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2026 DISTRICT CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, Aug. 7, Mt Zion Wesleyan Church
222 Mt Zion Church Road, Thomasville, NC 27360

- 7-7:45 am **VENDOR TABLE SET UP** (if not done on Thursday afternoon)
- 7:45 am **DOORS OPEN TO DELEGATES** (Coffee & breakfast snack)
- 8-8:30 am **REGISTRATION**
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- 8:30 am **CONFERENCE BEGINS WITH PRAISE & WORSHIP** – Mt Zion Worship Team
- 8:55 am **WELCOME & INVOCATION** – Mt Zion Senior Pastor, Luke Jackson
- 9:00 am **CALL TO ORDER** – District Superintendent, Rev. Tim Jones
- Conference Instructions – Assistant District Superintendent/Director of Operations, Rev. James Spaugh
 - Roll Call Ballot Instructions – James Spaugh
- 9:15 am **GREETINGS FROM THE WESLEYAN CHURCH** – General Superintendent, Jim Dunn
- 9:45 am **ELECTIONS** – Rev. James Spaugh
- Vote on District Leave of Absence Guidelines
 - Election of District Officers & Boards – District Secretary, Nominating Committee (lay and ministerial) and DBA ministerial members
 - Vote on Constitutional Memorial #53 – Sanctity of Life
 - Vote on Constitutional Memorial #55 – Gender Identity
- 10:15 am **DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** – Rev. Tim Jones
- Ministers Retreat – Rev. Dave Bunn
- 10:35 am **DBMD REPORT** – DBMD Chair, Rev. Jerry Johnson
- Approval of New Ordinands – Amanda Combass, Tenea DeBerry, Blake Hinson, Elizabeth Pack, Jay Sikes, Kris Syvertsen, Jason Tuggle, Heather Voncannon. Validation of Ordination for Adam Bishop
 - New District Licenses – Jason Baker, William Baker
- 10:50 am **PASTORAL RECOGNITIONS** – Rev. Tim Jones
- Recognition of Retiring and Re-Retiring Pastors
 - Recognition of any Ministers New to the District, and/or New to Role of Lead Pastor, New Mission Director or New Affiliate Church
 - Other Pastoral Recognitions

- Retired Pastors Connection

11:10 am **WESLEYAN AFFILIATE GUEST SPEAKERS**

- **Global Partners** – Christy Van Steenburg, Southeast Region Mobilizer
- **World Hope International** – Rev. Matt LeRoy, Church Partner Representative
- **Southern Wesleyan University** – Dr. Mark O. Wilson, Chair of the Division of Religion and Associate Professor of Christian Ministry
- **Wesleyan Pension Fund** – Rev. Jim Weinmann, Director of Operations

11:30 am **HOUSEKEEPING NOTES** – District Administrator Jennifer Jones

11:35 – 1 **LUNCH BREAK** *(please see sheet with suggested restaurants in the area)*

11:35 – 1 **FREE PASTOR HEADSHOTS** any time during this break to be used for your church websites/social media...And again if time permits during the ordination reception

ORDINATION SERVICE

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 pm **ORDINATION SERVICE** *(Please see separate Ordination Service Agenda)*

2:30-3 pm **ORDINATION RECEPTION**

3:00 pm **ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED** – Rev. James Spaugh

3:15 pm **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

- **Discipleship and Ministry Development Assistant DS** – Rev. Luke Jackson
- **Victory Mountain Camp Executive Director** – Chad Brinkley
- **Spiritual Formation & Clergy Care Assistant DS** – Rev. Sarah Rodriguez
- **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** – Delivered by District Statistician Dan Cockerill
- **Affiliate Church Approval** - Iglesia Cristiana Legado de Amor, Raleigh. Co-Pastors Rev. Freddy Santana and wife, Rev. Rosanely De Jesús.
- **DBA Comprehensive Report** – Rev. Tim Jones

3:55 pm **CLOSING REMARKS; PRAYER FOR STAFF AND NEW DBA** – Rev. Tim Jones

Leaves of Absence Guidelines for Pastors and/or Assistant Pastors

These guidelines are presented to the DBA by Landon Davis, Kevin Dunovant, Emily Hambrock, Justin Simmons, Casey Spaugh, and Nikki Taylor. The ideas and parameters listed here are both inspired and edited by this team. References include sick-leave guidelines from other denominations; The Wesleyan Church's staff LOA expectations; theological resources evaluating the needs of pastoral families and consequences of neglecting those needs; conversations with NC East District Leaders; and shared stories/experiences of struggles between pastors and churches navigating LOAs without set parameters.

The goal of these guidelines is to foster *healthy* conversations of *mutual care* and concern between LBA's and their Lead, Solo, and Assistant Pastors. These guides do not seek to diminish the call to sacrifice and suffer with Christ, but to empower our Christian communities to live out a brotherly Christian concern between leaders and congregants. These boundaries call the church to embrace the role that all are called to serve and be a part of the body as needed.

Events Requiring Leaves of Absence (LOA):

1. Bereavement Leave:
 - a. Loss of an immediate family member/relative (*1-3 days*)
 - b. Immediate relatives include children, spouse, close friend, parent, sibling, grandparent, or aunt/uncle...
2. Family & Medical Leave:
 - a. Birth/Adoption (*up to 12 weeks*)
 - b. Care for pastor or member of the pastoral family facing a serious health condition (*To be determined between pastor, board, and/or district leadership*)
 - c. Care for pastor or pastoral family member facing serious physical injury (*To be determined between pastor, board, and/or district leadership*)
 - d. Care for ailing parents (*To be determined between pastor, board, and/or district leadership*)
 - e. Special considerations will be given to Active Duty/Reserved Military Service Members and/or family members in service who require aid and familial support or are deployed. (*To be determined between pastor, board, and/or district leadership*)
3. Reduced-Hours Leave:
 - a. Any extenuating circumstances requiring a reduction of hours may be discussed with the LBA and may include a reduction in pay for the agreed upon amount of time. Full-pay will resume upon the return to full-time hours. Full-time pay vs. Part-time pay follows the model disclosed in the NC East District handbook.
 - i. School field trips

- ii. Educational Commitments
 - iii. Award Ceremonies, Performances, Birthdays, Celebrations
 - iv. Missions trips not associated with Church where currently serving
4. Long-Term Leave:
- a. In the event that short-term leave extends to long-term leave, all pastors are encouraged to contact the district office for support and direction.

Suggested Parameters for Pastoral Involvement:

1. There is no replacement for the shepherding role of the local pastor or assistant pastor. These guidelines intend to guard the time needed to cultivate healthy personal and familial life, but each LOA should be crafted to meet the real and felt needs of both pastoral leaders/families *and* the congregation. This boundary line should be prayerfully considered in each circumstance. Jesus delayed times of rest/recovery in effort to meet the needs of the people. He also took times of solitude and rest, delaying his responses to felt needs, despite the panic that ensued apart from his presence.
2. LOA's should only be taken for legitimate circumstances, in the event of true life-changing events, and should be discussed with the LBA and/or District either in advance of a scheduled LOA or within 72 hours of one of the lifechanging events listed above.
3. LOA's should *not* exceed **12 weeks** in any given year. This time allotment bears in mind that multiple events could take place in any one calendar year. Time taken for one event should be in consideration of the possibility of needing a 2nd LOA in the same year.
4. The LOA system is NOT guaranteed time off in addition to vacation time or sabbatical recommendations per the District's standing rules. In the event that 1-12 weeks are not used in a given year, the suggested time off for LOA events does not accumulate into the next year nor does it transfer into funds received.
5. Pastors and churches should prepare for LOAs in advance when this is possible to ease the burden on volunteers and/or other staff members. Some LOAs may require a complete absence while others absolve the pastor of certain tasks for a set period of time. Use discretion when scheduling LOA's to determine which tasks a pastor should maintain responsibility for and which tasks should be reassigned for a set timeframe.
6. Major events or new ministry launches should be postponed in lieu of scheduled LOAs. Events or services dependent on the pastor should be evaluated for cancellation in case of an emergency LOA.

Categorization of Churches/Pastors Facing LOA

1. Low-Tolerance:
 - a. Churches that are unwilling or unable to afford or otherwise provide pulpit supply or assistance to fulfill pastoral tasks during an LOA.
 - i. Pastors that are unwilling to request LOAs
 - b. Churches that are in early stages of development or spiritually heavy seasons in which a spiritual leader is needed to be present regardless of a qualifying LOA.

- c. Churches that are navigating difficult conflict and may need support and guidance from the District.
 - i. Churches that deny legitimate LOA needs
 - ii. Pastors that abuse LOA requests
- 2. Mid-Tolerance:
 - a. Churches that are willing and able to support through creative/frugal means to provide pulpit supply or assistance to fulfill pastoral tasks during an LOA. These churches may or may not be able to support financially in the event of an LOA.
 - b. Churches that are established in routine systems of pastoral care and healthy communication regarding the needs and concerns pastoral staff and families face in crisis.
 - c. Churches that may desire additional advice on how best to care for their pastors/pastoral families.
- 3. High-Tolerance:
 - a. Churches that are willing and able to fully support the LOA needs of pastoral leadership above and beyond the district guidelines.
 - b. Churches that set an example in caring for pastors and exemplify a healthy work environment for pastors as much as the demands of ministry allow.

Assistance for Pastors Facing LOA:

- 1. Short-term Disability Options:
 - a. Church insurance companies are able to provide this additional component to financially safeguard the church and pastoral income should the need arise.
- 2. Pulpit Supply Pastors –
 - a. The District will provide up to 4 weeks of pulpit supply for churches facing financial strain.
 - i. There may be pastors willing to provide this service for free, but this should be orchestrated by District leadership so the expectation of paying pastors for services rendered is maintained.
 - b. The church supporting the LOA is responsible to pay the pulpit-supply pastor. This payment should not come from the local pastor's paycheck. In the event that this is the only viable option, seek district leadership for guidance.
- 3. Other Care Suggestions:
 - a. Bereavement Care Packages (flowers, cards, gifts, etc.)
 - b. Baby Showers
 - c. Meal Trains
 - d. Babysitting (if requested)
 - e. Prayer
 - f. Cards

Theological Support for Pastors Needing LOA:

1. While Christianity is naturally accompanied by sacrifice and suffering, the Bible also encourages us to care for our leaders as they serve.
 - a. Phil 2:3; Heb 13:17; 1st Thess 5:12; Ex 17:12-14; 1 Tim 5:18; 2 Kings 2:1-15, 3:11; Acts 27:3
2. While ministry is dependent on the sacrifices of the pastoral family, boundaries and self-care are also Biblical concepts encouraged in Scripture.
 - a. Matthew 11:28; 1st Cor 6:19; Matt 22:39; Gal 6:5; Luke 5:16; Psalm 23:2-3; 1 Tim 4:8; Prov 4:23; Prov 25:17
3. Several leaders in the Bible take the time needed for prayer, fasting, and mourning when the opportunities presented themselves.
 - a. Joel 2:12-15; Nehemiah 1:4; Daniel 9:3; Matthew 9:14-15; Acts 14:22; 2nd Samuel 12:16-23

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Rev. Timothy Jones

Dear General Superintendent Dr. Jim Dunn, delegates, pastors, and friends of the North Carolina East District,

It is with deep gratitude and great optimism that I present this year's District Superintendent's Report.

First and foremost, I want to express my sincere appreciation to every pastor, ministry leader, district staff member, district board member and church volunteer who has served sacrificially throughout this conference year. Words cannot express how grateful I am for our District Administrator, Jennifer, who works tirelessly to make me look good as I travel around the district and take care of a multitude of tasks daily.

Ministry is never accomplished by one person. It is the result of faithful servants working together to advance the Kingdom of God in communities across eastern North Carolina. Thank you for your dedication, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to the mission of Christ. We are truly Empowered as One!

This has been a stellar year for the NC East District. Across many of our churches, we have witnessed encouraging gains in worship attendance, discipleship engagement, and baptisms. Every baptism represents a transformed life and serves as a reminder that God is still drawing people to Himself. We celebrate these stories of grace and remain committed to helping our churches reach even more people with the gospel.

GROWTH STATISTICS FOR PAST THREE YEARS: 2023-2026

1. Total church membership now stands at 11,555, representing an increase of 3,638 over 2023 figures, a 31% increase. This remarkable surge brings our membership back to pre-pandemic levels, reaching heights not seen since 2019. While the past decade reflected a nationwide trend of gradual decline, we praise the Lord that this trajectory was decisively reversed here in 2026!

**We pause to offer our heartfelt praise to God for these 11,555 members
across the North Carolina East District.**

2. Our combined average worship attendance reached 13,956 this year, showing steady growth from the 11,428 reported in 2023, a 23% increase.
3. We celebrate 931 total baptisms during this conference year, an encouraging rise from the 574 recorded in 2023, a 74% increase!
4. The district also witnessed 553 individuals making decisions for salvation this year.
5. Your faithfulness is evident in unrestricted tithes and offerings totaling \$27,520,623, which is a significant increase of \$4.8 million over the prior year.

