

**Booklet
 for
113th Session
 of the
 Keystone Annual Conference
 June 5-6, 2011**

“GO”

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**Keystone Annual Conference 2011**

- 113th Session -

Pleasantville Camp

Pleasantville, PA

**June 5 - 6, 2011**

Bishop David Roller, President

**“GO”**

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

Luke 4

**Sunday, June 5**

4:00 PM      **Registration**

5:00 PM      **Dinner**

6:30 PM      **GO: Spread Scriptural Holiness**

*~featuring Bishop Roller – Ordination Address*

Worship Celebration

Memoirs

MEG Board Partial Report

-Elders, Transfers, & Ministerial Candidates received

**Ordination Service**

**Fellowship Reception**

**Monday, June 6**

8:00 AM      **Breakfast**

9:00 AM      **GO: Follow His Agenda**

*~featuring Bishop Roller – Morning Address*

Worship Celebration – Williamsport Worship Team

Morning Address – Bishop Roller

Organization of Conference

Welcome

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*

State of the Work Report – Supt. Pierce

Nominating Report & Elections

BOA & Administrator’s Report

FM World Missions Report – Dr. Art Brown

- 12:00 PM     **Lunch and Fellowship**
- 1:00 PM     **GO: It is always personal – YOU, do something**  
              MEG Report  
              Church Development Report  
              Connecting with your Community  
              Q & A with Bishop Roller and Supt. Pierce
- 2:30 PM     **Break and Fellowship**
- 3:30 PM     **GO: God wants to get us from here to there . . .**  
              ~featuring Bishop Roller – Closing Address  
              Afternoon Worship – Williamsport Worship Team  
              Closing Address – Bishop Roller  
              Prayer for Delegates to General Conference 2011  
              Reading of Appointments  
              Holy Communion
- 4:30 PM     **Adjourn and Depart**

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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 Keystone Conference Board of Administration with power to act.
- h. Any unfinished business at the end of Annual Conference shall be referred to the Keystone Conference Board of Administration with power to act.

## Ministers Having a Seat Keystone Annual Conference 2011

Updated 6.2.11

### **ELDERS**

Adams, Daryl J.  
Alden, John D.  
Aldrich, Larry  
  
Bair, Dale  
Baker, Charles E. (*deceased*)  
Beers, Jeanne  
Billings, Brian  
Brant, Elwood (*deceased*)  
Brest, Robert  
Burkett, Bruce W.  
Burkett, Ned E.  
  
Cathcart, Preston  
Crowell, Ralph  
  
Freeman, Randy  
  
Hamilton, Glenn A.  
Hamrick, Richard  
Hargenrader, William  
Hill, Cynthia O.  
Hill, T. Christopher  
Hornburg, Norman  
Houben, William Jr.  
Hughes, William  
  
Irwin, Edwin  
  
Jackson, Usula B.  
Jewell, Charles  
  
Knight, Paul F.  
  
Laktash, Roger  
  
Maybray, Timothy  
Meyers, Noel  
Michel, David  
Miller, Brad  
Miller, David

### **ELDERS** (*cont'd.*)

Oglesby, George P.  
Onink, Todd J.  
  
Pifer, Rock  
  
Redfearn, Mark  
Reitz, Debra  
Reitz, Thomas  
Riel, Charles  
Rosler, Beth  
Ruggles, John P.  
  
Shimko, J.J.  
Sloper, John A.  
  
Tremblay, Peter  
  
Walford, Frank  
Walford, Jerri  
Watson, Gerald  
Williams, Mark  
  
**DEACONS**  
Allen, Bruce  
  
Godfrey, Alice  
  
Houck, Joan  
  
Jones, Milton L.  
  
Vroman, Dillon

(*cont'd.*)

**MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES**

**(CMCs)**

Brehm, Dan  
Brehm, Sally

Fraser, John

Johnson, Matt

Kiger, Mark

Leininger, Joel  
Lutcher, Mark

Mann, John

Opore, Phyllis

Pifer, Sherri

Shaffer, Raymond  
Shreffler, Ed  
Shreffler, Sharon

**LICENSED PASTORS**

Crossley, Jim

Fuller, Daniel

Johnson, Shawn

Kelley, Terrance

Orris, Kodel

Theuret, John L.

