

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011



**Booklet**  
 for  
**4th Session**  
 of the  
**Genesis Annual Conference**  
 May 13, 2011

**“GO”**

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**Genesis Annual Conference 2011**

– 4th Session –

Liverpool Community Church

Liverpool, NY

**Friday, May 13, 2011**

Bishop David Roller, President

**“GO”**

**When God says, go, He sends us where He wants us.**

**Luke 4**

- 7:30 AM      **Registration**
- 8:00 AM      **Continental Breakfast – Fellowship – Registration**
- 9:00 AM      **GO: Follow His Agenda**  
                  ~featuring Bishop Roller – Opening Address  
                  Opening Worship – Liverpool Worship Team  
                  Opening Address – Bishop Roller  
                  Organization of Conference  
                  Welcome  
                  CMC Testimonies – *part 1*
- 10:00 AM     **Break and Fellowship**  
                  Find & Greet: new CMCs, Elders, Transfers, & new friends
- 10:30 AM     **GO: Demonstrate His Love**  
                  ~featuring Supt. Pierce – *State of the Work*  
                  Partial MEG Report – Elders received (Ordinands & Transfers)  
                  State of the Work Report - Supt. Pierce  
                  CMC Testimonies – *part 2*  
                  TEAM Report – church plant video  
                  FM World Missions Report - Dr. Art Brown  
                  Prayer for new Society – Victory Fellowship Center, Rochester
- 12:00 PM     **Lunch and Fellowship**
- 1:30 PM      **GO: It is always personal – YOU, do something**

CMC Testimonies – *part 3*  
Nominating Report  
MEG Report – CMCs received  
FreeChurch.net – church plant video  
Q & A with Bishop Roller and Supt. Pierce  
LifeQuest – church plant video

- 3:00 PM     **Break and Fellowship**
- 3:30 PM     **GO: God wants to get us from here to there . . .**  
                  ~*featuring Bishop Roller – Closing Address*  
                  Afternoon Worship – Liverpool Worship Team  
                  Prayer for Delegates to General Conference 2011  
                  Retiree Recognition  
                  Memoirs  
                  Closing Address – Bishop Roller
- 4:30 PM     **Dinner and Fellowship**
- 6:00 PM     **GO: Spread Scriptural Holiness**  
                  ~*featuring Bishop Roller – Ordination Address*  
                  **Ordination Service**  
                  Reading of Appointments  
                  Fellowship Reception
- 9:00 PM     **Adjourn and Depart**

**Genesis Annual Conference**

4th Session

**May 13, 2011**

Liverpool Community Church

Liverpool, NY

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**Standing Rules**

- a. Members of conference whose duties require them to be absent shall be marked present at roll call.
- b. Those having a vote are ordained ministers, conference ministerial candidates who are senior pastors, and delegates.
- c. Honorary seats (having a voice but no vote) granted to Licensed Pastors, Conference Ministerial Candidates, Missionaries, Visiting Clergy, Church Officials, and other conference officers or committee members present.
- d. All major motions and debate shall be made at the microphones, and copies of all major recommendations or motions shall be given to the chairman and secretary before presentation.
- e. Any proposal or motions shall be given to the chairman and secretary before presentation.
- f. Unless otherwise ordered, all ballots shall be counted outside the bar of the conference.
- g. Any matter involving finances shall be referred to the Genesis Conference Board of Administration with power to act.
- h. Any unfinished business at the end of Annual Conference shall be referred to the Genesis Conference Board of Administration with power to act.

## Ministers Having a Seat Genesis Annual Conference 2011

*Updated 5.3.11*

### ELDERS

Adams, Linda  
 Ahern, Robert  
 Babcock, Brian  
 Barangendana, Ephraim  
 Bassett, Troy  
 Bates, Laverne W.  
 Bell, Rex  
 Bellinger, Jeffery  
 Bierdeman, Brenda  
 Billings, Robert L.  
 Blowers, LaVerne  
 Bohall, Robert  
 Borden, Jeffrey  
 Bridges, Donald  
 Briggs, Stephen  
 Brotzman, Gregory  
 Brown, Arthur  
 Buck, David J.  
 Burroughs, Sandra L.  
  
 Cahoon, C. Edwin  
 Calcano, Guillermo  
 Campbell, Robert S.  
 Carden, David L.  
 Carpenter, Rex  
 Colon, Joanne C.  
 Colon, Louis D.  
 Cullum, Douglas  
  
 Daningburg, Todd  
 Davis, Casey  
 Deeks, Timothy  
 Dey, Virgil C.  
 Doan, Robert L.  
 Donnell, Lloyd  
  
 Easterling, Bruce J.  
 Elder, Russell M.  
 Elivo, Rolfi M.  
  