6. Regarding our multiplication efforts, we are thrilled to report that 88 individuals were sent out to plant new churches this year, up from the 54 sent during the last cycle.
7. Perhaps most exciting is the rise in ministerial callings within our district. In 2025, 667 young men and women declared a call to ministry or missions. **In 2026, that number grew to 774.** This means additional servants have responded to the harvest, recognizing that while the fields are plentiful, the laborers, which normally are few, are being raised up in greater numbers.

Further details regarding these metrics are available in the full District Statistician's Report provided in your conference materials.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

One of the most encouraging trends has been the continued growth in participation through United Stewardship Fund and Educational Institution Fund giving. Sixty seven of our churches have given 100% of their USF/EIF responsibility resulting in an 87% collection rate. Eight other churches came close and I have total confidence that they will be 100% compliant in this coming year. This is up from 67% in 2023 and, as you know, this is what we have been praying for over the past 36 months. Well done NC East!

The faithfulness of our churches in these areas has strengthened our collective ministry efforts and enabled the district to **reduce our district assessment rate to 10 percent.** This achievement reflects both responsible stewardship and a growing spirit of partnership throughout the district.

Because of this healthier financial position, we have been able to give back financially speaking, and expand support for our churches and pastors in real, meaningful ways. During this conference year, the district has:

- ✓ Provided a total of \$25,000 for emergency maintenance or ministry outreach projects to 11 churches from our Expansion and Development fund.
- ✓ Assisted churches in identifying and recruiting ministerial students and resident ministers.
- ✓ Invested in the development of future leaders through mentoring and placement opportunities.
- ✓ Offered sabbatical assistance and pastoral counseling resources to support the health and longevity of our clergy and their families.
- ✓ Partnered with churches seeking revitalization and ministry growth opportunities.
- ✓ Assisted congregations in securing pastoral leadership and mentoring during times of transition.
- ✓ Increased funding for The Circuit multiplication and Victory Mountain Camp ministries.

CELEBRATIONS

Our Leadership Team (DS and ADS's) have selected churches and pastors for special Kingdom Impact recognition this year in three categories:

- Community Ministry Development and Outreach
- Turn Around Churches that have Revitalized
- My Brothers Keeper award for churches unselfishly adopting and resourcing other churches

PERSONNEL

I am especially excited about the outstanding group of new pastors who will be joining churches across our district this year. Through prayer, collaboration, and diligent search efforts, we have been able to recruit gifted leaders who are passionate about evangelism, discipleship, and church health. I have great confidence that these men and women will provide strong leadership and help our churches continue moving forward in mission (you will be hearing more about them later).

This year we also adopted and began implementing a renewed district mission and vision. At its heart, our vision is simple: to see transformed lives, thriving churches, equipped leaders, and multiplication throughout eastern North Carolina. We remain committed to developing healthy churches, empowering both men and women in ministry, strengthening multicultural partnerships, raising up the next generation of leaders, and planting the seeds for future multiplication.

NC EAST MISSION AND VISION

OUR MISSION

The NC East District of The Wesleyan Church exists to see lives transformed by Jesus Christ by equipping pastors and churches, empowering women and men in ministry, and cultivating a diverse, multi-ethnic, multicultural Kingdom where every person has equal access to belong, grow, and lead.

OUR VISION

We envision a thriving network of Spirit-led churches across Eastern North Carolina where:

- Lives are being **transformed** through the power of the Gospel
 - Leaders are being **equipped, developed, and multiplied**
 - Women and men are fully **released into their God-given calling**
 - Churches reflect the **multi-ethnic beauty of the Kingdom of God**
 - Every person has **equal access** to discipleship, leadership, and mission
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OUR CORE COMMITMENTS

1. Transformation

We prioritize spiritual renewal, personal holiness, and life change through Jesus Christ.

We believe the Gospel doesn't just inform—it transforms.

2. Equipping Leaders

We invest in pastors and leaders at every level—raising up the next generation while strengthening those already serving.

Healthy leaders build healthy churches.

3. Multi-Ethnic Kingdom Vision

We intentionally pursue a district that reflects the diversity of our communities and the heart of Heaven.

We believe the Church is strongest when it looks like the Kingdom.

4. Equal Access for All

We remove barriers so that every person—regardless of background—can encounter Jesus, grow in faith, and step into their calling.

Access leads to ownership, and ownership leads to multiplication.

OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS

- **Strengthen Churches** – Develop healthy, sustainable, and mission-focused congregations
- **Develop Leaders** – Create clear pathways for leadership growth and multiplication
- **Expand the Kingdom** – Plant, revitalize, and multiply churches across the district
- **Build Bridges** – Foster unity across cultures, generations, and communities

Last year our conference theme was **“Forward Together.”** That theme reminded us that our greatest progress occurs when we move in unity. This year we build upon that foundation with our new theme:

2026 -2027: Empowered as One

We believe God is calling us to more than simply move together; He is calling us to be empowered together. The Holy Spirit has uniquely gifted every church, pastor, and believer. When those gifts are united around a common mission, the Church becomes a powerful force for transformation. Our prayer is that every congregation, ministry, and leader throughout the NC East District will experience fresh empowerment from the Holy Spirit as we serve Christ together.



I also want to express my appreciation for the leadership of our denomination. With the recent election of our new General Superintendent, Jim Dunn, I have great confidence in the future of The Wesleyan Church. Our General Superintendents, General Board, and denominational leaders are providing thoughtful, mission-focused leadership that positions us well for

the future. I remain fully committed to the vision and mission of The Wesleyan Church and am grateful for the partnership we share across our denomination.

As I reflect on this year, I am reminded that every success we celebrate is ultimately the result of God's faithfulness. The Lord has blessed our district with faithful pastors, generous churches, dedicated leaders, and a shared commitment to reaching people with the hope of Jesus Christ.

The future of the North Carolina East District is bright. Let us continue to pray boldly, lead courageously, serve faithfully, and trust God for even greater things ahead. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your District Superintendent.

LOOKING AHEAD: 2026–2027

As we look toward the coming conference year, we are excited about several initiatives designed to strengthen our pastors, churches, and leaders throughout the NC East District. Our desire is not simply to maintain momentum, but to continue equipping our churches for healthy ministry and greater Kingdom impact.

Some of the opportunities and initiatives planned for the coming year include:

- **NC East Ministers Gathering (February 2027)** – A district-wide gathering focused on encouragement, fellowship, worship, spiritual renewal, and practical leadership development for our pastors and ministry leaders. I invite our new Connection and Creative Design Coordinator, Dave Bunn, to say a few words about this.
- **Leadership Collective-Local Board of Administration (LBA) and Church Leader Workshops** – Rather than asking local church leaders to travel long distances, we will bring practical training to each region of our district. These workshops will equip board members to better understand their biblical and governance responsibilities while strengthening healthy church leadership. There will also be at least two online gatherings for those who cannot make it to the events.
- **Regional Nights of Worship** – We desire to gather churches from across our regions for evenings of united worship, prayer, and encouragement as we seek the Lord together and celebrate what He is doing throughout eastern North Carolina.
- **Equipping the Called (ETC)** – We will continue expanding our online gatherings designed to encourage and equip pastors, ministerial students, and ministry leaders. These sessions provide accessible, practical training while creating opportunities for collaboration and shared learning across the district.
- **District Board of Ministerial Development (DBMD) Training Videos** – Online video resources will be developed to assist students, licensed ministers and pastors navigate credentialing, ministry expectations, leadership development, and Wesleyan doctrine and practice.
- **Pastor and DS Connection: Pastoral Care & Healthy Church Conversations** – Intentional conversations between lead pastors and the District Superintendent will continue throughout the year with a sign-up sheet. These 20-30 minute meetings are designed to foster encouragement, accountability, ministry coaching, prayer, and personalized support as together we pursue healthy pastors leading healthy churches.

Each of these initiatives reflects our commitment to invest in people. Healthy pastors lead healthy churches, healthy churches make disciples, and healthy disciples transform communities. We believe these opportunities will strengthen relationships across our district while helping every church more effectively fulfill the mission Christ has entrusted to us.

As we move into this new conference year, our theme, “**Empowered as One,**” reminds us that we are stronger together than we are apart. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and united in purpose, we look forward with great anticipation to all that God will accomplish through the churches of the North Carolina East District.

RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT DS’S

- James Spaugh (North Coastal) – Operations Director
- Sarah Rodriguez (Hispanic and Raleigh) – Spiritual Formation and Clergy Care
- Luke Jackson (Southwest) – Discipleship and Ministry Development
- Chris Vernon (South Coastal) – Church Development and Multiplication

Ephesians 3:20-21 “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.”

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT

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: (8+1)

Amanda Combass	Kris Syvertsen
Tenea DeBerry	Jason Tuggle
Blake Hinson	Heather Voncannon
Elizabeth Pack	Adam Bishop (Validation of Ordination)
Jay Sikes	

Completed their Licensed Minister - Permanent Status in The Wesleyan Church: (2)

Jason Baker
William Baker

Recommended as Licensed Ministers in The Wesleyan Church: (42)

<i>Alfonso Abad*</i>	Denisse Higuera	Alejandra Silvan Perez
<i>Timothy Agner*</i>	Matt Hofstetter	Leti Ramirez
<i>Jordan Alsbrook*</i>	Sheri Jennings	Luis Rodriguez
Sandy Aviles Barrientos	Tammy Joyce	María Salazar-Hernández
Brandon Baker	<i>Damien Kennedy*</i>	Daniel Shuskey
Amanda Bolz	Sandy Knipp	<i>David Spriggs*</i>
Ricky Bourne	Sean Lane	Riley Staley
Kyle Corum	Henry Lee	<i>Jose Luis Villegas*</i>
Aaron Cox	Spencer Loman	Amy Vuncannon
Brandon Fiedler	James Martin	Brandon Williams
Terra Flint	<i>Ridge McDonald*</i>	John Williams
<i>Cade Garlock*</i>	Clinton Nelson	Samantha Williams
Dahyanna Hamilton	Austin Pendell	
Corey Heath	<i>Yserys Perez*</i>	
Maria De Jesus Hidalgo	Lisa Perkins	

****Indicates New Status***

Recommended as Ministerial Students in The Wesleyan Church: (24)

Esther Alcantara Chuquiruna

*Zach Armfield**

*Katie Badgerow**

*Edgar Balanzar**

*Roxana Batres de Guzman**

Osel Covarrubias

*Coraima Davila**

David Dell*

*Julie Forbes**

Don Graves

Kathy Graves

*Stacy Haynes**

*Jerry Lowdermilk**

Lydia Macinta

*Jacob Marks**

*Loreimy Panchis Perez**

Ricky Pate*

Raquel Perez*

Gabriel Ramos*

Lucrecia Rufino

Boris Salgado

Zoe Shearin

*Reyna Wilcamango Rios**

*Sheily Yax Rodriguez**

****Indicates New Status***

Licensed Ministers/Ministerial Students Removed (6): (at their own request or due to inactivity or lack of coursework, change of status or transfer to another district):

Seth Blackburn – to SC

Luke Burleson – to SC

Nora Burleson – to SC

Ricky Hope

Josue Sanchez

Jordan Sockriter

Recommended as Commissioned Ministers: (2)

Daniel Grant (Ret.)

Rob Rogalski

Recommended as Commissioned Lay Special Workers: (3)

Bette Beane

Stephen Storey

Janet Coates

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 did not receive a 2026 Annual Service Report (ASR):

Edgar Balanzar

Pedro Barrera

Arianna Belanzar

Josh Conklin

Osel Covarrubias

Michael Cummings

Lyle Denton

Kathy Graves

Boyd Odell Link

Corey Heath

Sandy Knipp

Marina Manchego

Eric Morgan

Mark Mullins

Loreimy Panchis Perez

Rodney Purcell

Darrell Rabon

Martha Richardson

Rosa Rios

Lucrecia Rufino

Kevin Stumbo

Jennifer York

ANNUAL REPORT OF OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Assistant DS (North Coastal Region) Rev. James Spough

General Superintendent Dr. Jim Dunn, District Superintendent Rev. Tim Jones, Conference Delegates, and Friends,

Over the past year, I've had the privilege of continuing to serve as one of four Assistant District Superintendents, specifically in the role of Director of Operations. My primary responsibility has been to support our District Superintendent in carrying out the vision and mission of the district by helping ensure that our ministries, leadership teams, and operational systems work together effectively in service of our churches.

As in previous years, I have advised the District Superintendent in sensitive and confidential matters involving churches and personnel. I have also continued serving with the District Board of Ministerial Development by supporting Chair Jerry Johnson, representing the board before the DBA, and participating in the final ordination interviews. Few responsibilities are as meaningful as walking alongside those whom God is calling into ministry. Celebrating their preparation and affirming their calling reminds me that the future of our district is shaped by the leaders we invest in today.

Another major focus this year has been the planning and execution of our District Conference. We are grateful for NewHope Church for hosting us over the last several years and are thankful that Mt. Zion was willing to host the 2026 Conference. Working with Jennifer Jones, our District Administrator, DBMD Chair Jerry Johnson and the great team at Mt. Zion – we are looking forward to the 2026 Conference. Together, we have sought not only to organize an effective conference but also to create an environment where worship, fellowship, and Kingdom work are strengthened.

Last year we embraced the theme *Forward Together*, recognizing that healthy ministry is built through shared purpose and faithful partnership. As we now look toward the coming year and our new emphasis, *Empowered as One*, I am reminded that our unity is not simply organizational — it is spiritual.

