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2025 DISTRICT CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, Aug. 8, NewHope Church 7619 Fayetteville Road, Durham

7-7:45 am	VENDOR TABLE SET UP (if not done on Thursday)					
7:45 am	DOORS OPEN TO DELEGATES (Coffee & very light breakfast snacks)					
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8-8:30 am	REGISTRATION					
8:30 am	CONFERENCE BEGINS WITH PRAISE & WORSHIP - NewHope Worship Team					
8:55 am	WELCOME & INVOCATION – NewHope Senior Pastor Adam Bishop					
9:00 am	CALL TO ORDER – District Superintendent, Rev. Tim Jones					
	 Conference Instructions – Assistant District Superintendent, Rev. James Spaugh Roll Call Ballot Instructions – District Secretary Jordan Loman 					
9:15 am	GREETINGS FROM THE WESLEYAN CHURCH – General Superintendent Wayne Schmidt					
9:45 am	ELECTIONS – Rev. James Spaugh					
	 Election of District Officers & General Conference Delegates Vote on Licensed Minister - Permanent Standing Rule 					
10:10 am	DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Rev. Tim Jones					
10:40 am	WESLEYAN PENSION FUND PRESENTATION – Wesleyan Pension Fund Director of Operations, Jim Weinmann; Ellen Daniels, Director of Engagement, Servant Solutions					
10:45 am	EDUCATION & CLERGY DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION – Rev. Dan VanDuyne, Director of Wesleyan Academic Initiatives					
10:50 am	DBMD REPORT – DBMD Chair, Rev. Jerry Johnson					
	Approval of New OrdinandsNew District Licenses					
11:00 am	PASTORAL RECOGNITIONS – Rev. Tim Jones					
	Recognition of retiring Pastors – Revs. Wyatt Hoogkamp, Ronnie Jones, Ken Klein & Larry Pope <i>(please come to the stage as your name is called)</i>					
	Recognition of Pastors New to the District, New to Role of Senior Pastor (pastors will be asked to come forward for prayer)					
11:25 am	HOUSEKEEPING NOTES – District Administrator Jennifer Jones					
11:30 – 1	LUNCH BREAK					

ORDINATION SERVICE

CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION: Jordan Harris Loman, Emmaus Church and IWU professor; Maricela Pérez Casanova, Aposento Alto Assistant Pastor; **Candidate for Validation of Ordination,** Rev. Timothy Grant Carter, previously ordained in The Religious Society of Friends Church, currently Pastor of Sawyersville Wesleyan receiving validation of ordination in The Wesleyan Church.

12:50 pm **ORDINATION PROCESSIONAL ASSEMBLY** (All ordained ministers, the Council of Ordination, candidates to be ordained/validated are to assemble in foyer for processional.)

1:00 pm **PROCESSIONAL** – Council of Ordination, Candidates to be Ordained, Ordained Ministers enter as music starts

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC - NewHope Worship Team

WELCOME - DBMD Chair Rev. Jerry Johnson

INVOCATION – Assistant District Superintendent Rev. James Spaugh

ORDINATION SERMON – Dr. Wayne Schmidt

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES – Rev. Tim Jones

(Candidates will stand when name is called)

I present Jordan Harris Loman and Maricela Pérez Casanova to be ordained ministers in The Wesleyan Church and in the Church Universal. I further present Timothy Grant Carter, an ordained minister in The Religious Society of Friends Church who has met all of our denominational requirements, for validation now as an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church.

ACCEPTANCE OF CANDIDATES - Dr. Wayne Schmidt

Dear friends: We purpose this day to ordain Jordan Harris Loman and Maricela Pérez Casanova as ministers in The Wesleyan Church and in the Church Universal, and to present an ordination validation certificate to Timothy Grant Carter. After due examination, we find that they are truly called to this function and ministry, and they are qualified for the same.

(Candidates shall now be seated)

SCRIPTURE READINGS – The Epistle 1 (in Espaῆol), Ephesians 3:7-9 – Rev. Jhonn David Arica; The Epistle 2, Ephesians 4:11-13 – Rev. Sidney Wheatley; The Gospel, John 10:7, 9-16 – Rev. David Bunn; The Charge, Rev. Tim Jones.

THE EPISTLE

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. Ephesians 3:7-9

Rev. Sid Wheatley

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

THE GOSPEL Rev. David Bunn

"Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep... I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd." John 10:7, 9-16

THE CHARGE Rev. Timothy Jones

Dear Servants of God: You have heard, both in your private examination by the District Board of Ministerial Development and in the message which has just been delivered, something of the importance of the ministry to which you are called. You are the under shepherd of the Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus, called to teach, admonish, feed, and provide for the Lord's family, to bring the lost into the fold, to bring each person unto the fullness of the stature of Christ. Remember always the greatness of this responsibility and give yourselves without reservation unto the ministry to which God has called you. We charge you to pray daily for divine guidance and strengthening so that by your study of the Scriptures and your own personal growth and development you may both model the ideal of Christ and lead your people to live in keeping with His example and instructions.

EXAMINATION OF THE ORDINATION CANDIDATES

(Candidates will stand)

This assembled congregation represents the Church of Jesus Christ everywhere as they witness your response to the inquiries we shall make of you. In this way we shall understand your mind and will in these things, and you may also be moved to greater faithfulness in doing your duties.

Question: Is it your sincere conviction that you have been called of God to the office and work of a minister, and are you persuaded that you ought to fulfill that call by serving as an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church and among God's people everywhere?

Answer: This is my sincere conviction.

Question: Do you believe the Holy Scriptures are the fully inspired and inerrant written word of God containing sufficiently all doctrine necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Christ Jesus? Are you determined to instruct people from the Scriptures in order that they may be born again in Christ, become committed to holy living, and be prepared to serve for the upbuilding of the Christian community in this present age?

Answer: All of this I believe, and accept as my duty.

Question: Do you cordially accept our Articles of Religion and the Membership Commitments, and agree to declare and defend them? And do you recognize your responsibility and cheerfully accept your obligation to promote and support The Wesleyan Church and all institutions and ministries approved by The Wesleyan Church?

Answer: Yes, I do.

Question: Will you with diligence minister the doctrines, sacraments, and disciplines of Christ, being always ready to challenge strange doctrine which is contrary to God's Word wherever it may arise?

Answer: I will as God enables me.

Question: Do you intend to make reading of the Word and effectual prayer your earnest pursuit, and will you seek to make your lifestyle and family government exemplary so far as is possible for you?

Answer: Yes, the Lord being my helper.

Question: Believing that accountability and acceptance of authority is God's design for His church, will you cheerfully accept the direction of those whom the Church may place over you in the doing of your work?

Answer: I will cheerfully do so.

COVENANT WITH CANDIDATE'S SPOUSES

(Spouses will stand by the candidates)

It is the teaching of Scripture that a spouse shall be a loving companion in the ministry of a mate. You have witnessed the examination of your marriage partner in

which commitment to the work and responsibilities of ministry has been stated. Your participation in God's purposes for ministry through your marriage partner is important, also. You will be needed to share in prayer, to extend love and compassion to all, to carry forward the example of marriage harmony and family wholesomeness. As the companion of your loved one who is now entering the ranks of ordained ministers in the Church, will you dedicate yourself to complement and embrace that ministry as God enables you?

Answer: I will by God's grace.

THE ACT OF ORDINATION – Dr. Wayne Schmidt, Rev. Tim Jones, Council of Ordination

(Each candidate and spouse will kneel in turn at the altar)

THE PRAYER OF ENDUEMENT - Rev. Kevin Dunovant

Our Father, we beseech You to send upon these, Your servants, Your heavenly blessings; that they may be clothed with righteousness, that Your Word spoken in their mouth may have success and that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and to receive what they shall deliver out of Your Holy Word, as the means of our salvation; and that in all our words and deeds we may seek Your glory, and the increase of Your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Assist us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Your most gracious favor, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy name, and finally by Your mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE RIGHTHAND OF FELLOWSHIP - Rev. Tim Jones and the Council of Ordination

BENEDICTION (in Español), Hebrews 13:20-21 – Rev. Amelia Manchego

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

(Please allow the Ordinands and their spouses to exit first so they may greet you at the reception in the foyer)

2:10-2:40	COFFEE AND CAKE RECEPTION
2:40 pm	CONFERENCE RESUMES
2:40 pm	ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED – Rev. James Spaugh (Runoff votes taken if needed)
2:45 nm	DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Discipleship and Ministry Development Assistant DS – Rev. Luke Jackson, with NextGen Leadership Development Director, Rev. Santes Beatty, and Church Revitalization Director Rev. Charlie Collins

Spiritual Formation & Clergy Care Assistant DS – Rev. Sarah Rodriquez

Church Development & Multiplication Assistant DS – Rev. Chris Vernon, with The Circuit Director, Rev. Matt LeRoy, and Hispanic Ministries Director, Rev. Johel Rodriguez

Treasurer's Report – Debbie Barwick

Victory Mountain Camp Executive Director - Chad Brinkley

District Missions Director – Rev. Charlie Collins with Cambodia missionaries Andrew and Lexi Collins

District Regional Response and Outreach Coordinator – Rev. Bradley Hill **DBA Comprehensive Report** – Rev. Tim Jones

3:50 pm **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Global Partners – Rev. James Winn, Director of Mobilization

World Hope International - Rev. Matt LeRoy, Church Partner Representative

Multipliers Journey Representatives - Rev. Jesse Pratt

Southern Wesleyan University – Rev. Heath Mullikin, Interim University Chaplain

Indiana Wesleyan University - Spencer Loman, Discipleship Pastor

Habitat for Missions – Rev. Bill Foster, Founder

Hephzibah – Sheri Jennings, NC East Hephzibah Ambassador

Kingswood University – Rev. Eric Currie, VP of Enrollment Success at CampusEdu

4:25 pm CLOSING REMARKS; PRAYER FOR STAFF AND NEW DBA – Rev. Tim Jones

2025 ORDINATION BIOGRAPHIES

Jordan Harris Loman

Jordan grew up at Covington Wesleyan Church in Reidsville and spent her summers volunteering at Victory Mountain Camp where she first sensed a call to ministry. She went to Indiana Wesleyan University on a soccer scholarship and double majored in accounting and finance. After college, she married Spencer Loman and together they planted Emmaus Church in the heart of Greensboro. Jordan co-pastored Emmaus for 8 years while working in the marketplace as a CPA and Recruiter.

Jordan feels a strong pull to marketplace ministry and the opportunity professionals have to partner in and contribute to the redemptive work of Christ in their contexts. In January Jordan began serving as a full-time faculty member, teaching accounting at IWU and serving faithfully at Fairmount Wesleyan Church in Fairmount, IN.

Maricela Pérez Casanova

Maricela was born in Acapulco, Mexico, into a Catholic family. In 2010, while living in Chicago, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. It was there that she received her calling to teach and preach the Word of God. With a burning passion in her heart, she pursued ministerial training through Flama and Aviva.

Maricela has been married to Edgar Balanzar for 21 years. They have three children: Arturo, Christian, and Destiny. She currently serves at her local church, Aposento Alto in Winston-Salem, as an assistant pastor and youth pastor, working alongside her husband and children.

Timothy G. Carter

Timothy brings a distinctive voice to Wesleyan ministry through his lifelong devotion to Christ's Kingdom. Born in 1959 in North Carolina, Tim graduated from John Wesley College in 1982 with a double major in theology and psychology, launching a career that blended sales, marketing, and global travels with faithful pastoral service. Since graduating, Tim has held various ministry-related roles, often bi-vocational, serving Quaker churches in Tennessee and North Carolina for more than two decades.

Following a call back to his Wesleyan-Arminian roots, he now serves as pastor of Sawyersville Wesleyan Church. Tim is known for his high energy, strong work ethic, and

passionate preaching. An avid outdoorsman, hunter, fisherman, and gardener, he deeply connects with God through the rhythms of nature. He also authored a 2014 self-help book on positive thinking and is working on a new book exploring the miraculous power of Psalm 23.

Tim has been a lifelong martial arts instructor and fifth-degree black belt, founding a Shotokan-based style and mentoring countless students with Christ at the center of his teaching. Now, as he approaches 65, he is preparing to pass on that legacy to the next generation.

Tim and his beloved wife, Dawn, partners in ministry since 2001, have raised a blended family of six children. After losing their first spouses, God brought them together to help each other finish raising their families. Drawn to the Christ-centered, loving community of Sawyersville, they recently relocated and are serving side by side to build God's Kingdom. Tim's deep commitment to Jesus is unmistakable. He is grateful for God's clear leading to Sawyersville Wesleyan Church and looks forward to inspiring and equipping others to advance the mission of Christ.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Timothy A. Jones



General Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church, Dr. Wayne Schmidt, pastors, ministerial spouses, conference delegates, and all other honored guests,

It has been an honor to serve as your District Superintendent this past conference year. I am still humbled by the way God brought us here with the election on July 22, 2023. Jennifer and I continually say, with great confidence and in all honesty, that this district is filled with the most welcoming people and solid churches making a difference in their communities.

I am honored to represent you around this great state...or at least in the eastern part of it. I have now either preached in or attended 71 of our 79 NC East churches! These road trips have allowed me to gain perspective on our district's makeup; to see how similar we are, how diverse we are, all of which has helped focus my vision on how we can move forward...Together.

This has been an amazing year in many ways. I am extremely thankful for all the great assistance by our Administrator, Jennifer; our four Assistant DS's Sarah Rodriguez, James Spaugh, Chris Vernon and Luke Jackson; our many staff members, camp leaders, committee members, and our dedicated DBA. Without the work they all put in this year, we would not be celebrating as many successes as we are today.

To all of you, I say thank you for your hard work and dedication.

To the pastors and church leaders, I know the dedication you have and sacrifices you make to further the Kingdom of God and how much of that goes unnoticed. And this goes especially and exponentially for <u>ministerial families</u>; ministry involves the whole family that supports what you do day and day out, to the spouses who keep you sane, and for the sacrifices they make year after year, weekend after weekend and holiday after holiday. None of what we will be celebrating today in terms of growth in metrics such as baptisms, church attendance and finances would be possible without sacrifice and dedication by the entire family. Please know that we all applaud you for these things.

We know that ministry isn't easy. Any of us, at any time, could walk away from ministry and our calling, or from The Wesleyan Church. I believe that you stay because you believe it is what God has called you to do, and this is where He has called you to do it. Thank you for staying faithful, even when it was hard.

"...who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind." (Psalm 15:4, NIV).

"All you need to say is simply yes or no; anything beyond this comes from the evil one." (Matthew 5:37, NIV).

Around our Denomination

Our denominational leaders are committed to upholding our foundational truths, such as promoting women in ministry. In fact, the Shenandoah District just elected the first solo female District Superintendent in our history, Rev. Janet Guthrie!

They also are upholding our holiness doctrines. In 2022, at the last General Conference, we reaffirmed these position statements:

- 1. To affirm that persons of all races are created equal in the image of God and are entitled to equal justice under the law.
- 2. To affirm the sanctity of life and that all life is sacred from conception to death.
- 3. To affirm that God's only design for marriage is between one man and one woman.
- 4. To affirm that religious freedom is a liberty essential for our pluralistic democracy."