 Fisher, David  
 Fisher, M. John  
  
 Fleming, Walter  
 Flowers, Margaret  
 Ford, George F.  
 Frederick, Harry  
 Freeman, Sharon

### ELDERS (cont'd.)

Gilmore, John  
 Greeno, Lawrence J.  
 Grimm, Nelson J.  
 Groves, Vern R.  
  
 Hamilton, Barry  
 Hamilton, Thomas B. *(deceased)*  
 Harblin, Eric C., Jr.  
 Harp, David Gregory  
 Haskins, Andrew  
 Hellmig, Leroy M. *(Skip)*  
 Hill, Matthew  
 Hill, Nelson  
 Hoose, Megan  
 Hoppe-Spink, Christopher  
 Hoppe-Spink, Joan  
 Horton, Jonathan  
 Hunt, Jonathan A.  
  
 Ireland, Richard  
  
 Jones, Michael  
 Jordan, Ralph  
  
 Kane, James  
 Keller, John D.  
 Kilburn, Thomas  
 Kuhlkin, Michael  
  
 LaBarr, James  
 LaCelle-Peterson, Kristina  
 Leach, Christopher  
 LeBaron, Randall  
 Leslie, William  
 Livermore, Paul W.  
 Lockwood, George  
 Logan, Jack A.  
 Lowery, William T., Jr.  
 Lowery, William T., Sr.  
  
 Macaluso, Steven  
 Mackmer, Robert  
 Martin, John  
 Martin, Kathryn  
 McCarthy, David  
 McCown, Wayne

### ELDERS (cont'd.)

McGinnis, Raymond L.  
 Metsinger, David  
 Miene, Darlene  
 Miller, Timothy  
 Mills, Peter  
 Misciagna, Christian  
 Mitchell, H. Robert  
 Mohr, Donald L.  
 Mosher, Barbara  
 Mutton, Mark  
  
 Nelson, David  
 Newcomb, Paul E.  
 Newton, Pamela  
  
 Payne, James S.  
 Payne, Lloyd A. *(deceased)*  
 Peelle, Baiba  
 Perkins, G. Benjamin  
 Perry, Lynton  
 Petro, Thomas J.  
 Pierce, Mitchell C.  
 Powell, William  
 Prince, David  
 Prospero, Sebastian  
 Pulice, Deano  
  
 Reding, Brenda  
 Reitmeier, Herbert J.  
 Roorda, Gloria  
 Rouse, Rick  
  
 Saile, Vern  
 Sass, Andrew  
 Sawade, Ronald  
 Schwab, Linda  
 Scott, Harold  
 Shreffler, Samuel  
 Skiff, David  
 Smith, Elton O., Jr.  
 Snyder, Richard D.,  
*Bishop Emeritus*  
 Stephanian, Michael  
 Stroup, Thomas  
 Sykora, Lynette  
 Szulwach, Chris  
ELDERS (cont'd.)  
 Tesch, Kenneth  
 Thompson, Alma

Thompson, Brent  
Thoms, Lonnie  
Traylor, Amelia Cleveland  
Traylor, Michael

Vanderhoof, Wesley

Weber, Mark  
Wenzke, Caryl  
Wickman, Joe  
Wilkins, Christopher  
Wood, Gary H.  
Wright, Edwin

Young, Eric

Zellmer, Patricia

#### DEACONS

Adams, John Carter

Cooke, Lloyd M.

Dye, Robert

Hakizimana, Armuni

Jackson, James D.

McGinnis, Melvin R.

Phillips, Randolph

Tennies, Norma Billings  
Thompson, Stewart

Walsh, Beverly

#### MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES

##### (CMCs)

Adams, Joe

Bendixen, Neil  
Bliss, Alan

Campbell, Colin  
Colangelo, Ronald  
Cummings, Jon

Edwards, Allan

Ford, David

Goodberry, Elizabeth

##### CMCs (cont'd.)

Heinike, John

Heintzman, Brett  
Honan, James  
Hopkins, Maurice

Johnson, Nicole

Kendall, James

McClure, Timothy  
Miller, Kent  
Mitchell, Steve  
Moran, Jonathan  
Munyakuri, Heritage

Peelle, David  
Pitzer, Adam  
Prutsman, Michael  
Pulice, Chris

Rice, Herbert

Schoenfelder, Benjamin  
Schoenfelder, Danielle  
Smith, Tedd

Tarnowski, Jason  
Tassone, John

Wittenbrook, Matt

Yourdon, Ward Allen  
Yourdon, Ward C.

