



Hello Genesis Conference!

On behalf of the Genesis Conference Board of Administration, I want to thank you for your trust and acknowledge the tremendous joy and honor it is to serve our conference, our churches, and our members. The role of the BOA is to help manage and protect the assets that the Lord has entrusted our Conference with, so that the local church can thrive, reach people with the hope of Jesus, disciple their flocks, and multiply. We monitor the fiscal health of our local churches, provide guidance and approval for property purchases and sales, approve new construction or renovation projects, and provide fiscal accountability and support as needed. None of this is possible without the diverse set of skills and areas of expertise on our team, leaders throughout the Conference, Conference staff, and Superintendent Pam's leadership and vision.

In a world of constant change, unpredictability, new challenges, and an ever-shifting culture, we have much to celebrate. While not every decision has been easy, each conversation and decision were approached with much prayer and the input of many. And the generosity and faithfulness of our local churches contributing to Fair Share has enabled so much, some of which includes:

- Support of our Board of Bishops
- Support of our World Ministry Center
- Support of Superintendent Pam and the Conference staff
- Office space for Conference staff, board, committees, and volunteers to operate from
- Annual Conferences and worship, training, networking, decision making, and ordinations
- Scholarships for pastors and seminary students
- Support for church planting and new ministries

For every BOA meeting, we designate a "prayer person" who is tasked with being sensitive to times when we need to pause and seek God prior to a decision, as a time of giving thanks, for those who may be effected by a decision, as well as to begin and end our meetings. It is important to every member of the BOA that we approach every discussion and decision in partnership with the Holy Spirit.

On the second page of this letter, you will see a summary of our actions, but I'd love to share with you some of the highlights. This past conference year, we approved El Shaddai Buffalo as a Fellowship. We drafted and submitted a letter to the FMCUSA Finance Committee regarding our discontentment with the current EPP structure and encouraged reform. A sale of the Genesis Conference Foundation to the Free Methodist Foundation was approved. We increased paid time off for Conference pastors and staff based on years of service. And several building projects were approved. I encourage you to look through the summary of actions for more details and action items.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege to serve you and the local church.

Sincerely,

Brian Hahn, BOA Chair

## Summary of Genesis Conference Board of Administration (BOA) Actions Conference Year 2021-2022

### 6.17.21

- Minutes of Genesis Annual Conference 2021 approved
- Jeremy Kelly (BOA Chair) and Brian Hahn (BOA Vice Chair) approved for a second year
- Nominating Committee tasked with assigning BOA Chair/Vice Chair going forward from 2022
- Funding approved for GRACE training
- El Shaddai Buffalo welcomed as a Fellowship
- Grace Ridge property sale approved (unused building)
- Gerry FMC closed May 2021

### 8.12.21

- Updated housing allowance for Superintendent approved
- We drafted and submitted a letter to the FMCUSA Finance Committee regarding our concern and discontent with pre-pandemic numbers being used to determine EPP and encouraged reform.
- Accepted the “Book of Discipline Basics” document as a reference for our local churches

### 9.16.21

- BOA adopts AUP review of Genesis finances
- Renovation project approved for New Life Endicott
- Genesis BOA as sole member of the Genesis Conference Foundation approves sale to Free Methodist Foundation
- Genesis Fair Share to be based upon 2020 numbers rather than 2019
- EPP revenue reporting to FMCUSA to reflect adjusted values (less pass through)
- BOA authorized legal assistance funds for churches facing NYSCVA Litigation

### 10.14.21

- BOA authorized sale of Rome Light and Life building to the Wesleyan Church
- Nash Road FMC closed with the intention of using the building as a campus of One Church

### 11.18.21

- BOA approves sale of Edgewood FMC parsonage
- Christmas gifts and bonus for conference staff approved in lieu of salary increase

### 1.20.22

- BOA approves Medina campus purchase by Akron FMC
- Annual paid time off increased by 1 week for all Conference pastors and conference staff based on years of service
- Superintendent Pam Braman awarded a sabbatical in 2022 by the BOA
- Binghamton, LifeQuest church closed
- Brian Hahn appointed Chair, Joe Wickman appointed Vice Chair
- BOA authorizes charging fees for credentialing courses in Genesis
- Church plant grants awarded to New Life Oneonta, and the Nash road campus of One Church

### 2.17.22

- BOA authorizes the sale of the LifeQuest facility

### 3.17.22

- BOA extends permission for financing to Akron for purchase of Medina campus
- Creation of a 10 hr/week administrative assistant position to support the Superintendent
- BOA approves a recommendation by the finance committee to facilitate the sale of the GCF to the FMF

### 4.21.22

- BOA authorizes Director of Finance and Director of Operations to sign documents pertaining to the sale of the GCF to the FMF
- Ryan Rovito appointed to the nominating committee (Clergy)
- Kevin Weigel appointed to the nominating committee (Lay)
- BOA updated the standing rules for Annual Conference (relating to electronic voting and proposed agenda items)
- BOA adopted standing rules surrounding the election of delegates to General Conference 2023
- The nominating committee was accepted by the BOA and allowed to fill vacancies as needed
- Annual Conference 2022 Agenda was approved by the BOA
- BOA approved the sale of the Ransomville FMC parsonage