

**GATEWAY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST SESSION
FIRST SITTING – April 12, 2019**

The first sitting of the 141st session of the Gateway Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church of North America convened on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Greenville Free Methodist Church in Greenville, IL with Bishop David Kendall presiding.

A time of worship was led by team members from the various churches.

Bishop David Kendall brought the message from I John 4:7-12 and Romans 5:5. Are our hearts right? Our hearts, minds, and hands are transformed and conformed to the likeness of Christ because God forms a people of holy love. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and might. There must be love at the center of everything. At the center of the universe, there is a broken heart, and it is for us.

The bar of the conference was established and voting members were urged to be seated.

The conference was called to order by Bishop Kendall.

Roll call was read by Barb Sands.

ON MOTION from Deborah Somerville, the Standing Rules & Procedures were adopted.

By consensus, tellers elected were David Ball, Chadwick Anderson, Tyler Boyer, Tom Busch, Steve Neville, and Archie Fox.

The Nominating Committee ballots were presented by Charles Coates.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION:

Clergy (vote for one):

Mike Aden
 David Sain
 Write-in

Lay (vote for two):

Mark Whitlock
 Ron Gines
 Donna Smith
 Charles Coates
 Terry Louden
 Tom McCarty

Secretary (vote for one):

C.J. Dyas
 Write-in

Treasurer:

David Hooks
 Write-in

ELECTION OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE AND APPOINTMENTS (MEGA)

Clergy (vote for one):

- Tyler Boyer
- Paul Alf
- Javier Quintana
- Write-in

Lay (vote for two):

- Carolyn Martin
- Christy Coates
- Kristen Schindler
- Chuck Miller
- Bev Boehm
- Patti Maurer
- Laura Sain
- Gary Cadwell
- Write-in

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Clergy (vote for one):

- Randy Sands
- Chris Smith
- David Sain
- Write-in

Lay (vote for one):

- Donna Smith
- Kent Krober
- Mary Lou Cromwell
- Christie Kessinger
- Write-in

A video was presented featuring Amy Marcoot who is the overseer of Celebrate Recovery at the Greenville Free Methodist Church.

Carolyn Martin, secretary, gave the report for the MEGA Board:

1. That the following persons be **received by transfer**:
David Ball (E), North Central Conference
Matthew Schutter (E), Wabash Conference

The actions of the MEGA Board were affirmed by consensus.

2. That the following persons be **received as Conference Ministerial Candidates**:
Keith Battleson
Emily Beans
Angela Keefe

The actions of the MEGA Board were affirmed by consensus.

3. That the following persons be **designated as Licensed Pastors:**

Reuben Diyali
Archie Fox
Eugene Gillis
Shanella Huntley-Marzuk
Wilson Nzitubundi
Gideon Sepombe

4. That the following persons be **continued as Conference Ministerial Candidates:**

Rem Dyas (3)
Niquita Reinhard Hohm (6)
Matthew Scandrett (4)

The actions of the MEGA Board were affirmed by consensus.

5. That the following persons be **reinstated to Itinerant Service:**

Steve LaFleur (E)

The actions of the MEGA Board were affirmed by consensus.

6. That the following persons be **retired:**

Steve LaFleur (E)
Robert J. Samuel (E)
Craig Scandrett-Leatherman (E)

The actions of the MEGA Board were affirmed by consensus.

7. That the following persons continue to be **located:**

Ronald Tucker (E) Decatur, Moundford

8. That the following persons be given a **Certificate with View to Transfer:**

Gerald W. Coates (E) to Wabash Conference
Mwamba Nguli (E) to Great Plains Conference
Greg Pennington (E) to North Central Conference

The actions of the MEGA Board were affirmed by consensus.

9. That the following person is **Withdrawn from Conference and Denomination:**

James Tippey (E)

The actions of the MEGA Board were affirmed by consensus.

