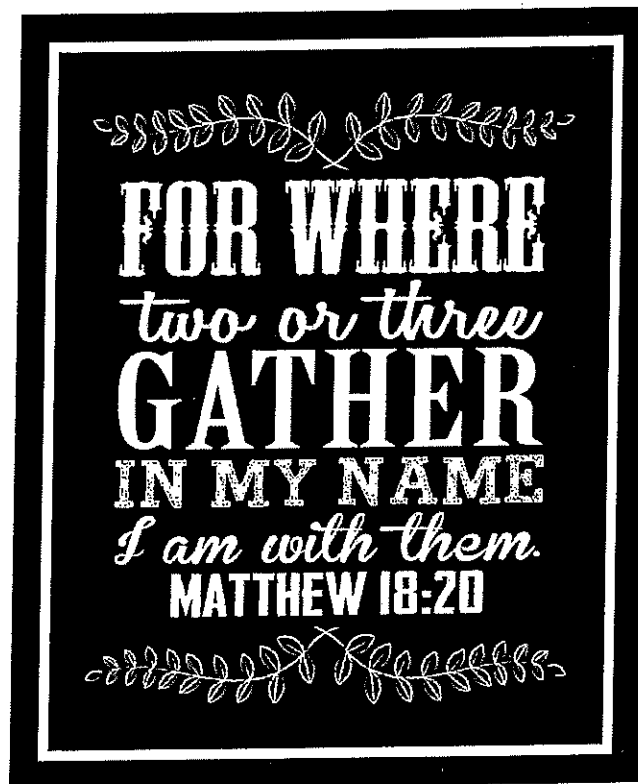


Annual Business Meeting

The Association of the Churches of God
in Oregon & SW Washington



Saturday, July 20, 2019
Oak Park Church of God
Salem, Oregon

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**CHURCH
OF GOD**
ANDERSON, INDIANA

The purpose of The Association is:

- To conduct business as the legally-incorporated body of the Association of the Churches of God in Oregon, Inc.
- To provide assistance to Oregon and Southwest Washington congregations and be a channel through which local congregations shall be mobilized to fulfill our united vision and mission

The vision of The Association is for every believer to fulfill the mandate of the Great Commission, the Great Commandments, and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The mission of The Association is:

- To create and maintain ministries that will strengthen, encourage, supplement, and promote local congregations of The Association
- To inspire commitment to the teachings, mission, and theological perspectives of the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana
- To provide support for the development of healthy Church of God congregations

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Rev. Jerry Davisson
District Pastor

OFF-CAMPUS STAFF

Leonard & Stacey Meyer
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Ballots will be distributed at the Annual Business Meeting



ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD
IN OREGON AND SW WASHINGTON

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

July 21, 2018

The morning began with a time of singing and devotions led by host pastor, Steve Kufeldt.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by chair Jackie Scott.

SEATING OF DELEGATES:

Ministers: 55

Lay Delegates: 33

Zoom delegates: 5

Total: 93

Jason Mitchell, senior pastor at Springfield Church of God, requested to be approved as a delegate. Motion and seconded by Fred Douglas / Jim Weems. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS: Roy Sprunger, Jenny Elliott and Doug Beisley were appointed as tellers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 26, 2017: Frank Clore/Martin Shroul moved and seconded to approve the minutes from July 26, 2017. Motion carried.

DISTRICT UPDATES: Jackie introduced the members of the council: District 1, Jim Minkler; District 2, Jon Nutter; District 3, Glen Hossler; District 4, Teresa Hellstrom; District 5, Mike Kernutt; District 6, Tom Culp; District 8, Randy Archer. There is no representative for District 7 at this time. Jerry Davisson, district pastor, Steve Robertson, treasurer, and Linda-Tucker-Bays, policy governance, were also introduced.

The by-laws call for an annual evaluation of the district pastor and that will be taken care of in the coming year.

