country. An experienced coach is assigned to a cluster to guide them through a particular module. Candidates will review and complete assignments, access general module resources, and track progress using the Leadership Focus Portal. Each module is 6 months in duration with the exception of the first, orientation module that is partly self-paced. At the end of the process a candidate will have spent slightly more than 2.5 years with a cluster group, guided by 5 different coaches, and will have been challenged throughout.

The 6 Modules are as follows:

<p>[1] COMMENCEMENT Knowing God’s will for me (Calling) – LF is a pursuit of knowing in the fullest sense – using all of our senses. ἐπίσταμαι - epistamai</p>	<p>The Commencement module is the orientation module; the primary purpose is to (1) orient candidates to the LF Program and help them get started on the right foot, (2) begin building community among cluster members, and (3) exploring the call of God. Meetings: (1) Orientation – large meeting prior cluster assignment (2) Community: The Heart of Leadership Focus (3) The Call to Ministry Primary Assignments in this Module:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates will complete all processing paperwork as listed in the portal as well as • Write their <i>Call to Ministry</i> paper • Write theological statement #7
<p>[2] CHARACTER Knowing the <u>personal</u> me & aligning with the Holy Spirit for missional purpose. יָדָא - Yada</p>	<p>The focus of the Character module is on internal values and desires that drive us aligning with the Holy Spirit for missional purpose. Meetings: (1) Spiritual formation as a habitual practice for a leader (2) Maintaining proper boundaries (3) Holiness and ethics and how they inform character formation (4) Biblical stewardship from a theological perspective (5) Applying and leading others in practical stewardship Primary Assignments in this Module:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates write their Personal Code of Ethics • Candidates will observe a Retreat of Solitude • Write theological statements #4, #6, #8, #11, and #14
<p>[3] COMPETENCIES Knowing the <u>public</u> me & interacting with others to unlock their potential for missional kingdom impact. γινώσκω - Ginosko</p>	<p>The Competencies module assists candidates in understanding how external actions align with Godly missional actions for missional impact Meetings: (1) Biblical leadership perspectives (2) Biblical Ministry and how our internal drive relates to God’s purposes (3) Exploring lifecycles of a church, organization, or ministry and how our hardwiring and internal drive inform our roles at various stages of a lifecycle (4) Building teams, composition, and growth stages (5) Biblical conflict management Primary Assignments in this Module:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates will complete a comprehensive Team Building Workbook • Write theological statements #9, #10, #12, and #13
<p>[4] CONFESSIONS Knowing the <u>professional</u> me and developing skills to communicate missional truths that transform lives. οἶδα – eido</p>	<p>In Confessions, candidates focus on perceiving and discerning how aligning with the truths of God bring missional transformation Meetings: (1) The importance of theology and the importance of the pastor as key theologian (2) Understanding various theological perspectives (3) Church of God theological perspectives and roots (4) Missional theological perspectives – the invitation of a saving message (5) Excellence in modeling and communicating theological perspectives Primary Assignments in this Module:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview a ministry leader • Write final theological statements #1, #2, #3, #5, #15, and #16
<p>[5] CONNECTIVITY Knowing the <u>partnering</u> me and intentionally develop healthy kingdom relationships that produce missional expansion. נִפְחָל - Niphal</p>	<p>The Connectivity module is about making one’s self known and is structured around Acts 1:8 with Jerusalem as <u>LOCAL</u> connectivity, Judea & Samaria as <u>STATE & NATIONAL</u> connectivity, and the ends of the earth as <u>GLOBAL</u> connectivity. Meetings: (1) What does biblical, missional, connectivity look and feel like? (2) Roots of connectivity in a Wesleyan-Arminian holiness stream (3) What our role in global connectivity is (4) What our role in state/national connectivity is (5) What our role in local connectivity looks like Primary Assignments in this Module:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview 2 community leaders • Meet both a national leader and global leader with cluster members in two cluster meetings
<p>[6] CELEBRATIONS Knowing the <u>integrated</u> me and articulating God’s will (calling) for me in a missional focused LAMP. γνωρίζω - gnorizo</p>	<p>The final module, Celebrations, is the capstone of the LF process. All developmental objectives completed thus far are now funneled into an integrated Life and Ministry Plan (LAMP). Each candidate will articulate living out their missional role for the next 1 to 3 years in their LAMP. Meetings: (1) Integrating the LF journey to point toward lifelong learning and growth (2) Integrating strengths and SMART goals (3) Integrating our goals into a LAMP – first draft (4) Integrating our goals into a LAMP – second draft (5) Integrating celebration - final drafts of are discussed Primary Assignments in this Module:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing personal, professional, and public SMART goals • Write their LAMP