10. Upon recommendation by the various pastors and local boards of administration of the churches where they are located, and based on the conversations with the Elders/Deacons, the MEG Board reviewed and affirmed the integrity and Christian discipleship of the located deacons and located elders.

11. The Ministerial Education and Guidance Board has given due consideration to the character and performance of each ministerial member of the Gateway Conference. Based on the information available to the MEG Board through the minister's annual Confidential Report, and input from the Superintendent, the MEG Board recommends passing on the integrity and Christian discipleship of the ministers in accord with paragraphs 5300-5310 of the 2015 *Book of Discipline*.

A video was presented featuring the Decatur Free Methodist Church.

Mike Aden presented the Board of Administration report.

Barb Sands presented the treasurer's report.

Bishop Kendall reported on the election of positions nominated by the nominating committee.

Election of clergy to serve on the Board of Administration (BOA) –

Mike Aden (51 votes)

David Sain (17 votes)

There were 73 ballots cast for clergy to serve on the BOA, necessary to elect 37, and Mike Aden was elected.

Election of lay to serve on the Board of Administration (BOA) –

Mark Whitlock (36 votes)

Ron Gines (25 votes)

Donna Smith (11 votes)

Charles Coates (40 votes)

Terry Louden (8 votes)

Tom McCarty (11 votes)

There were 73 ballots cast for lay to serve on the MEGA Board, necessary to elect 37, and Charles Coates was elected. Ballots were distributed for a second vote.

Election of Conference Secretary

C.J. Dyas (68 votes)

David Kendall (1 vote)

Election of Conference Treasurer

David Hooks (69 votes)

Election of clergy to serve on the Ministerial Education and Guidance and Appointments (MEGA) Board –

Tyler Boyer (39 votes)

Paul Alf (15 votes)

Javier Quintana (16 votes)

There were 73 ballots cast for clergy to serve on the MEGA Board, necessary to elect 37, and Tyler Boyer was elected.

Election of lay to serve on the Ministerial Education and Guidance and Appointments (MEGA) Board –

Carolyn Martin (32 votes)
Christy Coates (32 votes)
Kristen Schindler (15 votes)
Chuck Miller (12 votes)
Bev Boehm (21 votes)
Patti Maurer (10 votes)
Laura Sain (10 votes)
Gary Cadwell (9 votes)

There were 73 ballots cast for lay to serve on the MEGA Board, necessary to elect 37, and there was no election. Ballots were distributed for a second vote.

Election of clergy to serve on the Nominating Committee (nominated by BOA) –

Randy Sands (33 votes)
Chris Smith (23 votes)
David Sain (7 votes)

There were 73 ballots cast for clergy to serve on the BOA, necessary to elect 37, and there was no election. Ballots were distributed for a second vote.

Election of lay to serve on the Nominating Committee (nominated by BOA) –

Donna Smith (13 votes)
Kent Krober (13 votes)
Mary Lou Cromwell (17 votes)
Christie Kessinger (25 votes)

There were 73 ballots cast for lay to serve on the BOA, necessary to elect 37, and there was no election. Ballots were distributed for a second vote.

President Ivan Filby presented a report for Greenville University.

Christie Kessinger presented a new children's curriculum she has written called Roots.

The conference took a break for lunch at 12:42 p.m.

The conference reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Supt. Ben Tolly distributed brochures about a trip to Israel for clergy.

A video was presented featuring the Rushville Free Methodist Church.

Lt. Col. Dan Jennings presented a report on behalf of The Salvation Army.

Robin Pickett presented a report from Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company.

The conference took a break at 2:49 p.m.

The conference reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

Bishop Kendall reported on the second election of positions nominated by the nominating committee.

Election of lay to serve on the Board of Administration (BOA) –

Mark Whitlock (35 votes)

Ron Gines (18 votes)

Donna Smith (11 votes)

There were 69 ballots cast for lay to serve on the MEGA Board, necessary to elect 35, and Mark Whitlock was elected.

