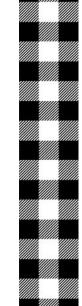


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### **Ohio Ministries** of the Church of God

#### **Our Identity**

We provide COGO leaders with centralized services congregations cannot do themselves and provide statewide leadership for our community to interact together and make a difference in our state. We believe we're all better, together.

#### **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**

Our mission is to empower and equip the Movement in Ohio per God's Call.

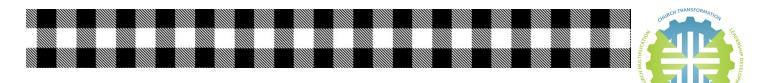
#### **Our Values**

We value collaboration of ministry efforts in which the banners of unity and belonging drive new and old partnerships. We value resourcing of leaders, congregations, and the next generation of leaders for the Church to produce in their lives and ministries competence and even excellence. And we value risktaking to the extent that we are willing to give up what we have for the opportunity of greater success.

#### **Our Strategy**

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; •
- Serve as a paraclete to promote, consult, and coach churches for transformation, empowering them to live out the call to make disciples and serve their communities;
- Strategize, assess, train, and resource individuals and churches called to multiply.
- Serve as a catalyst among leaders and churches to empow-• er and accelerate the path toward reaching their Godgiven mission.



### ~ Agenda ~

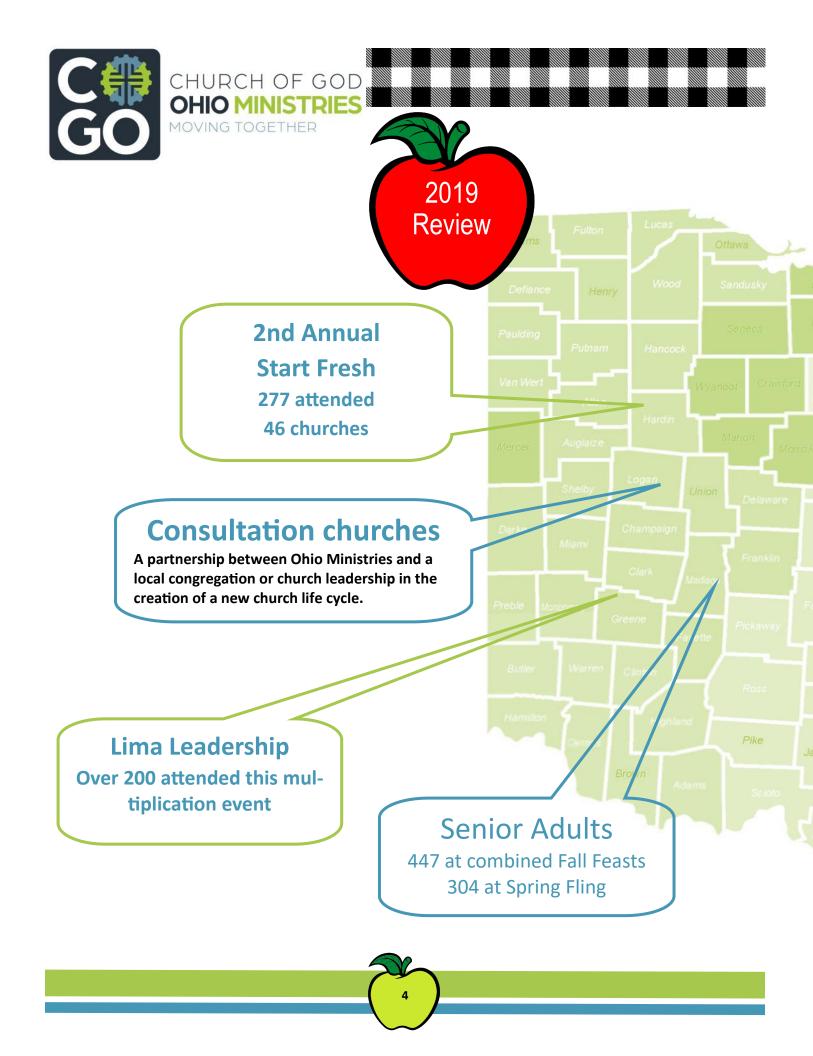
Call To Order Welcome and Prayer Appointment of Tellers and Parliamentarian Approval of 2018 Minutes Board of Director's Report State Pastor's Report Committee and Team Reports 2020 Budget Presentation Presentation of Ordination Candidates Nominating Committee Report Ratification Ballot Recognition of Guests Announcements and Adjournment

#### **ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP**

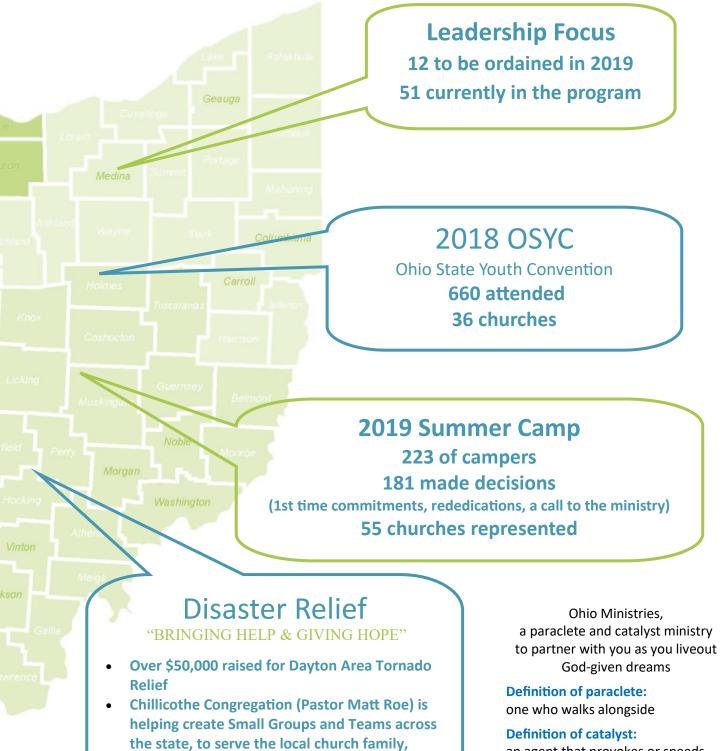
3.1 Members of OHIO MINISTRIES with voting privileges shall be as follows:

**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.) 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.







an agent that provokes or speeds significant change or action

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their community and beyond.



