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Our Honored Dead

"Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die'" (John 11:25, 26).

Name and Date of Deceased:

J. Locke..... 1867	J. R. Babcock..... 1930	F. Gordon Stockin 1993
Southward Phinney..... 1867	W. A. Backus 1933	Marion P. Birch..... 1993
George Riley 1869	George E. Bathurst..... 1935	Paul S. Lawrence..... 1994
Henry Norton 1869	Jesse W. Steves..... 1935	Harold R. Waite..... 1994
J. Beadle..... 1870	Francis B. Markell..... 1936	George N. Osgood..... 1995
E. Bishop..... 1870	Edward L. Elliott..... 1940	Gordon L. Thurber..... 1996
H. Bacon..... 1871	Lynford J. Sicard 1941	Daniel A. Heinz..... 1996
Jonathan Sibley..... 1872	Charles H. Dow 1943	Evans E. Mitchel..... 1999
J. M. Thorp..... 1873	Noah R. Shaffer 1946	Harold E. McIntire..... 1999
A. Jones..... 1875	D. W. Summers..... 1947	David Shannon 2001
E. Biglow 1876	Gertrude Clocksin 1953	Milton R. Putnam 2001
David R. Douglas..... 1881	Charles Sicard..... 1953	Theodore R. Pagett..... 2007
J. R. Jones 1881	Ira W. George..... 1955	Robert A. Mattke..... 2007
Z. T. Petty..... 1884	Clarence J. White 1957	Carman E. McEwen..... 2010
Emory Jones 1886	Walter H. Readett..... 1958	Howard F. Parks 2011
Daniel W. Ball..... 1886	Mae K. Shaffer Moore..... 1959	Harold A. Burdick..... 2011
Thomas Osbood..... 1890	Anna Lucille Fillmore 1960	Charles D. Vastola 2012
J. D. Townsend 1890	William H. Osgood..... 1961	Eldyn B. Simons 2012
James Ireland 1894	Vernon D. Hoffman 1963	William E. Thurston..... 2012
Willard J. Houghton..... 1896	Wilber E. Beers..... 1964	David L. Hill..... 2013
Anna Perring Clarke..... 1896	J. R. Pitt..... 1965	Alton J. Shea..... 2015
W. R. Mearns 1897	Frank C. Taylor..... 1966	Bernard M. Roof Sr..... 2016
Jeannie Groves 1897	O. Glenn McKinley 1970	Robert J. McCarthy..... 2016
George F. Porter 1898	Mary E. Bennett 1970	
E. J. Poe..... 1899	Arthur J. Taylor 1970	
J. A. Thomas..... 1901	A. A. Hickok..... 1971	
Willard C. Boardman..... 1902	Benjamin F. Armstrong..... 1972	
P. H. Humphery 1903	Clarence H. Barnett..... 1973	
George W. Steele 1906	Harry H. Bullock 1973	
Reuben F. Dutcher 1908	C. I. Armstrong 1974	
Alonzo B. Chamberlain 1909	O. J. McMillen Gleason... 1974	
Edgar Fuller..... 1914	Claude H. Ries..... 1977	
George W. Cooper..... 1918	Raymond Reed 1978	
Robert C. McConnell 1919	Maurice Gibbs 1978	
Nathan E. Herald..... 1919	Alice J. H. McMillen 1986	
John L. Benton..... 1919	Roy H. Humphries 1987	
N. F. Robb 1922	Geneva Pritchard..... 1987	
W. A. Hazlett..... 1924	H. N. Robinson..... 1987	
George H. Clarke..... 1929	S. I. McMillen 1990	
J. H. Woodhouse 1929	Marvin J. McDuffee 1991	
B. S. Laughlin..... 1930	Stephen W. Paine 1992	




Dedication




Bernard M. Roof Sr.
 1929 - 2016

The Reverend Bernard M. Roof, Sr., age 86, of Harrisburg, PA went home to be with his Savior on March 9, 2016. He was born December 24, 1929 in Short Tract, NY, the son of the late Milton Roof and Aletha James Roof. He was married for 65 years to Norma M. Palmer Roof. They were married June 10, 1950. Bernie graduated from Fillmore Central High School in 1948. He attended Houghton College and transferred and graduated from God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio and received his TH.B in 1972 in Tennessee.

Bernie retired from the pastorate in the Wesleyan Church in 1995 in which he started churches in NC, NJ, PA, NY, and MD. He was an evangelist with his wife Norma preaching and leading music with his trumpet.

Bernie was also a veteran during the Korean War and was in the Army Reserve. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and woodworking. His greatest enjoyment in life was spending time with his family.

Bernard is survived by 3 daughters; Mrs. Shirley Roof Engert of Gasport, NY, Mrs. Patricia Roof Progansky of Wapwallopen, PA, and The Rev. Roben Roof of Harrisburg, PA. He is also survived by 13 grand-children and 24 great-grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews. Bernard is also survived by 1 sister, Faith Taylor. He was preceded in death by his daughter Karen Roof Brewer and a son Bernie M. Roof, Jr. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Short Tract United Methodist Church in Short Tract, NY. The Committal Service was held at the Short Tract Cemetery following the service. Bernie, we will miss your sense of humor, your eye for details, your giftedness, and your love for God, people, and ministry.

Dedication



Robert J. McCarthy
1919 - 2016

The Reverend Robert J. McCarthy, 96, World War II Veteran, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Saturday, evening, April 30, 2016. He was born on May 27, 1919 in Philadelphia, PA, the son of John and Mary (Doughart) McCarthy.

Rev. McCarthy pastored from 1957-2006. His ministry was in the northeast including New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York before moving to Maine in 1985. Rev. McCarthy was mentored by Rev. James Mills and later served as his assistant when Rev. Mills was the Dean of Students at Houghton College in the early 60s. He pastored many churches including those in Western New York (Blossom, Cleveland Drive and Little Valley). At the age of 67 he moved to Maine and pastored in full time ministry until he was 87. After that he did Nursing home and hospital visitation. He played his trumpet in his nursing home ministry with violins, cell, keyboard and voices until he was almost 93.

He is survived by his son Jack McCarthy and wife Cindi, daughter Jill Kalata and husband Mark all of Woodland, Sons; Joseph John McCarthy, Jesse Ray McCarthy and daughter Jenna Marie McCarthy. Grandchildren; Alan, Jared, Moriah, Jonathan, Micah, Jacqueline, Mercy and great grandchildren Andrew, David, Tristan and Kayden. In addition to his parents, Robert is predeceased by his wife Doris May, brothers; John, Sam and Arthur and sister Marie.

The funeral service for Rev. McCarthy was held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at the Caribou United Baptist Church in Caribou, Maine with The Rev. Mark Carter, officiating. Interment was held at a later time in Houghton, New York.

Ordained Into Ministry

Sunday, October 2, 2016

The Wesleyan Church of Hamburg, Hamburg, New York

Dr. Wayne Schmidt, General Superintendent



Rev. Justin E. Callicutt

"Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage ~ with great patience and careful instruction" (2 Timothy 4:2, NIV).

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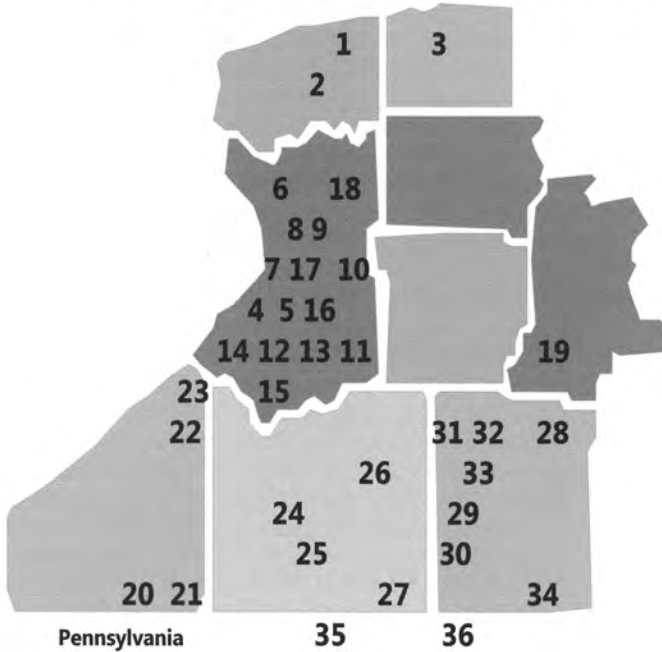
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New York Churches

NIAGARA COUNTY

- 1. Appleton
- 2. Lockport

ORLEANS COUNTY

- 3. Lyndonville

ERIE COUNTY

- 4. Angola
- 5. Blasdell
- 6. Buffalo, Anchor
- 7. Buffalo, Grace Com.
- 8. Buffalo, Home City
- 9. Cheektowaga, Zion Quest
- 10. Depew, The Vine
- 11. East Aurora
- 12. Eden, South Creek
- 13. Hamburg
- 14. Irving, Indian Chapel
- 15. North Collins
- 16. Orchard Park

- 17. West Seneca
- 18. Williamsville

GENESEE COUNTY
(No churches)

LIVINGSTONE COUNTY

- 19. Nunda, Oakland

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

- 20. Falconer, Peace
- 21. Falconer, Levant
- 22. Forestville
- 23. Silver Creek

WYOMING COUNTY
(No churches)

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY

- 24. Cattaraugus, East Leon
- 25. Little Valley

- 26. Machias, Joy Community
- 27. Olean

ALLEGANY COUNTY

- 28. Canaseraga
- 29. Caneadea
- 30. Cuba
- 31. Freedom
- 32. Fillmore
- 33. Houghton
- 34. Wellsville

Pennsylvania Churches

McKEAN COUNTY

- 35. Bradford
- 36. Eldred

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THE DISTRICT CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

EX OFFICIO:

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The Rev. Dr. Gregory W. McClain; The Rev. Richard A. Bennett.
- ELECTED LAY MEMBERS:** Mr. Philip Stockin; Dr. Thomas Putnam; Mrs. Jan Stanton
- RESERVE MINISTERS:** The Rev. D. Joseph Payne; The Rev. Neil A. Koppen
- RESERVE LAY MEMBERS:** Mr. Melvin Dye; Mrs. Kathy Mason

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<p style="text-align: center;">DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACTION COMMITTEE INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES</p>
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THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES TO THE 2017 DISTRICT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT EASTERN HILLS WESLEYAN CHURCH, WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK, ON JUNE 17, 2017:

It should be noted that all action for District Conference must be reviewed by the Conference Action Committee, thus the following information is crucial if a delegate wishes to bring action to the floor of the District Conference:

- (1) The District Conference Action Committee will meet April 29, 2017 at the District Office at 10:00 a.m. This committee will assist you in bringing your action to the conference floor.
- (2) Proposed action may be submitted to the district office by April 15th by a local church conference, by the WY and WW Conventions, or any three voting members of the 2017 District Conference.
- (3) All resolutions properly submitted to the District Conference Action Committee will be read on the floor of District Conference though the Action Committee does not have to recommend its adoption. If the committee does not recommend, a motion to adopt must come from the conference floor for it to be considered.
- (4) All proposed resolutions must be typewritten and duplicated for each delegate (*180 copies*) by the proposal maker.



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A. APPOINTED ORDAINED MINISTERS

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Logan, Ronald L.	3207 Northway Drive, Sanborn, NY 14132	716-696-2834
Massey, Charles E.	44 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201	716-479-8935
Merriam, Floyd E.	9597 Route 19, P.O. Box 53, Houghton, NY 14744	585-567-8821
Miller, Robert F.	9692 Route 19, P.O. Box 155, Houghton, NY 14744	585-567-8885
Moore, Fred J.	P.O. Box 37, Rew, PA 16744	814-465-3386
Nace, William J.	25 Ferris Road, Chestertown, NY 12817	518-321-4697

Schultz, Carl	15 Surry Drive, Uxbridge, MA 01569	508-779-0723
Strong, Gordon L.	920 Buena Vista Dr., Eastanollee, GA 30538	706-282-0031
Walters, J. Michael	9788 Fancher Heights, Houghton, NY 14744	585-567-8411
Woolsey, Warren M.	9876 Lucky Drive, Rm. 213, Houghton, NY 14744	585-567-8622

C. RESERVE ORDAINED MINISTERS

Beardsley, Benjamin P. **	1023 Hard Rock Road, Webster, NY 14580	585-314-3115
Glendenning, Todd E. *	1053 East Quaker Road, East Aurora, NY 14052	716-796-1145
Hill, Charles F. *	8832 Rush Creek Road, Caneadea, NY 14717	716-640-4477
McClain, Gregory W. *	220 West Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201	716-649-0184
Nace, Carol R. *	25 Ferris Road, Chestertown, NY 12817	814-331-3919
Selden, Ray E. *	201 Greyson Street, Martinsville, VA 24112	716-946-4210

D. ORDAINED MINISTERS ON EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

Hass, Bradley J.	608 Tennent Drive, Wilmore, KY 40390	716-517-5384
Lockie, Darryl S.	738 N. Highland Ave., Apt. 222, Pittsburg, PA 15206	716-374-0997

E. ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

a. Not Available for Appointment

Chase, Allen A. **	P.O. Box 19, Cassadaga, NY 14718	716-397-8861
Drummonds, Gerald V. II **	7325 Little Acorn Way, Rio Linda, CA 95673	916-805-1806
Miller, Timothy J. ****	1278 Little John Lake Road, Allegan, MI 49010	616-990-0702
Pocock, Steven R. **** +	7420 Hillside Drive, Houghton, NY 14744	585-610-6295
Schweigart, Carol A. **** +	234 N. Main Street, Bolivar, NY 14715	585-928-1961
Wilczek, Paul J. **** +	427 Creekside Lane, Spring Hill, TN 37174	716-553-5592

b. Employed in Other than Ministerial Capacity by General Church

F. ORDAINED MINISTERS IN PROCESS OF DISTRICT TRANSFER

1. Pending Completion of District Transfer

2. Applied for District Transfer

G. ORDAINED MINISTERS IN PROCESS OF DENOMINATIONAL TRANSFER**1. Pending Completion of District Transfer**

Nash, Kenneth J.	5342 Armor Duells Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127	616-340-8362
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2. Applied for District Transfer**II. COMMISSIONED MINISTERS****III. LICENSED MINISTERS****A. PASTORS OR FULL-TIME ASSISTANTS**

Ader, Monty D.	5335 William Street, Lancaster, NY 14086	336-354-9387
Allen, April A.	4116 Bryant Street, Blasdell, NY 14219	716-208-7695
Archer, Ian L.	5 Brookdale Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221	716-531-5190
Grimes, Robert H.	5 Hardy Street, Cuba, NY 14727	585-365-5813
King, Shawn F.	283 Harding Road, Williamsville, NY 14221	716-866-8455
Leckel Jacob R.	5817 Lake Avenue, Orchard Park, NY 14127	716-796-3266
Niver, Terri L.	900 W. Corydon Street, Bradford, PA 16701	814-362-1531
Deborah E. Nykyforchyn	5386 Oakridge Drive, Hamburg, NY 14075	716-710-2649
Trippett, Michael J.	9323 Waterman Road, Angola, NY 14006	716-217-8130

B. OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Smith, William J.	59 Wildwood Lane, Orchard Park, NY 14127	281-923-2514
Trotter, Alan D. Jr.	23 Race Street, Bradford, PA 16701	814-366-3046

C. IN PROCESS OF DISTRICT TRANSFER**1. Pending Completion of District Transfer****2. Applied for District Transfer****D. IN PROCESS OF DENOMINATIONAL TRANSFER**

IV. MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

Barksdale, Carlos O.	23 Genesee Street, Cuba, NY 14727	595-209-4120
Barksdale, Heidi A.	23 Genesee Street, Cuba, NY 14727	585-808-1602
Bashizi, Yoshua B.	908 Lafayette Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209	716-830-5635
Bauer, Bradley G.	115 Simme Road, Lancaster, NY 14086	716-912-4212
Brawdy, Daniel J.	229 Bernhardt Drive, Amherst, NY 14226	716-908-5192
Butcher, Daniel W.	8245 East Otto Road, Cattaraugus, NY 14719	716-225-4606
Clements, Dominique M.	4312 Rushford Drive, Hamburg, NY 14075	716-548-6442
Fidurko, Andrew J.	148 Wolf Run Road, Cuba, NY 14727	716-372-1841
Funch, Adam G.	8978 Sandrock Road, Eden, NY 14057	716-984-2601
Kaufman, Trevor J.	4959 Mt. Vernon Blvd, Hamburg, NY 14057	716-713-1551
Lawson, Jeffery M.	2505 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, NY 14421	585-356-6167
Loew, Melinda D.	5085 Bayview Road, Hamburg, NY 14075	616-690-2362
Mason, Joshua J.	8216 Higgins Road, Freedom, NY 14065	585-808-9179
Mullen, Shirley A.	7428 Hillside Drive, Houghton, NY 14744	585-808-0986
Mutowa, Achsah	86 Burlington Avenue, Depew, NY 14043	716-391-1002
Parks, Andrew J.	3455 Emerling Drive, Blasdel, NY 14219	716-345-1884
Petroski, Daniel W.	12 Summerfield Drive, Lancaster, NY 14086	716-912-8481
Priola, Stephen	6 Avian Way, Lancaster, NY 14086	716-684-9714
Schallert, Joshua R.	120 Nolan Drive, Allegany, NY 14706	716-572-4328
Schwartz, Hope L.	6126 Tachi Drive, Newfane, NY 14108	716-201-9662
Shamenda, Elijah D.	7263 Ellcott Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127	716-908-8149
Wallmeyer, Deborah B.	3221 Weller Drive, Eden, NY 14057	716-992-3081
Williams, Peter T.	1076 Cayuga Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304	716-799-3626
Yei, Suk May	60 Autumn Creek Ln, Apt C, E. Amherst, NY 14051	716-512-0359

V. LAY WORKERS

A. COMMISSIONED SPECIAL WORKERS

Duda, Martha M.	12728 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081	716-532-2219
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B. COMMISSIONED LAY MISSIONARIES

C. LICENSED SPECIAL WORKERS



BUDGET FORWARDING INFORMATION

DISTRICT, USF GENERAL AND EDUCATIONAL BUDGETS SHOULD BE REMITTED to the District Treasurer each month. She will in turn send the USF budgets to the General Treasurer.

WESLEYAN YOUTH DISTRICT BUDGETS SHOULD BE REMITTED early in the conference year and also sent to the District Treasurer.

DISTRICT TREASURERS

District Treasurer Mrs. Kim Pecora
2289 Langford Road, North Collins, NY 14111 / treasurer@wnydistrict.com

District Insurance Treasurer Mrs. Cathy Kelley
7282 State Route 305, Belfast, New York 14711 / cathykelley1@juno.com

District Wesleyan Women's Ministry Treasurer Mrs. Kim Pecora
2289 Langford Road, North Collins, NY 14111 / treasurer@snydistrict.com



*BUDGET ASSESSMENTS FOR 2016-2017**(From 2015-2016 Reported Income)*

CHURCH NAME	District Assessment 4%	United Stewardship 2.75%	Educational Institutions 3.25%	TOTAL Assessment 10%	Monthly Payments
Anchor Wesleyan Church	\$977	\$671	\$793	\$2,441	\$203.45
Angola Wesleyan Church	\$3,994	\$2,746	\$3,245	\$9,985	\$832.06
Bellville Wesleyan Church	\$1,206	\$829	\$980	\$3,016	\$251.33
Big Tree Wesleyan Church	\$9,375	\$6,445	\$7,617	\$23,437	\$1,953.05
Brookside Wesleyan Church	\$5,216	\$3,586	\$4,238	\$13,039	\$1,086.58
Cattaraugus Wesleyan Chapel	\$472	\$325	\$384	\$1,181	\$98.39
Christ Chapel Wesleyan Church	\$5,861	\$4,029	\$4,762	\$14,651	\$1,220.95
East Aurora Wesleyan Church	\$2,757	\$1,895	\$2,240	\$6,893	\$574.38
East Leon Wesleyan Church	\$936	\$643	\$760	\$2,340	\$194.99
Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church	\$21,000	\$43,500	\$51,500	\$116,000	\$9,666.67
Fellowship Wesleyan Church	\$21,000	\$15,922	\$18,820	\$55,742	\$4,645.16
Fillmore Wesleyan Church	\$64,484	\$4,458	\$5,268	\$16,210	\$1,350.80
First Wesleyan Church	\$3,185	\$2,190	\$2,588	\$7,963	\$663.60
Forestville Wesleyan Church	\$2,593	\$1,782	\$2,106	\$6,482	\$540.13
Hess Road Wesleyan Church	\$11,740	\$8,071	\$9,539	\$29,350	\$2,445.83
Higgins Wesleyan Church	\$4,510	\$3,101	\$3,665	\$11,276	\$939.68
Hillside Wesleyan Church	\$5,062	\$3,480	\$4,113	\$12,655	\$1,054.58
Home City Wesleyan Church	\$303	\$208	\$246	\$757	\$63.05
Houghton Wesleyan Church	\$21,000	\$18,606	\$21,996	\$61,602	\$5,133.52
Levant Wesleyan Church	\$10,940	\$7,521	\$8,889	\$27,351	\$2,279.22
Little Valley Wesleyan Church	\$2,005	\$1,379	\$1,629	\$5,014	\$417.79
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Lockport Wesleyan Church	\$648	\$446	\$527	\$1,621	\$135.04
McCrae Brook Wesleyan Church	\$1,857	\$1,277	\$1,509	\$4,643	\$386.93
North Collins Wesleyan Church	\$7,315	\$5,029	\$5,943	\$18,287	\$1,523.93
North Park Wesleyan Church	\$9,331	\$6,415	\$7,581	\$23,327	\$1,943.93
Oakland Wesleyan Church	\$4,532	\$3,116	\$3,682	\$11,329	\$944.09
Peace Wesleyan Church	\$2,704	\$1,859	\$2,197	\$6,759	\$563.26
The Vine Wesleyan Church	\$12,577	\$8,647	\$10,219	\$31,443	\$2,620.21
Valley Wesleyan Church	\$2,472	\$1,699	\$2,008	\$6,180	\$514.96
Wesleyan Church of Hamburg	\$21,000	\$43,500	\$51,500	\$116,000	\$9,666.67
WCH South Creek (Church Planting)	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	\$1,000.00
Wesleyan Church of Orchard Park	\$17,109	\$11,762	\$13,901	\$42,772	\$3,564.33
TOTALS	\$231,183	\$214,466	\$253,653	\$699,301	\$58,275.10

Respectfully submitted, Nadine Houghton, District Treasurer

STANDING RULES

ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

1. DISTRICT CONFERENCE - TIME AND PLACE

The annual District Conference shall be at a date set by the District Board of Administration in cooperation with the General Superintendent. The District Board of Administration shall determine the meeting place for District Conference.

2. DELEGATE'S CREDENTIALS

It shall be the duty of the pastor to forward to the District Secretary the church (*not missionary*) delegates' credentials from his charge two weeks prior to District Conference.

3. REPORTS TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

All annual reports to the Annual District Conference shall be prepared and sent to the District Secretary no later than two weeks prior to District Conference.

4. SERVICE REPORTS AND CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

A. The Minister's Annual Service Report shall be sent to the District Superintendent's office not later than two weeks prior to District Conference.

B. It shall be the duty of each minister to be in attendance at the entire District Conference session unless otherwise excused by the District Conference or the District Board of Administration.

5. COMMUNION SERVICE

District Conference shall commence with a communion service. The communion table is to be prepared by the host church. All pastors and delegates are urged to be present.

6. DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACTION COMMITTEE

A. The District Conference shall elect a District Action Committee that shall be separate from the District Board of Administration, which shall consist of the District Superintendent, or his/her appointed substitute, as chairperson, the District Treasurer, and four members-at-large, two ministerial and two lay members.

B. The date, time and meeting place of the District Action Committee shall be included in the district calendar which is printed on the back of the District Conference Journal. The District Action Committee shall assist any delegates who desire to bring action to the floor (cf. *Discipline* 1150). Proposed resolutions coming through the District Action Committee must be sent to the District Office two weeks prior to the meeting of the District Action Committee.

7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There shall be a nominating Committee consisting of the District Superintendent, as ex officio chairperson, and two ordained ministers and two lay members elected by the District Conference. The elected members shall not succeed themselves (cf. *Discipline*, paragraph 1172). Officers, boards and committees shall be elected through the use of a nominating ballot prepared by the nominating committee, with the provision that nominations may be made from the floor. The nominating committee will seek the widest possible input from churches in the District.

8. REPORT TO LOCAL CHURCH

Within two weeks following the close of conference, a report will be brought to the local congregation by a delegate, highlighting events of the conference.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**9. DISTRICT OFFICERS**

- A. The District Superintendent is the chief administrative officer of the District. The election, duties, and responsibilities of that officer are specified in the *Discipline* (1300-1310).
- B. The District shall have an Assistant District Superintendent. The office shall be filled annually among the ordained ministers of the District (1180:32) upon nomination by the District Superintendent and appointment by the District Board of Administration (1320).
- C. The District Treasurer shall be elected by the District Conference (1335). The District Treasurer shall be the treasurer for all District funds.

10. DISTRICT BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION (DBA)

- A. The District Board of Administration shall consist of thirteen members including the District Superintendent (chair), the Assistant District Superintendent, the District Secretary, the District Treasurer, and nine members-at-large elected by the District Conference in such a manner that six members of the District Board of Administration shall be lay members. The members at large, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer shall serve two-year terms.
- B. The executive committee of the District Board of Administration shall be composed of the four executive officers (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer) and one lay member to be appointed by the District Board of Administration upon nomination by the District Superintendent.

11. DISTRICT BOARD OF MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT

- A. The District Board of Ministerial Development shall consist of the District Superintendent, as chairperson or his/her appointee, the Assistant District Superintendent, the District Secretary who shall also serve as recording secretary, and nine additional members, four of which shall be ordained ministers and five shall be laypersons. The four ordained ministers and five laypersons shall be elected by the District Board of Administration. The term of office for the elected members shall be three years with the elections so arranged that approximately one-third shall be elected each year.

- B. The Council on Ordination shall consist of ordained ministers serving on the District Board of Administration and the District Board of Ministerial Development.
- C. A ministerial student must apply 30 days in advance of a District Board of Ministerial Development meeting to be included on the board's agenda. If under 30 days notice the student will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.
- D. Each person under the supervision of the District Board of Ministerial Development is expected to provide the Board with a letter of recommendation from his/her local church by July 1st of each year until ordained or commissioned.

12. DISTRICT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- A. The District Children's Ministries committee shall consist of the District Director of Children's Ministries, the District Superintendent ex officio, and two additional members appointed by the DBA. They shall assist in planning and promoting District Children's Ministries activities and appointing the Kid's Camp committee.
- B. The District Youth Director shall work with the District Superintendent and the District Youth Cabinet to plan and promote district youth activities throughout the year.

13. DISTRICT BOARD OF CHURCH MULTIPLICATION

- A. The Board of Church Multiplication shall consist of the District Superintendent or his/her designee, as chairperson, the District Director of Church Multiplication, three ordained ministers and three laypersons appointed by the District Board of Administration.
- B. This board is charged with the task of researching, initiating, promoting and funding the multiplication of local churches and to cooperate with the District Board of Administration in the oversight of such initiatives. These duties are enumerated in greater detail in the *Discipline*, paragraph 1423.
- C. The District Director of Church Multiplication shall be elected by the District Conference. His/her duties are described more fully in the *Discipline*, paragraph 1426.

14. DISTRICT CAMPS

The District may operate three camps annually: Family Camp, Youth Camp and Kid's Camp.

- A. The Family Camp committee shall plan and promote, provide staff and oversee the operation of Family Camp (except for the main camp services). The Family Camp chairperson shall be appointed by the DBA. The Family Camp committee shall consist of the chairperson, assistant chairperson, District Superintendent ex officio, and additional members as needed who shall be appointed by the Family Camp committee and approved by the DBA. The District Superintendent or his/her appointee (approved by the DBA) shall chair the main camp services along with the Family Camp committee chairperson. The DBA shall establish the dates of Family Camp and engage the camp evangelists and musicians. The Family Camp committee shall submit their budgets to the spring DBA meeting.