#### LICENSED PASTORS

Cole, Christopher  
Dillard, Pete  
Dwyer, Timothy  
Humbert, Leonard C.  
Pritchard, David  
Stull, Samuel

#### LOCATED ELDERS

Pfouts, Neil  
Prouty, Arthur  
Shafer, Peter  
Show, Paul  
Sittig, Ronald

#### LOCATED DEACONS

Blaho, Ruth  
Cooley, Paul  
Myer, Howard  
Yansick, James

## 2011 Candidates

### ELDERS

Henry Ausby  
Barbara Bushart  
Louis E. Colon  
Raymond Hammond  
Benjamin Lattimer  
David Miller  
Kathleen Ann Petteys  
Michael Rivera  
Adam Stein  
Patricia Welch

### TRANSFERS

Justin Campbell (E),  
*from Church of Christ*  
Roger Haskins, Jr. (E),  
*from The River Conference*  
Douglas Langford (E),  
*from Southern Michigan Conference*  
Chris Schimel (E),  
*from Four Square Church*

### MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES

Timothy Bowman  
Brett Davis  
Matthew Davis  
Janice Francis  
Shane Haffey  
Nathan Leshar  
John Newton  
Priscilla Norton  
Kathleen Ann Petteys  
Katie Sawade  
Calvin Smith  
Vincent Socci  
Eric Ware  
Pamela Washburn  
Jeffrey Wentz  
Kenneth Yentzer  
Evelyn Zigler

## Delegates Having a Seat Genesis Annual Conference 2011

updated 5.3.11

### Akron

Roberta Vincent  
Jim Orr

### Albion

Brad Smith  
Paul Pettit

### Allegheny, Creekside Chapel

Dodi McIntyre  
Jamie Wyant

### Alton

Carmen Irizarry

### Batavia, Northgate

Charley Canon  
Rick Dunn  
Tim Spink

### Belfast

Robert Merriam

### Binghamton, Hands of Hope

Tom Douglas

### Brockport

Melanie Proud  
Bob Brotz

### Brocton

*No delegate*

### Buffalo, Cornerstone

John Habermehl

### Buffalo, Nueva Vision\*

### Cattaraugus, Roberts Memorial

Neil Stern

### Cortland, Living Word

David Newton

### Dansville

Bob White

### East Otto, Brooklyn

Sandy Cole

### East Randolph

Amanda Walters

### East Williamson

Bob Wren

### Elmira, Hand in Hand

Van Gillette

### Endicott, New Life Ministries

Tom Eckenrode  
William Gilbo  
Cheryl Jacobson  
Edward Kuhlman  
John Marrow  
Nick Simonik  
Jessica Scofield

### Franklinville

Mack Bixby

### Fredonia, Harvest Chapel

Judy Presutti  
Jim Clear  
Beth Mulkin  
Todd Wickmark

### Gananda Community

Stephen Brisson

### Gerry

Paul Holley  
Valerie Milliman  
Bob Clark

### Gowanda

Paul Zittel  
David Schwedt

### Hornell

Felicia Criscaden

### Jamestown First

Charles Gioia

### Liverpool Community

Barry Shay  
Cathie Cain  
Christine Hussak  
Michael Meier

### Naples Valley

*Church Plant – no delegate*

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\* indicates 2011 Delegate info not yet received

**2011 Delegates** (cont'd.)

**Niagara Falls, Colonial Heights**

John Jasper

**North Chili, Pearce Memorial \***

**North Tonawanda, Nash Road**

Ted Miller  
Alice Lafferty

**North Tonawanda, Open Arms**

Douglas Trafalski  
Nell Reitmeier

**Norwich, Canasawacta Valley**

Brett Phetteplace

**Norwood**

Colin Smith

**Palmyra, Cross Creek**

Karen Arnold  
Greg Frey

**Parma, Crosspoint**

Nate Billings

**Perry, Coleman Memorial**

Lori Stevens

**Ransomville**

George Bell  
Dan Swiatek

**Rochester, Edgewood**

Rajiv Bala  
Carol Lowne  
Norm Leenhouts  
Margaret Acello

**Rochester, Heart & Soul**

Aida Veras

**Rochester, New Hope**

Katrina Wilkins  
Scott Sittig

**Rochester, Park Ridge**

Scott Bassett

Tracy Davis  
Kevin Kettinger

**Rochester, Victory Fellowship Center**

*No delegate*

**Rome, Light & Life Community**

Mark Lockwood

**Rose**

William Liddle

**Salamanca**

Marian Curtis

**South Dayton**

Debbie Hooker

**St. Regis Falls**

Dan Wolfe

**Syracuse, Sojourn \***

**Tonawanda**

Phyllis Chlebowski

**Vestal, LifeQuest**

*Church Plant – no delegate*

**Wampsville, New Beginnings**

Brian Lowe  
Bonnie Oot

**Warsaw, Valley Chapel**

Maryann Barrett  
Tom Bonafede

**Webster, Crossroads**

Bob Pogmore

**Webster, freechurch.net**

*Church Plant – no delegate*

**West Seneca, Living Faith**

Betty Vought

**Yorkshire**

Floyd Chafee  
Carrie Bartoszek

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\* indicates 2011 Delegate info not yet received