Matt Ingalls, representing the **conference task force**, shared about an event that is being planned, similar to the How-To Convention, that will possibly happen in January. Topics to be considered are differences between generations, how we approach the racial differences in our association, how do we view our neighborhood.

White Branch update: Mel Neu shared about the progress on the building. We still continue to host the firefighters each summer. They pay @\$80 a day per person, which helps with the income. Murdock is still on board to pay the final \$75,000 of the grant when the building is complete.

Warner Pacific University: President Andrea Cook shared about happenings at the university. Her report is part of the annual meeting reports. This year marks the 81st year as a college. The change from college to university was made in part because of the courses now offered. Also, in the Hispanic culture, for one, college means high school, so changing

the name to university makes for a better understanding for other ethnic groups. Tuition was rolled back 24% this year.

Budget Presentation: Jackie Scott, Glen Hossler, Steve Robertson, and Jerry Davisson served as the budget committee, and presented the proposed budget to the council for approval. The proposed budget for the association operations is a balanced budget for the first time in many years. Jackie pointed out that cuts have been made, such as no line item for the Contact, and that congregational giving must increase above current year projections. The Camp White Branch proposed budget was also presented.

John Kuykendall/Steve Robertson moved and seconded to approve for ratification the 2018-2019 association budget, and Fred Douglas/Frank Clore moved and seconded to approve for ratification the 2018-2019 Camp White Branch budget.

Ballots were handed out, which included approval of the 2018-2019 Association Budget and Camp White Branch budget; ratification of Association chair; and Camp White Branch Board members.

District Pastor Report: Pastor Jerry Davisson shared, thanking the district for their support, Jackie Scott for her service and willingness to serve for another term, Mel Neu (Camp White Branch chair), Stacey and Leonard Meyers (Camp White Branch managers), district council members, and pastors and lay delegates.

He highlighted some key items that were on his written report.

- Strategic Planning team: sees a lack of young leaders in our district, as well our national movement. Need to find ways to develop young leaders, age 22-45, but to begin challenging our young people earlier than that age.
- A team has been assembled to take a look at the financial position of the association.
- We have been invited to participate in a West Coast Ministry Collective, which is a pilot program where multiple associations will work together. This national project is called Project Imagine.

Results of the ballot: all items were ratified. Official ballot results are in the district office.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am with Gale Hency leading in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Palmer, recording secretary

Michael Kernutt
Corporate Secretary pro-tem

Rev. Jerry Davisson, DISTRICT PASTOR

It is hard to believe it has already been two years since I took on the role of District Pastor for this great Association. It has been another busy year. The District Council has been working hard on trying to understand and implement our Policy Governance model. According to our guiding principles:

The District exists to a) assist the local Churches of God in Oregon and Southwest Washington discern and achieve their individual missions, and b) partner with them to minister together in ways that they cannot minister separately. The three priorities the Association has adopted are as follows:

Discipleship: The highest priority of The Association of the Churches of God in Oregon and Southwest Washington is to be and to make committed followers of Jesus Christ.

Leadership: A significant and supporting priority of The Association of the Churches of God in Oregon and Southwest Washington is to establish an environment that recognizes people with leadership potential and comes along side to nurture and develop that person.

Relationship: A significant and supporting priority of The Association of the Churches of God in Oregon and Southwest Washington is to be an Association that is connected by more than just a name or a structure. We desire that our actions and interactions be instigated through intentional covenantal relationships.

My role as District Pastor is to give vision to our Association and support to our pastors and churches in these changing times. In January I began a Missional Coaching internship with Dr. Bob Whitesel. The purpose of this internship is to better prepare myself to help the churches in our Association live out our missional calling. Dr. Whitesel has written 13 books and has over 20 years of church consulting experience. I have learned a great deal from Dr. Whitesel and I am available to use what I am learning to help your church.

I also completed the writing of a Missional Coaching Handbook as part of my Doctor of Ministry studies at Fuller Seminary. In the fall I will be looking for a few pastors and church leaders who will be willing to coach some of their people through the content of the handbook. The goal is to better equip these leaders to engage their neighborhood with the gospel.