The same Holy Spirit who calls us also equips us, enabling us to serve with different gifts but one mission. My prayer is that every system we improve, every leader we encourage, and every decision we make will help empower our churches to fulfill Christ's mission together.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our district. It is a privilege to work alongside our District Superintendent, district leadership, pastors, and congregations. I remain committed to serving faithfully, strengthening the ministries entrusted to us, and helping our district continue to move forward — empowered by God's Spirit, united in purpose, and empowered as one.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISCIPLESHIP & MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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

This has been a year of holy momentum across the North Carolina East District, and the ministries of Next Gen and Victory Mountain Camp have shared fully in that district-wide movement of God. In these areas of service, God has continued to transform lives, raise up leaders, and deepen partnership among churches and district ministries.

Victory Mountain Camp continues to serve as a strategic ministry hub for the North Carolina East District and the wider Wesleyan Church. Through the leadership of Chad Brinkley and the faithful support of the camp leadership team and board, this vital ministry has continued to be a strong setting for spiritual encounter, leadership formation, and Gospel-centered community. Chad Brinkley, Executive Director of Victory Mountain Camp, is stewarding the camp's mission and future with wisdom, passion, and vision. Alongside him, Landon Davis, Assistant Camp Director, and Roger Smith, Property and Facility Director, have provided steady and experienced leadership. Their collaborative work has strengthened both camp programming and facility stewardship, increasing Victory Mountain Camp's ministry impact across the district and throughout the Wesleyan family.

Next Gen leadership has also been a vital part of this shared movement of God across the district. Deep gratitude is due to Casey Spaugh, District Youth Camp Director; Stephen Tolan, District Youth President; Josh Wood, District Kid's Camp Director; and Graham Simmons, whose leadership among young adults through the Young Adult Collective has helped foster deeper community and spiritual growth.

Through worship, prayer, discipleship, and training, children, students, and young adults are being invited to encounter Christ, respond to the Gospel, and discern His call. Together, these leaders are strengthening the discipleship pipeline from childhood through young adulthood in alignment with the district's mission and vision. Through their collective efforts, Next Gen ministries are helping strengthen churches, develop emerging leaders, expand the Kingdom, and build bridges across generations.

Looking ahead, the opportunity is compelling. The next season calls for continued investment in young leaders, deeper partnership between district ministries and local churches, and renewed commitment to creating environments where every emerging generation can encounter Christ, respond to the Gospel in saving faith, discern His call, and walk in the holy life to which Christ calls His people. If this momentum is stewarded with faith and unity, the NC East District will continue to see stronger churches, multiplied

leaders, and a more visible reflection of the Kingdom of God across Eastern North Carolina.

Gratitude is due to the many leaders, pastors, volunteers, and churches who have invested prayer, energy, and faithful support into this work. The fruit being seen today is the result of a district laboring together for the sake of the Gospel. With deep gratitude and confident hope, these ministries look to the future knowing that God's work in the North Carolina East District is still unfolding and that He is leading us toward even greater Kingdom impact in the days ahead.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION/MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES & CLERGY CARE DIRECTOR

Assistant DS (Central and Hispanic regions), Rev. Sarah Rodriguez

What a great and fruitful year!

I am grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to encourage pastors and churches to continue “running the race” with patience! It has been a privilege to assist our DS Tim Jones and all our leaders in the district, especially Hispanic ministries.

In June 2025, we had a united service with all of the youth from the Hispanic churches of NC East. This was a springboard to encourage churches to bring their youth to the Empowered Tour in October! I worked with Pastor Santes Beatty and Pastor Dayna Carr to make a multicultural conversation available for NC East.

The Day of Solitude in September was amazing. Here are some words of testimony from some who attended: “I always hear something different from God on these days. It’s a chance to just sit and listen to what He has to say.” Another said: “It’s nourishing and simplistic.” Our next Day of Solitude will be Sept. 14.

Also in September was the Women’s Clergy Beach retreat and I had the privilege of leading worship and uniting new ministry friends of like minds!

The Empowered Tour was powerful! I led a prayer walk in Durham before the event began early Saturday morning. All ages were encouraged spiritually at this well-planned event! Huge participation from our Hispanic churches!

Also, in October Pastor Dahyanna and I led a women's event in Spanish which was held at Victory Mountain Camp. This was a refreshing time in God's presence, and we got to know one another better! This year we are having a similar event, on October 10, 2026. In December I enjoyed my own day of solitude, praying for pastors in our District. God bless VMC! What a great place for a prayer walk!

New church plant initiatives are popping up everywhere around our district! It has been exciting to be there to support launches, planning meetings, and assessments. But mostly supporting in prayer, which is KEY to Kingdom growth.

In March I had the privilege to be a part of the Raleigh Region's Night of Worship with Love Chapel Hill. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together." I enjoyed being a part of the praise team too!

Also in March, the Regional Leaders met in Sanford and this small gathering was much needed. It was good to finally meet new pastors and their staff near my region who are faithfully navigating growth in their churches and effectively loving their communities too.

Our newest affiliate church, Legado de Amor, was present at this meeting. They represent a Hispanic congregation in Raleigh. Journey Church of Sanford was an amazing host!

The May Day of Solitude was a beautiful experience. It is always incredible to witness when someone experiences the Day of Solitude for the first time and experiences first-hand the blessing by practicing this spiritual discipline for the first time.

Pastors, please let me know if I can assist you in any way. Remember our district can help you if you are due for a sabbatical.

ANNUAL REPORT OF 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 for the Coastal Region, while also serving alongside Pastor Matt LeRoy and Pastor Johel Rodriguez in the area of Church Multiplication over the last year.

We have a strong group of pastors and leaders who faithfully serve in our Coastal Region, and I have enjoyed getting to know them even more. God is working and moving throughout our Coastal Region churches. Over the last year, we have endeavored to strengthen our connections and relationships as pastors and leaders in the NCE District. Through individual conversations, times of prayer, and network gatherings, we have strived to become healthy leaders who lead healthy churches. I believe the relationships between pastors and leaders throughout the Coastal Region are growing, along with the impact we are having across the region.

The highlight of my year was our two-day gathering of Coastal pastors and leaders at Crosswinds Church in Leland. We spent time talking about what it means to be healthy leaders who cultivate healthy church cultures that lead to healthy churches. We prayed together and dreamed about what it would look like to plant eight new churches in the Coastal Region in the years to come. We had 13 pastors and leaders in attendance, representing six of the 10 Coastal Region churches.

Another part of my role is to help cast vision for church multiplication and to walk alongside Pastor Matt and Pastor Johel as they lead in the area of church multiplication and planting. As you can see in their reports, God is using them and our gifted leaders throughout the district to continue moving church multiplication forward. I am so thankful for Pastor Matt and Pastor Johel and for their continued passion and calling to see new works established and new leaders raised up to advance the Kingdom of God.

As part of the NCE District, we believe God wants to do even greater things in the days ahead. Together, we are praying for continued life change, spiritual growth, and community impact in each of our churches. Together our vision for the NCE District and Coastal Region is to see our region plant new works and new churches in new communities. We have many strong and growing communities throughout the District that need life-giving churches. Through our collaboration as a District and our shared Kingdom focus, we hope to see this vision become a reality. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I look forward to all that God has in store in the days ahead.

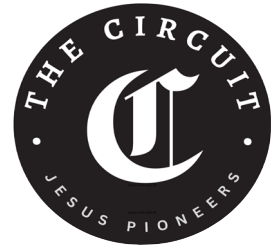
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CIRCUIT DIRECTOR

Rev. Matt LeRoy

FORWARD TOGETHER: WHAT'S NEXT?

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. It is 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.



Here are three ways we are ***moving forward together*** in 2026-27

1 | City Movement Church (Raleigh)

We are celebrating our thriving new church in Raleigh! We have prayed together for years for a vibrant, life-giving, transformational church plant in the heart of our capital city. ***God has heard those prayers and answered*** through the ministry of Pastor Niko and Carole Ann Peele.

City Movement began in February, and they are already witnessing exciting growth. We are celebrating ***5 baptisms and 10 salvations***, as well as ***60 people*** (approximately half of the regular attendance) engaged in intentional discipleship bands. Also, ***50-70 young adults*** are engaged in regular ministry.

City Movement grew out of a campus ministry called Ignite, which has multiplied to nearly 10 universities. We are thrilled to see this multiplication impulse embedded in the DNA from the start. There are already conversations about when and where they might multiply next. While college students and young adults are drawn to City Movement, this is a ***multigenerational church***, with families and wise elders deeply invested in the leadership of the ministry. We are thanking God for answered prayers. And we are thanking you, NC East District, for being so faithful with those prayers!

2 | Planter Pipeline

We have prayed for the Lord of the harvest to send out more workers into his harvest fields. And we are seeing that take place. ***Several new planters have walked through the discernment and assessment process, preparing to plant over this next year.*** Both men and women, English and Spanish-speaking (see Pastor Johel Rodriguez's report for more on this), traditional and non-traditional approaches are represented in this group.

We have seen the start of a new mission called Make Good Art, led by Vania Claiborne. Cade and Abigail Garlock are serving a yearlong ministry assignment with Emmaus Church with plans to plant a church as a result. Three more of our legacy churches (Bagley Swamp Wesleyan, Christ Wesleyan, and Mt. Zion, Thomasville) participated in Exponential's

Multipliers Journey, a six-month cohort exploring multiplication strategies. And several leaders are currently discerning God's calling on this front as well. Pray for clarity and courage for their next steps.

3 | Equipping Churches Event

This Fall we are hosting a new equipping event open to all NC East District Churches. Emmaus Church will host a ***one-day training and teaching***, led by the Circuit team and our planters. This is ***designed to inspire leaders with a vision to create a multiplication culture*** in their churches. We will explore how to Multiply Disciples in our churches, Multiply Transformation in our communities, and Multiply Churches in our region.

In addition to the Church Planter Assessment Center held at Victory Mountain Camp, as well as training and connecting gatherings for our leaders, we are experimenting with more ways to move ***forward together*** in our NC East District mission.

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, traveling 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.

We continue to plant churches in part because of your Kingdom generosity. We are 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 other partner churches to co-sponsor a new plant? Could you share or 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.

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 JesusPioneers.com. Let's discern together.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CIRCUIT TREASURER

Rev. James Spaugh

June 1, 2025 thru May 31, 2026

General Account (Wells Fargo)

Beginning Balance	85,028.90
Deposits	201,250.62
Dispersements	(171,662.63)
Ending Balance	114,616.98

Savings Account (Wells Fargo)

Beginning Balance	5,658.98
Interest	.57
Ending Balance	5,659.55

Savings Account (WIF)

Beginning Balance	115,039.51
Deposits	0
Interest	5,235.01
Ending Balance	120,274.52

REPORTE AL DISTRITO: CELEBRACIÓN Y PROGRESO EN EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Rev. Johel Rodríguez

Una de las cosas más motivantes al escribir este reporte es ver la mano de Dios en las iglesias hispanas. Juntos hemos celebrado servicios unidos, retiros de mujeres, como también uno de los eventos más grandes en nuestro distrito para jóvenes llamado *Empowered*. Seguimos levantando una red ministerial que se fortalece cada día más y más con el fin de llevar la palabra de Dios a cada código postal que sea posible. Actualmente, nuestra denominación tiene un nuevo líder que trae una visión fresca de unidad y de evangelismo para que el mundo conozca a Cristo Jesús. Los días son malos y, como iglesia, debemos estar alerta y trabajar juntos para cumplir el llamado de la Gran Comisión.

En las iglesias hispanas, los números son fascinantes; vemos bautizos, salvaciones y, sobre todo, la multiplicación de iglesias y discípulos. Como director de estos ministerios, me complace ver cómo vamos creciendo y fortaleciéndonos en el Señor y en el poder de su fuerza. Estoy seguro de que este es nuestro tiempo. Nuestro llamado sigue siendo desafiante ante una comunidad inmigrante; lo más maravilloso es ver su misericordia y su gracia redentora en nuestros ministerios. Nosotros, los hispanos, vivimos tiempos difíciles; lamentablemente, tuvimos que cerrar una iglesia en Mebane, “La Gloria del Padre”, ya que la pastora tuvo que tomar la decisión de irse a Florida por motivo de sus documentos.

Plantaciones en proceso

- **Nueva plantación en Kennerville:** La pastora Maricela Pérez y su esposo, Edgar, están en proceso de plantar esta nueva iglesia; ya ha sido aprobada por la junta distrital. Ella ya tiene alrededor de 45 personas y se reúnen cada domingo en un local que han rentado. Algo muy bueno para celebrar es el apoyo brindado por el pastor Jhonn y su congregación (El Aposento Alto); con su ayuda, esta obra es posible.
- **Nueva plantación en Graham:** Los pastores José e Yserys Villegas son nuevos en nuestro distrito; ellos son estudiantes ministeriales provenientes del distrito del oeste de Carolina del Norte. Ellos son plantadores de iglesias provenientes de Venezuela. Esta nueva plantación ya ha sido aprobada por la junta distrital. El pastor José y su liderazgo ya están evangelizando y conectando familias en Graham. No dudamos de que Dios hará grandes cosas con estos nuevos plantadores.