Interested candidates should talk to their Pastor and then submit an application at <https://www.choglf.org>. Look for the button titled New Credentials Candidates Registration. If you have questions or you would like more information, contact our Leadership Focus Program Coordinator, Michael Parks at credentials@ohchog.org or at (937) 244-6258.



Michael Parks, Credentials Admin



Radifications Ballot Candidates

Governing Board Nominees



Shannon New-Spangler

Shannon New-Spangler

Member, 2nd term

Rev. Shannon New Spangler has served the Church of God in several capacities over the last 16 years. Most recently, she served as the lead Pastor of Harvest Point Church of God in Lordstown, OH from 2009 to March of 2018. Shannon earned her Masters of Divinity from the Anderson University School of Theology in 2008 and was ordained in 2009. Shannon feels that God has given her a vision to share the love of God, to seek justice and unity, and to enable believers to “make disciples.” Shannon married her husband, Brett, in 2005 and they have two sons, Judah (4) and Isaiah (1).

Janet Orr

Member, 1st term



Janet Orr

Rev. Janet Orr loves the Lord with all her heart and serves him with gladness. Her insight into the word of God is delivered in such a way that will challenge you to apply its precepts to your daily living. It brings her great joy to use her spiritual gifts to train and equip the saints and then watch them excel in their ministries.

She has served in various ministries for forty-one years under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Bishop Robert A. Culp of First Church of God in Toledo, Ohio. She presently serves as the Pastor of Minister’s Formation, Pastor’s Core Team and Deaconess. She is licensed and ordained by the Church of God. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Kent State University. Her Masters of Arts Degree was received from Vision Christian Bible College and Seminary.

She preaches and/or teaches at retreats, workshops and church services. She has been given the opportunity to minister at churches in Toledo, Dayton, Columbus, Cleveland, Kentucky, & Mexico City.

She has been married to her wonderful husband, Deacon Broadus Orr Jr. for forty-three years. They are blessed to have four gifted adult children, two lovely daughter in laws, and seven precious grandchildren.

Matt Roe

Member, (1 year unexpired term) thru 12-31-2019



Matt Roe

Matthew Roe is the Lead Pastor of the First Church of God in Chillicothe, OH. Matt graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Organizational Management from Warner Southern College and earned a Masters in the Science of Management from Warner University. He has been in full time ministry since 1994. He currently serves on the Credentials Committee on the Southeast Ohio Credentials Committee. He also enjoys working with struggling churches as they strive for turnaround. Matt has been married to his wife Lori since 1992.



Radifications Ballot Candidates

Credentials Committee Chair Nominee

Rev. Jonathan Grubbs

2nd term

Jonathan has served as lead pastor at Eaton 1st Church of God (Eaton, OH) since December 2012. He is married to Mindy, has triplet daughters Gabrielle, Rachel, and Hannah who are 24. His youngest, Charis, is a senior at Anderson University. He and Mindy are also currently foster parents to Elijah and Mariah. He is a graduate of Anderson University and School of Theology, and Northern Seminary. Jonathan also currently serves nationally on the Standing Committee on Credentials.



Rev. Jonathan Grubbs

Camp Development Team Member Nominees

Mike Harmon

1st term

Pastor Mike Harmon is a graduate of Warner University and has a Bachelor Degree in Transformational Christian Ministries. He has also recently finished his Master Degree in Church Ministries. He has served churches in Ohio, Michigan, and South Carolina before coming to serve as Lead Pastor of the First Church of God, Wauseon, Ohio.

Pastor Mike and his wife Joanna have 3 children. His hobbies are playing basketball, softball, and golf. He also enjoys coaching youth sports.

His values are straightforward . . . to passionately follow Christ, to love and serve his family, and pastor and lead healthy congregations.

He is honored to have the opportunity to serve the church in a broader capacity by filling this position.



