

## **DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

As I write this report, we are in the middle of a pandemic and thus our 2020 District Conference has been canceled and rescheduled for next year. Our churches have mostly shut down physical services due to Covid19 from March through May and have gone virtual using online platforms. In times like this, I am reminded that in God we trust. He is our heavenly Father who loves us, and He will see us through this challenging time in life and ministry.

In this twelfth year in office, I have continued working toward our mission to multiply disciples, servant leaders and churches.

### **MULTIPLICATION OF BELIEVERS**

I praise God for the many people who came to Christ this past year. Our churches reported 341 salvations, and 180 baptisms. Our average worship attendance for the first three quarters of the year was 3,199. 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 15 students enrolled in four of our Wesleyan universities and Wesley Seminary. This past year, we disbursed \$16,550 for leadership development making a ten-year total of \$385,000 disbursed for our students. Giving scholarships to students attending our Wesleyan Schools is a Florida District priority. We are putting resources into leadership development because these leaders are the future of our district.

A program was started for churches during the pandemic to help with pastoral support, mortgages and/or rents, and video equipment for streaming or recording of services. We have paid out \$47,750 in grants to 33 churches through the end of the conference year.

We started a new program for pastors to enhance their retirement funding. This grant program, in conjunction with the Thrive Initiative, is helping pastors to put more money away for their retirement. This first year six pastors took advantage of the program which put \$22,400 into their 403b account with the Wesleyan Pension Fund. Thirty-six pastors took the opportunity of the general thrive initiative totaling \$86,247 to help pastors flourish.

A pastoral change has taken place this year. Rev. Annie George has accepted the appointment of Interim to First Wesleyan Church of Hollywood, Florida. I expect Annie 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 four new Wesleyan works in the following communities: Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, Orlando, and St. Petersburg, Fl. They are church plant projects in the early stages of development. Two of these churches are Creole speaking, one is Spanish speaking and one is English speaking. Pastors Samuel Merisier, Obrian Morvan, Ranledis Perez, Marilee Basulto, and Mike Oliver are leading these new ministries.

Overseas we have partnered with the Western District of Cuba by giving financial support to purchase/remodel buildings in Cuba for new church locations. Florida churches have helped with transportation needs. We have partnered with the national church in Colombia by giving financial support to help their work building a mission outpost in the Amazon. We have partnered with the Guyanese District by giving scholarship money to the bible school students to equip them to do ministry.

## MULTIPLICATION OF RESOURCES

It was a challenging last quarter of the district conference year with Covid19. Our income total in the operations account was \$594,000, which ended up adding \$8,000 to the bottom line in the operating fund for the year. We also had a great year in our multiplication fund with \$378,000 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 disciples, servant 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 disciples, servant 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 as a culture which brings freedom and life to those we serve.

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 Pastors Orientation Meeting
- Led the Pastors Team Meeting
- Participated in an Ordination Service
- Led the Pastors and spouses retreat
- 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 five (5) DBA meetings
- Participated in one (1) investment committee meeting
- Participated in three (3) DBMD meetings
- Participated in three (3) conference planning committee meetings
- Chaired six (6) pastoral reviews
- Led two (2) LBA meetings
- Participated in one (1) pastoral search
- Led three (3) local church conference meetings
- Preached in Thirteen (13) local church services
- Participated in youth and children's camp
- Led five (5) planter and pastor mentoring meetings
- Conducted five (5) pastoral installation services
- Participated in three (3) new or launch church services
- Participated in two (2) meetings held for our Spanish churches
- Led a trip to help with Bahamian recovery and relief efforts
- Participated in thirty-one (31) church services
- Participate in one (1) Homecoming service
- Participate in one (1) church Banquet

## DENOMINATIONAL OR AT LARGE MEETINGS

- Participated in three (3) DS/GS zoom meetings
- Participated in one (1) Regional DS Meeting
- Participated in one (1) Exponential Cohort meeting for DS's
- Participated in one DS meeting organized by WIF
- Participated in one (1) USF Task Force meeting
- Participated in one (1) Wesleyan Holiness Connection steering committee meeting
- Participated in two (2) Wesleyan Holiness Connection regional meetings
- Participated in Exponential Conference for planters & sponsoring agencies

## LEGAL TRANSACTIONS

- Signed a contract for purchase of a Keystone Heights property
- Signed a contract for sale of Hollywood parsonage property
- Signed a contract for sale of Naples parsonage property

- Signed a contract for sale of .75 acre lot of land in Middleburg
- Signed a contract for sale of Merritt Island church property
- Signed a contract for sale of 1.75 acres of land in Spring Hill
- Signed Land Condo Documents for our Largo church property
- Signed a contract for lease of a cell tower on our Spring Hill property
- Signed one (1) cooperative use agreement at the Bradenton property
- Signed two (2) cooperative use agreements at the Wesley Chapel property
- Signed two (2) cooperative use agreements at the Middleburg property

#### CREDENTIALS TRANSFERRED OUT

- Mike Levelle-Ordained Minister-Greater Ohio
- Jay DeNeff- Ordained Minister-Crossroads
- Joe Jackson-Ordained Minister-Crossroads
- Derek Carpenter-Ordained Minister-Indiana South

#### CREDENTIALS TRANSFERRED IN

- Nowell Hardin-Ordained Minister-Crossroads
- Tom Cochran-Ordained Minister-Crossroads
- Daniel Duda-Ordained Minister-Western NY
- Martha Duda-Commissioned Special Worker-Western NY
- Neyda Albarran-Ordained Minister-Wesleyan Church of Puerto Rico

#### REINSTATEMENT OF CREDENTIALS

- Keithroy George-Ordained Minister

#### VOLUNTARILY WITHDRAWN

- Karina Carrion-Ordained Minister
- Juan Otamendi-Ordained Minister
- Luisa Otamendi-Commission Special Worker
- Felicia Melian-Ordained Minister
- Gabriel Melian-Ordained Minister