2018 Assembly/Governing Board Minutes

**Location**: Meadow Park Church of God **Date**: October 25, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

#### Welcome and Meeting Called to Order by Governing

Board Chair, Pastor Mark Martin

Thanked Everence for sponsoring lunch.

- Recognized first time GA attenders.
- Thanked host Congregation, Meadow Park, and Host Pastor Mark Krenz

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Thanked volunteers and hospitality ministry workers

#### Welcome and Prayer

#### **Appointment of Tellers and Parliamentarian**

Tellers: Steve Harmon, Adrian Powell, Rex Heagy, Debra Heagy, Keith Paff

Parliamentarian: Steve Anthony

Chair asks assembly for permission to impose a 3 minute limit on speaking to any issue during meeting. Motion approved by voice vote

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Adrian Powell to accept 2017 meeting minutes as written. Second by Rex Heagy. Motion passed

#### **Old Business**

- Motion made by Jonathan Grubbs, chair of Credentials Committee, to delay a vote for ratification of Credentials Manual until 2019:
- The Credentials Committee requests that the Assembly extend until GA of 2019 a vote of ratification of the 2017 edition of the Credentials Manual. In the meantime, the Credential Committee will continue to utilize the manual on a trial basis until this Committee can bring a recommendation for ratification to this Assembly.

Second by Greg Smith, Motion passed

#### Directors Report presented by Dr. Esther Cottrell

• Introduction of Ohio Ministries (OM) staff and words of thanks for this hard working team:

Demetrius Booker-State Associate Pastor, Kyna Shindle-Admin Assistant, Nancy Blankenship-Business Admin, Bethanne Martin-Camp Business Manager, Dave Woodward-Site Supervisor, Mike Parks-Credentials Admin, Vernon Maddox-Disaster Relief, Governing Board.

 Announced sabbatical, beginning November 27 – March 1

- Reviewed Highlights of Past Year and Current Challenges and Opportunities
- Updated Assembly on Project Imagine Roundtable participation and commitment to represent of Ohio
- Governing Board made an unanimous landmark decision to accept the sale proposal of camp and office properties
- Working with the Board and other Teams to develop the 120 Fellowship. The focus of this is to spark a disciple-making movement focused within the Church
- Testimonies from 2 churches as they focus on being a disciple-making church

Cody Rhynard, pastor of Great Lakes Church in Lorain, OH, Ed Green and Nate Wilcoxon from First Church of God in West Liberty, OH

#### **Property Sale Proposal**

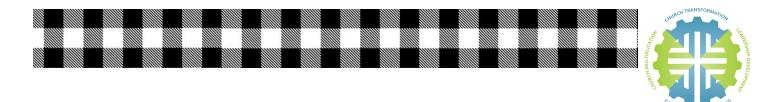
• Reading of the Governing Board Motion by Shannon New Spangler: By recommendation of both the Director and Associate Director of Ministries, and the Treasurer, the Governing Board of Directors for Ohio Ministries of the Church of God unanimously moves a Vote of Affirmation by the Ohio General Assembly to accept the real estate purchase contract by Fishburn Farms, Inc. for the camp and state office properties.

Since this is a motion coming from the governing board, there is no need for a second

Sale Information provided by Demetrius Booker

#### Discussion

- **Terry Morgan** What will be the accountability of the funds?
- Director Esther Cottrell answered: A portion of the proceeds will be committed for children and youth ministries; an investment team will be appointed to make wise decisions.
- Marvin Schooler \$2 million dollars is not a lot of money
- Jack Klinesmith Sr was excited by the number of youth he saw at Berlin Center this year. He shared that his two sons were saved at Berlin Center and considers camp sacred ground
- **Derek Specht** he came from a church that detached from a camp property. He believed it is a good idea to save before spending. Specht desired that the GA be kept informed as to how funds will be utilized.



#### 2018 Assembly/Governing Board Minutes ~ continued

- **Charlene Hubbard** What prompted the interest in purchasing the property at this time?
- Mark Martin– Fishburn Farms sold property to Dollar Tree and sought us out to purchase our property for future development. Sale will be finalized in one year, with \$500,000 being placed in escrow. If buyers rescind offer, OM will retain escrowed funds.
- Steve Almquist stated that he did not realize that giving to OM was different from Camp Marengo. Director Esther Cottrell answered: The camp is part of the OM budget. Camp monies come from fees and registration from usage, and designated gifts. When the camp runs in the red it comes out of the OM funds. She further reminded the assembly that the robustness of any of the ministries is dependent upon the giving of the local churches. With the sale of the camp, the \$100,000 currently spent annually out of OM general funds to offset the camp funding issues can now be redirected into new adventures in ministries.
- **Charles Knowlton** do we retain the mineral rights Esther Cottrell- there are no mineral rights
- **Ty Morgan** one perspective is that there is a group of people that views Camp Marengo as a church and believe that it has been given up on and under valued. Some people are grieving because of that.
- **Dottie Kaiser** Shared about her family history at Camp Marengo. Recognizing we did not listen to reality and did not fight for it. Now we need to move forward to where the future takes us.
- Marty Cramer Her daughter attended camp, worked at OM and was in on how to find ways to make the camp sustainable. She knows there was much intentional energy in keeping the camp a vital reality.

