

56th Annual Great Plains Region
Conference Journal



March 18-19, 2024

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2024 Region Calendar

Men's Conference-March 8-9-Timber Lakes
(Deeper-Tim Maki, speakers)

Regional Conference-March 18-19
(Kent Eby, speaker)

Women's Retreat-April 5-6-Timber Lakes
(Hope-Stefanie Maki, speaker)

Youth Camp-3-7-Timber Lakes
(GO-Garrett Kahrs)

Children's Camp-17-21-Timber Lakes
(The Great Commission, Jeremy & Mindi Tice)

Family Camp-July 29-Aug 3-Timber Lakes
(Discovering God in Today's World-Dr. Hubert Harriman, speaker)

Pastors' Prayer Retreat-December 1-4-Timber Lakes

Regional Council of Elders

Andy Petro, Regional Director (until 2027)
Dan Quinlin, Vice RD
Bruce Nevius, Treasurer
Nathan Schmidt, Latino Ministries
Tim Maki, Multiplication

Timber Lakes Camp Board

Bob Thompson, Chairman
Ron McDowell, Vice Chairman
Ryan Mayhew, Treasurer
Adam Rankin, Secretary
Brian Dishman, Director
Donny Powell

Children's Ministries

Christy Sayler, Director
Paige Sites
Josalyn Taylor
Kirby Taylor
Allyson Taylor

Men's Ministries

Ben Roed, Director
Scott Denham, Treasurer
Jeff Turner
Elias Martinez

Family Camp

Amanda Ripley, Director
Andy Ripley
Andy Petro
Ramona Petro
Nathan Schmidt
Amy Schmidt
Christy Sayler

Latino Ministries

Nathan Schmidt, Director
Kirk Kimble
Andy Petro
Adam Rankin
Joel Tuche

Youth Ministries

Adam DeMike Director

Women's Ministries

Peggy Roed, Director
Laura Tally, Treasurer
Ramona Petro
Christy Sayler

**Minutes of the 55th Annual District Conference of the
Midwest District of the Missionary Church
March 20-21, 2023**

**Conference Theme:
Profitable**

3/20/23 Session 1 of the Midwest District Conference

- 3:30PM- Chairman Andy Petro called the conference to order.
- Worship was led by Hillside Missionary Church worship team members Chris Bontrager, Jason Renander, Emily Bontrager, and Nicole Thatcher.
- Scripture, Prayer, and devotion was led by Rev. Bob Thompson. The conference was reminded that just as the Lord called Jacob back to Bethel, we too need to go back to the beginning. The promises of God at Bethel (the beginning) remain yet for today. We need to get back to the Word of God and hear the Lord speak. The Lord has always spoken and continues to speak through His Word.
- Rules of Order and Committees were presented to the conference by Chairman Andy Petro.
 - (See....."Rules")
 - (See....."Committees")
- The Conference is in need of a conference photographer as Adam Rankin was unexpectedly able to attend. Andy Petro led a time of prayer for Adam Rankin.

-M/S/C Approval of the printed reports

- Initial discussion of the Great Plains Region bylaws was held. Vice Chairman Daniel Quinlin provided clerical and editorial changes from the printed materials previously distributed to the conference. Vice Chairman Daniel Quinlin and Chairman Andy Petro answered questions and provided clarification to the heart and intent of the new bylaws and leadership structure proposed. Concerns were raised regarding the lack of lay people being included (or lack thereof) as part of the proposed leadership structure. A suggestion was made to soften the language of "credentialed" to include that of elder qualified.

- Conference recessed at 5:00PM

Session 2 of the Midwest District Conference

- The 2nd session conveyed at 7:00PM
- Worship was led again by the Hillside Missionary Church worship team.
- Andy Petro led an invocation and introduced the theme of the conference, "Profitable, The Sufficiency of the Word" to the conference.
- Rev. Brian Bontrager, pastor of Hillside Missionary Church, welcomed the conference and shared a devotion encouraging the conference to pray and worship the Lord in the Spirit.
- The conference gathered in small groups for a time of prayer and seeking the Lord.

- Todd Habegger shared session 1 of “Profitable, the sufficiency of the word of God.” Todd Habegger emphasized that the bible is sufficient and to “continue sticking with, sticking with scripture.” Todd Habegger primarily spoke from 2 Timothy 3:14-17. Four reasons to stick with scripture: 1- Respect for those who first introduced us to the scripture (2 Timothy 3:14b-15a), 2- Indispensable role that the bible plays in getting us saved (2 Timothy 3:15b). Furthermore, scripture points us to the savior. 3- Scripture has a supernatural origin, all scripture is breathed out by God (2 Timothy 3:16). 4- Scripture is comprehensively beneficial after we are saved (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- At the conclusion of session 2 a time of fellowship was held in the fellowship hall of the Hillside Missionary Church building.
- Conference recessed at 9:00PM

3/21/2023 Session 3 of the Midwest District Conference

- Conference conveyed at 8:30AM with worship led by Hillside Missionary Church members.
- Andy Petro led the conference in a word of prayer
- Andy Petro handed over the chairmanship to vice chair Dan Quinlin
- District Superintendent Andy Petro presented his report to the conference. While referencing his written report Andy also made note of the need for the Midwest District to transition to a regional structure. Andy urged the conference that though we can build the best conceivable regional our efforts are futile apart from the presence of the Lord. We are in need of a greater measure of the Spirit’s power and reality of the presence of the Lord. The conference was reminded that we must cultivate a culture of prayer and desperation for the Lord. Let us dedicate all we to the Lord and that the Lord would fill what we build with His presence.
- At the conclusion of the District Superintendent’s report, Andy opened the floor for a time of Q & A with the conference.
- The conference prayed for Andy and Ramona Petro
- The Chairmanship was returned to Andy Petro
- Discussion was once again opened regarding proposed bylaws of the Great Plains Region
- Dan Quinlin reviewed the proposed byways as well as the proposed changes to the bylaws as previously presented.

M/S/C Approve Amendment to proposed byways

M/S/C add language to the proposed bylaws the the Midwest District will be Doing Business As (D.B.A.) the Great Plains Region

M/S/C The Regional Council of Elders shall continue to hold and trust the properties held by the Regional Council of Elders. Properties held by local churches shall continue to be held by the local churches.

M/S/C to Adopt Recommendation 3 The Great Plains Region Bylaws

- It was decided by the Chairman that the vote for the Regional Director will be taken later in the day.

-Todd Habegger presented session 2 of Profitable, How to Stick with Scripture, speaking from Deuteronomy 17:18-19 - Take It On, 2 Timothy 2:7, Psalm 1:1-2 - Think It Over, John 15:7 & 16, 1 Samuel 3:9 - Pray It Through, Joshua 1:8, James 1:22-24, John 13:17 - Live It Out.

-Conference recessed at 10:30AM

-Conference reconvened at 10:58AM

-Recommendation 4 Regional Director Vote

-Chairmanship was given to Dan Quinlin in order for the conference to vote on Recommendation 4, election of Andy Petro as the Great Plains Regional Director for a 4 year term.

-Recommendation was properly seconded and vote was approved

-Chairmanship was returned to Andy Petro

-Report of the District Treasurer. The District remained in strong financial standing. The past year experienced greater expenses but did so to the benefit of various ministries. With this in mind, the District ended the year with a benefit over \$20,000.

-Recommendation 2 Consideration of the Regional Budget

-Recommendation was properly seconded and vote was approved to pass the recommended budget.

-The Denominational Report was given by Interim Missionary Church President Jimmy Santiago. President Santiago read from Acts Chapter 8, and encouraged the conference to not to hide but to dress up in God's Armor and preach the Gospel. The answer to persecution is to preach the Gospel.

-Report of World Partners was given by Joe Johns. World Partners is in the process of onboarding 4-5 Evangelical Church missionaries. The goal of World Partners is to increase the reach of the Gospel.

-Report of Here to There Ministries was given by LJ Evers, Will McCord, and Pablo Avila. Here to There functions primarily as a mission agency. LJ referenced John 14 and encouraged the conference to Know Jesus.

-Conference recessed at 11:58AM for lunch

-Conference reconvened at 1:00PM

-Worship was led again by the Hillside Missionary Church worship team.

-Nathan Schmidt presented a report on the Latino Ministries. Reported that the goal of the ministry is to plant churches in the District. Shared that the Bachara's (missionaries) arrived in December and are now in Wichita. Another missionary family from Bolivia is working to make its way to the states. Goal is to plant 10 churches with focus on the Kansas City area. He asked for prayer for workers for the harvest as well as the financial assistance that will be needed.

-Report on Church Health/Planting was presented by Tim Maki. timi indicated that with the new region will come a new phase. He called on the group to remember their initial call to the ministry (Acts 1:8). We are called to make disciples through multiplication and birthed and sustained in fervent prayer. Shared on the 'Four Fors'; For power and presence of the Holy Spirit; For fresh renewal of abiding with Jesus; For the Lord of Harvest workers; For a team of church planters full of the Holy Spirit and faith.

-Report on MCI was presented by Steve Sission. Steve stated his appreciation of the District's business regarding their investments. He indicated that in addition to financial offerings, the group is doing stewardship training for churches, and encouraged churches to present financial programs from Dave Ramsey, Crown or other similar offerings. MCI is diligently navigating the volatility in the financial

markets to maximize the rates for investors of their offerings. MCI now is providing loans to more than 50 Latino churches and have been aided greatly with the assistance of the Interim President Jimmy Santiago. The group will continue to attempt to model Christian leadership.

-Report on Generate was given by Bob Ransom. Bob reminded all of the Shift Conference July 10-13 and encouraged all to attend. All four officer positions with the Missionary Church will be on the ballot. Bob provided some insight regarding trends within the Missionary churches following Covid. A negative trend is that churches now close quicker once faced with financial difficulties. But in contrast, giving across churches is on the rise. For 2022, the Missionary Church received 82% of possible giving and 99% of its budgeted receipts. They also experienced a large spike in giving for January 2023. The Missionary Church now has over 500 organized or planted churches as well as over 630 micro churches. Bob shared a remarkable account of the Holy Spirit in action surrounding baptisms in a church in Danville, KY.