This year I have been working with a group of regional pastors and our national office on a pilot project known as the Pacific Coast Collective. The collective is developing ways we can work together across state lines to see the Kingdom of God advance on the West Coast and beyond. I will be sharing the content of a ministry engagement paper at this year's Association meeting.

I continue to represent our Association on several boards and committees including Warner Pacific University, Servant Solutions, the Regional Pastors Executive Committee as well as the Camp White Branch Board, District Council, the Credentials Board, and the Willamette Valley

Camp Meeting planning board. I also participated in the regional meetings when my schedule permits.

I am excited for the leadership of Camp White Branch as they have completed the Multi-Purpose building and are set to dedicate it on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 10-2. I want to thank Leonard and Stacey Meyer for their tireless work. Well done! I also want to thank Mel Neu and his army of volunteers who completed the work on the building. We look forward to the building providing a space for the camp to introduce people to Jesus and to grow the Kingdom of God.

On May 18, 2019 the Association hosted a prayer summit at the Albany First Church. The summit was led by Pastor Matt Ingalls who guided us in 3 movements of prayer which included, confession, listening and change. It was a great day to gather, learn and pray together.

As of the writing of this report there are currently 5 churches seeking pastoral leadership. We have several new pastors in our Association including Pastor Larry Wilson (Medford) and Pastor Aaron "Moose" Sprunger (Albany 1st). I would encourage you to get to know these new leaders and make them feel welcome.

This year we witnessed the closing and sale of one of our Portland area churches, the Holladay Park Church of God. Holladay Park was one of the strong churches in our Association for many decades. Due to many factors, the church leadership made the challenging decision to end its ministry and sell the building to Bridgetown Church. The Kingdom lives on in Northeast Portland. I want to thank Pastor Martin Shroust and the leadership of the church for the generous gift given to the Association from the proceeds of the sale. You have our commitment; we will use the resources given to further the ministry and build the Kingdom.

As noted earlier, part of the Association's mission is to make disciples and grow leaders. In order to fulfill that mandate, the Association will be hosting a Gravity Leadership Bootcamp. This will be a series of four one-day training events to help equip leaders to lead like Jesus. Look for more information including dates, cost and other logistics soon.

It has been a busy and challenging year but through it all God has been faithful. I want to thank my dedicated staff, Sally Ranton and Val Borst for the hard work and dedication they bring to their jobs every day. I am excited about the possibilities ahead for our Association and I am honored to serve you as your District Pastor.

DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIR

It was with regret that the District Council accepted Chair Jackie Scott's resignation from that position effective at the end of November, 2018. District Council Secretary Glen Hossler, as the only other standing officer of the Council, was asked to fill the Chair's position on an interim basis until a new Chair can be elected at the District's Annual Business Meeting July 20, 2019. The Council wants to **THANK JACKIE** for her exceptional leadership for the past three plus years as the District has been transitioning to the new governance model and implementing the Regional format. She has done a tremendous job of guiding the District during this transitional time. **THANK YOU, JACKIE!!**

Evaluating how the District is doing with this new governance model and the Regional structure will be an intentional priority for the Council this next year. I also want to share that the Pendleton First Church of God has decided to move their affiliation from our District to the Pacific Northwest Association of the Churches of God (Washington) because they have developed close ties with the Tri-cities and Walla Walla Churches of God and have close geographic proximity with them.

The Strategic Planning Committee (a task force created last year whose main goal is to see emerging leaders from our District be trained, equipped and released to serve) has contacted **Gravity Leadership**, a consulting/coaching/training group that emphasizes leadership training for multiplying discipleship through a sustainable process: "Making Disciples in the Way of Jesus", and is in dialogue with them re: their Boot Camps. The goal is to have those Boot Camp training sessions for both new/emerging leaders and current church leaders begin this year in our District.