#### **Budget Presentation by Esther Cottrell**

- OM is running behind the budget in church income giving by approx. \$50,000. She asked churches to consider a special end of year offering.
- OM should be able to live within the new 2019 budget with the support of the churches of the Assembly.
- Mark Jackson moved that 2019 budget be accepted. Seconded by Richard Triplett

Credentials Committee Report by Jonathan Grubbs Presentation of sixteen Ordination Candidates

#### Nominating Committee presented by Matt Roe presented for ratification

Governing Board Credentials Committee Camp Development Committee

#### Voting and Announcements

Ballots were completed and collected for tabulation Announcements: Start Fresh by Demetrius Booker Leadership Focus by Mike Parks OSYC by Josh Stefanow Christmas Series and CBO by Esther Cottrell Adjourn and Prayer by Mark Martin Mike Miller moved to adjourn

Concluded with singing of the Doxology

Respectfully Submitted, Vaughn Bell Secretary, Ohio Ministries Governing Board

#### **2018 Official Ratification Results**

The following persons were ratified:

Governing Board Member: Rev Shannon New-Spangler, Rev. Janet Orr, Rev. Matt Roe

Credentials Committee Chair: R ev. Jonathan Grubbs

Retreat Center Committee Member: Rev. Mike Harmon, Rev. Stephanie Schack

#### Ordination Candidates:

Christopher Allen, Aaron Barnes, Ann Case, Micah Current, Jennifer Dorn, Richard Duff, Athena Edwards, Barbara Erbe, Steven Hensinger, Brian Holland, Jacob Kline, Charles Moore, Vikki Pullins, George Reese, Charles Rickel, Esther Toran



### 2019 Chairman of the Assembly/Board of Directors Report

want to begin this year's report by again thanking you, the General Assembly, for entrusting to us the oversight responsibility of Ohio Ministries of the Church of God. It has been both an interesting and encouraging year for us to give leadership to Church of God Ohio (COGO).

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None of what we do together is possible without the gifted staff of Ohio Ministries. We are so blessed to have Dr. Esther Cottrell in the lead as our State Pastor and Director of Ministries. She continues to lead us with faithful integrity and that is so valuable to our work together. Rev. Demetrius Booker is doing a remarkable job as our State Associate Pastor of Church Health. He has provided excellent leadership overseeing the details of the sale of Camp Marengo and led another successful "Start Fresh Conference" that was even stronger than our first one.

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, Mike Parks, Vernon Maddox, and Kimberly Leach for their excellent service on our behalf.

I also want to thank our board: Vaughn Bell, Mark Jackson, Janet Orr, Richard Triplett, and Matt Roe for their excellent service as members of the Governing Board. Shannon New-Spangler served for most of the year, but stepped down from the board due to moving out of state. We appreciate her years of faithful service. They are each faithful kingdom servants and it is a joy to serve alongside of them.

Our board had an excellent retreat at Deer Creek State Park in June. We took a deep look at who we are as Ohio Ministries. Our vision, our mission, our values. During this time we made a decision to make a significant investment into receiving help with branding and marketing of this vital ministry. Our board is excited about the results of that process and we hope you will be as well as it is presented to you at this year's assembly.

We have also remained focused on making sure that we handle the completion of the sale of Camp Marengo and our state offices with integrity and competence. We authorized the establishment of a financial investment consulting team to give guidance to our staff and board as we make important financial decisions. The results of their advice will be evident in the budget and disposition of the funds from the sale of Camp Marengo. We are so grateful for the wise and godly counsel they have provided us.

I can tell you that two of the big foci we will have in 2020 are the relocation of our state offices and "Mission 120." We highly value your prayers and input as we

give energy, thought, and action plans to both of these critical areas of ministry.

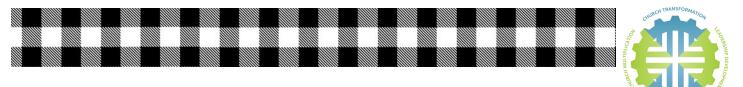
Thank you once again for the privilege of serving on your behalf.

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



Rev. Mark Martin





### 2019 State Pastor's Report

Traveling around the Church in Ohio, I see a hunger for something to happen that will propel persons into deeper intimacy with God and closer relationship with one another. I am witnessing pastors forging partnerships with other pastors to bring their congregations together for collaborative ministry. I hear pastors speaking passionately about the need to identify and mentor a new generation of leaders. And I perceive a move to focus God's people on the mission to be multipliers of disciples, leaders, and churches.

This last year has been one of preparing for transition as we begin to write a new chapter for state ministry in Ohio. Many small and big decisions have been made and are being made. At our Board retreat in June we were challenged by our facilitator, David Bartels, to have clarity and intentionality with our mission, values, and vision. As we dug around in that challenge, some key common values surfaced that are informing the state ministry as we move forward into this new chapter. We value collaboration of ministry efforts in which the banners of unity and belonging drive new and old partnerships. We value resourcing of leaders, congregations, and the next generation of leaders for the Church to produce in their lives and ministries competence and even excellence. And we value risk-taking to the extent that we are willing to give up what we have for the opportunity of greater success. Our mission is to empower and equip the Movement in Ohio per God's Call. The staff and I have been wrestling with these challenges, seeking scalable and sustainable ways to live into these values and mission. Overviewing our shared ministries, we can categorize these into four areas: leadership development; church transformation; congregational services; and church multiplication. Below are some highlight from these areas of ministry.



#### **Leadership Development**

**Mission 120:** Working with Indiana and Michigan, we have created a powerful pathway to resource and focus pastors and churches to be disciple-making churches. Ohio has committed to raise up 60 pastors and their congregations to participate in this initiative in 2020. The first wave begins in January.

**Credentials:** This last year, the Credentials Committee piloted and reviewed the national manual, noting the most recent changes and editions. They have communicated with the national Standing Credentials Committee their concerns and recommendations. Based on those exchanges, the Committee fully recommends the ratification of the manual by the Assembly this fall.

This fall, Mike Parks is handing the baton of Leadership Focus Administration to Kim Leach. We are glad that this important ministry will continue to be managed with passion and competence.

**Start Fresh Conference:** Last March nearly 300 clergy and laypersons from every corner of the state attended the Start Fresh Conference. This is a growing opportunity for collaboration of ministry and training for ministry at the lay and clergy level.

### Church Transformation

A New Team to focus on Church Transformation was formed. They offer consultation and coaching to pastors and churches seeking a new season of growth and health. The new team consists of Josh Chaffin, Liisa Erskine, Mike Harmon, Iran Watson, and Drew Wilkerson.