Dan Quinlan was given the floor for consideration of two DEB items. The first item was the affirmation of the District Roster. After soliciting for any changes, and having none presented, the recommendation from the District Executive Board was offered, supported and passed with no opposition. The second item was the approval of the District (Regional) Officers. This matter was presented, supported and passed without opposition.

The floor was returned to Andy Petro who presented a report of the Credentialing Committee. This document is anticipated to be finalized and presented at the Shift Conference for consideration of approval. After reading the document, Andy asked for any questions or comments. A question concerning references to God (pronouns) not being capitalized was raised. Andy's response was that this follows the practice of most current translations. All other comments from the group were positive.

-Conference recessed at 2:52 PM for afternoon break.

-Conference reconvened at 3:10 PM

-Todd Habegger presented session 3 of Profitable, How to Stick with Scripture, speaking from 2 Timothy 2:15 - Getting Ready to Pass it On: It takes hard work, 2 Timothy 4:2 - The Way to Pass It On: Four Marks of Preaching, 2 Timothy 2:15 & 1 Corinthians 4:5 - Expect others to assess how well you pass it on: There will be evaluations!

-Following Todd's presentation Brian Bontrager shared his pleasure of hosting the event and was thankful to all attending.

-Interim President Jimmy Santiago closed the conference in prayer.

The conference adjourned at 4:11 PM.

2024 Conference Agenda

Monday:

2:15pm-Conference Registration Opens

2:30pm-Prayer

3:00pm-Hotel Check-in

3:30-5:00pm-Conference Session 1

Call to Order-Andy Petro

Worship

Scripture-Prayer-**Brian Boehmler**

Presentation of Rules of Order-Andy Petro

- The Chairman shall call the conference to order and see that the business is properly carried on and the decorum is kept.
- Voting members of the conference shall consist of all licensed pastors within the Region, Regional Council of Elder members, appointed lay delegates from each local church, and any unlicensed men who are serving as senior pastors. These individuals will be designated by special delegate name tags. In addition, the Timber Lakes Executive Director and any denominational representatives shall be considered advisory members of the conference.
- The secretary shall keep a proper record of the conference proceedings.
- Each member desiring to address the conference shall, rise, address the chairman, and speak no longer than five minutes, except by consent of the conference.
- No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, except by consent of the conference.
- Resolutions to be considered by the conference body must be submitted to the Regional Administrator no later than February 2. Resolutions can be submitted by any of the regional churches or by individuals who are members of a local Missionary Church. Individuals submitting resolutions must secure the signatures of at least two other people for them to be considered.
- All submitted resolutions will be reviewed by the Regional Council of Elders prior to conference which will then make an appropriate recommendation to the conference regarding their consideration.

Presentation of Conference Committees-Andy Petro

Credentials and Registration- **Stephen Roussos**

Tellers- **Marshall Hoberecht**

Photographer-**Adam Rankin**

(Names in **bold print** represents chairmen of respective committees)

Approval of Printed Reports

Report of the Regional Director-Andrew Petro

Regional Finance Highlights-Bruce Nevius

Consideration of Regional Budget

Consideration of RCE Items

- Affirmation of Regional Officers
- ~~Approval Timber Lakes By-Laws change~~
- Approval of Regional Roster
 - Introduction of new pastors

5:30pm-Dinner

7:00pm-Conference Session 2

Worship
 Welcome
 Invocation and Introduction of Conference Theme-Andy Petro
 Worship & Prayer
 Message: Rodney Arnold
 Closing Prayer

Tuesday:

-Breakfast (Hotel)

8:00am-Prayer

8:30am-Conference Session 3

Worship
IN HIS IMAGE: Session 1-Kent Eby
 Report from Here to There-Will McCord
 Report from Latino Ministries-Nathan Schmidt

9:45am-Break (reconvene at 10:00)

IN HIS IMAGE: Session 2-Kent Eby
 Denominational Report-Rodney Arnold
 Report from Generate-Rodney Arnold/Tim Maki
 Report on church health/planting-Tim Maki
Q & A-Kent Eby

11:45am-Adjourn for Noon Lunch

1:00pm-Conference Session 4

Worship
IN HIS IMAGE: Session 3-Kent Eby
 Report of the Credentials Committee
 Report from MCI-Steve Sisson
 Report from World Partners-Joe Johns

2:15pm-Break (Reconvene at 2:30pm)

IN HIS IMAGE: Session 4-Kent Eby
 Report from Timber Lakes-Brian Dishman
 Closing Prayer
 Benediction-Andy Petro

3:30pm-Adjourn

Regional Director's Report

If you're old enough to remember the time before smartphones, you probably remember those "old school" family photo albums. They were often arranged chronologically, so as you flipped through the pages, you saw an attempt to capture the past in a few representative snapshots. Genuine family history was captured, but hardly the whole story. Dramatic moments may have been caught on film, important milestones recorded, but so much of the texture of everyday life—hundreds of ordinary meals, thousands of errands run, a million moments unmarked by the unusual—went undocumented. Such photo albums bear a strong resemblance to annual reports.

I've got some snapshots to share with you. They're accurate enough, I trust. They capture some of the high points of 2023, while presenting only part of the story. I know that God was regularly at work through our pastors and people, our churches and ministries, in ways that never came to our attention. People came to faith in Jesus. Prodigals came home. People reoriented their lives in light of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. These are revolutionary life transformations, but they may not have shown up in any statistical report. I pray that as those of us in the Great Plains Region continue to seek and serve King Jesus, such things will happen more and more. That's just how things go in his Kingdom.

I'm reminded of the parable of Jesus:

This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.

That's a bit what it's like being a Regional Director. You do what you do—scattering whatever seed you can—and no matter what you do or don't do—seeds sprout, though you can't explain it or take credit for it. So, let me tell you a bit about some of the work I engaged in last year and some of the fruit (by God's grace) it has borne.

Much of my energy in 2023 was devoted to building relationships with the pastors and churches of the former North Central Conference of the Evangelical Church. By the year's end, seven former Evangelical Churches opted to join us—four in Iowa, two in Missouri, and one in Nebraska. Three ethnic churches are completing the process of becoming Missionary Churches: one Latino congregation in the Twin Cities area; one Latino congregation in Milwaukee; and a Liberian congregation also in the Twin Cities. We hope to finalize the adoption of these three congregations in short order.

I made at least one visit to each of these churches (except for the congregation in Milwaukee), met with their pastors, and with most of their leadership teams to introduce them to the Missionary Church and the Great Plains Region and to coach them through the process of becoming part of our family of churches. I was graciously received everywhere I went. I have no doubt that these churches and pastors will be a blessing to both the Region and Denomination.

In addition, in 2023 we were pleased to have Northwind Church in Keewatin, Minnesota join the Region. Northwind was initially part of the ACTx Network, the church planting venture overseen by Tim Maki. Tim and I are collaborating to build bridges and strengthen ties between the Region and the churches and pastors of the ACTx Network. We currently have two young leaders in that Network in the credentialing process with more to come.

We are also in the process of adopting a Latino congregation in Wichita—Tierra Fertil, which is being pastored by Santiago Bechera, one of our Spanish-speaking credentialed ministers. Nathan Schmidt and I have met with the congregation and its leaders. They are anxious to join us. We hope to have that process finalized soon.

This seems a suitable place to mention that the Region spent around \$41,000 on church planting last year. Those funds were taken, not from our operating budget, but from funds earmarked for church planting and Latino ministries. We hosted the Latino Leaders Conference in Lincoln last fall and picked up all the costs for the event, including lodging. We also covered some travel expenses for our Latino Ministries Director. Most of that money, however, went to get the Bechera family settled in Wichita and to rent an apartment for them.

We believe that these monies were well spent. Without that investment, we would not be looking at finalizing the adoption of these Latino churches. Such expenditures, however, cannot be sustained. We hope to continue to invest financially in church planting by helping to provide coaching, training, assessing, and meeting other occasional needs, but not by providing consistent monthly support for salaries and living expenses.

I have also continued—along with Nathan Schmidt—to provide leadership to Hope Church in Clatonia, NE. Hope Church is a former United Methodist congregation. We are in the process of a church relaunch. The Region finalized the purchase of the church building and parsonage last July for \$20,000, with virtually all of the funds provided by the local church. The parsonage is currently being used as a rental property. We hope, either to secure permanent bi-vocational leadership for the church or see it become a satellite ministry of one of our Nebraska churches.

2023 featured a busy travel schedule. I made 22 church visits, in addition to several trips to meet with pastors one-on-one. In addition, I attended the MLC/GOC Prayer Retreat (January), the Great Plains Gathering (February), the last Midwest District Conference (March), the last NCC Annual Meeting (April), Spring and Fall MLC Meetings, the Shift Conference (July), Family Camp (August), the Prayer Awakening Conference (September), and Pastors and Wives Retreat (October).

I continue to serve on the Family Camp Planning Committee, the Timber Lakes Board, the GPR Multiplication Team, and the Latino Ministries Team. I also continue to represent the Region at the denominational level by serving on the Ministry Leadership Council, the Nominating Committee, the Constitution Committee, and the Bethel University/Missionary Church Alignment Committee.

I would be remiss if I did not express my gratitude to the members of the Regional Council of Elders (RCE) whose counsel, friendship, and leadership have been a great blessing this past year. I would like to publicly acknowledge, particularly, my appreciation for the ministry of our supremely capable Regional Treasurer, Bruce Nevius. Bruce is transitioning out of his leadership role after many years of superb service. He will be deeply missed.

I also need to acknowledge a special debt of gratitude to Peggy Roed, the Regional Administrator. She has done her level best to keep me organized and on task this past year. It is no exaggeration to say that I would likely not have made it through this past year without her.

Finally, let me say what a privilege it is to serve as your Regional Director. This was not a ministry I ever coveted. Neither did I expect to serve in this capacity for so long. But I have found (despite my deficiencies) this position to be a place for needful (and I hope fruitful) service and a source of surprising joy. I look forward to what God holds in store for us this year. I am persuaded that, if we keep our eyes fixed upon him, the best is yet to come.

Regional Council of Elders Report

The primary function of the Regional Council of Elders (RCE) is to provide leadership to the Great Plains Region by acting on behalf of the Regional Conference when the Conference is not in session. The RCE met four times via Zoom Video Conferencing between the last (2023) District Conference and this (2024) Regional Conference.