Rev. Mike Harmon



2018 Ordination Candidates



Christopher Allen

Christopher Allen

Hopeland Church, Dayton—Central District

Christopher Allen has been serving in the church since a young age and was on staff as the Creative Arts Director (which is another way of saying worship director) for the Five Rivers Vineyard before planting Hopeland Church in Vandalia, Ohio 7 years ago. His wife (Shelly) has faithfully supported this ministry direction as they both lead the church the Lord has entrusted them with along with their children, Evalyne (6), Ezekiel (3), and Aria (6 months).



Aaron Barnes

Aaron Barnes

First Church, Monroe—Southwest District

Aaron Barnes has served as a worship leader and youth support for the last 18 years at First Church of God, Monroe. His calling centers on leading people to engage in personal praise and worship that extends into their daily lives. He lives in Monroe, Ohio with his wife Lora and 4 children: Ava (15), Silas (12), Truett (9), and Georgia (5).



Ann Case

Ann Case

Northside Chapel First, Camden—Southwest District

Ann Case is currently serving at Northside Chapel First Church of God in Camden, Ohio where she is involved in preaching, music ministry and missions. She graduated from Anderson University, School of Theology in 2015 with a Master's degree in Christian Ministry. Presently, Ann is working towards Board Certification in Chaplaincy. She is serving at Sycamore Hospital in Miamisburg, Ohio.



Micah Current

Micah Current

BridgeWater Church, Hamilton—Southwest District

Micah Current is currently serving on the Worship Transition Team at BridgeWater Church in Hamilton, Ohio. He is passionate about leading others in worship. Micah has served as a Worship and Young Adult's Pastor in Ohio and North Carolina. He and his wife Alicia are excited for the next chapter in their ministry journey.



2018 Ordination Candidates



Jennifer Dorn

Jennifer Dorn

First Church, Ravenna—Northeast District

Jennifer Dorn is currently serving as the Associate Pastor/Worship Leader of The First Church of God, Newton Falls, Ohio. She is passionate about helping individuals in discovering a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, as well as, a true heart of worship. Her husband Andy and son Drew (8), are excited to see the direction God has for their lives.



Richard Duff

Richard Duff

First Church, Monroe—Southwest District

Rick Duff is currently serving on staff at Monroe First Church of God in Monroe, Oh as an Associate Pastor. He had been employed in the public school system for 18 years as a health and sports medicine teacher, while coaching several sports. Rick and wife Shannon married in 2002, have their children Adam (14) and Madalyn (12), and have great anticipation and expectation for the ways God will be using them for His Kingdom.



Athena Edwards

Athena Edwards

First Church, Ravenna—Northeast District

Athena Edwards is currently serving as the Youth Pastor at the First Church of God in Ravenna. She serves on the NEO Student Ministries Board as the Student Leader Coordinator. Athena enjoys helping students of all ages develop their leadership skills while serving the Lord. She and her husband, David, love spending time with their three children, their spouses and two grandchildren.



Barbi Erbe

Barbara Erbe

Barberton Church, Barberton—Northeast District

Barbara (Barbi) Erbe currently leads the Youth Ministry at the Barberton Church of God in Barberton, while also serving on the Northeast Ohio Student Ministries board. Barbi's desire is to see young men and women come to know Jesus and grow in their faith. She is married to Rev. Chuck Erbe and together they have daughters, Leah (24), Sadie (22) and son Laban (19). She is employed at Christian Healthcare Ministries in Barberton.



2018 Ordination Candidates



Steven Hensinger

Steven Hensinger

Hilltop Church, Columbus—Central District

Steven L. Hensinger - Married to Susan (Risner). He currently attends Hilltop Church of God in Columbus, Ohio and reside in Hilliard, Ohio. They have 3 adult sons; Joshua, now engaged to be married, Noah & Samuel, both students at Ohio Christian University, and 1 granddaughter; Isabella. Their journey has been miraculous in many ways as they have seen the Hand of God at work in their lives.



Brian K Holland

Brian Holland

First Church, Columbus—Central District

Brian K. Holland just completed a 15 month assignment in WCH as interim pastor and is currently serving as an associate minister at First Church of God in Columbus. He is humbled in his service for The Lord because he loves God and loves people. His wife, Shannon, and sons, Elijah (10) and Noah (8) are looking forward to the next step in their ministry adventure.



