

ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT ANNUAL REPORT NORTH CAROLINA WEST DISTRICT, 2011 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve the NC West District of The Wesleyan Church. I would like to thank DS Jerry Lumston and Jean Ellen for their leadership, friendship and investment into mine and Michelle's lives and ministry. I am also thankful for Pastor Ron and Susan Haithcock and Pastor Nate and Kimberly McMurphy who have been faithful to pastor and lead our family. We have enjoyed serving the Lord with the people of Providence. Each year I grow more and more to cherish Michelle and Andrew who recognize the call to ministry is not mine but is ours. I could not begin to express enough praise to Jesus my Lord and Savior. I live everyday in the wonder of His love.

This conference year a lot of exciting things have happened in our district as churches look for ways to impact their community. Churches have not let size or finances keep them from advancing "The Kingdom". New Life Wesleyan Church, Pastor Steve Williams, is a small congregation that is making a difference. A couple of years ago they opened their doors to a Haitian congregation, Harvest Missionary. This year New Life and Harvest Missionary opened the church facility to our newest Hispanic congregation LaRoca. Every Sunday three different congregations, one Anglo, one Haitian and one Hispanic share the same church facility. Several churches have begun new services, increased giving to missions and made a difference in their community through signature projects.

We praise God that the district has been able to begin three missions this conference year. Two of these new projects are Hispanic efforts: Mt. Zion, Pastor Bernardo Fernandez, in Shelby, NC and LaRoca, Pastor Nestor Gudino, in Winston-Salem NC. The third mission is an Anglo project that is reaching into downtown Asheville, NC, Exodus Church, Pastor Jay Depoy. We also rejoice that 13 new students have expressed a call to ministry and been registered with the District Board of Ministerial Development.

The transition that our churches and district must make is not easy. I believe that God is calling us to a place of surrender. The place where we give God control and truly say where you lead I will follow. The Lord may lead us to do things that are unconventional but I am reminded the way of faith is not predictable. God is calling us to look beyond ourselves and see the lost; they are what He treasures. It is our calling to seek them with our Father's passion and offer them the reconciliation and healing of Jesus Christ.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Evangelism and Church Growth

- ◆ Chaired the E&CG Committee
- ◆ Met with Hispanic Pastors to canvas neighborhood in Kannapolis to gage potential Hispanic ministry.
- ◆ Chaired 3 LBA Meetings at Good Samaritan
- ◆ Chaired Local Church Conference at Good Samaritan.
- ◆ Several Meetings with Pastor Nestor Gudino to discuss plans concerning a new Hispanic Ministry in Winston-Salem, LaRoca.
- ◆ Met with Pastor Steve Williams New Life, Pastor Pierre François and Pastor Nestor Gudino to work out details of all 3 congregations using the facilities at New Life.
- ◆ Met with representatives of a Hispanic group led by Pastor Bernardo Fernandez. We placed this group in touch with Pastor Dean Lavender at Shelby First Wesleyan and they agreed to host this group. The group is Mt Zion Wesleyan Church.
- ◆ Several phone conversations and visits with Jay Depoy, church planter in Asheville, NC.
- ◆ Along with DS Lumston, and the E&CG Committee worked with Jay Depoy to launch Exodus Church in Asheville, NC.

- ◆ Worked with DS Lumston to secure a meeting place for Throne of Grace Hendersonville.
- ◆ Worked with York First Wesleyan and New Hope to secure a Pastor for the Hispanic Ministry after Pastor Johel Rodriguez submitted his resignation.

Refocusing (A ministry of E&CG)

- ◆ Organized and led Phase 2 Refocusing Retreat for 7 district pastors
- ◆ Met with First Wesleyan, Gastonia LBA to discuss Refocusing process
- ◆ 12 Pastor Network meetings for Refocusing
- ◆ Organized and led Phase 1 Refocusing Retreat for 6 district pastors
- ◆ 3 Team Training Events with 9 churches and over 50 team members
- ◆ 8 Church Resource Ministries Coaching Calls