**Transformation Process:** We have learned that transformation is more a process than an event, oftentimes taking 8-10 years. We rejoice with churches and pastors that commit to this journey with its powerful rewards. Some of the churches that we partnered with for this journey and are now seeing the fruit are Creston, Connection Point, Church on the Avenue, Bridgewater, Waseon, and West



**Summer Youth Camp:** With a mixture of joy and sadness, we completed an outstanding year of summer camping. There was sadness as we realized that camping at the Marengo property was coming to a close. Many memories and events of spiritual significance happened on those grounds. There was also great celebration and joy in the experience of Christian camping. This year we had multiple stories of salvation and call to ministry. Next year we are blessed to have Katlyn Martin serve as our director for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. We also have a staff that is committed and excited to continue the ministry next year under the new name, COGO Camp at Inspirational Hills in Burbank, OH.

**Celebrating Camp Marengo:** As we close on the property at Camp Marengo, we are grateful for the many persons



who have worked through the years to make the camping a ministry. A special thanks to Dave and Patty Woodward, who have served among us for 21 years. And to Bethanne Martin and the current camp staff who are giving vision and purpose to the next chapter in camping ministry. For our Celebration Day, nearly 200 folks showed up to honor the ministry that happened on the camp grounds and to share stories of God at work to change lives and direct paths for literally thousands over the years.

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**OSYC:** Our support of this big event makes a difference in so many lives. I celebrate often the impact that this one weekend has to call youth to the discipleship of Jesus. Jerry Webb, our new convention leader, and his team are expecting several hundred at this year's convention next month at Salem Church of God in Clayton, OH.

**Conditional Deeding:** A joint effort by several state assemblies, in conversation with Church of God Ministries, was to discover and obtain a list of churches in our respective states that were conditionally deeded to the Board of Church Extension and Home Missions. Per the 2012 resolution in the Anderson GA, those deeds were to be transferred to the state assemblies. That has finally been accomplished. Our next step is to work with the Ohio congregations to ensure that their conditional deeds are safeguarded.

**Investment Team:** To steward well the proceeds from the sale of the property and other large streams of income, the Board put in place an Investment Team.



#### **Church Multiplication**

**V2X** (Vision to Multiply): In May 20 pastors gathered, at the joint invitation of Salem pastor Steve Southards and Ohio Ministries, to begin envisioning a multiplication path that is grassroots led and funded. Ohio Ministries and Healthy Growing Churches serve as catalysts and resource agents for this endeavor. It was a hope-filled day that has enthused several of our pastors as they considered how multiplication could be better accomplished as we networked together. The African proverb, *If you want to run fast, run alone. If you want to run far, run together,* articulates well the impact of this gathering. Our next steps are to articulate and commit to common shared goals for multiplication and to determine paths of helpful accountability and resourcing. **Midwest Multiplication Huddle:** For more than five years Ohio has partnered with Michigan and Indiana to underwrite a quality day of training and encouragement. This event has been in August at the Lima Crossroads Church. This summer we had a record group of nearly 200 pastors and their staff and lay leaders who came together to be resourced in meeting the challenge of making more and better disciples. At that event we commissioned nine teams to plant and/or restart a church/campus. This was a big win for the partnership!



#### Sabbatical Reflections

I began the sabbatical anticipating time to reflect with clear vision; to rest and be refreshed in body, mind and spirit; and to

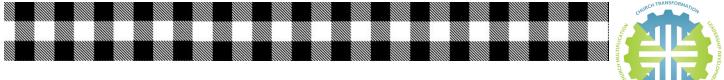
hear from heaven as I seek to imagine a preferred future for our shared ministry. As you are aware, the sabbatical experiences took some unexpected turns with the deaths of both my mother-in-law and brother-in-law. While these events certainly have left a mark on this season, I am grateful that I was on sabbatical during this time: available, undistracted, and present to walk with Chris through the initial grief and responsibilities that fell to him as the next of kin. Beyond this, the sabbatical did afford me the opportunity to prepare for a new season of ministry, reflected in our new branding. I was also able to do some focused reading and conversation in the area of building a disciple-making culture as well as stewardship and finance. I believe that as we gear up for this next chapter that the focus of our work needs to be in these areas. Here, we can build a strong ministry, with strong relational ties to pastors and congregations, and a solid financial base. I believe that God is stirring in the hearts of many other leaders in the Church of God similar thoughts and thus I believe that we are on the edge of a new and better chapter. In the words of the old Church of God hymn by DS Warner, "Brighter days are sweetly dawning."

Believing that we are . . . Better together!

> Esther Cottrell State Pastor



Esther M Cottrel



### Mission 120



**Mission 120** is a bold initiative that Ohio, Indiana and Michigan are partnering together to encourage, challenge, and resource 120 pastors and their congregations to prioritize and focus on being a disciple-making church. Believing that disciple-making is at the heart of the call of God on our lives, as proclaimed throughout scripture; and believing that disciple-making is best done

in community with one another, you are invited to join this movement. Although the first wave is full, we are looking for pastors and churches to prepare, pray, and participate in the second wave that begins next fall. To help you prepare, pray over, and plan to participate, here are some common definitions:

#### **Biblical Disciple are...**

Intentionally following Jesus

Obedience to Jesus is the highest priority.

Publicly declaring being surrendered to Jesus through baptism.

Loving God and loving others is a way of everyday life.

Living with the heart and posture of a servant.

Being generous with all of our resources.

Being changed by Jesus

Living fully empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Seeking God's heart and will through listening for His voice in prayer.

Assuming personal responsibility for our spiritual development through the spiritual disciplines.

Engaging the mission of Jesus

Actively walking with pre-Christ persons in our relational network to, and across, the line of faith.

Intentionally being discipled and making disciples.

Serving people in the margins of life.

Actively being the hands and feet of Jesus where we work, live, and play.

#### **Disciple Making Churches...**

#### Are led by disciple making pastors

Disciple making churches are led by pastors who passionately cast a vision for disciple making to third and fourth generations of reproduction. They also lead the way by modeling the posture of Jesus and making disciples who make disciples.

#### Have a relational pathway for disciple making

Disciple making churches have a pathway that produces disciples who make disciples. This pathway is not a program to simply increase spiritual knowledge. It is a spiritual formation pathway that is both intentional and relational with the ultimate goal being obedience followers of Jesus that are living into the great commission.