Loyalty has not changed. Love still thrives. Commitment remains strong. The core is solid.

We are thankful and grateful to the steady leadership shown by Dr. Wayne Schmidt, and I know that the next General Superintendent, who will be elected in May at the 2026 General Conference when Wayne retires, has big shoes to fill.

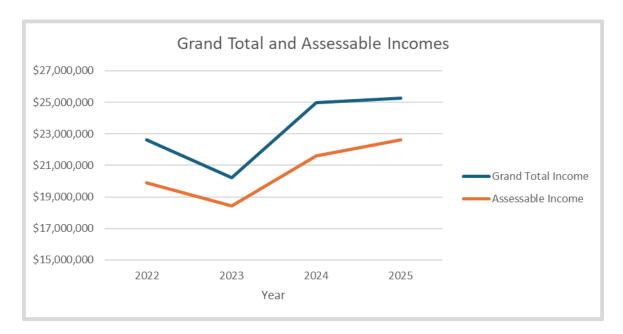
At the District Level

We know that the fruit from what you plant isn't always immediately visible. Here are a few numbers to encourage you as you continue to prepare for the harvest.

As you will see in the Statistician's Report in the conference packet:

 Onsite average worship attendance rose to 10,894, up from 10,729 last year and 9,304 in 2023.

- Baptisms rose to 884, which is up from 778 in 2024 and 574 in 2023. This represents a 57% increase from three years ago!
- As for those who feel called, we have 118 people preparing for global missions, up from 95 last year and 75 the year before, and those declaring a call to ministry and missions was up a whopping 239% over 2024 to 667!
- Total church assessments paid rose 32% since 2023 and 72 of 79 churches are
 100% up to date on their assessment obligations.
- Grand totals for "all income" from our district churches rose to \$25,263,902, up slightly over last year, and up more than 12% from three years ago (2022).



Can I get an AMEN!!!

There is one negative statistic, however, I want to take a moment to address, and that is the number of churches making monthly pension payments to the **Wesleyan Pension Fund.**While The Wesleyan Church recommends and indeed implores 100% of churches to be sure their pastors have a way to live comfortably in retirement, only 35 of our 79 churches are paying into the Pension Fund. You will hear more from me this year about how we need to find a way to turn this around.

Our Mission and Vision

The NCE District exists to serve, support and resource our churches, our leaders and our communities of faith as each strives to grow the Kingdom of God.

Last year's conference theme was "RESET." After you endured my turkey story, I laid out a roadmap of reorganizing our district structure to a de-centralized leadership model with four Assistant DSs. This has worked tremendously well, and will continue. Know that the DS and Assistant DS Team is readily available in every area of the district to support and assist you in your ministry planning. Feel free to connect with us with your questions or ideas.

Forward Together in Pastoral Health and Support

Here are some ways we want to help resource you this year:

- Personal counseling. We have grant funds available to each lead pastor and family.
- Sabbatical assistance. If you are a lead pastor and have served at your current church for seven years or more, it may be time for a sabbatical. The NCE District will have a form for you to fill out and apply for a \$1,000 grant if your church needs assistance in helping you take a sabbatical.
- Personal coaching. I have coached six pastors this year and will continue to be of service as needed. The NCE also has trained men and women that can provide coaching. Please let us know how we can help. This is a free resource.
- Wesleyan Pension Fund promotion. Our staff is available to speak to your local board about the importance of getting all our pastors enrolled in the WPF. We want to assist you in helping your pastor retire well.
- NCE Ambassador. The DBA recently approved my request to appoint Keith Rich as an ambassador for the NCE District. Keith will be reaching out to our pastors via text messages, phone calls, coffee or lunch. Keith is very faithful about showing up at Sunday morning services or revival meetings and special events to provide support and encouragement. Feel free to connect with Keith.
- Southern Wesleyan University (SWU) connections. I am now proudly serving as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees at SWU. The college is being led well, and I am grateful to serve under the leadership of the President, Dr. Bill Barker. SWU has a great discount program for children of pastors. Dr. Barker will be seen around the NCE District this next year either by videos or in person.
- Female Clergy Retreat-NCE is continuing to fund this important gathering of women in ministry
- Retired Minister group gathering. I am seeking someone to help in starting a gathering for our retired ministers to meet at least once a year, perhaps at Victory Mountain for a time of fellowship and connection.

Forward Together in Supporting Our Churches

In the past year or so we have embarked on a new model of **Churches Adopting Churches.** That is when a healthy church partners with, and takes on some of the burdens of the smaller, struggling church. A few examples from this year are:

- Crosswinds in Leland adopting North Pointe Community Church in Wilmington and sending its human and financial resources to not only help that church survive without a pastor, but to thrive in unexpected new ways. North Pointe is known in its community now as Crosswinds Wilmington;
- Foster Street in Asheboro, which sent about ¼ of its congregation over to Crestview Wesleyan. Both churches are now bursting at the seams again thanks to this type of unselfish leadership;
- That went so well for Foster Street that pastor Charles Moses is about to do the same thing again to help First Wesleyan of Randleman by helping it get set up for long-term success.

As for church openings and closings, we are excited about our new launch–Iglesia Unida–earlier this year, a Hispanic church planted by Rev. Pablo Betanco. They are going strong and our searching for a permanent facility in the Winston-Salem, Walkertown, Kernersville area. We unfortunately had to close a church in June, The Anchor Church at Graham, which was a 4 or 5-year-old church plant. But we are exploring several opportunities to put a congregation in that church building.

Another initiative we started last year for financially struggling churches was to set aside \$25,000 in an **Expansion and Development Fund** for emergencies for qualifying churches. In the past district year, this helped one church replace a heating and air conditioning unit in its fellowship hall while another received a grant to restock its bustling food pantry to feed the community. We have again set aside \$25,000 in this year's budget for churches to apply.

Forward Together in Equipping Leaders

We have held several **online cohorts** with lead pastors, licensed ministers and ministerial students to help them become more effective in their ministries and to get to the next level.

We currently are exploring a ministry cohort through The Ministry Collaborative and Carey Nieuwhof Team.

We also have been meeting all over the state in **Regional Leaders Gatherings**, which are District training and collaboration for all Pastors, LBA members and staff. This is an all-church leadership opportunity. Other initiatives we believe are bearing fruit include:

- Holding nights of worship around the district (5 places this winter!)
- Reaching out to NextGen by organizing the Young Adults Collective headed up by Graham Simmons
- Appointing a local missions and disaster relief point person, Rev. Bradley Hill
- Scheduling a Day of Solitude at different times of the year at Victory Mountain Camp to encourage spending time alone with the Lord to refresh
- Right Now Media subscriptions for individual lead pastors
- We appointed Rev. Nikki Taylor and Dahyanna Hamilton as Women in Ministry Co-Directors to reach out to women in ministry to support their needs

Forward Together in Our Finances

As God has blessed our churches this year, He has also blessed our finances. That is why I am thrilled to reveal today that because of your integrity in meeting your obligations, we have reduced the USF/EIF assessment for this district year to 10.5%! Pastors and church leaders, you all will see this new rate reflected in the USF assessments in your conference packet, and in invoices that will be sent by our District Treasurer.

But wait...There's more. We are believing God will continue to bless us with a stronger financial footing so that I can stand here at this time next year and announce that the USF/EIF is FINALLY down to 10%!

But we can only get there together. That is why we need everyone to participate 100%, a goal that I am happy to say we are much closer to reaching than we were a couple of years ago. Here is why meeting your church financial obligations is so important:

NCE has a desire to bless, support and give resources and grants to churches with needs. Our budget includes funds to launch a Revive Men's Retreat Sept. 26-28 at Victory Mountain Camp; for lead pastor counseling grants; grants for female clergy retreat; Next Gen development and equipping/Refuel funds; the Expansion and Development Fund for outreach and property enhancement; sabbatical assistance for pastors serving seven years; the Young Adult Collective, and for a multi-cultural development strategy.

NCE has a desire to fund The Circuit (our church multiplication network) and Victory Mountain Camp (where children are saved and even commit their careers to ministry) at levels that help us reach the next generation at even higher levels Your assessments also help support and fund The Wesleyan Church and its operations worldwide, which spreading the Gospel to the hardest to reach places.

Forward Together in our Vision

Our greatest needs:

- 1. Equipping emerging NCE leaders (our future lead pastors are here in the room!)
- 2. Revitalizing our churches through transformational leadership and Churches Adopting Churches
- 3. Multiplying through churches planting churches
- 4. Multiplying by new planting

I am determined to help TWC and the NC East District be the strongest it has ever been so that its reach is as broad as it has ever been with the healthiest pastors we have ever had. We do this by staying loyal to our calling and our purpose. Will you join me on this mission?



Annual Report of the District Statistician

Daniel T. Cockerill

Conference year 2024-2025

Section 1 – People information	2025	2024	2023	2022	1 yr % Change	3 yr % Change
Membership						
Student Members	564	331	206	244	70%	131%
Adult Members	7353	7683	8624	9800	-4%	-25%
Total members	7917	8014	8830	10044	-1%	-21%
Worship Attendance						
Onsite worship service average attendance	10894	10729	9304	9466	2%	15%
Live online average attendance	2937	3004	2124	3094	-2%	-5%
Total Attendance	13831	13733	11428	12560	1%	10%
Lives changed						
Persons saved through local church ministries	599	641	659	868	-7%	-31%
Persons sanctified during the year	674	564	542	565	20%	19%
Persons baptized (including infants)	884	778	574	564	14%	57%
Infants/children dedicated	257	300	195	209	-14%	23%
Discipleship						
Persons making disciples	2505	2217	2020	2400	13%	4%
Children being discipled (all forms)	1829	1897	1326	1617	-4%	13%
Youth being discipled (all forms)	1120	909	788	880	23%	27%
Adults being discipled (all forms)	6459	8268	5984	6304	-22%	2%
Total persons being discipled (all forms)	11913	11074	8098	8801	8%	35%
The Called						
Sent to plant churches (no longer counted in attendance)	54	252	115	23	-79%	135%
Declaring call to ministry/missions during year	667	197	101	49	239%	1261%
Preparing for Global Partners missions	17	26	2	3	-35%	467%
Preparing for global missions	118	95	75	19	24%	521%
Preparing for church multiplication leadership	37	23	149	39	61%	-5%
Students enrolled in Wesleyan colleges & universities	24	34	35	36	-29%	-33%
Students enrolled in non-Wesleyan colleges & universities	380	359	263	346	6%	10%
Students engaged in ministry training	101	77	57	118	31%	-14%

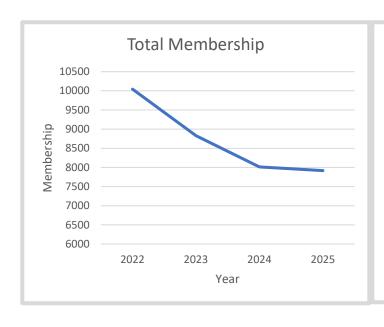
Section 2 – Finances	2025	2024	2023	2022	1 yr % Change	3 yr % Change
Property value					_	
Value of church, land & auxiliary buildings	\$108,676,797	\$95,990,065	\$85,227,553	\$101,520,934	13%	7%
Value of parsonage(s) [If owned by the church]	\$6,831,531	\$6,539,245	\$5,412,002	\$5,163,102	4%	32%
Indebtedness on all property & buildings	\$22,495,069	\$17,935,390	\$19,496,713	\$31,128,273	25%	-28%
Property Value Net	\$93,013,259	\$84,593,920	\$71,142,842	\$75,555,763	10%	23%
Contributions						
Tithes & offerings	\$20,528,769	\$19,603,557	\$17,521,292	\$18,722,170	5%	10%
All other contribution income	\$2,205,058	\$1,984,715	\$895,209	\$1,180,439	11%	87%
Total assessable contribution income	\$22,733,827	\$21,588,272	\$18,416,501	\$19,902,609	5%	14%
Other Funds Received						
Net Enterprise Income	\$1,536,336	\$1,761,611	\$1,477,858	\$2,573,932	-13%	-40%
Interest and investment earnings	\$516,394	\$452,858	\$335,738	\$150,746	14%	243%
Other Income	\$477,345	\$1,175,861				
Total 'other non-assessable' income		\$3,390,330	\$1,813,596	\$2,724,678		
Grand total all income	\$25,263,902	\$24,978,602	\$20,230,097	\$22,627,287	1%	12%
Local Ministry Support						
Payroll	\$9,276,873	\$9,585,494	\$9,314,106	\$6,464,640	-3%	44%
Administrative Expenses	\$1,462,234	\$1,259,819	\$1,242,116		16%	
Discipleship expenses	\$2,203,038	\$2,012,933	\$1,797,797		9%	
Church Assessment Payments	\$1,370,725	\$1,254,473	\$1,121,752	\$1,036,015	9%	32%
Mortgage & Note Payments	\$2,004,578	\$1,763,538	\$1,776,750	\$2,295,515	14%	-13%
Facility Expenses	\$3,209,428	\$3,300,953	\$3,341,093		-3%	
Local Outreach & Benevolence	\$830,999	\$790,821	\$731,663	\$306,874	5%	171%
Total local Ministry Support	\$20,357,875	\$19,968,031	\$19,325,277	\$10,103,044	2%	102%
Other Expenses						
Missions (National and Global)	\$495,238	\$573,822	\$638,690	\$710,000	-14%	-30%
New Property and Major remodeling expenses	\$800,241	\$1,853,002	\$962,438	\$2,376,141	-57%	-66%
Other Expenses not listed	\$1,436,323	\$1,187,154	\$993,342	\$6,429,286	21%	-78%
Total Other Expenses	\$2,731,802	\$3,613,978	\$2,594,470	\$9,515,427	-24%	-71%
Total Expenses	\$23,089,677	\$23,582,009	\$21,919,747	\$19,618,471	-2%	18%
Funds on hand at year end						
Checking and Saving Balance	\$13,134,807	\$13,042,672	\$12,707,664		1%	
other investments	\$2,205,058	\$197,911	\$995,428		1014%	
Total Funds on hand	\$15,339,865	\$13,240,583	\$13,703,092		16%	
Months of Reserves (Average)	11.6	8.8	8.3		32%	

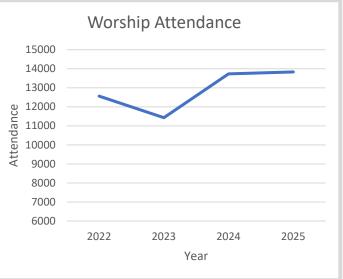
Section 3 - General District information	2025	2024	2023	2022	1 yr % Change
Total number of churches Reporting fully	77	75	70	74	3%
Total number of churches Reporting partially	0	0	2		0%
Total Number of churches not reporting	2	3	6		-33%
Physical locations used for worship gatherings	79	78	77	94	1%
Churches making pension payments monthly to the Wesleyan Pension Fund	35	37	36	36	-5%
Churches complying with the audit requirements in <i>The Wesleyan Discipline</i> (para.863)	57	62	59	58	-8%
Churches reviewing insurance coverage in the past three years	69	68	65	61	1%
Churches with adequate financial controls in place (Self reporting)	68	71	67		-4%
Churches Reviewed pastoral compensation in the last 12 months	60	51	54		18%

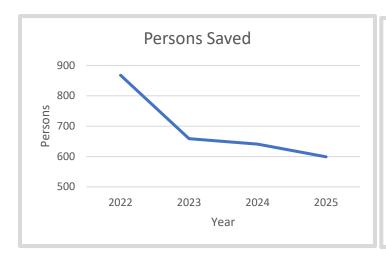
Note: Because of changes made to the Local Church Statistical Report by the General Church, some of the categories changed from the previous year's reports. If the data could be calculated from what was reported, the comparisons (1- and 2-year percent changes) were used. Where there was no way to calculate, the previous year's data was left blank.

