

MINUTES OF THE 104th ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
James River Church, Ozark, MO APRIL 23-25, 2018

MOMENTUM CONFERENCE - MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

The 104th District Council began with the Momentum Conference. Special guests were Rick Ross and Randal Ross.

MONDAY EVENING CELEBRATION SERVICE, APRIL 23, 2018

The Celebration Service was held at James River Church. District Superintendent Don Miller welcomed the congregation. David Lindell, pastor of James River West Campus, shared a welcome and offered prayer. The worship team from Sheffield Family Life Center 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 the Sheffield Worship Team.

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR ORDAINED MINISTERS

Special recognition and certificates were given to those ministers Ordained with the Assemblies of God for 50 years: Jack Borth, Naomi Merritt, Charles Millhouser, Hubert Morris, Harley Sampson and Mickey Thrasher.

RECOGNITION OF 60 YEAR ORDAINED MINISTERS

Special recognition and certificates were given to those ministers Ordained with the Assemblies of God for 60 years: George Flora, Thomas Jennings, Ray Trask and Thomas Trask.

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

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

BUSINESS SESSION, TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Don Miller at 9:00 a.m. Brother Miller expressed appreciation to James River Church for all they had done to make this District Council a success. Pastor John Lindell greeted the Council. 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 Jerry Orf.

ROSTER COMMITTEE REPORT #1

Reverend Jason Bottcher, Chairman of the Roster Committee, gave the initial roster report: Ordained –263; Licensed - 118; Certified - 16; Delegates – 61. Total Voting – 458. Visitors – 141. Total Registered – 599. **MSC to accept with appreciation**

MINUTES

The chair stated the Minutes of the 103rd 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. Appreciation expressed to members of the Cross Pointe Camp board. **MSC to accept with appreciation**

2017 FINANCIAL REPORT/2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

Highlights of the 2017 Financial Statement and the Proposed 2018 Budget were presented by Business Administrator, Rhonda Amer. Highlights of the 2018 Cross Pointe Camp budget were also presented.

MSC to accept all reports as presented

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE SEATED

The Resolutions Committee was seated. Members of the committee were Chairman Richard Orrell, Chris Gray, and Rose Hinton.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERS

The following report of the first elective ballot was given:

Election South East region – no election

Total Votes Cast	332
Needed to Elect	222
Brenda Henson	199
Phil Roop	102
Chuck Clark	31

Election South West region – no election

Total Votes Cast	338
Needed to Elect	226
Gary Ankrom	136
Ted Cederblom	122
Ken Robinson	50
Tom Fortner	30

Election North East region – no election

Total Votes Cast	347
Needed to Elect	220
Paul Scheperle	147
Joel Zarro	109
Dwight Jones	91

Election of North West region

Total Votes Cast	332
Needed to elect	222
Jason St John	222

Having noted that Jason St John received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Jason St John reelected as Executive Presbyter of the North West region.

The following report of the second elective ballot was given:

Election South East region

Total Votes Cast	350
Needed to Elect	234
Brenda Henson	305

Having noted that Brenda Henson received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Brenda Henson reelected as Executive Presbyter of the South East region.

Election South West region

Total Votes Cast	335
Needed to Elect	224
Gary Ankrom	224

Having noted that Gary Ankrom received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Gary Ankrom

reelected as Executive Presbyter of the South West region.

Election North East region

Total Votes Cast	329
Needed to Elect	220
Paul Scheperle	232

Having noted that Paul Scheperle received the number of votes in excess of the two-thirds required, the chairman declared Paul Scheperle elected as Executive Presbyter of the North East region.

SUPERINTENDENT’S VISION CASTING

Pastor Don shared his vision for the District. The key component focused on David’s fighting men and the relentless pursuit of victory. Closed in a corporate time of prayer. **MSC to accept with appreciation**

PROJECT REACH

Don Miller shared background information on the three year project. Jerry Harris provided an update on church planting in Missouri. Videos of two church planters were shown. Stan Welch gave an update on the international side including the 2018 project of church planting in Central Africa.

LOGOS BIBLE PROGRAM

A representative from Logos shared a presentation of their Bible software.

ELECTION OF SECTIONAL PRESBYTERS

Cape Girardeau

Total votes cast - 329, necessary to elect – 220. Phil Roop – 327. Phil Roop declared elected.

Kennett

Total votes cast - 329, necessary to elect – 220. Richard Ross - 325. Richard Ross declared elected.

Park Hills

Total votes cast - 329, necessary to elect – 220. Dwight Jones - 302. Dwight Jones declared elected.