#### Raise up disciples who make disciples, who make disciples

Disciple making churches will build a culture that raises up disciples who make disciples to multiple generations of reproduction. Disciple making churches are intentionally focused on making both disciples and disciple makers. Every local church has the powerful potential to launch a disciple making movement.

#### Send disciples into the mission of Jesus

Disciple making churches will raise up disciples, disciples makers, every day missionaries, and multipliers. Disciple making churches will build a culture that empowers everyday missionaries to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the places where they work, live, and play. When God provides a call to kingdom work that extends beyond their local church, these disciples will be commissioned and sent to live into that calling.

#### JOIN THE MOVEMENT!!

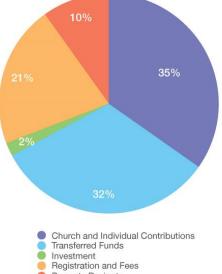


### Budget Comparison—Income

#### **Income Outlook**

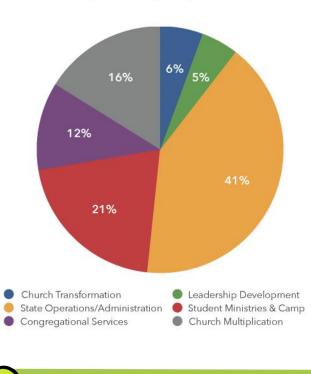
REVENUE	
Church and Individual Contributions	\$263,500
Transferred Funds	\$245,798
Investment	\$15,000
Registration and Fees	\$159,092
Property Reciepts	\$75,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$758,390

#### 2020 Proposed Revenue



Property Reciepts 

2020 Proposed Budget Expenses

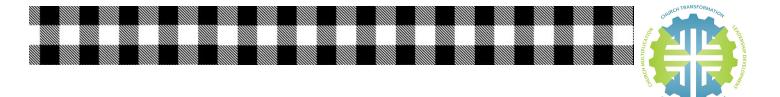


#### Description 2019 2020 Church Transformation \$92,300 42,390 Leadership Development \$24,910 37,032 State Operations/Administration \$309,877 312,376 Student Ministries & Camp \$259,549 156,680 87,412 **Congregational Services** 0 122,500 **Church Multiplication** \$122,500 TOTAL EXPENSES \$809,136 758,390



Nancy Blankenship, **Business Admin** 

#### 2020 OHIO MINISTRIES PROPOSED Budget EXPENSES





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RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS Adoption of 2019 Credentials Manual\*\*

Recommendation on behalf of the State Credentials Committee to the Board of Directors to adopt the June 10, 2019 Revised Edition of the Credentials Manual of the Church of God.

Motion made by Dottie Kaiser Seconded by Mike Parks

Vote passed unanimously by the State Credentials Committee on 9-12-2019 \*

#### Members Present:

Jonathan Grubbs (Chair) – Member At Large David Guess (Chair) – NE Ohio Dottie Kaiser (Chair) – NW Ohio Louise Worsham (Chair) – SE Ohio Joshua Hauser (Representative) – SW Ohio Mike Parks (Chair) – Central Ohio Marty Johnson – Member At Large

#### **Ohio Ministries Non-voting Support Staff:**

Kim Leach – Leadership Focus Coordinator Demetrius Booker (Advisor) – State Associate Pastor

\* Note: The SCC on behalf of the Assembly will make alterations/revisions to the Credential's Manual according to page 83. If necessary, when an alteration(s) or revision(s) that the State office disagrees with, the State Credentials Committee will make a motion to accept or reject the alterations/revisions as a committee, and follow the appeal procedure from page 80.

\*\* Motion passed unanimously by The Ohio Ministries of the Church of God Board of Directors on September 23, 2019 to bring the 2019 Credentials Manual to the General Assembly for Adoption.

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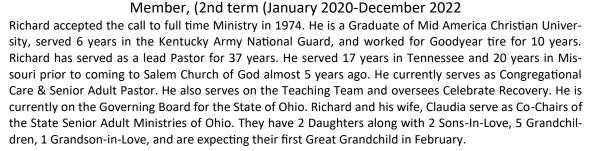
### Ratification Ballot

### Governing Board Nominees

#### Rev. Richard Triplett



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#### Rev. Matt Roe

#### Member, (1st term ) January 2020-December 2022

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.

#### Rev. Josh Deeter

#### Member, (Filling unexpired term) January 2020-December 2021

Josh is Lead Pastor of the First Church of God in Tallmadge. He currently serves on the Board of Church Growth for the NEO district and the Church Multiplication Board for Ohio Ministries. He earned a bachelor's degree in Bible and Religion from Anderson University and a Master's of Divinity from Beeson Divinity School at Samford University. He loves his wife Emily and three children (Judah, Evie and JT).

### Credentials Committee Chair Nominee



Rev. David Guess

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#### (Filling unexpired term) January 2020-December 2021

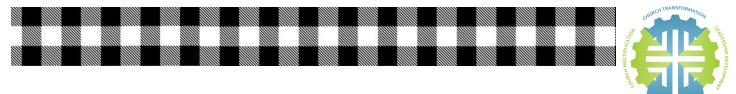
David Guess currently pastors his home church, Amsterdam Community Church of God in the Northeast Ohio District. He has served churches in OH, PA, OK, KS, KY, and AK during his 37 years of ministry. He served as State Credentials Chair, Chair of the General Assembly and represented the state as Regional Pastor while in Alaska. He attended the two Credentials Congresses held in Atlanta and Nashville. Currently, he chairs the Board of Pastoral and Church Relations in the NEO district. He and his wife Marcy have been married 28 years and are empty nesters (although his wife insists they get a dog). They have four adult children. He has a passion to come alongside ministers and churches to encourage them to achieve their full potential in Christ.



Rev. Matt Roe



Rev. Josh Deeter



### 2019 Ordination Candidates



David R. DeWitt



Charles E. Dorsey Sr.