**Summary of Actions  
for 2010-2011 Conference Year**

**Building Projects and Loan Approvals**

- Approval for Crosspoint FMC, Parma, to refinance mortgage
- Approval of project for Light and Life FMC, Rome
- Approval of Kardelis petition (related to sale of property in past)
- Approval for sale of property at Roberts Memorial FMC, Cattaraugus
- Approval of project at Valley Chapel FMC, Warsaw

**Other Business**

- Completion of Genesis Policy Manual
- Approval of NER pastoral team's housing allowance
- Establishment of "Connections with Churches" emphasizing the connection between churches and conference and providing administrative and spiritual support to pastors
- Held annual meeting of Genesis Conference Foundation Inc.
- Held annual meeting of Rochester Connection Inc.
- Periodic reviews of conference financials
- Periodic reviews of Fair Share reports and budget
- Periodic reviews of Rochester Connection from Dr. Brian Babcock
- Acceptance of Victory Fellowship Center, Rochester, as a new FM Society
- Review of Free Methodist Foundation (FMF) church loan statement
- Discussions on health insurance and conference guidelines for pastor's salary package
- Approval for funding request for Mission Promo Team
- Periodic discussions on status of Wildwood Camp
- Discussions and sharing on the impact of Overflow Conference 2010
- Continued discussion about creation of Legacy Giving Endowment to fund thriving churches for continued growth
- Venue changes for BOA meetings to provide administrative and spiritual support to pastors and churches

**Comments**

It has again been a pleasure to serve as your BOA Chair. This year ends my tenure as a BOA member and as your chair. My role has been made easier by the hard work and wisdom of the board members that you elected who serve with me. Many rich blessings to them. We are also blessed with Judy Cornman serving as NER support and Mitch, Randy, Andy, and Lisa as the NER leadership team. We have conducted many administrative tasks in our trustee obligation to you.

When one can see the vision or completed puzzle take shape with the smaller but important pieces falling in line, it gives a sense of satisfaction in serving an all powerful God. We are witnessing new church plants (3) and satellite churches spring up, re-launches and makeovers, churches growing, church community involvement, training seminars, new FM churches through

our affiliation process, and pastoral training with our director of church development. Please pray for all of us that we may be in submission to God's plan for our conference and disciplined to continue to follow through. We are excited to work as part of the plan for going out, and for the witnessing of our churches bringing people to and building them up in Jesus.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mike Stasko  
*Chairman of the Board of Administration*  
Genesis Conference

April 13, 2011

Dear friends in Christ,

It has been a delight serving the Genesis Conference this year. In addition to providing general oversight over the NER administrative staff and systems, much has been accomplished. It has been a joy working with our dedicated and talented staff. Thank you team! Below are the highlights of the year.

- We negotiated a valuable resource for the entire region with a Percept Ministries demographic system that was made available to all of our churches at a steep discount from retail prices. For \$75, a church gets access to the entire demographics studies for your region. To date 36 churches have taken advantage of this resource across the region. More in-depth training in the use and interpretation of the studies is being developed for the summer/fall.
- Our team is now running the WAVE Financial System for the entire east coast. I serve as director of administrative services for the WAVE. We have developed a new ms-excel based report form and are planning to roll out a fully automated reporting/remitting process on a trial basis.
- We worked diligently to manage and oversee Wildwood Christian Camp in an attempt to sell the property to a like-minded camping group. There have been several offers, but all have fallen short as the financing was being arranged. Currently we are exploring a wide range of possibilities for the camp including the possibility of developing the mineral rights if/when the state of New York opens up horizontal drilling activity.
- We have developed a new policy manual for the Genesis and Keystone Conferences. This manual will be delivered from our website. Our website has seen many important improvements and changes as we have sought to make it a more useful communications tool. Our website team of Lisa Onink, Judy Cornman, and Justin Michau has done a nice job.
- We have been working with several new works in the Genesis Conference. Through TEAM, we have developed two new church plants: FreeChurch.Net and LifeQuest. It has been a joy working with the TEAM Management Team and the church planters to see these new efforts flourish. It is awesome that every church in the Genesis Conference has had a part in making these two plants successful through faithful giving to the Fair Share. Additionally, we are rejoicing as Victory Fellowship Center in Rochester has become a full Free Methodist Society.

- Finances this past year were a challenge as we stepped out in faith to provide funding for OC2010 and continued our commitment to retirees. We ended the year in the red, but had anticipated and planned for that. Finances thus far in 2011 are stable and on budget. The region's stable finances over the past couple of years are a direct result of the faithful and sacrificial support of the Fair Share. The Fair Share funds not only conference operations and TEAM Plant, but also your pastors' pension, FM World Ministries Center, and WAVE operations. Together we make it happen. I thank each of you for your efforts.
- There were several key building/refinance projects this year overseen by the BOA that helped to strengthen local churches such as the Light & Life FMC, Rome.
- A strategic budgeting video resource was created last year and has been used to great effect by several of our churches. It, too, can be found on our website.
- We received a clean opinion from our financial review team, Freed Maxick, for the 2009 financials. The 2010 financial review is underway.
- Upcoming initiatives include the possibility of a region-wide health insurance trust to gain access to more affordable group health insurance and the resumption of the Church Financial System seminars this fall.