Those individuals serving on the RCE this past year were: Rev. Andrew Petro, Regional Director; Dr. Dan Quinlin, Vice RD; Mr. Bruce Nevius, Regional Treasurer (advisory); Rev. Nathan Schmidt, Latino Ministries Director; and Rev. Tim Maki, Church Planting Director (advisory)

In addition to Zoom conference meetings, the RCE cared for Regional business by email communications. Regular reports were received from the Regional Director, the Regional Treasurer, the Timber Lakes Board, and other appropriate committees and individuals. Mrs. Peggy Roed has served as Regional Administrator on a part time basis.

Items of note cared for by the RCE were as follows:

-Various credentialing procedures were carried out, including the addition of several new pastors from the Evangelical Church, being reflected in the recommended Ministerial Roster as set forth in

RECOMMENDATION #1.

-Approved and gave oversight of loans from the Revolving Fund.

-The purchase of church property in Clatonia, NE

-Support and guidance of a new Latino Church, Tierra Fertil in Wichita

-Provided guidance regarding this 2024 Regional Conference.

-Approved contracts for personnel to serve in and alongside the Region in various roles.

-Provided subsidies to Children's Camp, Family Camp, Youth Camp, Women's Retreat, and Men's Conference

-Developed the Proposed 2024 Regional Budget. See **RECOMMENDATION #2**

-Appointed individuals to the Committee to Review Financial Accounts. (These persons are identified in the various reports from this committee.)

-Gave oversight to Woven Cord Ministries in Rapid City, SD.

-Set forth in Nomination, **RECOMMENDATION #3**

RECOMMENDATION #1: 2024 REGIONAL MINISTERIAL ROSTER

<p>Ordained Ministers Adams, Anthony (Whitney) Adams, Ray (Cheryl) Asher, Daniel (Amy) Bechara Avila, Said (Mariola) Bislow, Caleb (Jessica) Boehmler, Brian (Rebecca) Bontrager, Brian (Christine) Brick, Ben (Judy) Calderon Oliveros, Mariola Cross, Marvin (Terri) DeMike, Adam (Cora) Denham, Scott (Patricia) Erickson, Steve (Anne) Evers, L.J. (Nicole) Foix, David (Lavonne) Forrester, David (Ruth) Gates, Nathanael (Clarissa) Greene, Richard (Marge) Guthrie, Brent (Amy) Hoberecht, Marshall (Colleen) Kimble, Kirk (Virginia) Klassen, Bradley (Susan) Maki, Tim (Stefanie) Morris, Timothy (Elise) Petro, Andrew (Ramona) Powell, Donny (Leanne) Quinlin, Daniel (Julie) Rankin, Adam (Alissa) Reynolds, Jason (Krista) Rodriguez, Edgardo (Denise) Roed, Benjamin (Peggy) Roehl, Tim (Shirley) Roussos, Stephen (Tina) Schmidt, Nathan (Amy) Springs, Mark (Kelly) Thomas, Chris (April) Thompson, D. Robert (Dawn) Wilson, James (Tami) Yoder, Stan</p>	<p>Licensed Ministers Avila, Pablo (Tabitha) Bechara Calderon, Balentina Bechara Calderon, Santiago Grant, Stephen Hernandez, Xavier (Catherine) Hundt, Jacob (Katie) Hutchinson, Joseph (Keri) Kahrs, Garrett McCord, Will (Tara) Oldfield, Andrew (Kelli) Petro, Levi (HopeEllen)</p> <p>Approved for Ministry Loschen, Kasey (Jennifer) Webbs, Dayle</p> <p>Retired Ministers/Missionaries Bauer, Tim (Cheri) Belcher, Sylvester (Shirley) Burger, Stephen (Delores) Butterfield, Raymond Crowell, Rod (Jeana) Davis, Carl (Tammy) Hossler, Jim (Joann) Hulett, Dwayne (Naomi) Johnson, Weyburn (Dorothy) Lilly, Gordon (Rebecca) Miller, Dave (Marybelle) Ortmann, Stuart (Suzie) Paden, Willard (Kay) Secor, Larry (Jan) Tremaine, Jim (Anna)</p> <p>Other Bradley, Rick (Helen) Tomberlin, Steve</p>
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RECOMMENDATION #2: 2024 REGION BUDGET

(See page 22 of the conference journal.)

RECOMMENDATION #3: APPOINTMENT OF GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS FOR TERMS AS INDICATED BELOW

-Region Vice Director	Rev. Dan Quinlin	-1 year term
-Region Treasurer		
-Latino Ministries	Rev. Nathan Schmidt	-1 year term
-Church Planting Director	Rev. Tim Maki	-1 year term

Appointed by the Regional Council of Elders

-Credentialed Minister	Rev. Tim Morris	-2 year term
-Layman	Jeff Turner	-2 year term

Regional Treasurer Report

The Year 2023 saw the transition from a District to a Region and the uncertainties that accompany such a change. Part of that uncertainty was the finances of the Region. The financial results may be troubling for some. May I humbly suggest and remind the reader, the Region is a ministry and not a for profit venture. It is true that it was necessary to utilize reserves that had been accumulated, but having the availability of said reserves is itself a blessing.

Again, I will try to keep the narratives concise and limit the frequency of tedious accounting terms. However, it seems that I always feel compelled to include various detailed financial reports, not to attempt to lull the reader to sleep, but rather provide a clear and transparent picture of the finances of the Region, hopefully securing for the reader the confidence in the various presentations and the state of the finances of the Great Plains Region of the Missionary Church.

Financial Summary

Total receipts from the churches in payment of their Giving Goals was \$95,749, which is \$1,362 lower than for the year 2022. Continuing in 2023, the method for calculating Giving Goal contributions was 5% of the church's previous month's receipts. Miscellaneous income totaling \$8,321 included payments as an offset to the Regional Director's (District Superintendent's) costs (January and February) and other miscellaneous receipts, adding to the Region's sources of funding. Total sources of funds totaled \$104,071 for the year. This is a decrease of \$32,662 compared to 2022, again the result of the termination of the agreement regarding the shared services of the Regional Director.

Expenses for the Region for 2023 were significantly higher than the previous year. Significant components of the increase were a cash salary increase for the Regional Director (\$6,000), increased costs of the Regional Administrator (\$1,562 – still a bargain), increased cost for Professional Reimbursement to the Regional Director (\$2,300), the securing of insurance for the Regional leadership and Workers Compensation coverage (\$5,485), and the anticipated increase in travel costs for the Regional Director (\$6,328). These increases were mitigated by a significant decrease in Conference and Meeting Costs for the year (\$10,503). For 2023, expenses total \$125,524. This is \$9,277 higher compared to 2022.

The result for the year is a deficit of \$21,453, which is \$41,939 lower than the results for 2022.

The result of 2023 notwithstanding, the Region continues a strong financial position at the close of the year. With the addition of eight additional churches (as of the time of this writing) from the Evangelical Church, the Region should see a significant increase in income for 2024, enabling the continuation of solid finances as it moves forward in serving the Regional churches and growing the Kingdom.

Following are the detailed financial reports of the Region, accompanied by narratives, which I hope the interested reader finds beneficial.

(In this narrative, when reference is made to the 'Region' the intent is to refer to the Administrative arm of the Great Plains Region of the Missionary Church, and not the collective group of all the churches under its oversight.)

Midwest District of the Missionary Church, Inc.

Treasurer's Report - For the Year 2023

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
ASSETS				
Cash in Banks				
Farmers & Merchants Bank - Milford, NE	83,132.20	359,026.65	(375,151.23)	67,007.62
Total Cash in Banks	83,132.20	359,026.65	(375,151.23)	67,007.62
District PayPal/Receivables/Prepaid Assets	0.00	67,113.71	(67,113.71)	0.00
Less: Liabilities				
Payroll/Other Liabilities	(458.70)	(121,584.05)	121,935.15	(107.60)
	(458.70)	(121,584.05)	121,935.15	(107.60)
 Net District Assets	82,673.50	304,556.31	(320,329.79)	66,900.02
 FUND BALANCES				
Church Planting	1,662.23	2,350.00	(4,012.23)	0.00
Emergency Fund	3,166.00	0.00	0.00	3,166.00
Family Camp	3,158.91	20,423.50	(16,598.42)	6,983.99
Woven Cord Ministries	7,512.25	33,286.00	(34,568.49)	6,229.76
Latino Ministries	7,770.67	41,512.23	(42,784.20)	6,498.70
Children's Camp	9,439.69	13,250.00	(14,774.90)	7,914.79
Hope Church (Clatonia)	6,568.71	39,097.00	(26,500.95)	19,164.76
District Operations	43,395.04	124,070.50	(150,523.52)	16,942.02
 Total Fund Balances	82,673.50	273,989.23	(289,762.71)	66,900.02
 Other Items of Note				
Funds in Trust with Revolving Fund:				
District Church Planting	22,500.00	0.00	(20,000.00)	2,500.00
District Reserve	162,117.55	25,000.00	(20,000.00)	167,117.55
Family Camp Scholarship	5,496.26	0.00	123.72	5,619.98

Treasurer's Report

Net Region Assets

At the end of 2022, the Region has \$67,008 on deposit in its checking account. The liabilities of \$108 are payroll taxes paid in January. The net assets shown are exclusive of the monies in trust with the Region Revolving Fund. *(Note: Amounts reported in the narrative will be rounded to the nearest dollar.)*

Fund Balances

For accounting purposes, the net assets are segregated on the books of the Region into separate funds, each representing designated uses of the money. These funds are **Church Planting, Emergency Fund, Family Camp, Woven Cord Ministries, Latino Ministries, Children's Camp, Hope Church Clatonia** and **Region Operations**.

