

# Genesis BOA

## Focal Points

*from BOA Meetings in January & February 2017:*

The Genesis BOA met on January 19th at Northgate FMC in Batavia and held its February 16 meeting at our new Genesis Center in North Chili at Roberts Wesleyan College.

**Organization:** Supt. Pam Braman shared a new plan for community, accountability, and resourcing within Genesis Conference. This has been developed from visits to churches & conversations with pastors along with in depth conversations with District Leaders and MEG Board Members. Accountability will occur through the area MEGB's. Resourcing will come largely through the conference. Community will occur through "Conference Community Groups" (CCG's), which replace the former districts. The Conference MEGB will be responsible for the entire ordination process including doing all interviews.

**Global Associate:** The concept of a "Global Associate," essentially a pastor under appointment in the conference for broader ministry beyond the local church, was approved. Other conferences utilize this designation and have existing processes and documentation that we can borrow from.

**Ministerial Appointments Committee (MAC):** Genesis MAC currently has nine members including the bishop, superintendent, three clergy, and four lay members. The size was a result of the merger of former Genesee and Susquehanna Conferences in 2008 when larger membership was established to enable greater representation from both former conferences. The 2015 FM Book of Discipline ¶15220 identifies MAC composition as being the Bishop, Superintendent, and one lay person with the option to add an additional elder and an additional lay member. On motion, BOA approved that our Genesis MAC be in line with 2015 FM Book of Discipline ¶15220 using the model that includes one additional elder and one additional lay member, for a total of five members. This will go into effect at Annual Conference 2017.

**Nominating Committee:** The current nomination process for Genesis is that the BOA secures nominations for Conference MEG and Area MEG Boards. The Conference MEGB secures nominations for the BOA. On motion BOA approved establishing a Nominating Committee beginning with 2017-2018 conference year that will be separate from the BOA and MEGB. This aligns with the Book of Discipline ¶15080. The size will be a minimum of 6, and maximum of 8, with terms of three years, and a term limit of two consecutive terms. The superintendent will be an ex-officio member.

**Area MEG Boards:** A motion was approved to reduce Genesis Area MEGs from six members to four members each and retain balance of clergy and lay members. Terms remain the same: three year terms, with a term limit of two consecutive terms. This change comes as part of MEG transition by Supt. Braman in redefining Conference MEGB and Area MEGB responsibilities.

**Finance Committee:** A recommendation was approved to adopt a "Pass Through" policy in line with the denomination, that also includes the following: "Any funds that come into the church that are aggregated for convenience or for efficiency/cost savings for which the donor would not receive a taxable donation receipt to be considered pass throughs." Our Genesis policy identifies the process for reviewing and approving pass-throughs.

**Miscellaneous:**

- The process of relocating the Conference Office on the campus of Roberts Wesleyan College was completed.
- Progress on loans and building projects was reviewed.
- Robert Searle was received into Genesis Conference as an Elder by Transfer from the United Methodist denomination.
- Genesis Conference financials and Fair Share statements, including open invoices, were reviewed. Our policy is to follow up with churches that are over two months past due in Fair Share payments.
- The Genesis Conference Foundation financials were reviewed.
- Administrator Randy Freeman shared a report that included his interactions with a number of churches on possible projects.

Blessings,

Todd Daningburg, Chair  
Genesis BOA