Election of lay to serve on the Ministerial Education and Guidance and Appointments (MEGA) Board –

Carolyn Martin (48 votes)

Christy Coates (51 votes)

Kristen Schindler (8 votes)

Chuck Miller (2 votes)

Bev Boehm (17 votes)

Patti Maurer (2 votes)

Laura Sain (4 votes)

Gary Cadwell (1 vote)

There were 69 ballots cast for lay to serve on the MEGA Board, necessary to elect 35, and Christy Coates and Carolyn Martin were elected.

Election of clergy to serve on the Nominating Committee (nominated by BOA) –

Randy Sands (41 votes)

Chris Smith (21 votes)

David Sain (4 votes)

There were 69 ballots cast for clergy to serve on the BOA, necessary to elect 35, and Randy Sands was elected.

Election of lay to serve on the Nominating Committee (nominated by BOA) –

Donna Smith (5 votes)

Kent Krober (6 votes)

Mary Lou Cromwell (11 votes)

Christie Kessinger (45 votes)

There were 69 ballots cast for clergy to serve on the BOA, necessary to elect 35, and Christie Kessinger was elected.

Tim Burkhart and Cary Holman presented a report for the Free Methodist Foundation.

Oliver Beans presented a report and shared a video for Durley Camp.

Charles Burton, Jr. and Peter Hough described Peace Meals and its impact.

Sonya Jones, from the Biggest Loser, spoke on “Lessons from a Loser.”

The conference adjourned for dinner at 6:15 p.m.

The 7:30 evening service opened with worship led by team members from various churches.

Certificates were given to the following licensed pastors:

Reuben Diyali
Archie Fox
Eugene Gillis
Shanella Huntley-Marzuk
Wilson Nzitubundi
Gideon Sepombe

Service awards were presented to the following:

5 years: Oliver Beans, Jennifer Dunkley, Rem Dyas
10 years: Ginger Coakley
25 years: John Glennon
30 years: Stephen Coates
35 years: Mark Scandrett
Retired: Steven LaFleur, Robert Samuel, Craig Scandrett-Leatherman

The Nepali Church was presented a certificate in recognition of their affiliation with the Free Methodist Church.

Bishop David and Lavone Kendall were recognized with gifts in appreciation for their service to the Gateway Conference over the past 14 years.

Bishop Kendall’s message was about learning the Jesus way of life and the human mindset. Selfishness is at the center, and people are broken by doing things that feel good to themselves. How critical it is to have minds that are susceptible to change. Jesus calls us to repentance. The mindset of Jesus gives us a new beginning. At the name of Jesus, every tongue will confess that He is Lord. Are you in your right minds?

An ice cream social followed the service.

SECOND SITTING – April 13, 2019

The second sitting of the 141st session of the Gateway Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church of North America convened on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Greenville Free Methodist Church in Greenville, IL with Bishop David Kendall presiding.

Superintendent Ben Tolly opened with prayer, and worship was led by team members from various churches.

Supt. Ben Tolly’s message of impact was from Ezekiel 1:1-20 and entitled “Move.” The first purpose of Ezekiel is that God is limitless. The second purpose of Ezekiel is that we will move with God.

M – Mission Assessment

O – Organize Discovery
V – Visioneer a New Future
E – Engage the Plan

He called all churches to move:

Mission Assessment
Organize Discovery
Visioneer a New Future
Engage the Plan with Courage
Repeat
Sustain the Repetitive Effort

A video was presented featuring The Bridge.

The conference was dismissed for break-out sessions:

A Safer Church – Robin Pickett
Foundations of Investing – Barbara Craft & Robin Karpan
Flow & Glow – Paul Sunderland & Devin Chaney
Gateway Conference Bookkeeping Q&A – Chiyo Palen
Passing the Torch: Faith & the Next Generation – Deedra Mager
Pathway for Child Spiritual Development – Christie Kessinger & Lisa Barber
Peace Meals – Peter Hough & Charles Burton, Jr.