We were saddened by the closure of the Holladay Park Church of God (Portland), but understand the life cycle of churches, and want to express our appreciation for the lives touched for the Kingdom of God and the ministry that Holladay Park has blessed us with over their years. That blessing continues as Holladay Park Church has given substantial financial gifts to the District, Camp White Branch, and the Willamette Valley Campmeeting, among others. **THANK YOU, HOLLADAY PARK!!**

Speaking of the Willamette Valley Campmeeting, it was officially designated as an affiliated organization of the District, and its leadership group was designated as a District task force. This allows the monies and accounting for the WVCM to be under the District's 501c3, and allows them to give tax credits for donations. (Other affiliated organizations of the District include: Camp White Branch, Warner Pacific University, the District Christian Women's Connection, and the Men's Ministry)

Camp White Branch has their own report, but I would add that the District Council has met with new CWB Board Chair Lisa Switzer, and is excited with the vision and expertise she brings to that position. I also want to express, on behalf of the District, a huge thank you to Mel Neu for the MANY YEARS he served as CWB Board Chair, and the tremendous amount of time and energy he personally spent in not only keeping CWB alive, but his guidance on the new building. **THANK YOU, MEL NEU!!!**

The District has also upgraded our website to better facilitate registrations for our District events. And... we hosted a District-wide Prayer Summit May 18, 2019 at the Albany First Church of God, with Matt Ingalls as the leader of that event. We must never forget or neglect the importance of prayer!

And, on behalf of our District and the Council, I want to express our appreciation to our District Pastor, Jerry Davisson, for his leadership and guidance. He and the District office staff, Sally Ranton and Valerie Borst, have been tremendous to work with. Our District is very blessed to have these wonderful people serving us. **THANK YOU, JERRY, SALLY, AND VALERIE!!**

May we continue striving to be the body of Christ in our communities, district, and world!

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Hossler
Interim Association Chair

CAMP WHITE BRANCH

Thanks to all who diligently support the camp with prayer, funds, donations, visits, and volunteering. We are looking for ways to share information on a more regular basis with all churches about the camp and what type of needs or help we might need, as well as activities going on at the camp.

We were busy a majority of the summer with camps and served firefighters all the way into October, due to fires in the local area. The rest of the year had limited bookings, which is an opportunity the new multi-purpose building now allows us to do.

The multi-purpose building was approved for occupancy this spring and will be ready for camp season this summer. The final Murdock grant funds were received in December to support purchases for the interior. Many churches and individuals also blessed us with funds for specific needs at the camp and to complete the building. We were blessed to have so many volunteers help with different aspects of the building over the years. The building dedication is planned for October 19th from 10-2 and we will open the camp for overnight stays for those travelling a long distance to get there. We are also encouraging churches to bus folks to the camp that day.

With the firefighter funds received last year we were able to purchase a tractor with a snow blower attachment and forks. What a blessing this was when 6 feet of snow fell at camp in March and the truck that usually supports the snow plow stopped working. God is good!

The camp was out of power for 2 weeks during the severe snow storm. Leonard and Stacey were prepared with supplies and a generator to run for a few hours each day at their house. Post the storm, three of the cabins had damage due to frozen pipes and water heater leaks, food in freezers had to be thrown out, pipes in the old lodge needed repair, and the front porch of the manager's house came off. We filed a claim with Church Mutual Insurance and received 33K for damages. We have been blessed with volunteers who helped Leonard make the repairs in time for camping season. The funds received will be used to update freezers, do additional pipe conversion to pex pipe, and review securing additional generators, and making updates to ensure we are better prepared for inclement weather.

Danette Beisley accepted the role of Church of God Camp Coordinator in October and has been working closely with camp directors on defining the summer camp program for our churches. With the leadership of Lindsey Speer from Reedsport, they had a counselor training session in May for middle and senior high counselors. The idea is to expand this next year to all camp counselors and directors. Danette is also working on defining the role of camp director and will ensure summer camps are meeting the needs of our children and youth. Our first young adult retreat is also being planned for this fall. If you know of individuals who are interested in being a director of one of the camps or a counselor please reach out to Danette.

