

Committee on Disciple-Making Ministries

“We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)

District Superintendent

Over the past two years, the district has continued to prioritize leadership development as central to effective discipling. As pastoral candidate pipelines have diminished, the need to identify leaders from within our churches has become urgent. We are grateful for the investment from David Linn into leadership pathways such as the Leadership Development Initiative, coaching environments, and targeted training efforts.

While challenges remain, progress is being made through revitalization efforts, multi-site strategies, and strengthened local leadership. We are encouraged to see increases in membership, attendance, professions of faith, and baptisms. Praise God! We are thankful for the continued focus to developing disciples who make disciples and raising leaders for the future of the church.

In reflecting upon the leadership, friendship, and wisdom of the past 12 years, we are truly grateful for the service of David and Barbara Linn. Dave’s vision in changing the trajectory of leadership to a team model, with the inclusion of everyone, men and women, as full ministry partners has been strategic, and will benefit the Northeastern District for years to come. We also want to affirm the call that God has placed on their lives to embark on a church planting effort in West Virginia. Thank you, Dave and Barb Linn, for obeying God’s leading and serving Jesus with your lives. Your leadership and dependence on the Holy Spirit have been highlighted by the many milestones of the Northeastern District.

Disciple-Making Specialist

The Committee would like to affirm and thank Lisa Vogan for her leadership throughout the Northeastern District. Her influence in our district has been immeasurable as she works to share the central ministry that each disciple of Jesus is to make disciples. Her vision for Training Ground and leadership of the DDMT have affected the discipleship culture of our district by unifying us around the need to make disciples.

Lisa’s leadership with the Children’s Ministry Leadership Team has grown during her tenure as well. Her expanded influence through training, coaching, and collaborated efforts have had a tremendous impact on ministries to our children. We would also like to thank Lisa for helping to raise the bar in providing a safe and productive environment for our children through tools such as Plan to Protect.

Lisa and Rohn Vogan, thank you for serving us with sacrifice and integrity and leading us with transparency and vulnerability. You have modeled Jesus to us.

Disciple-Making Ministries (DDMT)

The DDMT continues to support the discipling ministries of the district. The team has worked alongside district leadership to promote discipling cultures within local churches,

emphasizing intentional and relational spiritual growth.

The team has also supported leadership development efforts by contributing to training initiatives, identifying emerging leaders, and serving as a resource for pastors and ministry leaders. The Committee would like to especially thank the team for their work to provide us with Training Ground each year.

Leadership Development Specialist

Sally Fry has faithfully served the Northeastern District for 12 years and her impact has been tremendous. She has humbly and quietly shown a Kingdom focus to pastors and candidates that has kept us moving forward in leadership and candidate development. Her skill set of coaching and mentoring has had a positive effect on all of our leaders. Sally has helped develop tools that help develop leaders, and we are grateful.

Her menu of influence over the past 12 years cannot be overstated. Contributions include: business office management, purchase agent, audit supervisor, event planning, training, mentoring, and coaching.

Thank you, Dr. Sally Fry, for giving of yourself. Your sacrifice of time and devotion to the Lord is so appreciated and will be greatly missed.

Men's Ministry

The Committee would like to commend Mr. Jon Coykendall for seeing the need for a district-wide men's ministry and stepping in to lead that charge. The men's ministry re-launched in the fall of 2024 and has hosted multiple events. We appreciate the vision of an active ministry with close fellowship and participation while creating an environment that crosses generational lines. We are also excited to see some district pastors have expressed interest in providing some leadership to upcoming men's ministry events.

Alliance Women

The Alliance Women continue to do great work. Terri Groh's report was a snapshot of the past ten years. Highlights include: 30 district events, 3,440 women attending those events, 200 salvations, engaging the next generation, improving communication through relevant tools, and continued support of International Workers through prayer and financial giving (\$289,245.51 in total).

We would like to thank the Alliance Women for providing the Lighthouse Cottage at Delta Lake for use of District personnel and International Workers.

Many thanks to Terri Groh for her faithful leadership over Alliance Women in the Northeastern District for the past ten years. We wish her well on her future endeavors for the Kingdom.

Delta Lake

The Committee would like to extend sincere gratitude to Rev. Stephen Clark for his leadership at Delta Lake. We appreciate the Executive Director's consistency through a time of significant staffing changes as well as his intentional efforts to clarify leadership roles and to strengthen the organizational structure.

Delta Lake continues to operate as a year-round ministry where guests are “welcomed to encounter Jesus.” Delta Lake offers a diverse mix of youth camps, Haven Camps for individuals with developmental disabilities, retreats, and guest group events. We’re so thankful for the seasonal staff and volunteers who serve across many roles. Recent years have shown notable growth in participation and outreach to a wide range of groups. We praise God for stories of transformation in hearts and lives through the ministry of Delta Lake.

We look forward to hearing a verbal report about Delta Lake while we are at conference.

Encouragement to Conference

The Committee would like to encourage our delegates and churches to trust the Lord for our future and direction. Through an attitude of prayer and dependence on the Holy Spirit’s leading, we would seek to impact the State of New York with the light of Jesus. Be encouraged by the 433 new lives won into the Kingdom of God, the demonstrations of commitment by 504 who were baptized, and the growth of giving to the Great Commission Fund (\$1,540,224 in 2025). They are all signs of a move of the Lord in our region. We can be encouraged and, at the same time, have expectant hearts as to what the Lord is going to do in the coming years.

In Memoriam

Rev. David H. Stockwell (Former District Pastor and IW – Philippines), 08-01-2024

Rev. Glenfor W. Barnes (Former District Pastor), 08-06-2024

Rev. Thomas O. Young (Former District Pastor), 08-25-2024

Rev. Jacob Bouw (Former District Pastor and IW – Philippines), 04-25-2025

Mrs. Kimberly Park (Wife of Former District Pastor), 05-24-2025

Rev. Michael W. Heaton (District Pastor), 03-13-2026

Rev. Edgar L. Manns (Former District Pastor), 03-28-2026

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mark Mindek, Chairman

Rev. Alexander Banks, Secretary