The conference reconvened.

Communion was served by Bishop David and Lavone Kendall and Supt. Ben and Julie Tolly.

Chadwick and Sarah Anderson were commissioned to go as missionaries to Hungary.

Appointments were read by Bishop Kendall. (See appointments.)

Conference was adjourned with a benediction from Bishop David Kendall.



Barb Sands, Conference Secretary

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Roll Call

<u>Elders</u>		<u>Elders cont'd</u>	
Aden, Michael	X	Long, Barry W.	
Alf, Linda	X	Mallory, Dennis R.	
Alf, Paul	X	Martin, Jeremy	X
Allen, Thomas, P.		Maurer, Dan	
Anderson, Chadwick	X	McPeak, Rick	
Atkins, Brian K.		Mehlig, Mark D.	
Ball, David	X	Morris, Charles	
Beans, Oliver	X	Neville, Steven	X
Benard, Mitabaro	X	Newton, Douglas M.	
Bonney, M. Doane		Newton, Margie	
Borwick, Steve	X	Nguli, Mwamba	
Boyer, Tyler	X	Ogden, Gary	
Brandt, Andrew	X	Pennington, Greg	
Brannon, W. Carl	X	Quintana, Javier	X
Busch, Thomas	X	Reinhard, James A.	X
Coakley, Ginger		Richardson, Bruce	
Coates, Gerald W.	X	Rivera Quintana, Gloelma	X
Coates, Herbert H.		Robart, Vaughn	X
Coates, Stephen M.		Ross, Rosalee K.	
Coleman, Jerry D.		Rovenstine, Loren D.	
Cox, Judy		Sain, David	X
Dunkley, Eugene	X	Samuel, Robert	X
Dunkley, Jennifer		Sands, Randall L.	X
Dyas, Clifford James	X	Scandrett, Mark E.	X
Dyas, Stephanie	X	Scandrett-Leatherman, Craig	
Feneley, Kurt		Smith, Christopher	X
Filby, Kathie	X	Smith, Robert L.	
Fish, Greg		Somerville, Deborah	X
Frost, Willard W.	X	Sussenbach, Ward V.	X
Fry, Timothy L.		Thompson, Frank H.	
Gaffner, Lori	X	Tippey, James	
Glennon, John	X	Tolly, Benjamin Joel	X
Griggs, Dale V.		Wan, Peter	X
Grimmett, Tim		Ward, Phillip D.	
Groves, Gregory W.	X	Wayman, Benjamin J.	X
Hall, Norman			
Hartley, Brian	X	<u>Deacons</u>	
Heaney, James R.		Fuller, Earl	
Heston, Pat	X	Newman, Ronald	X
Hough, Peter	X		
Hubbs, John D.		<u>Ministerial Candidates</u>	
Huston, Ruth Winslow	X	Dyas, Remington	X
Jackson, Michael Scott		Hohm, Niquita	X
Janicke, Martin		Scandrett, Matthew	X
Keefe, Jr., Victor	X		
Kirkham, J. Robert			

