

**Report of August 2016 MW Common Mission Board
Meeting August 17-19, 2016
FCC Midland**

In attendance:

Rev. Leslie Dalstra, Moderator – Pastor, FCC El Paso – TRA
Rev. Dr. Joe Weaks – Pastor, FCC Odessa – TRA
Rev. Paul Carpenter, Secretary – Pastor, FCC Lubbock – HPA
Rev. Randa Reeves, Treasurer – Seminarian, Phillips – HPA
Rev. Penny Biddy – Pastor, Brook Hollow CC, Abilene – CEA
Rev. Dr. Don Wilson – Pastor, FCC Abilene – CEA
Rev. Sterling Lentz – Pastor, FCC Brownwood – CEA
Rev. Charlotte Hoppe – Lead Minister, Mission West

Absent:

Jimmy Case – Member, FCC Alpine - TRA

Moving Toward Integration

The MW Board received the following information from the **Tres Rios Area Board**: In a meeting on August 10, 2016, the TRA Board approved the [proposed plan](#) of integration for moving forward in ministry with Mission West. After reviewing a preliminary draft joint financial report, which projected the financial resources of CEA, HPA and TRA combined into one operating fund, they also voted to move forward with the process of integration of financial resources with Mission West. After at least one other Area approves the same actions, they will complete research needed for TRA designated funds, identifying which funds can be shared with Mission West and which funds cannot. At that same time, they will make plans for communication concerning this action and call an Area Assembly for final approval.

The MW Board wants to encourage the CEA and HPA boards to discuss and make decisions concerning this plan as soon as possible.

Financial and Staff Resources

The MW Board also reviewed Mission West financial reports and the preliminary draft joint financial report. With the understanding that financial resources continue to decline, even with a possible integration of funds, they began work on revising staff descriptions and expectations. Draft staff descriptions and a reworked staff budget will be presented at the next meeting, September 28, 2016, for possible adoption.

Following the resignation of full time Associate Mission West Minister, it is unlikely that MW will be able to fill that position as described or even propose a new full time minister position. Youth ministry responsibilities will be shifted to Lead

Minister and the MW Youth Ministry Team. Newsletter and website communication tools will become the responsibility of the Administrative Assistant, with oversight by the Lead Minister. It is hoped that we will find enough resources to at least call a part time minister to live in eastern territory of Mission West to be able to provide more direct support in search and call for those congregations, without requiring Lead Minister to travel as much.

Key Result Areas for MW Ministry

With an initial frank and energizing conversation about Mission West ministry, three Key Result Areas were considered and will be guiding future ministry decisions and actions. As prior CCSW *New Day New Direction* conversations emphasized considering more of a networking model for Regional Ministry, MW board members are coming to the same conclusions for our ministry. The initial draft of these Key Result Areas* used the word community – the board really felt that is not an accurate description of Area/Regional ministry goals anymore. The geography is too wide spread, territory-wide gathering for face-to-face relationships are less viable and the continuing decline in number of Area staff limits, to a degree, direct relationship building. The word community was replaced, as you can see, by the word network. The focus of Area ministry will now be toward helping congregations and other ministry groups connect directly for closer-by collaboration for the benefit of their ministries.

*As summarized by
Charlotte J Hoppe
Mission West Lead Minister*

*** Mission West Key Results – August 19, 2016**

MISSION WEST is a transforming connectional ministry that supports congregations and pastors in the transformation of and leading faith communities with a missional focus for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in the 21st century context.

To this end we will be – (the “we” is staff, board and all ministry participants – pastors and congregational leaders – together!!)

- 1. A Network of Pastoral Support**
- 2. A Collaborative Network for Discerning, Learning and Transforming our Mission and Ministries**
- 3. A Covenanted and Connected Network**
 - a. A Generous and Stewarding Network**
 - b. A Network of Administrative and Organizational Support**