

1 SOUTHERN MISSOURI MINISTRY NETWORK  
2 CONFERENCE CVIII MINUTES  
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4 At 9:03 A.M., Chairman called the Network Conference to order and provided instructions on  
5 the procedure of addressing the Chair and voting.  
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7 Roger Perkin opened the business session in prayer.  
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9 Chair declared the voting constituency shall consist of all credentialed ministers.  
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11 **PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SEATED**

12 Parliamentary committee were recognized. Chairman-Jerry Orf, Gary Ankrom and Jerry  
13 Workman.  
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15 Resolution committee were presented: Paul Richardson, Regina Hix and Eric Bates  
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17 **ROSTER REPORT #1:**

18 Steve Bradshaw read the morning roster report as follows:

19 Certified: 15  
20 Licensed: 132  
21 Ordained: 256  
22 Delegates: 53

23 **Total voting 456**

**MSC to accept.**

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25 **ANNUAL REPORTS**

26 Chairman stated the Annual Reports have been made available online and request.

27 **Motion to approve all reports without reading with the exception of**  
28 **Superintendents, Executive Secretary and Chief Financial Officer's report. MSC**  
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30 **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/MISSIONS/CAMP REPORT**

31 Stan Welch addressed the constituency and presented his report detailing highlights from  
32 School of Ministry and Camp renovations. He took a moment to remember all ministers who  
33 passed since last conference.  
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35 **Motion to accept Executive Secretary/Missions/Camp Report MSC to accept.**  
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37 **2022 FINANCIAL REPORT**

38 Rhonda Amer presented a brief review of the year's financial report. Highlights included Tithe  
39 increase of 3% over 2021 at \$2,641,716. General Operating Fund ended with \$219,027 and  
40 General Savings ended with a balance of \$247,189 and Future Camp Build Fund ended with a  
41 balance of \$985,463. Missionary Support and Compassion Giving from the General Fund was  
42 \$189,341, and a Departmental investment of \$155,000. Church assistance was \$463,496. The  
43 Ministers Benevolence Fund ended at \$1.8 million. She reiterated the importance of keeping the  
44 MBF funded because just in one year, overall expenses for 2022 were \$181,953 just for MBF.  
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46 Report was moved and seconded to receive. No discussion or question.

47 **Accept 2022 Financial Report**

**MSC to accept.**

1 **2023 PROPOSED BUDGET**

2 Rhonda Amer shared the proposed budget for 2023 is based on a 2% increase in tithe. Starting  
3 with a beginning balance of \$219,000 and an ending balance of \$234,000.

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5 **Motion to approve budget with understanding Presbytery will be given liberty to**  
6 **adjust as needed. MS**

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8 No discussion or questions.

9 **APPROVE 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET** **MSC**

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11 Chairman took a moment to provide instructions on voting area seating to assist with the  
12 collection of paper voting ballots.

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14 **NETWORK YOUTH DIRECTOR ELECTORAL BALLOT**  
15 Chairman read the qualifications for Youth Director. And provided instructions for ballot.  
16 Chairman called for a vote.  
17 Voting closed.

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19 **NETWORK YOUTH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELECTORAL BALLOT**  
20 Chairman provided instructions for ballot and called for a vote.  
21 Voting closed.

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23 **NETWORK CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES/DISCIPLISHIP DIRECTOR ELECTORAL BALLOT**  
24 Chairman stated the qualifications read for the Youth Director were basically the same with  
25 exception of age qualification. Chairman provided instructions for ballot and called for a vote.  
26 Voting closed.

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28 **NETWORK CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES/DISCIPLISHIP ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**  
29 **ELECTORAL BALLOT**  
30 Chairman opened voting. Voting closed.

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32 Video greeting from GC Superintendent Doug Clay with a special invitation to attend the  
33 General Council of the Assemblies of God in Columbus, Ohio.

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35 **MISSIONS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELECTORAL BALLOT**  
36 Chairman explained the role of this position. Facing no objection, the qualifications for this  
37 position were not necessary to read again since they are the same for the other two previously  
38 voted Director positions. Chairman states Cliff Cato was the selected nominee by the Missions  
39 Department. Chairman opened voting. Ballots collected and voting declared closed.

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41 **MISSIONS DEPARTMENT SECRETARY ELECTORAL BALLOT**  
42 Chairman explained that David Cox was nominated by the Missions Department  
43 Voting open. Voting closed.

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45 Chairman relinquished governing chair to George Westlake.

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47 **SUPERINTENDENT VISION CASTING**

1 Superintendent addressed the body and shared his vision for 2023. He wishes to establish a  
2 prayer network and see 100 new places of worship raised up with 60% of the Network  
3 churches healthy and growing. 2022 has been a year of recovering from Covid-19 and  
4 challenged the audience to stand up and be counted. Superintendent expressed hope before  
5 sharing statistics of lead pastors. He shared ways to increase leadership; reemphasize the call  
6 of God, identify those God is stirring, utilize inactive credentialed ministers, create ministry  
7 opportunities to those called and create a sending atmosphere and culture.

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9 **MOTION TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT REPORT** **MSC**

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11 George Westlake relinquished chair to Superintendent Don Miller.