The **Church Planting** fund is the amount designated for assistance and needs for church plants throughout the Great Plains Region. *There were donations of \$2,350 received for this ministry in 2023. In November, the Regional Council of Elders (RCE) made the decision to combine this fund with the Latino Ministries Fund. Subsequently the monies were transferred to that fund through the magic of accounting. The accompanying funds for Church Planting held by the Revolving Fund (\$2,500) will also be changed going forward.*

The **Emergency** fund is the amount earmarked for unforeseen situations that develop within the Great Plains Region. *There was no activity in this fund for 2023, and it has a balance of \$3,166.*

The **Family Camp** fund consists of monies that are for the benefit of presenting Family Camp to the Great Plains Region. This will include residual amounts from previous years, additions resulting from the registration receipts for the event, offerings during Family Camp, other donations received throughout the year, and reduced by expenses of Family Camp. *For 2023, total receipts were \$20,424. Disbursements from the fund for 2023 were \$16,598. As of the end of the year, the balance of the fund is \$6,984.*

The **Woven Cord** fund consists of monies utilized in the ministry of Woven Cord in and around Rapid City, South Dakota by Brad Klassen, Director. The entire financial support for this ministry is the responsibility of the Director locating and procuring donations. *During 2023, total receipts were \$33,286, total expenses were \$34,568, resulting in an ending balance of \$6,230.*

The **Latino** (previously Hispanic) **Ministries** fund is for assistance in the planting, growing, or maintaining of Latino ministries and (as of November) church plants within the Great Plains Region. This fund also includes the Here-To-There Ministry in Houston, Texas sponsoring Pablo Avila (Rosas). *Total contributions for this fund for the year were \$17,500. Additional funding includes a transfer from the reserve funds in the Revolving Fund (\$20,000) and the transfer of funds received from combining the Church Planting Fund with this fund (\$4,012). (Total additions were \$41,512.) Expenses for this fund total \$42,784 and include payments to Pablo Avila (Rosas), monthly support to a missionary in Wichita, including housing expenses, and other travel related expenses relative to church planning efforts by Regional personnel. This results in a 2023 ending balance of this fund of \$6,499.*

The **Children's Camp** fund consists of monies that are for the benefit of presenting Children's Camp for the Great Plains Region. This fund will include residual amounts from previous years, additions resulting from the registration receipts for the event, donations to this ministry throughout the year and reduced by

the expenses associated with presenting Children's Camp. *For 2023, total receipts from registration fees, donations, subsidies, etc. were \$13,250. Expenses to present the camp to the Region totaled \$14,775. This results in the balance of the fund as of the end of 2023 of \$7,915.*

The **Hope Church Clatonia** fund consists of monies for the operation of an adopted church in Clatonia, NE, previously a Methodist Church. The receipts are from offerings from the weekly worship services, other donations received and rental income from the parsonage. The expenses are for utilities, pulpit supply and for 2023 do include the cost of purchasing the property (\$20,526) from the Methodist Church. Rudimentary accounting is the responsibility of the Regional Treasurer. The balance held by the Region for their operations at the end of the year is \$19,165.

The **District Operations** fund represents the amounts related to the day-to-day operations of the Region. The primary source of funding is from the 5% Giving Goal payments from each of the churches of the Great Plains Region. Expenditures from the fund are largely for Staffing Costs, Conference and Meeting Costs and Administrative Costs related to the Region. *Due to the considerable amount of activity of this fund and its associated significance in the continuance of the Region, it is detailed in a report titled **Operations Statement**.*

Other Items of Note

District Church Planting-The Region Revolving Fund is in possession of a portion of Region monies earmarked for church planting. These funds were initially part of a bequest from a personal estate in March 2005. These monies do not accrue interest for the benefit of the administrative arm of the Region (not to be confused with the Region Revolving Fund) for the year 2023, or years prior. *There was a transfer to the Latino Ministries/Church Planting Fund of (\$20,000) in December 2023. The balance at year-end is \$2,500.*

Region Reserve-As a result of the sale of a Region asset in 1999, and the gift in a prior year of an investment in the Revolving Fund from its owner, the Region has additional funds held in the care of the Revolving Fund. *There was a transfer from the Operations Fund to this account (\$25,000) as well as a transfer from this account (\$20,000) during the year. The net result was a \$5,000 increase in this fund for 2023, raising the balance of the Region Reserve to \$167,118 at the end of 2023.*

Family Camp Scholarship-In 2018, a donation was received by the Region for the establishment of a Scholarship Fund for those wishing to attend Family Camp but unable to do so financially. These funds are held in trust by the Region Revolving Fund where they will accrue interest to the benefit of the scholarship fund. *For 2023, no funds were expended. The fund did receive interest in the amount of \$124, resulting in a balance of \$5,620 as of the report date.*

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Midwest District of the Missionary Church, Inc.

Operations Statement - 2023

	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>% of 2023 Budget</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Sources of Funds					
District Giving Goal Contributions					
New Life Fellowship	2,110.00	1,935	109.0	1,974.00	136.00
CornerStone Fellowship	3,800.00	3,532	107.6	3,604.00	196.00
Faith Missionary Church	5,531.00	5,459	101.3	5,570.61	(39.61)
First Missionary Church	9,336.00	8,939	104.4	9,121.00	215.00
First Missionary Church	7,884.00	6,550	120.4	6,684.00	1,200.00
Crossgate Community Church	7,201.89	7,989	90.1	8,152.35	(950.46)
Grace Missionary Church	8,398.00	8,456	99.3	8,629.00	(231.00)
Harvest Fellowship	6,144.00	6,791	90.5	6,930.00	(786.00)
Hillside Missionary Church	8,976.71	8,547	105.0	8,721.85	254.86
Light House Community Church	1,354.45	1,430	94.7	1,458.95	(104.50)
New Life Missionary Church	13,083.00	12,936	101.1	13,200.00	(117.00)
NorthEast Missionary Church	6,897.00	6,497	106.2	6,630.00	267.00
Keystone/Houston	2,789.67	1,490	187.2	1,520.80	1,268.87
The Missionary Church	7,767.00	6,175	125.8	6,301.00	1,466.00
Trenton Missionary Church	2,124.45	6,458	32.9	6,590.00	(4,465.55)
Woven Cord Missionary Church	2,352.00	1,984	118.5	2,024.00	328.00
Total Giving Goal Contributions	<u>95,749.17</u>	<u>95,168</u>	<u>100.6</u>	<u>97,111.56</u>	<u>(1,362.39)</u>
Miscellaneous Income					
Salary/Benefit Offset & Other	8,321.33	7,130	116.7	39,621.21	(31,299.88)
Total Miscellaneous Income	<u>8,321.33</u>	<u>7,130</u>	<u>116.7</u>	<u>39,621.21</u>	<u>(31,299.88)</u>
Total Sources of Funds	<u>104,070.50</u>	<u>102,298</u>	<u>101.7</u>	<u>136,732.77</u>	<u>(32,662.27)</u>
Expenditure of Funds					
Staffing Costs					
District Superintendent	78,000.00	78,000	100.0	72,000.00	6,000.00
Executive Board Administrator	3,487.35	2,500	139.5	1,925.61	1,561.74
Health Insurance/H S A Contributions	3,000.00	3,000	100.0	3,000.00	0.00
Pension and LTD	4,584.00	4,560	100.5	4,584.00	0.00
Professional Reimbursement	4,896.92	3,000	163.2	2,596.58	2,300.34
Total Staffing Costs	<u>93,968.27</u>	<u>91,060</u>	<u>103.2</u>	<u>84,106.19</u>	<u>9,862.08</u>
Conference and Meeting Costs, net of receipts					
District Conference	995.16	2,000	49.8	2,423.75	(1,428.59)
Pastors and Wives Retreat	1,219.30	2,000	61.0	1,874.68	(655.38)
Other Conferences, Meetings	2,400.00	500	480.0	10,818.78	(8,418.78)
Total Conference and Meeting Costs	<u>4,614.46</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>102.5</u>	<u>15,117.21</u>	<u>(10,502.75)</u>
Administrative Costs					
Office Supplies & Costs	7,667.22	2,200	348.5	2,182.32	5,484.90
Office Equipment	0.00	200	0.0	1,086.42	(1,086.42)
Postage and Mailing	27.39	25	109.6	7.16	20.23
Telecommunications	1,426.60	1,800	79.3	1,418.11	8.49
Travel	15,719.96	17,500	89.8	9,392.12	6,327.84
Midwest Review Printing and Mailing	0.00	15	0.0	0.00	0.00
Conferences and Meetings	1,096.62	1,200	91.4	1,137.20	(40.58)
Total Administrative Costs	<u>25,937.79</u>	<u>22,940</u>	<u>113.1</u>	<u>15,223.33</u>	<u>10,714.46</u>
Miscellaneous					
Miscellaneous	1,003.00	500	200.6	1,800.00	(797.00)
Total Miscellaneous	<u>1,003.00</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>200.6</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>(797.00)</u>
Total Expenditure of Funds	<u>125,523.52</u>	<u>119,000</u>	<u>105.5</u>	<u>116,246.73</u>	<u>9,276.79</u>
Net Benefit (Deficit)	<u>(21,453.02)</u>	<u>(16,702)</u>		<u>20,486.04</u>	<u>(41,939.06)</u>
Operations Balance - Beginning of Period	43,395.04				
Transfers from (to) other funds	(5,000.00)				
Operations Balance - End of Period	<u>16,942.02</u>				

Operations Statement

This report is divided into two major sections: Sources of Funds and Expenditure of Funds.

Sources of Funds

While from time to time unusual and/or nonrecurring funding is received by the Region, the primary source of funding for the Region operations is the Giving Goal payments from the various churches of the Great Plains Region. Beginning in 2021, and continuing in 2023, churches are to contribute an amount each month which is equal to 5% of the church's previous month's receipts (excluding Building Fund receipts).

For 2023 the total Giving Goal contributions received were \$95,749. This represents 100.6% of the total amount anticipated from the churches based on the budget goal of \$95,168. The total amount received is a decrease of \$1,362 compared to 2022. For 2023, eleven churches/ministries met or exceeded their goal, while five churches were short of their goal.

An arrangement between the Region and a Regional church initiated in July 2020, was maintained for the first two months of 2023. Under this arrangement, the Regional church makes additional payments to the Region which represents one-half the cost of the salary and benefits paid by the Region to the Regional Director in exchange for his pastoral services provided to the Regional church. As a result, additional funding was received in the amount of \$7,100 for 2023. Additionally, the Region received \$550 for Pulpit Supply by the Regional Director and a receipt from one of the new churches in the amount of \$671. This results in total Region sources of funds for 2023 of \$104,071. This is a significant reduction compared to the total sources of funds for 2022 of \$136,733.