I was elected in October as the new Chairman of the Board for the Camp. Thanks so much to Mel Neu for his years of service in this role. He has ensured the completion of the multi-purpose building and knows so much about the camp. I am looking forward to serving the camp, utilizing the talents and skills the Lord has blessed me with. My goal in this role is to make the camp what the churches within the district desire it to be. With this said, the district has appointed a special task force to define the vision, mission, and purpose for our camp facility. One goal is for camp operating expenses to be covered by the bookings we receive and not be dependent on firefighter income for this. Over time we also want to move the CWB board from one focused on maintenance to a governance and policy board. Additional areas of focus for this coming year are creation of an employee handbook, standardized operating policies/procedures, review of our compliance with local laws and regulations, and new marketing tools.

Pray for Leonard and Stacey, camp staff, camp directors and counselors, and children attending the camps this summer. Prayers for wisdom, guidance, and direction for the board and task force would also be appreciated.

Regards,

Lisa Switzer, Camp White Branch Chairman

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION
for Oregon and SW Washington of the Church of God

Thank you to the 21 Oregon Churches of God who supported the Christ Birthday Offering! It is a united effort of Church of God congregations to celebrate and benefit the Kingdom. This observance originated in 1949 out of a desire by women of the Church of God to combat commercialism. Oregon churches gave \$22,748.43.

Our CWC events include Spring Connection and a Fall Retreat. Spring Connection was held at Sunset Park Community Church in Saint Helens. This was our best attended event in several years. There were 65 ladies attending to hear our keynote speaker, Kris Davisson.

Fall retreat held September 14-16th at Camp White Branch was unique. Leslie Duclo, who is our Secretary, was the guest speaker. She used science type object lessons to broaden our spiritual visualization of Living Water.

Our income for 2018-2019 was \$22,840.71. Expenses were \$9043.36. Christ Birthday was \$22,748.43.

CWC desires to be a resource for Women's Ministry Groups in our state. The officers are: Nancy Kernutt (President/Coordinator); LaRene Hossler (Assistant Coordinator); Leslie Duclo (Secretary/Treasurer); Maria Dixon (Director of Finance); Toni Johnson (Relationship/Spiritual Connector); and Joyce Hinkle (Parliamentarian).

CREDENTIALS AND ADVISORY BOARD

Present members of the Board are: John Kuykendall, Steve Hoover, Monica Monroe, Tim Irwin, Rich LaMar, Robin Brooke, and Charles Hunter as well as Jerry Davisson, District Pastor.

We continue to be part of Leadership Focus, a national Church of God system that is working well for many with the Church of God nationally. Building uniformity from one district to another is part of the reason for Leadership Focus. One positive thing is that it networks us with others in ministry all over the Church of God.

We have no individuals to ordain this summer, but there are some close to completion.

We are currently working with 18 individuals in the credentialing process. Some are district commissioned, and some are licensed. We presently have 153 ministers on our approved list in this district for which we maintain files, and perform annual registration.

Blessings,

Monica Monroe, Chair

MEN OF THE CHURCH OF GOD

Church family,

Bill Marble took over the leadership of the Men of the Church of God in October 2018. Officers include Mark Gebler (Treasurer), Gary Duclo, Brad Lewis and Jay Thornhill.

Pastor Brian Arnold has agreed to be the speaker for this year's Men of the Church of God Retreat coming up August 16-18, 2019 at Camp White Branch. The theme is *Prayer*.