- B. The Youth Camp committee may be appointed by the District Youth Cabinet. The director of Youth Camp may be the District Youth President or an appointee of the District Youth Cabinet approved by the DBA. The Youth Camp committee may operate the camp, submitting their budgets to the spring DBA meeting.
- C. The Kid's Camp committee may be appointed by the District Children's Ministries committee. The director of Kid's Camp may be the District Director of Children's Ministries or an appointee or the District Children's Ministries committee approved by the DBA. The Kid's Camp committee may operate the Kid's Camp, submitting their budget to the spring DBA meeting for approval.

15. SOCIAL CONCERNS

The District Board of Administration may appoint a Director of Social Concerns who shall make available information and resources as requested by the District Superintendent and the local church.

16. INSURANCE

The District Board of Administration shall appoint an Insurance Director and may appoint a committee consisting of the District Superintendent as chairperson, Insurance Director, one ordained minister and one lay member.

17. GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

No person should accept the position of Delegate to General Conference unless he/she expects to be present for the entire session. The District Superintendent is required to communicate this resolution to the delegates three weeks before General Conference convenes.

DISTRICT STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

18. STATISTICAL AND FISCAL YEAR

The closing date for the District statistical and financial year shall be May 31st. The quarters of the fiscal year shall close August 31st, November 30th, February 28th (29th), and May 31st. The District Treasurer's books shall close June 10th. Any money received after that date shall be credited in the new fiscal year.

19. STATISTICAL REPORTS

The pastor shall input completed statistical reports on the denomination's website by two weeks prior to District Conference, or the date set by the District Secretary.

20. DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Any changes for the District Superintendent's benefits for the ensuing year shall begin at the beginning of the month following approval by District Conference.

21. CAMP ENDOWMENT FUND DISBURSEMENT

The camp interest fund may be disbursed in such a way that 50% be given to Houghton Family Camp, 25% to District Wesleyan Youth, and 25% to District Children's Ministries. These funds will not be released until the DBA approves the various camp budgets at its spring meeting. The proposed budgets shall be in the District Office no later than March 1st.

22. BUDGET COMMITTEE

The District Board of Administration shall appoint a Budget committee to construct a District Expense Budget. Members shall be the District Superintendent as chairperson, District Treasurer, one ordained minister and one lay member.

23. AUDITING

The District Board of Administration shall provide for the auditing of all district treasurers' books annually, either by an elected District Auditing Committee or by employing a certified public accountant, chartered accountant or public accountant.

PASTORS**24. DATE OF PASTORAL VOTE**

When a pastoral vote is necessary according to the *Discipline*, it shall be taken throughout the District on the first Sunday of April, except when this date falls on Easter, in which event the pastoral vote shall be taken the following Sunday.

25. PASTORAL VOTE REVIEW

If a favorable pastoral vote is a majority, but less than eighty percent (80%), the DBA shall review pastoral relations and the pastor shall remain only at the recommendation of the DBA.

26. PASTORAL SUPPORT

- A. The churches of the District, in addition to the regular stipulated salary, are urged to pay mileage for the use of the pastor's car in church work (it is suggested that the mileage rate allowed by the IRS be used), pastor's utilities, health insurance premiums, life insurance premiums and social security. The pastor's telephone expense, except for his personal long distance calls, shall be considered church incidental expense.
- B. The churches of the Western New York District shall furnish their parsonages with both a stove and a refrigerator.
- C. Churches who enter into a financial agreement with the pastor may, when needful, make adjustments of his/her obligation quarterly. The salary agreement is with the pastor involved rather than the office filled. A full settlement of the pastor's salary shall be made before the time of the Annual District Conference.

27. PASTORAL SERVICE YEAR

Pastoral changes shall take place on Monday following the second Sunday of July. Any exceptions shall be by written permission of the District Superintendent. A pastor will begin his/her service when his/her appointment is approved by the District Board of Administration (1233:9), with final approval by the District Conference (1180:26).

28. PASTOR'S VACATION

- A. District pastors shall be given a minimum of three weeks vacation with pay (18 days plus three Sundays). Vacations shall range from a minimum of three weeks to a maximum of five with consideration being given to years of full-time service to The Wesleyan Church (guidelines for vacation time are: 1-9 years = 3 weeks; 10-19 years = 4 weeks; and 20 or more years = 5 weeks).

B. Vacation may only be accumulated by prior agreement with the Local Church Board and upon moving any accumulated vacation will be forfeited and no cash would be paid in lieu of vacation except in special situations where the District Board of Administration should determine otherwise.

C. The church shall pay for the pulpit supply.

29. PASTOR'S SABBATICAL

Every Wesleyan church is encouraged to provide a sabbatical leave for its pastor(s) every seven years of service. A sabbatical shall be for a minimum of four weeks in excess of vacation time with financial provisions as approved by the Local Board of Administration (724).

30. PASTOR'S MOVING EXPENSE

The church calling a pastor to serve them shall make moving arrangements and be responsible for moving expenses, and if it necessitates the pastor moving across state lines, the cost of car registration and license shall be paid, not applying to salary.

31. PASTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE DISTRICT

Every District pastor is expected to serve in at least one district ministry (LDJ, camps, auxiliaries, boards & committees). Attendance at Refresh Family Camp is encouraged and it is strongly suggested that the Local Board of Administration encourage and support pastoral attendance and involvement. Furthermore, pastors will not be required to use their personal vacation time when assisting at or attending District camps.

32. PASTOR'S APPRECIATION MONTH

The Western New York District shall observe October as Pastor(s) Appreciation Month. The Vice-chair or a person appointed by the Local Board of Administration shall have the responsibility to see that plans be made for proper observances throughout the month. The District Superintendent shall be responsible for sending appropriate notification to the Vice-chair of the Local Board of Administration.

33. MEMBERSHIP IN THE WESLEYAN PENSION FUND

Everyone receiving work at the hands of the District shall be a member of the Wesleyan Pension Fund, in accordance with the *Discipline*, paragraph 4400-25. The money for this shall be sent to the pension fund of The Wesleyan Church. It shall not be used to purchase individual retirement benefits or be given to the pastor to purchase his/her own retirement insurance or for his/her own use.

34. HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

The Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church provides a group health insurance plan to each pastor (including any ministerial staff) and each full-time ministerial employee of the district. Each church will be direct billed by the insurance provider. If an eligible person leaves the employ of an eligible church or of the District, he or she may continue the policy for a maximum of 18 months on an individual basis and at his or her own expense as allowed by the insurance provider. Delinquent participants will be notified after missing the first required payment; and if payment is not forthcoming; after two months, "grace period" coverage will be terminated.

35. LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church shall provide \$50,000 of life insurance on each pastor (including any ministerial staff) and each full time ministerial employee of the District. Life insurance premium payments shall be made monthly to the Insurance Director by the 20th of the month in which they become due. After two months "grace" period, unless special consideration has been granted, delinquent participants will be notified that their coverage has lapsed. In an eligible person leaves the employ of an eligible church or of the District, he or she may continue the policy on an individual basis.

36. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Each local church should encourage its pastor in continuing education credit by providing for the expense, or as much of the expense as possible, to a seminar or convention annually.

LOCAL CHURCH

37. LOCAL CHURCH GOALS

Each local church in the Western New York District shall develop goals and implement a strategy for outreach and discipleship and be prepared to share them with the district leadership.

38. DISTRICT MISSIONARY SUPPORT

The churches of the District are urged to prayerfully considered giving priority support to the Global Partners missionaries from our region so that these workers would be fully funded and backed with a solid prayer team.

39. GROUP PROPERTY INSURANCE

The Western New York District provides a group property insurance policy. Each church will be direct billed by the insurance provider.

40. GROUP WORKERS COMPENSATION

The Western New York District provides a group workers compensation insurance in which all District churches in New York State are required to participate, unless proof of comparable insurance can be shown to the District Board of Administration. Churches shall pay the worker's compensation premium to the Insurance Treasurer within 60 days of the billing date, unless special consideration has been granted.

41. ELECTION OF LOCAL CHURCH OFFICERS

- A. Each local church shall elect its officers in the months of May and/or June, and the beginning of the term of office shall be left to the discretion of the local church. Each local church, upon the election of their local trustees, shall forward the names to the District Office for final ratification by the DBA.
- B. The District strongly discourages the election of multiple members of the same family to the Local Board of Administration.

- C. The spouse and family members (immediate and extended) of the Senior, Associate and Assistant Pastor should not serve on the Local Board of Administration, or, should recuse themselves during pastor relations and budgetary deliberations.

42. BUILDING AND REMODELING PLANS

- A. The District Board of Administration, in carrying out the work of the board in church and parsonage building and location, shall annually appoint a District Building committee, to which it shall refer new building projects and remodeling projects exceeding ten percent of the value of the building.
- B. A church requesting approval of building plans and financing must submit plans for building and financing to the District Superintendent at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the District Board of Administration at which the plans will be considered. The District Board of Administration is authorized to make adjustments to this requirement.

43. CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS

Local churches shall not procure notes or loans to exceed 10% of their last year's total receipts without approval of the District Board of Administration. ALL LOANS shall be reported to the District Superintendent, no matter what the amount.

44. BUILDING PROJECT ADJUSTMENT

All appeals from the local church for the deducting of "extra funds" raised during the year and designated specifically for a district approved building project from its United Stewardship Fund obligation must be filed with the District Superintendent by March 1st. "Extra funds" refer only to those additional funds raised for the approved building project and do not include monies that have already been deducted from USF Base; ongoing mortgage payments, past or future; nor operating budget monies used for the project.

45. DEEDS AND PROPERTY INSURANCE

It is required that each chairperson or acting chairperson of the Local Board of Administration furnish the District Superintendent a copy of the deed of all church properties and a certification of insurance of all church-owned properties, and that this be brought up to date each insurance renewal. The District highly recommends that each church participate in the District Group Property Insurance program. Any church which does not participate must be insured for full replacement cost and with liability coverage comparable with the District coverage.

46. NON-PAYMENT OF UNITED STEWARDSHIP FUND AND DISTRICT BUDGETS

The pastor, vice-chair and treasurer (or the chairperson of the finance committee if the church has such an office) of a church which does not meet its USF and District Budget obligations shall be required to meet with the District Board of Administration before convening of District Conference to explain the reason for default. For a local church that has not met its budget requirements for two consecutive years, the District Board of Administration may recommend a special vote of District Conference to approve the pastor's appointment.

47. BUDGET ASSESSMENTS FOR NEWLY ORGANIZED CHURCHES

Newly organized churches shall be assessed on an escalating scale as follows: First year at 25%, second year at 50%, third year at 75%, and thereafter at 100%.

48. BUDGET ASSESSMENT CAPS

The District Budget shall be computed on only the first \$540,000 of assessable income. This budget cap shall be reviewed annually by the District Board of Administration and changes be recommended to the District Conference.

MISCELLANEOUS

49. ORDINATION SERVICE

Arrangements for the ordination service shall be in the hands of the District Board of Administration and the General Superintendent.

50. SERVICE RECOGNITION

- A. There shall be a Service Recognition committee of two members, one ordained minister and one layperson from the same geographical area, elected by the District Conference from nominations submitted by the Nominating committee for terms of four years. The committee shall prepare a memorial page for the conference journal in honor of pastors and conference officials who have passed away during the preceding year. Further, a brief time of memorial and service recognition may be provided on the conference agenda. Certificates of service will also be presented recognizing stationed service in The Wesleyan Church, or its predecessors of 10 years, 20 years and each 5 years thereafter.
- B. At retirement a plaque shall be given recognizing the years of stationed service to The Wesleyan Church and its predecessors. In addition, if the person who is retiring has completed 25 years or more of stationed service to The Wesleyan Church or its predecessors, an appropriate gift shall be given.
- C. Those included in this recognition are persons from the Western New York District serving the church in a full time capacity as a licensed, ordained, or commissioned pastor, teacher, missionary, evangelist, special worker, or administrator who is appointed to such capacity of service in The Wesleyan Church or one of its institutions.



PART II

MINUTES AND REPORTS
of the
2016 ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE
of the
WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT, INC.
of
THE WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Conference Held:
Saturday, June 25, 2016
Williamsville, New York*

2016 DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROLL CALL

VOTING MINISTERIAL MEMBERS

Appointed Ordained Ministers

<u>DISTRICT SERVICE</u>					
Jennings, Joseph W.	P	Nace, William J.	P	Markell, Paul F.	P
<u>PASTORAL SERVICE</u>					
Argo, Jason K.	P	Nace, Carol R.	P	Smalley, Laurie J.	A
Austin, Kevin M.	P	Neary, Thomas C.	P	Strand, Stephen C.	P
Baldwin, Christopher M.	P	Nightingale, Richard W.	P	Strand, Ruth Woolsey	P
Baldwin, Tammy R.	P	Nykyforchyn, William P.	P	<u>RETIRED MINISTERS</u>	
Beers, Kevin D.	P	Oden, Wesley D.	P	Bannister, LeRoy N.	A
Bennett, Richard A.	P	Oden, Cynthia A.	P	Black, Thomas B.	A
Budwine, Corey J.	P	Palmer, Paul D.	P	Cool, Atwood J.	A
Cirocco, Gale E.	P	Payne, D. Joseph	P	Cox, Wayne P.	A
Claassen, Christopher J.	P	Rose, Matthew A.	P	Crassi, Roger M.	A
Claydon, Jason W. H.	P	Schara, Robin W.	P	Crowell, Nelson D.	A
Claydon, Tammy M.	P	Shambach, Jason A.	P	Farney, Roger J.	A
Clements, James D.	A	Shamenda, David	A	Hartman, John H.	A
Cleveland, Karen M.	P	Shea, Paul W.	A	Kofahl, Duane A.	A
Cole, Jon P.	P	Smith, Bruce J.	P	Logan, Ronald L.	A
Cusumano, M. Megan	P	Tucker, Karen L.	P	Massey, Charles E.	A
DeVries, Roy H.	P	Ward, Jonathan D.	P	Merriam, Floyd E.	A
Dewey, Shawn M.	P	Wieder, Darren S.	P	Miller, Robert F.	A
Duda, Daniel R.	A	Wilson, Daniel L.	P	Moore, Fred J.	A
Dwyer, Michael G. Jr.	P	Wood, E. John III	P	Schultz, Carl	A
Ellis, Bruce M.	A	Wood, Rebecca L.	P	Strong, Gordon L.	A
Ellis, Patricia A.	A	Wrigglesworth, Michael L.	A	Walters, J. Michael	A
Farrow, Casper C.	P	<u>MISSIONARY SERVICE</u>		Woolsey, Warren M.	A
Gartley, Paul E.	P	George, Christopher R.	P	<u>RESERVE ORDAINED MINISTERS</u>	
George, Robin W.	P	George, Melissa J.	P	Beardsley, Benjamin P.	P
Gladden, Kimberly B.	P	Selden, Ray E.	A	DeHaven, Shane D.	A
Glendenning, Todd E.	P	<u>DENOMINATION SERVICE</u>		Rowley, Rebecca G.	A
Hall, Clyde E. IV	P	Currie, Eric	P	<u>OM ON EDUCATIONAL LEAVE</u>	
Ingersoll, Douglas F.	P	Dean, Marcus W.	P	Hass, Bradley J.	A
Johnson, Steven C.	P	Dunmire, Steven L.	P	Lockie, Darryl S.	A
Jones, Justin R.	P	Jordan, J. Michael	P	<u>LICENSED MINISTERS</u>	
Jones, Daniel P.	P	MacBeth, Wayne A.	P	Ader, Monty D.	P
Jones, Patrick B.	P	Miller, John L. IV (J. L.)	A	Allen, April A.	P
Kaylor, Richard G.	P	<u>CHAPLAINS</u>		Archer, Ian L.	P
Koppen, Neil A.	P	Walker, Margaret D.	A	Callicutt, Justin E.	P
Lawson, William R.	P	<u>INTERCHURCH SERVICE</u>		King, Shawn F.	P
Lazewski, Arthur S.	P	Benson, Jessica M.	P	Leckel, Jacob R.	P
Lazewski, Teresa F.	P	Hess, Hudson S.	A	Niver, Terri L.	P
Leamon, Michael D.	P	Raines, Frederick A.	A	Nykyforchyn, Deborah E.	P
Leininger, Justin P.	P	<u>SPECIAL SERVICE</u>		Trippett, Michael J.	A
Long, Richard K.	P	Duttweiler, Ronald P.	A	<u>OTHER APPOINTMENTS</u>	
McClain, Gregory W.	A	Garver, Howard E.	A	Smith, William J. (Duffy)	A
McGeorge, Alicia J.	P	Hill, Charles F.	P	Trotter, Alan D. Jr.	P
McIntyre, Nila M.	A	Heitzenrater, Richard	A		
Meyers, Alan L.	A	Hill, Charles F.	A		

VOTING LAY MEMBERS*District Board of Administration*

Farrow, Barbara	P	Houghton, Nadine	P	Pecora, Kim	P
Fohl, Rick	P	Kerr, Ralph	P	Zhuang, Jun	P

Delegates from the Churches

ANGOLA		FILLMORE		OLEAN	
Mason, Kathy	P	Cronk, Paul	P	Higgins, Nanette	P
APPLETON		Jeffords, Jim	P	Smith, Carolyn	P
Aranio, Clarice	P	Lawson, Kimberly	P	ORCHARD PARK	
Ostrom, Ricky	P	FORESTVILLE		Shamenda, Elijah	P
Parfinski, Chrissy	P	Lukasik, Adam	P	Welch, Andrew	P
BLASDELL		FREEDOM		SILVER CREEK	
Shaw, Jeff	P	Mason, Joshua	P	Kiefer, Elmar	P
Stanton, Janet	P	HAMBURG		Kiefer, Georgia	P
Stanton, Willard	P	Cirocco, Ron	P	WELLSVILLE	
BRADFORD		Classon, Sharon	P	George, Pat	P
Laubham, Marian	P	Hayes, Graham	P	Wood, John	A
Nuhfer, Jeff	P	Hayes, Karen	P	WEST SENECA	
BUFFALO HOME CITY		Lee, John	P	Claydon, Linda	P
Davis, Vince	P	Palmer, Julie	P	Claydon, Ron	P
CANASERAGA		Wallace, Charles	P	Cotton, Liz	P
Irwin, Carl	P	HOUGHTON		Dillingham, David	P
CANEADEA		Alderman, Gerry	P	Dillingham, Sandy	P
Roach, Jim	P	Alderman, Richard	P	Jaworski, Yvette	P
CATTARAUGUS, E. LEON		Cool, Ryan	P	WILLIAMSVILLE	
Ingersoll, Elaine	P	Cox, Amanda	P	Bennett, Phyllis	P
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN		Cox, Michael	P	Garvey, Ray	P
Paris, Myrna	P	Danner, Casda	P	Holmes, David	P
CUBA		Danner, Nathan	P	Jay, Carl	P
Emmons, Harriet	P	Gaerte, Karen	P	Lawson, Jeff	P
Grimes, Robert	P	Gaerte, Ken	P	Rossetti, Lori	P
Ward, Ashley	P	Hutton, Becky	P	Whitwell, Doris	P
DEPEW		Pawling, Robin	P	Young, Velma	P
Bauer, Brad	P	Woolsey, Matt	P	NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
EAST AURORA		Woolsey, Barb	P		
Batt, Adam	P	LITTLE VALLEY			
ELDRED		Jones, Dana	P		
Merriman, Ray	P	LYNDONVILLE			
FALCONER PEACE		Miller, Nancy	P		
Dickerson, Jodi	P	NORTH COLLINS			
FALCONER LEVANT		Broomfield, Scott	P		
Hamm, Beth	P	NUNDA			
Jordan, Travis	P	Graham, Linda	P		
Truax, Tom	P	Graham, Rodney	P		

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MINUTES

June 25, 2016

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 A.M.

The Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church convened for its 155th annual session at the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church of Williamsville, New York, on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

OPENING: Welcome was given to the 155th District Conference delegation by The Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, District Superintendent. The Rev. Dr. H. C. Wilson, General Superintendent Emeritus, opened the conference in prayer.

COMMUNION SERVICE: The District Superintendent led in the Service of Communion to open the Conference. As we celebrate communion it is a time to remember and in a sense to re-experience the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Ephesians 2:13 says, *"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ."* May we together cherish this nearness by remembering that there was a time when we were not so near (Ephesians 2:11-12). If we're not careful we can forget the days before we were near. Paul exhorts us to remember that time when we were separated from Christ, excluded from citizenship and without the promise of hope to become part of the family of God. In receiving communion we should pray that God will help us to remember that we were all once far away and without hope. It's not a place to dwell but simply to recall the distance Christ has carried us so that the sacrament and blood that draws us near is even more special. Dr. Jennings led the conference in prayer asking God to help us remember what he's done for us by recalling our life before we knew him. The District Conference shared together in a time of communion.

CONFERENCE BAR: *A motion was made that the bar of the conference be designated as the tables in the Multi-Plex area (plus the audio-visual space at the back of the room).* The motion was approved after the support of the conference.

TELLERS: The following were appointed to serve as tellers for the conference: The Rev. Benjamin P. Beardsley (Head Teller), Daniel J. Brawdy, Suk May Yei, Allison Leckel, Jeffery M. Lawson, Robert H. Grimes, and Alex Cusumano.

AGENDA: A motion was made to adopt the prepared agenda as a guide for the conference sessions along with the established times of sitting. The motion carried after support from the conference.

ROLL CALL: District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, gave an introduction and overview of the business to be covered, welcoming the delegates and various guests to the conference and then called the conference to order. The roll of ministerial and lay delegates for the morning session was taken by ballot with 79 ministerial (*79 voting and 0 non-voting*) and 81 lay delegates (*81 voting and 0 non-voting*) answering the roll making 160 voting and 0 non-voting members of the conference with a total attendance of 160.

The following requested to be excused from Conference: The Rev. Thomas Black; The Rev. Allen S. Chase; The Rev. Atwood J. Cool; The Rev. Wayne P. Cox; The Rev. Roger M. Crass; The Rev. Nelson D. Crowell; The Rev. Daniel R. Duda; Martha M. Duda; The Rev. Ronald P. Duttweiler; The Rev. Bruce M. Ellis; The Rev. Patricia A. Ellis; The Rev. Roger Farney; The Rev. John H. Hartman; The Rev. Charles F. Hill; The Rev. Ronald L. Logan; The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Massey; The Rev. Dr. Gregory W. McClain; The Rev. Floyd E. Merriam; The Rev. Alan L. Meyers; The Rev. John L. Miller; The Rev. Robert F. Miller; The Rev. Fred J. Moore; The Rev. Rebecca G. Rowley; The Rev. Dr. Carl Schultz; The Rev. Ray E. Selden; The Rev. David Shamenda; The Rev. Dr. Paul W. Shea; The Rev. William J. Smith; The Rev. Gordon L. Strong; The Rev. Michael J. Trippett; The Rev. Dr. J. Michael Walters; The Rev. Warren M. Woolsey; and The Rev. Michael L. Wigglesworth.

DS REPORT: The Rev. Dr. H. C. Wilson introduced The Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, District Superintendent, to share his report (*Report #1*). Dr. Jennings did not read his report word for word but simply referred to it as he shared some of the passion of what God has laid on his heart. The District Superintendent maintains a strong sense that God is working in the church in Western New York to bring about renewal. He is seeing some of the earmarks of churches that are praying and working together in a unified manner that often happens before revivals. Looking at the culture it seems that there are many things that are going in the opposite direction. The values of those who are not in the church are getting further and further away from biblical principles to where those who are following Christ now seem strange to those who are not. Christians may well face a time when they are persecuted for their faith which is all in some ways discouraging. But it's believed that God uses the persecutions and struggles the church goes through to test, refine and purify his people and to bring about revival.

From early on as District Superintendent, Dr. Jennings has shared his passion to see the church experience revival. A revived church will attract people to Christ in a divine way. A revived church will transform our culture as our hearts become aligned with Christ and our changed lives will affect our society as Christians are made new and are realigned to the values God has for us. In studying revival it's found that there was almost always a season where the church was really sacrificing and praying; where at least a remnant of the church was faithful and passionate about seeking God to work in their land. The church was growing and would come to a place where it was no longer underground but grew into a more fruitful season. The deep desire for the church in Western New York is for it to grow to be more pure; more dependent on God; and more loving.

We believe that God is changing each of us and our prayer is that this will take place in our churches as well. Maybe that's what revival is – for a church to become sanctified. There is the individual battle of selfishness and the desire of the flesh versus following the Spirit and living in love for God and for others. Corporately we face this same struggle. Individualism is hindering the church and there are also ways that even a church can get so wrapped up in surviving as an institution that they're merely perpetuating themselves. We must come to a place where the church (as well as individuals) offers itself as a sacrifice. It's not about the district or The Wesleyan Church but these are things we need to sacrifice and say, *"We want to give our church to the building of the kingdom."*

Our district's mission statement says, *"The Western New York District exists to support our churches and foster partnerships in carrying out the Great Commission."* This is directing us to that Great Commission where Jesus calls us to go and make disciples of *all* nations. How would we measure if we're being effective in this? Baptisms performed this past year are not all-in-all that much different than what we've accomplished in the past. It's believed that our mission is broader than just how many people are we bringing to Christ as individual churches. It really is how many people in our Western New York area are passionate followers of Jesus Christ and our passionate desire is for *that* number to increase. This is almost impossible to gauge (out of 1.6 million people in Western New York how many of those are believers?) We must continue to keep this idea as a challenge before us. It goes beyond just the number of people we can get in our churches but rather are we seeing a community of churches developing faithful and drawing persons to Jesus. Having a smaller goal would tend to isolate ourselves as Wesleyans or as a district. For the 1.6 million people in Western New York to come to Christ we will need something supernatural to happen and for that to occur we must work collectively and pray collectively. If we're about leading people to Jesus Christ then let's work together with all those who are passionate followers of Christ to see it happen.

Dr. Jennings shared with the Conference a brief review of this past year and highlighted some of the notable things including: 2016 General Conference held in Buffalo, NY, June 4-8, and expressed his appreciation to each of the volunteers who helped; Anchor Church of Buffalo, NY began services on January 31, 2016; Lockport Wesleyan has begun a new service called *"The Refinery"*; Home City Wesleyan Church relocated to a new building in Depew, NY on March 6, 2016; and Urban Advocacy has helped to cultivate a new church on the West Side of Buffalo, NY among the Congolese people.

In preparing for a recall vote for the District Superintendent, Dr. Joanne Lyon, General Superintendent, along with the DBA had asked Dr. Jennings to share a vision for the future of the district for over the next four years. The main substance of this vision is that we need to develop new works and start things that will reach people for Jesus Christ. This is not to forsake our already established churches, but if we do this right it will serve to enhance the churches we have and giving them a new vitality and fresh wind that will produce greater excitement. To shift our focus from ourselves to others will require an even greater dependence upon God. It is not just doing church the way we've been doing it each year but it is looking for God to do something fresh.

Starting new works is the most effective way for reaching the unchurched. Churches that are passionate about starting new works are the ones who are getting the job done to reach the unchurched in their community. The challenge is to make this a priority. In the past few years the district has been able to start a few new churches and we have learned through these, specifically that church plants are best when they are initially involved with a local church planting them. New churches need the support (connection and fellowship) that the local church can provide. The district can definitely be a resource to encourage churches that want to plant or partner with a church plant to help with providing oversight, coaching, prayer, and limited funding. However, the primary support for church planting is best provided by established churches from within the district.