It has been a joy and pleasure working and serving with the NER staff and team, the Genesis Conference Board of Administration, and many of you across the region. Thank you for the opportunity you have afforded me to serve.

Blessings in Christ,

Randy Freeman  
*Director of Administrative Services*  
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Genesis Conference,

On behalf of the BOA of the Genesis Conference, I offer the following brief report on the state of our finances. Through the first few months of FY 2011, our financials are in good order and continue to be managed with timeliness and great care. We are holding well to budget and our revenue has been stronger than anticipated thus far. Part of this is due to the annual lag in fair share payments that are received in January but in some cases apply to December. Regardless, we are ahead of budget and have gotten off to a good start for the year.

FY 2010 was by all accounts a decent year against the backdrop of a stagnant economy. We anticipated that our revenue may not meet expectations early on in the year and managed the budget carefully throughout the year to accommodate the shortfalls. While we did not meet our revenue targets, we were only under by less than 5% at the end of the year. We were still able to make some significant investments in the Conference. We dipped into some reserves to help cover more Overflow Conference registrations and travel expenses. We continued to fund our new church plants and even set aside some dollars for upcoming church planting activities in the current year. We ended 2010 in the red, but it was measured, anticipated and managed carefully. Our reserves were able to cover the shortfall and 2011 is already making up some of the difference.

In 2010 the Northeast Region, with leadership from the Genesis Conference, was asked to help transition and transform the financial process of the WAVE. Our Administrator, Randy Freeman, stepped in and has been working with Bishop Roller to develop a new fair share reporting system. The development of the fair share reporting process includes a pilot program to report and remit payments online with approximately 12 churches expressing interest so far. In addition, he has developed new templates for financial reports. NER and Genesis Conference are well positioned to lead in managing this system and I appreciate the work that Randy has put into making the system work. If your church is interested in participating in the pilot, please contact Randy Freeman and discuss the process.

For those who might be interested in the progress of trying to sell Wildwood Camp, it remains the property of Genesis Conference. In fact, after several interested parties either never followed through and/or could not come up with an acceptable financing plan, we have decided to remove the property from the market. We have a dual purpose in mind. The property does sit on top of some significant natural gas reserves. We have been exploring the implications of selling and/or leasing rights to these reserves in exchange for a more lucrative deal than simply selling the camp to another "camp operator". The property is being maintained and the Conference will continue to tend to its care as long as it remains part of our portfolio. We'll keep you posted on the developments of the natural gas possibilities as we learn more.

We have worked closely with the denomination and the Free Methodist Foundation to insure that our loan portfolio in the Conference remains manageable and well documented. Late last year each church received correspondence with a reminder to use the established building loan

application process for any loans that may be brought against church property. In addition, we have been encouraged to remind all churches to list Genesis Conference and the denomination as “additional insured’s” on any insurance policy you have for the property. We have reviewed our loan portfolios with the understanding that Genesis Conference is liable for all loans in the unfortunate event that a church defaults. We believe we are in position to handle most occurrences, and we pray that it never comes to that. Genesis Conference Foundation continues to be a solid asset for us and continues to offer an attractive investment opportunity in the midst of our stagnant economy.

The Conference continues to think creatively and holistically about how to best put God’s resources to work. We have discussed ideas for rethinking compensation packages for pastors as well as negotiating better health insurance rates by enlarging the potential group, including making Genesis Conference pastors eligible for Keystone health insurance options. We are continuing to invest in new church plants as well as trainings for pastors and leaders through the work of our Director of Church Development. We are working to improve our communication with a strategic investment in the Director of Communication. We are nearing completion of a new policy manual that will have several sections devoted to church finance and to pastoral tax issues.

If there are other ideas you have or concerns you would like to share regarding the finances of the Conference, please do not hesitate to let me or one of the BOA members know. We exist to serve you and bring the full benefits of our collective wisdom to bear on the use of God’s resources in the Conference. It is a pleasure to serve all of you and I look forward to seeing many of you in Liverpool for Annual Conference.

Blessings,

Scott Sittig  
*Treasurer*  
Genesis Conference

## Genesis Conference Foundation Inc. Annual Report

The Genesis Conference Foundation, Inc., formerly known as The Genesee Conference Foundation, completed its seventh year of operation. While names and even faces often change, the foundation's mission has remained the same throughout its existence and that is to provide the Free Methodist Church and affiliated ministries, specifically those within the Genesis Conference, with loans to fund improvements, expansion and acquisitions, along with refinance of existing debt. The loans are provided with competitive terms and rates assisting the local church with financial tools that may or may not otherwise be readily available.

