



# Mid-year Meeting

Open Bible Fellowship  
Catatonk, NY

*Ed Hart*, Director of Missions

*Steve Sallis*, Moderator

# Notes:

**Central New York Baptist Association**  
**Mid-Year Meeting – 6 May 2017**  
**Open Bible Fellowship – Catatonk, NY**

- 9:55 AM Music Prelude
- 9:59 AM Call to Order of the CNYBA **Executive Board**  
Steve Sallis - CNYBA Moderator
- 10:00 AM Scripture Reading & Season of Prayer  
Steve Sallis -CNYBA Moderator
- 10:12 AM Welcome Ed Hart, Pastor - Open Bible Fellowship
- 10:14 AM Congregational Singing Chris Corlett—Open Bible Fellowship
- 10:20 AM Approval of Minutes from 2016 Annual Meeting  
Steve Sallis—CNYBA Moderator
- 10:22 AM Close of Executive Board Meeting Steve Sallis—CNYBA Moderator
- 10:23 AM Call to Order of CNYBA **Mid-year Meeting**  
Steve Sallis—CNYBA Moderator
- 10:24 AM Congregational Singing Chris Corlett—Open Bible Fellowship
- 10:30 AM **The State of Religious Liberty** (Doing Church in a Hostile Environment)  
Todd Starnes - Fox News Radio Commentator
- 11:10 AM Report from (Dec – Jan) Virgin Islands Mission Trip  
Mission Trip Member
- 11:20 AM Associational Business Steve Sallis— CNYBA Moderator
- 11:24 AM Congregational Singing Chris Corlett—Open Bible Fellowship
- 11:30 AM Director of Mission’s Report & Challenge  
Ed Hart—CNYBA Director of Missions
- 12:01 PM Dismissal for Lunch Steve Sallis—CNYBA Moderator

## CNYBA ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2016

### Transformacion Baptist Church, Syracuse, NY

**Attendance.** About 35 messengers and visitors from 15 CNYBA churches as well as 4 missionary speakers attended the meeting.

**Scripture Reading & Prayer.** Moderator, Steve Sallis, read and shared some thoughts from Hebrews 11:1-40 and 12:1-3. He issued the following call to faith: What if our church leaders, pastors, and the people of our churches lived and acted by faith? Then he led in prayer.

**Call to Order of the CNYBA Executive Board.** Steve Sallis then called the Executive Board Meeting to order.

**Music.** Jonathan Santiago played the guitar and led the congregation in singing, “This is Amazing Grace.”

**Welcome.** Pedro Abreu, pastor of the Transformacion Church, welcomed us to the building where we were meeting. He also told us that there were a number of congregations that meet on this property. In addition to the building in which we were meeting there was also large church building on the property.

**Approval of the Minutes from the 2016 Mid-Year Meeting.** Lary Hyde made a motion and Shawn Salisman seconded the motion that we approve the minutes of the April 30, 2016 CNYBA Mid-Year Meeting (on pages 4-6 of the Book of Reports). This was unanimously approved.

**Close of the CNYBA Executive Board Meeting.** Cindy Schallmo made a motion and Lary Hyde seconded the motion that we close the CNYBA Executive Board Meeting, which was unanimously approved.

**Call to Order of the CNYBA Annual Meeting.** Moderator, Steve Sallis, called the CNYBA Annual Meeting to order.

**Music.** Jonathan Santiago played the guitar and led the congregation in singing, “10,000 Reasons”.

**Peru Missionary Speakers Rick & Donna Martin.** Rick shared that they are working hard to prepare to start a church. They are seeking to fit the facets of the Gospel to the culture and not change the Gospel. Paul had Timothy circumcised for the culture they were sharing the Gospel with. Rick said to learn the language you have to be immersed in it. Rick & Donna are working in Ayacucho, Peru. Ayacucho means “corner of death” and so the culture there is a very depressing culture. They are missionaries with South American Missions (SAM) and are seeking to plant a church that will plant other churches. Their mission is to make followers of Christ who are 1) Gospel centered – Romans 1:16, 2) committed to the social welfare of their city and village – Jeremiah 29:7, and 3) culturally relevant – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. They are seeking to work in San Christoval University and plan to work with college students in 2017 as they are already working with 2 college students. Within 5 years they hope to send a team of people to another city to start a church that will start churches. Rick & Donna still need about \$3,000 in monthly support. Lary Hyde led in prayer for Rick & Donna Martin.