In presenting this vision to the conference, Dr. Jennings challenged that each established church adopt an initiative to either plant a new church or partner with a new or developing church. Various models for this would include (1) A traditional church plant; (2) A satellite campus; (3) A daughter church (to send a core of people to start a new church); (4) A sister church (to partner with a new or developing church); and (5) A cross-cultural church plant. If we are not doing a better job to reach the city of Buffalo (by far the most populated area in Western New York) then we will miss a significant area of our district. People aren't moving to rural areas but to the city. There are also a substantial number of refugees being located in Western New York and the world is coming to us on the West Side of Buffalo.

This is challenging and stretching. God could provide us with a benefactor but it's more likely that God wants to use us. The faith goal of the District Superintendent is that every established church in the Western New York District would develop a church planting or partnering initiative and that at least half of those would be in the next four years. We're excited to see what God is going to do.

Dr. Jennings highlighted some of the leadership transitions in the district including: The Rev. Todd E. Glendenning (stepping down as Assistant DS); Mrs. Nadine Houghton (stepping down as District Treasurer); Dr. Steven L. Dunmire (appointed as Assistant DS and to work with Church Development); and Dr. Christopher M. Baldwin (to work with Church Multiplication). The report of the Summary of Work and Official Acts of the District Superintendent were presented as information. The Rev. Dr. H. C. Wilson expressed appreciation for Dr. Jennings' report and the conference received his report with spontaneous "Amen."

BALLOT CAST: Ballot #1 was presented to the conference. A ballot was then cast by the conference for a 4-year renewal of call for the District Superintendent, The Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Jennings.

EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY: The District Superintendent shared in a time of recognition for various district churches for their excellence in ministry (Kingdom Builders). Reference was made to the list of names of those baptized (229) which were submitted from various churches to the district office this year. A brief video was presented to the conference in celebration of the baptisms that have occurred this year.

BALLOT CAST: Dr. H. C. Wilson shared a brief explanation to the conference on the *Discipline* as it's divided into two major sections: The Constitution and Statutory Law. Changes to the Constitution require a 2/3 vote of both the General Conference and 2/3 aggregate vote of the District Conferences. Ballot #2 for the Constitutional Memorial on the Doctrine of Sin (#54) that was approved at General Conference was presented to the WNY District Conference for consideration and discussion. A ballot was cast by the conference for the Constitutional Memorial on the Doctrine of Sin.

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting for the 4-year recall for the District Superintendent. There were 159 votes cast with 80 required to elect. Results of the vote were 149 "Yes", 9 "No", and 1 "Abstain." *The Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Jennings* was declared reelected as the District Superintendent for the Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church.

BALLOT CAST: The Report of the Nominating Committee was received by the conference. Ballot #3 for the District Secretary and District Treasurer was presented and the floor was opened for nominations. No further nominations were received and Ballot #3 was cast by the delegates to the conference.

DBA SUMMARY OF ACTION: The report of the official action of the District Board of Administration (*Report #6*) was presented to the conference as information.

ASSISTANT DS REPORT: The Rev. Todd E. Glendenning, Assistant District Superintendent, gave his report to the District Conference (*Report #2*). Rev. Glendenning shared with the conference that one of the byproducts he got to enjoy in serving as the Assistant DS has been to have a number of close interactions with district leadership and the friendships that grow out of those connections that center around things that matter in our love for Christ. It has been his privilege to serve as the Assistant District Superintendent for Western New York and is excited in knowing that Dr. Dunmire will be a blessing to the district as he serves as the Assistant DS for the coming year. Rev. Glendenning led the conference in a prayer of blessing for the District Superintendent. The conference expressed appreciation to Rev. Glendenning for his report. Dr. Jennings, District Superintendent, made a special presentation to Rev. Glendenning in appreciation for his years of service to the district as the Assistant District Superintendent.

RECESS: The conference took a brief recess at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on Ballot #3 of the nominating committee. The following were declared elected:

District Secretary - Rev. Robin W. George

District Treasurer - Mrs. Kimberly Pecora

BALLOT CAST: The ballot for the District Board of Administration (*ministerial & lay members*) was presented to the conference. One ministerial member of the DBA is being replaced in the middle of a term. The two elected with the highest number of votes will be for a 2-year term and the one with the third highest number for a 1-year term.

One of the lay members was elected in the middle of a term to the office of District Treasurer. The three lay representatives elected with the highest number of votes will be for a 2-year term and the one with the third highest number of votes for a 1-year term. No additional nominations were received for either ministerial or lay members on the District Board of Administration and Ballot #4 of the nominating committee ballot was cast by the conference.

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on General Conference Memorial #54 (Doctrine of Sin). The results of the vote were 157 "Yes", and 2 "No", giving it the 2/3 majority and was approved by the district.

DBMD REPORT: The Rev. Robin W. George, District Secretary, presented the report of the District Board of Ministerial Development (*Report #7*). Justin E. Callicutt was recommended for ordination. *After support from the district conference the recommendation for election to Ordained Minister was approved by the Conference responding with "aye."*

A motion was made to receive the record of the Annual Service Reports and the remaining lines 2-6 of the DBMD Report recommending the renewal and granting of district ministerial licenses. The motion carried after support from the district conference responding with "aye."

MINISTERIAL TRANSFERS: The report of Ministerial Transfers for the conference year 2015-2016 was presented to the conference by the District Secretary. Received as information.

ACTION COMMITTEE: The Conference Action Committee's report was presented to the conference by The Rev. Robin W. George, District Secretary (*Report #5*). Standing Rule #10 (*Modifying the standard for the District Board of Administration to make the office of the District Treasurer for a 2-year term*). The recommendation that the District Treasurer be elected to a 2-year term was approved by the conference responding with "aye." Standing Rule #48 (*Changing the cap for district budget assessments from \$525,000.00 to \$540,000.00 in order to keep up with inflation*). The recommendation to increase for district budget assessment caps was approved by the conference responding with "aye."

CHURCH MULTIPLICATION: Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, District Superintendent, recognized Dr. Christopher Baldwin, District Director of Church Multiplication, who highlighted his report to the conference (*Report #9*). Various local church efforts for reaching out with the gospel are still encouraged but increased thinking should be given by local churches to the church planting models for impacting the kingdom. Through planting new churches a community of faith is brought to a context in which people can actually attend and the process of discipleship is enhanced for both new believers and their families. This is church multiplication. Beyond the partnership setting is a desire to see churches become actual multiplication churches where core teams are developed and people sent out to begin new works and where the multiplication DNA of the sending church is transferred to the new work as well. The vision is to have churches that are more concerned with their "sending capacity" than they are with their "seating capacity." Mathematician Fibonacci was once asked, *"When two rabbits are put into a room then after a year how many rabbits will you have?"*

Fibonacci figured out an equation that showed there would be 150,000 rabbits after 5-years and then on and on continually thereafter. It is much more than addition but is actually multiplication. What does a multiplying church look like? It is strategic prayer, stewardship giving, community engaged evangelism, discipleship that makes disciples that makes disciples, and development of leaders. Work is being done on a district team that is going to be championing these efforts and desiring to resource our district churches in these ways.

What's being attempted is to come alongside district churches and (instead of giving them the district's dreams and visions) to discover the dreams and visions that God is giving to individual churches and how the district might then come beside them to make these dreams a reality.

Two other pieces to this effort also include revitalization and prayer. Some churches don't yet feel ready to be a part of a movement like this as there are still some things they want to see happen within their own setting. What's really on their hearts is for God to revitalize and renew what they're a part of doing now. God wants to bring us together for more effective kingdom impact in the years to come. Many may want to consider giving their church the chance to have this very real dialog for church revitalization and then come together to make a difference.

The following ministries were highlighted: Home City Wesleyan and the Delta Project (now have a church home); Lockport Wesleyan (The Refinery). Pastor Steve Johnson (Anchor Church), Rev. Steve Strand (*Urban Advocacy/Report #10*), and Pastor Yoshua Bashisi (Mission of Christ/Swahili Church) were invited to share a report for their respective ministries in the city of Buffalo. Dr. Christopher Baldwin expressed his thanks for the leadership of the District Church Multiplication Team. He launched what he termed the "716 Prayer Network" (through the month of July) as a means of us being focused and strategic in the prayer life of our district towards church multiplication (Facebook & Email). Appreciation was expressed for his report to the conference.

BALLOT CAST: Ballot #5 for the Constitutional Memorials on the Amendment regarding Marriage and Divorce (#60), Gender Diversity and Expression (#63), and the Amendment Regarding Marriage and Family (#67) were presented individually to the WNY District Conference for consideration and discussion. A ballot for each was then cast.

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on Ballot #4 of the nominating committee. The following were declared elected:

DBA Members (Ministerial) – Rev. Ruth Woolsey Strand (2-year term); Dr. Wesley D. Oden (2-year term); Rev. Jason A. Shambach (1-year term)

DBA Members (Laypersons) – Dr. Jun Zhaung (2-year term); Mrs. Barbara Farrow (2-year term); Mr. Paul Cronk (2-year term).

BALLOT CAST: A second ballot (*to elect the remaining lay member on the District Board of Administration*) was cast by the conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gratitude was expressed for District Treasurer, Mrs. Nadine Houghton, who shared her report with the District Conference (*Reports #4, 4a, 4b*) and highlighted each of the balances. Appreciation was expressed for 100% payment of district budgets. The balances of other district funds (*Insurance Fund #4c, Missions Fund #4d, Church Development Fund #4e, Refresh Family Camp #12, Wesleyan Women #20, and Wesleyan Youth #15*), were highlighted by the District Treasurer. *The District Conference received the report(s) of the District Treasurer with appreciation.* The motion carried after support from the conference.

The 2016-2017 District Budget was presented to the District Conference as information. The District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, expressed appreciation to Mrs. Nadine Houghton who has served as the Treasurer for the Western New York District for the past 9-years. A hand crafted bowl and bouquet of flowers were presented to Nadine in recognition of her heartfelt and prayerful service to the district. The conference expressed their appreciation by their earnest applause.

THRIVE FINANCIAL INITIATIVE (TFI): Thrive is an initiative from Wesleyan Headquarters through the Lilly Foundation to help pastors with finances. The Rev. Karen L. Tucker (*appointed District Coordinator*) was invited to share with the conference regarding this new financial initiative. Online survey results have shown that many pastors are suffering from financial hardship hard enough that it affects families, children and the ministry. There was no area of financial hardship that at least one pastor in the denomination didn't say bothered them significantly. Examples include: school loan debt, not having enough money to go to the doctor, concern over housing and retirement. A video was presented to the conference to clarify the process for how the Thrive Financial Initiative for pastoral wellness in the areas of spiritual, emotional, relational, intellectual, physical and financial need is to work (to reduce or remove some of the economic challenges diminishing quality of ministry). The initiative is one where pastors and laity work together to help each other thrive (using the financial and one other category over a 3-year timeframe to develop a strategy on how to address wellbeing). Churches that meet all of the requirements can receive up to a \$1,000.00 grant to invest in clergy wellbeing and financial education (half which will come from district sources and half from the denominational project). The 2-2-2-1 formula includes: investing in *two (2)* of the wellbeing development categories; completing *two (2)* financial management education events; that include the pastor and at least *two (2)* key lay leaders; that can result in a *\$1,000.00 (1)* matching grant. District funds for this are limited but the goal is for as many churches to be helped as possible.

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on the second ballot cast (*Ballot #4*) of the nominating committee for the remaining lay person to serve on the District Board of Administration. No election resulted. *A motion was made for the conference to consider the two names with the highest number of votes.* The motion carried after support from the conference. A third ballot was cast for the remaining lay person to serve on the District Board of Administration.

EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY: The District Superintendent shared in a time of recognition for various district churches for their excellence in ministry for Kingdom Stewards (Stewardship and Generosity). Those who have given financial support beyond their own ministry (more than 10% of their total offerings to missions or other benevolent ministries) included the following churches: Hamburg (21%), Houghton (20%).

HOUGHTON COLLEGE PRESENTATION: On behalf of Houghton College, Dr. Steven L. Dunmire presented the Dr. Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year award to The Rev. Jon P. Cole, Youth Pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Church who is celebrating 25-years of ministry to youth. Jon is a Houghton College graduate who previously served with Youth for Christ and now for the past 12-years in the Western New York District. Dr. Wesley D. Oden, Senior Pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Church, led the conference in prayer for Pastor Jon Cole.

CONFERENCE GUESTS: The Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, District Superintendent, introduced the following as guests who brought greetings to the conference: George Fields (*World Hope International*); Dwight Mikesal (*Missional Holiness Conference*). A brief video was presented to the conference on the upcoming Missional Holiness Conference to be held in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on the third Ballot #4 of the nominating committee. The following was declared elected:

DBA Members (Laypersons) – Mr. Charles Wallace (1-year term)

RECESS: District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, led in a prayer of blessing for the lunch hour. The conference recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:20 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, District Superintendent, called the afternoon session of the District Conference to order. Appreciation was expressed to the numerous individuals who worked in preparation and overseeing of district conference.

GENERAL CHURCH ADDRESS: The District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, introduced The Rev. Dr. H. C. Wilson, General Superintendent Emeritus, to present the State of the Church address to the conference. Dr. H. C. Wilson brought greetings to the Western New York District on behalf of General Superintendent, Dr. Wayne K. Schmidt, and shared with the conference some of what it is that God has been doing in The Wesleyan Church globally and in North America over this past year. He opened his thoughts with a story about the Southern Baptists who just held their major conference about ten days ago in St. Louis, Missouri. In electing a President as their spiritual leader it became necessary to cast a second and then a third ballot in order to determine a winner.

The two with the most votes were J. D. Greer and Steve Gaines. Just before the third ballot J. D. Greer withdrew his name from the contest and gave ten reasons why he did that and then he made this statement: *"In this room we have various minor points of difference between us, but we are united by a gospel too great and a mission too urgent to let lesser things stand in our way."*

Dr. Wilson relayed a statement from the General Superintendent, Dr. Wayne K. Schmidt, who says, *"I've been in this office for two weeks and so far so good."* The transition to the new General Superintendent at the recent General Conference was one that was smooth and marked by prayer. The other nominee's speech conceding was gracious as he said, *"We discuss ideas with conviction and clarity but we maintain respect and unity and we focus on high priorities."*

In the first 100-days as the new General Superintendent, Dr. Schmidt has been developing some theories and thoughts in his heart and it's his great desire that these would be days that are saturated in prayer. He said, *"Our history and our movement has historically been characterized by fervent prayer but the prayers, though fervent, were not always focused. We prayed a lot and we prayed loud and we prayed for the same stuff. As a child I was struck with repetitive prayers, clichés, and even hearing body parts mentioned in prayers that I didn't even know existed before as a child of six."*

The challenge to us during this time is a high priority focus on prayer in order to maximize and to *"Make the Most"* (Ephesians 5:16) through 50-Days of Focused Prayer. The focus of our prayers is to be on these things: (1) We will go and make disciples; (2) We will be witnesses empowered by the Holy Spirit; (3) We will maximize God given opportunities and that we would give time that is God focused. The appeal and challenge is that we would agree together to once a day for 50-days dedicate ourselves to focused prayer as an organization and as individuals to pray for these. Dr. Wilson closed by offering a prayer on our behalf for moving forward with these commitments to focus for a 50-day period to launch our new leader with a foundation with focused prayer around him and that we may grasp the reality that we're to go and make disciples; we're to be witnesses empowered by the Holy Spirit; and that we'd do our very best to maximize the opportunities God places in front of us as we live our day to both represent and present him to culture around us.

BALLOT CAST: Ballot #6 of the Nominating Committee for the District Nominating Committee and Action Committee was presented and the floor was opened for nominations. No further nominations were received and Ballot #6 was cast by the delegates to the conference.

DISTRICT MINISTRY REPORTS: District Superintendent, The Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, recognized the following District directors or ministry leaders who were available to share briefly and to address any questions that the conference might have from the area of their given leadership responsibility: The Rev. Jon P. Cole - District Youth Ministry (*Report #14*);

The Rev. M. Megan Cusumano – District Children’s Ministry (*Report #13*); Mrs. Ashley Ward – District Wesleyan Women (*Report #19*); The Rev. Roy H. DeVries – District Best Year’s Fellowship (*Report #18*); Refresh Family Camp – The Rev. Matthew A. Rose (*Report #11*). Each of the reports was received by the conference with appreciation.

AUDITOR’S REPORT: The report of the District Auditor, Katherine M. Allen, was presented to the conference (*Report #3*). The report was received by the conference with appreciation.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY: The report of annual statistics for the Western New York District was presented to the conference (*Report #8*). The report was received by the conference with appreciation.

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on General Conference Memorial #60 (Amendment Regarding Marriage and Divorce). The results of the vote were 158 “Yes” and 1 “No.”

A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on General Conference Memorial #63 (Gender Diversity and Expression). The results of the vote were 157 “Yes” and 2 “No.”

A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on General Conference Memorial #67 (Amendment Regarding Marriage and Family). The results of the vote were 152 “Yes” and 6 “No,” giving each of the memorials a 2/3 majority and were approved by the district conference.

VIDEO: A video was presented to the conference to show the context of the Constitutional Memorial on the Conditions of Membership (similar to what had been shown at General Conference). The challenge these days is to take a look at membership and how to be a welcoming church. Attendance in The Wesleyan Church has increased while membership has not. Our traditional holiness path to membership has been to “*Believe-Become-Belong*.” When a person can demonstrate they are living the sanctified life they will then be given the opportunity to belong to us. It’s felt that the corrective to that tradition ought to be to “*Believe-Belong-Become*.”

This is a more Wesleyan approach to membership and is a way to fix this if we have the courage to do it. It is the intent of the General Conference to strengthen the church and at the same time hold open arms that are very welcoming to people who are coming into the new experience of grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

BALLOT CAST: Ballot #7 for the Constitutional Memorial on the Conditions of Membership (#68) was presented to the WNY District Conference for consideration and discussion. A brief response to a question on Statutory Memorial 110 passed by General Conference (requiring an annual reaffirmation of ones’ membership) was expressed by Dr. H. C. Wilson. A ballot was cast by the conference for the Constitutional Memorial #68 on the Conditions of Membership.

BALLOT CAST: Ballot #7 for the Constitutional Memorial on Membership (#64) was presented to the WNY District Conference for consideration and discussion. As it related to the Guides and Helps to Holy Living, it was recommended by a member of the conference for the denomination to do a case study and develop a well-defined positional statement on the Wesleyan rationale for abstaining from the consumption of alcohol as a unified way for stating what the church believes.

There are currently statements to this effect in the Special Directions but nothing intentional for a well refined position in this particular regard. Concerns were expressed by a member of the conference over this legislation causing things to become more awkward since there will continue to be both a membership level and a leadership level. It was expressed that the church does need a new and more robust discipleship pattern and plan than we now have and denominational headquarters is assigned the task of coming up with something that is more vigorous and directive. There is currently work being done on this but it will ultimately boil down to whether or not local churches will incorporate it.

Moving the matter of Membership from the Constitution to statutory law would allow the General Conference to then make changes without needing a 2/3 aggregate vote of the district conferences in the future. The proposed leadership requirements would be a requisite of any in local church leadership positions and including those elected to serve as delegates to district conference.

Various other comments were made from the floor speaking both in favor of and against the proposed Constitutional Memorial #64. A ballot was cast by the conference for the Constitutional Memorial #64 pertaining to Membership.

EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY: The District Superintendent shared in a time of recognition for churches that experienced growth in attendance (Kingdom Impact) of 5% or greater. Recognition was given to the churches for their growth in this impact category which included: Anchor Church, Joy Community (50%), Lockport (32%), Angola (28%), Higgins (25%), Grace Community (11%), Home City (9%), East Aurora (8%), Houghton (7%), North Collins (6%), and The Vine (5%).

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on Ballot #6 of the nominating committee. The following were declared elected:

Nominating Committee (Ministers) - Rev. Steven C. Johnson, Rev. Kimberly B. Gladden

Nominating Committee (Laypersons) - Nadine Houghton, Gary Stith

Action Committee (Ministers) - Rev. Jason K. Argo, Rev. Dr. Marcus W. Dean

Action Committee (Laypersons) - Tammy Dunmire

BALLOT CAST: A second ballot was cast by the conference to elect the remaining lay member of the District Action Committee.

RECESS: The conference took a brief recess at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened again at 3:40 p.m.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: The Rev. Dr. Steven L. Dunmire, recognized Tom Neary (representing Kingswood University) and John Lee (Chair of the Board for Houghton College). A video presentation was made to the conference featuring Dr. Steven Lennox, President of Kingswood University, who expressed thanks for our support through our prayers and financial giving. Tom Neary then brought greetings to the conference sharing some of his personal experience at Kingswood University and three reasons to attend.

Dr. Dunmire brought greetings to the conference from the President of Houghton College, Dr. Shirley Mullen (*Report #16*). He expressed appreciation for the contributions made by local churches to the Educational Institutional Fund (EIF) and shared that 100% of these funds are in some way going back to support pastors, Wesleyan students or other church programs. This year *U. S. News and World Report* ranked Houghton College #7 in the nation for value for your dollar and #1 in New York State among all colleges and universities. One-hundred percent of Houghton graduates report either being in graduate school or in the work place within six months of graduation. Equipping for Ministry is back for those who are pursuing ministerial credentials in a non-traditional format. The conference received his report with appreciation.

TELLERS REPORT: Tellers reported that there was no election from the second ballot (#6) for the remaining layperson to serve on the District Action Committee. *A motion was made to limit the voting to the top two candidates for the remaining layperson to serve on the District Action Committee.* The motion carried after support from the conference.

BALLOT CAST: A third ballot was cast by the conference to elect the remaining lay member of the District Action Committee.

MISSIONS PRESENTATION: The District Superintendent introduced The Rev. Kimberly Gladden, District Missions Director, to share her report (*Report #17*) to the conference. She began with recognizing those who had served on the Missions Committee for the district. From a survey she gave to her class on the History of the African-American Church at the University of Buffalo (taken by a variety of Christian and non-Christian students) she asking the question, "What are the things that are most disturbing about the church?" One revealing thing they said was that churches in general and ministers in particular, were very, very selfish. Kim, however, knew the opposite to be true and shared with them cases of generosity. Kim has thought of all the wonderful ways that our churches have partnered with global ministries and local missions around the world and wishes that these students could have seen this. She expressed thanks to the district churches for all their generosity in reaching out to both the world and their local communities with the love of Christ.

On the district level the question has been asked, "*What could be done that would involve all of us together?*" which eventually led the district's vision team to initiate the EQUIP Haiti project. For the first time all of the Wesleyan Pastors in Haiti (200) will come together to be equipped, trained and refreshed.

District pastors and churches were challenged to sponsor one or more Haitian pastors to be able to attend this conference with the theme to *"Educate a Pastor and Lift a Congregation."* In addition, Kim announced an upcoming *"Partnering-Well Seminar"* to be held at Refresh Camp and the first district Youth Mission Trip to North Carolina in August which is being led by Pastor Monty Ader.

Rev. Gladden introduced The Rev.'s Christopher & Melissa George, Global Partner Missionaries to Western Australia. Christopher shared with the conference the many ways all around that growth is being experienced in Western Australia with the most important being that God is transforming hearts and lives and entire families are being transformed. He expressed personal thanks to the district for their financial support and for their prayers and shared a story of God opening doors through his visiting a neighbor in their community. He mentioned that Rev. Kevin & Cindy Austin are also from the Western New York District and appointed to serve as Global Partner Missionaries to the Czech-Republic. Together they are an extension of WNY's ministry - Western New York amplified to Western Australia and to the Czech-Republic. The conference received his report with appreciation.

VIDEO: A GP video was presented to the conference shared by General Director, Dennis Jackson at General Conference as a challenge for the church to amplify the mission. It's always tempting to settle rather than send, to stay rather than to go. But there is a divine urgency for the work that is before us. We need every Wesleyan district, every local church, every leader and every believer mobilized to this course. Completing the mission is within our grasp. Together let's amplify the mission.

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on results of the third ballot cast (#6) to elect the remaining layperson on the District Action Committee. The following were declared elected:

Action Committee (Laypersons) - Mrs. Ashley Ward

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on General Conference Memorial #68 (Conditions of Membership). The results of the vote were 143 "Yes", and 6 "No", giving it the 2/3 majority and was approved by the district.

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on General Conference Memorial #64 (Membership). The results of the vote were 125 "Yes", 21 "No" and 3 "Abstain", giving it the 2/3 majority and was approved by the district.

BALLOT CAST: Ballot #8 of the Nominating Committee for the Church Multiplication Director was presented and the floor was opened for nominations. *A motion was made for nominations to be closed and the Secretary to cast one ballot for the District Director of Church Multiplication.* The motion carried and the following were declared elected:

Church Multiplication Director - Dr. Christopher M. Baldwin

Ballot #8 of the Nominating Committee for the District Global Partners Director was presented and the floor was opened for nominations. No further nominations were received and Ballot #8 was cast by the delegates to the conference.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE & RETIREMENT: District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, recognized The Rev.'s William & Carol Nace, pastors at McCrae Brook Wesleyan Church who are retiring in July. Dr. Jennings presented Rev. Nace with a retirement gift from the district and recognition for 25-years of service in The Wesleyan Church. Dr. Jennings recognized Rev. Robin W. George, Pastor at Brookside Wesleyan Church, for 40-years of service in The Wesleyan Church.

TIME OR REMBERANCE: District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, shared a special recognition and remembrance for those ordained ministers from the Western New York District who had passed away during the past conference year: The Rev. Bernard M. Roof Sr. (86) and The Rev. Robert J. McCarthy (96). The names of those from district churches who have gone to be with the Lord in the past year were listed in the conference packets and were recognized for their faithful service to the Lord and to his church.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Various upcoming events in the Western New York District were announced to the conference including Refresh Family Camp (July 24-29, 2016) at Houghton College; Service of Ordination (October 2, 2016) in Hamburg, NY; and the 2017 WNY District Conference (Saturday, June 17, 2017) at the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church in Williamsville, NY.

TELLERS REPORT: A report was received from the tellers on the results of the voting on Ballot #8 of the nominating committee for District Global Partners Director. The following were declared elected:

District Global Partners Director – Rev. Kimberly B. Gladden

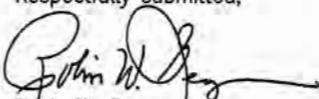
EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY: The Excellence in Ministry Award is given to the church(s) in the Western New York District that has (*have*) excelled in each of the three categories (Baptisms, Stewardship, Attendance). District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, presented the 2016 Excellence in Ministry awards to the following WNY District churches: Angola Wesleyan (*Pastor Mike Trippett*); Houghton Wesleyan (*Pastor Wes Oden*); and The Vine Wesleyan (*Pastor Christopher Baldwin*).

PASTORAL RELATIONS REPORT: The Rev. Robin W. George, District Secretary, presented to the conference the Pastoral Relations Report for the Western New York District for the coming year (*Report #21*). This report was presented to the conference as a recommendation from the District Board of Administration. The report was approved by the conference by their unanimous response of “*aye*.”

DBA INSTILLATION/PRAYER: The Rev. Dr. H. C. Wilson, General Superintendent Emeritus, Wayne A. MacBeth, Director of Communication and Administration for The Wesleyan Church, invited the elected members of the District Board of Administration to the front for a time of instillation and then concluded the conference with prayer for the leadership of the Western New York District.

ADJOURNMENT: The Western New York District Conference adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Robin W. George
District Secretary



CERTIFICATION OF THE EDITING COMMITTEE

We, the District Board of Administration, so empowered by the District Conference, have read and edited the preceding minutes of the 2016 District Conference, and found them to be an accurate account of all that transpired during the District Conference of the Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church, which was held June 25, 2016 at the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church in Williamsville, New York.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Jennings, The Rev. Dr. Steven L. Dunmire, The Rev. Robin W. George, The Rev. Dr. Wesley D. Oden, The Rev. Rebecca L. Wood, The Rev. Jason A. Shambach, The Rev. Ruth Woolsey Strand, Mrs. Kimberly Pecora, Mr. Charles Wallace, Dr. Jun Zhuang, Mrs. Barbara Farrow, Mr. Paul Cronk and Mr. Rick Fohl.