#### David R. DeWitt

Wintergreen Ledges, Aron-Northeast District

David DeWitt has been the Senior Pastor at Wintergreen Ledges for just over a year. He graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University in 1994 with a B.A. in religion and from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1997 with a Master of Divinity. David has served as a senior pastor for the past 22 years. He and his wife Elizabeth have two children Abigail (22), who recently married her husband Evan and Samuel (13).

#### Charles E. Dorsey Sr.

Fifth Church, Cleveland—Northeast District

Charles Dorsey is married to Deaconess Carolyn Dorsey. They have 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He currently serves as the senior associate minister at the Fifth Church of God in Cleveland, Ohio under the Rev. Doctor Victoria F. Dorsey. He is on the trustee board of business and finance. He also facilitates Bible studies. He completed theological studies under the Rev. Dr. Emma Darby. He has a certification in Christian Ministry through Anderson University and completed all modules in the Leadership Focus Program. He plans to continue his education in Christian Counseling beginning in January 2020.

#### Patrick K. Gamble Sr.

First Church, Washington Courthouse—Central District

Patrick Gamble is married to Constance Gamble. They have three children, four grandchildren and one great grandson. He is pastor of First Church of God in Washington Court House, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Mid America Christian University where he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Christian Ministry. He is currently enrolled in the Master's Program at Mid America Christian University.



Patrick K. Gamble Sr.

Garry Griffith.

#### Garry Griffith

First Community Church, Lorain—Northeast District

Garry Griffith was called to start preaching in 2004. He was ordained in 2008 at the Midway Baptist Church. He started the 1st Community Church of God in 2010 with Rev. Joe Griffith. He served under him as assistant Pastor. He took over as senior pastor after his death in 2014.







### 2019 Ordination Candidates

**Kimberly Leach** 



Mitch Martin

### Kimberly Leach

Connection Point, Sidney—Central District

Kimberly Leach is currently serving as the Women's and Children's Pastor at Connection Point Church of God in Sidney. She is passionate about leading and teaching children about God and His plan for their lives. Kim has served beside her husband, Alan, in the ministry for over 30 years. They have two married children: Matt and Rachel. Kim serves as the Leadership Focus Administrator for the state of Ohio.

#### Mitchell R. Martin

Ellet Community, Akron-Northeast District

Mitch Martin has served the Ellet Community Church of God for over a decade as Worship Minister and Associate Pastor. In 2016 he accepted the call to be their Senior Pastor where he continues to serve today. He is supported by Judy, his wife of 34 years, as well as his three adult children and six grandchildren. Mitch has a heart for seeing lives changed through Christ, one life at a time.



Kelsey McKenzie

#### Kelsey McKenzie

#### Creston Community Church, Creston—Northeast District

Kelsey Mckenzie currently serves as the Associate Pastor, Worship Pastor, and Youth Pastor at Creston Community Church in Creston. He is passionate about cultivating life change in students and leading God's people into worship. Kelsey is married to Jennifer. They have a daughter Ainee (3). They are very excited for this next chapter in their ministry journey.



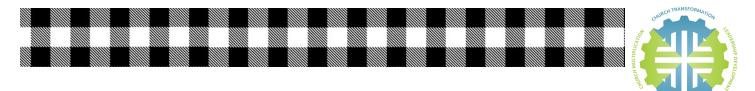
Anthony Perrine

#### **Anthony Perrine**

Rocky Fork First, Newark—Southeast District

Anthony Perrine is currently serving as the Senior Pastor at Rocky Fork First Church of God, in Newark, Ohio. He is passionate about discipleship and seeing those around him grow stronger in their relationship with Jesus Christ. His wife, Heather and their four children: Anthony II (16), Landon (5), Chandler (4), and Adelyn (8 mo.) are excited to see what God has in store next in their ministry journey.





### 2019 Ordination Candidates



Sheila Reed

Sheila A. Reed First Church. Toledo—Northwest District

Sheila Reed is currently Minister of Visitation at First Church of God – Toledo. She is also a Congregational Pastor where she has been ministering in that capacity for 15 years. As a 31 year member of FCOG, Sheila has served in numerous assignments continuously. Sheila is passionate about her service in God's Kingdom. When she first joined FCOG, she "hit the ground running" and has never stopped. One of the greatest joys in Sheila's life is her husband of 42 years, John Reed. She and John are the parents of two children and a special granddaughter, Tylesha.



Brian Robertson

#### **Brian Robertson**

Crossroads Church, Lima-Northwest District

Brian Robertson is currently the Lead Pastor at Crossroads Church of God in Lima, Ohio. Brian's passion for leadership and pastoral ministry began as a young adult when answering the call to serve in the local church as a youth pastor. Brian has been in ministry for 22 years and holds a MATM from Fuller Theological Seminary. Brian is passionate about helping people understand their calling to be apprentices to Jesus. Brian and his wife, Jeanna, have five children and live in northwest Ohio.

### Gayle Sharp

Salem Church, Clayton—Central District

Gayle Sharp, sensing God's call to serve as a Professional Chaplain, is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from Anderson University School of Theology. She currently serves as a Life Group Leader and Pastoral Care Team member at Salem Church of God . She volunteers at two local hospitals through their Spiritual Services departments.



Gayle Sharp

Benjamin Wilson

#### **Benjamin Wilson**

New Life Community, Cleveland-Northeast District

Benjamin Wilson serves as Pastor of New Life Community COG (Cleveland) with his wife, Dr. Mirriam Knight-Wilson, PsyD. He is an Advisory Board Member of Joy to the World Ministries (Leribe, Lesotho), co-founder of Liberation Worship and Destiny Connections, and a member of the John Maxwell Team. Benjamin is passionate about helping people connect with and live in their God-given purpose.



### 2020 Start Fresh

#### Ohio Ministries 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 14, 2020 10 am—3 pm at Meadow Park, 2425 Bethel Road, Columbus OH 43220 for a time of worship, training and fellowship. Look for registration details the first of the year.