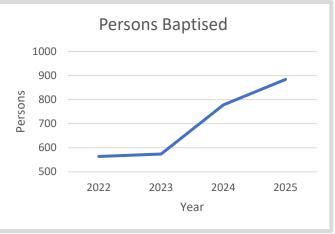
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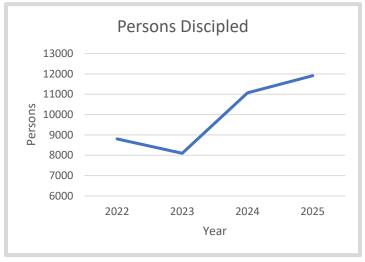
Some Key Metrics in graphical form











ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT

2024-2025

Chair, Rev. Jerry Johnson

District Superintendent Timothy Jones, delegates and friends, the District Board of Ministerial Development has carefully and faithfully examined the following and deems them to be ready academically, spiritually and in character to be recommended as follows:

Recommended as Ordained Ministers in The Wesleyan Church: (3)

Jordan Loman

Maricela Perez

Elena Alvarez

Timothy Carter (Validated)

Recommended as Licensed Ministers - Permanent in The Wesleyan Church: (4)

Sandy Knipp Amy Vuncannon
Austin Pendell Samantha Williams

Recommended as Licensed Ministers in The Wesleyan Church: (40)

Sandy Aviles Barrientos* Corey Heath Perez* **Brandon Baker** Teresa Luz Ramirez Maria De Jesus Hidalgo Jason Baker Blake Hinson Leti Ramirez* Matt Hofstetter William Baker Luis Rodriguez Seth Blackburn Sheri Jennings María Salazar-Hernández* Amanda Bolz Tammy Joyce Josue Sanchez Ricky Bourne Sean Lane* Daniel Shuskey **Ethan Butler** Henry Lee Riley Staley* Kyle Corum Spencer Loman Jason Tuggle Aaron Cox James Martin **Brandon Williams** Tenea DeBerry* John Williams Clinton Nelson **Brandon Fiedler** Elizabeth Pack Heather Voncannon*

Lisa Perkins

Dahyanna Hamilton*

Alejandra Garcia Silvan

*Indicates New Status

Terra Flint

Recommended as Ministerial Students in The Wesleyan Church: (19)

Alfonso Abad Denisse Higuera Esther Alcantara Chuquiruna Ricky Hope* Jordan Alsbrook* Lydia Macinta Luke Burleson Ridge McDonald* Amanda Combass* Lucrecia Rufino Julio Covarrubias Boris Salgado Osel Covarrubias Zoe Shearin Cade Garlock* Jay Sikes

Don Graves Kristian Syversten

Kathy Graves

*Indicates New Status

Licensed Ministers/Ministerial Students Removed (16): (at their own request or due to inactivity or lack of coursework, change of status or transfer to another district):

Anita Baughman Caleb Hurley Chandler Myers Leroy Covarrubias Jeff Johnson Paul Ringheiser

Greg Dabb Justin LaBarre Tere Villagomez Gonzalez
Carmen Davis Jose Luz-Ibarra Juan Villalobos

Carmen Davis Jose Luz-Ibarra
Shelly Falls Monica McCray
Sittlinn Heh Clinton Mills

Recommended as Commissioned Ministers: (2)

Daniel Grant (Ret.) Rob Rogalski

Recommended as Commissioned Lay Special Workers: (4)

Bette Beane Jason Kendrick Janet Coates Stephen Storey

Recommended as Licensed Lay Special Worker: (0)

District Board of Ministerial Development Report to DBA

Paragraph 3040 from The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church:

Renewing a District Ministerial License. A district ministerial license is effective for one year only, and authority to carry on the office and work of a minister under such a license shall cease unless it is renewed annually by the district conference until such time as the holder of the license is commissioned or ordained to the ministry. A minister may be granted renewal of the ministerial license by meeting the following requirements:

(1) Satisfactory service under a previous appointment, including loyalty to and compliance with the rules of The Wesleyan Church and of the district, and including the proper filing of reports. If a licensed minister fails to file the annual service report (1402), unless such failure is due to illness, injury or a similar emergency, the license shall not be renewed (cf. 1390:8).

In accordance with the requirements of the Wesleyan Discipline, the following names are submitted from whom we have <u>not</u> received a 2025 Annual Service Report (ASR).

Elena Alvarez Lyle Denton Arianna Ramirez Belanzar

Philip Bailey Cade Garlock Teresa Luz Ramirez

Pedro Barrera Travis James Lucretia Rufino
Janet Coates Elliot Miller Boris Salgado
Alexis Collins Eric Morgan Kevin Stumbo
Julio Covarrubias Mark Mullins Jennifer York

Michael Cummings Rodney Purcell

NC EAST 2025 HONORED RETIREES

Rev. Ken Klein

Ken entered full-time ministry in the Fall of 1994 after a 12-year career in sales and marketing. He began at Mt. Zion Wesleyan, Thomasville as youth and young adults pastor for the first five years. In the Fall of 1999, he relocated to Chapel Hill as the Senior Pastor of the Wesleyan church there. In 2003 the Kleins went back to Mt. Zion where Ken served as the Executive Pastor on staff for the next eight years. In 2011, with the help of Mt. Zion as the parenting church, Ken planted the Connection Church of Walburg, NC, known today as

Hope City. In 2016, Ken and his wife Deb accepted the Senior Pastor position at Christ Wesleyan Church in Greensboro, the place where they first met Jesus, and later accepted the call into full-time pastoral ministries. In their nine years at CWC they were able to assist in launching two other churches – Emmaus Church of Greensboro and ONE Church of High Point. They later opened the HOPE Center of Greensboro, serving the homeless, street people, and needy families of that area. During those 31 years, Ken fulfilled many other roles as Camp Director, Wesleyan Youth Area and Convention Director, Victory Mountain Camp Board, DBMD, and led 14 international mission trips. But Ken will quickly claim his greatest achievement was keeping his marriage to Deb of 43 years, and love for his two grown children (Josh and Lauren), and six grandchildren, as his highest priorities!

Rev. Larry Pope

Larry entered pastoral ministry in the summer of 1977 in the Kentucky District of The Wesleyan Church. He pastored in Kentucky for nine years in two locations: McAndrews and Mayfield, KY. The Pope family moved to the NC East District and Brown Wesleyan Church, currently Hope River Church, on August 21, 1986, and have served there for the past 38+ years.

The Pope family consists of Larry and his wife Debi and two children – daughter Charity Loftis and her husband Todd, and son Jereme Pope and his wife Kristin. Larry and Debi are proud grandparents of four grandchildren: Bryson Loftis and wife Cheyenne, Pazlie Loftis (deceased), Lily Pope and Rose Pope. They also are proud great grandparents to their first great grandson, Weston Kade Loftis, born in April of 2025.

Rev. Wyatt Hoogkamp

God began to work on Wyatt in the 1980s, but he says it took some time for him to come to grips with it. He was married, had a job, had two small children – daughter Bethany and son Brett – and had just bought a house. He finally surrendered to the call to ministry while

serving under Pastor Darrell Rabon, who helped him and gave him ministry opportunities at Sawyersville Wesleyan Church where he grew up. Shortly after the surrender to the call, Wyatt served as Youth Pastor at Sawyersville. In 1989 he was called to serve as Pastor of Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Church until 1991 when he left for High Pine Wesleyan Church. He spent 21 years there in ministry while they raised their children. During that time, he participated in mission trips to St. Kitts and Nevis, South Dakota, Antigua and to speak at the National Pastors Conference in Zambia, Africa. After that time, they planted a Church in Southport, but admittedly struggled there for 2 years until he received a call from Neighbors Grove Wesleyan.

Now, 11 years later, Wyatt is retiring from that church, which he says has "the most precious people. We love them so much and that made the decision to retire an agonizing one." Wyatt is thankful for his wife Jane, daughter Bethany and son-in-law Wes, son Brett and daughter-in-law Natalie and grandchildren, Maggie, Molly, Tate, Beckett and Lennie, and to everyone who has supported them and cheered them along the way.

Rev. Ronnie Jones

Ronnie was ordained in 1980 and served the NC East District and The Wesleyan Church for 46 years. He pastored four churches over a 40-year period: Trinity Seagrove (5 years); Mebane (4 years); Burlington First (17 years) and Archdale (14 years). Ronnie and wife Janice also served the General Department Of World Missions as missionaries to the Caribbean in Antigua West Indies for 48 months as liaison to Wesleyan World Missions. Their daughter Kimberly is a pastor's wife, daughter Bridgette served as a missionary in Japan, daughter Kari served as a missionary in Munich and they have a son Matthew. Janice and Ronnie have three grandchildren – Breanna, Dustin and Hannah, and four great grandchildren.

For the district he served on the District Sunday School Committee as Sunday School Zone Chairman, on the Youth Camp Board, on the DBMD, as District Youth President and on the Camp Meeting Board as Treasurer. He served as District Missions Director for 20 years and led numerous mission trips to the South Dakota Sioux Indian reservation (7); Rhodell, WV (14); Hephzibah Children's Home (2); Lima, Peru (2); Jamaica (3); and to South Africa, Montserrat, Dominica, Barbuda, Belize, Munich and to a Missions Conference in Japan. With Janice and Ronnie both raised in textile mill communities, they never thought they would travel outside of the state but God allowed them to minister together as a team on four continents as they not only watched God change the lives of many people, but also witnessed people surrender their lives to full-time ministry as pastors and missionaries.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL REPORT

Recognizing local church members who died between June 1, 2024, and May 31, 2025

Rev. Kelly Toth, Hospice House, Asheboro

Albemarle Wesleyan

Imogene Olomon Furr

Covington Memorial Wesleyan, Reidsville

Raymond Wilson, Betty Peterson, Edie Ward, Betty McGee, Ronnie Price

Dan River, Eden

Clyde Martin

Denton Wesleyan

Jerry Winfred Harris

Faith Wesleyan, Fayetteville

Marie Buck, Shirley Mitchell

First Wesleyan, Eden

Gloria Bryant Wilkins, Penny Lynn Moore, Francine Gusler Pulliam, Michael Ray Amos

First Wesleyan, Randleman

Tommy Hill

First Wesleyan, Troy

Joylee Burns, Renita Goforth, Shirley Smith

Franklinville Wesleyan

Phyllis Davis, Nancy Ellison, Ella "Ann" Jones

Gold Hill Wesleyan

Henry Earnhardt, Betty Miller, Shirley Misenheimer, Nancy Ridenhour

Hope River Church, Gibsonville

Johnny Alcon, Almeta Apple, Geneva Apple, Robert Byerly, Karen Knight, Peggy Powell

Journey Church of Sanford

Sarah Brooks

Kernersville Wesleyan

Charles Hubbard, Bill Melton, Paul Randolph, Tunnie Shepherd, Jack Smith, Rick Smith

Mount Olivet, Liberty

Danel Allred

Neighbors Grove Wesleyan, Asheboro

Joey Hazelwood, Betty Jean Younts, Bonnie Redding

NewHope

Antonio Lee, Dana Lott

Ramseur Wesleyan

Lawrence Albright, Gail Fesmire, Lillie Isley

Rushwood Church, Asheboro

Maria Deaton, Nancy Hammonds, Ruth Hollingsworth

Trinity Wesleyan, Eden

Dwight Dove, Ruth Fain, William Hailey Sr., Herb Sellers, Steve Underwood, Huey Watkins

Victory Chapel, Siler City

Tammy Foust Thomas

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Assistant DS (North Coastal Region), Rev. James Spaugh

General Superintendent Dr. Wayne Schmidt, District Superintendent Rev. Tim Jones, Conference Delegates and Friends,

Over the past year, I've had the privilege of serving as one of four Assistant District Superintendents, specifically in the role of Operations Director. A significant part of my work has included supporting the District Superintendent in DBA and staff meetings, ensuring they were productive, purposeful, and aligned with our shared mission. I have also played an active role in planning and executing our District Conference, hoping to create an event that reflected both our identity and renewed momentum as a district – hoping to incorporate the best of the past while making the best use of our time.

In addition to administrative responsibilities, I have advised the District Superintendent in sensitive and confidential matters involving churches and personnel. These moments required discernment, empathy, and a deep commitment to unity. As we transition from a season of resetting to this year's theme, *Forward Together*, I am continually reminded that healthy ministry leadership is not about moving fast but moving faithfully—and moving together. The wisdom, collaboration, and care we share reinforces that our greatest strength lies in our willingness to walk alongside one another.

In a staff meeting, Pastor Tim shared one of the guiding principles for this new year: "Be present, not perfect. Be willing to grow." I'm striving to be both steady and flexible, hoping to help create systems that serve people while remaining deeply relational. As we continue to move *Forward Together*, I remain committed to building strong support structures for our pastors and churches, walking with others through both challenges and celebrations, and going the distance together in the mission God has entrusted to us.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

Assistant DS (Southwest Region), Rev. Luke R. Jackson

This past year has been marked by growth, transition, and renewed vision as our district continues to move Forward Together. One of the highlights of my service has been chairing the Victory Mountain Camp Board. After a thorough search and interviewing many qualified candidates, we were blessed to welcome Chad Brinkley as Executive Director of Victory Mountain Camp. Chad, alongside Landon Davis (Director of Ministry and Program Development) and Roger Smith (Property and Facility Director), has brought new energy and stability to our camp ministry. Their collaborative leadership has already led to significant improvements in both programming and facility stewardship.

I am especially grateful for the leadership of Casey Spaugh, our District Youth Camp Director, and Stephen Tolan, our District Youth President. Their deep passion for discipling the next generation is evident in every event and initiative. Josh Wood continues to provide steady guidance as District Kid's Camp Director, ensuring our camp experiences remain Christ-centered and impactful. Additionally, Graham Simmons has offered outstanding leadership to our district's young adults, fostering deeper community and spiritual growth through worship and discipleship events.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for Pastor Tim Jones, District Superintendent, and Jennifer Jones, District Administrator and Communications Director. Their exceptional leadership and genuine shepherding hearts have been a tremendous blessing to the North Carolina East District.

Pastor Tim's commitment to visiting our churches, listening to the unique challenges and victories each congregation faces, and supporting pastors with authentic empathy reflects his deep passion for shepherding and leadership development. His vision extends well beyond day-to-day oversight. He has championed regional leadership gatherings, providing spaces for leaders to connect, share, and grow together. Through nights of worship, he has fostered unity and spiritual renewal across our district. The Ministry Leaders Cohorts he initiated have created invaluable opportunities for encouragement, collaboration, and equipping, helping leaders thrive in their unique callings.