Sabemos que hay algunos pastores que desean tener un ministerio hispano en sus iglesias; eso es fabuloso. Hoy quiero desafiarles a orar por nuevos obreros para que sigamos creciendo en esta red de iglesias hispanas. Hay miles de hispanos que todavía no

conocen al Señor; por eso necesitamos sus oraciones. También, si desean hacer una obra misionera en sus iglesias, los motivo a apoyar alguna de las nuevas iglesias en plantación.

Red de Iglesias Hispanas

Quiero dar la bienvenida a la nueva iglesia afiliada, la Iglesia Legado de Amor, y a sus pastores, Freddy y Rosanely, en Raleigh. Los pastores llevan alrededor de 8 años plantando esta linda congregación. Nuestro deseo es que en un tiempo futuro se pueda añadir al cien por ciento como una iglesia wesleyana en plenitud en nuestro distrito.

Nuestra visión y sueños

Soñamos con una red de iglesias que comprenda la visión de la multiplicación, enviando a nuevos plantadores a abrir nuevas obras. Seguimos trabajando fuerte con nuestra visión de tener 15 iglesias para el 2030. En este momento estamos en el proceso de tener 13 iglesias, algunas en plantación, otras siendo establecidas.

Hace 8 años solo existían 4 iglesias hispanas en nuestro distrito; actualmente hemos superado las 10. Esto es motivo de celebración y de darle la gloria a Dios por darnos la oportunidad de dirigir este hermoso proyecto de redes hispanas de nuestro distrito. Algo más que rescatar es el orden estructurado de nuestro network de plantación de iglesias, “The Circuit”; debemos estar muy orgullosos de donde el Señor nos ha puesto. Seguimos fortaleciendo nuestra visión de ser UNO en Cristo.

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 Rodríguez

One of the most motivating things about writing this report is seeing the hand of God at work through our Hispanic churches. Together, we have celebrated joint services, women’s retreats, as well as one of the largest youth events in our district called Empowered. We continue building a ministry network that grows stronger every day with the goal of bringing the Word of God to every zip code possible. Today, our denomination has a new leader who brings a fresh vision of unity and evangelism so that the world may come to know Jesus. The days are evil, and as a church we must remain alert and work together to fulfill the calling of the Great Commission.

In our Hispanic churches, the numbers are inspiring. We continue to see baptisms, salvations, and most importantly, the multiplication of churches and disciples. As the director of these ministries, it brings me great joy to see how we are growing and being strengthened in the Lord and in the power of His might. I am convinced that this is our time. Our calling continues to be challenging as we minister among an immigrant community, but what is most wonderful is witnessing God's mercy and redeeming grace at work in our ministries.

We Hispanics are living through difficult times. Unfortunately, we had to close a church in Mebane, "La Gloria del Padre," because the pastor had to make the decision to move to Florida due to issues related to her documentation.

Church Plants in Progress

1. **New Church Plant in Kernersville:** Pastor Maricela Pérez and her husband Edgar Balazar are in the process of planting a new church, Conquistando Fronteras Church, recently approved by the District Board. They have approximately 45 attending and gathering every Sunday in a rented facility. One wonderful thing to celebrate is the support provided by Pastor Jhonn Arica and his congregation (Aposento Alto); with their help, this new work has been made possible.
2. **New Church Plant in Graham:** Pastors José Villegas and Yserys Perez are new to our district. They are licensed ministers who transferred from the North Carolina West District and are experienced church planters originally from Venezuela. This new church plant was just approved by the District Board and will be called Vida Nueva Church. As Co-Pastors, José and Yserys and their leadership team are already evangelizing and connecting with families in Graham. We do not doubt that God will do great things through these new church planters.

We know that there are pastors who desire to have a Hispanic ministry within their churches, and that is wonderful. Today, I want to challenge you to pray for new workers so that we can continue growing this network of Hispanic churches. There are thousands of Hispanics who still do not know the Lord, which is why we need your prayers. Also, if you would like to engage in a mission work through your church, I encourage you to support one of these new church plants.

Hispanic Church Network

I would also like to mention and welcome our newest affiliated church, Iglesia Legado de Amor, and its pastors, Freddy Santana and Rosanely De Jesus, in Raleigh. These pastors have been planting and leading this beautiful congregation for approximately eight years. It is our desire that in the future they will become fully integrated as a Wesleyan church within our district.

Our Vision and Dreams

We dream of a network of churches that embraces the vision of multiplication by sending out new church planters to start new works. We continue working diligently toward our vision of having 15 churches by 2030. At this time, we are reaching 13 churches, some currently being planted and others becoming established.

Eight years ago, there were only four Hispanic churches in our district. Today, we have grown to more than ten. This is a reason to celebrate and give glory to God for allowing us to lead this wonderful Hispanic church network in our district. Another noteworthy achievement is the structured organization of our church-planting network. We should be very proud of where the Lord has placed us. We continue strengthening our vision of being ONE in Christ.

Acknowledgments

I would like to express my gratitude to all Hispanic pastors and church planters for their hard work and dedication to the work of the Lord. I encourage you to keep moving forward, knowing that our true reward comes from heaven. We love you and pray daily for each one of you.

I would also like to thank the churches that have welcomed Hispanic congregations to meet in their facilities. Blessings to all!

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHURCH HEALTH & REVITALIZATION DIRECTOR

Rev. Charlie Collins

“...your methods should serve your mission”

— Carey Nieuwhof

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. Here are your opportunities:

- First Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM
- In person at Denton Wesleyan
- By appointment using FaceTime or Zoom
- **In Person Bonus:** Stay for **lunch and fellowship** afterward!

Team Development or Personal Coaching & Consultation with flexible scheduling

Email cecollins@ncewesleyan.com to receive the Zoom link.

BOOT CAMP at Victory Mountain Camp

Last fall we had six churches represented at our first Boot Camp. We enjoyed fellowship, training, and planning sessions. Each church represented had the opportunity to receive a \$500 grant to implement their outreach plan.

Thanks to Revs. Bonni Eastlack-Suter and Nikki Taylor for their leadership in planning and executing the Boot Camp. Thank you to Rev. Bethany Collins, Andrew Collins, and Rev. Lexi Collins for providing worship music.

ESTABLISHING CHURCHES

We have seen several churches this conference year move back into “Established” church status! Praise God for these pastors and leaders who have prayed and worked to get their church back on track building the Kingdom! We are thankful for the continued efforts of church partnerships that have created momentum and support to developing churches!

If your church would like to explore a partnership, please reach out to us.

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 THE NC EAST 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

These are the guiding goals for our district engagement to GP missions. 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.

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.**

CAMBODIA TRIP MARCH 2026

The district trip to Cambodia in March of 2026 had 5 participants who spent 14 days serving alongside the missionaries and local congregations. They did children's ministry, ran a soccer clinic, visited province churches, and hosted an event for all the Cambodian pastors.

READY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHURCH

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**. You can support Haley at

<https://wesleyan.my.site.com/donorportal/s/fund/a1sVu00000LY3NZIA1/haley-quarandillo>.

Andrew, Lexi, and Noah Collins – Cambodia

Thank you to those supporting the Collins family. They are wrapping up their service with GP. They are set to return to a stateside assignment (Lexi) in August. Their term with GP does not expire until October, so please continue to send you support until then.

Cambodia Discipline Development/Lexi Collins

Lexi Collins will continue serving GP as a Cambodia support leader and in ongoing development of The Discipline for the emerging Cambodia General Church. As these roles and expenses are sorted, you will receive directions on how you can give.

MISSION TRIPS YOU CAN JOIN

Inner City New York – November 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.

Contact me directly at cecollins.pastor@gmail.com to learn how your church can get involved.

Top 13 Churches

TOTAL GIVING

Denton Wesleyan Church	\$32,405
Vintage Church (Randleman)	\$18,350
Mt Zion (Thomasville)	\$15,100
Gold Hill Wesleyan	\$7,008
Kernersville Wesleyan	\$5,550
Neighbors Grove (Asheboro)	\$4,800
First Wesleyan (Troy)	\$4,800
Cornerstone Church (Asheboro)	\$3,920
Christ Wesleyan Church (Winston Salem)	\$3,525
Holly Hill (Thomasville)	\$3,500
Bethel Wesleyan Church (Rose Hill)	\$3,360
Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church (Hertford)	\$3,000
Hillsborough Wesleyan Church	\$3,000



MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

34



MISSIONARIES SENT

3



PROJECTS SUPPORTED

10

NEXT

INTERNSHIPS

Equipping young adults to serve cross-culturally.
Learn more at: gponline.org/next

MISSION AMPLIFIED

16 COUNTRIES

Cambodia
Central Europe
Czech Republic
East Asia
Eastern Europe
Guyana
Haiti
Japan

Karis
Macedonia
Mozambique
Northeast Asia
Papua New Guinea
Philippines
The Balkans
Waha People



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

District Treasurer's Report

JUNE 1, 2025 - MAY 31, 2026

	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Balance Brought Forward - Main Checking	\$ 454,393.77		
USF Received	\$ 1,470,053.57		
Interest Income	\$ 254.72		
Misc Income	\$ 79,305.74		
	\$ 2,004,007.80		\$ 2,004,007.80
DISBURSEMENTS			
General Funds			
USF - TWC	\$ 691,016.45		
The Circuit	\$ 191,273.71		
Victory Mountain Camp	\$ 63,757.90		
TOTAL USF/EIF PAID	\$ 946,048.06		\$ (946,048.06)
	TOTAL		\$ 1,057,959.74
Transferred to the Unrestricted Fund from the Main Checking Account			\$ (100,000.00)
Transferred to the Restricted Fund from the Main Checking Account			\$ (96,527.36)
District Budget			
Operational Expenses		(385,957.83)	(385,957.83)
Ending Balance - Main Checking Account			\$ 475,474.55
Savings Account Summary			
Restricted Funds	\$ 478,220.03		
Unrestricted Fund	\$ 423,248.41		
Total Savings Account Balances	\$ 901,468.44		
Ending Balance - All Funds	\$ 1,376,942.99		
District Budget Accounting			
Receipts vs Expenses for District Budget	\$ 450,196.27	\$ (385,957.83)	\$ 64,238.44
Budget vs Actual for District Budget	\$ 428,382.00	\$ (385,957.83)	\$ 42,424.17

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Barwick, District Bookkeeper

**NC EAST DISTRICT
BUDGET ASSESSMENTS 2026-2027**

CHURCH NAME	Assessment YEARLY	Assessment MONTHLY	NOTES
Albemarle	\$13,488	\$1,124	
Aposento Alto, Winston Salem	\$5,016	\$418	
Archdale	\$6,468	\$539	RT
Avivamiento Latino, Durham	\$4,200	\$350	
Bagley Swamp, Hertford	\$37,656	\$3,138	
Bethel, Rose Hill	\$13,344	\$1,112	
Bethlehem, Snow Camp	\$2,232	\$186	
Browers Memorial, Asheboro	\$49,596	\$4,133	
Callicutt, Troy	\$8,520	\$710	
Casa Familiar, Kernersville (D)	\$3,720	\$310	
Christ, Greensboro	\$27,168	\$2,264	
City Movement Church, Raleigh (D1)	\$0	\$0	
City of Refuge, Trinity (D2)	\$0	\$0	
Conquistando Fronteras Church, Kernersville (D1)	\$0	\$0	
Cornerstone, Seagrove	\$12,060	\$1,005	
Covington Wesleyan, Reidsville	\$45,660	\$3,805	RT
Crestview, Asheboro	\$58,332	\$4,861	
Crosswinds, Leland	\$101,004	\$8,417	
Crosswinds, Wilmington (North Pointe) (D)	\$8,088	\$674	
Dan River, Eden	\$5,940	\$495	
Denton	\$23,508	\$1,959	
Emmaus, Greensboro	\$23,916	\$1,993	
Encounter Church (D)	\$22,404	\$1,867	
Faith, Fayetteville	\$14,220	\$1,185	
First, Asheboro	\$5,592	\$466	
First, Burlington	\$11,424	\$952	
First, Eden	\$16,848	\$1,404	
First, Greenville (D)	\$4,044	\$337	
First, Randleman (D)	\$11,688	\$974	RT
First, Robbins	\$9,948	\$829	
First, Siler City	\$9,936	\$828	RT
First, Troy	\$33,120	\$2,760	
Foster Street, Asheboro	\$35,604	\$2,967	
Franklinville	\$3,108	\$259	
Free Grace, Harkers Island	\$13,680	\$1,140	
Gold Hill	\$16,128	\$1,344	RT
High Falls, Bennett	\$3,480	\$290	