Jacob Kline

Jacob Kline

Crossroads Church, Lima—Northwest District

Jacob Kline has been serving on staff at Crossroads Church of God in Lima for the last 5 years as the family pastor. He graduated college from Malone University with a degree in youth and sports ministry. He and his wife, Brittany and have been married for 6 years. They have 1 child, Xander who is 3 years old, and expecting child number 2 in January.



Charles Moore

Charles Moore

Russells Point Church, Russells Point—Central District

Charles Moore is presently serving as the Youth Pastor at the Russells Point Church of God. He is also a part of the Praise and Worship band. His passion is ministering through the gift of song. He also wants to lead the children in knowing Jesus and becoming his disciple. His wife Lany has been very supportive. He has three children Chazlance, Deborah and Alana. They look forward to seeing what God's future plans are!



2018 Ordination Candidates



Vikki Pullins

Vikki Pullins

St. Paris First, St. Paris—Central District

Vikki Pullins is currently serving as the Secretary/Treasurer at St. Paris First Church of God. She graduated from Asbury College in 2000 with a degree in Christian Ministry/Missions and from Wright State with a degree in Business Technology. Her husband, Brian, and children, Jakob & Rose are excited to see how the Lord will use them in ministry.



George Reese

George Reese

First Church, Ravenna—Northeast District

George Reese is currently serving as a Youth Pastor at Ravenna First Church of God. When he is not serving at the church, he is overseeing an outreach boxing/conditioning gym where Bible study and meals are held once a week throughout the year and once a month during the summer. George also enjoys spending time with his wife and daughter, Randi and Violet. As a family they are looking forward to what God has in store for them next.



Charles Rickel

Charles Rickel

First Church, Bellefontaine—Central District

Charles Rickel is currently a volunteer Chaplain at Lima Memorial Hospital. Charles has attended and served as Sunday School teacher and several other positions at First Church of God at Bellefontaine Ohio, since 2010. He recently married his wife, Carylon, on March 10, 2017. He is excited about what God has planned for the next phase of his life.



Esther Toran

Esther Toran

Front Street Church, Hamilton—Southwest District

Esther Toran currently serves at the Front Street Church of God in Hamilton, Ohio. Over the past 30 plus years she has served as teacher, preacher and associate minister in the pulpit. She has also been active supporting the nursing home ministries, Intercessory Prayer Team, VBS, New Convert's classes and wherever God could use her. She is the mother of four, grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of four.



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Bethanne Martin,
Business Development Manager

We are preparing for the 2019 Summer Youth Camp already here at Camp Marengo! Next year's theme will be "Worship." Katlyn Martin will be returning as our Summer Camp Coordinator, along with many other familiar faces.

We are so excited about the upcoming season. The Staff is grateful for the opportunity to nurture and equip the next generation of young people to go out into the world and share the good news of Jesus Christ. We would appreciate your support in encouraging your young people to come discover or rediscover the power of camp next summer!!!

See you at Camp!!!



Camp Marengo Summer Youth Camp Summer 2019

This year's theme is "Worship"

- June 7-8 Family Camp (All Ages)
- June 9-15 Senior High Camp (Gr. 7-12)
- June 16-21 Middle School Camp (Gr. 6-8)
- June 23-28 Specialty Camps (Gr. 7-12)
- June 23-28 Intermediate Camp (Gr. 5-6)
- June 30-July 2 Elementary Camp Half Week (Gr. 1-2)
- June 30-July 5 Elementary Camp Full Week (Gr. 3-4)

Campers can choose the camp that coordinates with the grade they will be entering in the fall of 2019. Graduating seniors can still go to Senior High camp.

Rentals/Getaways

- We continue hosting retreats and getaways for your congregation or just for your family.
- Church of God pastors can come and utilize the pastor's quarters for a personal getaway at no cost!
- All requests can be made by contacting Bethanne Martin, bethanne@campmarengo.com
- Camp Marengo, P O Box 177, 3480 Township Road 221 (Benedict Road), Marengo OH 43334 (740) 747-2325





MADE FOR THIS

Ohio State Youth Convention of the Church of God

November 9-11

OSYC 2018

THEME—"Made for This"

The idea is that each of us are created uniquely and beautifully, and are designed for a specific purpose and calling. We hope students will head home from OSYC knowing their God given identity and believe that they matter because God says they matter! We are excited about the possibilities when students jump back into their schools, sports teams, marching bands, etc. and love and serve others saying, "I was made for this!".