St Louis

Total votes cast - 329, necessary to elect – 220. Joel Zarro - 326. Joel Zarro declared elected.

Sullivan

Total votes cast - 329, necessary to elect – 220. Jerry Beers – 329. Jerry Beers declared elected.

Van Buren

Total votes cast - 329, necessary to elect – 220. Scott Reynolds - 328. Scott Reynolds declared elected.

Ethnic

Total votes cast - 329, necessary to elect – 220. Yvonne Bailey – 326. Yvonne Bailey declared elected.

NETWORK 21-1

Kevin Weaver, president of Network 21-1, shared a greeting.

Resolution 1 – Increase to MBF Benefit

MSC

WHEREAS, the MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND was established by the Southern Missouri District Council to provide financial assistance to family members upon the death of an enrolled minister or spouse; and

WHEREAS, costs of funeral arrangements and other end-of-life concerns continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, the District Presbytery continues to monitor the viability of the MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND in order that the District might provide to our ministers and spouses the best benefit at the most reasonable cost; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XX. MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND, Section 4. Benefits, Subsection A. Class-A Membership, which presently reads:

A. Class-A Membership. The beneficiary will receive \$1,000 if death of the member should occur during the first year of membership, \$3,000 if death of the member occurs during second year of membership, and \$5,500 if death of the member occurs during third year of membership or thereafter.

Be amended to read:

A. Class-A Membership. The beneficiary will receive \$1,000 if death of the member should occur during the first year of membership, \$3,000 if death of the member occurs during second year of membership, and \$6,000 if death of the member occurs during third year of membership or thereafter.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XX. MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND, Section 4. Benefits, Subsection B. Class-B Membership, which presently reads:

B. Class-B Membership. Class B members shall receive 6% interest added to their contributions on an annual basis. The principal and interest accrued at the time of death will be paid to the beneficiary, the amount not to exceed \$5,500.

Be amended to read:

B. Class-B Membership. Class B members shall receive 6% interest added to their contributions on an annual basis. The principal and interest accrued at the time of death will be paid to the beneficiary, the amount not to exceed \$6,000.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery

Resolution 2 - Additional Representation on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council

MSC

WHEREAS, the *Bylaws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PRESBYTERS, Section 2. Nominations and Elections, Subsection c. Nonresident executive presbyters, Sub-subsection (2) *Divisions for electing nonresident executive presbyters*, Sub-sub-subsection (c) *Additional representation*, provides for additional representation on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council as follows:

(c) *Additional representation.* The nomination process for three additional nonresident executive presbyters shall be made as follows: Each district council, at its annual meeting prior to the General Council session, may nominate three individuals from its district to the Executive Presbytery, one who is an ordained minister under 40 years of age at the time of election, one ordained female minister (no age requirement), and one ordained African-American minister (no age requirement). The members of the Executive Board of the National Black Fellowship shall also be considered nominees for the African-American ordained minister. From the nominees the General Presbytery shall select and submit to the General Council four names of ordained ministers under 40 years of age at the time of election, four names of ordained female ministers (no age requirement), and four names of ordained African-American ministers (no age requirement). The candidates shall be presented to the General Council in session and voted on by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote shall be required to elect;

and

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Southern Missouri District Council, have chosen to participate in the aforementioned opportunity to provide nominees to the General Presbytery for consideration as additional representatives on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council; and

WHEREAS, it seems appropriate that those groups specially represented by the aforementioned *three additional nonresident executive presbyters* should have first opportunity to express themselves in the choosing of nominees to be presented to the General Presbytery; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE X. OFFICERS, Section 6. General Council Executive Presbyter Nominees, Paragraph 2, which presently reads:

In addition, the Southern Missouri District Council shall participate in presenting nominees to the General Presbytery for consideration as additional representatives on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council as described in the *Bylaws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE II, Section 2, Subsection c (2) (c). Thus, the Southern Missouri District Council shall, at its annual meeting prior to the appropriate General Council session, elect one ordained minister under 40 years of age, one ordained female minister, and one ordained African-American minister to serve as nominees for such additional representation. Election shall take place by secret ballot and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required to elect said nominees. The names of the three elected nominees shall be submitted to the General Presbytery.

Be amended to read:

In addition, the Southern Missouri District Council shall participate in presenting nominees to the General Presbytery for consideration as additional representatives on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council as described in the *Bylaws of the General Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE II, Section 2, Subsection c (2) (c). Such nominees shall consist of one ordained minister under 40 years of age, one ordained female minister, and one ordained African-American minister.