At this time the Genesis Conference Foundation has 16 outstanding loans for churches and ministries within the Genesis Conference with an outstanding balance of \$2,207,876. A slight reduction from fiscal year 2009's year-end balance is seen due primarily to the normal amortization of debt. The loan rate at year end 2010 was 7.00% fixed and has subsequently been reduced to 6.50%.

Opposite of typical and traditional banking where funding for loans comes from individual, business, and often times municipal depositors, the funding for The Genesis Conference Foundation, Inc. is derived from investors within the Free Methodist Church. They may be individual churches, church ministries, or individuals, but aside from an above market return on their investment, the primary goal of many, if not all, is to invest where the end result is the enhancement and building of the kingdom of God.

At fiscal year-end 2009 the Foundation had investor's dollars totaling \$2,553,345. Fiscal year-end 2010 saw an increase in this area with a balance of \$2,723,361. The rate currently paid on the investments is 4.00%, which is considerably higher than the 1.00% or lower rate seen with other liquid investments.

Marvin Newton has had a long history with and tremendous impact upon the local Free Methodist Church as well as the BOA, the loan fund, and most recently with The Genesis Conference Foundation, Inc. His timeless and selfless service as the treasurer of the foundation, while maintaining his own business operation, was exemplary. At the end of 2010 Marvin retired from the position as The Genesis Conference Foundation, Inc. treasurer, and we, the board members, as I am sure many others that have had contact with him over the years, extend our profound thanks for his service in this capacity.

### Officers of the Genesis Conference Foundation, Inc.

Mark A. Merrill, President; Mark Logan, Vice President; and Jon L. Costello, Treasurer

Mark Merrill  
*President*  
Genesis Conference Foundation, Inc.

During the 2010-2011 Conference year I have ...

- worshipped with 20 congregations in the NERegion.
- preached at Liverpool, Oil City, and State College.
- provided assessments for 6 congregations, giving feedback to the pastor on the worship service, facilities, and suggested changes and/or improvements.
- met with the East Williamson leadership team to assist in a learning discovery process about structuring the church for health and growth.

I worked with 22 pastors in coaching networks ...

- 11 pastors were trained in the NE Coaching Network in church systems and breaking growth barriers.
- 9 pastors and one lay person participated in the Turnaround Strategies Coaching Network, exploring the dynamics involved in leading a church to a healthy turnaround.
- 3 pastors enrolled in the Advanced Church Systems Coaching Network and were given hands on coaching in the development and implementation of the 8 systems of a healthy church in the local congregation.

I attended Lighthouse Family Camp in Genesis Conference and Pleasantville Family Camp in Keystone Conference.

The Northeast Region provided two one-day regional training events:

- the first at Akron with Nelson Searcy on Training your Staff.
- the second in partnership with Northeastern Seminary with Dr. Aubrey Malphurs, from Dallas Theological Seminary, on Strategic Planning for a Healthy Church.

Together with the Team Planting Network, we met monthly with Church Planters Troy and Diane Bassett from FreeChurch.net in Webster, N.Y. and Church Planter Rex Bell from Life Quest Church, in Vestal, N.Y., to provide coaching and feedback, as well as support and encouragement. We are currently working with a new church planter on a proposed church plant on the east side of Rochester.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Haskins  
*Director of Church Development*  
[andy@nerfmc.com](mailto:andy@nerfmc.com)

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ! It has been such a blessing to get to know so many of you this past year and I look forward to meeting more of you throughout the coming months. As Director of Communications, I have had the privilege to travel to many of your churches, enjoy the fellowship of district leaders at their monthly meetings, be a part of your conference Board of Administration, participate on conference subcommittees, and attend church growth seminars hosted by the Northeast Region.

The purpose of the Northeast Region is to help the local church thrive. Therefore, I have been striving to put systems in place which will facilitate strategic ongoing communication that will benefit the ministry of the local church. As a part-time employee, I chose to temporarily defer the goal of personally publishing articles about the “success stories” happening within our local churches; and instead, made a deliberate decision to use my time to first develop a system of communication that will allow for the ongoing publishing of articles that any pastor may submit or follow on the NER website ([www.nerfmc.com](http://www.nerfmc.com)).

