

# Genesis BOA

## Focal Points

*from BOA Meetings June-November 2017:*

*I thank my God every time I remember you.* Paul's words from Philippians 1:3 encourage us to regularly give thanks for one another. As we approach Thanksgiving, my mind and memory is focused on the people who have been conduits and models of God's love to me. Many from Genesis Conference have shaped my life for God and for good from my earliest days. One way of showing gratitude is by "giving back" and "paying forward" the benefits of grace we have received from God's people. Thus, the love of God will continue to spread from us to this generation and those to come.

Here are some snapshots of the work of Genesis BOA since Annual Conference:

New and returning members were welcomed, including Dave Francis (Layperson from Edgewood), Jeremy Kelly (Elder from Pearce), and Pam Kimmel (Layperson from Brockport).

Following 15 years of faithful service, Judy Cornman resigned from being Conference Secretary (a volunteer role), which was accepted with regret and deep appreciation. She continues to serve in her employment role as Office Administrator for Genesis Conference, for which we are grateful. Pete Mills (Elder, Crossroads FMC, Webster) was elected to serve as Conference Secretary for the remainder of the current conference year.

A revised Restoration Policy was approved. This provides clarity on the steps to follow in restoring a minister.

The Conference Policy Manual is being updated and revised.

A Superintendent Evaluation Committee developed an assessment which has been made available online to members of the Annual Conference. Deadline for completing the [Superintendent Evaluation](#) is Wednesday, December 6.

Project applications approved include the following:

- Park Ridge FMC, Rochester, for a lift and external ramp.
- Eastside FMC, Fairport, for a renovation project and Challenge Loan Fund loan for new property they are leasing long-term for ministry space in Fairport.
- Akron FMC for a name change to "One Church."
- Edgewood FMC, Rochester, for sale of Honeoye Falls property to Calvary Chapel Southside.

The Genesis Conference Foundation Annual Meeting was held in September. Mark Logan was voted for another three-year term as one of the Directors of the Foundation (GCF).

Treasurer Scott Sittig and Administrator Randy Freeman report that Conference Financials continue to run at a historically high level, for which we praise God. There are a small number of churches that are not current on their Fair Share, but efforts are being made to engage them in conversation and encourage full support. Overall, we are at 98% in Fair Share giving.

Conference expenses are also holding well and to date we are coming in under budget. The net income is allowing us to fully fund our conference commitments with cash such as church planting and many other smaller initiatives. Eventually this will mean that all the commitments we see on paper (our Conference balance sheet) will also be available for immediate withdrawal from the bank when opportunities arise.

In May we commissioned a modified audit called an Agreed-Upon Procedures process covering the 2016 fiscal year. The results were recently submitted to the BOA. The process was conducted by Melanie French, an independent CPA. Several helpful recommendations were made and are being implemented by the management team. There were no issues that were cause for alarm, which provides a high degree of comfort that our financial management process is sound and run with good accountability.

The budget for 2018 was approved with an overall reduction of just under 1% from 2017.

Churches are encouraged to follow the latest edition of the Policy Manual when it comes to applying for building projects, renovations, or the purchase or sale of property. Any building or renovation project that is anticipated to cost more than 10% of a church's annual budget requires approval from the Conference Board of Administration. Questions regarding procedures should be directed to the conference office.

In light of the recent tragic shootings in Sutherland Springs, TX and elsewhere, the BOA is considering ways to help churches be resourced in managing a crisis, such as an active shooter.

For prayer: we continue to consider possible offers for the Wildwood Property. A couple of prior offers did not materialize, so we invite you to join us in praying for God's timing and the right buyer to come along.

With Thanks,

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