A. Ordained Minister Under 40 Years of Age. One ordained minister under 40 years of age shall be chosen by the District Council to serve as a nominee to the General Presbytery for consideration as an additional representative on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. All credentialed ministers under 40 years of age within the District shall be invited to participate in a specially called caucus to be held prior to the appropriate annual meeting of the District Council for the purpose of choosing a nominee for presentation to the District Council in session. The place, time, and format of the caucus shall be announced by the District Superintendent, and the caucus shall be presided over by an Executive Officer of the District. At the discretion of the District Superintendent, the caucus may be conducted electronically, as described in Bylaws ARTICLE X (OFFICERS), Section 10 (Electronic Meetings). Opportunity shall be provided to those ministers invited to the caucus to submit absentee ballots to the District Executive Secretary between the time of the announcement of the caucus and the day of the caucus itself. Absentee ballots shall be added to the ballots cast at the caucus. The caucus shall choose, by secret ballot and by a two-thirds majority vote, the names of no more than three ordained ministers under 40 years of age to be presented to the District Council in session. The District Council in session shall be provided with the names of the caucus' nominees along with the opportunity to submit additional names for nomination from the floor. Three votes shall be required to nominate from the floor. Election shall take place by secret ballot, and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required to elect the nominee. The name of the elected nominee shall be submitted to the General Presbytery in accordance with its specified guidelines.

B. Ordained Female Minister. One ordained female minister shall be chosen by the District Council to serve as a nominee to the General Presbytery for consideration as an additional representative on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. All credentialed female ministers within the District shall be invited to participate in a specially called caucus to be held prior to the appropriate annual meeting of the District Council for the purpose of choosing a nominee for presentation to the District Council in session. The place, time, and format of the caucus shall be announced by the District Superintendent, and the caucus shall be presided over by an Executive Officer of the District. At the discretion of the District Superintendent, the caucus may be conducted electronically, as described in Bylaws ARTICLE X (OFFICERS), Section 10 (Electronic Meetings). Opportunity shall be provided to those ministers invited to the caucus to submit absentee ballots to the District Executive Secretary between the time of the announcement of the caucus and the day of the caucus itself. Absentee ballots shall be added to the ballots cast at the caucus. The caucus shall choose, by secret ballot and by a two-thirds majority vote, the names of no more than three ordained female ministers to be presented to the District Council in session. The District Council in session shall be provided with the names of the caucus' nominees along with the opportunity to submit additional names for nomination from the floor. Three votes shall be required to nominate from the floor. Election shall take place by secret ballot, and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required to elect the nominee. The name of the elected nominee shall be submitted to the General Presbytery in accordance with its specified guidelines.

C. Ordained African-American Minister. One ordained African-American minister shall be chosen by the District Council to serve as a nominee to the General Presbytery for consideration as an additional representative on the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. All credentialed African-American ministers within the District shall be invited to participate in a specially called caucus to be held prior to the appropriate annual meeting of the District Council for the purpose of choosing a nominee for presentation to the District Council in session. The place, time, and format of the caucus shall be announced by the District Superintendent, and the caucus shall be presided over by an Executive Officer of the District. At the discretion of the District Superintendent, the caucus may be conducted electronically, as described in Bylaws ARTICLE X (OFFICERS), Section 10 (Electronic Meetings). Opportunity shall be provided to those ministers invited to the caucus to submit absentee ballots to the District Executive Secretary between the time of the announcement of the caucus and the day of the caucus itself. Absentee ballots shall be added to the ballots cast at the caucus. The caucus shall choose, by secret ballot and by a two-thirds majority vote, the names of no more than three ordained African-American ministers to be presented to the District Council in session. The District Council in session shall be provided with the names of the caucus' nominees along with the opportunity to submit additional names for nomination from the floor. Three votes shall be required to nominate from the floor. Election shall take place by secret ballot, and a two-thirds majority vote shall be required to elect the nominee. The name of the elected nominee shall be submitted to the General Presbytery in accordance with its specified

guidelines.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery

Resolution 3 – Senior Status for Ministers

MSC

WHEREAS, the 57th General Council of the Assemblies of God in session (August 7-11, 2017) adopted Resolution 6. Senior Status for Ministers, thereby amending General Council Bylaws ARTICLE VII. MINISTRY, Section 7. Senior Ministers, to read in part:

Section 7. Senior-Retired Ministers

In respect and honor to those ministers who have given years of service to the Fellowship, the term *senior-retired* shall be used for those who are 65 years of age or older and who have ceased to engage in any regular appointed ministry.

a. Application for retired category. Senior-retired status shall be granted only to those ministers who filed a request for such status with their district office. The district secretary shall forward annually to the general secretary a list of those ministers who have made these requests.

b. Guidelines

(1) *Reports.* Senior-retired ministers shall file an abbreviated annual report to maintain a correct mailing address.

