**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Russ Gonzales, delegates, and friends of the Florida District Family. As I write this report I am reminded that with God in control all things are possible.

In this ninth year in office, we have reached new heights in our mission to multiply believers, leaders and churches.

Multiplication of Believers

I praise God for the many people who came to Christ this past year. Our churches reported 700 salvations, and 193 baptisms. Our average worship attendance was 3,750. God is building His church and we praise the Lord for the harvest of souls.

Multiplication of Leaders

Our leaders continue to develop. We have 96 students enrolled in District extension classes through our ministerial and lay academies and 19 students enrolled in all five of our Wesleyan universities. This past year we disbursed $33,000 for leadership development making a seven year total of $332,000 disbursed for our students. Giving scholarships to students attending our Wesleyan Schools and District extension courses is a Florida District priority. We are pouring resources into leadership development because these leaders are the future of our district.

We are starting something new for our churches. We plan to establish a template for building websites and helping churches with website design.

Some leadership transitions are taking place this year due to pastoral change. Rev. John Croft has accepted a call to Crosstown Fellowship in Port St. Lucie. I expect Pastor John to do a great job leading this church to reach people for Christ in their community.

Multiplication Of Churches

Momentum is growing in the multiplication of churches. This year we started three new Wesleyan works in the following Florida communities: Sebring, Wesley Chapel and Ft Myers. They are church plant projects in the early stage of development. One of these is English speaking, two are Spanish speaking.

We have approved two church plant projects with leaders preparing to start work this coming year in the following locations: Spring Hill and Naples, one will be English speaking and one will be Spanish speaking. We have both of these pastors and their families with us today. They are Rafael Bellinni, and Edith Feliciano. I will introduce them to you later.

Overseas we have partnered with the Western District of Cuba by giving financial support to the district helping them to purchase six buildings in Cuba for Church plants. We have supported the national church with resources and given the district financial support to build classrooms for their ministerial institute. We have helped pastors and leaders by purchasing bicycle parts needed for transportation. Florida pastors have preached in their churches, taught ministerial classes, and helped with build out of facilities for church buildings. We have partnered with the Guyanese District to develop leadership and equip them to do greater ministry. We also have been involved in Guatemala serving those in need through Impacto ministries.

MULTIPLICATION OF RESOURCES

Momentum is growing in support of our vision. We increased our income in the operations account from $568,000 to 590,000. We also had a strong year in our multiplication fund with $305,000 coming in. God has provided for our vision in amazing ways.

I want to thank all of our donors for their generosity toward the District mission to multiply believers, leaders, and churches.

SUMMARY

Our mission is to fulfill the Great Commission in the Spirit of the Great Commandment. Our Multiplication movement focuses on multiplying believers, leaders and churches throughout the Florida District and beyond. Fanning the flame for multiplication through changed lives and disciple making for God’s glory is who we are as a district team. I hope all who connect with us will recognize the Florida District is a life giving organization.

I thank you for allowing me to serve as your leader. I give God the glory for the great things He has done among us. I also believe there are greater things yet to come for the Florida District as we continue to follow God. May God bless you all as we work together for the cause of His Kingdom!



Rev. Patrick Styers

Florida District Superintendent

DISTRICT MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

* Led District Conference
* Led two (2) new pastor’s orientation meetings
* Led a pastor’s team meeting
* Participated in an ordination service
* Met with all Lead (Sr./Solo) Pastors individually for a half day of dialogue
* Toured all local church property in the Florida district within the conference year
* Chaired six (6) DBA meetings
* Chaired one (1) Executive Committee meeting
* Chaired one (1) Nominating Committee meeting
* Chaired one (1) Budget Committee meeting
* Participated in four (4) DBMD Meetings
* Participated in four (4) Conference Planning Committee Meetings
* Led one (1) Church Planting Training
* Participated in one (1) Spiritual Formation Committee Meeting
* Chaired three (3) Pastoral reviews
* Visited forty three (43) Local Church services and preached in thirteen (13) services
* Led one (1) District Ministerial Retreat
* Participated in youth and children’s camp
* Participated in the men’s retreat
* Led seven (7) planter and pastor mentoring meetings
* Participated in one (1) church anniversary service
* Participated in one (1) building dedication
* Conducted three (3) pastoral installation services

DENOMINATIONAL OR AT LARGE MEETINGS

* Participated in the DS Institute
* Participated in the DS Roundtable
* Participated in one (1) DS Cluster meeting
* Participated in the Unleashed event at 12 Stone
* Participated in one DBMD/Credentialing study meeting regionally
* Participated in two (2) Southern Wesleyan University Board of Trustees Meetings
* Participated in two (2) Kingswood University Board of Trustees Meetings
* Participated in the Wesleyan General Conference
* Participated in one USF Task Force meeting
* Participated in Exponential Conference for church planters and sponsoring agencies
* Participated in four (4) Wesleyan Holiness Consortium meetings

LEGAL TRANSACTIONS

* Signed contract for purchase for the Port Charlotte Haitian Church
* Signed a contract for sale for the Perry property
* Signed a contract for sale for the Satellite Beach parsonage
* Signed a contract for sale for the Naples property-Unit 2
* Signed one (1) cooperative use agreement at the Sunrise property
* Signed (1) cooperative use agreement at the Port Charlotte property
* Signed one (1) cooperative use agreement at the Satellite Beach property
* Signed one (1) cooperative use agreement at the Merritt Island property

CREDENTIALS TRANSFERRED OUT

* Stephen Keith-ordained minister- Crossroads District
* Jonathan David-ordained minister-Mountain Plains District

CREDENTIALS TRANSFERRED IN

* John Croft-ordained minister-Crossroads District

CREDENTIALS WITHDRAWN BY REQUEST

* Ronald Sumpter
* Claudio Pello
* Juan Morillo
* Keithroy George