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officers, duly elected by the Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church Incorporated, do hereby certify that in our opinion, the offset copy of the Minutes of the proceedings of said District Conference, held at Williamsville, New York on June 25, 2016, to which this statement is bound, is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of said session.

This is valid only when signed by the District Superintendent and the District Secretary.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 20 ____.

District Superintendent

District Secretary

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REPORTS

Report #1 THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. H. C. Wilson, ministers and delegates of the 155th District Conference, as of this conference, the Western New York District comprises 38 worshipping congregations:

- 27 Established Churches
- 6 Developing Churches (Anchor, Ashwood, Catt. Indian, Grace Community, Home City, Lockport)
- 2 Affiliate Churches (ZionQuest Christian Fellowship, Joy Community)
- 1 Satellite Congregation (WCH South Creek)
- 1 Nested Congregation (Eastern Hills Chinese)
- 1 Mission (Delta Church)

I believe God has a mission for the churches of Western New York, one that is exciting, a little scary, and definitely beyond our human capacity. I believe God is preparing us for revival. Yet, when we look beyond our walls, it seems our culture is moving away from God. We are living in an aimless society and Buffalo has been described as one of the most post-Christians cities in America. Passionate followers of Jesus seem increasingly strange to unbelievers and we may well face persecution for remaining faithful to orthodox beliefs and a Biblical lifestyle. But there is something in me that believes God is at work through all of these struggles, to sanctify His church and prepare us to be mightily used in a renewing work in our land.

Revival is a term I use to describe this renewal of His people to a level of purity, passion and power that God desires for His church. Since I came as your superintendent in 2010, I have shared my passion to see our region experience this extraordinary movement of God. A revived church will supernaturally attract people to Jesus and have an extraordinary effectiveness leading them to faith. A revived church will transform our culture as unchurched people and nominal Christians are made new and are realigned to the Biblical values of love and holiness. As I have studied historical revivals, it sometimes seems as though revivals appear suddenly, like a bolt of lightning out of the blue. However, deeper study almost always reveals the prayers and devotion of God's people that precipitated this season of influence. It seems to me that the growth of committed believers grows to a tipping point, after which tremendous fruit is seen. My deepest desire is for the church of Western New York to be used by God in this way.

I pray that God would make me the person He needs to lead our district through these crucial times. I pray also that God would make our churches the kind that will embrace the Holy Spirit's work of revival and in no way resist it. The work God does to transform us as individuals, we call sanctification. This replaces the selfish desire of the flesh with a love for God and others. This is my prayer for each of our churches corporately. Just as a person must fight the individualism that would subtly look out for self over others, churches must fight a "congregationalism," which seeks primarily to survive and perpetuate itself. The sanctification of the church comes after it offers itself as a living sacrifice for the building up of Christ's Kingdom.

We have stated that the district’s specific mission in God’s work is as follows:

**“The Western New York District exists to support our churches
and foster partnerships
in carrying out the Great Commission.”**

Note the statement about fostering partnerships for later. But essentially, this statement points us to the last three verses of Matthew’s gospel, where Jesus gives His disciples this mission:

**“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”**

A reasonable measure of our progress towards our mission is the number of believer baptisms and conversions we have each year. Ultimately, our effectiveness is determined by how many people in our region come to be genuine disciples of Jesus Christ. This broader indicator, which is nearly impossible to track, is much more difficult than seeking to increase our worship attendance each year. We realize that we Wesleyans are just one branch of the church of Western New York. To fulfill our mission will require us to partner with other churches that have the same mission.

A quick look at the population we are called to shows us that we have an enormous task before us even in this relatively small region of the church. Even if our churches were to reach double our average attendance, we would have reached less than 1% of the population.

Yet, if we will adopt this overarching goal of growing God’s Kingdom in WNY, we will not focus only on the Wesleyan tribe, but seek the broader strength of the church. Engaging in cooperative work and united prayer with other churches is one of the hallmarks of a true revival.

Review of 2015-16 Year

Leadership Development

Most of our pastors gather on third Thursdays for a time of development. We focus on personal growth, sharpening our ministry skills, and building a supportive community of ministers.

This time away from local responsibilities could be considered a distraction from ministry, but I believe it is an essential aspect of keeping strong and healthy pastors. Healthy pastors lead healthy churches.

Refresh Retreat & Family Camp

Refresh at Houghton College continues to be strong and has been growing for six consecutive years. Matthew and Katie Rose are doing an outstanding job in leading and administering this thriving camp ministry. The Roses have the valuable combination of a passion for this ministry

People in Our Region

County	Population
Allegany County	48,946
Cattaraugus County	80,317
Chautauqua County	134,905
Erie County	919,040
Genesee County	60,079
Livingston County	65,393
McKean County (PA)	42,412
Niagara County	214,249
Orleans County	42,883
Wyoming County	42,155
	1,650,379

and the administrative skills which together have helped to make Refresh a thriving ministry. We are now looking forward to the 2016 camp. Our main speaker will be the dynamic Mike Hillson, pastor of New Life Church in La Plata, Maryland.

Ordination Service

The 2015 ordination service was held at the Wesleyan Church of Orchard Park on September 21. The ordinands were Nila McIntyre, Robin Schara and J.L. Miller. For the past several years we have included the ministers' service recognition with our ordination service. Though this, we are able to recognize ministers in all stages along their journey from ministerial students to retirement.

District Pastors and Spouses Retreat

Our pastors and spouses retreat was held in January at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville. We were privileged to get to know Dr. Jo Anne Lyon on a much more personal level than most of us had the opportunity before. She shared her personal testimony, some of which she gave at General Conference following her election to General Superintendent Emerita. We enjoyed the beautiful winter weather, downhill skiing, visiting some of the other attractions in Ellicottville, and just being together. This retreat is an important time for personal renewal, rest, and fellowship with other pastoral couples. The 2017 Pastors and Spouses Retreat is scheduled for February 12-14, 2017. I am thrilled to have Dr. Harry and Alice Wood as our speakers. I strongly encourage churches to send and pay for their pastors to attend this retreat.

Guiding Churches through Transition

A key aspect of my job is helping churches navigate transition in pastoral leadership. This year, I worked with three churches to find a new pastor (*see box on Pastoral Changes*). I also work with churches through an evaluation of the lead pastor in preparation for the pastoral votes. This year I worked with seven boards and pastors through this process.

Pastoral Changes

We began the year by welcoming Justin and Julie Leininger to North Collins Wesleyan Church. They began their ministry in August and have been very well received.

Bradford First Wesleyan Church - The DBA appointed Terri Niver to serve as Supply Pastor for the year. In the fall, this was working so well that the LBA recommended her to the congregation and she received a resounding vote to be their pastor.

The Wesleyan Church of Hamburg - After 38 years as pastor, Greg (& Sue McClain) has stepped down as pastor of The Wesleyan Church of Hamburg. After an extensive search, the congregation selected Ken (& Christine) Nash to be their next pastor. Ken is currently the teaching pastor at Cornerstone United Methodist Church near Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is excited to be a come to the Wesleyan Church and will begin at Hamburg on August 1.

Orchard Park Wesleyan Church - After 25 years on the staff, Todd (& Wendy) Glendenning has stepped down as pastor of Orchard Park Wesleyan Church. The church has called Dan (& Karen) Jones to be their next pastor. Dan is transferring to our district from the Central New York District, where he served as pastor of Avon Wesleyan Church.

DS Prayer Team

I have been blessed this year with the development of a prayer team which meets with me via Skype to pray for pressing needs I am facing each month. I appreciate this team and especially Christopher and Tammy Baldwin for taking the initiative to coordinate and schedule these prayer sessions. I believe strongly that the effective, fervent prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. I humbly ask for the continued prayers of the entire district family.

Hosting General Conference

I was so proud of our district in the way you hosted The Wesleyan Church's General Conference earlier this month. With approximately 400 delegates, plus international leaders and representatives from sister denominations, as well as people from many of our churches, there were more than 2,500 who attended the conference. We were responsible for hospitality and had more than 150 volunteers who staffed the guest services desk, greeted people at the convention center, hotels and the airport, drove people to and from the airport, led the conference in worship, and a variety of other tasks. We also gave out over 400 gift bags to the delegates. I heard from more than one person that this was the best welcome they have ever experienced at General Conference. Thank you. I would especially like to thank Maribeth Jennings, Jeff Lawson, Chris Gaglione, Kimberly Gladden, Steve Dunmire, Gale Cirocco and Robin Schara for extraordinary efforts to make hosting this conference go so well.

Headlines from Four of Our Churches

Anchor Church Begins Services. After monthly worship gatherings through the fall, Steve & Lindsey Johnson and their team began weekly worship services on January 31, 2016. They are meeting at North Park Lutheran Church on Starin Avenue in North Buffalo, Sundays at 9AM.

Lockport Launches New Service Called "The Refinery." Seeking to reach those who have fallen away from church, Matthew and Katie Rose have put together a team to lead a Sunday evening service in Lockport, which they are calling "The Refinery." They launched this service in February and are averaging around 50.

Home City Church Relocates to New Building. Receiving generous support from outside sources, Home City Church moved to a renovated Catholic Church building on Burlington Avenue in Depew. They launched in their new facility on March 6 and are growing in their new location.

Urban Advocacy Helps Cultivate a New Church. Steve and Ruth Strand are doing many great things in Buffalo, working with Spiritual Care at Jericho Road, and serving as the chaplains for Houghton College's AA program in Buffalo. Steve is also working with Yoshua Bashizi to start a new church among the Congolese in Buffalo. Yoshua started meeting on Sunday afternoons last August and is calling the new work, Mission of Christ. They are averaging about 45 people each Sunday afternoon.

Vision for Next Four Years

As part of the evaluation process leading up to my renewal vote, The District Board asked me to share a vision of where I am sensing God is leading the district for the next four years. After prayer, several discussions with the board and 10-12 other pastors, here is where I sense God calling me to lead our district.

We Need New Congregations

I believe that developing new churches, campuses, and missions must be the priority for this next season. This is not to forsake our established churches, but to enhance them. When we focus on new initiatives to reach people for Christ, there is a joy and new vitality in the church. Obedience to the call to "Go" and make disciples shifts the focus from self to others and requires a greater dependence on God. From the early years of the church in the book of Acts, God moved the apostles and church leaders into the mission of starting new ministries.

Starting new works is currently the most effective method to reach unchurched people and to build the church. As a pastor, I saw that starting new classes or small groups was the most effective means of adding people to the discipleship process. As DS, I see that districts and churches which are passionate about starting new churches are the ones where God's Kingdom is expanding in the greatest ways. Even if these new works were only in adjacent and similar communities, this would be the best plan to reach people for Christ. But as we look at the population of our region, there are communities which will not be reached by our churches or church plants like us. We must also plant cross-culturally to reach many of the communities within our district.

In the past six years, we have been able to start a few new churches (Home City, Delta, South Creek, Anchor). A lesson I feel we have learned from these is the need for local churches to be intimately involved in the establishment of these new ministries. The district does have a role. We can be a resource to encourage and guide churches that want to start new works. The district can also provide assessment, coaching and oversight for church planters. But these new works need the support, prayers, people and resources that a local church can best offer. We are also experiencing a limitation of district funds for church planting. Going forward, if the district were to be a primary source of church planting funds, it would have to come from the churches in additional revenue.

Church Planting Partnerships

So here is my vision. I am proposing that each established church adopt an initiative to either plant or partner with a new work. These can take one of several forms:

1. **Traditional Church Plant:** There are ways a church can expand to reach more people in neighboring communities as an extension of their ministry:
 - **Mission** - A mission is a new work under the supervision of the local church which is not ready to be organized as a developing church. (Delta Church)
 - **Satellite Campus** - The continuation of a church's ministry at a different location. These often have the same feel and culture as the sending church and continue to be led by one leader and one board. (South Creek)
 - **Daughter Church** - A new church in a neighboring community out of one or more churches. This church would have their own pastor and work toward becoming an established church. (The Vine)

Sister Church Model: Second, a church can partner with a new or developing church. We have several churches which are recent church plants (Anchor Church), or have gone through decline and need a restart (Ashwood). Though they still have a strong mission in their

community, the resources are very limited and the pastor often feels isolated. A Partnership Plan would establish the parameters for coming alongside a developing church with a strategy for helping the church to become strong, healthy, and self-sufficient. This would involve giving a percentage of your income (suggested to start with at least 1% and grow each year up to 5%) to the partnership. It would also involve the congregations gathering together periodically and the staff working together as an extended pastoral team.

I was recently at Hess Road Wesleyan Church and have seen their church partner with the Lockport Wesleyan Church over the past several years. They call them their sister church and each church participates in each other's events. If it were not for this partnership, we probably would have closed the Lockport Wesleyan Church years ago. Now, it is experiencing new life and is reaching unchurched people through a new worship service.

3. **Cross-Cultural Church Plant:** A quick glance at the demographics tells us that if we do not do a better job of reaching the city of Buffalo, we will miss a significant part of our region. This will only increase in the future. A nationwide study indicated that 90% of people who will move in the next fifteen years will move to a city with a population of 250,000 or larger. In Buffalo, we are seeing an influx of young people in Elmwood Village and North Buffalo and of refugees on the West Side. This is in addition to African American communities on the East Side and Hispanic and Asian communities throughout various neighborhoods. Outside of Buffalo, we also have Hispanic and Native American communities that need the church. I am praying for several churches to reach outside of their comfort zone and partner with a church plant or an existing church in one of these communities.

We have recently begun a discussion with Troy Evans, the pastor of The Edge, an African American hip hop church in Grand Rapids. He has made a proposal to partner with 3-5 district churches to start a church or partner with a church in Buffalo's East Side. We are eager to see this, but would need the support of several of our churches to make this happen.

If I were to set a new goal for church plants, it would not be based on the need, but on the practical consideration of what we could do with the resources on hand. If I were to go beyond this, it would be an expression of faith. I have tremendous faith in God's ability to start new works, even to provide an extraordinary benefactor if that were His plan. However, it seems to me that God desires to work through the churches and give them the privilege of partnering with Him in this mission. So, my goal is for each of our established churches to develop a planting or partnering plan, at least half of them within the next four years.

Transition on District Team

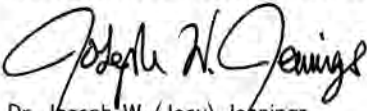
As we finish the church year, there will be some changes in the leadership team of the District. After serving 11 years as Assistant District Superintendent, Todd Glendenning will be stepping down. I want to thank Todd for his support, prayers, and friendship as I entered the district and adjusted to my new position. He has been an invaluable help behind the scenes as we have dealt with various situations. I have recommended, and the DBA has appointed Steve Dunmire to serve as Assistant District Superintendent for the coming year. I am giving him the

task of focusing on strengthening our developing churches. We will be forming a Board of Church Development, which Steve will chair. Steve and this board will work with our six developing churches as well as new churches that will be started and give them additional guidance to mature into strong, healthy churches.

Nadine Houghton will also be stepping down as our District Treasurer after nine years. I will miss her sweet spirit with which she stewards our finances. She has the perfect temperament for a treasurer - always wanting to be of help and kind and prayerful in all of her transactions. I often have received a short note with a prayer she has written on my behalf. For the past two years, she has been working with Kim Pecora as Assistant Treasurer and I would confidently recommend her to be elected to follow Nadine. It has been a privilege to serve with Todd and Nadine. I look forward to continued friendship with both of them.

I am so blessed to have my wife, Maribeth as my life partner and ministry partner (no transitions here). We both feel blessed to be a part of this district family. So as we consider what God has for us as we approach a new term and conference year, I am willing to serve and pray that God would direct us and empower us to accomplish His great mission.

Honored to serve Christ and this district,



Dr. Joseph W. (Joey) Jennings

Summary of Work

- Had approximately 115 meetings with pastors for coaching, counseling, or mentoring.
- Met with 8 lay leaders at various churches to discuss ministry at their church.
- Preached and/or shared in each of our 38 churches/congregations.
- Chaired 6 meetings of the District Board of Administration & 1 Executive Committee meeting.
- Presided over 7 Leadership Development meetings with our pastors.
- Met with most local boards as part of my annual visit plus I attended 19 monthly LBA meetings.
- Met 3 times with the District Board of Ministerial Development to interview ministerial students, licensed ministers & candidates for ordination.
- Met twice with regional leaders of various other denominations and religious groups.
- Participated in 3 meetings of the Houghton College Board of Trustees (October, January, May)
- June 20, 2015, Chaired the 2015 District Conference
- July 26-31, 2015, Participated in Refresh '15 Family Camp at Houghton College.
- September 12, 2015, Installed Rev. Terri Niver as pastor of Bradford First Wesleyan Church.
- October 6, 2015, Spoke at a chapel service for the Houghton Buffalo program.

- October 7, 2015, Met with District Youth Pastors for training event at Houghton Wesleyan Church.
- October 11, 2015, Installed Rev. Justin Leininger as pastor of North Collins Wesleyan Church.
- October 11, 2015, Presided over Service of Ordination at Orchard Park Wesleyan Church.
- October 21, 2015, Met with Northeast Region DBMD leaders at Houghton College.
- October 22, 2015, Met with Ecumenical Group of Pastors, "The Church of WNY."
- October 22, 2015, Met with Urban Advocacy Steering Team.
- October 25-27, 2015, Participated in Missional Holiness Conference in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
- October 28-29, 2015, Participated in Urban Urgency Tour of New York City.
- November 3-6, 2015, Attended Church Multiplication Summit Tour in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- January 19-21, 2016, Attended District Superintendent Institute in Atlanta, Georgia.
- January 24-26, 2016, Led Pastors and Spouses Retreat in Ellicottville, New York.
- March 16, 2016, Attended joint District Superintendent/General Board meeting in Fishers, IN
- April 6-11, 2016, Participated in District Vision Mission Trip in Haiti.
- Conducted 7 pastoral evaluations, discussing the evaluations with pastors and boards.
- Led or participated in two memorial services.
- Met 4 times with District Restoration Team.
- Met 4 times with General Conference Planning Team and recruited volunteers to assist with conference.
- Conducted 3 pastoral searches in coordination with local search teams and boards.
- Total travel this year in District Car: 15,831 miles - (As of 5/31/2016: 59,450)

Official Acts

- June 20, 2015, Chaired the 2015 District Conference at Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church.
- June 23, 2015, Signed contract between The Vine Wesleyan Church and David Homes, LLC to sell property on William Street in Lancaster.
- June 23, 2015, Signed agreement between Houghton College and WNY District by which Steve & Ruth Strand would do work for the college and the college would reimburse the district for their time.
- August 19, 2015, Signed a resolution confirming the DBA's approval to gift a parcel of land at 4600 Union Road in Cheektowaga to Rick Baron.
- September 1, 2015, Authorized expenditure of \$350 from the Youth Ministry budget to send Jon Cole to a course on preventing sexual abuse.
- September 2, 2015, Signed a petition requesting permission from NY State to sell the church building at 315-317 Main Street in Batavia to Discovery Chapel.
- September 2, 2015, Signed a resolution affirming the DBA's approval for Levant Wesleyan Church to sell their parsonage at 3117 Stone Road in Falconer.
- September 1, 2015, Authorized expenditure from the Youth Ministry budget to send Jon Cole to a course on preventing sexual abuse.

- **September 13, 2015**, Installed Terri Niver as Supply Pastor at Bradford First Wesleyan Church.
- **September 29, 2015**, Authorized Jon Cole post signs on the Clark Farm property and authorized him to receive requests.
- **February 25, 2016**, Authorized Meredith Ader to contract approved work on the Cheektowaga parsonage.
- **March 2, 2016**, Recommended Dale Argot to candidate for Pastor at McCrae Brook Wesleyan Church.
- **April 13, 2016**, Recommended Kenneth Nash to candidate for Senior Pastor at The Wesleyan Church of Hamburg.
- **April 24, 2016**, Recommended Daniel Jones to candidate for Senior Pastor at Orchard Park Wesleyan Church.
- **May 19, 2016**, Authorized payment for Youth Mission Trip to NC from Missions Budget.



Report #2 THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

I have had the wonderful opportunity to serve as Assistant District Superintendent since July 2004. First serving under Rev. Neil Koppen and now under our District Superintendent Dr. Joey Jennings. I am grateful to both of them and to the District Board of Administration for giving me this opportunity.

As Assistant District Superintendent I have served on the District Board of Administration, the Executive Committee, and as the Chairman of the District Board of Ministerial Development. In addition, it has been my aim to be a support and help to our District Superintendent through prayer, offering advice when sought, and simply being available. Also, I have been part of the D.S. Prayer Team that endeavors to meet monthly to pray with and for Dr. Jennings. The intent of this team is to cover Joey and Maribeth, their family, and their ministry in prayer.

This report and conference year will in effect mark the end of my time as Assistant Superintendent. Given the changes in my life, this next year I will be unable to fulfill what is needed from this role. That being said, I want the WNY District of the Wesleyan Church to know that I am deeply thankful for the 14 years you have seen fit to give to me this opportunity to serve you and our District Superintendent in this way.

As my parting encouragement let me once again exhort you to be faithful in prayer for our District Superintendent and the vision he has for WNY.

Furthermore, let us pray for Maribeth and for their entire family. May God use them to spur us on toward love and good deeds so that we might reach the lost, strengthen the church, and bring glory to God.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd E. Glendenning
Assistant District Superintendent

**Report #3
AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I have reviewed the report of the District Treasurer and the accounting records of the Western New York District General Treasury for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2016. I conducted my review in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as considered necessary in the circumstances.

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the Report of the District Treasurer for the year ended May 31, 2016.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District Board of Administration of the Western New York District, Inc. of The Wesleyan Church, and shall not be used for any other purposes.

Katherine M. Allen, Auditor
June 18, 2016



Report #4
REPORT OF THE DISTRICT TREASURER
May 31, 2016

Funds	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Balance
District Ministry Fund	\$ 259,122.61	\$ 217,094.82	\$ 202,798.68	\$ 273,418.75
General USF/EIF	\$ -	\$ 474,066.48	\$ 474,066.48	\$ -
Insurance Fund	\$ 1,811.69	\$ 67,119.95	\$ 71,950.70	\$ (3,019.06)
District Car Replacement	\$ 14,245.07	\$ 4,000.11	\$ 1,514.64	\$ 16,730.54
District Parsonage Maintenance	\$ 4,568.68	\$ 6,700.18	\$ 2,216.48	\$ 9,052.38
Refresh Family Camp	\$ 30,132.37	\$ 35,765.87	\$ 42,841.46	\$ 23,056.78
Missions Fund	\$ 5,053.13	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 5,053.13
Wesleyan Women	\$ 3,352.87	\$ 1,729.41	\$ 1,570.41	\$ 3,511.87
Camp Endowment	\$ 97,665.92	\$ 2,330.19	\$ -	\$ 99,996.11
Church Development Fund	\$ 79,800.52	\$ 97,109.35	\$ -	\$ 31,075.95
Total	\$ 495,752.86	\$ 909,616.35	\$ 946,492.77	\$ 458,876.45

Account Transfers	WIF	CB Checking
June 30, 2015	-\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

Bank Accounts	6/1/2015	Receipts	Expenses	5/31/2016
Wesleyan Investment Foundation	\$ 465,955.52	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 435,955.52
Community Bank Checking	\$ 29,797.34	\$ 939,616.35	\$ 946,492.77	\$ 22,920.93
Total Assets	\$ 495,752.86			\$ 458,876.45

Respectfully Submitted
Nadine Houghton, Treasurer

Report #4a
ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS FROM CHURCHES
 2015-2016

	Total Assessment	Total Paid 2015-16	% 2015-16
Angola	\$8,862.40	\$8,862.40	100%
Bellville - Caneadea	\$3,237.70	\$3,237.80	100%
Big Tree - Blasdell	\$23,530.80	\$23,530.56	100%
Bradford First	\$9,143.70	\$9,143.76	100%
Brookside - Wellsville	\$14,103.30	\$14,103.00	100%
Cattaraugus Indian Chapel	\$1,865.40	\$1,865.40	100%
Christ Chapel - Silver Creek	\$14,805.00	\$14,805.00	100%
East Aurora	\$6,811.70	\$6,811.70	100%
East Leon	\$2,612.00	\$2,612.04	100%
Eastern Hills - Williamsville	\$115,600.00	\$115,599.99	100%
Fellowship - West Seneca	\$55,125.90	\$55,125.96	101%
Fillmore	\$17,346.10	\$17,346.12	100%
Forestville	\$5,900.50	\$5,900.50	100%
Hamburg	\$115,600.00	\$115,600.00	100%
Hamburg - South Creek	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	100%
Hess Road - Appleton	\$29,872.60	\$29,873.00	100%
Higgins - Freedom	\$10,193.00	\$10,193.00	100%
Hillside - Olean	\$13,827.50	\$13,827.50	100%
Home City - Buffalo	\$1,588.15	\$1,589.00	100%
Houghton	\$61,321.45	\$61,321.44	100%
Levant - Falconer	\$27,818.30	\$27,818.30	100%
Little Valley	\$5,146.00	\$5,145.96	100%
Lockport	\$2,035.80	\$2,035.80	100%
McCrae Brook - Eldred	\$5,509.60	\$5,509.56	100%
North Collins	\$21,724.90	\$21,724.90	100%
North Park - Cuba	\$19,583.50	\$19,583.50	100%
Oakland - Nunda	\$12,431.80	\$12,431.76	100%
Orchard Park	\$46,288.10	\$46,288.08	100%
Peace - Falconer	\$7,197.90	\$7,198.00	100%
The Vine - Depew	\$30,391.40	\$30,409.00	100%
Valley - Canaseraga	\$6,185.80	\$6,186.00	100%
Total	\$701,660.10	\$701,679.23	100.0%

Distribution to Funds

District Ministry Fund	\$210,269.84	\$210,912.46
District Car Fund	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.11
District Parsonage Fund	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.18
Church Development Fund	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
General Church (2.75%)	\$216,750.05	\$217,192.05
Educational Institutions (3.25%)	\$256,352.06	\$256,874.42

Report #4b

DISTRICT WORK SUMMARY

June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016

Beginning Balance			\$ 259,122.61
	Budget 2015-16	Actual 5/31/2016	Percentage of Budget
INCOME			
Church Assessment	211,515	210,912	100%
Interest	5,000	6,182	124%
TOTAL INCOME	216,515	217,095	100%
EXPENSES			
District Work			
Boards & Committees Expenses	5,000	5,524	110%
Leadership Development	5,500	4,615	84%
Missions	2,500	2,500	100%
Pastor & Spouse Retreat	5,000	4,459	89%
Pastors Wives Event	1,000	50	5%
Prayer Emphasis	500	0	0%
District Conference & Ordination	5,000	5,454	109%
District Journal	2,500	2,650	106%
Superintendent			
District Superintendent Salary	67,749	67,585	100%
Wesleyan Pension Plan	10,350	10,113	98%
Health Insurance	14,000	12,903	92%
Health Savings Account	4,400	4,400	100%
District Office			
Office Administrator	19,074	19,028	100%
Home/Office Utilities	6,500	5,022	77%
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,000	2,629	66%
Team Honoraria			
Assistant District Superintendent	1,800	1,750	97%
District Treasurer & Assistant	7,000	7,000	100%
District Secretary	6,000	6,000	100%
Ministerial Training (DBMD) Coordinator	1,800	1,800	100%
Insurance Coordinator	3,060	3,060	100%
Events Coordinator	1,200	1,200	100%
Supplies for District Team	1,500	1,591	106%
Auxiliaries			
Church Multiplication Team	3,000	2,195	73%
Youth Ministry	6,000	3,481	58%
Wesleyan Men	500	0	0%
Wesleyan Women	1,000	1,570	157%
Best Years Fellowship	250	0	0%
Children's Ministry	700	0	0%
Miscellaneous			
Travel & Hospitality	7,000	4,396	63%
Social Security for Employees	1,416	1,456	103%
SS Reimbursement for DS	13,196	12,096	92%
Christmas Gift	1,670	1,670	100%
Property Insurance/Workmans Comp	1,500	572	38%
Memorial Gifts & Flowers	500	29	6%
Markell Scholarship at Houghton	500	500	100%
Emergency Assistance for Pastors	2,000	0	0%
Unexpected Expenses	1,850	5,500	297%
TOTAL EXPENSES	216,515	202,799	94%
<i>Over/Under</i>	0	14,296	Current Balance \$273,418.75