Jennifer has brought clarity, organization, and a spirit of excellence to every aspect of our district operations. Her attention to detail and unwavering dedication ensures that our ministries function smoothly and effectively.

Together, Tim and Jennifer exemplify servant leadership and a deep love for both the people and the mission of our district. Their vision and steady guidance have been instrumental in uniting us as a vibrant district family, moving forward together with purpose and hope.

Looking ahead, I am excited by the momentum building across our district. We are seeing new leaders emerge, increased collaboration among churches, and a growing hunger for discipleship and spiritual formation. As we embrace the theme "Forward Together," I believe we are entering a season of unprecedented unity and impact. Our commitment remains to equip and empower every leader, church, and ministry to fulfill the mission God has given us.

Thank you for the privilege of serving alongside you. Let us continue to move forward – together – into all that God has in store for the North Carolina East District.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEXT GEN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Rev. Santes Beatty

What a privilege it has been to serve as the Next Gen Leadership Development Director for the second year. Many thanks for Pastor Tim's trust and the incredible NC East team for their support and hard work. We have an amazing team of high-capacity folks serving in Next Gen (Stephen Tolan, DYP; Casey Spaugh, Youth Camp Director; and Joshua Wood, Kids Camp Director) who have done an extraordinary job. As mentioned in my previous report the three areas of focus for me have been:

- Creating a safe space where Next Gen leaders can share challenges and receive coaching.
- Providing ways to unify Next Gen leaders to cross pollenate and learn from each other.
- 3) Finding funding for Next Gen leaders to be resourced, encouraged and participate in local and national conferences.

From these three common needs, I worked with our team in our district and our denomination to create or curate resources. What you have below is how I spent my time serving as Next Gen Leadership Development Director:

Next Gen Resourcing (all free and some offered on a case-by-case basis)

- **Next Gen Connect** Every first Thursday of each month at 12 pm we have a Zoom call for Kids, Youth and Young Adult leaders. We have special guests who are leading practitioners share during breakout rooms, and we have times for prayer and updates.
- **Supply Speaking** I was able to fill in for Next Gen leaders who needed a break, were on vacation or the church's position was in transition.
- Coaching individual and church teams.

Supporting Events

- **2024 FUEL Conference** held Oct. 11-12 where we had about 60 leaders from NC East in attendance. Our district supplied hotel rooms.
- **2025 Refuel and Radiant** was able to attend with hundreds of guys and girls to see firsthand the great collaboration of leaders from both NC East and West.
- **Exponential 2025** we held a Next Gen reception to encourage multiplication among our Next Gen leaders as well as a Shark Tank (Ventures) for young adults in partnership with our universities. We awarded more than \$9,000 for new ministry opportunities.
- **2025 MS and HS Youth Camps** was able to visit for a few days to encourage leaders and promote the Empowered Tour.

What's Next

- *Empowered Tour* These regional FOLLOW events will be at 3 sites for 2025 and the closest one to our district will be **Oct. 3-4, 2025,** at NewHope in Durham. wesleyan.org/cmad/next-gen-ministries/empowered-tour-2025
- FOLLOW 2026 mark your calendar for Dec. 28-31, 2026, in Cincinnati, OH. Our hope is to send about 500 from NC East. followconference.org
- **2026 DYP and Camp Director Retreat** hoping to bring this back to NC in October of 2026 for 25-30 leaders.

I'm excited about where we are on the journey and can't wait to see what God does next through this incredible district. If I or our team can serve you in any way or if you have any questions about upcoming events/conferences, please do not hesitate in reaching out to me at beattys@wesleyan.org

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH HEALTH AND REVITALIZATION DIRECTOR

Rev. Charlie Collins

- "...Completing one another is more important than competing with one another."
- John Maxwell, The 17 Essential Qualities of a Team Player

This quote has become a centering thought for me as we pursue the goal of **cooperative church health**. Simply put — **we are better together**.

A Word to Our Pastors and Church Leaders

If you're a leader in a developing church, you do not have to walk the revitalization journey alone.

Regardless of:

- Your ethnic makeup
- Your primary heart language
- Your location or economic demographic

You are a valued member of the NC East District team.

Opportunities to Grow Together

We are offering several **in-person and virtual opportunities** to help you connect, grow, and thrive as a leader:

Team Development Training (In-Person)

- When: First Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM
- Where: Denton Wesleyan Church
- Bonus: Stay for lunch and fellowship afterward!

Team Development (Zoom)

• When: Flexible scheduling

• How: Email cecollins@ncewesleyan.com to receive the Zoom link

Personal Coaching & Consultation

• **How to Start:** Email cecollins@ncewesleyan.com to request one-on-one guidance

BOOT CAMP at Victory Mountain Camp

Sept. 12-13 | Free for pastors and spouses

Join us for an **overnight experience of fun, refreshment, and focus** — created just for developing church pastors and their spouses.

• Location: Victory Mountain Camp, Sophia, NC

• What's Included: Lodging, meals, encouragement, and connection

• **Bonus:** Attending pastors will be **eligible for a revitalization grant** to support their ministry strategy!

Please register for Developing Church Bootcamp at https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/4cqe36f

Final Thoughts

It continues to be a joy to serve the NC East District. We have a **great team and a great mission** — to share the love of God from the mountains to the coast. I look forward to serving **you** in the coming year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION & CLERGY CARE DIRECTOR

Assistant District Superintendent (Raleigh Region), Rev. Sarah E. Rodríguez

The ecclesiastical year of 2024-2025 was full of many opportunities to disciple, encourage and grow. I am incredibly grateful to God and to our DS, Tim Jones, for the opportunity to serve the NCE District. Next year I will complete 10 years of service to our District on staff and from day one in 2016, my focus has been to encourage pastors to grow closer to God. That is why we started the Days of Solitude in 2017! Victory Mountain Camp has always been so welcoming to us to host these days and this year, we had two Days of Solitude, one in September and the other in February. Both were well attended, and we hope *you* can come and enjoy a day in God's presence away from the distractions of your home or office on Monday, September 22, 2025. Many pastors tell me that they look forward to these days.

The ways I assisted our DS this year were:

- Supporting Hispanic ministries: I support where counsel is needed. I helped to plan the Hispanic church youth service in Kernersville. I am planning with Dahyanna Hamilton the Hispanic women's day (October 11, 2025 @ VMC). I help to plan the united services of our nine Latino churches. I met with Latino pastors in Mebane where we planned how to plant more churches in our District: the goal is 15 total in 2030. (Leading that meeting was Rev. Johel Rodríguez and assistant of Hispanic Ministries, Rev. Jhonn David Arica. Also, it is encouraging to see so many ministerial students who are studying in AVIVA, led by Rev. Amelia Manchego.) At the women's clergy beach retreat, I translated our devotional times together. I translate our NCE weekly newsletters into Spanish. I also interpreted Pastor Tim's sermon at La Trinidad in Eden. While I was in the neighborhood, I preached at Dan River the next day!
- Supporting District events: One of my favorite events this year was the Regional Leader's Gathering at Hope River in Gibsonville. I enjoyed meeting new people at this event and hearing their hearts on how they love their community.
- Going forward it is my goal to create a space for our entire NCE District to talk about multicultural ministry in their churches. In this space we can pray together for those who live in our communities and have our churches reflect the people that live in our communities. Stay tuned for this new space, which will meet every three months on Zoom, and then in person in the coming year.
- REMINDER: Don't forget to set this time aside: Monday, September 22, 2025, 9:30 AM-2 PM, Day of Solitude @ VMC. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT & MULTIPLICATION DIRECTOR

Assistant DS (South Coastal Region), Rev. Chris Vernon

Pastor Tim, District Board of Administration and district family,

It has been a pleasure to serve in this role as assistant district superintendent to the Coastal Region over the last year. We have a strong group of pastors and leaders who faithfully serve in the region, and I have enjoyed getting to know them even more. God is working and moving in our Coastal Region churches. We have endeavored over the last year to strengthen our connections and relationships as pastors and leaders in the NCE District.

Through individual conversations, zoom meeting times of prayer, and one-day gatherings, I believe the Coastal Region relationships between pastors and leaders has grown.

The highlight of my year was our One Day Gathering of pastors and leaders at Union Point Church in New Bern. Pastor Aaron Golden and Pastor Tim Jones talked about authenticity and culture within our churches. We had 19 pastors and leaders, which represented eight of the nine churches in the region. This is just the beginning of focused times like these that I believe will help to not only build community and connection but will also help to bring Kingdom focus to the Coastal Region. My goal is to see two one-day gatherings and one overnight worship, connection and equipping time in the year ahead.

The other part of my role is to walk alongside Pastor Matt Leroy to encourage and support his leading in the area of multiplication. As you can see in his report, God is using him and our gifted leaders in the district to continue to see multiplication moving forward together. I am so thankful for Pastor Matt and his continued passion and calling to see new works and new leaders called to advance the Kingdom of God.

As a part of the NCE District, we are believing that God wants to do even *greater things* as we look forward to the days ahead. *Forward Together* we are praying for continued life change, spiritual growth and community impact in each of our churches. Part of my vision for the coastal region in the next three years is to see our region plant three new works/churches in three new communities. We have some extremely strong and growing communities that need new life-giving works/churches and as a part of our Kingdom focus, we hope to see this challenge met through our collaboration as a region. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and I look forward to ALL that God has in store for the days ahead. *The Best Is Yet To Come*.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CIRCUIT DIRECTOR

Rev. Matt LeRoy



Mission:

The Circuit is a collective of Jesus Pioneers, commissioned to multiply disciples, churches, and transformation in the thick of culture. This is always about Jesus, not about expanding our own Kingdom or extending our own influence. This is about unleashing leaders to embody his holy love and transforming grace for the sake of the world. Once again, we want to begin by reorienting ourselves to the vision we sensed God giving us. Below are the *Map, Marks, and Measures* that will help us know where we are in this Mission.

Map:

Creating a clear and formalized system and pathway from calling to planting.

- 1. Discernment Prayer and wisdom for clarifying the calling to plant
- 2. Assessment Annual or bi-annual Wesleyan Assessment Center hosted at Victory Mountain Camp
- 3. Training Annual or bi-annual Wesleyan Training Center hosted at Victory Mountain Camp
- 4. Coaching Pairing each plant with a coach bringing related expertise and experience
- 5. Multiplying Planting churches that plant churches

Marks:

- 1. Awakening Prayer Prayer is the infrastructure of revival and movement
- 2. Spiritual Leadership Planters rooted in the dynamic love of Father, Son and Spirit
- 3. Intentional Incarnation Translating and embodying the Gospel for the context
- 4. Holy Love Counter cultural posture of truth and grace
- 5. Transforming Grace Proclaiming forgiveness and freedom through Jesus to all
- 6. Missional Discipleship Making disciples and sending missionaries

Measures:

Discerning and articulating clear goals to gauge progress, effectiveness, and faithfulness.

- 1. Cultural Centers
 - Targeting major cities and college towns
 - Raising up and recruiting planters for these frontier places
 - Developing a reproducible model that can be used throughout the Southeast and beyond
 - Identifying target places rather than groups. Targeting groups has been proven to create racially and economically homogeneous churches. Targeting places naturally embraces the diverse population and culture of that given context
- 2. Regional Impact
 - Cultivating a planting hub for the Southeast, in cooperation with districts, reaching cultural centers throughout NC, VA, SC
 - Developing assessment and training center out of Victory Mountain Camp, serving districts throughout the Southeast

3. Local Hubs

- Empowering a culture of grassroots multiplication and collaboration, where local churches take the lead in planting in their region
- Identifying and connecting hubs, such as the Triangle (Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh, Apex, Cary), Triad (Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem), and Coastal (Wilmington, New Bern, Greenville) areas

4. Funding the Future

- \$50k grant for each new plant approved by the district
- Front loading funds to provide help where it is most needed
- Grant system tied to benchmarks, including strategic plan presented by planting team
- Additional one-time \$25k grant for purchase of building or property (for total of \$75k in grant funding)
- Developing a system of funding the future, where each new plant commits to pouring into a future plant

FORWARD TOGETHER: WHAT'S NEXT?

Here are three ways we are moving forward together in 2025-26

1 | Exponential Partnership

The Circuit was chosen last year to participate in a pilot partnership between The Wesleyan Church and Exponential (the global church planting conference/organization). A handful of established churches with a heart for multiplication walked through a 6-month training with Exponential called The Multiplier's Journey. Special thanks to One Church, Crosswinds, and Union Point for blazing the trail.

The purpose is to encourage established and legacy churches to play a part in multiplication through sending. These churches were trained and equipped to embed a multiplication ethos into the DNA of everything that they do. We believe that the most effective form of planting in the future will come from the local church at a grassroots level. This project has great potential to plant those seeds.

And now four more legacy churches are signed up for the next round in 2025-26. Bagley Swamp Wesleyan; Mt Zion, Thomasville; Christ Wesleyan in Greensboro, and Kernersville Wesleyan are taking the bold step to explore this journey.

2 | New Planters!

God continues to send new planters our way. We have seen several new planters walk through the discernment and assessment process, preparing to plant over this next year. Both men and women, English and Spanish-speaking, traditional and non-traditional approaches are represented in this group. We are excited about their future and ours. Please pray for these church planters in their work and ask that the Lord of the harvest would continue to send out workers into his harvest field.

3 | Planter Pipeline

While we are excited about our new planters, we are also having promising conversations with possible recruits for future plants. These are always inspiring, as we walk beside people in a journey of discernment, discovery, and confirmation. Deep gratitude goes out to Pastor Johel Rodriguez, Pastor Nikki Taylor, Pastor James Spaugh, Pastor Chris Vernon, and Pastor Tim Jones for their excellent leadership and support as we continue to move forward together. And to the NC East family of churches. Please continue to pray for what's next. Be on the lookout in your area and spheres of influence. Where are the next opportunities and who is God calling to go?

FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO JOIN TOGETHER

Pray.

We understand that it all begins with prayer. One plants and another waters, but only God can make it grow. Will you join us on the frontlines of church planting through faithful, travailing prayer? Ask our planters how you can sign up for their prayer team. Here's one way to remember: In Matthew 9:38, Jesus says, "Ask the Lord of the Harvest to send out workers into his harvest field." So set an alarm each day for 9:38 and join us in this prayer.

Give.

Our District continues to plant churches, in part because of your Kingdom generosity. And we are so grateful for your visionary investment in the grassroots. Will you and your church pray about adding one or more of our plants to your annual budget, missions budget, or a special offering?

Encourage.

Will you become a Barnabas? Pray about adopting one or more of our planting families and become an intentional, consistent source of encouragement to them this year.

Send.

Every church can be a sending church. It doesn't require a large budget or attendance numbers. Could you team up with several other partner churches to co-sponsor a new plant? Could you share and send encouragement, leaders, resources, experience, coaching? We are seeing legacy churches sponsor plants, recent church plants multiplying, and English and Spanish speaking churches sharing resources and space while birthing new works together.

Go.