Expenditure of Funds

Amounts paid for the various expenses of the operations of the Region have been grouped into areas of similarity, **Staffing Costs, Conference and Meeting Costs, Administrative Costs** and **Miscellaneous**.

Staffing Costs

For 2023, total staffing costs increased by \$9,862. The District Executive Board (now the Regional Council of Elders) increased the salary of the Regional Director by \$6,000. The Regional Administrator position was staffed on an as needed basis and paying an hourly wage (and the associated payroll taxes). For 2023 this position incurred costs of \$3,487. The amounts and variations between years for the additional benefits of Health Insurance, HSA Contributions, Pension and LTD as well as Professional Reimbursement are shown. Total costs for Staffing Costs is \$93,968 for 2023.

Conference and Meeting Costs

The Region is responsible for hosting various meetings and conferences for the benefit of the Region. In most instances there are fees associated with attendance of these events. For 2023, the DEB/Council of Elders continued the decision to absorb more of the costs of various Region events in the hope that the cost to participants or their sponsor would be kept lower, with the goal of increasing attendance. For 2023, *Region Conference* costs exceeded the fees collected by \$995. *Pastors & Wives Retreat* resulted in a cost to the Region of \$1,219.

Other Conferences, Meetings represents the net cost of other Region hosted events. For 2023, this item represents the cost for coaching sessions for the Regional Director.

Total expenses for Conference and Meeting Costs for 2023 were \$4,614 and \$10,714 lower than 2022.

Administrative Costs

The amounts reported in this grouping are somewhat self-explanatory and are typical for the operation of an entity. Travel continues to be significant in the costs of Region operations, outpaced only by salaries. With the increase in need to travel by the Regional Director (RD) related to the possible addition of Evangelical churches to the Region, travel costs increased \$6,328 for 2023 to a total of \$15,720. The Conferences/Meetings expenses for 2023 are the Exponential registration fee for the RD (\$188), Regional and General Conference registration (\$548) for the RD, a Shift Luncheon (\$40) for the RD and the round-trip airfare (\$321) for the RD to attend the MLC Prayer Retreat in Orlando. Total Administrative Costs for 2023 are \$25,938, an increase of \$10,714 compared to 2022.

Miscellaneous

This category consists of nonrecurring expenses and/or costs not fitting into previously listed categories. For 2023, costs reported include various required filing fees to States (\$181), video counseling sessions for Region Pastors (\$150), and numerous payments for PO Exams and background/credit checks (\$672) for new pastors joining the Region, for a total of \$1,003 for 2023.

Summary

For the year, the net result of operations for the Region for 2023 is a deficit of \$21,453. This is larger than the budgeted figure of a \$16,702 deficit and \$41,939 lower than the 2022 results.

Please continue to pray for the Region and its leadership as they continue to work on behalf of the many churches of the Region as well as the Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce E. Nevius, Treasurer

I have examined the accounts of the Great Plains Region Missionary Church, Woven Cord Ministries, and the Great Plains Region Revolving Fund. I have reconciled the account balances with the bank statements. I have checked the income and expense records with the corresponding documentation. I also examined the payroll records.

In my opinion everything appears to be in proper order and the records portray a complete and accurate record of the financial activity of the Great Plains Region for the year 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Stahly

Great Plains Region 2024 Budget

The Regional Council of Elders in cooperation with the Regional Treasurer has compiled for review and consideration a budget of operations of the Region for the year 2024. A financial report of the Budget is shown on the right.

Sources of Funds-The funding for the Region is primarily from the total of the Giving Goals (5% for 2024) remitted from the various churches. For 2024, the anticipated total is \$144,500. This is significantly higher than the recent past as the Region anticipates the additional revenue from the Evangelical Churches joining the Region. Additionally, a nominal amount is anticipated from donations, and other various receipts. The result of these is Total Sources of Funds for 2024 of \$145,000.

Expenditure of Funds-The grouping of the costs and the individual items for each category are detailed for review.

Staffing Costs-The annual salary for the Regional Director for 2024 was determined by the Regional council of Elders at an amount of \$84,000. For 2024, the position of Regional Administrator was set at \$12,000 annually. No other benefits are included in this position. The total cost of this position including the employer portion of payroll taxes is budgeted at \$12,918. As was the case for the recent past, there will be no Health insurance costs for the Region for 2024. The \$3,000 presented is attributable to the HSA payments for the benefit of the Regional Director. Pension contributions for the Regional Director are \$4,200 for 2024. Long-Term Disability costs are anticipated to be \$460. The Professional Reimbursement amount for the Regional Director was increased for 2024 to \$4,000.

Conference and Meeting Costs-The Region is responsible for hosting various meetings and conferences for the benefit of the Region. The amounts reflect the estimated net cost of the events to the Region.

Administrative Costs-These costs are projected based on the recent history of these items. Office costs include the monthly fees and assessments associated with accepting online payments for various Region events or ministries. Travel consists of costs of accommodations, meals, mileage, parking fees/ tolls, and airfare, each reimbursed by the Region to the Regional Director in association with the execution of his duties for the Region.

Miscellaneous-This item is for expenses not categorized previously, and the amount shown primarily reflects estimated costs for corporate filing fees, gifts of benevolence, and other unforeseen minor expenses.

Total Expenditure of Funds anticipated is \$143,363, resulting in an anticipated benefit for 2024 of \$1,637.

Great Plains Region		Budget
of the		
Midwest District of the Missionary Church, Inc.		
For the Year 2024		
Sources of Funds		Budget
Regional Giving Goal Contributions		
<i>Monthly contributions from the churches of the Region which represents 5% of previous months receipts</i>		
	Total Giving Goal Contributions	144,500
Miscellaneous Income		500
	Total Miscellaneous Income	500
Total Sources of Funds		145,000
Expenditure of Funds		
Staffing Costs		
	Regional Director	84,000
	Regional Administrator	12,918
	Health Insurance/ H S A Contributions	3,000
	Pension and LTD	4,620
	Professional Reimbursement	4,000
	Total Staffing Costs	108,538
Conference and Meeting Costs, net of receipts		
	Regional Conference	2,750
	Pastors and Wives Retreat	2,500
	Other Conferences	1,250
	Total Conference and Meeting Costs	6,500
Administrative Costs		
	Office Costs	10,000
	Office Equipment	200
	Postage and Mailing	25
	Telecommunications	1,500
	Travel (mileage, tolls, parking, hotels, motels, travel meals)	15,100
	Regional Meetings	1,000
	Total Administrative Costs	27,825
Miscellaneous		
	Benevolence, Corporate Fees, other	500
	Total Miscellaneous	500
Total Expenditure of Funds		143,363
Net Benefit		1,637

Latino Ministries Report

This year was a great year for Latino Ministries. God is good and opened several doors for us as the Great Plains Region.

In January, Pastor Said Bechera and his family moved to Wichita, KS to help at Cornerstone Fellowship. They got involved with Vida Nueva, a southern Baptist church that felt abandoned by the Baptists, (not to speak bad against my Baptist brothers). They are now in the process of becoming Tierra Fertil Missionary Church. Said's son Santiago is bringing leadership to this congregation. Pastor Andy Petro, Pastor Kirk Kimble and I ventured there in October to meet the leadership. I was blessed to preach at the evening service.

In April, I was introduced to the two Latino churches that were a part of the North Central Conference of the Evangelical Church. They are a part of a network named "Bethel." The mother church is in Coon Rapids, MN and their daughter church is in Milwaukie, WI. They are both in process to become a part of our Region. They are excited to become a part of the Missionary Church and help in expanding the Kingdom of God where they can! There is talk of forming a Latino training center there in Coon Rapids for the purpose of equipping men and women for making disciples and planting churches.

The end of August, we had a Latino ministry meeting that brought together these three churches and the Regional Latino ministry committee (made up of myself, Pastor Andy Petro, Pastor Adam Rankin, Pastor Kirk Kimble and Pastor Joel Tuche). About 25 individuals came together for this first-time meeting in Lincoln, NE. It was a great time of spiritual nourishment, fellowship and some basic planning for us as a region.

In December, I was invited by Pastor Carlos Climaco from the Coon Rapids church to preach at special services there. It was a good time to get to know the church and Pastor Carlos and his family. I was also blessed to spend time with the church leadership and answer some questions on joining the Missionary Church.

There is an open door in Beatrice, NE for Amy and I to lead a Bible study with immigrants from Nicaragua. Please pray for us as we lay the foundation with our person of peace and begin teaching God's word in Beatrice, NE.

Many other places around the Region are ripe for the harvest. As always, we are praying to the Lord of the Harvest to raise up men and women committed to the Great Commission to help us extend His Kingdom throughout our Region! Would you join us in praying? And if you and your church feel led, would you consider financially supporting Latino ministries? Maybe your church would be interested in daughtering a Latino congregation? Please contact me!

May the Lord bless you richly!
Rev. Nathan Schmidt,
GPR Latino Ministries Director

Men's Ministry Report/Financial Report

On March 10th-11th the 2023 Men's Conference was held at Timber Lakes Camp and Retreat Center. Worship was led by Jeff Turner along with various members throughout and beyond the Midwest District. The theme for Men's Conference was Satisfied. Rev. Joe Wenger from Columbus, Ohio was the conference speaker.

The men were encouraged that to be truly satisfied in life we must be satisfied in Jesus Christ. Men were challenged to build their life upon Jesus as the foundation. Once again, this year we included sessions that focused on Prayer and the Lord's Supper. These sessions were led by Elias Martinez and Scott Denham. Approximately 68 men were present for Friday of conference. There were 76 men at conference on Saturday. While these numbers are encouraging, many churches throughout the district were not represented at Men's Conference. It is our hope and prayer to gather men from all churches and ministries. Time such as that spent at Men's Conference proves to be impactful individually as well as corporately. I urge all of us to make such events a priority in our churches.

An offering was taken at conference to raise funds along with the Midwest Women's Ministry in order to replace a dilapidated playset at Timber Lakes.