CHURCH NAME	YEARLY	MONTHLY	NOTES
High Pine, Asheboro	\$8,652	\$721	
Hillsborough	\$8,796	\$733	
Holly Hill, Thomasville	\$14,148	\$1,179	
Hoovers Grove, Denton	\$6,264	\$522	
Hope River, Gibsonville	\$28,272	\$2,356	
Hydrant, Goldsboro (D)	\$6,204	\$517	
Iglesia Casa de Oracion, Archdale (D4)	\$0	\$0	
Iglesia Cristiana De LaTrinidad, Eden (D)	\$3,420	\$285	
Iglesia Redentor De Las Naciones, Thomasville (D1)	\$0	\$0	
Iglesia Unida, Winston-Salem (D1)	\$756	\$63	
Iglesia Wesleyana Cordero de Dios, Winston-Salem (D2)	\$0	\$0	
Journey Church of Sanford (D)	\$20,604	\$1,717	RT
Kernersville Wesleyan	\$68,028	\$5,669	
Kildee, Ramseur (D)	\$0	\$0	
LifePoint Church, Troy	\$9,576	\$798	
Love Chapel Hill (D)	\$23,556	\$1,963	
Mt. Olive, Sophia (D)	\$3,840	\$320	
Mt. Olivet, Liberty	\$11,208	\$934	
Mt. Zion, Seagrove	\$9,996	\$833	
Mt. Zion, Thomasville	\$149,028	\$12,419	
Neighbors Grove, Asheboro	\$12,984	\$1,082	
New Life Community, Liberty (D3)	\$1,728	\$144	
NewHope, Durham	\$192,504	\$16,042	
Old Zion, Tabor City (D)	\$5,220	\$435	
One Church, High Point (D)	\$34,596	\$2,883	
Pleasant Union, Liberty (D)	\$1,200	\$100	
Ramseur	\$23,508	\$1,959	
Ray of Hope, Mebane (D)	\$0	\$0	
Reavivamiento para las Naciones (D3)	\$48	\$4	
Rushwood, Asheboro	\$56,604	\$4,717	
Sawyersville, Asheboro	\$13,536	\$1,128	
St. Paul, Gold Hill (D)	\$0	\$0	
Staley	\$2,928	\$244	
The Way, El Camino Iglesia, High Point (D)	\$7,764	\$647	
Tidal Creek, Shallotte (D4)	\$4,824	\$402	
Trinity, Eden	\$17,796	\$1,483	
Trinity, Salisbury	\$58,104	\$4,842	
Trinity, Seagrove	\$3,528	\$294	
Union Point, New Bern	\$73,152	\$6,096	
Victory Chapel, Snow Camp	\$2,640	\$220	
Vintage, Randleman (D)	\$126,060	\$10,505	

CHURCH NAME	YEARLY	MONTHLY	NOTES
Why Not, Seagrove	\$6,504	\$542	
Yellow Door House (D)	\$1,908	\$159	
TOTALS	\$1,680,624	\$140,052	

(D) Developing Church/Restructure/Restart

(D1) Church Plant Year One

(D2) Church Plant Year Two

(D3) Church Plant Year Three

(D4) Church Plant Year Four

RT - Real Time Assessments

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barwick, District Bookkeeper

NORTH CAROLINA EAST DISTRICT

ASSESSMENTS PAID - 2025 - 2026

	ASSESSMENT DUE	ASSESSMENT PAID	% PAID TO DATE
Albemarle	\$10,692.00	\$13,355.00	100
Aposento Alto, Winston Salem	\$6,744.00	\$1,872.00	28
Archdale	\$6,770.56	\$6,770.56	100
Avivamiento Latino, Durham	\$4,344.00	\$3,397.00	78
Bagley Swamp, Hertford	\$38,568.00	\$38,568.00	100
Bethel, Rose Hill	\$12,180.00	\$12,180.00	103
Bethlehem, Snow Camp	\$2,736.00	\$2,736.00	100
Browsers Memorial, Asheboro	\$48,720.00	\$48,720.00	100
Callicutt, Troy	\$11,460.00	\$10,376.00	83
Casa Familiar, Kernersville	\$3,636.00	\$3,636.00	100
Christ, Greensboro	\$28,575.00	\$28,575.00	100
City of Refuge, Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Cornerstone, Seagrove	\$12,444.00	\$12,444.00	100
Covington Memorial, Reidsville	\$48,258.00	\$48,258.00	100
Crestview, Asheboro	\$48,326.00	\$48,326.00	100
Crosswinds, Leland	\$100,560.00	\$100,560.00	105
Dan River, Eden	\$6,101.81	\$6,101.81	100
Denton	\$24,660.41	\$25,041.00	110
Emmaus Church, Greensboro	\$23,412.00	\$23,412.00	100
Encounter Church of High Point	\$17,988.00	\$16,489.00	100
Faith, Fayetteville	\$13,632.00	\$13,632.00	100
First, Asheboro	\$5,843.99	\$5,844.00	100
First, Burlington	\$11,820.00	\$11,820.00	100
First, Eden	\$17,136.00	\$17,136.00	100
First, Greenville	\$6,420.00	\$3,804.00	59
First, Randleman	\$8,556.00	\$11,948.42	140
First, Robbins	\$11,616.00	\$11,616.00	100
First, Siler City	\$8,604.00	\$9,321.00	100
First, Troy	\$34,128.00	\$34,128.00	100
Foster Street, Asheboro	\$37,383.00	\$37,383.00	100
Franklinville	\$3,180.00	\$3,180.00	100
Free Grace, Harkers Island	\$14,808.00	\$14,808.00	100
Gold Hill	\$15,000.00	\$17,030.31	103
High Falls	\$3,492.00	\$3,492.00	100
High Pine, Asheboro	\$9,840.00	\$9,842.00	100
Hillsborough	\$8,148.00	\$8,148.00	100
Holly Hill, Thomasville	\$13,596.00	\$13,596.00	100
Hoovers Grove, Denton	\$7,032.00	\$7,032.00	100
Hope River, Gibsonville	\$24,480.00	\$24,480.00	100

		% PAID TO	
	ASSESSMENT DUE	ASSESSMENT PAID	DATE
Hydrant, Goldsboro	\$6,516.00	\$1,086.00	17
Iglesia Casa de Oracion, Archdale	\$24.00	\$0.00	0
Iglesia Wesleyana Cordero de Dios	\$396.00	\$0.00	0
Iglesia Cristiana De LaTrinidad, Eden	\$72.00	\$0.00	0
Iglesia La Gloria del Padre, Mebane	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Iglesia Unida	\$240.00	\$0.00	0
Journey Church of Sanford	\$14,339.03	\$14,339.03	100
Kernersville	\$68,064.00	\$68,064.00	100
Kildee, Ramseur	\$3,564.00	\$0.00	0
Lifepoint Church - (Troy Wesleyan)	\$10,296.00	\$10,296.00	100
Love Chapel Hill	\$25,644.00	\$25,644.00	100
Mt. Olive, Sophia	\$4,320.00	\$4,320.00	100
Mt. Olivet, Liberty	\$10,188.00	\$10,188.00	100
Mt. Zion, Seagrove	\$8,447.00	\$8,448.00	100
Mt. Zion, Thomasville	\$157,716.00	\$157,716.00	100
Neighbors Grove, Asheboro	\$12,156.00	\$13,200.00	109
New Life Community Church, Liberty	\$240.00	\$240.00	103
NewHope, Durham	\$198,876.00	\$117,292.00	59
North Pointe, Wilmington	\$4,572.00	\$0.00	0
Old Zion, Tabor City	\$8,102.60	\$8,102.60	100
One Church, High Point	\$36,756.00	\$36,756.00	100
Pleasant Union, Liberty	\$636.00	\$636.00	101
Ramseur	\$21,072.00	\$21,241.11	110
Ray of Hope, Mebane	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
Reavivamiento para las Naciones	\$120.00	\$120.00	100
Rushwood Park, Asheboro	\$55,788.00	\$55,788.00	100
Sawyersville, Asheboro	\$12,792.00	\$13,281.00	104
St. Paul, Gold Hill	\$2,052.00	\$171.00	8
Staley	\$3,084.00	\$3,084.00	100
The Way, El Camino, High Point	\$9,023.00	\$9,023.00	100
Tidal Creek Church, Shallotte	\$3,036.00	\$3,036.00	100
Trinity, Eden	\$15,084.00	\$20,289.00	102
Trinity, Salisbury	\$55,716.00	\$65,002.00	101
Trinity, Seagrove	\$4,314.00	\$4,314.00	100
Union Point, New Bern	\$70,848.00	\$50,750.00	75
Victory Chapel, Snow Camp	\$2,748.00	\$2,748.00	100
Vintage, Randleman	\$136,032.00	\$0.00	0
Why Not, Seagrove	\$5,784.00	\$6,334.00	102
Yellow Door House	\$2,580.00	\$2,580.00	100
Why Not, Seagrove	\$6,312.00	\$6,312.00	100
Yellow Door House	\$516.00	\$516.00	100

				% PAID TO
	ASSESSMENT DUE	ASSESSMENT PAID	DATE	
MONTHLY ADJUSTMENTS				
	TOTAL	\$1,688,956.39	\$1,449,974.84	86.8
		Due to Date	Paid to Date	% Paid

NC East District Report 2026 - 2027 BUDGET

	2026 - 2027
5000 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
5002 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	5000
5003 FEES - BANK and CREDIT CARD	15000
5004 INSURANCE	10000
5005 INTERNET SERVICE/SUPPORT	5500
5006 DISTRICT LEGAL FEES	1500
5007 OFFICE POSTAGE	750
5008 COPY & PRINTING	2000
5009 OFFICE RENT & UTILITIES	25000
5010 OFFICE SUPPLIES	1500
Total 5000 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	66250
6000 MINISTRY AND ACTIVITIES	
6003 CHILDRENS MINISTRY BUDGET	1500
6004 PASTORAL CARE	7000
6005 DBA/STAFF	1000
6007 DISTRICT CONFERENCE and ORDINATION	12000
6008 DS DISCRETIONARY FUND	500
6009 FLOWERS AND GIFTS	1200
6010 REGIONAL GATHERINGS	1000
6012 LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES / CONTINUING ED	10000
6016 YOUTH MINISTRIES	3000
6017 YOUTH CONFERENCE	10000
6021 WOMENS CLERGY	3000
6022 MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES	1500
6023 YOUNG ADULT COLLECTIVE	3000
6024 SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY	2000
Total 6000 MINISTRY AND ACTIVITIES	56700
7000 DISTRICT TRAVEL	
7001 CONFERENCES & SEMINARS - STAFF	4000
7003 STAFF MEALS AND ENTERTAINING	3500
7004 MILEAGE for COMMITTEE MEMBERS	3500
7005 DISTRICT MILEAGE & MAINTENANCE	12000
Total 7000 DISTRICT TRAVEL	23000
8000 SALARIES/BENEFITS/STIPENDS	
8001 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	102970
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT MEDICAL INSURANCE	13000
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT HOUSING	40000
8001 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT PENSION	18716 *
8002 ASSISTANT DS/VICE CHAIR	14997
8002 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT PENSION	1800 *
CUSTODIAL SERVICES	2434
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR	54230
BOOKKEEPER	12533
NC EAST STAFF	27200
3 ASSISSTANT D.S.'S	26000
Payroll Taxes	5000
Total 8000 SALARIES/BENEFITS/STIPENDS	318880
Total Expenditures	464830

LIFE BENEFIT REPORT 2025-2026

WESLEYAN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION SAVING ACCOUNT

Beginning balance:	6/1/2025	93,842.95
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Receipts: interest earned

	6/30/2025	2,137.45
	12/31/2025	2,177.31
Total interest earned		\$ 4,314.76
	TOTAL	\$ 98,157.71

Total disbursement:

Interest Withdrawal		\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ -

5/31/2025	WIF Balance on hand:	98,157.71
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Life Benefit Certificate Amounts Remaining in the Fund	66,000.00
Disbursable Funds	32,157.71

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Barwick, District Bookkeeper

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT STATISTICIAN

Daniel T. Cockerill

Conference year 2025-2026

Section 1 - People Information	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	5 yr %
Membership						
Student Members	590	564	331	206	244	242%
Adult Members	10965	7353	7683	8624	9800	112%
Total members	11555	7917	8014	8830	10044	115%
Worship Attendance						
Onsite worship service average attendance	11985	10894	10729	9304	9466	127%
Live online average attendance	1971	2937	3004	2124	3094	-36%
Total Attendance	13956	13831	13733	11428	12560	111%
Lives changed						
People saved through local church ministries	553	599	641	659	868	-36%
People sanctified during the year	746	674	564	542	565	132%
People baptized (including infants)	931	884	778	574	564	165%
Infants/children dedicated	256	257	300	195	209	122%
Discipleship						
People making disciples	1936	2505	2217	2020	2400	-19%
Children being disciplined (all forms)	2011	1829	1897	1326	1617	124%
Youth being disciplined (all forms)	1135	1120	909	788	880	129%
Adults being disciplined (all forms)	7111	6459	8268	5984	6304	113%
Total persons being disciplined (all forms)	10257	9408	11074	8098	8801	117%
The Called						
Sent to plant churches (no longer counted in your attendance)	88	54	252	115	23	383%
Declaring call to ministry/missions during year	774	667	197	101	49	1580%
Preparing for Global Partners missions	68	17	26	2	3	2267%
Preparing for global missions	79	118	95	75	19	416%
Preparing for church multiplication leadership	22	37	23	149	39	-44%
Students enrolled in Wesleyan colleges & universities	32	24	34	35	36	-11%
Students enrolled in non-Wesleyan colleges & universities	420	380	359	263	346	121%
Students engaged in ministry training	80	101	77	57	118	-32%

