

**MINUTES OF THE 103rd ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**  
**Central Assembly of God, Springfield, MO APRIL 24-26, 2017**

**MOMENTUM CONFERENCE - MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017**

The 103<sup>rd</sup> District Council began with the Momentum Conference. Special guests were Bryan Jarrett and Jeremy Deweerdt.

**MONDAY EVENING CELEBRATION SERVICE, APRIL 24, 2017**

The Celebration Service was held at Central Assembly of God. District Superintendent Don Miller welcomed the congregation. Carter McDaniel, Business Administrator of Central AG, shared a welcome. Chad Rose and the Central worship team led in worship.

District Executive Secretary, Stan Welch, led in prayer for prayer requests. The offering was received by Rhonda Amer, District Business Administrator. Offertory was presented by Lily Slater and Ai Yabuki.

**RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR ORDAINED MINISTERS**

Special recognition and certificates were given to those ministers Ordained with the Assemblies of God for 50 years: Paul Bellinger, Roy Bennett, Buena Huffman, James McHaffie, L Jack Moore, Alvin Pulis, Sydney Ramphal, Eugene Rose, Jesse Taylor, and John Wilson.

**RECOGNITION OF 60 YEAR ORDAINED MINISTERS**

Special recognition and certificates were given to those ministers Ordained with the Assemblies of God for 60 years: Lindell Buck, James Collier Jr., Ellis Hacker, Charles Hackett, Jeremiah Hanley, Ray Hundley, Roscoe Leach, Thurman Vanzant, Derreld Wartenbee, George Westlake Jr.

Assistant Superintendent, George Westlake III, introduced the evening's speaker, Don Miller. Don is the Superintendent of the Southern Missouri District.

Following the message, the Central worship team provided music for the altar service.

**BUSINESS SESSION, TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016**

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Don Miller at 9:00 a.m. Brother Miller expressed appreciation to Central AG for all they had done to make this District Council a success. Former District Superintendent Jack Moore opened with prayer.

**PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SEATED**

The Parliamentary Committee was seated. Members of the committee were Chairman Jerry Snavelly, Sydney Ramphal and Greg Robertson.

**ROSTER COMMITTEE REPORT #1**

Reverend Terry Carter, Chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the initial roster report: Ordained –174; Licensed - 82; Certified - 10; Delegates – 25. Total Voting – 291. Visitors – 108. Total Registered – 399. **MSC to accept with appreciation**

**MINUTES**

The chair stated the Minutes of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual District Council and the Annual Report had been made available online. **MSC to accept both as presented**

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/MISSIONS/CAMP REPORT**

Stan Welch shared his report. Vital statistics reflecting the state of the church were presented. A video of Cross Pointe Camp was shown celebrating 75 years of ministry. Appreciation expressed to Curtis and Cindy Washam who serve as Camp directors. **MSC to accept with appreciation**

## **2016 FINANCIAL REPORT/2017 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Highlights of the 2016 Financial Statement and the Proposed 2017 Budget were presented by Business Administrator, Rhonda Amer. Highlights of the 2017 Cross Pointe Camp budget were also presented. Appreciation expressed to those who serve on the Camp board.  
**MSC to accept all reports as presented**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S VISION CASTING**

Pastor Don shared his vision for the District. The key component of seeing the vision come to reality – the football line (District) doing their job and the church discerning the times. Closed in a corporate time of prayer.  
**MSC to accept with appreciation**

## **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE SEATED**

The Resolutions Committee was seated. Members of the committee were Chairman Richard Orrell, Paul Richardson and Rachelle Colegrove.

## **ELECTION OF ASSISTANT MISSIONS DIRECTOR/MISSIONS SECRETARY**

The following report of the first elective ballot was given:

Assistant Missions Director

Total Votes Cast	323
Needed to Elect	216
Dan Martin	259

Having noted that Dan Martin received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Dan Martin reelected as Assistant Missions Director.