### **Start Fresh!**



Rev. Demetrius Booker State Associate Pastor

THE DAY

### March 14, 2020 §

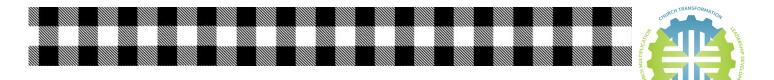
Theme:



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

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## COGO OPPORTUNITY MATCHING GRANT



TO HELP IN THE EXPANSION OF THE KINDGOM IN THE AREAS OF LEADERSHIP AND CONGREGATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE OF OHIO AND BEYOND

#### **OVERVIEW**

BEGINNING IN 2020, COGO MINISTRIES WILL MAKE AVAILABLE A <u>NON-RENEWALABLE MATCHING GRANT</u> TO OUR FIVE OHIO DISTRICTS, AND OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY LOCATED IN ANDERSON, INDIANA TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF CARE AND ARISE).

APPLICATIONS FOR THE COGO MATCHING GRANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING JULY OF 2020 AND AWARDED DURING THE 2020 AND 2021 STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE AMOUNT OF THE INDIVIDUAL GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED BY A COMMITTEE CALLED COGO GRANT.

THE COGO GRANT COMMITTEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION OF POLICIES AND GUIDELINES ASSOCIATED WITH AWARDING THE MATCHING GRANTS.

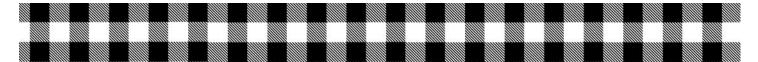
THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALL GRANTS AWARDS, NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.



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# LEADERSHIP FOCUS

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"We celebrate these persons as they pursue the call of God on their lives." Dr. Esther Cottrell

#### **Currently in Ohio Leadership Focus**

Module 1 - 6 individuals Module 2 - 16 individuals Module 3 - 10 individuals Module 4 - 3 individuals Module 5 - 8 individuals Module 6 - 8 individuals

Meet our Leadership Focus Coordinator-Rev. Kimberly Leach



Kim has served along side her husband in ministry for thirty years. Just recently (February 2019) she completed Leadership Focus to become an ordained minister in the Church of God (Anderson, IN). Kim's ministry experience includes partnering with her husband, Alan, to serve

in Galesburg, Illinois; Union City, Tennessee; Mesa, AZ; New Springfield, Ohio; and now at Connection Point Church in Sidney, Ohio. Over the years Kim has served on staff as an Administrative Assistant and Youth Director. She enjoys partnering with her husband to strategically plan; share vision; and minister within and without the walls of the church. Read more on our website.

#### **First Steps:**

Step 1: Talk to your Senior Pastor

Step 2: Begin the Application Process

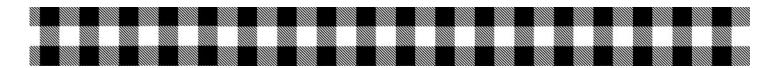
at <u>www.choglf.com</u> - Click on New Credentials Candidates Registration - select Ohio in the drop downtown menu, follow the instructions to start the process. Leadership Focus is the credentialing tool used within the Church of God. It is a 6-module curriculum to support the credentialing requirements in the Credentials Manual of the Church of God and is designed to prepare leaders for ordination. He module themes explored are:

- [1] COMMENCEMENT Knowing God's will for me;
- [2] CHARACTER Knowing the personal me and aligning with the Holy spirit for missional purpose; [
- [3] COMPETENCIES Knowing the public me and interacting with others to unlock their potential for missional kingdom impact;
- [4] CONFESSIONS Knowing the professional me and developing skills to communicate missional truths that transform lives;
- [5] CONNECTIVITY Knowing the partnering me and intentionally developing healthy kingdom relationships that produce missional expansion;
- [6] CELEBRATIONS Knowing the integrated me and articulating God's will (calling) for me in a missional focused LAMP.

Candidates are assigned to a cluster group that they will "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 the cluster for each module; cluster coaches change for each module. Candidates will review and complete assignments, access general module resources, and track progress using the Leadership Focus Portal (https://www.choglf.org); each module is 6 months in duration with the exception of the first module, Commencement, which is primarily an orientation module and is partly self-paced. At the end of the process, a candidate will have spent a little more than 2.5 years with their cluster group members, guided by 5 different coaches.

This is a general overview of the Leadership Focus program. If you would like more detailed information, or if you know of someone perusing ministry, contact the Leadership Focus Program Coordinator, Kim Leach Email: Credentials@cogo.church (beginning Nov. 1)

Next deadline for module 1 is November 1, 2019



### 2019 Disaster Relief Annual Report





Rev. Chris Allen and Dr. Esther the Hopeland Church in Dayton



Dayton Area relief volunteers serving food



DR Trailer in front of the Salem Church

### Excited and More Excited:

#### **Excitement #1:**

It is with grateful hearts that your Ohio Ministries Disaster Relief Team (DRT)wishes to express our appreciation to the congregations and individuals who gave financial gifts to help provide aid to the tornado victims in the Dayton Area. The dollars provided through the Salem Church Family and the funds that passed through Ohio Ministries exceeded \$50,000, part of which has already been invested in the recovery efforts. The balance of \$14,584+/will be used in the "long range" recovery ministry. The Salem and Hopeland Congregations, along with their pastors have been great to work with throughout this experience.

Your DRT is also working through/ with fellow members of Ohio-VOAD to strengthen the long-range



recovery in the Dayton Area. Currently small groups of "Fix It Teams" are needed, as there is still much work to be done.

#### **Excitement #2:**

A new partnership is being formed with the Chillicothe Congregation (Pastor Matt Roe) to help create "small groups or teams" across the state. These teams of both men and women will serve the local church family, their community and beyond. In case of a major disaster these groups can be mobilized to serve as their skills and schedules permit. We are happy to report that the Chillicothe Church Family is already involved in meeting needs in their community with the "state of the art" food trailer. As this ministry is being developed there will be numerous opportunities for you and your church family to become involved.

Because of you and your congregation the DRT will continue to seek to serve in order that we may minister by "BRINGING HELP & GIVING HOPE."