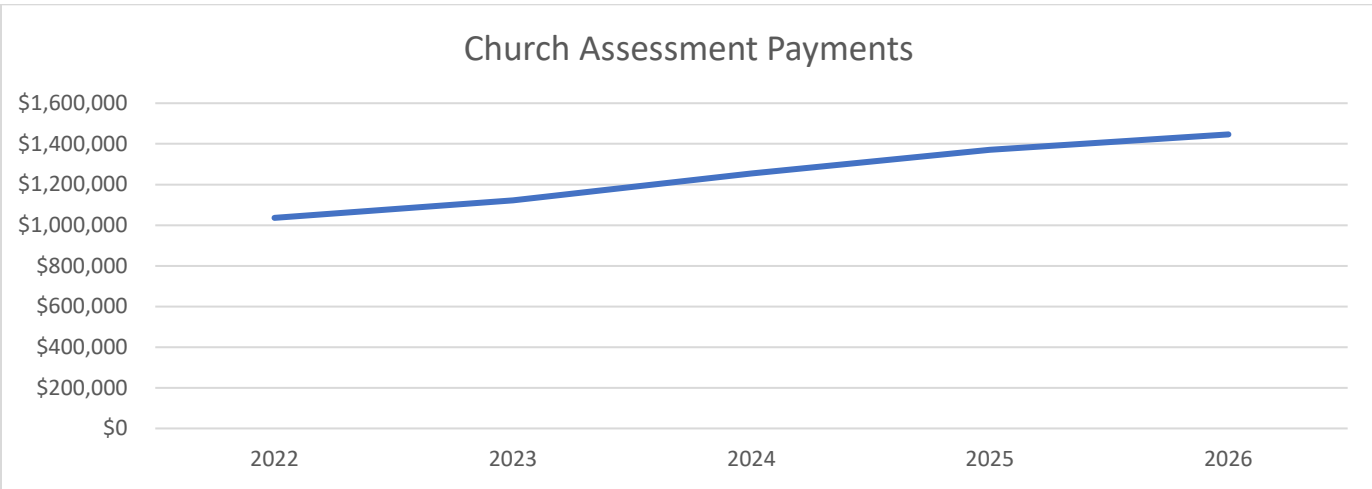
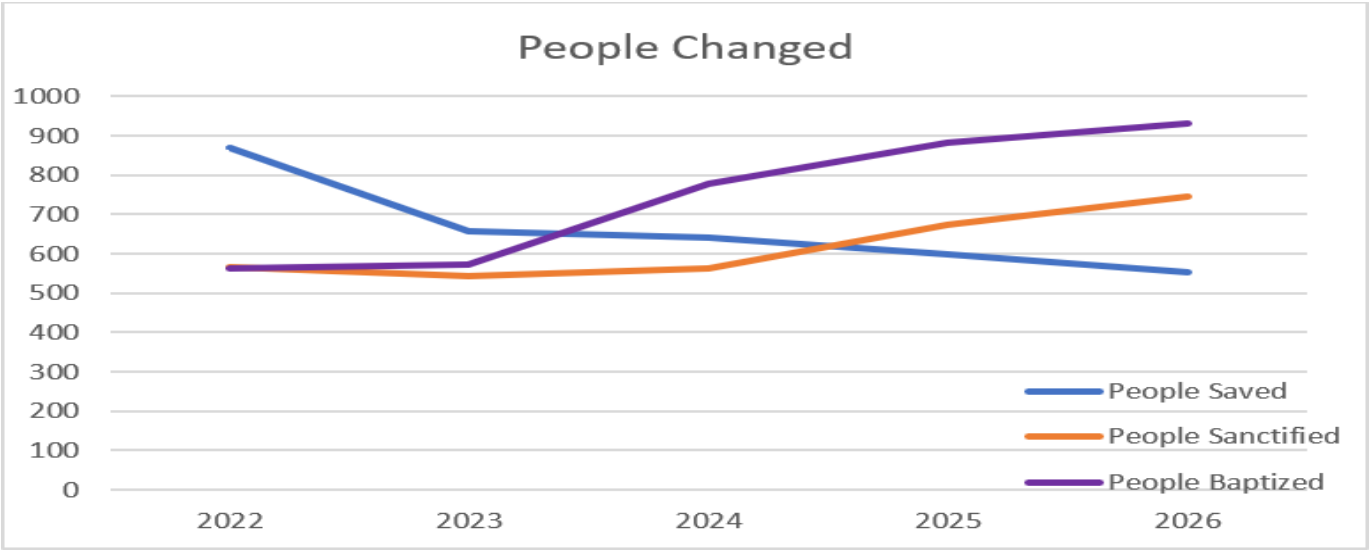
Section 2 – Finances	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	5 yr %
Property value						
Value of church, land & auxiliary buildings	\$144,293,174	\$108,676,797	\$95,990,065	\$85,227,553	\$101,520,934	142%
Value of parsonage(s) [If owned by the church]	\$6,362,466	\$6,831,531	\$6,539,245	\$5,412,002	\$5,163,102	123%
Indebtedness on all property & buildings	\$20,970,232	\$22,495,069	\$17,935,390	\$19,496,713	\$31,128,273	-33%
Property Value Net	\$129,685,408	\$93,013,259	\$84,593,920	\$71,142,842	\$75,555,763	172%
Contributions						
Tithes & offerings	\$22,520,623	\$20,528,769	\$19,603,557	\$17,521,292	\$18,722,170	147%
All other contribution income not included	\$2,891,943	\$2,205,058	\$1,984,715	\$895,209	\$1,180,439	245%
Total assessable contribution income	\$25,412,566	\$22,733,827	\$21,588,272	\$18,416,501	\$19,902,609	153%
Other Funds Received						
Net Enterprise Income	\$1,257,901	\$1,536,336	\$1,761,611	\$1,477,858	\$2,573,932	-51%
Interest and investment earnings	\$412,860	\$516,394	\$452,858	\$335,738	\$150,746	274%
Other Income	\$271,745	\$477,345	\$1,175,861			
Total 'other non-assessable' income	\$1,942,506	\$2,530,075	\$3,390,330	\$1,813,596	\$2,724,678	-29%
Grand total all income	\$32,355,072	\$25,263,902	\$24,978,602	\$20,230,097	\$22,627,287	143%
Local Ministry Support						
Payroll	\$9,631,595	\$9,276,873	\$9,585,494	\$9,314,106	\$6,464,640	149%
Administrative Expenses	\$1,953,672	\$1,462,234	\$1,259,819	\$1,242,116		
Discipleship expenses	\$2,106,262	\$2,203,038	\$2,012,933	\$1,797,797		
Church Assessment Payments	\$1,446,550	\$1,370,725	\$1,254,473	\$1,121,752	\$1,036,015	140%
Mortgage & Note Payments	\$2,059,972	\$2,004,578	\$1,763,538	\$1,776,750	\$2,295,515	-10%
Facility Expenses	\$3,082,964	\$3,209,428	\$3,300,953	\$3,341,093		
Local Outreach & Benevolence	\$701,188	\$830,999	\$790,821	\$731,663	\$306,874	228%
Total local Ministry Support	\$20,982,203	\$20,357,875	\$19,968,031	\$19,325,277	\$10,103,044	208%
Other Expenses						
Missions (National and Global)	\$448,527	\$495,238	\$573,822	\$638,690	\$710,000	-37%
New Property and Major remodeling expenses	\$5,732,734	\$800,241	\$1,853,002	\$962,438	\$2,376,141	241%
Other Expenses not listed	\$1,198,257	\$1,436,323	\$1,187,154	\$993,342	\$6,429,286	-81%
Total Other Expenses	\$7,379,518	\$2,731,802	\$3,613,978	\$2,594,470	\$9,515,427	-22%
Total Expenses	\$28,361,721	\$23,089,677	\$23,582,009	\$21,919,747	\$19,618,471	145%
Funds on hand at year end						
Checking and Saving Balance	\$12,676,470	\$13,134,807	\$13,042,672	\$12,707,664		
other investments	\$4,183,763	\$2,205,058	\$197,911	\$995,428		
Total Funds on hand	\$16,860,233	\$15,339,865	\$13,240,583	\$13,703,092		

Section 3 - General District information	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Total number of churches Reporting fully	79	77	75	70	74
Total number of churches Reporting partially	0	0	0	2	
Total Number of churches not reporting	1	2	3	6	
Physical locations used for worship gatherings	80	78	78	77	94
Churches making pension payments monthly to the Wesleyan Pension Fund	35	35	37	36	36
Use of funds	Percentage				
Payroll/Local Ministry Support	46.2				
Church Assessments/Local Ministry Support	8.4				
Mortgage & Note Payments/Local Ministry Support	5.4				
Facility Expense/Local Ministry Support	21.8				

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 5-year percent changes) were used. Where there was no way to calculate, the previous year's data was left blank.

Note 2: Some Financial Data (i.e. value of properties) were entered incorrectly. Numbers have been changed to reflect reality!

Some Key Metrics in graphical form



DBA COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

PART 1 - PASTOR APPOINTMENTS *(Only Wesleyan credentialed ordained/licensed ministers, students, commissioned and lay ministers are listed in pastoral appointments)*

1. **ALBEMARLE WESLEYAN:** Pastor James Valk
2. **APOSENTO ALTO, WINSTON-SALEM:** Senior Pastor Jhonn David Arica; Assistant Pastors Claudia Arica, Denisse Higuera, Alfonso Abad, Luis Rodriguez, Lupita Aalazar-Hernandez, Amelia Manchego; Students Loreimy Panchis Perez, Roxana de Guzman, Reyna Rios
3. **ARCHDALE WESLEYAN:** *In the hands of the DBA, adopted by Denton Wesleyan*
4. **AVIVAMIENTO LATINO, DURHAM (Developing):** Senior Pastor Johel Rodríguez; Assistant Pastors Sarah Rodríguez, Virginio Corona, Leti Ramirez
5. **BAGLEY SWAMP WESLEYAN, HERTFORD:** Co-Pastors James Spaugh & Casey Spaugh; Assistant Pastors Kaleb Spaugh, Richard Tysinger
6. **BETHEL WESLEYAN:** Pastor Kris Syvertsen
7. **BETHLEHEM WESLEYAN, SNOW CAMP:** Pastor Donald Southern
8. **BROWERS WESLEYAN, ASHEBORO:** Pastor Bryant Madren; Student Jerry Lowdermilk
9. **CALLICUTT WESLEYAN, TROY:** Pastor Blake Davis
10. **CASA FAMILIAR CHURCH (Developing):** Senior Pastor Norberto González; Assistant Pastors Nancy González, María Martha Vásquez
11. **CHRIST WESLEYAN, GREENSBORO:** Senior Pastor Santes Beatty; Assistant Pastors Sidney Wheatley, Dayna Carr, Heather Voncannon; Students Zack Armfield, Katie Badgerow, Stacy Haynes
12. **CITY MOVEMENT CHURCH, RALEIGH (Developing Church Plant opened in February 2026):** Supply Pastor Niko Peele; OM in process of denominational transfer Kristina Schonewolf
13. **CITY OF REFUGE (Developing Church Plant):** Supply Pastor Brent Bennett
14. **CONQUISTANDO FRONTERAS, KERNERSVILLE (Developing Church Plant-launching in fall 2026):** Supply Pastor Maricela Perez; Ministerial Student/Assistant Pastor Edgar Balanar
15. **CORNERSTONE, SEAGROVE:** Senior Pastor Nathan Kiser; Assistant Pastors Elizabeth Pack, Bernard Needham, Lisa Perkins; Students Don Graves, Kathy Graves
16. **COVINGTON WESLEYAN, REIDSVILLE (changed name from Covington Memorial in 2026):** Pastor Daniel “Buck” Garrison; Student Jacob Marks

17. **CRESTVIEW WESLEYAN, ASHEBORO:** Co-Pastors Jam Patterson and Jerry Johnson;
Assistant Pastor Timothy Jordan and Ridge McDonald
18. **CROSSWINDS, LELAND:** Senior Pastor Chris Vernon; Assistant Pastor Chris Hotz
19. **DAN RIVER, EDEN:** Pastor Henry Lee
20. **DENTON WESLEYAN:** Senior Pastor Charles Collins; Assistant Pastors Bethany
Collins and Damien Kennedy
21. **EMMAUS CHURCH, GREENSBORO:** Senior Pastor Josh LeRoy; Assistant Pastors
Corey Heath, Anderson Kursonis, Jhinika Louve, Cade Garlock, Jay Sikes
22. **ENCOUNTER CHURCH OF HIGH POINT (Developing):** Senior Pastor John Vernon;
Assistant Pastors Paul Coates, Sheri Jennings
23. **FAITH WESLEYAN, FAYETTEVILLE:** Co-Pastors Cyndi and Garry McClendon
24. **FIRST WESLEYAN, ASHEBORO:** Pastor Blake Hinson
25. **FIRST WESLEYAN, BURLINGTON:** Senior Pastor Dennis Boone; Assistant Pastor
Wayne Howard
26. **FIRST WESLEYAN, EDEN:** Pastor Kevin Dunovant
27. **FIRST WESLEYAN, GREENVILLE (Developing):** Pastor Todd McDonald
28. **FIRST WESLEYAN, RANDLEMAN (Developing):** Interim Pastor Mike Davis; Assistant
Pastors James Martin, Samantha Williams, Austin Pendell
29. **FIRST WESLEYAN, ROBBINS:** Senior Pastor Cameron Dockery; Assistant Pastor Barry
Miller; Student Lydia Macinta
30. **FIRST WESLEYAN, SILER CITY:** Pastor Donald Southern
31. **FIRST WESLEYAN, TROY:** Pastor Andrew Fetterhoff
32. **FOSTER STREET, ASHEBORO:** Senior Pastor Charles Moses; Assistant Pastor Michael
Jernigan
33. **FOSTER STREET CENTRAL CAMPUS:** Campus Pastor Michael Jernigan; Assistant
Pastor Brandon Baker
34. **FRANKLINVILLE WESLEYAN:** Pastor Terry Giles
35. **FREE GRACE, HARKERS ISLAND:** Pastor Clinton Nelson
36. **GOLD HILL WESLEYAN:** Pastor Mark Loman
37. **HIGH FALLS WESLEYAN:** Pastor Roger Riffe
38. **HIGH PINE WESLEYAN, ASHEBORO:** Interim Pastor from NC West District James
Arnold Luther
39. **HILLSBOROUGH WESLEYAN:** Pastor Boyd Odell Link, Jr.
40. **HOLLY HILL, THOMASVILLE:** Pastor Steve Martin
41. **HOOVERS GROVE, DENTON:** Pastor Sidney Stewart
42. **HOPE RIVER, GIBSONVILLE:** Senior Pastor Kelly Goudy; Asst Pastor Timothy Agner

