



Hello Genesis Conference!

It is with great joy and growing hope for the future that I write this letter on behalf of the Board of Administration. Thank you for your faithful, fruitful leadership throughout this past conference year.

Just as local churches have a Board of Administration, the Genesis Conference BOA handles conference finances, loans, dealing with property purchase and sale, conference policies, and more. None of this is possible without the diverse set of skills and areas of expertise of our team, leaders throughout the Conference, Conference staff, and Superintendent Pam's leadership and vision.

Our sincere hope is that each church in the Genesis Conference will thrive, reaching people with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ, flourishing, making disciples, and even multiplying. With that end always in mind, I want you to know that at each meeting we take great care to prayerfully make decisions we believe will benefit the churches we get to serve. While we are pleased with how the Conference operations have developed, including dozens of pastors and laypeople in numerous leadership roles, the conference ultimately exists to serve the churches and leaders of the conference.

This conference year, in service of the 62 churches, campuses, and affiliates that make up Genesis, we are happy to give you a sample of what we celebrate:

- Creatively managed our funds so as to effectively minister in these unprecedented times
- Valley Chapel in Warsaw worked with the BOA to effect a dramatic financial turn-around
- New Life CNY has completed a renovation of their facility that expanded ministry capacity
- Numerous churches received support, encouragement, and guidance from Honna Curtis and Dave Francis, conference staff who work tirelessly to assist local church leadership
- Nash Church was launched from OneChurch
- Nuevo Dia in Rochester became an Affiliate church
- And even now, Southtowns FMC is being born out of the Yorkshire FMC
- Welcomed Kathryn MacConnell to the Conference staff (with funds received from our new course offerings)

These steps forward, and countless others, would be impossible without the faithful participation of the local church and leaders that make up the Genesis Conference. Thank you, not only for your diligent and deft leadership at the local level, but also for contributing to the success of all Conference churches.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the mission of Jesus. Thank you for your love for the local church and the people of your community. And thank you for allowing us to serve you and your congregation.

On the second page of this letter, you will see a summary of our actions throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Joe Wickman, BOA Chair

Summary of Genesis Conference Board of Administration (BOA) Actions Conference Year 2022-2023

Best Practice: At all BOA meetings we designate a “Person of Prayer” to be sensitive to the spirit and pause the meeting at times to devote ourselves to prayer. I have imported this practice to our local BOA and have been pleased with the spiritual tone and practical help it brings to the meetings. Try it!

Monthly, the BOA receives property, legal, and financial reports, as well as receive Conference updates from Superintendent Pam

6.23.22

- Joe Wickman elected as BOA Chair, Ariel Wich elected as BOA Vice Chair
- Reflected and praised God for the powerful healing of relationships and bodies at AC22
- Discussed protocol for Supt Pam’s sabbatical

9.15.22

- Approved motions from Policy Committee to clarify use of Conference funds as well as term limits for serving on conference boards. Adopted policy for intellectual property created by church staff and employees
- Approved Valley Chapel to sell an extra portion of land, discussed other completed and pending property sales for churches
- Strategized how to best assist churches in financial crisis

10.20.22

- Heard from Supt Pam about plans for OneDay ‘22 - New community. New creativity. New experiences.
- Planned resource allocation for Genesis delegates to GC23
- Processed requests for churches to shift to Current Income Model for FairShare

11.10.22

- Celebrated that Genesis budget was tracking with expenses
- Thanks to financial health, approved raises for Conference staff after no raises (only bonuses) since 2020

12.8.22

- Approved sale of NL CNY’s Onondaga Rd property to use funds to renovate NL CNY Liverpool property
- Planned to fill roles on the Nominating Committee and Superintendent Selection Committee
- Final review and approval of 2023 Genesis Conference Budget

1.19.23

- Approved funds for Genesis pastors to attend “Rebuild Conference” in June, hosted by NES
- Discussed progress of the dissolution of the Genesis Conference Foundation in favor of FMF partnership
- Finalized Nominating Committee for 2023
- Assisted churches in shift to Current Income Model
- Dave Frances reported regarding changes in annual reporting. Churches will begin reporting monthly.

2.16.23

- Planned for the “good problem” of planning numerous ordinations of Elders at AC23
- Reviewed Policy Committee’s work on two resources for churches:
 - Hiring Process Letter for Churches, Introduction to Hiring Process
- Celebrated that the faithfulness and health of Genesis churches helped Genesis end 2022 in the black

3.16.23

- Prepared for Conference work in Senegal and Annual Conference
- Discussed long-term planning for investment in ministry development conference-wide
- Discussed progress of property sales, renovation projects, and new works in process

4.13.23

- Celebrated the Lord’s work in Senegal upon the return of Supt Pam and other Genesis Elders
- Approved the sale of property of Edgewood parsonage, planned to assist churches with ERC process
- Approved Ballot and Standing Rules for AC23