

Keystone BOA Focal Points

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The Keystone Conference Board of Administration met in front of our computers by way of a video conference. Technology can save an incredible amount of time, since many of us commute several hours to attend the meeting, but the audio/video quality is never as good as being face-to-face. The meeting was led by Brad Miller, a pastor in Ulysses, and who is also writing these "Focal Points".

The November devotional was led by Chuck Stutzman, a lay member from the Light & Life Chapel, Williamsport. He reminded us, from the example of Paul and Barnabus in the book of Acts, how important it is for us to be encouragers in the Body of Christ.

Randy Freeman, the Conference Director of Administration, let the board know by way of finances, property sales, and projects needing BOA approval, what has been happening since our previous meeting.

The Conference is providing a web-based training through Percept Ministries for local churches to access demographic information regarding their surrounding community and then use those details to plan outreach ministries.

The Keystone Conference budget is strong despite the economic recession. This board is working with a few churches that have fallen behind in their Fair Share giving, but, thank God, there are few.

The Conference Loan fund has had a hard season this autumn but is stable and plans for growth in the season ahead. For example, we approved one church loan this month and anticipate 2 more in the spring. The more we can lend to faithful churches and pastors, the stronger the fund will be.

This Board has responsibility as Trustees of a few local churches which currently have no Official Board of their own. One such church is in Erie, and the Conference is working with it as a new church plant. Andy Haskins is the temporary pastor, there are a lot of other churches working together, and the small congregation is alive with hope.

Brad Miller, Chairman
Keystone Conference Board of Administration