43. **HYDRANT CHURCH**, GOLDSBORO (*Developing*): Senior Pastor Elizabeth Baker; Assistant Pastor William Baker; Student Zoe Shearin
44. **IGLESIA CASA DE ORACION**, ARCHDALE (*Developing Church Plant*): Pastor Elías Romero
45. **IGLESIA CRISTIANA LA TRINIDAD**, EDEN: (*Developing*) Senior Pastor Edgar Yax; Assistant Pastor Dilma Yax; Students Coraima Davila, Sheily Yax Rodriguez
46. **IGLESIA CRISTIANA LEGADO DE AMOR** (*Affiliate*): Non-Wesleyan Co-Pastors Freddy Santana, Rosanely De Jesus
47. **IGLESIA REDENTOR DE LAS NACIONES**, THOMASVILLE (*Developing Church Plant*): Supply Pastor Alejandra Silvan Perez; Student Raquel Perez
48. **IGLESIA UNIDA**, WINSTON-SALEM (*Developing District Church Plant*): Pastor Pablo Betanco
49. **IGLESIA WESLEYANA CORDERO de DIOS**, WINSTON-SALEM (*Developing*): Supply Pastor Enrique Alcantara; Student Esther Alcantara Chuquiruna
50. **JOURNEY CHURCH OF SANFORD**: (*Developing*) Pastor Anthony Dell; Student David Dell
51. **KERNERSVILLE WESLEYAN**: Senior Pastor Travis Shannon; Assistant Pastors Graham Simmons, Brandon Fiedler, Riley Staley, Kyle Corum; David Spriggs; Student Julie Forbes
52. **KILDEE**, RAMSEUR: (*In the hands of the DBA*)
53. **LIFEPOINT CHURCH**, TROY: Senior Pastor Mark Atkins; Assistant Pastor Matt Hofstetter
54. **LOVE CHAPEL HILL**: (*Developing*) Senior Pastor Justin Simmons; Assistant Pastor Joel Philbrook
55. **MT. OLIVE**, SOPHIA (*Developing*): Non-Wesleyan Supply Pastor Robert Evans
56. **MT. OLIVET**, LIBERTY: Pastor Jeffrey Garner
57. **MT. ZION, SEAGROVE**: Senior Pastor Derrick Britt; Assistant Pastor Amy Cheek Vuncannon
58. **MT. ZION, THOMASVILLE**: Senior Pastor Luke Jackson; Assistant Pastors Brent Bennett, Sandy Knipp, Tammy Joyce, Brandon Williams, Brian Charles, Stephen Tolan, Jason Tuggle, Riley Staley; Sean Lane; Commissioned Lay Stephen Storey; Special Service Bradley Hill; Ministerial Intern Amanda Bolz
59. **NEIGHBORS GROVE**, ASHEBORO: Pastor Alex Gebert
60. **NEWHOPE, DURHAM**: Senior Pastor Adam Bishop; Assistant Pastors Caleb Maxon, Tenea DeBerry, Amanda Combass; Ministerial Intern Andrew McClung
61. **NEW LIFE COMMUNITY**, LIBERTY (*Developing Restart*): Supply Pastor Stephen Barnes

62. **NORTH POINTE COMMUNITY** (*d/b/a Crosswinds Wilmington*) (*Developing Restart*):
Supply Pastor Dave Holt
63. **OLD ZION, TABOR CITY** (*Developing*): Pastor Ricky Bourne
64. **ONE CHURCH, HIGH POINT** (*Developing Restart*): Pastor John Williams; Assistant
Pastors Vanessa York; Student Boris Salgado
65. **PLEASANT UNION, LIBERTY** (*Developing*): *In the hands of the DBA*
66. **RAMSEUR WESLEYAN**: Pastor Jason Baker
67. **RAY OF HOPE, MEBANE** (*Developing*): Pastor Roger Coburn
68. **REAVIVAMIENTO PARA LAS NACIONES** (*Developing church plant*): Supply Pastor
Dahyanna Hamilton
69. **RUSHWOOD, ASHEBORO**: Senior Pastor Brent Tysinger; Assistant Pastor Caleb Stout
70. **SAWYERSVILLE WESLEYAN, ASHEBORO**: Pastor Timothy Carter
71. **ST. PAUL WESLEYAN, GOLD HILL** (*Developing*): Pastor Justin Johnson
72. **STALEY WESLEYAN**: Interim Pastor Stephen Barnes
73. **THE WAY/EL CAMINO, HIGH POINT**: (*Developing*) Senior Pastor Luciano Covarrubias;
Assistant Pastors Emerson Tabora, Sandy Aviles Barrientos; Students Osel
Covarrubias, Gabriel Ramos
74. **TIDAL CREEK CHURCH, SHALLOTTE** (*Developing District Church Plant*): Pastor Josh
Glagola
75. **TRINITY CHURCH, SALISBURY**: Senior Pastor Randy Addison; Assistant Pastor Marty
Fletcher
76. **TRINITY WESLEYAN, EDEN**: Senior Pastor Dave Bunn; Assistant Pastors Terra Flint,
Noah Brayerton
77. **TRINITY WESLEYAN, SEAGROVE**: Pastor Aaron Cox
78. **UNION POINT, NEW BERN**: Senior Pastor Aaron Golden; Student Jordan Alsbrook
79. **VICTORY CHAPEL WESLEYAN, SNOW CAMP**: Supply Pastor Noah Albarez
80. **VIDA NUEVA CHURCH, GRAHAM** (*Developing Church Plant-official launch later in
2026*): Co-Pastors Yserys Perez, Jose Villegas
81. **VINTAGE CHURCH, RANDLEMAN** (*Developing*): Senior Pastor Matt Smith; Assistant
Pastor Lyle Denton
82. **WHY NOT WESLEYAN, SEAGROVE**: Supply Pastor Darrell Rabon
83. **YELLOW DOOR HOUSE, GREENSBORO** (*Developing*): Pastor Nikki Taylor

DISTRICT MISSION:

1. **MAKE GOOD ART, GREENSBORO**: Operated by Vania Claiborne

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 Asst. Dir.

B. Pastoral Service

Randy Addison
Noah Albarez
Enrique Alcantara
Claudia Arica
Jhonn Arica
Mark Atkins
Elizabeth Baker
Stephen Barnes
Santes Beatty
Brent Bennett
Pablo Betanco
Adam Bishop
Dennis Boone
Noah Brayerton
Derrick Britt
David Bunn
Dayna Carr
Brian Charles
Paul Coates
Roger Coburn
Bethany Collins
Charles Collins
Virginio Corona
Luciano Covarrubias
Carlton Davis
Tenea DeBerry
Anthony Dell
Lyle Denton
Cameron Dockery
Kevin Dunovant
Andrew Fetterhoff
Martin Fletcher
Jeffrey S. Garner
Daniel (Buck) Garrison
Alex Gebert
Terry Giles
Josh Glagola

Aaron Golden
Nancy Gonzalez
Norberto Gonzalez
Kelly Goudy
Dave Holt
Chris Hotz
Wayne Howard
Luke Jackson
Michael Jernigan
Jerry Johnson
Justin Johnson
Timothy Jordan
Nathan Kiser
Anderson Kursonis
Josh LeRoy
Odell Link
Mark Loman
Jhinika Louve
James Luther
Bryant Madren
Amelia Manchego
Stephen Martin
Caleb Maxon
Cyndi McClendon
Garry McClendon
Andrew McClung
Todd McDonald
Barry Miller
Charles Moses
Bernard Needham
Elizabeth Pack
Wayne (Jam) Patterson
Austin Pendell
Maricela Perez
Joel Philbrook
Darrell Rabon
Roger Riffe
Johel Rodriguez
Sarah Rodriguez
Elias Romero
Travis Shannon
Graham Simmons
Justin Simmons
Matthew W. Smith
Donald Southern
Casey Spaugh
Kaleb Spaugh
James Spaugh
Sidney Stewart
Caleb Stout
Emerson Tabora
Nikki Taylor

Stephen Tolan
Jason Tuggle
Brent Tysinger
Richard Tysinger
James Valk
Maria Vasquez
Chris Vernon
John Vernon
Sidney Wheatley
Dilma Yax
Edgar Yax
Vanessa York

C. Denominational Service

Alexis Collins, Global
Partners Missionary

D. Chaplains

Mitch Cartrette–
Corporate Chaplains
of America;
Roland Cavanaugh–
Hospice of the
Piedmont;
Seth Cotton
–Brightshores Health
System;
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 Fussner
Travis James
Clint Kearns
Todd Kemp

Jonathan Lewis
Eric Morgan
Bryan Rush
Philip Siebbeles
Timothy Taylor
Brian Wardlaw

G. OM Affiliate Church

Rosanelly De Jesus
Freddy Santana

H. OM Special Service

Bradley Hill
M. Elliot Miller

I. OM Retired

Gwen Armstrong
Robert Armstrong
Douglas Beadle
Alvin Brooks
Wayne Byrd
Keith Carroll
Henry Cavanaugh
Wayne Chandler
Janice Clark
Ralph Clayton
Roger Coburn
Doug Dennis
Clyde Dupin
Kent Emirbayer
Larry Frye
Jeffrey Fussner
Paul Griffin
T. Wilson Harris
Glen Hawkins
Wayne Howard
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
Mark A. Mullins
Alvin Newcomb
William Oden
Roger Parsons
Larry Pope
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
Victoria Fetterhoff
Emily Hambrock
Jason Johnson
Clint Kearns
Wendel McDowell
Daniel Pendell
Rodney Purcell
Eddie Smith

Phillip Surret
Bonnie Eastlack Suter

K. OM Without Appointment

Bryana Augustine
Philip Bailey

Padro Barrera
Michael Cummings
Arianna Ramirez-Belanzar
Jennifer York

L. OM District Transfer

Martha Smith-NCW
Dustin Wilson-NCW
Hannah Wilson-NCW

**M. OM in Process of
Denominational Transfer**

Anthony Dell
Kristina Schonewolf
Travis Shannon

**N. OM on Loan from Another
District**

Arnold Luther - NCW

**O. OM on Loan to Other
Districts**

Eric Morgan – S. Coastal

P. Promoted to Glory

Q. Removed from Service

R. Voluntarily Surrendered

Ryan Simms
Maggie Slusher

**II. Commissioned
Ministers**

A. CM Pastoral Service

Rob Rogalski

B. CM Retired

Daniel Grant

III. Licensed Ministers

A. In Pastoral Service

Alfonso Abad
Timothy Agner
Jordan Alsbrook
Sandy Aviles Barrientos
Brandon Baker
Amanda Bolz
Ricky Bourne
Kyle Corum
Aaron Cox
Brandon Fiedler
Terra Flint
Cade Garlock
Dahyanna Hamilton
Corey Heath
Maria De Jesus Hidalgo
Denisse Higuera
Matt Hofstetter
Sheri Jennings
Tammy Joyce
Damien Kennedy
Sandy Knipp
Sean Lane
Henry Lee
Spencer Loman
James Martin
Ridge McDonald

Clinton Nelson
Austin Pendell
Yserys Perez
Lisa Perkins
Alejandra Silvan Perez
Leti Ramirez
Luis Rodriguez
María Salazar-Hernández
Daniel Shuskey
David Spriggs
Riley Staley
Jose Luis Villegas
Amy Vuncannon
Brandon Williams
John Williams
Samantha Williams

B. LM in Educational Service

Spencer Loman (IWU)

C. LM Removed from Service

D. LM Transferred

Seth Blackburn to SC
Luke Burleson to SC

IV. Ministerial Students

Esther Alcantara Chuquiruna
Zach Armfield
Katie Badgerow
Edgar Balanzar
Roxana Batres de Guzman
Osel Covarrubias
Coraima Davila
David Dell
Julie Forbes
Don Graves
Kathy Graves
Stacy Haynes
Ricky Hope

Jerry Lowdermilk
Lydia Macinta
Jacob Marks
Loreimy Panchis Perez
Ricky Pate
Raquel Perez
Gabriel Ramos
Lucrecia Rufino
Boris Salgado
Zoe Shearin
Reyna Wilcamango Rios
Sheily Yax Rodriguez

V. Commissioned and Licensed Lay

A. Commissioned Lay Special Workers

Bette Beane
Janet Coates
Stephen Storey

VI. Licensed Ministers Recommended for Ordination

Amanda Combass
Tenea DeBerry
Blake Hinson
Elizabeth Pack
Jay Sikes
Kris Syvertsen
Jason Tuggle
Heather Voncannon

VII. Ministers Recommended for Validation of Ordination

Adam Bishop

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NC EAST DISTRICT MISSION AND VISION

Transforming Lives • Equipping Leaders • Reflecting the Kingdom



OUR MISSION

The NC East District of The Wesleyan Church exists to see lives transformed by Jesus Christ by equipping pastors and churches, empowering women and men in all levels of ministry and pastoral leadership, and cultivating a diverse, multi-ethnic, multicultural Kingdom where every person has equal access to belong, grow, and lead.