Missions Secretary

Total Votes Cast	323
Needed to Elect	216
Larry Graham	291

Having noted that Larry Graham received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Larry Graham reelected as Missions Secretary.

## **PROJECT REACH**

Jerry Harris provided an update on Project Reach. He introduced church planters who were present. Prayer was offered for each church planter.

## **ELECTION OF YOUTH DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT YOUTH DIRECTOR**

The following report of the first elective ballot was given:

Youth Director

Total Votes Cast	283
Needed to Elect	190
Darin Poe	273

Having noted that Darin Poe received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Darin Poe reelected as Youth Director.

Assistant Youth Director

Total Votes Cast	283
Needed to Elect	190
Joshua Pritchett	279

Having noted that Joshua Pritchett received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Joshua Pritchett reelected as Assistant Youth Director.

#### **46 1 RESPONSE**

Mike Reighard and Carolyn Hudler shared details about this ministry. Carolyn was introduced as the District Lead Coordinator for this ministry.

#### **ELECTION OF CHURCH GROWTH DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT CHURCH GROWTH DIRECTOR**

The following report of the first elective ballot was given:

Church Growth Director

Total Votes Cast	309
Needed to Elect	207
Jim Calvin	281

Having noted that Jim Calvin received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Jim Calvin reelected as Church Growth Director.

Assistant Church Growth Director

Total Votes Cast	309
Needed to Elect	207
Gray Nordan	281

Having noted that Gray Nordan received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Gray Nordan reelected as Assistant Church Growth Director.

#### **THE KEEP**

Eric Porter shared about The Keep, an orphan ministry.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD OF HONOR**

The Superintendent's Award of Honor was presented to C. L. Stage, interim pastor of Mammoth Assembly of God, Gainesville, MO.

#### **CHI ALPHA**

Andy Estrella presented a video of Chi Alpha students involved in church planting efforts.

#### **ELECTION OF AFRICAN – AMERICAN EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEE**

Nominating Ballot

Cast – 231  
Needed to elect - 155

Nominees are as follows:

Danielle Paulson Jones  
Frank Davis  
James McIntosh  
Johnny Cobb  
Patricia Washington  
Racquel Garland  
Ralph Williams  
Samuel Bailey  
Ruth Turner

Yvonne Bailey

First Elective Ballot:

Cast – 234

Needed to elect – 174

Danielle Poulson Jones	8
Frank Davis	32
James McIntosh	39
Johnny Cobb	10
Patricia Washington	13
Ralph Williams	18
Samuel Bailey	50
Ruth Turner	8
Yvonne Bailey	56

Second Elective Ballot

Cast – 228

Needed to elect – 154

Yvonne Bailey	154 votes
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Having noted that Yvonne Bailey received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Yvonne Bailey elected as the Southern Missouri African-American Executive Presbyter nominee.

#### **ELECTION OF SECTIONAL PRESBYTERS**

##### **Clinton**

Total votes cast - 289, necessary to elect – 194. Gene Ekstrand – 287. Gene Ekstrand declared elected.

##### **Joplin**

Total votes cast - 289, necessary to elect – 194. Ken Robinson - 287. Ken Robinson declared elected.

##### **Kansas City**

Total votes cast - 289, necessary to elect – 194. John Martz - 287. John Martz declared elected.

##### **Sedalia**

Total votes cast - 289, necessary to elect – 194. Jeff Higbie - 282. Jeff Higbie declared elected.

##### **Springfield North**

Total votes cast - 289, necessary to elect – 194. Brad McAtee – 287. Brad McAtee declared elected.

##### **Springfield South**

Total votes cast - 289, necessary to elect – 194. Ted Cederblom - 286. Ted Cederblom declared elected.

##### **West Plains**

Total votes cast - 289, necessary to elect – 194. Tom Fortner – 288. Tom Fortner declared elected.