Could Jesus be calling you to plant a church or join a core team? Are you sensing a stirring for a people or place? Is the Holy Spirit asking for you to take this next brave step of obedience? Reach out to Matt LeRoy or explore our 'Prayer & Fasting Guide 'at Jesus Pioneers.com. Let's discern together.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CIRCUIT/CHURCH MULTIPLICATION TREASURER

Rev. James Spaugh

June 1, 2024 thru May 31, 2025

General Account (Wells Fargo)

Beginning Balance	81,279.08
Deposits	183,498.86
Dispersements	(179,749.04)
Ending Balance	85,028.90

Savings Account (Wells Fargo)

Beginning Balance	5,658.42
Interest	.56
Ending Balance	5.658.98

Savings Account (WIF)

Beginning Balance	109,215.96
Deposits	0
Interest	5,823.55
Ending Balance	115,039.51

Respectfully Submitted, James Spaugh The Circuit Treasurer

Informe Anual del Director de Ministerios Hispanos Reporte al Distrito: Celebración y Progreso en el Ministerio Hispano

Rev. Johel Rodriguez

Es tiempo de celebrar, aunque los hispanos y nuestras iglesias enfrentamos cambios debido a las políticas de inmigración. Hoy podemos alabar la fidelidad de Dios en Su obra. No cabe duda de que los tiempos son desafiantes y que encontrar trabajadores para el ministerio representa un gran reto. Sin embargo, en el ministerio hispano hemos logrado avances dignos de celebración. Nuestra meta es alcanzar 15 iglesias de habla hispana para el año 2030. El año pasado contábamos con 9 iglesias, incluyendo aquellas en proceso de plantación; este año, con alegría anunciamos una nueva iglesia liderada por el pastor Pablo Betanco (Iglesia Unida) en el área de Winston-Salem.

Logros para Celebrar

- Nueva Plantación en Thomasville: La hermana Alejandra y su esposo Francisco, junto al pastor Steve Martin, están trabajando en un plan para plantar una iglesia en Thomasville. Alejandra, estudiante del Instituto Aviva y miembro de la Iglesia Casa Familiar en Kernersville, pastoreada por el pastor Norberto González, es enviada con gran gozo como una nueva plantadora de fe por su comunidad.
- Llegada de un Nuevo Plantador: En octubre, Chris Granados y su familia llegarán desde Indiana para establecerse en el oeste de Durham. El pastor Chris cubrirá las áreas de Chapel Hill y Durham, NC, y están muy emocionados por las señales claras que Dios les ha dado para plantar en el lugar correcto.
- **Crecimiento Numérico**: Este año daremos la bienvenida a dos nuevas iglesias, pasando de 10 a 12, un motivo de celebración que refleja el deseo de multiplicación que Dios ha sembrado en nuestro distrito.
- Remodelación y Crecimiento Saludable: Celebramos la remodelación del edificio de la Iglesia La Trinidad en Edén, así como también su crecimiento saludable al igual que otras Iglesias como El Camino, El Aposento Alto y Casa Familiar.

Petición de Oración

Solicito oración por nuestros hermanos inmigrantes y sus familias, quienes han enfrentado separaciones y deportaciones. Aunque es difícil comprender esta situación, lo que sí podemos hacer es interceder en oración por nuestros vecinos que necesitan a Dios hoy más que nunca.

Unidad y Eventos

La red de iglesias hispanas en nuestro distrito está más unida que nunca. Hemos organizado eventos de jóvenes, cultos unificados, reuniones de pastores y un retiro de mujeres. Sabemos que juntos podemos hacer más por el Reino de Dios. Destacamos el primer aniversario de la Iglesia Reavivamiento para las Naciones en Goldsboro, donde el

mensaje fue traducido a tres idiomas diferentes, reflejando la gloria de Dios como en el día de Pentecostés.

Agradecimientos

Quiero expresar mi gratitud a todos los pastores y plantadores hispanos por su esfuerzo y dedicación a la obra del Señor. Los animo a seguir adelante, sabiendo que nuestra verdadera recompensa viene del cielo. Los amamos y oramos diariamente por cada uno de ustedes. También agradezco a las iglesias que han abierto sus puertas para iniciar congregaciones hispanas en sus instalaciones. ¡Bendiciones para todos!

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISPANIC MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Rev. Johel Rodriguez

It is time to celebrate, even though Hispanics and our churches are facing changes due to immigration policies. Today, we can praise God's faithfulness in His work. There is no doubt that the times are challenging and that finding workers for the ministry is a significant hurdle. However, the Hispanic ministry has achieved remarkable milestones worth celebrating. Our goal is to reach 15 Spanish-speaking churches by the year 2030. Last year, we had nine churches, including those in the planting process; this year, with great joy, we announce a new church led by Pastor Pablo Betanco (Iglesia Unida) in the Winston-Salem area.

Achievements to Celebrate

- New Planting in Thomasville: Sister Alejandra García Silvan Perez and her husband, Francisco, along with Holly Hill Pastor Steve Martin, are working on a plan to plant a church in Thomasville. Alejandra, a student at Aviva Institute and a member of Iglesia Casa Familiar in Kernersville, pastored by Pastor Norberto González, is being sent with great joy as a new faith planter by her community.
- Arrival of a New Planter: In October, Chris Granados and his family will arrive from Indiana to settle in West Durham. Pastor Chris will cover the areas of Chapel Hill and Durham, and they are very excited about the clear signs God has given them to plant in the right place.
- Numerical Growth: This year, we will welcome two new churches, increasing from 10 to 12, a reason to celebrate that reflects the multiplication desire God has instilled in our district.
- Remodeling and Healthy Growth: We celebrate the remodeling of the Iglesia La Trinidad building in Eden, as well as the healthy growth of other churches such as El Camino, El Aposento Alto, and Casa Familiar.

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Prayer Request

I request prayer for our immigrant brothers and sisters and their families, who have faced separations and deportations. Though it is difficult to understand this situation, what we can do is intercede in prayer for our neighbors who need God more than ever today.

Unity and Events

The network of Hispanic churches in our district is more united than ever. We have organized youth events, unified worship services, pastors' meetings, and a women's retreat. We know that together we can do more for the Kingdom of God. We highlight the first anniversary of Iglesia Reavivamiento para las Naciones in Goldsboro, where the message was translated into three different languages, reflecting God's glory as on the day of Pentecost.

Acknowledgments

I want to express my gratitude to all Hispanic pastors and planters for their effort and dedication to the Lord's work. I encourage you to press on, knowing that our true reward comes from heaven. We love you and pray for each of you daily. I also thank the churches that have opened their doors to start Hispanic congregations on their premises. Blessings to all!

District Treasurer's Report JUNE 1, 2024 - MAY 31, 2025

		Rec	ceipts	Disb	ursements	Balance
Balance Brought Forward - Main C	hecking USF Received Interest Income Misc Income	\$ \$ \$	343,932.24 1,365,285.39 408.59 41,230.26	•		
DISBURSEMENTS General Funds		\$ 1	1,750,856.48			\$ 1,750,856.48
	USF - TWC The Circuit Victory Mountain C TOTAL USF/EIF P)	\$ \$ \$	663,245.84 167,028.25 77,136.30 907,410.39	\$ (907,410.39)
District Budget Operational Expenses				тот	AL (389,052.32)	\$ 843,446.09 (389,052.32)
Ending Balance - Main Checking A	ccount				(000,002.02)	\$ 454,393.77
Savings Account Summary	Restricted Funds Unrestricted Fund			\$ \$	365,250.36 306,941.43	
Total Savings Account Balances				\$	672,191.79	
Ending Balance - All Funds				\$	1,126,585.56	
District Budget Accounting Receipts vs Expenses for District Budget Budget vs Actual for District Budget	lget	\$	457,875.00 377,694.00	\$	(389,052.32) (389,052.32)	 68,822.68 (11,358.32)

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Barwick, District Treasurer

NC East District Report 2025 - 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET WORKSHEET

5000 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
5002 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	5000
5003 FEES - BANK and CREDIT CARD	9000
5004 INSURANCE	9500
5005 INTERNET SERVICE/SUPPORT	4500
5006 DISTRICT LEGAL FEES	500
5007 OFFICE POSTAGE	900
5008 COPY & PRINTING	1200
5009 OFFICE RENT & UTILITIES	25000
5010 OFFICE SUPPLIES	1500
5011 CPA/Audit Fees	1000
Total 5000 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	58100
6000 MINISTRY AND ACTIVITIES	
6003 CHILDRENS MINISTRY BUDGET	1500
6004 PASTORAL CARE	7000
6005 DBA/STAFF	1000
6007 DISTRICT CONFERENCE	8000
6008 DS DISCRETIONARY FUND	500
6009 FLOWERS AND GIFTS	1500
6010 REGIONAL GATHERINGS	1000
6012 LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES / CONTINUING ED	4000
6015 ORDINATION SERVICE	1800
6016 YOUTH MINISTRIES	3000
6020 NEXTGEN	4000
6021 WOMENS CLERGY	3000
6022 MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES	1500
6023 YOUNG ADULT COLLECTIVE	3000
Total 6000 MINISTRY AND ACTIVITIES	40800
7000 DISTRICT TRAVEL	
7001 CONFERENCES & SEMINARS - STAFF	2500
7002 DS ROUNDTABLE & INSTITUTE	1500
7003 STAFF MEALS AND ENTERTAINING	3500
7004 MILEAGE for COMMITTEE MEMBERS	2000

7005 DISTRICT MILEAGE & MAINTENANCE	17000
Total 7000 DISTRICT TRAVEL	26500
8000 SALARIES/BENEFITS/STIPENDS	
8001 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT INCOME	98203
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT MEDICAL INSURANCE	13000
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT HOUSING	35000
8001 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT PENSION	17544
8002 ASSISTANT DS/VICE CHAIR	14420
8002 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT PENSION	1740
CUSTODIAL SERVICES	4680
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR	52144
DISTRICT SECRETARY	3000
TREASURER / BOOKKEEPER	12051
NC EAST STAFF	27200
3 ASSISSTANT D.S.'S	20000
Payroll Taxes	4000
Total 8000 SALARIES/BENEFITS/STIPENDS	302982
Total Expenditures	428382

NC EAST DISTRICT BUDGET ASSESSMENTS 2025-2026

	Assessment	Assessment	
CHURCH NAME	YEARLY	MONTHLY	NOTES
Albemarle	\$10,697	\$891	
Aposento Alto, Winston Salem	\$6,746	\$562	
Archdale	\$7,335	\$611	RT
Avivamiento Latino, Durham (D)	\$4,341	\$362	
Bagley Swamp, Hertford	\$38,563	\$3,214	
Bethel, Rose Hill	\$12,176	\$1,015	
Bethlehem, Snow Camp	\$2,734	\$228	
Browers Memorial, Asheboro	\$48,720	\$4,060	
Callicutt, Troy	\$11,464	\$955	
Casa Familiar, Kernersville (D)	\$2,226	\$186	
Christ, Greensboro	\$28,622	\$2,385	
City of Refuge, Trinity (Plant not launched) (D1)	\$0	\$0	
Cornerstone, Seagrove	\$12,439	\$1,037	
Covington Memorial, Reidsville	\$48,202	\$4,017	
Crestview, Asheboro	\$48,342	\$4,028	
Crosswinds, Leland	\$100,565	\$8,380	
Dan River, Eden	\$6,891	\$574	RT
Denton	\$24,660	\$2,055	
Emmaus, Greensboro	\$23,411	\$1,951	
Encounter Church (D4)	\$17,988	\$1,499	
Faith, Fayetteville	\$13,627	\$1,136	
First, Asheboro	\$5,844	\$487	
First, Burlington	\$11,826		
First, Eden	\$17,142	\$1,428	
First, Greenville (D)	\$6,423		
First, Randleman (D)	\$5,935		
First, Robbins	\$11,610	*	
First, Siler City	\$8,599		RT
First, Troy	\$34,129		
Foster Street, Asheboro	\$40,964		RT
Franklinville	\$3,185		
Free Grace, Harkers Island	\$14,805		
Gold Hill	\$15,000		RΤ
High Falls	\$3,496		111
High Pine, Asheboro	\$9,842		
Hillsborough	\$8,148		
Holly Hill, Thomasville	\$13,600		
Hoovers Grove, Denton	\$7,027	\$586	
Hope River, Gibsonville	\$24,476		
Hydrant, Goldsboro (D)	\$6,510		
Iglesia Casa de Oracion, Archdale (D3)	\$24	·	
Iglesia Cordero de Dios (D2)	\$396		
Iglesia Cristiana De LaTrinidad, Eden (D)	\$74	\$6	

Iglesia La Gloria del Padre, Mebane (D3)	\$0	\$0	
Iglesia Unida (D1)	\$240	\$20	
Journey Church of Sanford (D4)	\$17,952	\$1,496	
Kernersville	\$68,064	\$5,672	
Kildee, Ramseur (based on 2022 LCSR)	\$3,560	\$297	
LifePoint Church, Troy	\$10,300	\$858	
Love Chapel Hill (D)	\$25,650	\$2,137	
Mt. Olive, Sophia	\$4,315	\$360	
Mt. Olivet, Liberty	\$10,191	\$849	
Mt. Zion, Seagrove	\$8,447	\$704	
Mt. Zion, Thomasville	\$157,719	\$13,143	
Neighbors Grove, Asheboro	\$12,156	\$1,013	
New Life Community, Liberty (D3)	\$1,764	\$147	
NewHope, Durham	\$198,875	\$16,573	
North Point, Wilmington (Crosswinds Campus)	\$4,572	\$381	
Old Zion, Tabor City	\$10,969	\$914	RT
One Church, High Point (D)	\$36,750	\$3,063	
Pleasant Union, Liberty (D)	\$630	\$53	
Ramseur	\$21,076	\$1,756	RT
Ray of Hope, Mebane (D)	\$2,330	\$194	
Reavivamiento para las Naciones (D2)	\$120	\$10	
Rushwood, Asheboro	\$55,788	\$4,649	
Sawyersville, Asheboro	\$12,789	\$1,066	
St. Paul, Gold Hill (D)	\$2,049	\$171	
Staley (D)	\$3,085	\$257	
The Anchor Church @ Graham (D) CLOSED 6.29.25	\$0	\$0	
The Way, El Camino Iglesia, High Point (D)	\$9,118	\$760	
Tidal Creek, Shallotte (D3)	\$3,036	\$253	
Trinity, Eden	\$15,079	\$1,257	
Trinity, Salisbury	\$55,711	\$4,643	
Trinity, Seagrove	\$4,317	\$360	
Union Point, New Bern (D)	\$70,851	\$5,904	
Victory Chapel, Snow Camp	\$2,752	\$229	
Vintage, Randleman (D)	\$136,033	\$11,336	
Why Not, Seagrove	\$5,785	\$482	
Yellow Door House (D)	\$2,582	\$215	
TOTALS	\$1,693,457	\$141,122	