OUR VISION

We envision a thriving network of Spirit-led churches across eastern North Carolina where:

- ❖ Lives are being **transformed** through the power of the Gospel
 - ❖ Leaders are being **equipped, developed, and multiplied**
 - ❖ Women and men are fully **released into their God-given calling**
 - ❖ Churches reflect the **multiethnic beauty of the Kingdom of God**
 - ❖ Every person has **equal access** to discipleship, leadership, and mission
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OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS

- ❖ **Strengthen Churches** – Develop healthy, sustainable, and mission-focused congregations
- ❖ **Develop Leaders** – Create clear pathways for leadership growth and multiplication
- ❖ **Expand the Kingdom** – Plant, revitalize, and multiply churches across the district
- ❖ **Build Bridges** – Foster unity across cultures, generations, and communities

District Staff and DBA Covenant with the District

How We Work Together

As members of the NC East District staff team, we commit to the following principles:

1. Lead with Integrity

We will be honest, trustworthy, accountable, and Christlike in our conduct both publicly and privately.

2. Role integrity

We will faithfully fulfill our assigned responsibilities, respect the roles of others, and work together as one team.

3. Protect Unity

We will speak well of one another, address concerns directly, avoid gossip, and pursue healthy relationships.

4. Communicate Clearly

We will communicate promptly, professionally, and respectfully, keeping others informed when needed.

5. Pursue Excellence

We will give our best effort, honor deadlines, follow through on commitments, and continually seek improvement.

6. Maintain Confidentiality

We will handle sensitive information with wisdom, discretion, and care.

7. Be Mission Focused

We will place the mission of making disciples and strengthening churches above personal preferences or agendas.

Staff Commitment

"I commit to serving with integrity, humility, excellence, unity, and a Kingdom-first mindset. I will honor my responsibilities, support my teammates, and faithfully advance the mission and vision of the NC East District."

It is understood that by agreeing to serve on the District Board of Administration or District Staff, you are committing to these covenants and principles.

Stay faithful • Stay humble • Stay focused • Support the team • Advance the mission

**NCE District Leadership Team
and Support Staff**
(2026-27)

<u>District Superintendent</u>	<u>Tim Jones</u>
▪ District Administrator	Jennifer Jones
▪ Church Health & Revitalization Director	Charlie Collins
▪ District Ambassador	Keith Rich
▪ Regional Response & Outreach Coordinator	Bradley Hill
▪ Bookkeeper	Debbie Barwick
<u>Asst. DS/Operations Director (Coastal North)</u>	<u>James Spaugh</u>
▪ DBMD Chair	Jerry Johnson
▪ Connection & Creative Design Director	Dave Bunn
<u>Asst. DS/Church Development & Multiplication (Coastal South)</u>	<u>Chris Vernon</u>
▪ Multiplication	Matt LeRoy
▪ Hispanic Church Multiplication Director	Johel Rodriguez
<u>Asst. DS/Discipleship, Next Gen Ministries, VMC (SW Region)</u>	<u>Luke Jackson</u>
▪ VMC Operations Executive Director	Chad Brinkley
▪ Next Gen Ministries	Team
<u>Asst. DS/Clergy Care/Multicultural (Central & Hispanic Regions)</u>	<u>Sarah Rodriguez</u>
▪ Women in Ministry	Nikki Taylor, Dahyanna Hamilton
▪ Multicultural Ministries	Team
▪ Hispanic Ministries	Johel Rodriguez, Jhonn Arica

I will not sit quietly while the world aches for redemption.
I belong to a Christ who sets hearts on fire and sends them out to burn.

I AM A TRUE WESLEYAN.

I believe there is more than forgiveness.
The Holy Spirit does not merely pardon me. He makes me new.
He calls me to be holy, not as a burden to bear but as the very freedom
for which I was made. Grace is not permission to remain as I am, but the
power to become who God created me to be.

I AM A TRUE WESLEYAN.

I come from a people who took that freedom
and rode on horseback into the wilderness frontier, who packed their
belongings in coffins knowing they were never turning back. They preached
in barns, schoolhouses, and open fields. They were beaten, imprisoned, and
exiled to the margins. They chose to shelter the hunted as they were fleeing
and opened pulpits to women when no one else would. They crossed to the
other side of the tracks to minister to prostitutes, alcoholics and everyone
the “respectable” church had written off. This is the Christ-haunted,
kingdom-building lineage I carry.

I AM A TRUE WESLEYAN.

I am not my own. Whatever God asks of me,
whether it costs me comfort, reputation or safety, I give it freely. No parish
is too far, no people beyond reach. I will exhaust every means and every
moment doing all the good I can for everyone I can. I will carry this
message of hope across borders and barriers, into classrooms and clinics,
offices and shop floors, city streets, and forgotten corners. I will be a living
witness of the good news in the ordinary spaces and places of my world.

I AM A TRUE WESLEYAN.

Not because I love the name of John Wesley,
but because I love the Christ whose fire Wesley carried. I will be a folk
theologian in the thick of culture, a circuit rider in frontier places, a
freedom fighter wherever people are enslaved or marginalized in body or
spirit. I will preach for a decision and live as proof of one.

I AM A TRUE WESLEYAN.



NC EAST DISTRICT CALENDAR

2026

August

NCE New Pastor Orientation (via Zoom), 10 am26

September

Labor Day - District Office Closed 7

DBMD (District Office), 10 AM10

Day of Solitude (Victory Mountain Camp), 9:30 am 14

Victory Mountain Camp Board Meeting, 6 pm, Mt Zion, Thomasville17

NCE Staff Meeting, 10 am 17

DBA Meeting (Zoom or in person), 6 pm 22

NCE Women in Clergy Beach Retreat, Garden City, SC 27-30

New Room Conference, Frazer Church, Montgomery, AL, Wesleyan Shoulder Event, 11 am30

October - Pastor Appreciation Month

Camp Appreciation Day, 10 am to 3 pm, Victory Mountain Camp3

November

NCE Staff Meeting, 10 am19

Victory Mountain Camp Board Meeting, 6 pm, Mt Zion, Thomasville19

Thanksgiving - District Office Closed 26

December

Christmas - District Office Closed 23-Jan. 2

Youth Follow Conference (Cincinnati, Ohio)28-31

2027

January

Leadership Collective (LBA, Church Leaders) 9-11:30 AM (Trinity Wesleyan, Eden)16

NCE Staff Meeting, 10 am 21

Leadership Collective (LBA, Church Leaders) 9-11:30 AM (First Wesleyan, Troy)23

Leadership Collective (LBA, Church Leaders) 9-11:30 AM (Coastal Region)TBD

DBA Meeting (Zoom or in person), 6pm25

Refuel Guys Weekend (6-12th grade)TBD

February

NCE Night of Worship, Asheboro Region (Crestview, 6:30 pm) 7

DBMD (Equipping the Called) 6pm via ZOOM11

NCE Night of Worship, Greensboro Region (Covington, Reidsville, 6 pm).....21

NCE Night of Worship, High Point/Asheboro Regions (One Church @ 6 PM)21

NCE Night of Worship, Thomasville Region (Mt. Zion, Thomasville) @ 6 PM28

NCE Night of Worship, Coastal RegionTBD

Victory Mountain Camp Board Meeting 25

NC EAST DISTRICT CALENDAR

March

NCE Staff Meeting, 10 am	11
Exponential Option 1 (Orlando)	15-17
Exponential Option 2 (Orlando)	18-20
Palm Sunday	21
Resurrection Sunday	28
Deadline for Pastoral Reviews (If up for Renewal of Call Vote.)	31

April

Gather 27 (NCE Ministers Fun Event), Top Golf/Greensboro, 7-9 pm	5
Gather 27 teaching time, Kernersville Wesleyan, 8:30 am – 4 pm	6
DBMD (ETC - Equipping the Called), via Zoom at 6pm	22
DBA Meeting (in person or Zoom), 6 pm	26
Radiant Girls Retreat (6-12 th grade, VMC)	TBD

May

ASR Reporting Window	1-29
May Family Fun Day (Victory Mountain Camp)	1
NCE Staff Meeting, 10 am	20
Memorial Day (Office Closed)	31
District Fiscal Conference Yearend	31

June

LCSR Reporting Window	1-25
Victory Mountain Camp Board Meeting	TBD
DBA Meeting (in person or Zoom, 6 pm)	7
NCE Kids and Youth Camps, VMC	June 13-July 25
Pentecost Sunday	20

July

Independence Day (office Closed)	5
NCE District Staff Meeting, 10 am	15

August

District Conference & Ordination, tentatively, Mt Zion, Thomasville	6
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Welcome to Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church, and welcome to Thomasville! Hospitality matters to us, and we want to help make your visit as enjoyable and convenient as possible. Below, you'll find a list of great restaurants within a short drive of our church. Please use your preferred GPS app for the most accurate directions and current travel times.

NEARBY RESTAURANTS

23 DINING OPTIONS

Mileage and drive times are approximate.

Arby's 6 miles / 9 mins

Roast beef and chicken sandwiches, wraps, sliders and curly fries.

66 Grill 6 miles / 9 mins

Casual American grill serving wings, burgers, pizza, pasta, steaks and more.

Barbecue Center 9 miles / 12 mins

Lexington-style pit-cooked pork barbecue, Southern sides and famous ice cream desserts.

Bridgett's Kitchen 10 miles / 15 mins

Wood-fired barbecue and smoked meats served with homemade Southern sides.

Cross Ties Restaurant 8 miles / 12 mins

Family-friendly American fare featuring burgers, tacos, steaks, pasta and seafood.

Dairi-O 5.5 miles / 9 mins

Burgers, hot dogs, wraps, salads and hand-dipped ice cream.

East Coast Wings + Grill 7 miles / 10 mins

Wings in a wide variety of flavors, plus burgers, sandwiches, salads and chicken tenders.

Elizabeth's Pizza #1 - Downtown 7 miles / 12 mins

Italian favorites including pizza, pasta, calzones, stromboli and hot or cold subs.

Elizabeth's Pizza - Uptown 6 miles / 9 mins

Pizza, pasta, baked Italian dishes, calzones, stromboli and subs.

Gigi's Seafood & Steak 7 miles / 10 mins

Fried or broiled seafood, steaks, chicken and traditional Southern sides.

Jersey Mike's Subs 6.5 miles / 10 mins

Freshly sliced cold subs, grilled cheesesteaks, hot subs and wraps.

La Carreta Mexican Restaurant 6.5 miles / 10 mins

Mexican classics including burritos, enchiladas, tacos, fajitas and house specialties.

Lexington Barbecue 10 miles / 15 mins

Hickory-and-oak-smoked pork shoulder served with red slaw, hush puppies and traditional sides.

Los Agaves Mexican Restaurant 8 miles / 13 mins

Authentic Mexican dishes featuring tacos, fajitas, burritos and homemade specialties.

Maki of Japan 6 miles / 9 mins

Japanese-style grilled chicken, steak and shrimp served with rice and vegetables.

Randy's Restaurant 5.5 miles / 8 mins

Local diner serving breakfast, burgers, barbecue and Southern comfort food.

Ruby Tuesday 6 miles / 9 mins

American grill offering burgers, ribs, steaks, chicken, seafood and a fresh garden bar.

Sir Pizza 3 miles / 6 mins

Thin-crust specialty pizzas along with pasta, subs, salads and appetizers.

Texas Steak & Tap House 8.5 miles / 12 mins

Steaks, ribs, chicken, seafood, burgers and hearty American entrees.

The Eatery Lexington 9.5 miles / 13 mins

Fresh Southwestern and Mexican dishes, including bowls, burritos, tacos and quesabirria.

Tres Amigos Mexican Restaurant 7.5 miles / 11 mins

Traditional Mexican favorites such as tacos, fajitas, enchiladas and burritos.

Village Grill 10 miles / 15 mins

Breakfast favorites, American diner classics and Greek-inspired dishes.

Zaxby's 6 miles / 8 mins

Chicken fingers, wings, sandwiches and salads served with signature sauces.