#### **LOOMIS INSURANCE**

Aaron Loomis, representing Loomis Insurance, shared a greeting.

**AGED MINISTERS ASSISTANCE**

Ken Tripp shared a greeting and provided information about AMA.

**RALLY TO THE CROSS**

Greg Quinn shared information about this ministry and presented a video.

Recess for lunch.

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Don Miller at 2:00pa.m.

**ROSTER COMMITTEE REPORT #2**

Reverend Terry Carter, Chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the second roster report: Ordained –189; Licensed - 87; Certified - 12; Delegates – 31. Total Voting – 319. Visitors – 116. Total Registered – 435. **MSC to accept with appreciation**

Roster was closed for the 2017 District Council

**MSC**

**ELECTION OF UNDER 40 EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEE**

Nominating Ballot

Cast – 186

Needed to elect – 125

The nominees are:

- Chad Banfield
- Alan Beauchamp
- Chris Buford
- Brandon Cederblom
- Leo Crosby
- Richard Cunningham
- Glenn Epps
- Chad Fisher
- Ryan Goeden
- Christiana Hansen
- Robert Hawk
- Zachary Hindman
- John Jahnke
- Brandon Lindell
- Jonathan Lindell
- Christian Lwali
- Michael McCrary
- Robert Poley
- Josh Pritchett
- Paul Richardson
- Derick Ruble
- Matt Schmidley
- Jason Sharpe
- Nathanael Smith
- Steven Sobey
- DeShae Thrasher
- Mark Verslues
- Austin Westlake

First Elective Ballot:

Cast – 135

Needed to elect – 91

Chad Banfield	8
Brandon Cederblom	4
Glenn Epps	3
Ryan Goeden	6
Robert Hawk	3
Zachary Hindman	5
John Jahnke	12
Brandon Lindell	5
Jonathan Lindell	6
Kristina Lwali	3
Michael McCrary	5
Robert Poley	7
Joshua Pritchett	6
Paul Richardson	27
Derik Ruble	4
Matt Schmidley	5
Nathanael Smith	5
DeShae Thrasher	5
Mark Verslues	7
Austin Westlake	10

Second Elective Ballot:

Cast – 179

Needed to elect – 120

Chad Banfield	5
Brandon Cederblom	3
Ryan Goeden	5
Zachary Hindman	3
John Jahnke	23
Joshua Pritchett	7
Paul Richardson	95
Austin Westlake	17

Per District Bylaws, the top three nominees advance.

Third Elective Ballot

Cast – 203

Needed to elect – 136

Paul Richardson – 177

Having noted that Paul Richardson received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Paul Richardson elected as the Southern Missouri Under 40 Executive Presbyter nominee.

**WOMEN’S MINISTRIES**

Video invitation to this year’s Women’s Retreat was presented.

**GEOERGE WOOD**

A video greeting from George Wood, General Superintendent was shown.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Missionaries and evangelists from the District were introduced.

### **Resolution 1 – Courtesy Resolution**

**MSC**

Whereas we recognize the blessing of God on this 103rd gathering of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God; and

Whereas a spirit of unity has prevailed at every turn; and

Whereas the Lord has clearly spoken to us through our leadership along with others who have delivered His Word; and

Whereas a general sense of having met with God permeates the very atmosphere; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that this 103rd Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God;

1. expresses appreciation to General Superintendent Dr George Wood, District Superintendent Pastor Don Miller, and Pastor Dan Betzer for their excellence in ministry;
2. renders thanks to God for His blessing and anointing; and
3. stands together in worship of the Lord our God from Whom all blessings flow.

### **Resolution 2- Courtesy Resolution**

**MSC**

Whereas this 103<sup>rd</sup> Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God has enjoyed exemplary hospitality and the commodious facilities in which it has been held; and

Whereas the staff of the host church has gone out of its way to provide well for every need of the Council; and

Whereas our presence has made for long hours and much work by the kind staff of the host church; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that this 103<sup>rd</sup> Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God;

1. expresses deepest appreciation to the capable Pastors and staff of Central Assembly of God;
2. recognizes and appreciates the generosity and hospitality of the congregation of the church;
3. extends heartfelt thanks to the Official Board of Central Assembly of God for the fraternal love with which they have opened their hearts and the facilities of the Church to this Council.