(D) Developing Church/Restructure/Restart

(D3) Church Plant Year Three

(D1) Church Plant Year One

(D4) Church Plant Year Four

(D2) Church Plant Year Two

RT - Real Time Assessments

No LCSR - Churches not submitting an LCSR are based on last year's total

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barwick, District Treasurer

NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT

ASSESSMENTS PAID - 2024 - 2025

			% PAID TO
	ASSESSMENT DUE	ASSESSMENT PAID	
Albemarle	\$12,000.00		100
Archdale	\$7,684.56		100
Avivamiento Latino, Durham (D)	\$1,668.00		100
Bagley Swamp, Hertford	\$38,868.00		100
Bethel, Rose Hill	\$11,448.00		100
Bethlehem, Snow Camp	\$2,940.00		100
Browers Memorial, Asheboro	\$43,668.00	\$43,668.00	100
Callicutt, Troy	\$10,536.00	\$10,536.00	100
Casa Familiar, Kernersville (D4)	\$1,152.00	\$1,152.00	100
Christ, Greensboro	\$28,440.00	\$28,440.00	100
City of Refuge Church, Trinity (D1)	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Cornerstone, Seagrove	\$12,960.00	\$12,960.00	100
Covington Memorial, Reidsville	\$46,356.00	\$46,356.00	100
Crestview, Asheboro	\$23,947.00	\$23,947.00	100
Crosswinds, Leland	\$86,015.34	\$86,015.34	100
Dan River, Eden	\$6,662.67	\$6,662.67	100
Denton	\$25,296.00	\$27,000.00	100
Emmaus Church, Greensboro	\$25,032.00	\$27,118.00	100
Encounter Church (D3)	\$11,940.00	\$11,940.00	100
Faith, Fayetteville	\$15,288.00	\$15,288.00	100
First, Asheboro	\$6,780.00	\$6,780.00	100
First, Burlington	\$11,496.00	\$11,664.00	100
First, Eden	\$19,824.00	\$19,854.00	100
First, Greenville (D)	\$3,504.00	\$3,504.00	100
First, Randleman (D)	\$8,689.61	\$8,689.61	100
First, Robbins	\$11,928.00	\$11,928.00	100
First, Siler City	\$8,999.98	\$9,000.00	100
First, Troy	\$29,676.00		100
Foster Street, Asheboro	\$43,443.23		100
Franklinville	\$3,384.00	• •	100
Free Grace, Harkers Island	\$10,704.00	. ,	100
Gold Hill	\$16,052.65		100
High Falls. Bennett	\$3,276.00		100
High Pine, Asheboro	\$10,320.00		100
Hillsborough	\$11,556.00	•	100
Holly Hill, Thomasville	\$14,244.00		100
Hoovers Grove, Denton	\$7,020.00		100
Hope River, Gibsonville	\$24,876.00		100
Hydrant, Goldsboro (D)	\$7,752.00	\$0.00	0

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		ASSESSMENT PAID	
Iglesia Casa de Oracion, Archdale (D2)	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Iglesia Cristiana De LaTrinidad, Eden (D)	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Iglesia El Aposento Alto, Winston Salem (D)	\$1,116.00	\$1,116.00	100
IglesiaLa Gloria del Padre, Mebane (D2)	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Iglesia Wesleyana Cordero de Dios (D1)	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Journey Church of Sanford (D3)	\$11,976.33	\$11,976.33	100
Kernersville	\$68,472.00	\$68,472.00	100
Kildee, Ramseur (D)	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Lifepoint Church - (Troy Wesleyan)	\$11,520.00	\$11,520.00	100
Love Chapel Hill (D)	\$24,792.00	\$24,792.00	100
Mt. Olive, Sophia	\$3,924.00	\$3,924.00	100
Mt. Olivet, Liberty	\$11,208.00	\$11,208.00	100
Mt. Zion, Seagrove	\$10,476.00	\$10,568.00	100
Mt. Zion, Thomasville	\$158,304.00	\$158,304.00	100
Neighbors Grove, Asheboro	\$12,528.00	\$12,528.00	100
New Life Community Church, Liberty (D2)	\$66.00	\$66.00	100
NewHope, Durham	\$191,928.00	\$93,500.00	48.7
North Pointe, Wilmington	\$10,992.00	\$1,832.00	16.6
Old Zion, Tabor City	\$10,571.40	\$10,571.40	100
One Church, High Point (D4)	\$37,128.00	\$37,128.00	100
Pleasant Grove, Siler City (A)	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Pleasant Union, Liberty (D)	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Ramseur	\$24,008.50	\$24,008.50	100
Ray of Hope, Mebane (D)	\$72.00	\$72.00	100
Reavivamiento para las Naciones (D1)	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Rushwood, Asheboro	\$54,276.00	\$54,482.00	100
Sawyersville, Asheboro	\$13,620.00	\$13,620.00	100
St. Paul, Gold Hill (D)	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Staley	\$1,764.00	\$1,764.00	100
The Anchor Church @ Graham (D)	\$1,584.00	\$1,104.00	69.7
The Way, El Camino, High Point (D)	\$15,396.00	\$5,568.00	36.2
Tidal Creek Church, Shallotte (D2)	\$612.00	\$612.00	100
Trinity, Eden	\$16,524.00	\$16,524.00	100
Trinity, Salisbury	\$55,728.00	\$55,728.00	100
Trinity, Seagrove	\$4,680.00	\$4,686.00	100
Union Point, New Bern (D)	\$63,900.00	\$16,500.00	25.8
Victory Chapel, Snow Camp	\$2,796.00	\$2,796.00	100
Vintage, Randleman (D)	\$129,048.00	\$20,000.00	15.5
Why Not, Seagrove	\$6,312.00	\$6,312.00	100
Yellow Door House (D5)	\$516.00	\$516.00	100
MONTHLY ADJUSTMENTS	ψ510.00	Ψ010.00	100
TOTAL	\$1,621,265.27	\$1,346,405.29	83.3
TOTAL	Ψ1,021,203.2/	Ψ1,040,400.29	05.5

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ASSESSMENT DUE ASSESSMENT PAID DATE

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LIFE BENEFIT REPORT 2024 - 2025

WESLEYAN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION SAVING ACCOUNT

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	Beginning balance:	6/1/2024	93,842.95
Receipts: interest earned			
	6/30/2024	2,573.61	
	12/31/2024	2,391.09	
Total interest earned			\$ 4,964.70
		TOTAL	\$ 98,807.65
Total disbursement:			
	Interest Withdrawal		\$ (4,965)
		TOTAL	\$ (4,964.70)
	5/31/2025	WIF Balance on hand:	93,842.95
Life Benefit Certificate Amoun	ts Remaining in the Fund		66,000.00

27,842.95

Respectfully submitted,

Disbursable Funds

Debbie Barwick, District Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VICTORY MOUNTAIN CAMP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chad Brinkley

I have found one very important thing to be true about Victory Mountain Camp. VMC is a machine that runs on the Holy Spirit and willing volunteers. I have a vivid memory of chatting with our District Superintendent, Tim Jones, at the back of the worship shelter to conclude the event, Refuel. We observed the young men in leadership for that camp standing behind the students with hands raised, all worshipping together as the event came to a close. I remember commenting to Tim on how a few short years ago, those who were now pouring into these students were the campers themselves. It seems this natural design is self-producing and is quite awe-inspiring.

Through God's blessings and your support, Victory Mountain Camp has seen its lodge get quite a makeover with new flooring, walls, paint, etc. We took a careful look at how the kitchen served our camper's meals and put in a new serving line which drastically reduced lines in the cafeteria and allowed more time for meals and other activities. We installed a new programmable gate with audio and visual controls for additional security. VMC added a dedicated location for the popular activity, Bazooka Ball. We opened the woods between the lake and our lodge and built and placed numerous picnic tables for meals and small group meeting space. Our field now has bases for playing Blitzball and kickball. We added a life-size Goliath paintball-slingshot shooting range. Adding a new John Deere Gator helps in maintenance and camp monitoring, while also improving setup and moving activities and water. Our weathered roads have received some TLC (along with gravel). We installed a walk-in, outdoor freezer which greatly increased our kitchen storage capacity. To make the downstairs lodge a more usable space as a cabin unit for our summer camps, we added a separate entrance, which promoted a more secluded, private housing. Four misting stations created a cooling effect which was greatly appreciated when the temperatures reached the upper 90s! We have begun working on the back nine holes for disc golf course and poured 10 of the 18 tee pads. We picked up a fleet of new beautiful kayaks, fishing rods, and new paddles as well!

Many camps have now come and gone, and I continue to be blown away by the lives changed and strength, effort and support of the volunteers in our district. I suppose my team and I have grown comfortable with just how little and insignificant our roles are here at VMC compared to the magnitude of what God is doing in little Sophia, NC, through His Holy Spirit along with these fine volunteers. The words "Forward Together" carry such incredible weight to me in my role. I am so optimistic God has big things in store for our campus and its visitors and volunteers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUTH CAMP DIRECTOR

Rev. Casey Spaugh

As camp season winds down for the 2025 year, the Youth Camp Team is celebrating another year of God's faithfulness at Victory Mountain. It is a joy to serve alongside Chad, Roger, Landon, and the Youth Camp Team.



This year our team consisted of Chris Hotz (Crosswinds Church), Ethan Butler (Kernersville Wesleyan), Landon Davis (VMC), Marty Fletcher (Trinity Wesleyan, Salisbury), Stephen Tolan (Mt. Zion Wesleyan), and myself.

This team works September-June to plan and execute the two weeks of NC East Youth Camp that happen at VMC while also being integral parts of their local churches. I think that it is incredibly important to thank the local churches in which these guys serve for seeing and valuing the importance of youth camp as these guys share their time with us to make camps a success.

This year's camp theme was "Fuego." As we began to plan for camp, the story of the burning bush caught our hearts. The bush was on fire but it did not burn up. An ordinary bush met an extraordinary fire and it captures Moses' attention and his soul. What an analogy for holiness in our own lives? This year we explored this story as well as other stories of fire from scripture. Our speakers knocked it out of the park. Trevor Heyd, a pastor from Michigan made messages fun and inspiring for our middle schoolers. One of our own, Jasmyn Denton, from Vintage Church in Randleman was our speaker for high school camp. She connected, inspired, and led our high schoolers through practical responses each night.

Of the almost 600 students that attended our 2 camps this summer, we received feedback surveys from around half of them. We would like to see this number grow in the future but here is what was self-reported by our students:

- 147 students rededicated their lives to Jesus
- 62 students marked that they felt called to serve in ministry in some
- capacity 20 students reported that they gave their life to Jesus for the first time

We celebrate these students that made decisions as God moved in their hearts! We also celebrate the countless stores that we heard from students about other commitments and steps of growth that they were taking as they experienced camp.

One area that we are really proud of at youth camp is our breakout morning teaching sessions. This year Preston Steele, the student pastor at Vintage Church, taught a morning breakout on becoming whole. He taught about following God fully and how we can engage our physical bodies, our minds, emotions, and spirit in the journey to be a whole follower of Christ. Alongside this breakout, students chose one other practical breakout. We are really proud of our efforts and outcomes to equip students to not just ride out the spiritual mountaintop experience that camp can be, but to be steady and equipped to take what they have learned home to be a faithful lifelong follower wherever life takes them.

We are so grateful to the NC East District and to the VMC Camp Board for your unwavering support of our camping ministries.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERS DIRECTOR

Rev. Charlie Collins

It has been my honor to serve the NC East District as your Global Partners Director this past conference year. Missions in general is a passion of mine, and the support of Global Partners missionary efforts has become an increasing passion. It is exciting to anticipate what God will do next as we join together and engage His Kingdom purpose!

OUR SHARED GOALS

As GP Director, we've established several guiding goals. My hope is that these will not only shape district direction but become embedded in the DNA of each local church:

- Raise awareness and encourage participation in both global and local missions.
- Promote Global Partners missionaries and their projects among our congregations.
- Connect churches to shared mission projects—locally, nationally, and globally.
- Facilitate support teams for GP field needs: funds, people, and resources.
- Foster strong relationships between our churches and missionaries.

I will continue reaching out to pastors and churches to offer support, encouragement, and consultation as we pursue these goals together. We pray that God will bless every effort and act of generosity as we faithfully participate in His Kingdom work.

We commend the many churches who have faithfully supported missionaries and global projects for years. Please send us your reports and testimonies—we'd love to celebrate your stories!

For those yet to begin sponsoring a missionary or joining a mission effort—whether through prayer, giving, or going—I encourage you: **Now is the time to mobilize your church.**

READY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHURCH

♣ Oral Curriculum Project – Cambodia

This initiative equips the next generation of Cambodian pastors and leaders. The 2025 budget need is \$6,000.



Haley Quarandillo - Missionary to Cambodia

Haley is developing her support team and aims to move to Cambodia by **November 2025**, where she will minister to trafficked women and girls. She still needs **\$4,500/month in support**.



Andrew, Lexi, and Noah Collins - Cambodia

Thank you to those supporting the Collins family. They are stateside this summer for meetings and vacation, returning to Cambodia in **November**. Their availability for in-person church visits is limited, but a **video update** will be available soon.

MISSION TRIPS YOU CAN JOIN

- Inner City New York November 6–9, 2025
 Contact: Charlie Collins ccollins@ncewesleyan.com
- ARhodel, WV December 2025

 Contact: Ron Jones ronniejones1@mac.com
- Cambodia March 14–26, 2026
 Contact: Charlie Collins ccollins@ncewesleyan.com

I pray that our efforts—in prayer, in giving, and in going—will continue to make **Jesus the trending topic** in every zip code and on every continent.

Visit our Global Partners table at District Conference, or contact me directly at cecollins.pastor@gmail.com to learn how your church can get involved.

Sending. Lending. Trending.



NORTH CAROLINA EAST

2024 DISTRICT REPORT

TOTAL **GIVING**

Denton Wesleyan Church	. \$17,35
Vintage Church (Randleman)	\$16,55
Mt. Zion (Thomasville)	\$9,350
Gold Hill Wesleyan	\$6,461
Kernersville Wesleyan	\$5,363
Hope River (Gibsonville)	\$5,000
Neighbors Grove (Asheboro)	.\$4,800
Cornerstone Church (Asheboro)	.\$4,680
Bethel Wesleyan Church (Rose Hill)	\$4,060
First Wesleyan (Eden)	.\$3,653





MISSIONARIES

47



PROJECTS

4



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MISSION

AMPLIFIED

19 COUNTRIES

Cambodia
Czech Republic
East Asia
Eastern Europe
Ecuador
Guyana
Haiti
Japan
Karis
Macedonia

Mozambique Nicaragua Northeast Asia Panama Philippines South Asia The Balkans Waha Zambia Countries/regions shown in bold above

shown in bold above are not shown on the map to protect the missionaries there.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT REGIONAL RESPONSE & OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Rev. Bradley Hill

Over the past few months, our team has been actively engaged in relief efforts in Old Fort and across the entire state of North Carolina following the recent batch of storms. Homes have been damaged, roads washed out, and many families were left without necessities.

In response, we've coordinated with local leaders, churches, and partner organizations to deliver food, clean-up supplies, and emergency assistance directly to those impacted. From clearing debris to providing temporary shelter, every effort has been focused on helping our neighbors rebuild and recover.

We've seen incredible stories of resilience and hope rising from the chaos. Specifically, volunteers have spent many long days helping clean homes and churches, distribute supplies, as well as offer comfort to families in need. With each tarp nailed down, building mucked, meal delivered, hand held and prayer spoken, the love of this community in Old Fort continues to shine brightly in the darkest places.