Respectfully submitted, Nadine Houghton, District Treasurer

Report #4c
INSURANCE FUND
June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016

Insurance Fund

Beginning Balance **\$1,811.69**

Income

Deposit from Churches (Property Insurance)	\$ 23,953.50
Health Insurance	\$ 7,758.45
Life Insurance - Guardian	\$ 10,566.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 14,679.00
Insurance Rebate	\$ 10,163.00

Total Income **\$ 67,119.95**

Expenses

District Property Insurance	\$ 5,302.17
Health Insurance	\$ 7,030.02
Life Insurance - Guardian	\$ 9,968.51
Workers Comp	\$ 37,987.00
Deductible Payment	\$ 1,500.00
Ins. Rebate - Brotherhood Mutual	\$ 10,163.00

Total Expenses **\$ 71,950.70**

Ending Balance **-\$3,019.06**

Report #4d
 MISSIONS FUND
 June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016

	Actual	
	Year to Date	
Beginning Balance		\$5,053.13
Income		
Budget from District Ministry	\$3,350.00	
Haiti 2016 trip	\$350.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,700.00	
Expenses		
Missions Committee Expenses	\$0.00	
Haiti 2016 trip	\$3,700.00	
Total Expenses	\$3,700.00	
Ending Balance		\$5,053.13

Report #4e
 CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND
 June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016

Beginning Balance - June 1, 2015	\$79,800.52
Income	
General Contributions from Churches	\$1,359.99
WCH South Creek Assessment	\$6,000.00
Loan-Bashizi	\$1,020.00
Designated Gifts	
Anchor Church	\$34,850.66
Home City	\$935.00
House of Grace	\$100.00
Urban Advocacy	\$46,210.97
Loan Repayment-Angola Wesleyan	\$4,728.77
Property Rental - Batavia	
Interest Income	\$1,903.96
Total Income	\$97,109.35
Expenses	
Church Planting Grants	
Hamburg - South Creek	\$10,000.00
Anchor Church	\$20,000.00
Urban Advocacy	\$15,000.00
Strategic Church Grants	
Ashwood Wesleyan Church	\$3,996.00
Grace Community Church	\$5,000.04
Designated Support	
Anchor Church	\$21,806.78
Home City Church	\$935.00
House of Grace	\$100.00
Lockport-Repairs	\$1,000.00
Loan-Bashizi	\$1,000.00
Union Road Expense	\$21,520.30
Urban Advocacy	\$45,475.80
Total Expenses	\$145,833.92
Ending Balance	\$31,075.95

DISTRICT MINISTRY FUND BUDGET

June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017

INCOME	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Budget
Church Assessment	\$219,133	\$221,613	\$216,116
Interest	\$11,000	\$10,416	\$10,500
Assessments for Church Planting	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,000
Budget from Reserves/Surplus	\$2,582	\$0	\$8,806
TOTAL INCOME	\$238,715	\$238,029	\$247,422
<i>Surplus/Deficit</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>

EXPENSES

District Work			
Boards & Committees Expenses	\$5,000	\$5,524	\$5,000
Leadership Development/Books	\$5,500	\$4,615	\$5,500
Missions	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Retreat/The Gathering	\$5,000	\$4,459	\$5,000
Pastors Wives' Event	\$1,000	\$50	\$1,000
Prayer Emphasis	\$500	\$0	\$500
District Conference & Ordination	\$5,000	\$5,454	\$5,500
District Journal	\$2,500	\$2,650	\$2,500
Superintendent			
District Superintendent Salary	\$67,749	\$67,585	\$68,426
Wesleyan Pension Plan	\$10,350	\$10,113	\$10,431
Insurance	\$14,000	\$12,903	\$14,000
Health Savings Account	\$4,400	\$4,400	\$4,400
District Office			
Office Administrator	\$19,074	\$19,028	\$19,455
Home/Office Utilities	\$6,500	\$5,022	\$6,500
Office Expenses	\$4,000	\$2,629	\$3,500
Team Honoraria			
Assistant District Superintendent	\$1,800	\$1,750	\$2,400
District Treasurer/Assistant	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
District Secretary	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Ministerial Training (DBMD) Coordinator	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800
Insurance Coordinator	\$3,060	\$3,060	\$3,060
Events Coordinator	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Supplies for District Team	\$1,500	\$1,591	\$4,500
Auxiliaries			
Church Multiplication Team	\$3,000	\$2,195	\$3,000
Urban Advocacy	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Youth Ministry	\$6,000	\$3,481	\$3,000
Wesleyan Men	\$500	\$0	\$500
Wesleyan Women	\$1,000	\$1,570	\$1,000
Best Years Fellowship	\$250	\$0	\$250
Children's Ministry	\$700	\$0	\$700
Miscellaneous			
Travel & Hospitality	\$7,000	\$4,396	\$7,000
Social Security for Employees	\$1,416	\$1,456	\$1,471
SS Reimbursement for DS	\$13,196	\$12,096	\$13,300
Christmas Gift	\$1,670	\$1,670	\$1,690
Property Insurance/Workmans Comp	\$1,500	\$572	\$1,500
Gifts & Flowers	\$500	\$29	\$500
Markell Scholarship at Houghton	\$500	\$500	\$500
Emergency Assistance for Pastors	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Unexpected Expenses	\$1,850	\$5,500	\$1,850
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$216,515	\$202,798	\$220,434

Report #5
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACTION COMMITTEE

Amendment to the WNY District Standing Rules

10. DISTRICT BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

a. The District Board of Administration shall consist of thirteen members including the District Superintendent (chair), the Assistant District Superintendent, the District Secretary, the District Treasurer, and nine members-at-large elected by the District Conference in such a manner that six members of the District Board of Administration shall be lay members. The members at large, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer shall serve two-year terms.

This would change the term of the District Treasurer from one year to two.

48. BUDGET ASSESSMENT CAPS

The District Budget shall be computed on only the first ~~\$525,000~~ \$540,000 of assessable income. This budget cap shall be reviewed annually by the District Board of Administration and changes be recommended to the District Conference.

Recommended by the District Board of Administration

This represents a 2.9% increase and would take effect for the 2017-18 year if approved.

Recommended by the WNY Action Committee:

Dan Butcher, Joey Jennings, Neil Koppen, J. Cairn Marrale, Al Meyers

MEMORIAL NO. 54
CONSTITUTION: DOCTRINE OF SIN

Whereas, The Articles of Religion in *The Discipline* proclaim the wonderful benefits of the atonement that bring hope, forgiveness, healing, and holiness for those who place their faith in Christ as their Savior;

Whereas, The remedy for sin is clearly stated in the Articles of Religion but the problem that requires the remedy is not; and

Whereas, Christian traditions other than Wesleyan-Arminian are often providing less than adequate theological perspectives for our people;

Resolved, That a new Article of Religion be adopted by the North American General Conference and recommended to the Philippine and Caribbean General Conferences for their consideration and changing the *Essentials* if approved by a two-thirds aggregate vote of all General Conferences (cf. 6765:1, 6745:8). The new Article shall be Article 9 with the following Articles renumbered, and shall read:

9. Sin: Original, Willful, and Involuntary

225. We believe that through the disobedience of Adam and Eve sin entered the world and all creation suffered its consequences. The effects of sin include disruption of the relationship between God and humanity, deterioration of the natural order of creation, and exploitation of

persons by evil or misguided social systems. The whole of creation groans for redemption. Each person is born with a proclivity toward sin, manifested in an inordinate orientation toward self and independence from God, leading to deliberate acts of unrighteousness. The residual effects of Adam and Eve's disobedience include a marred human nature from which arise involuntary shortcomings, faults, infirmities, and imperfect judgments, which should not be accounted the same as willful sin. However, as manifestations of the fallen nature of humanity, these shortcomings of God's holiness still necessitate the merits of the atonement, the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, and the self-control of the believer. Willful sin results when a morally accountable person chooses to violate a known law of God, using freedom of choice to please self rather than obey God. The consequences of willful sin include a loss of fellowship with God, a self-absorption with one's own interests rather than love and concern for others, a bondage to things which distort the divine image, a persistent inability to live righteously, and ultimately everlasting misery and separation from God. The atoning work of Christ is the only remedy for sin, whether original, willful or involuntary.

Gen. 3; 6:5; Ps. 1; 32:1-5; 51; Is. 6:5; Jer. 17:9-10; Matt. 16:24-27; 22:36-40; Mk. 7:20-23; John 16:8-9; Rom. 1:18-25; 3:23; 5:12-14; 6:15-23; 7:1-8:9; 8:18-24; 14:23; I Cor. 3:1-4; Gal. 5:16-25; Eph. 2:1-22; Col. 1:21-22; 3:5-11; I Jn. 1:7-2:4; 3:7-10.

MEMORIAL 60

CONSTITUTION: Amendment regarding marriage and divorce

Whereas, The 2012 General Conference adopted a memorial that changed *Discipline* 265:6 by strengthening language regarding violence within the family and desertion as a justifiable cause for divorce, and this memorial was ratified by the necessary vote of individual districts;

Whereas, The newly worded *Discipline* 265:6 produced an apparent conflict with *Discipline* 265:6 related to biblical grounds for divorce;

Whereas, The General Board appointed a task force to study *The Discipline* and make recommendations that would bring all references to marriage, family, and divorce into alignment;

Whereas, The conflict between "the *only* biblical grounds for divorce" in paragraph 265:5 and the additional conditions referenced in paragraph 265:6, which indicate other biblical references may speak to these realities, needs to be reconciled;

Whereas, This conflict needs to be accomplished without diminishing our reliance on the Scriptures to provide appropriate parameters for making decisions in such matters;

Whereas, Our people need to be encouraged to consult the *whole* Bible when seeking God's direction for making difficult decisions in an increasingly complex society; and

Whereas, Any recommended change to statements in *The Discipline* should be as simple as possible without adding statements that might further complicate the redemptive work of the church in the world or create other unintended consequences;

Resolved, That the last sentence of paragraph 265:5 be amended as follows

We further affirm that ~~heterosexual monogamy is God's plan for marriage~~ marriage between one man and one woman is God's design, and we regard sexual sin of the spouse, such as adultery, homosexual behavior, bestiality or incest, as ~~the only~~ clear biblical grounds for considering divorce, and then only when appropriate counseling has failed to restore the relationship.

Resolved, That paragraphs 3012 and 3108 be amended by adding reference 265:6 within the parentheses so that the paragraphs would read:

3012. Any person sustaining a marriage relation contrary to the Scriptures and the Covenant Membership Commitments (265:5; 265:6; 410:6, 2018; 5251) shall be ineligible for licensing, commissioning or ordination in The Wesleyan Church.

3108. Any minister who enters into a marriage relation contrary to the Scriptures, and to those expositions of Scripture as set forth in the Covenant Membership Commitments (265:5; 265:6; cf. 410:6), after having been ordained, commissioned or licensed, shall be dismissed from ministerial standing, provided that guilt shall be established in accord with the judicial processes set forth in The Discipline (5206-5212).

Resolved, That paragraph 5251 be amended by striking the words "other than the sexual sin of the spouse" and adding reference to 265:6 in the parentheses so the paragraph would then read:

5251. An ordained, commissioned or licensed minister, or ministerial student who has been disqualified for the ministry through a remarriage following a divorce for reasons ~~other than the sexual sin of the spouse~~ contrary to the Scriptures and the Covenant Membership Commitments (265:5; 265:6; cf. 3108), may be restored to former credentials if such person has manifested repentance and has been approved, recommended, and voted restoration by the various bodies designated in 5236 (cf. 410:6b).

MEMORIAL NO. 63

CONSTITUTION: Gender Diversity and Expression

Whereas, Because of media attention and activism, transgender issues are rising in public awareness;

Whereas, We believe gender differentiation and male/female uniqueness are part of a divine design that God indelibly engraved upon creation;

Whereas, Based on our biblical and theological study, there is no argument for a "third gender" among humans;

Whereas, There is no question that many transgender people suffer enormously, and advocating social holiness will involve defending the right of transsexual persons to provide for daily necessities (food, shelter, clothing), as well as insisting on their being treated fairly under the law; and

Whereas, In the midst of confusing and conflicting debate, it is in the best interest of all to clarify our teaching on this matter;

Resolved, That a new subparagraph 4 will be added to paragraph 265 of *The Discipline* as follows:

(4) To follow the teachings of the Scriptures regarding gender identity and sexual conduct.

Gen. 1:27; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; 7:17-24.

Resolved, That the remaining subparagraphs of paragraph 265 be renumbered accordingly.

MEMORIAL NO. 67

CONSTITUTION: Amendment regarding marriage and family

Whereas, The Wesleyan Church has historically held a high view of the biblical basis for marriage and family;

Resolved, That the following sentence be added to paragraph 222 of *The Discipline*:

We adhere to the teachings of Scripture regarding gender identity, sexual conduct, and the sacredness of marriage, and believe that sexual relationships outside of marriage and sexual relationships between persons of the same sex are immoral and sinful.

Thus the entire Article of Religion on Marriage and the Family would then read:

222. We believe that every person is created in the image of God, that human sexuality reflects that image in terms of intimate love, communication, fellowship, subordination of the self to the larger whole, and fulfillment. God's Word makes use of the marriage relationship as the supreme metaphor for His relationship with His covenant people and for revealing the truth that that relationship is of one God with one people. Therefore God's plan for human sexuality is that it is to be expressed only in a monogamous lifelong relationship between one man and one woman within the framework of marriage. This is the only relationship which is divinely designed for the birth and rearing of children and is a covenant union made in the sight of God, taking priority over every other human relationship. We adhere to the teachings of Scripture regarding gender identity, sexual conduct, and the sacredness of marriage, and believe that sexual relationships outside of marriage and sexual relationships between persons of the same sex are immoral and sinful.

MEMORIAL NO. 68

CONSTITUTION: Conditions of Membership

Whereas, The Conditions of Membership provide a path forward for those who are desirous of becoming members of the Church;

Whereas, These provisions will be strengthened by requiring the prospective member to not only accept our Articles of Religion but also be instructed in the same;

Whereas, Clearly linking the conditions of membership with an ongoing local church based discipleship relationship highlights the necessity of new believer discipleship; and

Whereas, The current condition outlining the voting procedure of a local church in receiving members seems better placed in a Discipline section pertaining to local church function and authority;

Resolved, That paragraph 297 in the 2012 edition of *The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church* be stricken in its entirety and replaced with the following:

297. The conditions of membership are:

- (1) Confession of faith in Jesus Christ as evidenced by an inner witness of new birth through the Holy Spirit and a commitment to pursue holiness in all things.
- (2) Christian baptism.
- (3) Instruction in and acceptance of the Articles of Religion which are summarized in 299, the Elementary Principles and the authority of The Wesleyan Church in matters of church government.
- (4) A commitment to live out the mission and vision of The Wesleyan Church through a discipling relationship within the local church.

And,

Resolved, That paragraph 297 (5) in the 2012 Discipline of The Wesleyan Church be relocated to paragraph 567.

MEMORIAL NO. 64

CONSTITUTION: Membership

Whereas, Membership in a local church is a valued and historic avenue intended to provide for discipleship, fellowship, a sense of belonging and an avenue for service;

Whereas, The Articles of Religion are foundational to our identity as Wesleyans and are wisely preserved for posterity in the Constitution of the Church and any adjustments thereto impact our core beliefs and appropriately require focused diligence, careful study and broad approval;

Whereas, The importance of the Covenant Membership Commitments is recognized and they are intended "to relate timeless Biblical principles to the conditions of contemporary society in such a way as to respect the integrity of the individual believer, yet maintain the purity of the Church and the effectiveness of its witness";

Whereas, It is understood that the Covenant Membership Commitments, while representing our "collective Christian conscience" and holding central place in our denominational identity and practice, they do not hold the same weight, scope, and foundational strength as the Articles of Religion;

Whereas, The Covenant Membership Commitments have been amended from time to time and while such changes should only be done carefully, collaboratively, and in a General Conference setting where every district is represented, the requirements of super majorities (2/3 approval) at both the General Conference and the several District Conferences in aggregate for changes to be codified seems excessive; and

Whereas, The history, function and process of the General Conference of The Wesleyan Church has a well-established and proven record of responsible action and the General Conference enjoys a culture of trust across the Church;

Resolved, That the Covenant Membership Commitments – paragraphs 260 - 268 in the 2012 *Discipline of The Wesleyan Church* – be relocated from the Constitution of the Church to the Statutory Law section of the *Discipline* thereby placing the Covenant Membership Commitments under the authority of the General Conference in its own right;

Resolved, Further that said Commitments be renamed Guides and Helps to Holy Living in order to reflect their significant role in the discipleship process; and

Resolved, That the General Conference Editing Committee be empowered to bring other *Discipline* statements into conformity with this action, e.g para 360 (3) (a).



Report #6
 DISTRICT BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
 Summary of Action 2015-2016

July 30, 2015

1. Appointed The Rev. Todd E. Glendenning to the position of Assistant District Superintendent for the 2015-16 church year.
2. Made annual appointments to various District directors, boards and committees.
3. Appointed Mrs. Katherine Allen to serve as the Auditor for the Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church for the 2015-16 church year.
4. Appointed Mrs. Kim Pecora as the Assistant District Treasurer for the Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church for the 2015-16 church year.
5. Affirmed the vote of the North Collins Wesleyan Church to call The Rev. Justin P. Leininger as their Pastor.
6. Approved for the ministry salaries for The Rev.'s Stephen & Ruth Strand to be designated by the district as housing allowance for the remainder of 2015.
7. Approved the interest dollars if needed (up to \$6,000.00) received from the district's WIF account over the next four years to help support WNY Global Partners missionaries, The Rev. Ray & Mary Selden (due to the WNY District's historic and decisive interest and support for the Haitian field). The WNY District's investment would be for the Selden's first term only and would not be perpetuated beyond that.

September 8, 2015

1. Approved for an external review of the district financial books of the 2015-16 church year by Melony French which is in addition to the district's internal audit with funding for the additional review to be included in the district's 2016-17 budget.
2. Approved procedures to sell the Union Road parsonage of the Cheektowaga, New York church and to give authorization to the District Building Committee to appraise the property's value and to present a recommendation for final approval to the DBA Executive Committee.
3. Approved reassigning the ministerial status for The Rev. Dr. Paul W. Shea from Retired to Ordained Minister Under Appointment.
4. Approved the Covenant of Restoration for Stan Kent.
5. Approved the wording for the General Conference Memorial from District Conference for the Task Force to Study Financial Cost of Ministerial Education to be presented to the 2016 General Conference.
6. Approved a contribution from the district to assist with a multi-church advertisement for a local community paper for Grief Share and Divorce Care.
7. Approved the transfer of membership for Achsah Mutowa from the Church of the Nazarene to the Home City Wesleyan Church and granted her being listed as a Ministerial Student with the WNY District of The Wesleyan Church.

December 2, 2015

1. Approved an additional change to the wording for the General Conference Memorial on the Task Force to Study Financial Cost of Ministerial Education.
2. Approved for various changes to a letter to be sent to Houghton College President, Dr. Shirley Mullen (and a copy of the same to the Chair of the Houghton College Board) regarding concerns over recent articles published in the Houghton STAR.
3. Approved the proposed building improvement campaign in the amount of \$80,000.00 for The Vine Wesleyan Church of Depew, New York.
4. Approved the income tax designations for the parsonage allowance for both Dr. Joseph Jennings and The Rev.'s Stephen & Ruth Strand.
5. Approved the pastoral call from the First Wesleyan Church of Bradford, Pennsylvania for Pastor Terri Niver.
6. Approved Yoshua Bashazi to be duly received as a Covenant Member of the Grace Community Wesleyan Church of Buffalo, New York, and that he also be recommended as a Ministerial Student to the District Board of Administration for the coming year.

January 26, 2016

1. Approved for Pastor David Shamenda to meet with representatives of the DBA along with the Chair of the District Multiplication Team to articulate the board's expectations in his following the initiative and interaction of the district regarding procedures for a developing church and for a report of their discussion to be brought back to the DBA.
2. Approved the recommendation of a four year call for the District Superintendent to be made to the 2016 District Conference of the Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church.

3. Approved a recommendation for Meredith Ader to do the needed work on the interior of the Cheektowaga house with a guarantee of compensation for her time and supervision.
4. Approved needed repairs to the boiler for the Cheektowaga church building.

April 12, 2016

1. Approved the initial call for The Rev. Dale Argot as the Pastor of the McCrea Brook Wesleyan Church in Eldred, Pennsylvania.
2. Approved an increase in the honorarium for the Assistant District Superintendent with the thought that at some point this could be divided into two positions if later approved. Should any additional position be created then consideration may want to be given for each of these to be given representation on the DBA.
3. Approved to increase the Supplies for District Team under Team Honoraria in order for the budget to reflect an amount up to \$3,000.00 to be designated for the anticipated cost of reviewing district procedures and policies.
4. Approved an increase in salary to the 2016-17 budget for both the District Superintendent and the District Office Administrator.
5. Approved a procedure to conduct a follow-up evaluation of the District Superintendent using a local tool that was developed in order to get a more specific result.
6. Approved the recommendation from the District Executive Committee for the District Ministry Fund Budget for the 2016-17 church year as amended.
7. Approved the following pastoral votes: Rev. Bill Lawson (Fillmore Wesleyan); Rev. Jason Shambach (Valley Wesleyan); Rev. Alan Myers (Levant Wesleyan); Dr. Christopher Baldwin (The Vine Wesleyan); Rev. Neil Koppen (Fellowship Wesleyan); Rev. Roy DeVries (Bellville Wesleyan); and Rev. Jason Claydon with a 1-year review (Peace Wesleyan).
8. Approved the designation of funds from the District Ministry Fund (Unexpected Expenses) to cover any expenses for the gift bags for General Conference that were not otherwise raised from district churches or private donors.

June 14, 2016

1. Approved a recommendation to district conference to increase the local USF cap from \$525,000.00 to 540,000.00 to take effect in the 2017-18 church year.
2. Approved the pastoral votes for Rev. Dan Jones (Wesleyan Church of Orchard Park) and Rev. Ken Nash (Wesleyan Church of Hamburg).
3. Approved a recommendation for Dr. Steven L. Dunmire to be appointed to the position of Assistant District Superintendent for the 2016-17 church year.
4. Approved for the District to participate in the Thrive Financial Initiative (from Education and the Clergy) for one pastor per church for up to 3-years with a budget up to \$7,500.00 over the next three years. Rev. Karen Tucker was approved as the District Coordinator.
5. Approved for the Big Tree Wesleyan Church of Blasdell, New York to participate in a Church Consultation with the District paying one-half of the cost (up to \$3,000.00).

6. Approved Church Budgets for the Anchor Church (Buffalo, NY), Ashwood Wesleyan Church (Lyndonville, NY), Grace Community Wesleyan Church (Buffalo, NY), Lockport Wesleyan Church (Lockport, NY), and the Urban Advocacy Team (Buffalo, NY). The budget for the Home City Wesleyan Church (Buffalo, NY) was deferred to the District Superintendent and the Director of Church Development.
7. Approved for the following developing churches to be designated as being in financial distress: Lyndonville Ashwood Wesleyan, Buffalo Grace Community Wesleyan, and Buffalo Home City Wesleyan.
8. Approved strategic support grants for the Buffalo Anchor Church, Buffalo Urban Advocacy, Buffalo Grace Community and Lyndonville Ashwood Wesleyan churches.
9. Approved a recommendation for a loan with WIF in the name of the WNY District for the Joy Community Church of Machias, NY to purchase a house and property next to the church at a cost of \$80,000.00. The recommendation is made contingent upon the church making a down payment of 10% for the property with the remaining balance (including any additional costs) to be placed in the name of the WNY District.
10. Approved for an arrangement with Fountain of Faith Ministries (who own the building being used by Home City Wesleyan Church) with something to be in writing within 3-months and stipulating that the building be in the church's name in the next 5-years.
11. Approved a list of those who are excused from District Conference with letters being sent to those excused with the discretion of the District Superintendent.
12. Approved the appointment of Mrs. Nadine Houghton as the Treasurer for the Ashwood Wesleyan Church (Lyndonville, NY).

Respectfully submitted, District Board of Administration
Western New York District, Robin W. George, District Secretary



Report #7
DISTRICT BOARD OF MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT

We have received and examined all the annual service reports which have been submitted. We feel that there were no irregularities of such a nature that they should be reported to the District Conference. The following indicates members of the District responsible to submit an annual service report and whether their reports were approved, unsatisfactory or not received (1390:9). The DBMD recommends that the annual service reports be approved as received.