2024 Men's Conference is scheduled for March 8-9 at Timber Lakes.

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward 1-1-13	\$4607.14
Retreat Registrations	\$6309.00
Donations	\$1000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$11916.14

EXPENDITURES

Camp Lodging & Meals	\$3762.00
Honorariums	\$800.00
Speaker Travel Expenses	\$650.00
Donation Expense	\$2200.00
Refunds	\$75.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7487.00

Balance Ending 12-31-23 **\$4429.14**

Reviewed and approved: Tasha Stimson 1/16/24

Women's Ministry Report/Financial Report

...You have forsaken the love you had at first... Striking words against the Ephesian church in Revelation chapter 2. They've worked hard and persevered, not grown weary in enduring hardships for Jesus' name and yet they are called out by the angel for leaving their first love.

Are we in the same place? Do we do good works for the church in the name of Jesus but all without the desire for God we first had? Are we walking in obedience for the sake of obedience rather than love of the Lord?

This is only one of the things Tara McCord brought out during Women's Retreat this year. She also discussed Loving the Brethren-what does it mean to love other believers? Unity, humility, encouragement, service, forgiveness, and prayer are all parts of loving those who love the lord.

Tara's final session emphasized loving those who are lost. We must be the living, moving, breathing word of God for them. We must pray and we must share the gospel clearly with the spirit's leading.

We also worshiped with a group of ladies from Southwest Iowa and spent dedicated time in prayer asking God to reveal himself in our lives. Along with all of this the over 80 ladies in attendance enjoyed fellowshiping together, praying together and the beautiful weather.

Retreat 2024 is set for April 5-6. Stefanie Maki is coming to share with us. We hope you will be able to attend.

Balance Forward January 1, 2023	6,844.59
Income	
Offering Received on behalf of Timber Lakes	1,065.00
Grants	1,000.00
Home Missions Receipts	850.00
Retreat Receipts	<u>5,258.00</u>
Total Revenue Received	8,173.00
Expenditures	
Direct Retreat Offering Received for Timer Lakes	1,065.00
Home Missions	850.00
Retreat Expense	<u>5,490.75</u>
Total Expenditures	7,405.75
Balance December 31, 2023	7,611.84

Reviewed and approved: Darla A Hansen 1/26/24

Youth Camp Report/Financial Report

What a week at camp! We had a great turnout from around the district this year. Michael Johnson, was our speaker and he shared with us each day of what it means to ABIDE in the Lord! The students responded to the Spirit's leading with open hands and open hearts and it was amazing to witness lives changed! Garrett Kahrs brought his Encounter team from Hays, Kansas to serve all week long. This team did it all! They served as counselors, worship leaders and activities directors! I could not be more thankful for this group of college students! They aren't the only awesome team we had serving us during our week of camp. We were also blessed to have Summer and Kevin Jones providing our meals and Elias and Hannah Martinez, Fred and Mindy Schmidt, Joel and Becca Potter, Justin and Erica Plucknett, Kirk Kimball and Danny Powell come along side of us in many different ways to help make it a great experience! The Timber Lakes staff went above and beyond to help us feel welcome and at home and we are very thankful for the work that they do in their ministry at camp. Thank you! We are looking forward to next summer!!

Expenditures:

\$6,000.00	Timber Lakes Camp Registration Fee
\$2,500.00	Speaker including travel expenses (Michael Johnson)
\$500.00	Staff
\$1,797.23	Activities
\$410.26	Administrative/Prep/Training
\$500.00	Kitchen Staff (Kevin and Summer Jones)
\$3,162.43	Food/Supplies/Snacks/Pre-Camp Meal with Counselors
<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>Director</u>
\$15,369.92	Total

Income:

\$2,000.00	Gift from Midwest District
<u>\$13,800.00</u>	<u>Registration Fees (Gave 1,200 kids of ministry workers discounts)</u>
\$15,800.00	Total

\$15,369.92 Total Expenditures

\$15,800.00 Total Income

\$430.08 Profit

District Youth Expenses:

\$564.37 Admin (2024 Camp Prep, Mileage, Supplies, Reimbursements)

\$564.37 Total Youth Expenses

\$1,146.91 Balance forward from account

\$430.08 Profit from Camp

\$1,576.99 Total

- \$564.37 District Youth Expenses

\$1,012.62 Ending Balance

Reviewed and approved: Barb Bermann & Tim Miller

Children's Camp Report

Children's Camp 2023 was June 26 th through June 29 th . CRZAY FAITH was our theme, and Tim Springer from Milford, was our speaker. We had 42 campers and 30 staff attended this year. 70 crazy people who love Jesus and can share our faith with others!

Really, every story in the Bible is a Crazy one. Tim touched on 5 different stories that all have crazy elements. From God telling people to take over a city just by walking around it, or when He used a small amount of oil to take care of a widow and her family, it is just Crazy. God uses ordinary, simple people and objects to do his extraordinary work here on earth. But we also need to be telling others about our faith, once they see we are different or maybe even CRAZY! We made faith bracelets to share with others to help start those conversations about Jesus and how much he loves all of us. We tie-dyed our camp t-shirts as a craft. It was so cool to see how each shirt was unique and made in a special way. Just like Jesus created each one of us. As the kids wear these, hopefully more conversations will be started, and faith can be shared even more.

We were so blessed to have the staff from Milford, Colorado and Gretna lead the worship. They did a great job of getting the kids excited and involved with worship, ending Wednesday night with glow worship! It is crazy to see how the campers light up and get excited about worshipping Jesus. One of the highlights of the week for many of us!

Timber lakes provided the meals and cleaning. Lacey Broeker was our staff nurse for the week. It is awesome to have a designated nurse, on site and ready to help throughout the camp. She does a great job, and luckily this year we had very few issues come up.

After having to change the original date of camp, after registration had already started, God used this crazy time and still allowed for things to match His plan. God lined everything up and allowed a great group of staff and campers to be able to attend. Even keeping the extreme heat away while we were down there until the last day.

Crazy people, trusting Jesus! Who are willing to follow Him wherever He leads us! Whether we are called to build a boat in the desert or just share our faith with our friends and neighbors, God has crazy BIG plans for each of us. We were blessed, for 4 days at camp, to see how walking by faith, God can do CRAZY things. God is good, all the time and we can't wait to see what this next generation is going to do with their Crazy Faith!

Josalyn and Kiby Taylor

Family Camp Report

Family camp this year was shifted a day earlier running Monday evening through Saturday morning service. We anticipate continuing with this schedule as it was well attended and allowed families to be worshipping in their home churches on both sides of camp.

Bert Jones spoke during the evening service on Resilience and provided many applicable lessons from the life of Paul. Pastor Andy Petro shared during morning Bible study from Matthew chapter 4. Amy Schmidt provided nursery while Christy Sayler taught elementary children about resilience in the life of Moses (birth thru 10 commandments). Donny Powell and David Foix coached the kids on developing better Bible study habits which will serve them well for years to come.

Campers enjoyed an ice cream social Monday night, a talent show Thursday afternoon, Bingo Wednesday afternoon and Bible Family Feud Friday afternoon. There was also time to do painting and enjoy the swimming pool. We were so thankful that the swimming pool was fixed for this camping season - the pool was a popular place to be with 95+ degree temps each day.

As you look ahead to 2024, put Family Camp on your schedule now! July 29-August 3, 2024

Timber Lakes Report

The camp board has the following members: Chairman, Bob Thompson, Vice Chairman, Ron McDowell, Secretary, Adam Rankin, Treasurer, Ryan Mayhew, Camp Director, Brian Dishman, Regional Director, Andy Petro and Donny Powell is our member-at-large.

This past year has seen some changes at Timber Lakes Camp & Retreat Center.

- The pool has been an ongoing challenge with its deteriorating walls and flaking paint. The repairs were made and additional tile was installed to bring a well needed facelift to the pool and surrounding area.
- Six PTAC units were purchased to replace broken heat and AC units in the motel and cottages.
- Because of strong winds, the Titan building's roof had been damaged. After much discussion and several options were considered, the final decision was to repair the damage by having the insurance pay for the repair. We felt the building still served its purpose of meeting recreational needs for our camp ministry.
- At our July meeting, Brian Dishman was approved as the new Camp Director. Titus Gilbert requested to be replaced due to family needs and he felt unable to fulfill all the demands of camp maintenance and scheduling. Many of those positions and responsibilities were transferred to current staff and volunteers.

The Camp Board wants to express their sincere thanks to Titus and his family for providing leadership through some very difficult times. Titus built a staff that has a heart and desire to serve the ministry of Timber Lakes Camp and Retreat Center. His guidance and leadership lives on through these dedicated men & women.

Timber Lakes is an extension ministry of the Great Plains Region and is here to serve the camping and retreat needs of the region. Timber Lakes exists to glorify Christ and to serve people in a setting of God's creation. May our facilities continue to be a place where people see the wonders of nature and are drawn to the Creator who changes lives and gives us all a "hope and a future". (Jer. 29:11)

“Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it;
let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.
Then all the trees of the field will sing for joy.”
(Psalm 96: 11-12)

Respectfully submitted, Bob Thompson, Camp Board Chairman.

Timber Lakes Financial Report

Rather than provide a detailed review of the Timber Lakes financial report for 2023, I'll simply provide some of the highlights. From a financial perspective, 2023 was much better than 2022 while still providing plenty of challenges. Bookings for 2024 are quite strong and we look forward to a stronger year financially. God is faithful and continues to provide for Timber Lakes in new ways. The highlights are listed below.

