

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As I write this report, we are experiencing an ongoing pandemic and a Ukrainian war with a humanitarian crisis. Our churches are also experiencing challenges and are persevering. In times like this, I am reminded that, we are here to make a better place for all to live and serve with purpose and meaning. Our Heavenly Father will see us through these troubling times like all others and we will continue to experience His peace and love at work among us.

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

MULTIPLICATION OF DISCIPLES

I praise God for the many people who came to Christ this past year. Our churches reported 294 salvations, and 144 baptisms. Our average in person worship attendance was 2,336 and online attendance was 1,643 and our total members was 2,065.

MULTIPLICATION OF SERVANT LEADERS

Our leaders continue to develop. We have 12 students enrolled in four of our Wesleyan universities and Wesley Seminary. This past year, we disbursed \$19,000 for leadership development making a 12-year running total of \$430,000 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 special program of the Thrive initiative continued for pastor's grants during the pandemic that helped with pastoral support. Four pastors received \$8,000 in covid-19 relief grants through the end of the conference year. We also supported eight pastors with grants totaling \$40,000 to enhance their Wesleyan Pension Fund. This grant program, in conjunction with the Thrive Initiative, is helping pastors to put more money away for their retirement. Three pastors took advantage of the student loan debt program to pay down student debt totaling \$16,695. Ten pastors took the opportunity of the general thrive initiative totaling \$20,000 to help pastors flourish. A grand total of twenty five pastors took advantage of the Thrive Financial initiative programs totaled \$84,695 in grants for the conference year.

Pastoral changes have taken place this year. Dr. Rev. Michael Morris has accepted the call of senior pastor to Brooksville Wesleyan Church. Rev. Sandy Fleuriot has been appointed as pastor at Crosstown Fellowship. I expect these pastors to do a great job leading these churches to reach people for Christ in their community.

MULTIPLICATION OF CHURCHES

Momentum is growing in the multiplication of churches. This year we started a new work in Ft. Lauderdale. It is a creole speaking church led by Pastor Velky Jacques. We also had a newer church join us in our mission work in Spring Hill. It is a Spanish speaking church led by Pastors Jacobo Munoz and Karen Pacheco.

Overseas we have partnered with the Wesleyan Church and World Hope for humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine. We continue to partner with the national church in Colombia by giving financial support to help their work building a mission outpost in the Amazon. We have also partnered with Haiti by giving financial support to the La Gonave Hospital and other relief efforts in the country.

MULTIPLICATION OF RESOURCES

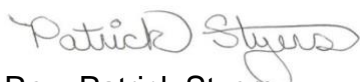
It was a challenging district conference year for resources with the ongoing pandemic. Our income total in the operations account was \$559,000, which ended up adding \$4,000 to the bottom line in the operating fund for the year after cutting back on expenses throughout the year. As a ministry organization, we have three months of income for operating expenses in our operating account, what financial planners suggest to have set aside for any emergencies. We also had a great year in our multiplication fund with \$241,000 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 a Ministers Conference
- Participated in an Ordination Service
- Led a Pastors Team Meeting
- Led individual pastor meetings with all lead (sr./solo) pastors
- Chaired six (6) DBA meetings
- Chaired one (1) Budget committee meeting
- Chaired one (1) Nominating committee meeting
- Participated in one (1) Investment committee meeting
- Participated in three (3) DBMD meetings
- Participated in three (3) Conference Planning committee meetings
- Participated in one (1) Spiritual Formations meeting
- Participated in one (1) Men's Retreat
- Led two (2) LBA meetings
- Participated in one (1) building dedication
- Participated in two (2) pastoral searches

DENOMINATIONAL OR AT LARGE MEETINGS

- Participated in three (3) DS/GS meetings
- Participated in one (1) DS Institute meeting
- Participated in three (3) SWU Board of Trustees meetings
- Participated in one (1) Presidential Search Committee meeting
- Participated in one (1) Wesleyan Holiness Connection meeting

LEGAL TRANSACTIONS

- Signed a contract for sale for a Pensacola lot part of the church property
- Signed a contract for sale for a Zephyrhills lot part of the church property
- Signed one (1) cooperative use agreement at the Wesley Chapel property
- Signed one (1) cooperative use agreement at the Middleburg property
- Signed one (1) cooperative use agreement at the Hollywood Beverly Park property
- Signed one (1) cooperative use agreement at the Pensacola property

CREDENTIALS TRANSFERRED OUT

- Nowell Hardin-Ordained Minister-Great Lakes

CREDENTIALS TRANSFERRED IN

- Juan Torres-Ordained Minister-Northeast
- Dale Munsell-Ordained Minister-Crossroads
- Dwight Mikesell-Ordained Minister-Northeast
- Dwayne Winterberg-Ordained Minister-Great Lakes

VOLUNTARILY WITHDRAWN

- Rafael Bellinni
- Orval Pufall