**LOCATED ELDERS**

Phelps, David

Wilson, Conrad

**2011 Candidates**

**ELDERS**

Robert Feil  
Michael McAvoy

**TRANSFERS**

John Goodman (CMC),  
*from Pittsburgh Conference*

**MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES**

John Bush  
Bryan Cooper  
Sue Hutchison  
Joe Muir  
Chuck Stutzman  
Thomas Vennard  
Amy Way

## Delegates Having a Seat Keystone Annual Conference 2011

updated 6.2.11

**Austin**

no delegate

**Bradford, First**

Rudy Luce

**Bradford, Open Arms\***

**Brookville**

Curtis Orris

**Centerville**

Michael McCann

**Cherry Grove**

Ellen Hornburg

**Clearfield**

Janet Price

**Coudersport**

Don Fryer

**Cyclone**

no delegate

**DuBois, Light & Life**

Susan Gamble

**Egypt**

Edna Enterline

**Eldred, Lighthouse\***

**Elkland, New Fellowship Ministries**

Charlotte Bitler

**Ellwood City**

Michelle Boggs

**Emporium, CCCC**

Pamela Kulick

**Erie, First**

Todd Harmon

**Fleming**

Chriss Brower

**Franklin**

Nancy Stephens

**Gearhartville**

Sue Baumgardner

**Kane**

Lenore Spaich

**Mayburg, Townline**

Virginia Kiffer

**Mercer**

Johnnie Byler

**Mill Hall, Living Faith Ministries**

Evelyn Garbrick

**New Castle, Maitland Lane**

Pam Miller

**New Castle, New Creation**

Norm Link

**Newmansville**

Jack Carson

**North East, Lakeshore**

Glenn Lindemuth

**Oil City, FMC of Oil City**

Deb Roos

David Thompson

John Whitmire

**Penfield**

Arlene Taylor

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\* indicates 2011 Delegate info not yet received

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**2011 Keystone Delegates Having Seat** *(cont'd.)*

**Pine City**

Rhonda Williams

**Pleasantville**

Arwon Chamberlin

**Port Allegany**

Kenny Howard - *reserve*

**Reynoldsville**

Bernie Wells

**Riverview**

Chuck Wehr

**State College**

Rob Miller

**Sugar Grove**

Fae Rouse

**Titusville**

Curt Carbaugh

Teresa Snyder

**Ulysses**

Craig Watson

**Van, New Life Community Chapel**

Maxine Russell

**Warren First**

*no delegate*

**Wellsboro**

Kay Elliot

**Williamsport, Light & Life**

Chuck Stutzman

**Youngsville**

Dan Johnson

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\* *indicates 2011 Delegate info not yet received*

**Board of Administration  
and Administrator  
2010-2011**

May 23, 2011

Dear friends,

This has been one of those years that could be summed up in the famous opening line from **A Tale of Two Cities**... "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." This has been true both personally and professionally. It has been "the best of times" in large part because of the ongoing pleasure and privilege it has been to serve in the Keystone Conference as Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services. I thank you sincerely for that honor. It has been "the worst of times" because a few of our plans went badly. Below are the significant activities from this past year.