Cash in the bank decreased \$85,156

- This was in large part due to repairing the swimming pool

Revenue increased \$41,403

Expenses increased \$31,872

Contributions increased \$13,774

The Operations Fund had a \$24,309 deficit which was an improvement of \$23,306 over 2022

The Operations Fund ended 2022 with a balance of (\$104,659)

We are grateful for God's provision for the ministry of Timber Lakes. If you would like a more detailed explanation of anything please feel free to ask.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Mayhew

**Timber Lakes Camp
Balance Sheet
December 31 2023**

	<u>Beginning Balance</u> Dec 22	<u>Ending Balance</u> Dec 23	<u>Net Change</u> Dec 22 vs Dec 23
ASSETS			
Cash in Banks			
Cash - First Bank of Newton	\$ 96,769.25	\$ 11,613.33	\$ (85,155.92)
Total Cash in Banks	<u>\$ 96,769.25</u>	<u>\$ 11,613.33</u>	<u>\$ (85,155.92)</u>
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prepaid Insurance	\$ 3,172.53	\$ 2,541.00	\$ (631.53)
Less: Liabilities			
Customer Deposits	\$ (14,959.00)	\$ (14,032.00)	\$ 927.00
Payroll Liabilities	\$ (893.50)	\$ (1,379.73)	\$ (486.23)
MWD Revolving Fund Loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ (15,852.50)</u>	<u>\$ (15,411.73)</u>	<u>\$ 440.77</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 84,089.28</u>	<u>\$ (1,257.40)</u>	<u>\$ (85,346.68)</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Facility Improvement	\$ 1,185.73	\$ -	\$ (1,185.73)
Women's Ministry Discretionary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Handicap Accessibility	\$ 1,300.06	\$ -	\$ (1,300.06)
Family Bungalow	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Larry Secor Matching	\$ 10,015.77	\$ 10,015.77	\$ -
Gift Shop	\$ -	\$ 151.80	\$ 151.80
Playground	\$ -	\$ 4,265.00	\$ 4,265.00
Swimming Pool Repair	\$ 4,791.70	\$ -	\$ (4,791.70)
Total Development	<u>\$ 17,293.26</u>	<u>\$ 14,432.57</u>	<u>\$ (2,860.69)</u>
Operations	\$ (80,350.17)	\$ (104,659.35)	\$ (24,309.18)
Facility Reserve	\$ 30,716.77	\$ 24,716.83	\$ (5,999.94)
Moline Missionary Donation Reserve	\$ 100,095.78	\$ 64,252.55	\$ (35,843.23)
Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Timber Sales	\$ 16,333.64	\$ -	\$ (16,333.64)
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 84,089.28</u>	<u>\$ (1,257.40)</u>	<u>\$ (85,346.68)</u>
	-	0.00	-
Other Items of Note			
Capital Improvements to Facility	\$ 314,359.08	\$ 314,359.08	\$ -

**Timber Lakes Camp
Operations Statement
December 2023**

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues						
04010 Programs	\$ 1,621.80	\$ 128,029.80	\$ 140,000.00	91.4%	\$ 93,815.50	\$ 34,214.30
04010 Food Service	\$ -	\$ 28,695.00	\$ 20,000.00	143.5%	\$ 19,303.00	\$ 9,392.00
04010 Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ 2,203.08	\$ (2,203.08)
Total Camp Revenue	\$ 1,621.80	\$ 156,724.80	\$ 160,000.00	98.0%	\$ 115,321.58	\$ 41,403.22
Expenses						
Payroll						
05010 Director	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -
05050 Associate Director	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -
05040 Chef	\$ 400.00	\$ 9,865.00	\$ 8,000.00	123.3%	\$ 6,125.00	\$ (3,740.00)
05040 Housekeeping	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -
05040 Maintenance	\$ 5,366.67	\$ 64,400.00	\$ 64,400.00	100.0%	\$ 48,800.04	\$ (15,599.96)
05040 Employer FICA	\$ 497.03	\$ 5,748.93	\$ 5,538.60	103.8%	\$ 4,201.80	\$ (1,547.13)
05040 Health Insurance & HSA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -
05040 LTD & Retirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -
05040 Workers Compensation Insurance	\$ 232.00	\$ 2,941.60	\$ 1,800.00	163.4%	\$ 1,596.17	\$ (1,345.43)
05045 Succession Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -
Total Payroll	\$ 6,495.70	\$ 82,955.53	\$ 79,738.60	104.0%	\$ 60,723.01	\$ (22,232.52)
Operations						
06010 Food Service Costs	\$ -	\$ 15,197.82	\$ 10,000.00	152.0%	\$ 14,947.22	\$ (250.60)
06030 Housekeeping Supplies	\$ -	\$ 2,551.88	\$ 2,400.00	106.3%	\$ 4,342.47	\$ 1,790.59
06030 Fuel Costs	\$ -	\$ 1,588.47	\$ 2,000.00	79.4%	\$ 2,296.71	\$ 708.24
06030 Electricity	\$ 2,091.93	\$ 33,828.44	\$ 30,000.00	112.8%	\$ 28,433.40	\$ (5,395.04)
06030 Gas, Propane	\$ 71.13	\$ 3,069.50	\$ 2,500.00	122.8%	\$ 4,496.19	\$ 1,426.69
06030 Water	\$ 769.50	\$ 8,929.24	\$ 6,500.00	137.4%	\$ 6,214.13	\$ (2,715.11)
06030 Garbage Service	\$ 270.00	\$ 3,330.00	\$ 3,240.00	102.8%	\$ 2,405.36	\$ (924.64)
06030 Maintenance & Repair	\$ 811.48	\$ 20,333.94	\$ 22,500.00	90.4%	\$ 24,644.90	\$ 4,310.96
Total Operations	\$ 4,014.04	\$ 88,829.29	\$ 79,140.00	112.2%	\$ 87,780.38	\$ (1,048.91)
General & Administrative Expenses						
08020 Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 1,854.51	\$ 22,778.57	\$ 21,150.00	107.7%	\$ 18,755.99	\$ (4,022.58)
08060 Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 213.59	\$ 100.00	213.6%	\$ -	\$ (213.59)
08060 Office Equipment	\$ -	\$ 2,956.61	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ (2,956.61)
08060 Marketing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	0.0%	\$ 94.12	\$ 94.12
08060 Postage, Mailing Service	\$ -	\$ 44.69	\$ 100.00	44.7%	\$ 83.22	\$ 38.53
08060 Telephone, Telecommunications	\$ 392.20	\$ 4,221.40	\$ 4,050.00	104.2%	\$ 4,084.16	\$ (137.24)
08060 Conferences, Conventions, Meetings	\$ -	\$ 164.00	\$ 400.00	41.0%	\$ 50.00	\$ (114.00)
08120 Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -
06001 Late Fees/Credit Card Processing	\$ (2.29)	\$ 730.30	\$ 500.00	146.1%	\$ 561.60	\$ (168.70)
08145 Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ 389.75	\$ (1,110.25)
Total General & Administrative	\$ 2,244.42	\$ 32,609.16	\$ 27,200.00	119.9%	\$ 24,018.84	\$ (8,590.32)
Total Expenses	\$ 12,754.16	\$ 204,393.98	\$ 186,078.60	109.8%	\$ 172,522.23	\$ (31,871.75)
Operations Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (11,132.36)	\$ (47,669.18)	\$ (26,078.60)	-5215.7%	\$ (57,200.65)	\$ 9,531.47
Unrestricted Gifts Received						
09010 Churches	\$ 80.00	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 7,000.00	41.1%	\$ 4,720.00	\$ (1,840.00)
09015 Individuals	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 20,480.00	\$ 19,500.00	105.0%	\$ 4,866.00	\$ 15,614.00
Total Unrestricted Gifts Received	\$ 3,880.00	\$ 23,360.00	\$ 26,500.00	88.2%	\$ 9,586.00	\$ 13,774.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (7,252.36)	\$ (24,309.18)	\$ 421.40	-5768.7%	\$ (47,614.65)	\$ 23,305.47
Other Income/Expense						
04005 House Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -
04005 House Rent Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Income (Expense)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	\$ -
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (7,252.36)	\$ (24,309.18)	\$ 421.40	-5768.7%	\$ (47,614.65)	\$ 23,305.47
Fund Balance Beginning of Period	\$ (97,406.99)	\$ (80,350.17)	\$ (80,350.17)		\$ (32,735.52)	\$ (47,614.65)
Transfers from (to) other funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balance End of Period	\$ (104,659.35)	\$ (104,659.35)	\$ (79,928.77)		\$ (80,350.17)	\$ (24,309.18)

Revolving Fund Report

The Revolving Fund continues to provide the Great Plains Region with the availability of loans for improvements and other capital needs of the various churches. Additionally, it provides an investment vehicle for the many members of the Region and is currently offering an interest rate that is competitive with similar financial instruments which can be obtained in the public financial market.

At the close of the year 2023, the Total Assets of the fund were \$1,342,918, a decrease of \$78,345 from the close of 2022. For 2023, net investment income of the Revolving Fund was \$14,436. The fund had \$1,000 of Miscellaneous Income in 2023. The fund incurred \$12,538 of administrative costs. For the year, the Fund generated an increase in equity of \$1,898.

Two financial reports are included as part of this report. The first lists the Assets, Liabilities and resulting Equity of the Fund as of December 31, 2023, and 2022; the second is the Income and Expense report for the current and previous year of the Fund. The following narrative is to provide further information regarding the financial reports included. (Unless otherwise specified, any reference to amounts refers to 2023 figures only. Also, amounts are rounded to dollars in the narrative.)

Assets

Cash in Banks-This represents amounts on deposit with the listed banking institution as of the report date. The amounts as of December 31, 2023, are \$29,671 in a checking designated account and \$15,093 in a savings designated account.

Money Market Funds (MCIF)-This represents amounts invested with the Missionary Church Investment Foundation (MCIF), Fort Wayne, Indiana, in that institution's money market fund as of the report date. As of December 31, there was a total of \$70,675 and \$150,420 for 2023 and 2022 respectively. The rate of interest on this investment will fluctuate with the financial markets. As of the report date, the rate of interest was 3.5%.

Certificates of Deposit (MCIF)-This represents amounts invested with MCIF in certificates of deposit issued by that institution. Due to investment limitations of dollar amounts imposed by MCIF, the Fund has two designated accounts: MWD and TL. However, the total of both designated accounts (\$977,372 and \$995,556 for 2023 and 2022 respectively) are the assets of the Revolving Fund. As of December 31, 2023, the Fund had fifteen Certificates of Deposit, with various maturity dates, and terms (lengths) of investment of three years. Eight with an interest rate of 2.75%, and seven with an interest rate of 2.00%. On December 31, 2022, the Fund had sixteen Certificates, eleven with an interest rate of 2.75%, and five with an interest rate of 2.00%.