(2) *Designation in publications.* Senior-retired ministers shall have the status indicated in the *Official List of Assemblies of God Ministers*.

(3) *Support of General Council National Leadership and Resource Center.* Senior-retired ministers shall be free to distribute as they desire the portion of their tithes previously paid to the General Council.

And

WHEREAS, the adoption of the aforementioned Resolution 6 eliminated the statuses *senior-active* and *senior-semiretired* from the General Council Bylaws, thus retaining only the *senior-retired* status; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the aforementioned Resolution 6 also clarified the procedure for granting *senior-retired* status; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Missouri District Council, in voluntary cooperative fellowship with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, is resolved to bring its Bylaws into agreement and conformity with the General Council Bylaws; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XV. MINISTRY, Section 5. Official List, Subsection B. Senior Ministers, which presently reads:

B. Senior Ministers. Those ministers who shall reach the age of 65 or older shall be given status of recognition as senior ministers. A minister who is active more than half-time in ministry shall be listed as senior-active; a minister who gives one-half or less time to the ministry shall be listed as senior semi-retired; a minister without regular ministry shall be listed as senior-retired.

Be amended to read:

B. Senior-Retired Ministers. In respect and honor to those ministers who have given years of service to the Fellowship, the term *senior-retired* shall be used for those who are 65 years of age or older and who have ceased to engage in any regular appointed ministry. Senior-retired status shall be granted only to those ministers who filed a request for such status with the District Office. The District Executive Secretary shall forward annually to the General Secretary a list of those ministers who have made these requests.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XVIII. FINANCES, Section 2. Manner of Remitting, Subsection F. Support of Senior Ministers, which presently reads:

F. Support of Senior Ministers. Senior-active and senior semi-retired ministers shall continue to designate the required amount of support to the District headquarters. Senior retired ministers shall be exempt from this requirement. Whatever support they give shall be on a voluntary basis.

Be amended to read:

F. Support of Senior-Retired Ministers. Senior-retired ministers shall not be required to contribute any particular amount of their tithes to the Southern Missouri District Council. Whatever support they may choose to give shall be on a voluntary basis.

And be it further

RESOLVED that the *Bylaws of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God*, ARTICLE XX. MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND, Section 9. Hardship Exception, Subsection A. Senior Retired Ministers, which presently reads:

A. Senior Retired Ministers. Senior Retired ministers facing financial strain may make application to their Sectional Presbyter for a Hardship Exception. Each application shall be kept confidential and shall be considered on a case by case basis by the District Presbytery. Upon approval, an exception shall be granted to the minister and he or she shall be exempted from the required contributions.

Be edited to read:

A. Senior-Retired Ministers. Senior-retired ministers facing financial strain may make application to their Sectional Presbyter for a Hardship Exception. Each application shall be kept confidential and shall be considered on a case by case basis by the District Presbytery. Upon approval, an exception shall be granted to the minister and he or she shall be exempted from the required contributions.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery

SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD OF HONOR

The Superintendent's Award of Honor was presented to Jack Hembree, pastor of Bethel Fellowship in Florissant. Jack has served as a presbyter and executive presbyter for 23 years.

Resolution 4 - Honorary General Presbyter – James T. Bradford

MSC

WHEREAS, James T. Bradford, Ph.D., has served our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assemblies of God with great distinction as a minister of the gospel for 39 years, having been licensed to preach on May 1, 1979, and ordained on April 14, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford has served The General Council of the Assemblies of God as General Secretary with exceptional Christian excellence since his appointment to that office in February, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford has submitted his resignation as General Secretary of The General Council of the Assemblies of God in order to pursue full-time pastoral ministry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford has served for nearly four decades in pastoral ministry, having fulfilled assignments as Chi Alpha Campus Pastor at the University of Minnesota, pioneer Pastor of Sojourn Campus Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Pastor at Newport-Mesa Christian Center in Costa Mesa, California, Pastor at Broadway Church in Vancouver, British Columbia, and Pastor at Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford has served on executive boards including those of Vanguard University, the Southern California District Executive Presbytery, Evangel University, the General Council Executive Presbytery, and the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford continues now to serve the body of Christ in pastoral ministry as Pastor at Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford has distinguished himself among us as an exemplary servant leader, being richly evidenced by his spirit of genuine love, sincere kindness, and Christ like humility; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford has further distinguished himself among us as a skilled and anointed overseer, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, excelling in faith, marked by integrity and diligence, correctly handling the word of truth, and showing himself to be one who watches his life and doctrine closely; and