District Board of Ministerial Development

- ◆ Chaired DBMD Committee
- ◆ Registered 13 New Students in the Ministerial Education Program
- ◆ Along with Pastors Daryl Lewis, Roger Parsons and Tim Smith developed an annual questionnaire to use in interviews of those in the Ministerial Training Program
- ◆ Participated in 59 Annual Ministerial Student Interviews
- ◆ Organized Ordination Interview for 9 Potential Candidates
- ◆ Participated in 19 SWU /IWU Ministerial Student Interviews
- ◆ Traveled to FLAME events in November to meet and encourage students
- ◆ Updated DBMD e-mailing list
- ◆ Attended DBMD Institute hosted by Department of Education and Ministry
- ◆ Several letters/e-mails to ordination candidates and other ministerial students
- ◆ Met with students to address concerns or questions

Leadership Development Journey

- ◆ Organized 90 pastors into 12 LDJ groups
- ◆ Received Reports from Group Facilitators
- ◆ Attended Several Youth Pastors LDJ Group
- ◆ Attended 2 meetings of the Hispanic Pastors Group

Spiritual Formation

- ◆ Chaired the Spiritual Formation Committee
- ◆ Worked with Spiritual Formation committee to organize “The Huddle”
- ◆ Attended 3 Kids Camp Services
- ◆ Met with Pastor Mike Howard to help with youth camp registration and transfer district youth treasurer
- ◆ Attended all Youth Camp services
- ◆ Along with DS Lumston led the Annual District Youth Conference
- ◆ Met with Rev. Eddie Gray, District Sunday School Director
- ◆ Attended Sunday School Committee Meeting
- ◆ Attended District Youth Lock-In
- ◆ Attended Youth Camp Planning Committee Meeting
- ◆ Aided Mr. Gene Green in organizing a meeting to gain input about district Wesleyan Men
- ◆ Attended both sessions of “The Huddle”

District Conference Planning Committee

- ◆ Worked with District Conference Planning Committee to make District Conference Preparations.

I want to give a very special thank you to those who have worked so hard to plan this year’s conference. Scott

Howard-Registrar, Kemuel Travis-housing coordinator, Hank Moffitt-Facilities Coordinator, Jon Mann-Meals Coordinator, Scott Bryson-A/V Coordinator and JV Allen-Hospitality Coordinator and Nancy Mills the District Office Administrator.

Other Duties

- ◆ 6 accountability group meetings
- ◆ Filled Pulpit at Hayworth for 10 Weeks
- ◆ Conference Action Committee meeting
- ◆ New Pastor Orientation
- ◆ 4 District Executive Committee Meetings
- ◆ 4 District Board of Administration Meeting
- ◆ Directed the Conference Planning Committee
- ◆ 2 Carolina Pastor Gathering Meetings
- ◆ Attended NC East District Conference
- ◆ Attended Hoover Walk
- ◆ Moved District Office with DS Lumston
- ◆ Mayfest
- ◆ 2 services South Mountain Revival
- ◆ South Mountain Christmas
- ◆ 1 service of Sandhills Area Revival
- ◆ 1 service at Camp Wesley
- ◆ All services Triad Area Revival
- ◆ 1 service of Tri County Area Revival
- ◆ 1 service of Foothills Area Revival
- ◆ 1 Service of Gastonia Area Revival
- ◆ Hickory Chapel 150th Anniversary
- ◆ The Gathering
- ◆ Revival Services at Denver, Kings Mountain First and Emmanuel Greensboro
- ◆ 1 Revival Service at Liberty Summerfield
- ◆ Speaker for Firestone Stewardship Campaign
- ◆ Received Reports and worked with Sandhills and Memorial Park
- ◆ Assisted DS Lumston in pastoral transitions
- ◆ Met with congregation at Sandhills concerning Financial Issues
- ◆ Met with several other LBA's with DS Lumston concerning various issues
- ◆ Assisted DS Lumston in Planning Hispanic Pastor Retreat
- ◆ Mrs. Beulah Harris Funeral
- ◆ Several calls and meetings with pastors concerning various issues
- ◆ Assisted DS Lumston in other areas as needed

Different Churches Visited 38
Total Church Visits 60
Miles Driven for District Purposes 16,460

Respectfully Submitted,



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