



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES

Spreading the Gospel in Ohio through Healthy Churches

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At the beginning of this year, we began a journey toward appointing a new state representative. A Transition Team was formed to seek qualified men for this role and prayerfully narrow this group of men down to one candidate who could be presented to the Council of 12 for evaluation. The Transition Team did unanimously recommend a candidate to the Council for their consideration. If approved by the Council, a man would then be presented to the association for ratification as our next state representative.

I'm writing to inform you, on behalf of the Council of 12, that we unanimously affirm the Transition Team's candidate and now recommend that Bill Kopas be ratified as our next state representative of the OARBC. Bill serves as associate pastor of Camden Baptist Church in Wellington, OH, a calling he has kept for 24 years. Throughout these years, he has been an active, considerate, cheerful, and fruitful participant in our association. He has also partnered with his regional fellowship, the Hebron Fellowship, in various initiatives, including serving as an officer of the fellowship. He understands and supports the value of relationships and partnerships among sister churches and has a deep desire to serve the OARBC in this new role.

Of critical importance, he has a proven clarity of biblical conviction and a consistent testimony of Christlike character among his leaders, peers, and church members. In light of Bill's recommendation, Camden Baptist Church's senior pastor, Larry Nocella, says, "we at Camden are excited about the prospect of him ministering to the needs of the churches in our fellowship throughout Ohio. I believe the Lord has uniquely prepared Bill for this new role and that he will be used to strengthen and encourage the churches of the OARBC."

This year's state conference will be held at Northfield Baptist Church, October 20-22, at which we will provide at least one Q&A session with Bill. We will also hold a ratification vote at the annual meeting on October 21. Until that time, we are working to prepare more information regarding Bill's background, ministry experience, and hopes for the OARBC, which can then be shared with you so that you might get to know him better.

Please continue to pray for the Lord to guide our steps as an association, and to bless us so that we might bless our state with the marvelous, matchless gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Adam T. McCune
Chairman of the Council of Twelve