Ader, Monty D.	Approved	Ellis, Patricia A.	Approved
Allen, April A.	Approved	Farney, Roger J.	Approved
Archer, Ian L.	Approved	Farrow, Casper C.	Approved
Argo, Jason K.	Approved	Fidurko, Andrew J.	Approved
Austin, Kevin M.	Approved	Gartley, Paul E.	Approved
Baldwin, Christopher M.	Approved	George, Christopher R.	Approved
Baldwin, Tammy R.	Approved	George, Melissa J.	Approved
Bannister, LeRoy N.	Approved	George, Robin W.	Approved
Barksdale, Carlos O.	Approved	Gladden, Kimberly B.	Approved
Barksdale, Heidi A.	Approved	Glendenning, Todd E.	Approved
Bauer, Bradley G.	Approved	Grimes, Robert H.	Approved
Beardsley, Benjamin P.	Approved	Haas, Bradley J.	Approved
Beers, Kevin D.	Approved	Hall, Clyde E.	Approved
Bennett, Richard A.	Approved	Hartman, John H.	Approved
Benson, Jessica M.	Approved	Heitzenrater, Richard B.	Approved
Black, Thomas B.	Approved	Hess, Hudson S.	Excused
Brawdy, Daniel J.	Approved	Hill, Charles F.	Approved
Budwine, J. Corey	Approved	Ingersoll, Douglas F.	Approved
Butcher, Daniel W.	Approved	Jennings, Joseph W.	Approved
Callicutt, Justin E.	Approved	Johnson, Steven C.	Approved
Chase, Allen S.	Approved	Jones, Justin R.	Approved
Cirocco, Gale E.	Approved	Jones, Patrick B.	Approved
Claassen, Christopher J.	Approved	Jordan, J. Michael	Approved
Claydon, Jason W. H.	Approved	Kaylor, Richard G.	Approved
Claydon, Tammy M.	Approved	King, Shawn F.	Approved
Clements, Dominique	Approved	Kofahl, Duane A.	Approved
Clements, James D.	Approved	Koppen, Neil A.	Approved
Cleveland, Karen M.	Approved	Lawson, Jeffery M.	Approved
Cole, Jon P.	Approved	Lawson, William R.	Approved
Cool, Atwood J.	Approved	Lazewski, Arthur S.	Approved
Cox, Wayne P.	Approved	Lazewski, Teresa F.	Approved
Crassi, Roger M.	Approved	Leamon, Michael D.	Approved
Crowell, Nelson D.	Approved	Leckel, Jacob R.	Approved
Currie, Eric	Approved	Leininger, Justin P.	Approved
Cusumano, M. Megan	Approved	Lockie, Darryl S.	Approved
Dean, Marcus W.	Approved	Logan, Ronald L.	Approved
DeVries, Roy H.	Approved	Long, Richard K.	Approved
Dewey, Shawn M.	Approved	MacBeth, Wayne A.	Approved
Drummonds, Gerald V. II	Approved	Markell, Paul F.	Approved
Duda, Daniel R.	Approved	Masse, Charles E.	Approved
Duda, Martha M.	Approved	McClain, Gregory W.	Approved
Dunmire, Steven L.	Approved	McGeorge, Alicia J.	Approved
Duttweiler, Ronald P.	Approved	McIntyre, Nila M.	Approved
Dwyer, Michael G.	Approved	Merriam, Floyd E.	Approved
Ellis, Bruce M.	Approved	Meyers, Alan L.	Approved

Miller, John L. IV	Approved	Schweigart, Carol A.	Approved
Miller, Robert F.	Approved	Selden Ray E.	Approved
Miller, Timothy J.	Approved	Shambach, Jason A.	Approved
Moore, Fred J.	Approved	Shamenda, David	Approved
Mullen, Shirley A.	Approved	Shamenda, Elijah D.	Approved
Nace, Carol R.	Approved	Shea, Paul W.	Approved
Nace, William J.	Approved	Smalley, Laurie J.	Approved
Neary, Thomas C.	Approved	Smith, Bruce J.	Approved
Nightingale, Richard W.	Approved	Smith, William J.	Approved
Niver, Terri L.	Approved	Strand, Ruth W.	Approved
Nykyforchyn, Deborah E.	Approved	Strand, Stephen C.	Approved
Nykyforchyn, William P.	Approved	Strong, Gordon L.	Approved
Oden, Cynthia A.	Approved	Trippett, Michael J.	Approved
Oden, Wesley D.	Approved	Trotter, Alan D. Jr.	Approved
Palmer, Paul D.	Approved	Tucker, Karen L.	Approved
Parks, Andrew	Approved	Walker, Margaret D.	Excused
Payne, D. Joseph	Approved	Walters, J. Michael	Approved
Petroski, Daniel W.	NO REPORT	Ward, Jonathan D.	Approved
Pocock, Steven R.	Approved	Wieder, Darren S.	Approved
Priola, Stephen	Approved	Wilczek, Paul J.	Approved
Raines, Frederick A.	Approved	Williams, Peter T.	NO REPORT
Rose, Matthew A.	Approved	Wilson, Daniel L.	Approved
Rowley, Rebecca G.	Approved	Wood, E. John III	Approved
Schallert, Joshua R.	NO REPORT	Wood, Rebecca L.	Approved
Schara, Robin M.	Approved	Woolsey, Warren M.	Excused
Schultz, Carl	Approved	Wrigglesworth, Michael D.	Approved
Schwartz, Hope L.	NO REPORT	Yei, Suk May	Approved

We, the members of the District Board of Ministerial Development, make the following recommendations to the 2016 District Conference of the Western New York District:

WE RECOMMEND:

1. the following for election to Ordained Ministers: Justin E. Callicutt;
2. granting a District Ministerial License for those pastoring to: Robert H. Grimes;
3. renewing a District Ministerial License for those pastoring to: Monty D. Ader; April A. Allen; Ian L. Archer; Shawn F. King; Jacob R. Leckel; Terri L. Niver; Deborah E. Nykyforchyn; and Michael J. Trippett;
4. renewing a District Ministerial License for Other Appointments to: William J. (Duffy) Smith; and Alan D. Trotter Jr.;
5. granting a license as a Ministerial Student to: Yoshua Bashizi; Adam Funch; Trevor J. Kaufman; and Joshua J. Mason;
6. renewing a license as a Ministerial Student to: Carlos O. Barksdale; Heidi A. Barksdale; Bradley G. Bauer; Daniel J. Brawdy; Daniel W. Butcher; Dominique Clements; Andrew J. Fidoruko; Jeffery M. Lawson; Melinda D. Loew; Shirley A. Mullen; Achsah Mutowa; Andrew J. Parks; Daniel W. Petroski; Stephen Priola; Joshua R. Schallert; Hope L. Schwartz; Elijah D. Shamenda; Deborah Wallmeyer; Peter T. Williams; and Suk May Yei.



Report #8
DISTRICT STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	2015	2016	Change	%
Membership				
Student Members	93	118	25	26.9%
Community Members	743	771	28	3.8%
Covenant Members	2,235	2,195	-40	-1.8%
Total All Members	3,071	3,084	13	0.4%
Ministries				
Average Worship Attendance	6,933	6,825	-108	-1.6%
Average Sunday School Attendance	1,938	1,832	-106	-5.5%
Persons Saved	356	403	47	13.2%
Persons Sanctified	79	78	-1	-1.3%
Persons Baptized	171	229	58	33.9%
Property				
Value of Church Buildings	\$70,201,557	\$70,367,770	166,213	0.2%
Value of Parsonages	\$3,916,077	\$4,051,100	\$135,023	3.4%
Total Indebtedness	\$7,748,635	\$7,079,090	-\$669,545	-8.6%
Income				
Tithes and Offerings	\$11,285,188	\$11,924,365	\$639,177	5.7%
Total of All Revenue	\$13,624,081	\$13,642,237	\$18,156	0.1%
Disbursements				
Salary to Pastors	\$908,177	\$996,746	\$88,569	9.8%
Other Benefits to Pastors	\$849,262	\$805,319	-\$43,943	-5.2%
Salary to Assistant Pastors	\$920,690	\$966,872	\$46,182	5.0%
Other Benefits to Assistant Pastors	\$897,553	\$865,310	-\$32,243	-3.6%
Global Partners Missionaries	\$325,793	\$284,971	-\$40,792	-12.5%
Other Missions	\$1,510,206	\$1,392,684	-\$117,522	-7.8%
Benevolent Ministries	\$193,837	\$199,157	\$5,320	2.7%
Church Plants/Projects	\$16,700	\$28,225	\$11,525	69.0%
Total of all Disbursements	\$13,162,421	\$12,800,608	-\$361,813	-2.7%



Report #9 CHURCH MULTIPLICATION TEAM DIRECTOR

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Church Multiplication Director for the 2015-6 ministry year. A quick outline of my report looks like this.

A Few Updates...

There are four parts to my report to you.

1. Wesleyan Church Multiplication in Western New York
2. Regional Church Multiplication in the Buffalo/Niagara Area
3. Updates on Present Church Multiplication Wesleyan Work in Western New York
4. The Future Isn't What It Used to Be (Focused Prayer and Church Revitalization)

WESLEYAN CHURCH MULTIPLICATION MINISTRY IN WNY

First, an update of the ministry of Church Multiplication in W.N.Y. After being elected last year the first thing I did was try to connect with those who doing church multiplication. Second, I spent time in concentrated prayer asking for God to give us His Divine Strategy for Western New York. My belief is that prayer serves a very important role for it is only His Divine Strategy that will be infused with His Divine Power. Third, we came together as the Church Multiplication Team in March.

In this meeting we discussed two main aspects to the ministry of Church Multiplication moving forward. First, how might we come alongside churches in our district and facilitate how God may be leading them. as a district and see in what ways God is leading them in the area of church multiplication and how as a district may we assist. Second, We also discussed what aspects of the ministry in a local church elevates missional fervor. We came up with what we are calling "Presence-Centered Missional Communities".



Presence-Centered Missional Communities

1. Strategic Prayer
2. Stewardship Giving
3. Community-Engaged Evangelism
4. Multiplying Disciples
5. Developing Leaders

We are working on the best vehicle to engage pastors and churches and help them in these areas. Look out for those details coming soon.

CHURCH MULTIPLICATION IN THE BUFFALO/NIAGARA REGION

There is a network of churches that has been together on and off for about 10 years. The most recent expression of this group is called the Christ Together Network. An invitation was extended to churches to be a part of a more strategic effort of church planting in the Buffalo/Niagara Region. It has been decided to develop a gameplan (as outlined below) and then team up in a funding strategy that would help to plant churches in the future. While no exact total is known at this point early estimates are putting it in the range of \$450,000-\$500,000 per year.

Christ Together Gameplan

1. Developing Church Planters with certain DNA
2. Developing Different Approved Models of Church Planting
3. Strategically looking at the Geography of our Region
4. Prayer Strategy for the region

The work is underway to begin to go over proposals starting in January 2017. I have been asked to serve on the leadership team of this endeavor and will serve with the endorsement of Pastor Joey.

UPDATES ON WNY CHURCH MULTIPLICATION PROJECTS

In the ministry year of 2014-5 we held district prayer meetings called Breakthrough. I am glad to report that a number of churches experienced "breakthrough" this past year.

The Anchor Church

Steve and Lindsay Johnson started the Anchor Church on January 31, 2016. They are located on 310 Starin Ave. Buffalo, NY 14216 and meet at 9am every Sunday. Their website is www.anchorbuffalo.com.

Lockport - The Refinery

Over the last few years some investment has been made into the facilities of the Lockport Wesleyan Church. Soon this led Matt and Katie Rose to pray and discover what God may have them do to breathe some new life into the work. Eventually a leadership team and worship team began to come together and this led to the launch of "The Refinery" on Sunday evening January 31, 2016. Since then this time on Sunday evening has been averaging 43 people and God has been using this to make a difference in the lives of many.

Home City Church

The Home City Church moved into a church home on March 6, 2016. They are located at 86 Burlington Ave. Depew, NY 14043. Their website is www.homecitychurch.com

Delta Project

The Delta Project is presently in and renovating a location they will consider home at 3879 South Park, Blasdell, NY 14219. They may be reached at www.facebook.com/DeltaBuffalo/timeline.

SouthCreek Campus- The Wesleyan Church of Hamburg

The SouthCreek campus continues to go well for the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg. Their website is www.wchamburg.org/south-creek-campus.

THE FUTURE ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE

As we share together a vision for Presence-Centered Missional Communities there are two more critical pieces that round out our strategy moving forward: Focused Prayer and Church Revitalization

Breakthrough: Praying Together

The first step to seeing God's kingdom advance through local Wesleyan Churches is spending time with God in prayer. Any time there has been an unusual move of God, in the world, in our country, or in our region, it has always been ignited by focused prayer. The work of Anchor Church,

Refinery, South Creek Campus, Home City, etc...is exactly what we spent time praying for as a region in 2015. We were praying that Breakthrough would come to works all over our region. Let's not abandon these efforts now. Be on the watch for more focused prayer opportunities.

"716 Prayer Network"

Now we know that not all of our churches exist in the 716 area code, but we would like to engage our region in prayer with the 716 Prayer effort to happen in July 2016 (716). I will be supplying short blogs on prayer Monday-Friday in July. These are done in hopes of engaging our whole region in concentrated prayer. If you would like to receive a devotional on prayer called "Prayer Prompts" for the month of July just email office@vinewc.org

Church Revitalization

Along with desiring to embrace churches in a movement of Church Planting we realize that what would benefit a number of churches is an effort of Church Revitalization. Some districts are finding success with weekend consults that leads to encouraging the whole church to work on revitalization and renewal together. Look for more details to come.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the district in the past year. I covet your prayers for the things mentioned above along with the year to come.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Baldwin

Report #10 DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF URBAN ADVOCACY

To venture in response to a new call can feel risky, but support of a gracious community inspires and encourages. We're grateful to the WNY District for prayerful and faithful financial support of Urban Advocacy. As we approach the completion of a second year, we are glad to be able to report:

Spiritual care ministry at Jericho Road Community Health Center has given us the privilege of talking and praying with people about some of life's deepest issues, including faith in Christ. It provides an avenue to meet many people in the community we've been called to serve.

Houghton College Buffalo has grown this past year, and is projected to welcome 60 students 2016-17. What a joy to see the first graduating class this May. Last fall we taught Biblical Literature and Intro to Christianity and led chapel through the year. One of the chapel speakers, Ben Bissel of WEDI, works to provide small loans for New Americans to start new businesses. He asked students to think of one problem in the world they could help solve and a career that would contribute to the solution.

Mission of Christ, a new Swahili-English ministry led by Pastor Yoshua Bashizi, has grown since its inception August 2, 2015. The congregation meets Sundays 2 pm at All Nations House of Prayer, 104 West Ferry Street in Buffalo. Pastor Yoshua has been accepted to begin classes at Wesley Seminary this August. His first class will be on campus, and the classes that follow will be online.

House of Grace now has a long awaited remodeled kitchen. Thanks to the good work of West Side Ministries and contributions of district churches and work teams, the kitchen is now a beautiful new addition. Big Tree Wesleyan workers, led by Pastor Doug Ingersollm did major renovation in the class room space. A baptism service in November included a number of believers following Christ in baptism, and the congregation of Grace Community is growing.

Faithful Presence, a pre-rally seminar for General Conference, highlighted the unfolding of ministries in Buffalo over the past 20 plus years. Over 150 participants heard an overview as well as presentations on urban church planting, community health care, People Against Trafficking Humans, long-term volunteer work and college education for ELL students. Our district's role in the city now is connected and made possible by ministry of faithful servants of Christ who have preceded us. A video was debuted, now available online: "I Am a Refugee: Global Refugees Share their Stories" (Global Citizen).

General Conference included opportunities to connect international representatives of The Wesleyan Church with diverse congregations in Buffalo: Rev. Alfred Kalembo preached at Mission of Christ, Rev. Babu Hingmang at Bhutanese-Nepali Refuge Fellowship, and Rev. Lal Tuanga spoke to the International Myanmar Christian Fellowship. In preparation for General Conference, connections were made with resource persons from The Wesleyan Church, especially Santes Beatty, Director of Multi-Ethnic Ministry, Dr. Meredith and Doris Griffin for African-American Ministry, and Ed Garcia for Asian Ministry. Helpful conversations have been fostered around North American Wesleyan Churches with a guide called "Multi-Ethnic Christian Life Primer" by Mark Deymaz and Oneya Fennell Okuwobi.

Various work teams and individuals have contributed to urban needs in a variety of ways, including work at Vive, construction work, VBS, and many other ministries. Thanks again to all from WNY District churches who have contributed to ministry in the city.

Steve and Ruth Strand



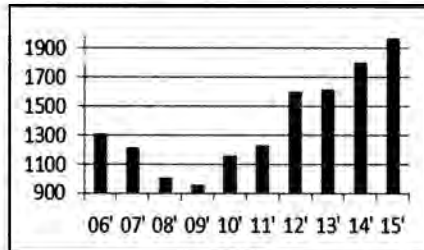
**Report #11
REFRESH FAMILY CAMP DIRECTOR**

2015 was another great year for Refresh! Pastor A.J. Thomas (Pathway Church in Bangor, Maine and founder of Deep Water Church in Halifax (Canada) provided powerful preaching in our evening services. Worship Pastor Chris Stephens (Crosswinds Wesleyan Church) did a fantastic job leading the music ministry.

A great team of WNY people made *Refresh15* happen. Katie & I would like to give a special thanks to Nadine Houghton. As she passes the role of District Treasurer on to another, we can't help but express our appreciation for her work over the years. Many volunteers (District Pastors, Houghton Professors, Members of our Churches) led morning seminars for adults. Our children's programming was led wonderfully by Melissa Cahill (nursery), Nate & Jessica Kewley (grades 1-2), Harold Blew (Grades 3-4), and Al Myers (grades 5-6). The teen tract was led by Jon Cole with much help from Houghton College ministry team members (Thanks Steve Dunmire!). Megan Cusumano & Chris Claassen provided additional children's activities. Many others assisted in a host of ways that made Refresh a great overall experience! Of course, we always have the full support of Joey and Maribeth!

We are so thankful to Houghton College for providing us a wonderful campus to enjoy. Much thanks to Becca Crouch and her staff for helping to make all of Houghton's resources available to us and working with us so much throughout the year.

We've had a pattern of growth over these past years and we'd love to see this trend continue. The chart below show how many total 'bed nights' we've used over a 10 year period (if a person spends all 5 nights on campus, that counts as 5 'bed nights').



Refresh16 will take place July 24th through 29th. Our evening speaker this year will be Pastor Mike Hilson. Mike is Senior Pastor of New Life Church in La Plata, Maryland (visit the website below for a larger bio). Taylor Wilding (a recent Houghton graduate) will be our worship leader. He is currently serving as the Worship Director at Victory Highway Wesleyan Church in the Central NY District.

There will be plenty of great seminars, music, afternoon activities, food, etc. Please check out www.refreshathoughton.com for more information. Registrations are due by July 1st and may be completely filled out online.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew & Katie Rose (Co-Directors)

Report #12
REFRESH FAMILY CAMP FINANCIAL SUMMARY
June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016

	Budget	TOTAL	Actual	TOTAL	GRAND TOTALS
Beginning Balance 6/1/2015					\$30,132.00
RECEIPTS:					
Offerings	\$2,500		\$2,160.00		
Disbursed-Selden Ministry to Global Partners			-\$954.00		
Additional Donations	\$1,500				
100 Club			\$300.00		
Registration and Meals	\$24,000		\$34,260.00		
TOTAL		\$28,000		\$35,766.00	
Begin Balance plus receipts					\$65,898.00
EXPENSES:					
Camp Director	\$600		\$600.00		
Speaker/Room/Transport	\$3,000		\$2,200.00		
Worship & Praise Directors	\$700		\$800.00		
Musicians	\$1,200		\$1,000.00		
Nursery Director	\$600		\$600.00		
Nursery Helpers	\$1,600		\$1,515.00		
Children's Directors	\$1,800		\$1,800.00		
Children's Helpers	\$450		\$510.00		
Teen Director & Asst.	\$750		\$600.00		
Medical Assistant	\$100				
Registrar	\$600		\$700.00		
Registrar Assistant	\$100		\$200.00		
Videographer/Photographer	\$200		\$50.00		
Seminar Director	\$100				
Organist	\$100		\$100.00		
Activities (Sports/Movies)	\$200		\$100.00		
Head Usher	\$100				
Registration Online Fees			\$72.00		
TOTAL		\$12,200		\$10,847.00	
MEALS	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$20,295.00	\$20,295.00	
SUPPLIES					
Nursery	\$350		\$321.00		
Children (Grades 1-6)	\$1,050		\$803.00		
Teens	\$350		\$494.00		
Medical Supplies	\$100				
Registration/publishing/print	\$400		\$160.00		
TOTAL		\$2,250		\$1,778.00	
AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,976.00	\$1,996.00	
FACILITY RENTAL	\$800	\$800	\$6,439.00	\$6,439.00	
CONTINGENCY	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,508.00	\$1,508.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$33,450		\$42,841.00	
ENDING BALANCE					\$23,057.00

Respectfully submitted, Nadine Houghton, District Treasurer

Report #13
DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

It has been a quiet year for the Western New York District Children's Ministry. Due to our three large outreach events with Kidz Blitz in April Of 2015, and the great physical and financial investment made by the district in those events, we felt it would be appropriate to expend fewer resources this past year.

Two members of our ministry team also underwent significant surgeries this past fall, which hindered some of our planning and ability to schedule events for the district. Both members are doing well and are grateful for the prayers and support received from our wonderful district.

The Children's Ministry Team, including April Allen of Fellowship Wesleyan Church and Chris Claassen of the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg worked, together to consider future ideas for both the children's ministry workers in our district as well as our district children. We are seeking unique and relevant ways to minister to our district this coming year.

In July of 2015 the team once again served at Refresh Family Camp at Houghton College. While at camp, we hosted bottle rocket crafting and launching, which has become a camp favorite. We scheduled and participated in some energetic rounds of Organized Mass Chaos, as well as some educational classes for those seeking information and resourcing for their own local children's ministries.

We are currently planning events for this coming Refresh Family Camp 2016. We will be launching rockets again this year at the closing rally on Friday morning. We are looking forward to serving our district children and children's ministry workers this coming year.

Blessings,
Meg Cusumano - Children's Ministry Director

Report #14
DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF WESLEYAN YOUTH

This report may be found in Part IV of the journal entitled "Directories and Reports of the Wesleyan Youth Ministry."

Report #15
WESLEYAN YOUTH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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Report #16
DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Dear WNY District,

There have been many newsworthy events on the campuses of our Wesleyan Colleges, Universities, and Seminary. I want to highlight a few of them here for you.

- **HOUGHTON COLLEGE – Houghton, NY (WNY District)**
In 2015-16 Houghton College was ranked #7 in the nation in terms of “Value for Your Money” and #1 in New York State and by USA Today (comparing outcomes for students to the cost of tuition). Houghton was also ranked the #7 rural college campus in the nation by College Raptor’s 2016 Ranking of the 25 best rural campuses. In 2016, Dr. Jack Connell was hired as Dean of the College and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Houghton College in 2016. Connell is a Houghton alumnus with a history of strong leadership in both higher education and pastoral ministry.
- **KINGSWOOD UNIVERSITY – Sussex, New Brunswick (Atlantic District)**
In 2015-16, Dr. Stephen Lennox was installed as the 12th president of Kingswood University. Lennox is a graduate of Houghton College, and he served Indiana Wesleyan University for 22 years as professor of Bible and humanities, Chair of the Religion and Philosophy Division, and Dean of the Chapel. At his inauguration, Dr. Lennox said, “We must take stock of what we have in our hand. We must acknowledge it; then surrender it...and God transforms it into something living and useful. You and I may not turn the world upside-down, but we must surrender ourselves to the God who can and will through us.”
- **INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY & WESLEY SEMINARY – Marion, Indiana (Crossroads District)**
In 2015-16, Indiana Wesleyan’s Board of Trustees voted to approve the administration’s recommendation to add football as a varsity sport with the proposed start of fall 2018. IWU also appointed Rev. Dr. John Bray as Dean of the Chapel, after serving as Interim Dean of the Chapel this academic year. Wesley Seminary announced in 2015-16 that it’s Doctor of Ministry program had received accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission, after also being accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. When Dr. Wayne Schmidt was elected as General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church, IWU announced that outgoing General Superintendent Dr. Jo Anne Lyon will serve as interim Vice President for Wesley Seminary for 2016-17.
- **SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY – Central, South Carolina (South Carolina District)**
For the second year in a row, a record number of new students enrolled in SWU’s traditional program at Central. SWU announced that it will receive \$1.1 million in federal funding. Through the TRIO Student Support Services grant, Southern Wesleyan will receive \$220,000 per year for five years in order to serve 140 college students per year who are first-generation college students, students with disabilities and students from low-income families.
- **OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY – Bartlesville, Oklahoma (Tri-State District)**
Oklahoma Wesleyan University’s President, Dr. Everett Piper, drew national media attention for his blog post “This is not a day care. This is a university!” In 2015-16, Oklahoma Wesleyan University also made headlines for withdrawing from the Council for Christian Colleges and

Universities (CCCU) after two Mennonite schools who were also CCCU members (Eastern Mennonite University and Goshen College) changed their hiring policies to allow the hiring of same-sex couples. While the CCCU held discussions on how this decision could change the membership status of Goshen and EMU, Goshen and EMU eventually voluntarily withdrew their membership from the CCCU, but only after Oklahoma Wesleyan and Union University withdrew their membership in protest. Dr. Piper stated, "The CCCU's reluctance to make a swift decision sends a message of confusion rather than conviction." Houghton College, Indiana Wesleyan University, and Southern Wesleyan University remained among the 121 CCCU member schools.

Please encourage your high school students to consider our Wesleyan colleges and universities, and especially the WNY District's own Houghton College. There are many scholarships and grants available to Wesleyan students, including:

1. **Wesleyan Grant (\$1,500):** Students who regularly attend church within The Wesleyan Church will receive a Wesleyan Grant in the amount of \$1,500.
2. **Wesleyan PK/MK Grants (amount varies):** Based on financial need, dependents of a full-time ordained minister within The Wesleyan Church or a Global Partners missionary may receive at least half-tuition in grants and scholarships. The ultimate amount will depend on financial need.
3. **Campus Challenge and Wesleyan Bible Bowl:** Houghton College will honor any scholarships to winners of the Wesleyan Campus Challenge (formerly Teens & Talent) and Wesleyan Bible Bowl competitions. Recipients may redeem one quarter of their total scholarship awards per year. Campus Challenge takes place this year at Houghton College on Friday, July 29.
4. **Willard J. Houghton Ministerial Scholarship (\$5,000):** A \$5,000 scholarship is available to students who are preparing for the pastorate within The Wesleyan Church. To be eligible, a student must register with his or her local District Board of Ministerial Development.
5. **Application Fees:** The application fee is always waived for Wesleyan Students at Houghton College.

In Christ,
Dr. Steve Dunmire
WNY District Director of Education



Report #17
DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL PARTNERS

...so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom
 Psalm 145:12

Three members of the WNY District Global Partners Advisory Circle went on a Vision trip to Haiti April 6 – 15. This was an opportunity to review the work the Wesleyan church and WNY church have been doing in Haiti. District Superintendent Joey Jennings, Rev. Jon Cole (Houghton Wesleyan) and I were on the trip and joined for a few days by Cathy Kelley (Fillmore Wesleyan) who also happened to be in Haiti at the time. Our home base was the guest house run by Carl & Maya Giles of Global Partners directors of EQUIP Haiti. We came away with our hearts stirred for continued WNY presence and partnership in Haiti. There has been a great outpouring of support for Haiti, but the needs remain present and the people hopeful. We believe God is calling us to a time of strategic partnership, and see multiple ways we as a district can walk alongside the Haitian National church and mission work in Haiti. Here are some of our concluding recommendations:

- 1) PARTNER WITH A CHURCH. We would like to invite each church in our district to consider partnering with a sister church in Haiti. We will be happy to sit with your mission team and talk about specific linked partnerships.
- 2) SPONSOR A PASTOR. We as a district have adopted the initial project of sponsoring sending pastors to the first ever gathering of Haitian pastors nationwide for training, fellowship and mentoring through EQUIP Haiti. The pastors will be paying a specified portion of the cost for the conference, but need supplements of \$88 per pastor to help cover the cost of lodging and meals. We have available "Partner Packets" for churches and individuals as we try to enable over 200 Haitian pastors to attend this historic empowering event which will occur October 2016.
- 3) ATTEND THE "PARTNERING WELL SEMINAR". We will be offering a seminar at Refresh Camp on ways to help without hurting. As we move forward, it is our commitment to partner with Haitian churches in a way that preserves their dignity and responsibility. At the seminar we will be providing specific aspects of Haitian culture, and best practices for our ongoing partnership as well as presenting options for a huge united project.
- 4) JOIN A MISSION TEAM. In the months ahead we envision there will be numerous mission trips to Haiti coordinated by various churches as well as the district. You are invited to join a team and see first-hand the joy of walking alongside a distant neighbor.

Other good news:

- 5) DISTRICT YOUTH MISSION TRIP. Pastor Monty Alder (The Vine Wesleyan) another member of the Advisory Circle, will be leading our first ever WNY District Youth Mission Trip. A team of middle school and high school students will be leaving August 6th for Winston Salem, North Carolina to partner with Christ Wesleyan Church. The trip will include service to city ministries like Sole Hope (shoe making), community projects, rescue missions, and food pantries. Please pray for the team.

Peacefully,

Kimberly Gladden, WNY District Global Partners Director

Report #18
DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF BEST YEARS FELLOWSHIP

Again it has been a privilege to serve as the BYF (+55) Director. The annual senior luncheon was held on Monday, July 27, at Refresh Camp. The program consisted of a panel of the District's new plants & projects. Each one shared their ministry and specific ways the District seniors could be of help/support.

For several months, I have been working with Steve Strand on a ministry outing for the Seniors'. On August 13, a program called "Seniors' for the City" will meet at House of Grace, at 10:30 am, to hear from representatives of the various Buffalo West-side Ministries, and then, followed with a noon lunch. In May, I greatly enjoyed Steve's tour of Buffalo ministries.

Plans are well under way for the up-coming Senior Luncheon, which will be held on MONDAY, July 25, of Refresh Camp. We are looking forward to hearing about the ministry of the Anchor Church, along with an update from Urban Advocacy, and more details concerning "Seniors' for the City". Once again, we look forward to an exciting and informative time.

Rev. Roy DeVries
Best Year's Fellowship (+55) Director

Report #19
DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF WESLEYAN WOMEN

This report may be found in Part III of the journal entitled
"Directories and Reports of Wesleyan Women's Ministry."