SPEAKER—Ketric Newell

Ketric's passion is to help students see their true identity and purpose in Christ. He literally burst into the world and onto the ministry scene with a vivacity that is God-given. In school Ketric's teachers thought he had a hearing problem because he was so loud. It turned out that Ketric was just overloaded with energy and expression! He has learned to use that expression to share the love of Christ to young people across the nation. We cannot wait for our students to hear from this incredible speaker!

Leading us in worship—North Point InsideOut

North Point InsideOut is a worship band from North Point Ministries in the greater Atlanta area. They lead worship for the weekly student InsideOut gathering and share songs coming out of their local church like *Death Was Arrested*, *We Are Royals*, and *He Is Jesus*. We encourage you to get to know their music prior to OSYC through their website, or check them out on YouTube. We are once again having a late-night activity on Friday night. We have rented out the Huber Heights YMCA which includes gym and hangout areas. We will be providing pizza, and a DJ as well. All of this is at NO COST to your group.

This year Salem Church of God will be hosting OSYC. Breakout sessions will focus on the unique ways we can find our passion and mission for the Kingdom of God. Students will hear life stories and journeys as speakers share God's leading in their lives. We hope this packet answers the majority of your questions about this year's event. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call Nathanael (937) 836-6500, or Missy (937) 925-0766.

Attendee Types	
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\$65 – Student Leader	
	\$70 after October 27
\$65 – Student Registration	
	\$70 after October 27
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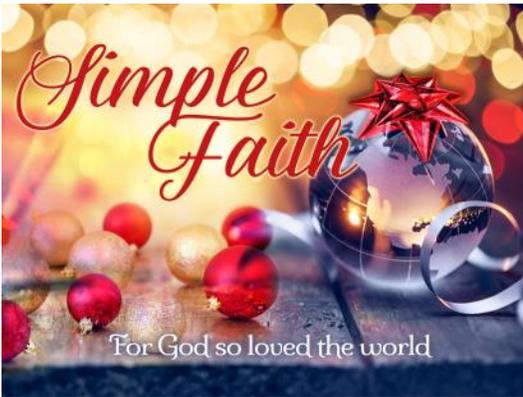
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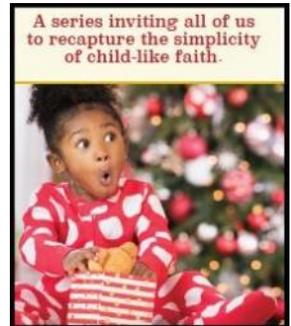


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2018 Goals of CBO: Christ's Birthday Observance

- Focus attention and devotion on Jesus Christ, our Messiah
- Encourage prayer support for the entire world and specifically all the countries in which the church of God exists.*
- Collect an offering in support of the ministries of the Church of God, worldwide**

*Project Prayer – December 6, 2018

Project Prayer provides a unique opportunity during the Christ's Birthday Observance for the Church of God worldwide to join together in a 25-day prayer vigil. While Jesus walked among us, He taught us the importance of prayer. His Holy spirit now lifts our prayers to the throne of the Father.

Ohio has been asked to participate in this prayer vigil on Thursday, December 6. Please join in a day of prayer with our brothers and sisters in Colorado, Peru, Sudan, Bermuda and Côte d'Ivoire.

Listed are the names and assignments of several leaders in the Church of God. We ask that you pray specifically for each of these individuals and the teams they represent – for their leadership, protection, and provision as they serve God and the Church in their respective areas, locally and around the world. You may want to plan a midnight prayer vigil or establish a prayer group in which individuals commit to pray for a block of time during your designated 24-hour period.