Disaster Relief Team





Hello Friends,

We are currently working hard to prepare for 2020 COGO Camp Summer Youth Program at our new location of Camp Inspiration Hills in Burbank, Ohio! Though we are sad to be leaving such a phenomenal place full of memories and tremendous impact, we are excited and hopeful for our continued ministry at a beautiful, spirit-filled space. Katlyn Martin is returning as Camp Director, along with other familiar faces. Be looking for more information on our new website <u>cogo.church/camp or www.campmarengo.com</u> for applications as well as 2020 camp news.

We are so excited for this new season of change and the upcoming camping season. The Staff will implement familiar programming into this new place to create new memories and experiences for our campers. We will continue to share the good news of Christ to our youth. We always appreciate your support and prayers in encouraging our staff, volunteers, and campers as they prepare to come and discover or rediscover the power of camp in their lives! *See you next summer*!

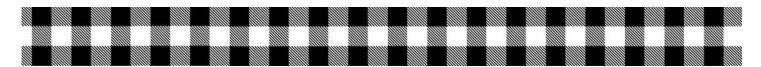




#### 2020 Camp Summer Youth Camp Inspiration Hills 4819 W Easton Rd Burbank OH 44214 June 12-13 Family Camp (All Ages) June 14-19 Senior High Camp (Gr. 7-12)

	June 14-19	Senior High Camp (Gr. 7-12)	
	June 21-26	Middle School Camp (Gr. 6-8)	
	June 28-July 3	Intermediate Camp (Gr. 5-6)	
	July 5-7	Elementary Camp Half Week (Gr. 1-2)	
	July 5-10	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 2020.			





### 2019 OSYC Ohio State Youth Convention November 8-10

#### **OSYC 2019 ~ UNFILTERED**

Salem Church of God, Clayton, OH

Don't let the students in your church miss out on this incredible experience! OSYC is a great time for them to step away from their busy schedules and spend the weekend with other students from around the state in order to reconnect with God and discover what they were truly made for!

#### **Speaker - Chip Taylor**

Chip Taylor is a captivating speaker with a contagious love for Jesus and a huge heart for young people. He is passionate about empowering leaders, caring for hurting students, and impacting the world.



Chip enjoys sports, coaching, wood working and family date days. He is a graduate of Mid-America Bible College and a 25-year veteran in student ministry. He is currently the Director of the Intern Academy and resides in Scottsdale, Arizona with his wife Lori, his daughter Leah, and his son Caleb.

#### **Worship - Community Music**

Community Music, based out of Chicago, is a part of NewThing – a global church planting movement. Community Music and NewThing were started by Community Christian Church, whose mission is to reach people who are far from God, restore God's dream for the world and reproduce that mission in others. Community Music writes songs for the Church with a clear message that "Love Overcomes Fear".

#### **Mission Offering - Trafficklight**

This year's mission offering will be going to organizations with the Trafficklight initiative, which supports the fight against human trafficking. Through Trafficklight, we will be supporting OneHeart Dayton as well as the 5K4Freedom at IYC 2020.

### **Register your church through the Ohio Ministries website:** www.ohchog.org

\$0 – Student Pastor/Main Leader (1 Free Registration Per Group) \$75 – Students & Adult Leaders (Now through Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>)

\$80 – after October 28<sup>th</sup>



Rev. Jerry Webb, OSYC Director





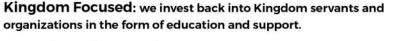
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### Mark your calendars, set your reminders Friday, December 6, 2019 **Project Prayer**

December 6 is the designated day for Ohio to join in the Church of God worldwide 25-day prayer vigil. With so much division in our world, how powerful it is for the people of God to join together praying for our leaders, the Church, and the world!



CHURCH OF GOD **OHIO MINISTRIES** 

MOVING TOGETHI

The 2019 Christmas Project is complete and ready for your use.

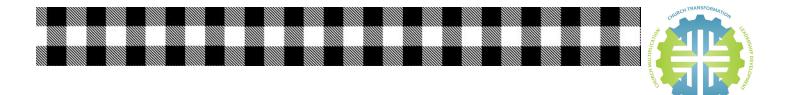
The theme is Good News:

### **Experiencing the Genuine Jesus!**

In a world seeming overwhelmed with bad news, it's time for some good news. Maybe it's a positive doctor's report, a promotion, or the announcement of a much-wanted pregnancy. Whatever the good news, it restores hope, energizes love, excites joy, and brings peace. Over the past two thousand years, people just like you and me have found that experiencing Jesus-the genuine Jesus-has enriched, and even, changed our lives. This Christmas, the CWC and regional pastors are empowering congregations and church leaders, like you, to help people in your ministry area to sample the best news of all. His name is Jesus.

You will find some excellent Christmas materials located at the CWC website: http:// www.christianwomenconnection.org. If you have additional comments or need further assistance, please contact please contact Ohio Ministries. We believe the resources found here will make a difference this Christmas.

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### **Ohio Ministries - 2020 Calendar of Events**

March 13-15	3SLi Student Leadership www.threesli.org Dayspring Church, Cincinnati OH
March 14	START FRESH Meadow Park Church of God, Columbus OH
April 12	EASTER Sunday
April 23	Senior Adult Spring Fling Der Dutchman in Plain City OH
see page 22	Summer Youth CampInspiration Hills-Burbank OH
May 31-June 5	Southwest Ohio District Camp Meeting Lebanon OH
June 26-28	Church of God Regional Convention Anderson IN
July 10-19	Southeast Ohio District Camp Meeting Warsaw OH
July 18-24	Northwest Ohio Payne Camp Meeting-celebrating 125 years! Payne OH
July 19-26	Northeast Ohio District Camp Meeting Berlin Center OH
August 2-9	Central Ohio Springfield Camp Meeting Springfield OH
August 2-8	National Association of the CHOG 104 <sup>th</sup> Camp MeetingWest Middlesex PA
Sept. 11-12	Men's Ox-Roast Lebanon OH
October 1	Senior Adults Fall Feast Der Dutchman, Walnut Creek OH
October 13	Senior Adults Fall Feast Der Dutchman, Plain City OH
October 22	Ohio General Assembly and Ordination Service Meadow Park, Columbus OH
Nov. 13-15	Ohio State Youth Convention Salem Church of God, Clayton OH







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