### **Resolution 3 – Courtesy Resolution**

**MSC**

Whereas this 103<sup>rd</sup> District Council has been a joyous time of celebration and fellowship marked by wonderful expressions of God's presence; and

Whereas we have been blessed by the excellent ministry of the Southern Missouri District leadership and staff; and

Whereas this time together is the culmination of hundreds of hours of hard work, intense times of prayer, diligent planning, and a willingness to be led by the Holy Spirit; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that this 103<sup>rd</sup> District Council expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to District Superintendent Pastor Don Miller, Assistant District Superintendent George Westlake III, Executive Secretary and District Missions Director Stan Welch, the District Executive Presbytery, the District Presbytery, the District Departmental Directors, the District office staff, and each of the District Council Committees.

### **EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

The chairman expressed appreciation and thanks to the Roster Committee, Parliamentary Committee, Resolutions Committee, and Tellers Committee.

Deep appreciation was also expressed to the members of the District team that made this District Council a success.

### **BUSSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

A motion prevailed to adjourn the business meeting of the 102<sup>nd</sup> District Council.

### **MISSIONS BANQUET, TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 25, 2017**

The Missions Banquet was held on Tuesday evening at the University Plaza Convention Center. Executive Secretary/Missions Director Stan Welch welcomed the congregation and District Superintendent Don Miller opened in prayer. Nine candidate missionaries were presented. Dan Betzer was the special speaker. Offerings were received for Gideon 300 with funds to be divided equally between the candidate missionaries.

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016**

9:30 a.m. Prayer/Praise/Communion Service  
11:30 a.m. Men's & Women's Luncheon

### **ORDINATION BANQUET**

An Ordination Banquet was held on Wednesday evening preceding the Ordination Service for all Ordination candidates.

### **ORDINATION SERVICE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 26, 2017**

Reverend Jack Hembree, Executive Presbyter NE Region, opened the service with Welcome & Prayer. A combined choir from Central AG and Sheffield Life Center, Kansas City presented special music. Licensed Candidates were honored. A time of Praise and Worship was led by the worship team from Sheffield Life, Kansas City. Reverend George Westlake III, Assistant Superintendent led in prayer.

The offering was received by Reverend Brenda Henson, Executive Presbyter SE Region, with special music for the offertory provided by Lydie Verslues.

Reverend Don Miller, Superintendent, introduced the speaker, Reverend George Wood, General Superintendent. Brother Wood was recognized for 50 years ordained ministry with the Assemblies of God. He was originally credentialed in the Southern Missouri District.

Following the preaching of the Word, the Ordination Candidates were presented for Ordination. A mantle was placed on the shoulders of each Candidate. Members of the District Presbytery, and those ministers designated, laid hands on the Candidates and prayed for them. Certificates of Ordination were presented.

Those receiving Certificates of Ordination were:

Danny Adams  
James Alverson  
Cassandra Bennett

Richard Altom  
Andrew Barclay  
Joseph Bigham



Frank Brooks  
Karty Burbridge  
Glenn Carter  
Maile Cockett  
Rebecca Davis  
Raquel Garland  
Timothy Godding  
Christina Hansen  
Kristina Lwali  
Matthew Maestas  
Patricia Washington  
Ralph Williams

Kevin Brown  
Steven Callahan  
Ian Casler  
Matthew Craft  
Larry Fencil  
Elsa Godding  
Zack Green  
Shannon Johnson  
Severin Lwali  
Marilyn Pulis  
Sandra Weber

Respectfully submitted,

Stan L. Welch  
District Executive Secretary