

## Greetings Abound

*I rejoice over the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have supplied what was lacking on your part. For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. (1 Cor 16:17-19 NASB)*

Our 2019 regional convention ushered in some changes in Pacific Region personnel. With these kinds of changes, some things can fall through the cracks. One particular crack swallowed up the monthly Pacific Region newsletter, formerly produced by Rev. Phil Heiser. Paul's regular greetings from one church to another, as exemplified in the above passage, are a reminder to us that we are a community of believers who desire to know, pray for, and rejoice with one another, despite the miles that separate us. Therefore, we are working to ensure that this newsletter again comes out on a regular basis so that you will continue to receive regular updates on the goings-on of your region.

## North American Mission Update

With the reorganization of CLB North American Mission, there was a time of transition where everyone involved was determining their tasks and roles in the new structure. As Rev. Nick Mundis and Dr. Ryan Nilsen have settled into their respective places in NAM, those roles have become more clear. Mundis, as NAM Director, will be responsible for:

- Developing a strategic plan for disciple-making in the CLB
- Partnering with CLB churches to advance congregational health and vitality
- Administering resources and training opportunities in disciple-making models
- Facilitating shared resources between pastors and congregations



As Associate Director of NAM, Nilsen's responsibilities are:

- Energizing disciple-making congregations, clusters and regions for church planting
- Identifying, recruiting, and equipping CLB church planters
- Engaging youth and young adults in ownership of CLB theology and mission
- Pursuing the goal of multiple CLB church plants in various forms each year



These men are passionate and excited about serving your church in these capacities. They can be contacted through the CLB Synodical Offices should you need their services. Please remember Rev. Mundis and Dr. Nilsen in your prayers as they seek to faithfully plant, grow, and strengthen CLB churches in North America.

## Men's Retreat



November 1-2, 2019 will be this year's Men's Retreat at Black Lake Bible Camp in Olympia, WA. This year's speaker will be CLB President Paul Larson. Join us for three chapel sessions featuring Spirit-filled worship and practical & challenging messages, as well as optional "Beat the Traffic" activities, including Bowling or Surfing.

## Women's Retreat

October 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> is our Pacific North Region Women's Retreat, held at The First Camps and Retreats. This year's theme is "The King and I" and our speaker will be Ruth Vallewik. Fellowship, activities, and food will abound. Registration can be done online at [wmclb.org/pacific-north.html](http://wmclb.org/pacific-north.html). Deadline to register is October 7<sup>th</sup>.



## Welcoming Pastor Ben



Pastor Ben Breslin is our region's newest pastor, accepting a call to Faith Fellowship LBC in Kelso, WA.

Ben graduated from our seminary in Fergus Falls this past May and this is his first call as a pastor. Ben was born in Pennsylvania and moved with his family to California as a teenager. He served as an elder at Victoria Community Church in Rancho Cucamonga, CA for 5 years.

Ben has been married to his wife Celia for 15 years, and they have two daughters: Adelina (13), and Daniela (11)

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Ben to our Pacific Region! Ben will be attending our Men's Retreat at Black Lake Camp, November 1-2. If you are planning on attending, you can greet Pastor Ben in person.

## Pacific Region COD Representative

We wish Andrea Bernard the best as she settles in after her move to Iowa, and our prayers go with her. With this move, our Pacific Region is in need of a replacement representative on the CLB Council of Directors. After conversations with CLB Vice President Matthew Rogness, the Pacific Region Executive Committee has decided to bring the remaining two candidates – Dan Strandy of Maple Park Church and Jeff Kleveland of Nampa LBC – to the CLB Biennial Convention in Fergus Falls next June, having the Biennial Convention elect our Pacific Region COD representative. Some of our regions routinely elect their COD representatives in this manner, and this solution was considered to be the best for our situation and one which both honors the votes cast at our 2019 Regional Convention and doesn't offend our Pacific Region constitution.