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13 **ROSTER REPORT #2**

14 Chairman called for a roster report. Roster committee moved to close roster.  
15 Steve Bradshaw read the roster report as follows:

16 Certified: 16  
17 Licensed: 132  
18 Ordained: 268  
19 Delegates: 55

20 **Total voting 471**

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22 **NETWORK YOUTH DIRECTOR NOMINATION BALLOT RESULT**

23 Ballots cast 338. Necessary 2/3 to elect is 225.

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25 **Brandon Cederblom 338**  
26 **Wes Smith 6**

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28 Chairman declared Brandon Cederblom elected.  
29 Brandon Cederblom approached the microphone and addressed the assembly.

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31 **NETWORK YOUTH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NOMINATION BALLOT RESULT**

32 Ballots cast 315. Necessary 2/3 to elect is 210.

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34 **Wes Smith 315**

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36 Chairman declared Wes Smith elected.

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38 **NETWORK CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES/DISCIPLSHIP DIRECTOR BALLOT RESULT**

39 Ballots cast 366. Necessary 2/3 to elect is 244.

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41 **Chip Dudden 360**

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43 Chairman declared Chip Dudden elected. Chip Dudden approached mic to address assembly.

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45 **NETWORK CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES/DISCIPLSHIP ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BALLOT**  
46 **RESULT**

47 Ballots cast 335. Necessary 2/3 to elect 223.

1 **Gray Nordan 321**

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3 Chairman declared Gray Nordan elected.

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5 **NETWORK MISSIONS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

6 Ballots cast 347. Necessary majority to elect.

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8 **Cliff Cato- 335**

9 **Ron Morein 3**

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11 Chairman declared Cliff Cato elected.

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13 **GULF AREA EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEE**

14 Stan Welch made the motion by acclamation that Superintendent Don Miller and Assistant  
15 Superintendent George Westlake be Southern Missouri Ministry Network Nominees for the Gulf  
16 Area Executive Presbyter.

17 **ACCEPT MOTION TO NOMINATE DON MILLER AND GEORGE WESTLAKE MSC**

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19 **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER ORDAINED FEMALE NOMINEE**

20 Chairman explained the role of this position. Three names are being presented to the body from  
21 the Presbytery with a space for nomination on ballot. The name chosen will be presented to  
22 General Presbytery for selection of four names from possible 66 names that will be presented.  
23 Chairman continued to inform that this is not an election, but a nomination to be considered for  
24 vote a General Presbytery.

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26 Vote open. Chairman declared ballot closed.

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28 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION-COMPACT MINISTRY**

29 Alan Bixler addressed the assembly.

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31 **RESOLUTION 1-CHURCH HEALTH**

32 Paul Richardson read the proposed resolution and moved for its adoption.  
33 Chairman provided some clarification being there was no discussion, he called for a vote.

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35 **APPROVE RESOLUTION 1- CHURCH HEALTH MSC**

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37 Chairman showed appreciation to Greg Perkins for drafting the resolution.

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39 **RESOLUTION 2 –MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND DUES EXEMPTION**

40 Chairman provided explanation as to the reason this resolution is not being presented to the  
41 body for consideration. The author has requested the resolution to be withdrawn.

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43 **NETWORK PRESBYTER RATIFICATION BALLOT**

44 Chairman provided brief explanation and instruction regarding the ratification of the West  
45 Presbyters. Voting opened and closed.

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47 **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER ORDAINED FEMALE NOMINEE BALLOT RESULT**

48 Chairman declared invalid and called for another vote using a blank ballot from voting pad.

1 Votes cast was 353. Necessary to be selected was 235.

2 **RHONDA AMER 136**

3 **BRENDA HENSON 69**

4 **ASHLEY PRITCHETT 145**

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6 **MISSIONS DEPARTMENT SECRETARY ELECTORAL BALLOT**

7 Number ballots cast 347. Majority vote necessary to elect.

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9 **David Cox 335**

10 **Ron Morein 3**

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12 Chairman declared David Cox elected.

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14 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION- SUPERINTENDENT’S AWARD**

15 Vincent Frasier and his wife were presented a special plaque.

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17 Motion for a brief potty break. Chairman accepted motion for brief recess. **MSC**

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19 Business called back to order 11:00 AM.

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21 Chairman requested a motion to have the word “potty” stuck from the minutes.

22 Motion failed.

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24 **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER ORDAINED FEMALE SECOND BALLOT RESULT**

25 Chairman shared vote resulted in no results and called for another vote.

26 Votes cast 339. Necessary to win 226.

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28 **Rhonda Amer 107**

29 **Ashley Pritchett 209**

30 **Brenda Hendon 22**

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32 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION- MARANATHA VILLAGE**

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34 **WEST PRESBYTER RATIFICATION RESULTS**

35 Chairman declared all Presbyters were ratified. He requested all the West Area Presbyters to

36 stand and be shown appreciation.

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38 **Jeff Higbie 342 2 no**

39 **Allen Perkins 343 1 no**

40 **Ken Robinson 337 9 no**

41 **John Martz 341 5 no**

42 **Chris Gray 331 14 no**

43 **Brad McAtee 342 5 no**

44 **Ryan Goeden 333 13 no**

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46 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION-SEEK & SAVE OUTREACH**

47 Greg Perkins shared information on the upcoming event scheduled for June 20-24. He solicited

48 teams to assist with evangelism initiative. Training will be conducted on May 12 & 13 at Grace