**Music.** Jonathan Santiago played the guitar and sang “You Never Let Go.”

**Missionary Speaker, Kate Bartholomew, International Learning Center.** Kate began by showing a video. The International Learning Centers were begun in Jacksonville, Florida. Syracuse is a Refugee Resettlement City. A local elementary school has offered a place for classes to meet. In 2017 they will begin teaching adults. They need volunteers to teach English and to work with children in kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Devon Bartholomew led in prayer for his wife and for the International Learning Center, which she leads in Syracuse.

**Associational Business.** Moderator, Steve Sallis, shared the following matters of business which are on pages 7-10 of the Book of Reports.

**From the CNYB Leadership Team:**

**1.**

**That we approved the attached proposed CNYBA 2017 Budget.** This was unanimously approved.

**2. That we approve the attached proposed CNYBA 2017 Calendar.** This was unanimously approved

**From the Ad Hoc Committee:**

**1.**

**Leadership Team Members – three year term ending in 2019**

\_\_\_\_\_ - (XNE Cluster)

**Lary**

**Hyde (Living Water, Owego) – (Binghamton Cluster)**

\_\_\_\_\_ - (SW Cluster)

Lary Hyde was unanimously approved. Ed Hart suggested we allow the CNYBA Leadership Team to fill the other 2 vacancies, which was approved.

**2. Leadership Team Members – filling out terms**

**Jeff**

**Ford (Lyons Falls) – (XNE Cluster)**

**Bill**

**Lower (West Hill, Ithaca) – (SW Cluster)**

These were

unanimously approved.

**3. Officers – one year**

**term ending in 2017**

**Steve Sallis – Moderator**

**Bill Lower – Assistant Moderator**

**Harold Lefler – Clerk**

**Cindy**

**Schallmo – Assistant Clerk**

**Billie Win-**

**skie – Treasurer**

**Lary Hyde – Assis-**

**tant Treasurer**

These were approved

unanimously.

**St. Croix Missionary Speaker, John Smith.** John Smith, the pastor of the Shepherd’s Fold Community Church, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, shared some slides of St. Croix. John is originally from Pontiac, Michigan. He planted and was the pastor of a church in Pontiac. A member of his church had family in the Virgin Islands and in 2013 John felt the call to the Virgin Islands and moved there in 2015. He teaches construction skills to young men who have gotten into trouble, who have been in jail, or in foster care. His wife works with teen girls. They have a Bible study on the beach and his wife is also a Zumba instructor. Right now John is working with 14 men and is training leaders to go to other islands. Dan Schallmo led in prayer for John Smith, his wife, and 2 daughters.

**Albania Missionary Speakers, George & Julie Holmes.** George & Julie Holmes are farmers in Ithaca and are members of the West Hill church. They are a part of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers and part time missionaries to Albania. They first went to Albania in 1994 and took food to those who live in poverty. George showed a video of their work in Albania. They now go every year from January through March to Albany with a team of people to work in 8 villages. They do not speak the language but have translators that work with them.

Bill Lower prayed for George & Julie Holmes.

**Puerto Rico North American Mission Board Missionary Speaker, Carlos Rodriguez.** Carlos Rodriguez is a Church Planting Catalytic Missionary of the North American Mission Board Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and etc. He shared Luke 10:2 and said the churches in this area are not outreaching churches and don't want to plant other churches. There have been no new churches planted in this area in 25 years but in 2016 there have been 6 new churches started and probably 1 more before the end of the year. This is the beginning of a movement to plant churches. Next year they have plans to start 5 or 6 new churches. Spanish is the language of Puerto Rico but English is the language of the Virgin Islands. There is a Southern Baptist church in the Virgin Islands but it has been declining for many years and is not interested in starting new churches. Pedro Abreu prayed for Carlos Rodriguez.

**Our North American Mission Board Church Planting Catalytic Missionary Tim Bissell.** Tim shared about new churches and work here in our association. These include Fellowship Community Church in Norwich, Neighborhood Church in Syracuse, Napoli in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Napoli in Syracuse, Open Bible Fellowship in Catatonk, Westmoreland, and Oneida. There have been 3 people who have been trained as coaches. The Agape Church in Norwich has been closed but plans are being made to start a new church there.