We are especially grateful for our local pastors and church groups from this district (NC EAST), and also from NC WEST and beyond who have helped guide relief teams and ensure that resources are accounted for and are being distributed where there are legitimate needs.

We want to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who has supported this work across the state. Whether through financial donations – the district office collected \$70,541.48 and disbursed \$64,750 so far; time spent volunteering – more than 9,000 hours in manual labor; or by simply spreading the word.

Your generosity has made a real difference.

Because of your support, families in Old Fort and beyond are finding hope in the midst of heartbreak, and together, we are helping rebuild not just homes and churches, but lives.

Thank you for being part of THE mission – there is much more to come.

DBA COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

PART 1 - PASTOR APPOINTMENTS (Only credentialed ministers/licensed ministers/ students/commissioned and lay ministers serving in the NC East District are listed in pastoral appointments)

ALBEMARLE: Pastor James Valk

APOSENTO ALTO, WINSTON-SALEM: Senior Pastor Jhonn David Arica; Assistant Pastors Claudia Arica, Amelia Manchego, Maricela Perez; Students Denisse Higuera, Alfonso Abad

ARCHDALE: Supply Pastor Mark Klass (NCW)

AVIVAMIENTO LATINO, DURHAM (*Developing*): Senior Pastor Johel Rodríguez; Assistant Pastors Sarah Rodríguez, Virginio Corona, Leti Ramirez

BAGLEY SWAMP, HERTFORD: Co-Pastors James Spaugh & Casey Spaugh; Assistant Pastor Kaleb Spaugh

BETHEL: Supply Pastor Kris Syvertsen; Student Ricky "Nelson" Hope

BETHLEHEM, SNOW CAMP: Pastor Donald Southern

BROWERS, ASHEBORO: Pastor Bryant Madren; Assistant Pastor Josue Sanchez

CALLICUTT, TROY: Pastor Blake Davis

CASA FAMILIAR CHURCH *(Developing)*: Senior Pastor Norberto González; Assistant Pastors Nancy González, María Martha Vásquez, Alejandra Garcia Silvan Perez

CHRIST, GREENSBORO: Senior Pastor Santes Beatty; Assistant Pastors Sidney Wheatley, Dayna Carr; Student Luke Burleson

CITY OF REFUGE (Developing Church Plant): Supply Pastor Brent Bennett

CORNERSTONE, SEAGROVE: Senior Pastor Nathan Kiser; Assistant Pastors Elizabeth Pack, Bernard Needham, Lisa Perkins; Students Don Graves, Kathy Graves

COVINGTON MEMORIAL, REIDSVILLE: Pastor Daniel "Buck" Garrison

CRESTVIEW, ASHEBORO: Senior Pastor Jam Paterson; Executive Pastor Jerry Johnson; Assistant Pastor Timothy Jordan; Student Ridge McDonald

CROSSWINDS, LELAND: Senior Pastor Chris Vernon; Assistant Pastor Chris Hotz

DAN RIVER, EDEN: Pastor Henry Lee

DENTON WESLEYAN: Senior Pastor Charles Collins; Assistant Pastors Bethany Collins, Alex

Gebert

EMMAUS CHURCH, GREENSBORO: Senior Pastor Josh LeRoy; Assistant Pastors Corey

Heath, Anderson Kursonis, Jhinika Louve, Jay Sikes; Student Cade Garlock

ENCOUNTER CHURCH OF HIGH POINT (Developing District Church Plant): Senior Pastor

John Vernon; Assistant Pastors Paul Coates, Sheri Jennings

FAITH, FAYETTEVILLE: Pastor Roger Parsons

FIRST WESLEYAN, ASHEBORO: Supply Pastor Blake Hinson

FIRST WESLEYAN, BURLINGTON: Pastor Dennis Boone; Assistant Pastor Wayne Howard

FIRST WESLEYAN, EDEN: Pastor Kevin Dunovant

FIRST WESLEYAN, GREENVILLE (Developing): Pastor Todd McDonald

FIRST WESLEYAN, RANDLEMAN (Developing): Pastor Daniel Shuskey; Assistant Pastors

James Martin, Samantha Williams

FIRST WESLEYAN, ROBBINS: Senior Pastor Cameron Dockery; Assistant Pastor Barry Miller;

Student Lydia Macinta

FIRST WESLEYAN, SILER CITY: Pastor Donald Southern

FIRST WESLEYAN, TROY: In the hands of the DBA

FOSTER STREET, ASHEBORO: Senior Pastor Charles Moses; Assistant Pastors Michael

Jernigan, Daniel Shuskey

FOSTER STREET CENTRAL CAMPUS: Campus Pastor Michael Jernigan; Assistant

Pastor Brandon Baker

FRANKLINVILLE: Pastor Terry Giles

FREE GRACE, HARKERS ISLAND: Pastor Clinton Nelson

GOLD HILL: Pastor Mark Loman

HIGH FALLS: Pastor Roger Riffe

HIGH PINE, ASHEBORO: Supply Pastor from NC West District James Arnold Luther

HILLSBOROUGH: Pastor Boyd Odell Link, Jr.

HOLLY HILL, THOMASVILLE: Pastor Steve Martin

HOOVERS GROVE, DENTON: Pastor Sidney Stewart

HOPE RIVER, GIBSONVILLE: Senior Pastor Kelly Goudy; Assistant Pastor Rodney Purcell

HYDRANT, GOLDSBORO (*Developing*): Senior Pastor Elizabeth Rick; Assistant Pastor William Baker; Student Zoe Shearin

IGLESIA CASA DE ORACION, ARCHDALE (Developing Church Plant): Senior Pastor Elías Romero; Assistant Pastors Elena Álvarez, Teresa "Luz" Ramirez

IGLESIA CRISTIANA LA TRINIDAD, EDEN: (Developing) Senior Pastor Edgar Yax; Assistant Pastor Dilma Yax

IGLESIA LA GLORIA DEL PADRE, MEBANE, WINSTON-SALEM (Developing District Church Plant): Supply Pastor Maria Hidalgo

IGLESIA UNIDA, WINSTON-SALEM (Developing District Church Plant): Pastor Pablo Betanco

IGLESIA WESLEYANA CORDERO de DIOS, WINSTON-SALEM (Developing): Supply Pastor Enrique Alcantara; Student Esther Alcantara Chuquiruna

JOURNEY CHURCH OF SANFORD: (*Developing District Church Plant*) Supply Pastor Anthony Dell

KERNERSVILLE: Senior Pastor Travis Shannon; Assistant Pastors Ethan Butler, Graham Simmons, Brandon Fiedler, Riley Staley

KILDEE, RAMSEUR: (In the hands of the DBA)

LIFEPOINT CHURCH: Senior Pastor Mark Atkins; Assistant Pastor Matt Hofstetter

LOVE CHAPEL HILL: (Developing) Senior Pastor Justin Simmons; Assistant Pastor Joel Philbrook

MT. OLIVE, SOPHIA: Pastor Wayne Byrd

MT. OLIVET, LIBERTY: Pastor Jeffrey Garner

MT. ZION, SEAGROVE: Senior Pastor Derrick Britt; Assistant Pastor Amy Cheek Vuncannon

MT. ZION, THOMASVILLE: Senior Pastor Luke Jackson; Assistant Pastors Amanda Bolz, Seth Blackburn, Brent Bennett, Sandy Knipp, Tammy Joyce, Brandon Williams, Brian Charles, Stephen Tolan, Jason Tuggle; Sean Lane; Commissioned Lay Stephen Storey

NEIGHBORS GROVE, ASHEBORO: In the hands of the DBA; Assistant Pastor Austin Pendell

NEWHOPE, DURHAM: Senior Pastor Adam Bishop; Assistant Pastor Caleb Maxon; Assistant Pastor Tenea DeBerry; Student Amanda Combass

NEW LIFE COMMUNITY, LIBERTY (*Developing Restart*): Senior Pastor Emily Hambrock; Assistant Pastor Garry McClendon

NORTH POINTE COMMUNITY (d/b/a Crosswinds Wilmington) (Developing Restart): Supply Pastor Dave Holt

OLD ZION, TABOR CITY: Pastor Ricky Bourne

ONE CHURCH, HIGH POINT *(Developing Restart*): Senior Pastor Ryan Sims; Assistant Pastors Boris Salgado, John Williams

PLEASANT UNION, LIBERTY (Developing): Interim Pastor Stephen Barnes

RAMSEUR WESLEYAN: Pastor Jason Baker

RAY OF HOPE, MEBANE (Developing): Pastor Roger Coburn

REAVIVAMIENTO PARA LAS NACIONES (Developing church plant): Supply Pastor Dahyanna Hamilton

RUSHWOOD, ASHEBORO: Senior Pastor Brent Tysinger; Assistant Pastor Caleb Stout; Commissioned Special Worker Jason Kendrick

SAWYERSVILLE, ASHEBORO: Senior Pastor Timothy Carter

ST. PAUL, GOLD HILL (Developing): Pastor Justin Johnson

STALEY WESLEYAN (Developing): Interim Pastor Stephen Barnes

THE ANCHOR CHURCH AT GRAHAM (Developing): CLOSED ON JUNE 29, 2025

THE WAY/EL CAMINO, HIGH POINT: (*Developing*) Senior Pastor Luciano Covarrubias;
Assistant Pastors Emerson Tabora, Sandy Viles Barrientos; Students Osel Covarrubias, Julio Covarrubias

TIDAL CREEK CHURCH, SHALLOTTE (*Developing District Church Plant*): Senior Pastor Josh Glagola; Assistant Pastor/Commissioned Minister Rob Rogalski

TRINITY, EDEN: Senior Pastor Dave Bunn; Assistant Pastor Terra Flint

TRINITY, SALISBURY: Senior Pastor Randy Addison; Assistant Pastor Marty Fletcher

TRINITY, SEAGROVE: Pastor Aaron Cox

UNION POINT, NEW BERN (*Developing*): Senior Pastor Aaron Golden; Student Jordan Alsbrook

VICTORY CHAPEL, SNOW CAMP: Supply Pastor Noah Albarez

VINTAGE CHURCH, RANDLEMAN (Developing): Senior Pastor Matt Smith; Assistant Pastor Lyle Denton

WHY NOT WESLEYAN, SEAGROVE: Supply Pastor Darrell Rabon

YELLOW DOOR HOUSE, GREENSBORO (Developing): Pastor Nikki Taylor

*ONE DISTRICT MISSION-MISSION HOUSE, SALISBURY

PART 2 - CATEGORIES OF SERVICE

I. Ordained Ministers

A. District Service

Tim Jones.

District Superintendent

• Matt LeRoy, The Circuit Director

• Landon Davis.

Victory Mountain

Camp

B. Pastoral Service

Randy Addison Noah Albarez (SP/RT)

Enrique Alcantara Claudia Arica Jhonn David Arica

Mark Atkins Stephen Barnes Santes Beatty **Brent Bennett** Pablo Betanco Dennis Boone **Derrick Britt** David Bunn Dayna Carr **Brian Charles**

Paul Coates

Roger Coburn (PA/RT) **Bethany Collins Charles Collins** Virginio Corona Luciano Covarrubias Carlton Blake Davis

Lyle Denton

Cameron Dockery

Kevin Dunovant Martin Fletcher Jeffrey S. Garner

Daniel (Buck) Garrison

Alex Gebert **Terry Giles** Josh Glagola Aaron Golden Nancy Gonzalez Norberto Gonzalez Kelly Goudy

Emily Hambrock Wayne Howard (A1/RT)

Chris Hotz Luke Jackson Michael Jernigan Jerry Johnson Justin Johnson Timothy Jordan Nathan Kiser Anderson Kursonis

Josh LeRoy Odell Link Mark Loman Jhinika Louve **Bryant Madren**

Amelia Manchego

Stephen Martin Caleb Maxon Garry McClendon Todd McDonald Barry Miller Charles Moses Bernard Needham Roger Parsons (PA/RT) Wayne (Jam) Patterson

Maricela Perez Joel Philbrook Rodney Purcell

Darrell Rabon (SP/RT)

Elizabeth Rick Roger Riffe Johel Rodriguez Sarah Rodriguez Elias Romero Travis Shannon **Graham Simmons Justin Simmons**

Ryan Sims Matthew W. Smith **Donald Southern** Casey Spaugh Kaleb Spaugh James Spaugh Sidney Stewart Caleb Stout **Emerson Tabora** Nikki Taylor Stephen Tolan

Maria Martha Vasquez

Chris Vernon John Vernon

James Valk

Brent Tysinger

Richard Tysinger

Sidney D. Wheatley Dilma Maribel Yax **Edgar Joel Yax**

C. Denominational Service

Alexis Collins, Global Partners Missionary

D. Chaplains

Mitch Cartrette– Corporate Chaplains

of America

Roland Cavanaugh– Hospice of the

Piedmont

Seth Cotton-Centra Health System,

Hospice

Marisa Cowgill— Covenant Village Justin Maynard— Gainesville Veterans

Hospital

Todd McDonald– Corporate Chaplains

of America

E. In Educational Service

Jordan Loman (IWU)

F. Interchurch Service

Tommy Albertson, Jr. Mark Beane

Mark Benjamin Greg Bouck Michael Brady James Brewer Ross DeMerchant

Zach Derr

Jeff Fusnner (RT/IC)

Travis James
Clint Kearns
Todd Kemp
Jonathan Lewis
Eric Morgan
Bryan Rush
Philip Siebbeles
Dee Stokes
Timothy Taylor
Brian Wardlaw
Dustin Wilson

G. OM Affiliate Church

H. OM Special Service

Kent Emirbayer M. Elliot Miller

Hannah Wilson

I. OM Retired

Noah Albarez (SP/RT) Gwen Armstrong Robert Armstrong Douglas Beadle James Brewer (IC/RT)

Alvin Brooks
Wayne Byrd
Keith Carroll
Henry Cavenaugh
Wayne Chandler
Janice Clark
Ralph Clayton

Roger Coburn (PA/RT)

Doug Dennis Clyde Dupin Larry Frye

Jeffrey Fussner(RT/IC)

Paul Griffin T. Wilson Harris Glen Hawkins

Wayne Howard (A1/RT)

Philip L. Hulen Alfred Hurlburt Don Hurlburt Wyatt Hoogkamp Inthava Inthisane Larry Johnson Ronnie Jones Genea King Steven King Ken Klein Daniel LeRoy Ed Lindsey Jeffrey Loman Marina Manchego Tomas Manchego **Donald Martin** Daniel Medina **Ernest Mullins**

Roger Parsons (PA/RT)

Larry Pope

Mark A. Mullins

Alvin Newcomb

William Oden

Darrell Rabon (SP/RT) Martha Richardson

Leoncio Rios Rosa Rios Dan Rominger Monte Siler Tommy Smith Kevin Stumbo
Sam Swinney
Danny Thomas
J. Ronald Thompson
Leon E. Thompson
Aron Willis
Alvin Wooters

J. OM on Reserve

Elizabeth Bentley
Josh Conklin
Jason Johnson
Cynthia McClendon
Wendel McDowell
Daniel Pendell
Maggie Slusher
Eddie Smith
Martha Marie Smith