Report #20
DISTRICT TREASURER OF WESLEYAN WOMEN

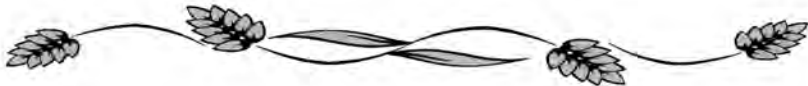
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MINISTERIAL TRANSFERS

The following transfers were processed by the Western New York District of The Wesleyan Church during the 2015-2016 Conference year:

1. **ORDAINED MINISTERS TRANSFERRING INTO WESTERN NEW YORK:**
 - a. Dale M. Argot from the Shenandoah District
 - b. Pamela L. Argot from the Shenandoah District
 - c. Daniel P. Jones from the Central New York District
 - d. Justin P. Leininger from the Penn-Jersey District
2. **ORDAINED MINISTERS TRANSFERRING OUT OF WESTERN NEW YORK:**
 - a. Andrew T. Broad to the Atlantic District
 - b. Shane D. DeHaven to the Central New York District
 - c. Robert M. Engler to the Central New York District
 - d. Christopher M. TerBush to the East Michigan District
3. **ORDAINED MINISTERS PENDING COMPLETION OF DENOMINATIONAL TRANSFER:**
 - a. Kenneth Nash from the United Methodist Church
4. **ORDAINED MINISTERS IN PROCESS OF TRANSFER OUT OF WESTERN NEW YORK:**
 - a. Brian T. Savage to the North Michigan District
5. **ORDAINED MINISTERS TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER DENOMINATION:**
 - a. Howard E. Garver to the Mennonite Church
6. **MINISTERIAL STUDENTS TRANSFERRING INTO WESTERN NEW YORK:**
 - a. Melinda Loew from the West Michigan District
7. **MINISTERIAL STUDENTS TRANSFERRING OUT OF WESTERN NEW YORK:**
 - a. Cassaundra Lawson to the Indiana North District
 - b. Ariel L. Wood to the Shenandoah District



Report #21
DBA REPORT ON PASTORAL RELATIONS

I. ORDAINED MINISTERS

APPOINTED ORDAINED MINISTERS (3250-3345)

1. DISTRICT SERVICE

The District Superintendent and other ordained ministers in full-time service of the district in a ministerial capacity (3320):

1. Joseph W. Jennings, District Superintendent

2. PASTORAL AND LOCAL SERVICE

Ordained Ministers appointed as pastors, associate or assistant pastors within the district (3255):

1. Jason K. Argo - Assistant, Orchard Park
2. Dale M. Argot - Eldred
3. Pamela L. Argot - Assistant, Eldred
4. Christopher M. Baldwin - Depew
5. Tammy R. Baldwin - Assistant, Depew
6. Kevin D. Beers - Assistant, Hamburg
7. Richard A. Bennett - Assistant, Williamsville
8. J. Corey Budwine - Assistant, Depew
9. Justin E. Callicutt - Assistant, Hamburg
10. Gale E. Cirocco - Assistant, Hamburg
11. Christopher J. Claassen - Assistant, Hamburg
12. Jason W. H. Claydon - Falconer Peace
13. Tammy M. Claydon - Assistant, Falconer Peace
14. James D. Clements - Assistant, Hamburg
15. Karen M. Cleveland - East Leon
16. Jon P. Cole - Assistant, Houghton
17. M. Megan Cusumano - Assistant, Cuba
18. Roy H. DeVries - Caneadea
19. Shawn M. Dewey - Assistant, Williamsville
20. Daniel R. Duda - Cattaraugus Indian Chapel
21. Michael G. Dwyer Jr. - Assistant, Williamsville
22. Bruce M. Ellis - Forestville
23. Patricia A. Ellis - Assistant, Forestville
24. Casper C. Farrow - Buffalo, Grace Community
25. Paul E. Gartley - Assistant, Hamburg
26. Robin W. George - Wellsville
27. Kimberly B. Gladden - Cheektowaga, ZionQuest
28. Clyde E. Hall IV - Little Valley
29. Douglas F. Ingersoll - Blasdell
30. Steven C. Johnson - Buffalo Anchor
31. Daniel P. Jones - Orchard Park
32. Justin R. Jones - Assistant, Williamsville

33. Patrick B. Jones – Williamsville
34. Richard G. Kaylor – Assistant, West Seneca
35. Neil A. Koppen – West Seneca
36. William R. Lawson – Fillmore
37. Arthur S. Lazewski – Assistant, ZionQuest
38. Theresa F. Lazewski – Assistant, ZionQuest
39. Michael D. Leamon – Silver Creek
40. Justin P. Leininger – North Collins
41. Richard K. Long – Olean
42. Alicia J. McGeorge – Assistant, Fillmore
43. Nila M. McIntyre – Assistant, Olean
44. Alan L. Meyers – Falconer Levant
45. Thomas C. Neary – Assistant, Hamburg
46. Richard W. Nightingale – East Aurora
47. William P. Nykyforchyn – Assistant, Hamburg (South Creek Campus)
48. Cynthia A. Oden – Assistant, Houghton
49. Wesley D. Oden – Houghton
50. Paul D. Palmer – Nunda
51. D. Joseph Payne – Appleton
52. Matthew A. Rose – Lockport/Assistant, Appleton
53. Rebecca G. Rowley – Assistant, Fillmore
54. Robin M. Schara – Assistant, Williamsville
55. Jason A. Shambach – Canaseraga
56. David Shamenda – Buffalo, Home City
57. Paul W. Shea – Assistant, Houghton
58. Bruce J. Smith – Freedom
59. Karen L. Tucker – Lyndonville
60. Jonathan D. Ward – Cuba
61. Darren S. Wieder – Assistant, Hamburg
62. Daniel L. Wilson – Assistant, Appleton
63. E. John Wood III – Assistant, Hamburg
64. Rebecca L. Wood – Assistant, Hamburg
65. Michael L. Wrigglesworth – Assistant, Fillmore (Delta Project)

3. EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

- a. General Evangelists (3270, 3285): None
- b. Associate General Evangelists (3270, 3280): None
- c. Reserve Evangelists (3270, 3274, 3285:2): None

4. DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

- a. Ordained Ministers elected by the General Conference or General Board of Administration as general officials (3320): None
- b. Ordained Ministers employed at the International Center, or those elected or employed by the board of directors of a general subsidiary corporation other than an educational institution, for full-time general church service in a ministerial capacity as set forth in 3320 (cf. 1655:31): None

- c. Ordained Ministers appointed by the General Board of Administration for service in a ministerial capacity as missionaries or workers under the General Departments of Evangelism and Church Growth or World Missions as set forth in 3300:

1. Kevin M. Austin – Global Partners (Czech-Republic)
2. Christopher R. George – Global Partners (Australia)
3. Melissa J. George – Global Partners (Australia)

- d. Ordained Ministers employed to serve in a ministerial capacity on the administrative staff or faculty of a general educational institution of The Wesleyan Church or one of the seminaries approved by the Wesleyan Seminary Foundation (3310, df. 2365, 2382):

1. Eric Currie – Asbury Theological Seminary (Florida Campus)
2. Marcus W. Dean – Houghton College
3. Steven L. Dunmire – Houghton College
4. J. Michael Jordan – Houghton College
5. John L. (J.L.) Miller – Houghton College

5. CHAPLAINS (3330):

Ordained Ministers approved by the Committee on Chaplains and commissioned by the government as military chaplains, or employed as full-time professional institutional chaplains:

1. Margaret D. Walker – Sarasota Memorial Hospital (Sarasota, Florida)

6. INTERCHURCH SERVICE (3335):

Ordained Ministers employed in a ministerial capacity in interchurch service, serving with an educational, evangelistic or missionary organization not directly related to The Wesleyan Church, provided such service is approved by the district conference.

1. Jessica M. Benson (Buffalo City Mission)
2. Hudson S. Hess – Family Life Outreach (Haiti)
3. Wayne A. MacBeth (World Hope International)
4. Frederick A. Raines – Athletes In Action

7. SPECIAL SERVICE (3345):

Ordained Ministers serving in active ministry not otherwise provided for, if such service is approved by the district conference.

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| 1. Ronald P. Duttweiler | 4. Laurie J. Smalley |
| 2. Richard B. Heitzenrater | 5. Stephen C. Strand |
| 3. Paul F. Markell | 6. Ruth Woolsey Strand |

B. RETIRED ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Ordained Ministers retired because of age or incapacitated by infirmity, provided they were either on the appointed list, on reserve, or on educational leave at the time of such incapacitation or retirement (3370):

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| 1. LeRoy N. Bannister | 11. Charles M. Massey |
| 2. Thomas B. Black | 12. Floyd E. Merriam |
| 3. Atwood J. Cool | 13. Robert F. Miller |
| 4. Wayne P. Cox | 14. Fred J. Moore |
| 5. Roger M. Crassi | 15. William J. Nace |
| 6. Nelson D. Crowell | 16. Carl Schultz |
| 7. Roger J. Farney | 17. Gordon L. Strong |
| 8. John H. Hartman | 18. J. Michael Walters |
| 9. Duane A. Kofahl | 19. Warren M. Woolsey |
| 10. Ronald L. Logan | |

C. RESERVE ORDAINED MINISTERS (3360):

Ordained Ministers available for but without appointment. An ordained minister who remains on reserve for two consecutive years shall be automatically transferred to the list of ordained ministers without appointment unless continued on reserve by vote of the district conference.

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| 1. Benjamin P. Beardsley ** | 4. Gregory W. McClain * |
| 2. Todd E. Glendenning * | 5. Carol R. Nace * |
| 3. Charles F. Hill * | 6. Ray E. Selden * |

D. ORDAINED MINISTERS ON EDUCATIONAL LEAVE (3350:1):

Ordained Ministers enrolled in a seminary or other graduate school for advanced training for church service.

1. Bradley J. Haas – Asbury Theological Seminary
2. Darryl S. Lockie – Pittsburg Theological Seminary

E. ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT APPOINTMENT (3380):

1. Ordained Ministers not available for appointment:

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| 1. Allen S. Chase ** | 4. Steven R. Pocock ****+ |
| 2. Gerald V. Drummonds II ** | 5. Carol A. Schweigart ****+ |
| 3. Timothy J. Miller **** | 6. Paul J. Wilczek ****+ |

2. Ordained Ministers employed in other than a ministerial capacity by the general church (3320), by a general educational institution or one of the seminaries connected with the Wesleyan Seminary foundation (3310) or in interchurch service (3335): None

3. Ordained Ministers not otherwise listed: None

F. ORDAINED MINISTERS IN PROCESS OF DISTRICT TRANSFER

Ordained Ministers receiving appointment by the district conference 1240:1 A, B, C or D but whose process of transfer between districts of The Wesleyan Church are not yet completed:

1. PENDING COMPLETION OF DISTRICT TRANSFER
2. APPLIED FOR DISTRICT TRANSFER

E. ORDAINED MINISTERS IN PROCESS OF DENOMINATIONAL TRANSFER (3104; 3390):

Ordained Ministers from another denomination who have been granted recognition as ordained ministers in process of transfer (1180:29a; cf. 1390:3; 3104):

1. PENDING COMPLETION OF DENOMINATIONAL TRANSFER
 1. Kenneth Nash from the United Methodist Church - Hamburg
2. APPLIED FOR DENOMINATIONAL TRANSFER

II. COMMISSIONED MINISTERS**A. PASTORS (3255): None**

Commissioned ministers appointed as pastors or as full-time associate or assistant pastors of Wesleyan churches in that district (317; 1083:3).

B. OTHER APPOINTMENTS (3059): None

Commissioned ministers appointed to service in a local church Christian education program (3310:2) or in a ministerial capacity to district, denominational or interchurch service (3250; 3300; 3320; 3335) and those in retirement (3059:4).

D. COMMISSIONED MINISTERS WITHOUT APPOINTMENT (3380): None**E. COMMISSIONED MINISTERS IN PROCESS OF DISTRICT TRANSFER: None****F. COMMISSIONED MINISTERS IN PROCESS OF DENOMINATIONAL TRANSFER: None****G. RETIRED COMMISSIONED MINISTERS (3370:2): None*****III. LICENSED MINISTERS*****A. PASTORS (3255):**

Licensed ministers appointed as pastors or as full-time associate of assistant pastors of Wesleyan churches in that district (317; 1083:3).

1. Monty D. Ader – Assistant, Depew
2. April A. Allen – Assistant, West Seneca
3. Ian L. Archer – Assistant, ZionQuest
4. Robert H. Grimes – Assistant, Cuba
5. Shawn F. King – Assistant, Williamsville

6. Jacob R. Leckel – Assistant, West Seneca
7. Terri L. Niver - Bradford
8. Deborah E. Nykyforchyn – Assistant, Hamburg (South Creek Campus)
9. Michael J. Trippett - Angola

B. OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

Licensed ministers appointed to service in a local church Christian education program (3310:2) or in a ministerial capacity to district, denominational or interchurch service (3250; 3300; 3320; 3335).

1. William J. "Duffy" Smith – WNY District Coach
2. Alan D. Trotter Jr. – United Methodist Church (Bradford, PA)

C. IN PROCESS OF DISTRICT TRANSFER:

1. PENDING COMPLETION OF DISTRICT TRANSFER
2. APPLIED FOR DISTRICT TRANSFER

D. IN PROCESS OF DENOMINATIONAL TRANSFER: None

Licensed ministers or their equivalent from other denominations who have been granted recognition as licensed ministers in process of transfer (3104).

IV. MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

A. MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

Those approved by the district conference to be licensed as ministerial students as set forth in 3015:1.

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| 1. Carlos O. Barksdale | 13. Joshua J. Mason |
| 2. Heidi A. Barksdale | 14. Shirley A. Mullen |
| 3. Yoshua Bashizi | 15. Achsah Mutowa * |
| 4. Bradley G. Bauer | 16. Andrew J. Parks * |
| 5. Daniel J. Brawdy | 17. Daniel W. Petroski * |
| 6. Daniel W. Butcher | 18. Stephen Priola * |
| 7. Dominique M. Clements | 19. Joshua R. Schallert * |
| 8. Andrew J. Fidurko | 20. Hope L. Schwartz |
| 9. Adam Funch | 21. Elijah D. Shamenda |
| 10. Trevor J. Kaufman | 22. Deborah Wallmeyer |
| 11. Jeffery M. Lawson * | 23. Peter T. Williams * |
| 12. Melinda D. Loew | 24. Suk May Yei |

B. MINISTERIAL STUDENTS IN PROCESS OF DISTRICT TRANSFER: None

1. PENDING COMPLETION OF DISTRICT TRANSFER
2. APPLIED FOR DISTRICT TRANSFER

V. LAY WORKERS

- A. COMMISSIONED SPECIAL WORKERS (3450; 3470):
 - 1. Martha M. Duda – Cattaraugus Indian Chapel
- B. COMMISSIONED SPECIAL WORKERS IN PROCESS OF TRANSFER (3450; 3470): None
- C. LICENSED SPECIAL WORKERS (3450; 3460): None
- D. COMMISSIONED LAY MISSIONARIES (3490): None
- E. SUPPLY PASTORS (3260): None
- F. DENOMINATIONAL OFFICERS: None

Respectfully submitted, District Board of Administration
Western New York District, Robin W. George, District Secretary



Local Church Statistics



WESTERN NEWYORK DISTRICT
of THE WESLEYAN CHURCH

2015-2016

DISTRICT: WESTERN NEW YORK For district fiscal year ending: May 31, 2016	Section 1 - Membership										
	1. No. of Student Membrs last year.	2. No. Student Member; received by conf. of faith.	3. No. Student Members trans. to Community Mem.	4. No. Student Members trans. to Covenant Mem.	5. No. Student Members removed for other reasons.	6. TOTAL STUDENT MEMBERS	7. No. Community Members reported last year.	8. No. Community Members received by conf. of faith.	9. No. Community Members received from Student Mem.	10. No Community Members trans. to Covenant Mem.	11. No Community Members removed for other reasons.
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ANGOLA	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BELLVILLE CANEADEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
BIG TREE BLASDELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	2	
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	6	0	0	
EAST AURORA	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	281	12	0	28	
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	2	0	0	0	0	2	58	4	0	3	
FILLMORE	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	1	1	0	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	
FORESTVILLE	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	35	17	0	0	0	52	25	0	2	0	
HESS ROAD APPLETON	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	7	0	0	
HIGGINS FREEDOM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HILLSIDE OLEAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	
HOME CITY DEPEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	1	
HOUGHTON	6	0	0	0	0	6	5	0	0	0	
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	5	1	0	0	0	6	0	3	0	0	
LEVANT FALCONER	2	0	0	0	0	2	27	7	2	0	
LITTLE VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LOCKPORT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
McCRAE BROOK ELDRED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NORTH COLLINS	2	2	0	0	0	4	38	6	1	1	
NORTH PARK CUBA	15	5	1	0	0	19	40	2	1	5	
OAKLAND NUNDA	5	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	
VINE DEPEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	10	0	0	
VALLEY CANASERAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	
WC OF HAMBURG	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	11	0	13	
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	13	0	0	0	0	13	36	0	0	0	
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL:	93	26	1	0	0	118	743	88	1	7	54

DISTRICT: WESTERN NEW YORK For district fiscal year ending: May 31, 2016	Section I - Membership									
	12. TOTAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS	13. Total Covenant Members last year.	14. No. Covenant Members received by conf. of faith.	15. No. Cov. Members received by trans. from other Wesleyan Church.	16. No. Cov. Members received by trans. from other denominations.	17. No. Student Members received as Covenant Members.	18. No. Comm. Members received as Covenant Members.	19. No. Covenant Members removed by death.	20. No. Covenant Members trans. to another Wesleyan Church.	
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANGOLA	7	21	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BELLVILLE CANEADEA	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
BIG TREE BLASDELL	19	80	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	3
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	6	56	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	27	61	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
EAST AURORA	2	42	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	2	21	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	265	210	6	2	0	0	0	3	3	3
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	59	154	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
FILLMORE	5	65	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	6	76	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
FORESTVILLE	5	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	23	13	0	4	3	0	2	0	0	0
HESS ROAD APPLETON	27	79	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
HIGGINS FREEDOM	0	31	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HILLSIDE OLEAN	1	61	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOME CITY DEPEW	13	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
HOUGHTON	5	428	0	2	0	0	0	7	3	3
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEVANT FALCONER	32	98	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
LITTLE VALLEY	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOCKPORT	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McCRAE BROOK ELDRED	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTH COLLINS	42	46	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NORTH PARK CUBA	38	81	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OAKLAND NUNDA	1	68	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	5	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VINE DEPEW	55	43	0	4	1	0	0	2	2	2
VALLEY CANASERAGA	4	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
WC OF HAMBURG	83	198	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	36	71	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	771	2,236	53	19	5	0	7	22	25	25

DISTRICT: WESTERN NEW YORK For district fiscal year ending: May 31, 2016	Section I - Membership						Section II - Ministries
	21. No. Covenant Members trans. to ano. denomination.	22. No. Covenant Members removed by vol. withdrawal.	23. No. Covenant Members removed by expul. after trial.	24. Total No. Covenant Members removed.	25. TOTAL COVENANT MEMBERS	26. TOTAL COMBINED MEMBERS	27. Prim. Worship Service average attendance.
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	1	1	65
ANGOLA	0	0	0	0	26	33	60
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	2	0	0	2	14	14	18
BELLVILLE CANEADEA	0	1	0	3	11	11	16
BIG TREE BLASDELL	0	0	0	6	75	94	127
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	0	0	0	1	56	62	76
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	0	0	0	0	12	12	9
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	0	0	0	2	61	88	152
EAST AURORA	0	0	0	0	48	54	41
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	0	0	0	1	21	25	17
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	2	5	13	26	192	457	1,289
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	0	1	0	2	154	215	275
FILLMORE	4	0	0	7	62	67	189
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	0	0	0	2	77	85	76
FORESTVILLE	0	0	0	0	36	42	54
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	22	97	40
HESS ROAD APPLETON	0	0	0	0	83	110	191
HIGGINS FREEDOM	0	0	0	0	36	36	99
HILLSIDE OLEAN	1	0	0	1	65	66	72
HOME CITY DEPEW	2	0	0	4	18	31	48
HOUGHTON	2	1	0	13	415	426	617
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	0	0	0	0	0	9	45
LEVANT FALCONER	0	2	0	2	99	133	227
LITTLE VALLEY	0	0	0	0	49	49	52
LOCKPORT	0	0	0	0	5	5	25
McCRAE BROOK ELDRED	0	1	0	1	22	22	23
NORTH COLLINS	0	0	0	1	48	94	149
NORTH PARK CUBA	2	6	0	8	74	131	168
OAKLAND NUNDA	0	0	0	1	67	73	81
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	0	0	0	0	37	42	44
VINE DEPEW	0	1	0	5	43	98	312
VALLEY CANASERAGA	0	0	0	2	23	27	38
WC OF HAMBURG	0	32	0	34	170	253	1,850
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	0	0	0	1	73	122	250
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
TOTAL:	15	50	13	125	2,195	3,084	6,825

DISTRICT: WESTERN NEW YORK For district fiscal year ending: May 31, 2016	Section II - Ministries							
	28. Average Children attending Sunday School.	29. Average Youth attending Sunday School.	30. Average Adults attending Sunday School.	31. TOTOAL AVERAGE ATTENDING SUNDAY SCHOOL	32. No. persons saved.	33. No. persons sanctified.	34. No. persons baptized.	35. No. infants & children dedicated or baptized.
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ANGOLA	3	3	21	27	9	10	3	1
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	2	1	6	9	4	0	2	0
BELLVILLE CANEADEA	0	0	8	8	3	0	0	0
BIG TREE BLASDELL	10	3	37	50	0	0	0	2
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	8	5	19	32	32	4	0	5
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	0	0	7	7	3	0	0	0
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	7
EAST AURORA	0	0	0	0	5	1	4	1
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	4	0	9	13	0	0	10	5
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	155	92	26	273	53	0	17	31
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	45	9	63	117	4	10	11	1
FILLMORE	42	8	23	73	7	0	7	3
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	4	6	21	31	1	3	2	4
FORESTVILLE	4	3	14	21	4	2	2	1
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	10	0	6	0
HESS ROAD APPLETON	17	10	50	77	3	0	4	2
HIGGINS FREEDOM	6	4	22	32	3	0	3	3
HILLSIDE OLEAN	3	0	19	22	3	16	1	0
HOME CITY DEPEW	12	0	0	12	13	21	5	5
HOUGHTON	83	104	145	332	2	3	9	9
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	5	6	0	11	9	0	10	1
LEVANT FALCONER	40	0	10	50	7	0	7	4
LITTLE VALLEY	12	3	20	35	2	0	0	1
LOCKPORT	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
McCRAE BROOK ELDRED	0	0	11	11	1	0	0	0
NORTH COLLINS	19	9	18	46	29	2	2	3
NORTH PARK CUBA	22	13	69	104	54	0	32	2
OAKLAND NUNDA	14	8	19	41	1	0	0	1
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	8	5	17	30	2	1	1	0
VINE DEPEW	47	10	0	57	30	5	12	7
VALLEY CANASERAGA	5	0	11	16	2	0	0	1
WC OF HAMBURG	133	44	42	219	78	0	51	51
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	31	29	16	76	20	0	20	1
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	734	375	723	1,832	403	78	229	152

DISTRICT: WESTERN NEW YORK For district fiscal year ending: May 31, 2016	Section II - Ministries					Section III - Colleges	
	36. No. declaring call to ministry/missions.	37. No. participating in Wesleyan Women activities.	38. No. enrolled in Wesleyan colleges / universities.	39. No. enrolled in other colleges / universities.	40. Children enrolled child. church, midweek Spiritual Formation.	41. Youth enrolled youth meetings, discipleship, mid-week Spiritual Formation.	42. Adults enrolled small groups, discipleship, mid-week Spiritual Formation.
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
ANGOLA	0	25	2	1	12	9	80
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	0	8	0	0	11	6	35
BELLVILLE CANADEA	0	0	1	0	2	0	45
BIG TREE BLASDELL	0	33	0	0	50	18	80
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	0	15	3	5	30	35	80
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	0	12	0	2	6	3	25
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	0	40	0	6	90	37	220
EAST AURORA	0	0	2	0	10	45	60
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	0	0	0	0	12	1	9
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	1	420	2	30	202	120	1,676
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	0	175	3	13	110	59	150
FILLMORE	1	50	4	6	55	15	180
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	1	24	0	0	13	11	75
FORESTVILLE	0	15	0	5	25	15	172
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	1	20	0	4	0	0	0
HESS ROAD APPLETON	0	25	0	1	190	27	135
HIGGINS FREEDOM	1	10	7	1	32	15	40
HILLSIDE OLEAN	0	43	0	1	13	44	105
HOME CITY DEPEW	3	10	0	5	12	0	15
HOUGHTON	0	100	20	7	225	150	435
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	1	7	3	1	0	0	0
LEVANT FALCONER	4	90	5	10	120	60	241
LITTLE VALLEY	0	0	0	0	19	8	27
LOCKPORT	0	0	0	0	15	2	50
MCCRAE BROOK ELDRED	0	0	0	0	9	2	60
NORTH COLLINS	1	15	2	4	45	20	150
NORTH PARK CUBA	0	30	0	3	143	66	94
OAKLAND NUNDA	0	20	0	0	54	15	50
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	0	19	0	2	19	11	46
VINE DEPEW	3	35	0	15	70	25	300
VALLEY CANASERAGA	0	1	0	0	20	1	60
WC OF HAMBURG	2	417	9	0	1,180	241	1,333
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	0	56	6	29	56	75	275
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	19	1,715	69	158	2,850	1,136	6,303

DISTRICT: WESTERN NEW YORK For district fiscal year ending: May 31, 2016	IV - Future Use	Section V - Property			Section VI - Income	
	43. (Future Use)	44. Value of church, land & auxiliary buildings.	45. Value of parsonage(s) [if owned by church].	46. Indebtedness on all property & buildings.	47. Income from tithes and offerings.	48. Income from Sunday School.
ANCHOR BUFFALO	x	0	0	0	97,657	0
ANGOLA	x	380,000	185,000	0	92,950	0
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	x	360,400	98,000	0	20,347	0
BELLVILLE CANEADEA	x	45,000	41,000	0	24,453	2,181
BIG TREE BLASDELL	x	1,500,000	0	0	228,652	0
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	x	800,000	62,000	193,507	126,350	1,027
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	x	314,000	66,000	0	11,514	0
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	x	1,897,000	512,000	115,900	144,805	0
EAST AURORA	x	318,000	260,000	0	68,925	0
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	x	200,000	66,100	0	22,869	530
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	x	12,495,070	0	4,597,114	2,393,148	0
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	x	2,500,000	0	248,902	549,199	423
FILLMORE	x	365,000	80,000	0	161,630	0
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	x	65,000	25,000	11,040	73,419	1,844
FORESTVILLE	x	350,000	75,000	0	53,760	0
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	x	120,000	35,000	4,000	5,420	0
HESS ROAD APPLETON	x	550,000	160,000	232,000	293,500	0
HIGGINS FREEDOM	x	600,000	55,000	113,243	111,777	335
HILLSIDE OLEAN	x	321,500	115,700	30,571	124,590	0
HOME CITY DEPEW	x	550,000	132,000	0	40,133	0
HOUGHTON	x	6,572,000	0	103,712	711,287	0
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	x	80,000	0	0	36,053	0
LEVANT FALCONER	x	2,237,000	0	0	273,506	0
LITTLE VALLEY	x	250,000	90,000	0	50,135	0
LOCKPORT	x	117,600	94,000	0	16,205	0
McCRAE BROOK ELDRED	x	68,000	74,000	0	44,980	1,154
NORTH COLLINS	x	364,700	90,000	0	180,127	0
NORTH PARK CUBA	x	834,000	208,000	49,162	228,512	302
OAKLAND NUNDA	x	403,000	0	0	108,552	199
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	x	290,500	67,300	3,000	66,809	782
VINE DEPEW	x	110,000	150,000	903,643	314,425	0
VALLEY CANASERAGA	x	285,000	95,000	0	59,485	520
WC OF HAMBURG	x	31,150,000	955,000	0	4,763,096	0
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	x	3,875,000	260,000	473,296	426,095	0
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	x	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:		70,367,770	4,051,100	7,079,090	11,924,365	9,297