**Director of Missions Report & Challenge.** Ed Hart read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. Ed said that no one has influenced more people in America for Christ than Billy Graham. The Word of God changed his life. The last

words of Christ before He ascended into heaven are in Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20, and Acts 1:8. Southern Baptists are missionary people. We support missions through the Cooperative Program and we have missionary projects and go on missionary trips. What is a missionary? It is a person sent on a mission. Every person on earth is a missionary or a mission field. Acts 1:8 may be the actual last words of Jesus on earth.

Personal Challenge

fess and be right with God  
sharing

4. Do all with prayer that at least 1 person will come to know Christ

Challenge

set up a plan to train people  
outreach  
new church

Sponsor a new church or team up with another church to plant a church. The Open Bible Fellowship has a goal to lead every man in the church to teach a Bible study. 2 Corinthians 5:20 says that “we are ambassadors for Christ.”

old Lefler prayed for Ed & Lyn Hart.

**Adjourn.** Dan Schallmo made a motion and Jonathan Santiago seconded the motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved.

**Dismissal Prayer.** Shawn Salisman led in the dismissal prayer which included a blessing for the wonderful lunch provided by the Transformacion church.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Harold Lefler, Clerk



**CNYBA Church Giving by Month (Last 5 Years)**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>MO. Avg 2013-2017</b>
<b>Jan</b>	6,380.66	6,116.33	3,815.67	4,762.08	2,347.98	4,684.54
<b>Feb</b>	3,404.89	4,526.68	5,145.95	4,855.38	7,216.17	5,029.81
<b>Mar</b>	6,899.54	2,417.85	6,125.79	4,762.08	4,755.70	4,992.19
<b>Apr</b>	4,567.50	6,647.84	3,999.24	7,301.44		5,071.53
<b>May</b>	2,525.94	4,469.37	4,737.21	4,877.56		4,152.52
<b>June</b>	4,117.15	3,369.33	4,598.36	6,007.98		4,523.21
<b>July</b>	4,834.37	6,150.88	6,647.11	4,135.39		5,441.94
<b>Aug</b>	4,274.66	4,889.14	2,397.48	3,927.49		3,872.19
<b>Sept</b>	3,538.48	3,005.11	6,372.83	4,665.80		4,395.56
<b>Oct</b>	3,149.93	4,911.25	5,326.17	4,953.17		4,585.13
<b>Nov</b>	5,730.26	4,659.63	4,582.34	5,621.03		5,148.32
<b>Dec</b>	3,434.11	1,968.41	5,866.61	4,805.10		4,018.56
<b>Totals</b>	52,857.49	53,131.82	59,614.76	60,674.50	14,319.85	

<b>Proj Inc</b>	58,000.00	58,000.00	53,000.00	52,500.00	58,000.00
<b>Mo Avg</b>	4,404.79	4,823.43	4,683.35	5,056.21	
<b>Proj YTD</b>	58,000.00	58,000.00	53,000.00	52,500.00	
<b>YTD +/-</b>	5,142.51	4,868.18	6,614.76	8,174.50	

<b><u>DOM ACTIVITY</u></b>	<b>Apr 2017</b>	<b>YTD 2017</b>
<b>CNYBA Church Services Attended</b>	14	48
<b>Other Church Services Attended</b>	0	10
<b>Sermons/Addresses</b>	7	30
<b>Ministry Milage</b>	1,142	4,128
<b><u>DAYS - REPORT</u></b>		
<b>Vacation Days (entitled to 12.5 per year)</b>	0.000	0.000
<b>Holidays (entitled to 7 per year)</b>	0.000	0.000
<b>Personal Days (entitled to 1 per year)</b>	0.000	0.000
<b>Sick Days (entitled to 6 per year)</b>	0.000	0.000
<b>Family Funeral Days</b>	0.000	0.000
<b>Training Conference Days (entitled to 7 per year)</b>	0.000	0.000
<b>Revival Days (entitled to 7 per year)</b>	0.000	10.125
<b>Days Worked (not accounted for above)</b>	10.125	50.625
<b>Total Days Accounted For (130 required per year)</b>	10.125	60.750