Phillip Surrett

Bonnie Eastlack Suter

Vanessa York

K. OM Without Appointment

Bryana Augustine
Philip Bailey
Padro Barrera
Michael Cummings
Arianna Ramirez-Belanzar
Jennifer York

L. OM District Transfer

Jacob Clapp to NCW

M. OM in Process of Denominational Transfer

Adam Bishop Travis Shannon

N. OM on Loan <u>from</u> Another District

Mark Klass - NCW Arnold Luther - NCW

O. OM on Loan <u>to</u> Other Districts

Bradley Hill - NCW Eric Morgan – South Coastal

P. Promoted to Glory

David L. Keith Kelly Toth

II. Commissioned **Ministers**

A. CM Pastoral Service

Rob Rogalski

B. CM Retired

Daniel Grant

III. Licensed Ministers

A. In Pastoral Service

Elena Alvarez Brandon Baker Jason Baker

William Baker

Amanda Bolz Ricky Bourne

Ethan Butler

Kyle Corum Aaron Cox

Tenea DeBerry **Brandon Fiedler**

Terra Flint

Dahyanna Hamilton

Corey Heath Maria Hidalgo

Blake Hinson Matt Hofstetter Sheri Jennings

Tammy Joyce Sandy Knipp

Sean Lane

Henry Lee

James Martin Clinton Nelson Elizabeth Pack

Austin Pendell

Lisa Perkins

Leticia Ramirez

Teresa (Luz) Ramirez

Luis Rodriguez

Maria Salazar-Hernandez

Josue Sanchez **Daniel Shuskey** Riley Staley Jason Tuggle

Heather Voncannon

Amy Cheek Vuncannon **Brandon Williams**

Samantha Williams

B. LM in Educational Service

Spencer Loman (IWU)

C. LM Removed from Service

D. LM Transferred

Hunter Curtis to South Coastal

Sittlinn Heh to NCW

IV. Ministerial Students

Alfonso Abad

Esther Alcantara Chuquiruna Jordan Alsbrook Luke Burleson **Amanda Combass** Julio Covarrubias Osel Covarrubias Cade Garlock

Don Graves Kathy Graves Denisse Higuera

Ricky Hope Lydia Macinta

Ridge McDonald Lucrecia Rufino

Boris Salgado Zoe Shearin

Jay Sikes

Kristian Syversten

V. Commissioned and Licensed Lay

A. Commissioned Lay Special Workers

Bette Beane Janet Coates Jason Kendrick Stephen Storey

VI. Licensed Ministers Recommended for Ordination

Jordan Loman Maricela Pérez

VII. Ministers Recommended for Validation of Ordination

Timothy Carter

NOTE: Following District Conference, if a change is needed to an appointment or credentials, please contact the district office at 336-886-7729, NCE Admin@ncewesleyan.com by Aug. 15 so that it can be corrected in time for the District Journal.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(2025 Conference Nominees as put forth by the committee)

FOR BALLOT 1

District Secretary – 1-Year Term (Elect 1)

Dave Bunn, (Trinity, Eden)

Jordan Loman, (Emmaus Church/IWU Professor)

FOR BALLOT 2

➤ District Board of Administration Lay Members – 2-Year Term

Coastal Region (Elect 1)

Dan Cockerill (Faith Wesleyan)

Hispanic Region (Elect 1)

Ruth Islas (Avivamiento Latino Church)

Piedmont Region (Elect 5)

Starr Cromer (Christ Wesleyan)
Mark Dawalt (Mt Zion, Thomasville)
Morgan Harvey (Emmaus)

Vanessa Meyer (Kernersville) Ashley Pece (NewHope) Wesley Poff (Trinity, Eden)

FOR BALLOT 3

Nominating Committee – 1-year term

Ministerial (Elect 2)

Santes Beatty (Christ Wesleyan) Jerry Johnson (Crestview) Lay Members (Elect 2)

Connie Collins (Denton) Katrina Floyd (Rushwood)

FOR BALLOT 4

➤ General Conference 2026 Delegates – 11 Ministerial, 11 Lay + 2 alternates each

Must be able to attend May 17-20, 2026, General Conference at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind. Delegates make their own travel arrangements and are given a per diem to cover that (air or car, your choice); food included as well. There is no cost for hotel; for this conference we will be staying in "refreshed" dorms on the IWU Campus.

Ministerial (Elect 10: District Superintendents are automatic delegates)

- 1. Santes Beatty (Christ Wesleyan)
- 2. Dave Bunn (Trinity, Eden)
- 3. Dayna Carr (Christ Wesleyan)
- 4. Buck Garrison (Covington)
- Luke Jackson (Mt Zion, Thomasville)
- 6. Jerry Johnson (Crestview)

- 7. Bryant Madren (Browers)
- 8. Caleb Maxon (NewHope)
- 9. Graham Simmons (Kernersville)
- 10. Ryan Sims (One Church)
- 11. James Spaugh (Bagley Swamp)
- 12. Chris Vernon (Crosswinds)

Lay Delegates (Elect 11)

- 1. Sherry Alloway (Christ Wesleyan)
- Chad Brinkley (Mt Zion, Thomasville)
- 3. Dan Cockerill (Faith)
- 4. Starr Cromer (Christ Wesleyan)
- Mark Dewalt (Mt Zion, Thomasville)
- 6. Brook Houchens (NewHope)

- 7. Jessica Jackson (Mt Zion, Thomasville)
- 8. Wayne Peabody (Kernersville)
- 9. Wesley Poff (Trinity, Eden)
- 10. Keith Rich (Vintage)
- 11. Lewis Smith (Bagley Swamp)
- 12. Ashley Vernon (Crosswinds)
- 13. Donna Washburn (Covington)

BIOGRAPHIES FOR NC EAST SUPPORT STAFF & COMMITTEE NOMINEES

(In alphabetical order)

District Secretary

David Bunn is the Senior Pastor of Trinity Wesleyan Church in Eden. He currently serves the North Carolina East District as Vice Chair and Secretary of the District Board of Ministerial Development (DBMD). His ministry experience includes serving as Interim Executive Pastor/Director of Victory Mountain Camp, Executive Pastor at Kernersville Wesleyan Church, Senior Pastor at First Wesleyan Church in Troy, and on the District Nominating Committee. Prior to full-time ministry, David spent nearly 20 years in the corporate world, where he oversaw operations in facilities management, finance, and customer relations.

Jordan Loman is the current District Secretary. She grew up at Covington Wesleyan Church in Reidsville and spent her summers volunteering at Victory Mountain Camp, where she first sensed a call to ministry. She went to IWU on a soccer scholarship and double majored in accounting and finance. After college, she married Spencer Loman and together they planted Emmaus Church in the heart of Greensboro. Jordan co-pastored Emmaus for 8 years, while working in the marketplace as a CPA and Recruiter. While keeping her membership in NCE, Jordan is now a full-time faculty member at IWU, teaching accounting and serving at Fairmount Wesleyan Church.

Nominating Committee - Ministerial

Santes Beatty serves as the Director of Next Gen for The Wesleyan Church and the NC East District. He also is the Lead and Teaching Pastor of Christ Wesleyan Church in Greensboro. He has 28 years of ministry and leadership experience and has been ordained in both The Wesleyan Church (2016) and Baptist denomination (2003). He became part of the Wesleyan Church in 2010 and has served on staff at churches in Michigan, Indiana and North Carolina. He served as a Youth and Young Adult Pastor co-vocationally at his alma mater as the Director of Multicultural Education at Guilford College. In addition, he served as Lead Pastor of Mosaic Midtown in Detroit and Director of Multiethnic Ministries for The Wesleyan Church. Santes has a Masters in Ministry Leadership from Huntington University. He is also an Executive Coaching Consultant, and an instructor for Kingswood Extended. He is a native of Raeford, NC, but currently resides in Greensboro with his wife Nicole. They have five children: Tesia, Christian (2006), Josiah, Serenity and Sarah as well as a granddaughter, Nalani, and grandson, Kason. They also have a fur baby named Cami (their Golden Retriever).

Jerry Johnson is the Executive Pastor of Crestview Wesleyan Church in Asheboro. He also serves as the District Board of Ministerial Development chairperson. Jerry is married to his dream girl of 38 years, Cindy. He and Cindy have four children and six grandchildren.

Nominating Committee – Lay

Connie Collins is married to Pastor Charlie Collins from Denton Wesleyan Church and has served as a pastor's wife for 36 years. She is the chair of Wesleyan Child Development Center Daycare Board at Denton. Connie has two adult children who are both in ministry and will soon be enjoying her grandson being home from Cambodia. She is a health and wellness coach, and has been an elementary school teacher for 26 years.

Katrina Floyd is the Administrative Assistant/Marketing Director for Rushwood Church in Asheboro. She has worked there for 18 Years. She also does graphic design and loves working with Victory Mountain Camp on merchandise for their store as well as their camps. Katrina also enjoys working with The Wesleyan Church leaders for Follow and the Empowered Tour creating merchandise for their events as well. For the past 5 years she has served on the Leadership Team for Radiant.

District Board of Administration (DBA) – Lay

Dan Cockerill has been privileged to serve for over 10 years as a lay member of the DBA. In the past, he has served the district as a member of the DBMD, the Auditing Committee, the Nominating Committee, and is currently serving as District Statistician. In his local church he has served in numerous capacities over the years: LBA member, LBA Vice Chair, Sunday School teacher, Youth worker, Choir member, praise team member, worship leader, sound guy, and Janitor. In his spare time he works for The Campbell's Co as a Power Systems engineer. He is the proud husband of Kim, father of Tim (and his wife Sierra) and grandfather ("Pa") of Rhiannon

Starr Cromer has served on the Worship staff at Christ Wesleyan Church for 15 years and serves as Church Treasurer. Raised in Randolph County, she gave her first concert at 15 and toured with Contemporary Christian and Southern Gospel groups for several years. A Southern Wesleyan University English grad, Starr now works in continuing education and training for businesses nationwide. She is a current member of the DBA. She lives in Greensboro with her husband Troy, son Adam (a SWU grad and current High Point University law student), and their rescue pup, Teddy.

Mark Dawalt is a member of Mount Zion Wesleyan, Thomasville. He is a current DBA lay member, serves on the District Executive Committee, and is a District Trustee. He and his wife of 46 years, Marlene, live in Asheboro. He retired from the city of Asheboro in 2011 as superintendent of the Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Department. They have two children – Hannah Wilson and Joshua Dawalt – both of whom are ordained ministers in The Wesleyan Church, and seven grandchildren.

Morgan Harvey is originally from Dublin, VA, and now resides in Greensboro after attending Elon for graduate school. She works full time in the Triad as an attorney for a Christian nonprofit, World Relief, which primarily serves vulnerable populations that are experiencing some of the world's greatest crises. Morgan attends Emmaus Church in Greensboro where she also serves as the Operations Director.

Ruth Islas attends Avivamiento Latino Church in Durham. She works in Higher Education as an Admissions Counselor and is pursuing a Masters of Accounting. She currently serves as the Sunday School Director and Church Treasurer.

Vanessa Meyer moved to Kernersville with her husband and family in 1999. They visited Kernersville Wesleyan Church the first Sunday after moving to Kernersville where they fell in love with the church members and eventually joined. Through the years, Vanessa has continually served in various ministries at KWC including the children's ministry and as adult Sunday School teacher. Sshe has served as a Local Board of Administration (LBA) member for nine years, and this year was elected as the Vice-Chair. Vanessa also serves as a lay member on the District Board of Ministerial Development. After 34 years of service, Vanessa retired in April 2024 from Wells Fargo's International Trade Services Operations division where she served as a Senior Manager in the Winston-Salem office.

Ashley Pece serves as the Executive Pastor of Operations at NewHope Church, where she leads strategy, development, and organizational processes that support the mission and vision God has given the church. For over seven years, she has been passionate about connecting people to NewHope and helping staff thrive in their roles. Ashley and her husband, Erick, are proud parents to Jacob and Emma. As a family, they love going on "Pece adventures" — exploring new places and always cheering on the Tar Heels!

Wesley Poff was born in Roanoke in 1953, Wesley graduated from Southern Nazarene University and has been employed in the automotive industry for over 50 years. For the past 40 years, he has worked for Robert Woodall Auto in Danville, Va. Although partially retired, he still works two days a week as Executive Assistant for dealership operations. He and his wife Lisa (who passed away in 2023) started attending Trinity Wesleyan in Eden, NC in January 2010. Currently Wesley serves as a Sunday School teacher, leads a men's Bible study on Wednesday and is the church treasurer.

NC EAST DISTRICT CALENDAR

August	
District Conference and Ordination	8
Victory Mountain Camp Board Meeting	TBD
NCE New Pastors Connection, NCE Office or Zoom, 10 am	26
Assistant Pastors Connection, Zoom call, 6 pm	26
<u>September</u>	
Labor Day - District Office Closed	1
NCE Staff Meeting, 10 am	4
NCE Women in Clergy Beach Retreat	7-10
The Wesleyan Church's New Pastor Orientation, 1-3 pm	9
Young Adult Collective Weekend Stewardshp (Mt Zion, Thomasville, 10 am-2pm)	13
Day of Solitude (Victory Mountain Camp), 9:30 am	22
REVIVE Men's Retreat, Victory Mountain Camp	26-28
DBA Meeting (Zoom or in person), 6 pm	30
Lead Pastors Connection, NCE Office or Zoom, 10 am	30
<u>October</u>	
Pastor Appreciation Month	
Empowered Tour, Follow Regional Event for NextGen leaders, NewHope Church	3-4
Camp Appreciation Day (Victory Mountain Camp)	TBD
Assistant Pastors Connection, Zoom Call, 6 pm	28
November	
Deadline for Memorial submissions to General Conference 2026	1
NCE Staff Meeting, 10 am	6
Victory Mountain Camp Board Meeting	TBC
Thanksgiving - District Office Closed	27
<u>December</u>	
Christmas - District Office Closed	23-Jan. 2
2026	
<u>January</u>	
NCE Staff Meeting, 10 am	8
District Night of Worship, Crestview Church, 6:30 pm	18
Assistant Pastors Connection, Zoom Call, 6 pm	20
Regional Leadership Gathering (Foster Street, 9-11:30 am)	24
DBA Meeting (Zoom or in person), 6pm	27
Refuel Guys Weekend (6-12 th grade)	30-Feb. 1

February NCE Night of Worship, Piedmont Region (Trinity, Eden, 6 pm)22 Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference (Hyatt Regency Minneapolis)23-25 Victory Mountain Camp Board Meeting TBD March NCE Night of Worship (Love Chapel Hill)1 NCE Staff Meeting, 10 am5 NCE Night of Worship (Christ Wesleyan, Greensboro, 6 pm)8 Lead Pastors Connection, (NCE Office or Zoom, 10 am)10 Regional Leadership Gathering (Covington Memorial, Reidsville, 9-11:30 am)21 Regional Leadership Gathering (Journey Church of Sanford, 9-11:30 am)28 April May May Family Fun Day (Victory Mountain Camp)2 NCE Staff Meeting, 10 am7 General Conference of TWC (IWU Campus, Marion, IN)17-20 Pentecost Sunday24 June Victory Mountain Camp Board Meeting TBD

NCE District Staff Meeting, 10 am9

July