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	49. Income from Adult Ministries.	50. Income from Youth ministries.	51. Income from Children's ministries.	52. Income from Wesleyan Women ministries.	53. All other assessable income not otherwise listed.	54. TOTAL ASSESABLE CONTRIBUTION INCOME.
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	0	97,857
ANGOLA	0	1,425	318	0	5,154	99,847
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	20,347
BELLVILLE CANEADEA	0	0	0	0	3,526	30,160
BIG TREE BLADELL	0	0	0	3,559	2,155	234,366
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	0	0	0	0	3,012	130,389
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	0	0	193	0	100	11,807
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	0	0	66	0	1,643	146,514
EAST AURORA	0	0	0	0	0	68,925
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	0	0	0	0	0	23,399
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	40,877	15,459	13,676	14,944	396,714	2,874,818
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	3,166	1,501	3,465	0	37,084	594,838
FILLMORE	0	0	0	0	466	162,096
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	0	0	0	4,254	115	79,632
FORESTVILLE	0	2,592	0	0	8,463	64,815
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	17,540	22,960
HESS ROAD APPLETON	0	0	0	0	0	293,500
HIGGINS FREEDOM	0	650	0	0	0	112,762
HILLSIDE OLEAN	0	0	0	0	1,960	126,550
HOME CITY DEPEW	0	0	0	0	0	40,133
HOUGHTON	0	757	0	0	0	712,044
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	0	0	0	0	5,000	41,053
LEVANT FALCONER	0	0	0	0	0	273,506
LITTLE VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	50,135
LOCKPORT	0	0	0	0	0	16,205
MCCRAE BROOK ELDRED	0	0	0	0	297	46,431
NORTH COLLINS	0	1,014	1,731	0	0	182,872
NORTH PARK CUBA	0	2,500	0	0	1,958	233,272
OAKLAND NUNDA	1,105	2,210	0	1,225	0	113,291
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	0	0	0	0	0	67,591
VINE DEPEW	0	0	0	0	0	314,425
VALLEY CANASERAGA	0	0	0	0	1,790	61,795
WC OF HAMBURG	3,788	1,519	5,131	0	0	4,773,534
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	0	0	0	0	1,624	427,719
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	48,936	29,627	24,580	23,982	488,601	12,549,388

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	55. Income for Global Partners offerings.	56. Income Annual WW "Heart-of-Ministries" offerings.	57. Income for Hephzibah Children's Home offerings.	58. Income Wesleyan Native American Ministries offerings	59. Income for Easter Offering to Gen. Dept. of E&CG.	60. Income for youth attend. At area or international Youth Conventions.
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANGOLA	4,215	0	1,200	100	0	0
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	0	0	0	0	0	0
BELLVILLE CANEADEA	2,487	111	0	0	0	0
BIG TREE BLASDELL	25,403	0	600	0	0	0
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	3,977	0	636	0	0	0
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	58	76	0	0	1,120	0
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	225	500	0	0	500	0
EAST AURORA	1,482	0	0	0	0	0
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	868	0	0	0	0	26
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	48,313	0	3,400	3,000	0	0
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	38,440	0	0	0	0	348
FILLMORE	1,876	0	0	0	308	0
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	0	0	0	0	0	91
FORESTVILLE	4,200	0	196	200	0	2,272
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	0	0
HESS ROAD APPLETON	13,100	0	0	0	0	0
HIGGINS FREEDOM	7,400	0	92	0	0	4,977
HILLSIDE OLEAN	9,860	0	0	0	0	0
HOME CITY DEPEW	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOUGHTON	33,985	0	500	3,000	0	4,073
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEVANT FALCONER	3,600	0	750	0	0	0
LITTLE VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOCKPORT	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCCRAE BROOK ELDRED	2,173	113	105	1,282	162	0
NORTH COLLINS	860	0	0	0	0	0
NORTH PARK CUBA	0	0	0	0	0	3,500
OAKLAND NUNDA	0	0	550	0	0	350
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	2,862	0	0	0	0	120
VINE DEPEW	8,382	0	0	0	0	4,320
VALLEY CANASERAGA	2,775	0	0	0	0	0
WC OF HAMBURG	0	0	0	0	0	0
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	36,330	0	0	1,285	0	0
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	252,871	800	8,029	8,867	2,090	20,077

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	61. Income from DBA approved building and remodeling projects.	62. Income district/denomination approved church plant project offerings.	63. TOTAL NON-ASSESSABLE CONTRIBUTION INCOME.	64. TOTAL ASSESSABLE & NON-ASSESSABLE CONTRIBUTION INCOME.	65. Income grants received from Gen. Dept. of E&CG or district E&CG.	66. Income from borrowed money.
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	20,000	20,000	117,657	5,000	0
ANGOLA	0	4,829	10,344	110,191	0	0
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	0	0	0	20,347	0	0
BELLVILLE CANEADEA	0	0	2,598	32,758	0	0
BIG TREE BLASDELL	0	5,798	31,801	266,167	0	0
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	6,320	327	11,260	141,649	0	0
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	2,040	600	3,894	15,701	12,995	95
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	13,057	0	14,282	160,796	0	0
EAST AURORA	0	0	1,482	70,407	0	0
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	0	0	894	24,293	0	0
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	0	0	54,713	2,929,531	0	0
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	37,046	0	75,834	670,672	0	0
FILLMORE	8,684	0	10,868	172,964	0	0
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	0	0	91	79,723	0	0
FORESTVILLE	0	0	6,868	71,683	0	0
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	0	11,900	11,900	34,860	5,000	0
HESS ROAD APPLETON	0	0	13,100	306,600	0	0
HIGGINS FREEDOM	15,777	0	28,246	141,008	0	0
HILLSIDE OLEAN	7,717	0	17,577	144,127	0	0
HOME CITY DEPEW	0	0	0	40,133	0	0
HOUGHTON	3,500	500	45,558	757,602	0	0
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	0	0	0	41,053	0	0
LEVANT FALCONER	0	0	4,350	277,856	0	0
LITTLE VALLEY	0	0	0	50,135	0	0
LOCKPORT	3,779	0	3,779	19,984	1,000	0
McCRAE BROOK ELDRED	0	0	3,835	50,266	0	0
NORTH COLLINS	0	0	860	183,732	0	0
NORTH PARK CUBA	720	0	4,220	237,492	0	0
OAKLAND NUNDA	15,000	0	15,900	129,191	0	0
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	6,541	1,030	10,553	78,144	0	0
VINE DEPEW	22,125	6,314	41,141	355,566	0	0
VALLEY CANASERAGA	0	1,060	3,835	65,630	0	0
WC OF HAMBURG	30,000	0	30,000	4,803,534	0	0
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	130,468	1,020	169,103	596,822	0	0
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	302,774	53,378	648,886	13,198,274	23,995	95

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	67. Income from sale, rental, or lease of property.	68. Daycare, Day Schools, Retirement Home, Nursing Home & such enterprises.	69. Income from wills, bequests & estates.	70. Income from investment earnings.	71. TOTAL OTHER NON- ASSESSABLE INCOME.	72. GRAND TOTAL ALL INCOME.
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	5,000	122,657
ANGOLA	0	0	0	10	10	110,201
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	0	0	0	6,793	6,793	27,140
BELLVILLE CANEADEA	0	0	0	0	0	32,758
BIG TREE BLASDELL	0	0	800	927	1,727	267,894
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	725	0	3,497	385	4,607	146,256
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	0	0	0	10	13,100	28,801
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	11,739	0	0	0	11,739	172,535
EAST AURORA	14,700	3,500	0	0	18,200	88,607
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	5,650	0	0	0	5,650	29,943
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	0	153,362	0	8,912	162,274	3,091,805
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	0	30,929	0	2,440	33,369	704,041
FILLMORE	125	261	0	73	459	173,423
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	0	0	0	0	0	79,723
FORESTVILLE	0	0	2,657	0	2,657	74,340
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	5,000	39,860
HESS ROAD APPLETON	0	0	0	0	0	306,600
HIGGINS FREEDOM	0	0	0	92	92	141,100
HILLSIDE OLEAN	0	0	0	1	1	144,128
HOME CITY DEPEW	0	0	0	0	0	40,133
HOUGHTON	1,414	14,530	0	120	16,064	773,666
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	0	0	0	0	0	41,053
LEVANT FALCONER	0	0	0	0	0	277,858
LITTLE VALLEY	0	0	0	0	0	50,135
LOCKPORT	8,250	0	605	0	9,855	29,839
McCRAE BROOK ELDRED	0	0	0	294	294	50,560
NORTH COLLINS	0	324	0	644	968	184,700
NORTH PARK CUBA	1,100	0	0	0	1,100	238,592
OAKLAND NUNDA	0	0	0	0	0	129,191
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	0	0	0	1	1	78,145
VINE DEPEW	0	0	0	0	0	355,566
VALLEY CANASERAGA	75	0	0	951	1,026	66,656
WC OF HAMBURG	0	92,142	0	145	92,287	4,895,821
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	0	0	50,000	1,690	51,690	648,512
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	43,778	295,048	57,559	23,488	443,963	13,642,237

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	73. Salary paid to pastor.	74. Pension paid for pastor.	75. Housing allowance for pastor.	76. Allowances & benefits paid to/for pastor not otherwise listed.	77. Salary paid to assoc./assistant pastor(s).	78. Pension paid to assoc./assistant pastor(s).
ANCHOR BUFFALO	37,000	0	0	0	0	0
ANGOLA	20,000	4,115	7,706	15,117	0	0
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	20,123	0	0	3,623	0	0
BELLVILLE CANADEA	11,960	0	3,207	3,275	0	0
BIG TREE BLASDELL	42,954	3,420	12,000	16,530	9,464	0
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	24,802	5,190	6,996	14,190	0	0
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	19,698	2,987	2,397	162	0	0
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	25,966	4,454	6,325	17,862	0	0
EAST AURORA	19,830	0	5,721	16,750	0	0
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	13,000	1,560	0	2,241	0	0
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	68,400	14,076	33,600	24,052	188,793	37,576
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	38,461	7,375	23,000	18,224	30,397	3,910
FILLMORE	31,841	4,930	2,360	15,708	19,853	2,296
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	10,400	0	7,800	0	0	0
FORESTVILLE	23,400	2,904	3,572	3,875	2,400	0
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	2,975	600	3,300	2,740	0	0
HESS ROAD APPLETON	31,000	5,240	15,000	26,500	20,840	4,725
HIGGINS FREEDOM	8,537	7,111	0	23,768	0	0
HILLSIDE OLEAN	49,667	7,112	3,977	13,977	5,760	0
HOME CITY DEPEW	30,000	0	20,400	0	0	0
HOUGHTON	56,521	9,174	15,000	17,638	69,677	11,441
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	12,000	3,000	0	0	0	0
LEVANT FALCONER	38,234	6,524	12,150	15,358	0	0
LITTLE VALLEY	20,637	0	8,400	0	5,470	0
LOCKPORT	7,200	0	0	0	900	0
McCRAE BROOK ELDRED	10,140	1,489	3,776	1,330	11,601	1,415
NORTH COLLINS	46,123	6,450	6,646	17,473	0	0
NORTH PARK CUBA	21,952	2,635	11,000	22,000	11,550	0
OAKLAND NUNDA	20,236	5,402	12,462	12,167	330	0
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	25,026	4,756	6,614	10,040	0	0
VINE DEPEW	52,991	9,588	17,550	15,178	59,058	0
VALLEY CANASERAGA	15,048	0	2,559	18,969	0	0
WC OF HAMBURG	93,591	12,983	20,600	10,826	463,977	76,926
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	47,033	7,884	24,000	6,669	66,802	7,748
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	996,746	140,959	298,118	366,242	966,872	146,037

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	79. Hsing. allowance paid to/for assoc./assist. pastors.	80. Allowances & benefits paid to/for assoc./assistant pastor(s) not otherwise listed	81. Paid to Global Partners.	82. Paid to non-Wesleyan missions.	83. Pd. loc. benevolences & other compassionate ministries not otherwise listed.
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	0	0	3,000	0
ANGOLA	0	0	5,575	429	5,350
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	0	0	0	0	0
BELLVILLE CANEADEA	0	0	2,598	600	875
BIG TREE BLASDELL	0	3,312	24,603	1,254	9,002
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	0	0	4,477	1,440	2,747
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	0	0	243	0	100
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	0	0	6,500	4,500	300
EAST AURORA	0	0	0	0	0
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	0	0	1,500	0	0
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	136,551	69,661	57,200	178,679	6,893
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	20,917	25,347	29,600	7,405	10,660
FILLMORE	8,250	0	6,840	3,420	3,834
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	0	0	0	0	8,204
FORESTVILLE	0	0	5,680	1,279	4,894
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	0
HESS ROAD APPLETON	25,900	0	13,100	3,400	19,000
HIGGINS FREEDOM	0	0	4,957	975	563
HILLSIDE OLEAN	0	103	5,690	4,245	7,643
HOME CITY DEPEW	0	0	0	400	0
HOUGHTON	26,666	22,398	33,985	75,562	36,774
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	0	0	0	0	0
LEVANT FALCONER	0	0	3,600	22,150	24,873
LITTLE VALLEY	0	0	0	800	1,350
LOCKPORT	0	0	1,200	0	834
McCRAE BROOK ELDRED	0	5,388	2,173	0	397
NORTH COLLINS	0	0	10,113	4,546	1,545
NORTH PARK CUBA	0	1,768	14,633	3,398	4,000
OAKLAND NUNDA	0	0	2,400	1,365	4,629
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	0	0	2,400	1,801	339
VINE DEPEW	4,625	12,089	6,799	12,628	18,223
VALLEY CANASERAGA	0	0	2,775	5,790	275
WC OF HAMBURG	199,110	147,339	0	1,027,493	20,139
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	6,407	3,442	36,330	26,125	5,714
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	428,426	290,847	284,971	1,392,684	199,157

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	84. Paid on indebtedness including principal & interest.	85. Paid on property, new construction & major re-modelling.	86. Paid on local operations	87. TOTAL PAID OUT FOR ALL LOCAL CHURCH PURPOSES.	88. Amount paid on USF-USF/EIF Dist. Assessment.	89. Paid to Dist. or Gen. Depart. of E&CG for church plant projects.
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	4,248	5,000	49,248	0	0
ANGOLA	0	0	17,893	76,185	8,862	4,829
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	0	0	4,156	27,902	0	0
BELLVILLE CANADEA	0	0	5,020	27,535	3,238	0
BIG TREE BLASDELL	0	0	67,401	189,940	23,531	5,798
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	23,694	9,327	20,619	113,482	14,103	327
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	0	0	1,865	27,452	1,865	1,720
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	10,560	8,900	68,180	153,547	14,953	0
EAST AURORA	0	0	0	42,301	6,984	50
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	0	1,257	7,959	27,517	2,612	0
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	481,310	0	1,638,305	2,935,096	115,600	0
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	135,835	10,358	260,325	621,814	54,786	0
FILLMORE	15,499	0	44,346	159,177	17,346	200
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	8,280	9,862	19,543	64,089	9,144	0
FORESTVILLE	0	0	16,231	64,235	5,900	0
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	1,840	0	17,931	29,386	0	0
HESS ROAD APPLETON	24,000	0	74,922	263,627	29,873	0
HIGGINS FREEDOM	13,865	0	48,057	107,833	10,295	0
HILLSIDE OLEAN	12,000	0	24,441	134,615	13,466	0
HOME CITY DEPEW	0	0	0	50,800	1,589	0
HOUGHTON	12,331	0	326,346	713,513	61,321	500
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	0	0	0	15,000	0	0
LEVANT FALCONER	0	0	153,257	276,146	27,819	0
LITTLE VALLEY	0	3,537	1,138	41,332	5,146	0
LOCKPORT	0	7,175	8,017	25,326	2,036	0
McCRAE BROOK ELDRED	0	6,006	7,781	51,496	5,564	0
NORTH COLLINS	0	16,457	0	109,353	22,392	0
NORTH PARK CUBA	7,200	0	72,050	172,186	19,584	0
OAKLAND NUNDA	0	15,000	31,442	105,433	12,432	0
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	6,876	0	11,108	68,960	7,270	1,123
VINE DEPEW	28,664	0	15,670	253,063	30,056	3,118
VALLEY CANASERAGA	0	0	12,001	57,417	6,248	1,060
WC OF HAMBURG	87,169	290,396	1,930,571	4,381,120	121,600	9,000
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	132,500	0	229,756	600,410	46,288	500
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL:	1,001,623	382,523	5,141,331	12,036,536	534,015	18,725

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	90. Paid to/for Wesleyan Native American Ministries.	91. Paid to Hephzibah Children's Home.	92. Paid to other district & general purposes not otherwise listed on this report.	93. TOTAL PAID DISTRICT & GENERAL PURPOSES.	94. GRAND TOTAL PAID OUT FOR ALL PURPOSES			
ANCHOR BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	49,248		0	
ANGOLA	100	1,200	100	15,091	91,276		0	
ASHWOOD LYNDONVILLE	0	0	0	0	27,902		0	
BELLVILLE CANEADEA	0	0	32	3,270	30,805		0	
BIG TREE BLASDELL	0	600	235	30,164	220,104		0	
BROOKSIDE WELLSVILLE	0	636	141	15,207	128,689		0	
CATTARAUGUS INDIAN IRVING	0	0	95	3,680	31,132		0	
CHRIST CHAPEL SILVER CREEK	3,000	0	0	17,953	171,500		0	
EAST AURORA	0	0	0	7,034	49,335		0	
EAST LEON CATTARAUGUS	0	0	0	2,612	30,129		0	
EASTERN HILLS WILLIAMSVILLE	3,000	3,400	0	122,000	3,057,096		0	
FELLOWSHIP WEST SENECA	2,500	0	2,363	59,649	681,463		0	
FILLMORE	0	0	173	17,719	176,896		0	
FIRST WESLEYAN BRADFORD	0	0	0	9,144	73,233		0	
FORESTVILLE	200	196	0	6,296	70,531		0	
GRACE COMMUNITY BUFFALO	0	0	0	0	29,386		0	
HESS ROAD APPLETON	0	0	0	29,873	293,500		0	
HIGGINS FREEDOM	0	92	0	10,387	118,220		0	
HILLSIDE OLEAN	0	0	0	13,466	148,081		0	
HOME CITY DEPEW	0	0	0	1,589	52,389		0	
HOUGHTON	3,000	500	5,504	70,825	784,338		0	
JOY COMMUNITY MACHIAS	0	0	0	0	15,000		0	
LEVANT FALCONER	0	750	0	28,569	304,715		0	
LITTLE VALLEY	0	0	0	5,146	46,478		0	
LOCKPORT	0	0	0	2,036	27,362		0	
McCRAE BROOK ELDRED	1,282	105	0	6,951	58,447		0	
NORTH COLLINS	0	0	317	22,709	132,062		0	
NORTH PARK CUBA	125	180	0	19,889	192,075		0	
OAKLAND NUNDA	0	686	485	13,603	119,036		0	
PEACE WESLEYAN FALCONER	0	0	0	8,393	77,353		0	
VINE DEPEW	0	0	0	33,174	286,237		0	
VALLEY CANASERAGA	0	0	0	7,308	64,725		0	
WC OF HAMBURG	1,200	0	0	131,800	4,512,920		1	
WC OF ORCHARD PARK	1,285	0	462	48,535	648,945		0	
ZIONQUEST CHEEKTOWAGA	0	0	0	0	0		0	
TOTAL:	15,692	8,345	9,907	764,072	12,800,608		1	

PART III

DIRECTORIES & REPORTS
of the
WOMEN'S MINISTRY
of the
WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT, INC.
of
THE WESLEYAN CHURCH

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Wesleyan Women's Movement

Report #19 DIRECTOR OF WESLEYAN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

To Dr. Jennings, Pastors, Delegates and people of WNY Wesleyan District:

Another year and more blessings! The events attended and the team I work with are all special gifts that I feel that God has given to the district and me. This year our team consists of some of the best women I know.. Nadine Houghton continues to amaze me with her financial prowess. Robin Schara brings new ideas to the table and helps us to remember the details I would inevitably overlook. Daniella Shambach is a walking Pinterest board. I LOVE her ideas! Katie Rose, even in the midst of parenting, taking classes and creating a life, she continues to help us with planning.

This previous year we had a Frozen Party at Refresh Camp and took ladies on a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Pennsylvania to see their incredible show about Joseph.

After 12 years of service in district women, I have decided, after much prayer, to pass the baton on to another woman. I have been blessed immensely each and every year I have had the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely His,
Ashley Ward





**Wesleyan Women Director
The Wesleyan Church**

Andrea has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Intercultural Studies with minors in Biology and Christian Ministries from Indiana Wesleyan University, and a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. She has served on staff in the local church for five years as a young adult and youth pastor in both Illinois and Indiana.

Andrea has also worked in the office of Community Life at Asbury Seminary, working primarily with marriage enrichment and spiritual formation for students and especially their spouses. She is an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church and has been involved in the Women's Ministry movement by developing Bible Studies and leading elements of Wesleyan Women's Anti-Trafficking endeavors. Andrea has taught both onsite and online courses for IWU, primarily in the areas of Bible & Theology.

Andrea is married to Jeremy Summers and has four children. Please pray for the Women's Ministry Movement of The Wesleyan Church.



Report #20
WESLEYAN WOMEN
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT – 2015 – 2016

ACCOUNT	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	
District Funds			
Balance Forward			\$3,352.87
Dist Budget Disp	\$1,570.41		
Enrich Event			
Fall Event	\$159.00	\$1,452.80	
Family Camp Event		\$117.61	
Frugal Event			
Grace Community Church			
Mother's Day Luncheon – E. Hills			
NYC Trip			
Operating Fund			
Total District Funds	\$1,729.41	\$1,570.41	
Total Remittance	\$1,729.41	\$1,570.41	
			\$3,511.87
Grand Total			\$3,311.87

Respectfully submitted, Nadine Houghton, District WW Treasurer



PART IV

DIRECTORIES & REPORTS
of the
WESLEYAN YOUTH MINISTRY
of the
WESTERN NEW YORK DISTRICT, INC.
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Report #14
WNY YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

Some highlights from last years district youth events included the Love Buffalo home missions trip (July 13 - 17), the teen track at Refresh Family Camp (July 26 - 31), and our district winter retreat at Camp Hickory Hill (Jan 29-31). The Follow Tour in Indianapolis (Dec 27 - 31) was an especially powerful for the 150 teens and leaders who attended from our district. I am very grateful to this district for investing in the lives of our teens. These events gave time and space for us to seek God, to focus our lives on Him and on His word, and to be a part of His work in our world. Ongoing goals (in bold) include:



1. **Support our smaller church youth ministry's in concrete ways:**
 - a. **Provide quality materials and curriculum** - The district has partnered with Live Curriculum to provide *free*, helpful, relevant, easily accessible curriculum. 9 churches have already taken advantage of this program and we have room for 1more!
 - b. **Offer regular training in YM and Safechurch practices.**
 - i. We met twice this year and will meet again on July 23rd. We are really enjoying these times of team building, refreshment, good ideas, and training.



- ii. *"Stewards of Children"* **child sexual abuse prevention training course** - We are making this training available for all children and youth ministry workers in our district. This course satisfies the national office guidelines for children and youth ministry workers. 38 attended our first event on April 2nd and we are offering the course again Wed. July 27th during "Refresh

Family Camp". See Pastor Jon for more details.

2. **Continue to help make large district events more financially viable for students:**
 - a. Because of your generosity as a district, 150 students and leaders were able to attend the International Youth convention in Indianapolis at Christmas time, and the district winter retreat was set at its lowest price ever. Thanks for investing in our youth!

As we look to the New year, please pray that God will make our churches places where young people are drawn into transforming relationships with Jesus. Pray that our youth will experience Jesus in personal and powerful ways as we worship and serve together! Also pray that God will enable each of us as adults to live our lives with Christ in such a way that young people in our spheres of influence cannot help but be drawn to Him.

Finally, pray for our study of God's Word, that this solid foundation will result in students who are effective, lifelong, servants of Jesus Christ.

May God richly bless you in this upcoming year! Pastor Jon Cole



Report #15
 DISTRICT WESLEYAN YOUTH FINANCIAL SUMMARY
 June 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016

ACTIVITIES

BALANCE ON HAND BEGINNING OF YEAR:		\$0.00
RECEIPTS:		
Fuel Training	\$1,030.00	
Winter Retreat	\$6,710.00	
Youth Budget	\$4,666.66	
Youth Event	\$5,000.00	
Youth Missions Trip	\$587.00	
Youth Leader Training		
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$17,993.66	
TRANSFER:	\$0.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS + TRANSFERS + BALANCE:		\$17,993.66
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Fuel Training	\$1,170.00	
Winter Retreat	\$6,573.11	
Youth Event	\$12,795.00	
Youth Missions Trip	\$587.00	
Youth Leader Training	\$350.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$21,475.11	\$21,475.11
BALANCE ON HAND		-\$3,481.45

Respectfully submitted, Nadine Houghton, District Treasurer



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ZONE DIRECTORY



The Northern Zone

CHURCHES: Angola, Appleton, Blasdell, Buffalo Anchor, Buffalo Grace Community, Buffalo Home City, Cheektowaga Zion Quest, Depew, East Aurora, Hamburg, Lockport, Lyndonville, North Collins, Orchard Park, West Seneca, Williamsville.

The Western Zone

CHURCHES: Bradford, Cattaraugus East Leon, Falconer Peace, Falconer Levant, Forestville, Irving Cattaraugus Wesleyan Indian Chapel, Little Valley, Silver Creek.

The Eastern Zone

CHURCHES: Canaseraga, Caneadea, Cuba, Eldred, Fillmore, Freedom, Houghton, Machias Joy Community, Nunda, Olean, Wellsville.





WESTERN NEWYORK DISTRICT
of THE WESLEYAN CHURCH

District Calendar 2016-2017

2016

July	28	1:00 p.m.	District Board of Administration, Houghton College
September	13	1:00 p.m.	District Board of Administration, Lockport Wesleyan Church
	15	9:00 a.m.	Pastors' Leadership Development Meeting, WC Hamburg
October	2	6:00 p.m.	Ordination Service, WC Hamburg
	20	9:00 a.m.	Pastors' Leadership Development Meeting, WC Hamburg
	20	1:00 p.m.	DBMD Orientation, WC Hamburg
November	10	9:00 a.m.	DBMD Interviews, WC Hamburg
	17	9:00 a.m.	Pastors' Leadership Development, WC Hamburg
	18	9:00 a.m.	Houghton College Ministry Conference
December	6	1:00 p.m.	District Board of Administration, Anchor Church, Buffalo

2017

January	19	9:00 a.m.	Pastors' Leadership Development Meeting, WC Hamburg
February	9	9:00 a.m.	DBMD Interviews, Houghton Wesleyan Church
	12-14		Pastors and Spouses Retreat, Ellicottville, NY
March	14	1:00 p.m.	District Board of Administration
	16	9:00 a.m.	Pastors' Leadership Development, WC Hamburg
	TBD	TBD	District Nominating Committee, District Office
April	2		Pastoral Vote Sunday
	20	9:00 a.m.	Leadership Development, WC Hamburg
	29	10:00 a.m.	District Action Committee Meeting
	TBD	TBD	Budget Meeting, DBA Executive Committee, District Office
May	4	9:00 a.m.	DBMD Ordination Interviews
	5		MINISTERS' ANNUAL SERVICE REPORTS DUE
	18	9:00 a.m.	Leadership Development, WC Hamburg
June	6	1:00	District Board of Administration
	9		CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORTS DUE
	17	9:00 a.m.	DISTRICT CONFERENCE Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church
July 30 - August 3			Refresh Family Camp at Houghton