Located
LaFleur, Steven J
Tucker, Ron

X

Lay Delegates

Alton- Mary Lou Cromwell	X
Alton- Kathy Moody	X
Alton- Ron Kuhn	X
Alton Mission Fellowship*- Ashburn-	
Bethany- Phillip Spracklen	X
Centralia- Andy Davis	X
Coffeen- Bryan Vollintine	X
Columbia, Come to Jesus*	
Cowden-	R
Decatur- Charles Coates	X
Decatur- Ron Tucker	X
Decatur- Josh Jenkins	X
Edwardsville- Kevin Flick	X
Ferges- Laura Sain	X
Greenville- Tom Dawdy	X
Greenville- Jeff Sussenbach	X
Greenville- Dave Disch	X
Greenville- Sandy Schmidt	X
Greenville- Tom Morgan	X
Greenville, St. Paul's-	R
Greenville, St. Paul's-	R
Greenville, St. Paul's- Elizabeth Ahern	X
Hannibal-	
Hillsboro- Charles Shelhamer	X
Hillsboro-	R
Hillsboro-	R
Jerseyville, New Life*- Bob Lorentz	X
Pontoon Beach, Solid Rock- Gustavo Cruz	X
Rushville- Kay Crum	X
STL Lighthouse Chinese- Jianping Lin	X
MAPS Fellowship*- Fredy Lopez	X
STL Ministries United-	
Shanella Huntley-Marzuk	X
Salem- Josh Turner	X
Springfield- Mark Whitlock	X
Tower Hill- Lavinia Jenkins	X
Vandalia – Kenny Montgomery	X

Reserves

Gary Cadwell

Naomi Brown
Jennifer Munshaw

Roger Fath
Robbie Shipman

*Honorary position, no voting privileges

Appointments
GATEWAY CONFERENCE
 2019-2020

(6) Ben Tolly (E), Conference Superintendent
 (Second year of a second four-year term)

Alton, Emmanuel	(35) Mark Scandrett (E)
.....	(4) Pat Heston (E)
.....	(3) Christopher Smith (E)
Alton Mission Fellowship	(7) Peter Hough (E)
Ashburn	(13) Victor Keefe, Jr. (E)
Bethany	(12) Barry Long (E)
Centralia	(8) Jeremy Martin (E)
Coffeen	(13) Eugene Dunkley (E)
.....	(6) Jennifer Dunkley (E)
Cowden	(10) Steve Neville (E)
Decatur, Moundford	(3) Paul Alf (E)
.....	(1) Matthew Schutter (E)
Edwardsville, The Bridge	(5) Oliver Beans (E)
.....	(3) Linda Alf (E)
.....	(1) Emily Beans (CMC)
Ferges	(3) David Sain (E)
Greenville	(3) Deborah Somerville (E)
.....	(34) Gregory W. Groves (E), AP, MY
.....	(13) Carl Brannon (E), AP, MO, MD
Greenville, St. Paul's.....	(21) Rick McPeak (E)
.....	(13) Ben Wayman (E), AP
.....	(7) Judy Cox (E), AP
Hannibal	Under the Superintendent
Hillsboro	(33) Randall L. Sands (E)
.....	(9) Clifford James Dyas (E), AP
.....	(9) Stephanie Dyas (E), AP
.....	(3) Rem Dyas (CMC)
Lewistown, Crossroads	Closed
Pontoon Beach, The Solid Rock	(3) Javier Quintana (E)
.....	(3) Gloelma Quintana (E)
Rushville	(2) David Ball (E)

St. Louis, Lighthouse Chinese	(29) Peter Wan (E)
Ministerio Apostolico Plantio del Senor Fellowship	(7) Javier Quintana (E) (6) Gloelma Rivera Quintana (E)
Ministries United	(1) Shanella Huntley-Marzuk (LP)
Salem	(8) Jeremy Martin (E)
Springfield, Knox Knolls	(7) Tyler Boyer, (E)
Tower Hill	(1) Archie Fox (LP)
Vandalia, Parkview	(10) John Glennon (E)
New Life Fellowship	(3) Drew Brandt (E)
Come To Jesus, Columbia, Affiliate	(3) Mitabaro Bernard (E)
Bhutanese Nepali Church of Kansas, Affiliate	(1) Reuben Diyali (LP)
Kansas City African Church, Affiliate	(1) Gideon Sepombe (LP)
.....	(1) Wilson Nzitubundi (LP)
St. Louis, Fire of God Ministries, Affiliate	(1) Eugene Gillis (LP)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

RETIRED:

Tom Allen (E)	Mark Mehlig (E)
M. Doane Bonney (E)	Charles Morris (E)
Steve Borwick (E)	Ronald Newman (D)
Thomas W. Busch (E)	Gary Ogden (E)
Herbert H. Coates (E)	James A. Reinhard (E)
Willard W. Frost (E)	Bruce Richardson (E)
Earl Fuller (D)	Rosalee Ross (E)
Dale V. Griggs (E)	Loren D. Rovenstine (E)
James R. Heaney (E)	Craig Scandrett-Leatherman (E)
Michael Jackson (E)	Robert L. Smith
Martin Janicke (E)	Ward Sussenbach (E)
J. Robert Kirkham (E)	Frank H. Thompson (E)
Steven LaFleur (E)	Phillip D. Ward (E)
Dennis Mallory (E)	

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE:

Mike Aden (E), Greenville University
Chadwick Anderson (E), Missionary to Hungary
Keith Battleson (CMC), Missionary to Thailand
LT CMDR Stephen M. Coates (E), Chaplain, U.S. Navy
Timothy L. Fry (E), Chaplain, Federal Bureau of Prisons
Lori Gaffner (E), Greenville University
Brian Hartley (E), Greenville University
Niquita Hohm (CMC), Greenville University
MAJ John D. Hubbs (E), Chaplain, U.S. Army
Ruth W. Huston (E), Greenville University
Doug Newton (E), Denominational Prayer Coordinator, FMCUSA
Margaret Newton (E), Denominational Prayer Coordinator, FMCUSA
Benjamin Wayman (E), Greenville University

ATTENDING SCHOOL:

Matthew Scandrett (CMC)

GATEWAY MINISTRIES:

Ginger Coakley (E), Global Associate, the Set Free Movement
Kathie Filby (E), Conference Evangelist
Tim Grimmett (E), Global Associate, "Blessings To Others"
Angela Keefe (CMC), Global Associate, "SEED"

RELEASED FOR MINISTRY OUTSIDE THE DENOMINATION:

Jerry Coleman (E), director of Francis Asbury Society International
Greg Fish (E), United Methodist Church
Norman Hall (E), Simpson University
Dan Maurer (E), Joy Song Global
Vaughn Robart (E), Chaplain, Almira Manor

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Brian Atkins (E), Secular Work

LOCATED:

Ron Tucker (E)

CONFERENCE ACTIONS

ADMITTED IN FULL MEMBERSHIP AND ORDAINED ELDER:

None

RECEIVED AS CONFERENCE MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE:

Keith Battleson
Emily Beans
Angela Keefe

REINSTATED TO ITINERANT SERVICE:

Steven LaFleur (E)

RETIRED:

Steven LaFleur (E)
Robert J. Samuel (E)
Craig Scandrett-Leatherman (E)

RECEIVED CERTIFICATE OF STANDING

David Ball (E), North Central Conference
Matthew Schutter (E), Wabash Conference

GRANTED CERTIFICATE OF STANDING WITH VIEW TO TRANSFER:

Gerald W. Coates (E) to Wabash Conference
Mwamba Nguli (E) to Great Plains Conference
Greg Pennington (E) to North Central Conference

TRANSFER COMPLETE:

Roy Abbott (E)
Kurt Feneley (E)
Kristine Marshall (E)

WITHDRAWN FROM CONFERENCE AND DENOMINATION:

James Tippey (E)

KEY:

(E) Elder	AP	Associate Pastor
(D) Deacon	ASP	Assistant Pastor
(CMC) Conference Ministerial Candidate	ATP	Assistant to the Pastor
(LP) Licensed Pastor	EP	Executive Pastor
	FLM	Family Life Ministries
	MD	Minister of Discipleship
	MM	Minister of Music
	MO	Minister of Outreach
	MW	Minister of Worship
	MY	Minister of Youth

April 12-13, 2019
Greenville, Illinois

David W. Kendall
President