

# DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As I write this report, we are experiencing an ever changing culture. Our churches are also experiencing cultural challenges and are persevering. In times like this, I am reminded that we are here to love people no matter how they choose to live and serve them hopefully reflecting Christ to them. Our Heavenly Father will show us how to love those very different from us and even our enemies and as we do we will continue to experience His peace and love at work among us.

In this 15th 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 337 salvations, and 146 baptisms. Our average in person worship attendance was 2,673 and online attendance was 2,218 and our total members was 2,106.

## MULTIPLICATION OF SERVANT LEADERS

Our leaders continue to develop. We have 12 students enrolled in three of our Wesleyan universities and Wesley Seminary. This past year, we disbursed \$16,000 for leadership development making a 13-year running total of \$446,000 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 called The Thrive Initiative continued for pastor's that helped with pastoral support. Two pastors received \$10,000 as a minority grant. Three pastors received NextGen grants of \$6,000. We also supported fourteen pastors with grants totaling \$35,000 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. Four pastors took advantage of the student loan debt program to pay down student debt totaling \$15,686. Ten pastors took the opportunity of the general thrive initiative totaling \$20,000 to help pastors flourish. A grand total of thirty three pastors took advantage of the Thrive Financial initiative programs totaled \$86,686 in grants for the conference year. Supporting pastors to thrive is a district priority and over the last five years we have disbursed \$308,537 to pastors throughout Florida.

Pastoral changes have taken place this year. Pastor Ruchama St. Hilaire has accepted the call to pastor Hollywood Haitian Wesleyan Church. Rev. Todd Sloan has accepted the call of lead pastor to Fellowship Community Church in Spring Hill. Rev. Linroy Duffus has been appointed as pastor at New River Wesleyan Church in Ft. Lauderdale. Pastor Barry Goodman was appointed as pastor at Countryside Wesleyan Church in Alva. 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 Park Place Wesleyan Church started campuses or new works in Sarasota and Clearwater. Mision Cristiana Siglo 21 helped to established three ministries in different communities in Venezuela. The works in Sarasota and Clearwater are English speaking and the works in Venezuela are Spanish speaking.

Overseas we have partnered with the national church in Colombia by giving financial support to help their work of building a mission outpost in the Amazon. We have also partnered with Water4Life Mozambique to finance digging of a well to give clean water for a community in this country.

## MULTIPLICATION OF RESOURCES

It was a good year for resources. Our income total in the operations account was \$634,000, which ended up adding \$54,000 to the bottom line in the operating fund for the year. As a ministry organization, we have four months of income for operating expenses in our operating account, the average of what most financial planners suggest to have set aside for any emergencies. We also had a great year in our multiplication fund with \$222,000 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
- Participated in an Ordination Service
- Led a Pastors Team Meeting
- Led individual pastor meetings with all lead (sr./solo) pastors
- Chaired five (5) 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
- Led one (1) pastoral review
- Participated in one (1) church anniversary service
- Participated in four (4) pastoral searches

## DENOMINATIONAL OR AT LARGE MEETINGS

- Participated in one (1) DS/GS meetings
- Participated in The Gathering
- Participated in one (1) SWU Board of Trustees 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 Bradenton property
- Signed one (1) cooperative use agreement at the Middleburg property
- Signed one (1) cooperative use agreement at the Weston property

## CREDENTIALS TRANSFERRED OUT

- Ronald Forsythe-Ordained Minister-Crossroads
- Jerry Pence-Ordained Minister-Tri-State
- John Croft- Ordained Minister-Indiana South

## CREDENTIALS TRANSFERRED IN

- Roger Meyers-Ordained Minister-North Carolina West
- Jamon Wilson-Ordained Minister-North Carolina West
- Esmond Sydney-Ordained Minister-Chesapeake
- John Howell-Ordained Minister-Northwest
- Coyt Carroll-Ordained Minister-South Coastal
- Josh Hampsher-Ordained Minister-Northwest
- Velky Jacques-Ordained Minister-Haiti

## VOLUNTARILY WITHDRAWN

- Obrian Morvan