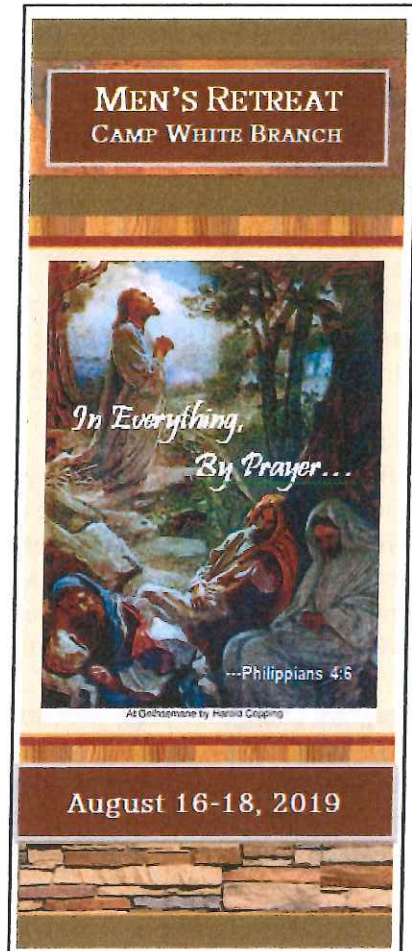
We urge you all to pray for our Men's group, Women's group, Youth and Children. We can't set ourselves aside from the other groups. We are one body.

Bill is always seeking new encouragement and new ideas that can strengthen and expand the kingdom of God.

Respectfully Submitted by
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I AM PRAYING FOR YOU!



WARNER PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

U.S. News & World Report Rankings

Warner Pacific University led the way in educational quality, value, and diversity, according to new “Best Colleges” rankings released in September of 2018 by *U.S. News & World Report*. Warner Pacific University ranked #1 in Ethnic Diversity (tied) for colleges in the West and was the only institution in Oregon to appear in the list. The University also ranked as a Best Regional College (#10), and a Best Value School (#8).

Hispanic Serving Institution Designation

Warner Pacific University was the first 4-year college or university in Oregon to receive designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) by the U.S. Department of Education. The Hispanic-Serving Institution designation requires more than 25% of full-time students identify as Hispanic or Latino. The HSI designation benefits all WPU students, as it opens the doors to scholarships for students who are currently enrolled at institutions that are members of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Affirming Affordability

Affordability of higher education is a growing concern among students and their families. Warner Pacific is committed to providing access to education for all students, including those from low socioeconomic circumstances. Warner Pacific University’s Board of Trustees reduced tuition by 24% for the 2018-19 academic year to \$18,000. This move means that WP’s tuition is 52% lower than other private colleges and universities in the Pacific Northwest. In a season when other institutions are increasing tuition by 3% to 12%, WPU will not increase tuition for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Program Changes to Align with Student Interest

In order to better align programs with students’ needs and interests, and to recalibrate operational budgets, Warner Pacific University announced that it will both end existing programs and launch new programs in the Fall. Program closures include the Early Learning Center, music major, drama minor and intercollegiate golf program. New programs include a redesigned music minor with performance opportunities, new majors in human resources management, finance, technology programs through sourceU (cybersecurity and web and mobile development and digital product design <https://sourceu.warnerpacific.edu/>), as well as growing our new nursing program and longstanding education program. Additionally, women’s softball will begin this fall.

Nursing Program Approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN)

The Oregon State Board of Nursing has approved Warner Pacific University’s proposal to offer the pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The approval comes after nearly a year of preparation and close correspondence with the nursing board by Warner Pacific administrators and faculty. The first cohort of BSN students enrolled in January 2019, a second cohort will start in August and a third in January of 2020.

M.J. Murdock Trust Awards \$350,000 for Nursing Simulation Lab

Warner Pacific University’s Nursing Program received a \$350,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust to furnish the University’s new simulation-based learning labs. The purpose of the learning labs is to simulate complex and nuanced health care scenarios using state of the art equipment in a way that allows students to practice realistic patient care in a controlled environment. In pre-licensure nursing programs, simulated learning can substitute for up to 50 percent of traditional clinical experience.

A new Strategic Plan will be launched for 2019-2022. More to come!