WHEREAS, The Apostle Paul in his New Testament letters urged the Church to give honor to whom honor is due and further declared that the elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford has proven himself faithful as he has walked and worked among us; and

WHEREAS, As members of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, we have enjoyed the privilege of serving alongside Dr. Bradford as close kindred and in dear fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3, paragraph j, of THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD makes provision for persons of such faithfulness and distinction as Dr. Bradford to be chosen as honorary general presbyters of The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2, paragraph d, (9), of THE BYLAWS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD further describes the rights and privileges of such honorary general presbyters; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bradford meets and exceeds the qualifications specified by the THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD for election by the General Council to the position of honorary general presbyter; therefore be it

RESOLVED that this 104th session of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God request that the General Presbytery approve James T. Bradford for election as honorary general presbyter of The General Council of the Assemblies of God by the General Council in session; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Southern Missouri District Council express its heartfelt appreciation to Dr. James T. Bradford for his loyal and loving service to our Assemblies of God fellowship.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the District Presbytery

CHURCH EXTENSION PLAN

A representative of Church Extension Plan made a presentation.

HONOR OUTGOING PRESBYTERS

Outgoing presbyters: Chuck Clark, Danny Kemp, Dan Ross and Jack Hembree were honored for their years of service on the presbytery.

ROSTER REPORT

Recommendation made to keep the roster open until the end of Council

MSC

INTRODUCTIONS

Missionaries and evangelists from the District were recognized.

Courtesy Resolution #1

MSC

WHEREAS, we recognize the blessing of God on this 104th gathering of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, a spirit of unity has prevailed in each event; and

WHEREAS, the Lord has clearly spoken to us through our leadership who have delivered His Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit; and

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

RESOLVED that this 104th Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God express appreciation and a “heart-felt” thank you to District Superintendent Pastor Don Miller, Assistant Superintendent Pastor George Westlake III, and Secretary/Missions Pastor Stan Welch for their excellence in ministry and servant leadership.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the Resolutions Committee

Courtesy Resolution #2

MSC

WHEREAS, this 104th District Council of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God has enjoyed the beautiful and spacious facilities of James River Church, and

WHEREAS, the pastors and staff of the church have been gracious hosts, willing servants, and assisted in assuring the success of this Council; therefore be it

RESOLVED that this 104th Southern Missouri District Council in session extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to James River Church, Pastor John Lindell, the church staff, and the board for hosting this Council and for the many courtesies extended during the Council.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the Resolutions Committee

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 104th District Council.

MISSIONS BANQUET, TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 24, 2018

The Missions Banquet was held on Tuesday evening at the Oasis Convention Center. Executive Secretary/Missions Director Stan Welch welcomed the congregation and Larry Graham opened in prayer. Seven candidate missionaries were presented. Stan Welch was the special speaker. Offerings were received for Gideon 300 with funds to be divided equally between the candidate missionaries.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

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 25, 2018

Reverend Jason St John, Executive Presbyter NW Region, opened the service with Welcome & Prayer. Licensed Candidates were honored. A time of Praise and Worship was led by the worship team from James River Church. Gary Ankrom, Executive Presbyter of the SW Region, led in prayer.

The offering was received by Reverend Yvonne Bailey, Ethnic Presbyter, with special music for the offertory provided by a youth worship team from Salem Grace Community.

Reverend George Westlake III, Assistant Superintendent, introduced the speaker, Reverend Don Miller, Southern Missouri District Superintendent.

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:

Teresa Alverson
Jason Bottcher

Dalton Avery
Ryan Brooks

Alicia Dair-Esquer
Deborah Galyen
James Hennessy
Jordyn Kolton
Branden Leighty
Ana Marsh
Mark Mortenson
Felicia Schmidly
Mary Beth Thoms
Darnell West

Joshua Earls
Mary Hembree
Brandon Hukill
Timothy Lee
Savannah Lindell
Isaiah Monroe
Samuel Replogle
Laura Scott
Yisrael Vincent
Cyndee Williams

Respectfully submitted,

Stan L. Welch
District Executive Secretary