**Best of times...**

- We have had a banner year for new investments from investors in the Loan Fund. Funds invested in the loan fund by individuals and churches have more than doubled in the past two years. This provides us with unprecedented liquidity and unprecedented funds available for investing back into our local churches in the form of reasonably priced and termed loans.
- The Loan Fund made mortgage loans to Robert Mitchell and Egypt Free Methodist Church.
- We successfully completed the sale of the Huntingdon Free Methodist Church in November. The net proceeds from the sale of that property have been invested in our new Challenge Fund. The Challenge Fund has been established to provide very low cost funding to our local churches for short- to medium- term projects and for churches who might not otherwise qualify for a loan from the Loan Fund or local banks. The Challenge Fund has made loans to the Ulysses FMC (already repaid!) and Open Arms Community Church.
- We negotiated a second year of the Percept Ministries demographic system at a \$900 discount from the first year. The system is available to all of our churches. We had ¼ of our churches in Keystone participate in year one. If you have not yet availed yourself of this great opportunity to understand your community and its needs/interests, you can do so for just \$75. Churches who have already enrolled can feel free to rerun their analysis at any time. The 2010 Census Bureau information will be incorporated within a few months and you may find it helpful to refresh your view. As we have been working through a crucial strategic planning process with our churches in the Keystone Conference, those who have used it have found this tool to be an indispensable partner in that process.
- The Keystone Conference Health Insurance Plan is currently being shopped by our agent and we are reviewing options to broaden the geographic coverage of the plan. We are adding an HSA / High-deductible option. Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield (our current provider) has dropped the designation of out of area for participants outside of Western PA. Accordingly, we have been able to offer the plan on a limited basis to pastors outside of the Keystone Conference. This may well have a beneficial future impact on rates.
- The Cameron County Christian Center lawsuit that was established 5 years ago because of water damage caused by a negligent roofer has come to a conclusion. We didn't recoup all of the losses encountered, but it was a help.
- We made BOA grants to the Erie FMC to assist with their restructuring project and the Lake Shore FMC in North East, to assist with parsonage repairs.

- The new conference policy manual is in the final stages of editing and preparation for posting on the website.
- The NER team was asked to take over and revamp the financial system for the WAVE. A new accounting system has been installed and a new monthly reporting form has been produced. This form is available from the NER website in both .pdf format and as an excel spreadsheet. The excel spreadsheet works great and saves time!

### **Worst of times...**

- The loan fund's financial performance has struggled this past year. This is in part because of our very success in raising new investor money. While we have increased our spread slightly between what we pay out to investors and what we charge our mortgage holders, this benefit has been offset significantly in that demand for new loans from our churches has been very low. The economy has had a dampening effect. This has severely depressed the amount of interest income we raise. To help offset this imbalance, the BOA, at my recommendation took two key steps. First, we increased the amount of funds under management by our two brokerages – Raymond James and Janney Montgomery Scott. This has worked well as the overall market has performed well. Second, we established a short-term hedging/trading process with the dual goals to protect against market downturns and to enrich overall portfolio performance. We invested in software, training, and tools; and I ran this daily strategy. Unfortunately, this strategy did not work as intended. We experienced significant losses in this strategy due to a few bad mistakes and relative inexperience (even with training) in this approach. It's unfortunate that as I (we) are finally "getting the hang of it" and maturing into the training/process, that very little of the original capital designated to this project is left. This has been a huge learning experience for me and for the conference, but also a very dark season for me personally as what was intended for good has harmed the conference. I am deeply apologetic about this situation. This is not the entire story, as our other investing strategies have been working extremely well and through April have significantly closed the gap that was created by the difficulty our short term hedging/trading process experienced in our start-up year. While we are unhappy with initial results with this new strategy, I remain optimistic that we have worked through the learning curve and will soon see this strategy pay off.
- The Clarion FMC and the Conneaut FMC both remain under the care of the conference. We have been actively marketing both properties. We had several potential deals fall through for the Clarion properties. We are currently awaiting an offer on the Conneaut church. An organization that intends to build a Christian school has decided to make an offer (which is really a good thing, but we won't know until we have the offer in hand).

Even though this year has been one of the greatest years I've experienced in ministry and also one of the toughest years I've experienced in ministry, it is a true blessing to know who it is that we are serving and who is in control. I thank God for His blessing and provision and look to Him with expectation and obedience in the coming year.

Blessings in Christ,



Randy Freeman  
Keystone Conference Administrator  
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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 NER 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*  
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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 (*ie. 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. (ie. 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 Pittsburgh/Keystone Conference Bible Quizzing Report**

Every year, the youth of the Free Methodist churches in the Pittsburgh Conference are invited to participate in the Bible Quizzing Ministry, which has existed in our denomination for fifty-seven years. We follow the World Bible Quizzing Association 8-year cycle of material for study, with The Gospel of John being the focus this year. Our “regular season” typically runs from September through May. Nationals Finals are held each summer at one of our Free Methodist Colleges. This year it will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup> at Spring Arbor University in Michigan.