Notes Receivable-This represents loans to various churches and officers of the Great Plains Region. Each loan is listed individually, and the associated interest rate of each loan is shown

parenthetically following the note holder. On December 31, 2023, the total was \$247,964 and for the same date of 2021 the amount was \$188,749.

Accrued Interest Receivable-This represents interest earned on any of the above listed investments, but not yet received. On December 31, 2023, interest was due from four certificates of deposit held with MCIF for a total of \$2,143. For the same date of 2021, for the four certificates, the total due was \$2,237.

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities

Investor Certificates-This represents amounts invested by individuals and churches of the Great Plains Region for which a Certificate of Investment has been issued. The terms and interest rates vary between investments. On December 31, 2023, and 2022, the rate on new investments was 2.25%. The total principal amounts of the obligations for the various interest rates as of the report date are listed and total \$594,187 and \$701,103 as of December 31, 2023, and 2022 respectively. Certificates with a lower stated rate are the result of investors agreeing to a reduction in their rate in turn for the Fund charging a lower rate on monies loaned to their local church, or to simply benefit the Fund by making lower cost capital available. The certificates with a higher stated rate are the result of the investor naming the District the beneficiary of their investment upon death.

Investor Accounts-This represents amounts in the trust of the Fund for various Region groups for which no certificate is issued. The rate of interest is variable and is subject to change as deemed appropriate by the Executive Secretary of the Fund. The current rates of interest as of the report date are shown parenthetically following the listing of each investor. The total Investor Accounts for December 31, 2023, and 2022 respectively are \$548,110 and \$520,552.

Accrued Interest Payable-This represents interest earned by obligations of the Fund for which payment has not yet been made. As of the report date, interest earned on Investor Certificates but not yet paid totaled \$6,715 and \$7,601 on December 31, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

Equity

Fund Equity-This represents the residual amounts of total assets of the Fund, after recognizing obligations of payments from the Fund (liabilities) at the beginning of the year 2023 and 2022. The amount reported for 2022 also includes the accumulated net earnings of the Fund since its inception for years prior to 2022. This amount combined with the Net Income (described below) is the Total Equity of the Fund on December 31, 2023, and 2022; \$193,905 and \$192,007, respectively.

Net Income-This represents the net amount of the current period (year) interest earned and

miscellaneous income generated by the Fund, less interest expense and administrative expense incurred by the Fund. For 2023, Total Interest Income is \$35,217, Total Interest Expense is \$21,781, resulting in Net Investment Income of \$13,436. The Fund received a bequeath of \$1,000 on the passing of an investment holder. General and Administrative costs include \$8,000 of contributions which is a \$2,000 payment to four of the Region retreats/camps, record storage supplies (\$30) and \$9 of postage (mailing of Federal Forms 1096/1099-INT to the Internal Revenue Service and the annual statements including a copy of 2023 Form 1099-INTs to the individual certificate holders) and the shared costs (\$4,499) of a gathering of the regional pastors with the pastors of the Evangelical Church early in the year. The total General and

Administrative costs are \$12,538. This results in a Net Income for 2023 of \$1,898. This compares with Net Income of \$11,659 for 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Nevius, Executive Secretary

*see page 21 for Review notice

Great Plains Region Revolving Fund

Report as of December 31, 2023 and 2022

Assets			
		2023	2022
		\$\$\$	\$\$\$
Cash in Banks	Checking-Farmers and Merchants Bank-Milford	29,670.72	64,275.02
	Savings-Farmers and Merchants Bank-Milford	15,092.51	20,024.61
	Total Cash in Banks	44,763.23	84,299.63
Money Market Funds (MCIF)		70,675.32	150,420.40
Certificates of Deposit (MCIF)	MWD	400,755.90	405,006.00
	TL	576,616.21	590,550.13
	Total Certificates of Deposit	977,372.11	995,556.13
Notes Receivable <i>Loans to Dsitrict churches/Individuals</i>	Andrew & Ramona Petro (4.0%)	93,087.99	78,647.28
	First Missionary Church-Newton (4.0%)	87,222.89	110,101.66
	First Misionary Church-Weeping Water (4.0%)	67,653.42	-
	Total Notes Receivable	247,964.30	188,748.94
Accrued Interest Receivable	Certificates of Deposit - MWD	945.22	693.34
	Certificates of Deposit - TL	1,197.36	1,543.94
	Total Accrued Interest Receivable	2,142.58	2,237.28
Total Assets		1,342,917.54	1,421,262.38

Liabilities and Fund Equity			
Liabilities			
Investor Certificates	Non-interest bearing obligations	2,500.00	2,500.00
	2.25% Obligations	591,687.29	697,602.53
	8.0% Obligation	-	1,000.00
	Total Investor Certificates	594,187.29	701,102.53
Investor Accounts	District Reserve (0.0%)	167,117.55	162,117.55
	Northeast Missionary Church-Lincoln (2.25%)	2,823.13	2,760.97
	District Church Planting (0.0%)	2,500.00	22,500.00
	Cornerstone Fellowship-Wichita (2.25%)	22,591.77	22,094.61
	Grace Missionary Church-Milford (2.25%)	221,882.78	182,770.50
	New Life Missionary Church - Bedford (2.25%)	125,575.14	122,811.90
	Family Camp Scholarship Fund (2.25%)	5,619.98	5,496.26
Total Investor Accounts	548,110.35	520,551.79	
Accrued Interest Payable	Investor Certificates	6,715.09	7,601.10
	Investor Accounts	-	-
	Total Accrued Interest Payable	6,715.09	7,601.10
Total Liabilities		1,149,012.73	1,229,255.42
Equity	Fund Equity	192,006.96	180,348.04
	Net Income (Loss)	1,897.85	11,658.92
	Total Equity	193,904.81	192,006.96
Total Liabilities and Equity		1,342,917.54	1,421,262.38

Great Plais Region Revolving Fund

Income and Expense Report

For the Year ended December 31,

	2023	2022
Interest Income		
MCIF Money Market Fund	2,514.59	1,527.67
Certificates of Deposit-MWD ¹	10,321.22	10,382.99
Certificates of Deposit-TL ¹	13,501.55	14,498.30
Notes Receivable	8,811.24	7,990.52
Banks	67.90	16.64
Total Interest Income	35,216.50	34,416.12
Interest Expense		
Investor Certificates	14,222.00	15,790.80
Investor Accounts	7,558.56	6,952.08
Total Interest Expense	21,780.56	22,742.88
Net Investment Income	13,435.94	11,673.24
Other Income and Expense		
Miscellaneous Income	1,000.00	
General and Administrative Expense		
Charitable Contributions	8,000.00	-
Bank Fees	-	-
Office Supplies and Equipment	30.05	15.98
Postage	9.00	15.70
Administrator Contractual Payments	-	-
Miscellaneous Expense	4,499.04	-
Total General and Administrative	12,538.09	31.68
Net Income (Loss)	1,897.85	11,641.56

¹ Due to limitations imposed by the Missionary Church Investment Foundation (MCIF), the Revolving Fund maintains two separate named accounts (MWD and TL) with MCIF. Both Certificates of Deposit-MWD and Certificates of Deposit-TL are owned by the District Revolving Fund and carry those names for administrative purposes only. Timber Lakes does NOT have any ownership interest in these certificates, nor do they receive any benefit of interest income from the investments.

Report of Regional Representative to GOC Great Plains Regional Conference of the Missionary Church, USA

For a few years now I have been one of 13 representatives that make up the General Oversight Committee. Some of you may not be familiar with what that is, or with my involvement. The Missionary Church is set up to operate with a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer in its Executive Department. These elected people do not however act autonomously. They are a part of a larger leadership team known as the Ministry Leadership Committee (MLC) and General Oversight Committee (GOC) which meets together at least twice a year to conduct business between General Conference sessions. The makeup of these boards consists of Pastors and Laypersons in the denomination and elected by the General Conference. The MLC is often referred to as the team which provides visionary direction for the church while the GOC has fiduciary responsibility for the church. Perhaps this is an oversimplification, for both groups' responsibilities go far beyond these basic descriptions and collaborate together in decision making at least for one day of those twice-yearly meetings.

That being said, I have been privileged/honored to represent you on the GOC for nearly five years. There was a time when the structure was geographic in nature and each region elected or appointed a representative to the General Board, a rather huge administrative group which served the church. This was restructured several years ago into these two arms of leadership. Today the GOC members are elected at large at the biannual General Conference, following being vetted by a Nominating Committee and serve for either 2 or 4 years. Note that there is no longer a geographical representation, but rather a general slate of representatives put in place by the General Conference. That being said, it is entirely possible that the Great Plains Region may see a day when from among their number, no one would serve on the GOC. This change is intended to provide the GOC team with qualified individuals suited to carry out business needing tended to between General Conferences.

My apologies if the above explanation is too elementary, but perhaps it serves to explain to those who are new or somewhat detached, how it is that we operate as a region/denomination. I will take this liberty to say that the MLC benefits from our Regional Director, Andrew Petro being a part of that team. Andy is an integral part of several sub-committees, task forces, and commissions within our national leadership. My humble observation is that he serves faithfully and contributes in great ways to the ongoing efforts of the church. His participation and leadership are greatly felt and valued by many.

The GOC has made great strides in carrying out business and developing guidelines for governing in the past few years. During my first 4-year term we experienced several personnel changes, due to a variety of reasons. There was some retirement, some new hiring due to attrition, etc. During this time I was able to serve on the legal team and other advisory teams. None of these positions have been necessarily easy to fill, but the resulting team has been a good one and we continue to advance toward fulfilling the Great Commission as a result.

One of the things we have taken very seriously, and organized accordingly to better administer, is the financial condition of the church. I was selected from within the GOC during my first term to serve on a financial oversight subcommittee. It is difficult for a large group to do the hard work required to understand and oversee financial matters. It has been a pleasure to serve on this committee and have

input as we have transitioned a personnel change, a financial software change, and to have a better grasp of our financial condition as a church. This is especially important as we experience a climate where finances are “tight”, and we endeavor to see every dollar best spent in the interest of the Kingdom. We have some very competent people in place and have made strides in the entire GOC being able to understand the finances of the church and make recommendations accordingly.

It is with great respect that I submit this summary report.

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