The new “NER Community” section of the website will allow for:

- 1.) **Exchange of Physical Resources** –items churches have to offer or are in need of (*I.e. pews, VBS materials, etc.*)
- 2.) **Exchange of Success Stories & Facilitate Partnerships-**
  - a. Provides a forum for churches to tell others what is working in their church in ministry.
    - i. *A church can submit a 1 pg article featuring information of ministry programs or events that have been successful in their local church.*
    - ii. *A pastor can check out articles submitted for ideas to mimic in their home churches (\*as well as praise the Lord for what he is doing in other conference churches!)*
  - b. Provides a forum for churches to partner with other churches in ministry.
    - i. *A church in need of another church to partner with them in ministry - can submit an article stating their need for partnership and provide contact info with other pertinent details. (I.e. work teams, financial, materials, training, worship leaders, etc)*
    - ii. *A church wishing to outreach to other churches in the conference- can look at the site to find other churches in need, download their information, and begin a joint ministry of service.*
- 3.) **Exchange of Prayer Requests-** (*\*limited to our FMC pastors & NER leadership needs*)

In addition to the NER Community section of the website, don’t forget to check out other NER resources such as the “Suggested Reading List” or “Rapid Kingdom Expansion Resource” by our Director of Church Development. You can also follow NER events on our Facebook page or follow us on twitter. Downloads available include various forms, applications, manuals and training videos.

Although technology is wonderful, nothing replaces one-on-one personal contact. Therefore, I will continue to work this coming year to make contact with each of you that I have not yet had the privilege to visit. Please feel free to contact me to set up a time to visit you and your church throughout the coming months. As a representative of the NER, I am anxious to hear your thoughts on how we can improve communications in the Northeast Region to better serve our local pastors and churches.

Lisa Onink  
Director of Communication  
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## 2010-2011 Report to Genesis Annual Conference

### TEACHING -TRAINING ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- **Northeastern Seminary Course**
  - *The Gospel and Culture--Examining the Missional Church—May-June 2010*
- **Discipleship Workshop**
  - [Destiny Christian Church](#), Niagara Falls, NY “*Spiritual Formation--Examining Our Life with Christ*” 2/16/11
- **Membership Training Classes**
  - Heart & Soul Community Church, Rochester, NY *Finding Your Mission Living Your Mission; Four sessions March-April 2011*
- **City Men’s Group**
  - Heart & Soul Community Church, Saturday morning. A small group of men from the congregation and community seeking freedom from addictions. February-May 2011
- **RC Pastors Gathering**
  - Monthly gathering of 5-6 PM pastors for mutual support, accountability, and Missional dialog.
- **Pulpit Supply:**
  - Bergen First Presbyterian, Cortland FMC

### CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

- **Completed Heart and Soul Renovation/Expansion Ministry:** Sept. 2008-Sept. 2010
  - Raised over \$90,000, solicited over \$30,00 in donated building materials, coordinated 150 volunteers from some 13 congregations, raised \$10,000/year for 5 years to support ministries.
- **Elim Bible Institute, Lima NY**
  - Seeking approval from NY State to offer an A.A.S. Degree in Biblical Studies. December-June
- **Leadership Development/Strategic Planning**
  - Christ Community Church of Rochester, Eight, two-hour sessions Nov. 2010--June 2011
- **Sound of the Genuine Biblical Institute**
  - [Elim Christian Fellowship](#), a large congregation in Buffalo, NY

### ADDITIONAL MINISTRIES OF CARE

- **Habit For Humanity**
  - Participated with the **Orlando Fellowship** in remodeling a home in Titusville, FL. January, 2011
- **Raised \$2500 for Heart & Soul Community**
  - Funds purchased and installed a gas wall furnace in the basement classrooms, February, 2011
- **Employment opportunities**
  - Carol and I are preparing resumes and seeking employment opportunities for several men
- **GED Program**
  - Seeking a GED program in Heart and Soul’s facilities
- **College Enrollment**
  - Enrolled a Sudanese member of H&S in Roberts Wesleyan College’s OM degree completion program. Carol is editing and assisting him in his writing assignments.

- **Maintaining the [Rochester Connection Website](#)**
  - Daily and weekly updates
- **Created an [H&S Blog site](#)**
  - This site allows members and ministry volunteers to share what God is at Heart & Soul.

### **MINISTRY ACTIVITIES FOR 2011-2012**

- **Net Results for Jesus**
  - Ministry Teams forming for broad range of ministries within City congregations.
- **Pastors' Workshop**
  - Twelve Baptist pastors, One-day workshop on Discipleship, Spiritual Formation, Small Groups, Church Planting, Sept. 2011
- **Social Work Students**
  - Interviewing Masters level student interns for assignment to city churches.
- **Refugees: A Challenge for the Local Church**
  - Dialog with four FMC pastors ministering to large refugee populations. Fall 2011
- **Health Clinic Initiatives**
  - Participating in discussions involving medical doctors and others interested in addressing the medical needs of the poor in the city.
- **Joint Urban-Suburban Worship Services**
  - Pulpit exchanges, joint services, Gospel Sing gathering. Fall 2011
- **Martin Luther King Day Ministry**
  - Urban & Suburban Congregation-- January 2012
- **Art Programs for City Youth**
  - Conversations with area Art Department to involve students interns in city congregations

Respectfully Submitted,



Brian D. Babcock  
Executive Director  
The Rochester Connection

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***THE ROCHESTER CONNECTION*** is registered with New York as a not-for-profit ministry and is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity under the Free Methodist Church of North America. It exists to fulfill the Christ's Great Commission by Strengthening existing churches through: Networking Leadership, Sharing Resources, Partnering with other congregations, Consultation and Strategic planning, and planting new churches and other forms of ministering communities.