Churches that participated in the Bible Quizzing ministry this year were: Apollo, Brooke Hills, Cove Run, Ellwood City (Keystone Conf.), Monacrest, New Brighton, Rochester, and Ohioville/Hookstown/Oakland (“O.H.O. Combined”). We are also very excited about the possibility of Weirton Heights, W.V. joining us in the near future; as well as other possible “interested” churches.

Local Tournaments are held at a different church each month, with us averaging about 60 youth in attendance. It’s exciting to see the teens and their coaches lead in times of worship, drama and prayer. Each church does this a bit differently, with hosting a tournament being one of the best ways to raise interest within the congregation. We began our season by restoring “Quiz Camp” at Tri-State Family Camp in East Liverpool, OH. After many years of beginning our season with a Regional Tournament in New York, it was a great experience to have our first tournament of the season begin in this way!

At our Conference Finals, we honored our Seniors who completed this quiz season:

- Anna Giesmann (Brooke Hills), Alaina Boggs (Ellwood City)
- Christopher Smith (Monacrest), Matt Thomas (Rochester)

Special Awards were also given at Conference Finals to all of the quizzers who memorized and were able to recite in one sitting all 40 memory verses (“Quotes”) from this past season:

- From Brooke Hills: Anna Giesmann, Clara Haizlett, Hana Kim, and Zachariah Spurrier
- Delanie Hostetler (Cove Run), Alaina Boggs (Ellwood City), Angela Bakke (Monacrest)
- Briana and Elaina Rice (O.H.O. Combined), Alaina Thomas (Rochester)

Please keep praying for our Bible Quizzing ministry in our Conference. It is exciting to see so many of our churches engaged in this blessed work of putting God’s Word into the hearts of our teens; but there is much more “room at the table” for others from our area to join in! Please contact me if your church would be interested in learning more about quizzing or have questions about it. I’ve spent the past nineteen years being involved in Bible Quizzing (as a 6-year quizzer and as a coach) and I can truly say that it has enriched my walk of faith in Jesus beyond measure...and I know that it can do the same for the youth in your church!

**Want More Info About Bible Quizzing?**

**Check out:** [www.fmquizzing.org](http://www.fmquizzing.org)

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## Delegates General Conference 2011

### Keystone Conference

#### Ministerial Delegates (3)

Rick Hamrick  
Rock Pifer  
Tim Maybray

#### Lay Delegates (3)

Karen Michel  
Lisa Onink  
Eddie Mack

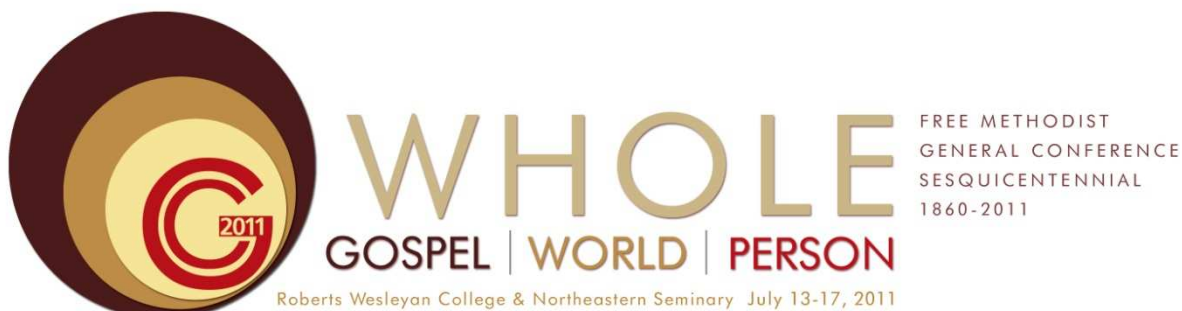
#### Ministerial Reserve Delegates (2)

Chris Hill  
David Michel

#### Lay Reserve Delegates (2)

Barb Johnson  
Sherri Osborne

*Note:* Based on the adult lay membership of churches in the conference, Keystone is allocated **3 Ministerial and 3 Lay Delegates** to General Conference 2011.



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