Jim Lyon | General Director, Church of God Ministries

Arnetta McNeese Bailey | Executive Director, Christian Women Connection

Paul Maxfield | Executive Director, Children of Promise

Jeffrey Jenness | President, Servant Solutions

Ben Shular | International Ministry Director, Global Strategy of Church of God Ministries

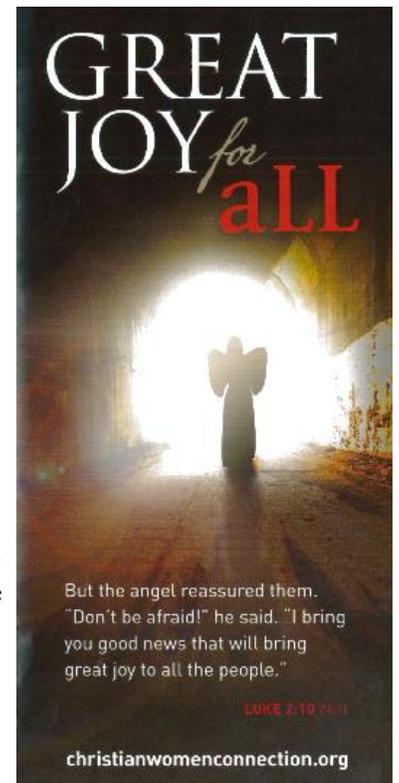
Patrick and Jamie Nachtigall | Regional Coordinators, Europe/Middle East, Global Strategy of Church of God Ministries

Don and Caroline Armstrong | Regional Coordinators, Asia-Pacific, Global Strategy of Church of God Ministries

Michael and Heather Webb | Regional Coordinators, Africa, Global Strategy of Church of God Ministries

Esther Cottrell | State Pastor, Ohio Ministries of the Church of God

Demetrius Booker | State Associate Pastor, Ohio Ministries of the Church of God



**Send offerings to:

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West Ohio leader: Jeannette Brower, 4283 Old Mill Rd, Springfield OH 45502 (937)325-3694

Southeast Ohio leader: Patricia Paisley, 62936 Spruce Ln, Cambridge OH 43725 (740)439-7209





2019 Calendar of Events

March 16	Start FreshMeadow Park Church of God, Columbus OH
April 5-6	Camp Marengo Work WeekendCamp Marengo OH
April 5-6	Counselor Training DaysCamp Marengo OH
April 21	EASTER
May 2	Senior Adult Spring Fling <i>deadline April 22</i> Der Dutchman in Plain City OH
May 17-18	Counselor Training DaysCamp Marengo OH
May 18	Cultivating Generous Congregations..... Dayspring Church of God, Cincinnati OH
<i>See page 22</i>	Summer Family and Youth Camps.....Camp Marengo OH
June 2-7	Southwest Ohio District Camp MeetingLebanon OH
June 27-30	General AssemblyOrlando FL
June 29	CWC Christian Women Connection ConventionOrlando FL
TBD	Discovery Daylocation
July 5-14	Southeast Ohio District Camp Meeting Warsaw OH
July 20-26	Northwest Ohio Payne Camp Meeting Payne OH
July 21-26	Northeast Ohio District Camp Meeting Berlin Center OH
August 4-11	Central Ohio Springfield Camp Meeting..... Springfield OH
August 4-11	National Association of the CHOG 102 nd Camp Meeting..... West Middlesex PA
August 20	Large 3C – Cultivating Congregations Crossroads Church of God, Lima OH
September 6-7	Men’s Ox-Roast..... Camp Marengo OH
October 3	Senior Adults Fall Feast <i>deadline September 16</i>Der Dutchman, Walnut Creek OH
October 8	Senior Adults Fall Feast <i>deadline September 23</i> Der Dutchman, Plain City OH
October 10-13	CWC Christian Women Connection ConventionMyrtle Beach SC
October 24	Ohio General Assembly and Ordination Service..... Meadow Park, Columbus OH <i>Presentation: Bob Whitesell, Church Change Consulting Intl. Inc.</i>
November 8-10	Ohio State Youth Convention.....Salem Church of God, Clayton

Counties Report - May 2018



88 Counties in Ohio

65 counties have church of God churches

23 counties do not have Church of God churches



Legend:
Central
Northeast
Northwest
Southeast
Southwest
Black type=No Church of God in this county
Unclaimed Counties

Counties without Church of God churches by District

Central: 1-Union

NE: 4-Carroll, Columbiana, Geauga, Medina

NW: 3-Henry, Ottawa, Williams

SE: - Jackson, Pike, Morgan, Noble, Vinton, Washington

SW: 1-Brown

Unclaimed: 8-Crawford, Erie, Huron, Marion, Mercer, Morrow, Seneca, Wyandot



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