#### **2010-2013 Board of Directors:**

- *Rev. Dr. Frederick Johnson, President; Pastor, First Genesis Baptist Church, Rochester*
- *Rev. Gloria Roorda, Vice President; Pastoral Team, Batavia FMC*
- *Rev. Brenda Reding, Secretary/Treasurer; Pastoral Team, Edgewood FMC*
- *Rev. Dr. Daryl L. Smith, Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando, FL*
- *Rev. Dr. Brian D. Babcock, Executive Director*

### Genesis Bible Quizzing

- This year we are studying the Gospel of John.
- 9 churches from our conference participate with an average of 62 teens per quiz.
- In October we had a church visit from Florida.
- In March several teams went to the Holland Regional in Ohio and placed well.
- In April at the Northeast Regional quiz we were joined by 7 churches from the Keystone and Pittsburgh Conferences.
- For the past two years we have sponsored a child with ICCM. Dave Taber has led this project up, encouraging the teens to write to our sponsor child and to help support her financially.
- During our worship times we typically have a teen from the host team speak on part of the study material for the month and what they have learned from it.
- Conference Finals retreat is coming up the first weekend in June at Covenant Acres and the denominational finals at the end of June. Last year the Young Rookie Team from New Hope was first in their division. The Young Vet Team from New Hope and the Senior Vet B team from Pearce also placed well.
- We would love to have more churches join us next year as we study Hebrews and 1 & 2 Peter. Please contact me if you are interested at [penny.norton@brockportfm.org](mailto:penny.norton@brockportfm.org)

Penny Norton  
*Genesis Bible Quizzing Director*

A brief report . . .

The National Student Ministry Team, renamed IN:Fuse, has been in a bit of a transition for the past 18 months and our times together have been about what we need to do to move forward as a denominational youth ministry. With IYC being out on the West Coast last year, much of their energy was spent planning and debriefing. The remaining time was spent thinking about our part in the General Conference this coming summer. I have been working with RWC and a team to host the teens that will be a part of the General Conference. The next big thing will be in 2012 when the east coast will host IYC.

FM: iNFUSE at [www.fmyouth.org](http://www.fmyouth.org)

David G. Harp  
*NSMT Liaison*  
Genesis Conference

**Genesis Conference  
Mission Promotion Team**

We had three regional meetings in the fall and decided our major thrust this year would be to get people to attend General Conference. In the fall Dale Woods, Local Church Mobilization Director, headquartered at Free Methodist World Missions headquarters, met in three regional sessions in October:

Friday, November 12 7 - 9 pm at the Living Faith FMC, West Seneca  
Saturday Nov. 13 9- 12 noon at Edgewood FMC, Rochester  
Saturday Nov. 13 2 - 5 pm at Liverpool Community Church, Syracuse area

**NEED FOR NEW LEADERS**

David Schwedt and Norman Wetterau have led this team since its inception several years ago. We need leaders, including at least one leader in each district. Also we need to reach out to younger people and use new technology: the web, facebook and so forth. A district meeting would be greatly enhanced when a missionary uses skype to talk to the group. Youth groups could use facebook to connect around missions. Surveys show that people want a mission promotion team. We get few complaints but we need to move on into new areas. We encourage delegates to talk with people in the home churches and contact us with the names of interested individuals.

Dr. Norman Wetterau  
David Schwedt  
*Co-Coordinator*  
Genesis Mission Promotion Team

## Delegates General Conference 2011

### Genesis Conference

#### Ministerial Delegates (11)

Mitch Pierce  
Todd Daningburg  
Wally Fleming  
Andy Sass  
Doug Cullum  
Joanne Colon  
Randy LeBaron  
Max McGinnis  
Vern Saile  
Gloria Roorda  
Sab Prospero

#### Ministerial Reserve Delegates (4)

Rick Rouse  
David Prince  
Joan Hoppe-Spink  
Rob Campbell

#### Lay Delegates (11)

Scott Sittig  
Charley Canon  
Judy Cornman  
Mark Logan  
Bill Smout  
Jon Costello  
Dave Francis  
Greg Frey  
Niki Robinson  
Marla Michau  
Mike Stasko

#### Lay Reserve Delegates (4)

Sandi Leach  
George Bell  
Lee Cromwell  
Maryann Barrett

*Note:* Based on the adult lay membership of churches in the conference, Genesis is allocated **11 Ministerial and 11 Lay Delegates** to General Conference 2011.



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