

# 2017 ARC Regional Director's Report



Barkeyville	2
Brackenridge	5
Breakneck	1
Buchanan	1
Centennial	2
Center Bethel	11
Clinton	1
Colliers First	1
Congress Hill	0
Fair Oaks	3
Fairview	2
Franklin	1
Garman	7
Goodridge	8
Grandview	2
Grange	1
Grove City	0
Hickory Grove	0
Highlawn First	0
Indian Head	7
Kecksburg	2
Kennerdell	0
Kimberly	0
Kingwood	3
Kittanning	0
Latrobe	8
Lillyville	3
Limestone/Reesedale	8
Littleton	0
Logos Christian Fellowship	9
Maranatha	0
Markleysburg Union	2
McMechen	1
Mount Carmel	0
Mount Nebo	2
Mount Pleasant	26
Mount Tabor-PA	1
Mount Tabor-WV	4
New Brighton	2
New Centerville	0
Pine Grove	2
Sanborn	2

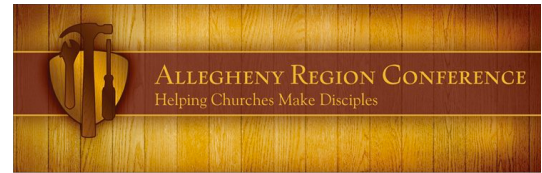
Sand Spring	0
South Charleston	0
Templeton	1
Underground	22
United Community	3
West Newton	6
Out of Region	2
Grove Manor Home	8
Caring Place Home	5
Woodcrest Home	10
Camp Sunrise Mtn.	8

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**Please note:** Visits were for worship, Bible Study, ARC mtgs., Congregational Mtgs., Elders Mtgs., Celebrations, etc. "0" means I was not physically present, it does not mean there was no contact or communication. *Many of my visits are preaching opportunities. I would love to have the opportunity to speak in your church!*

**My entire calendar and appointment schedule is available and shared with our Administrative Assistant.**

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Beloved:

It has been an honor to be able to serve the region in this past year. Here are a few highlights:

- † I am excited that this year we are receiving the Sanborn Church of God into the ARC!
- † I am excited about the clarity of vision God has been sharing with our leaders. As of writing this we are beginning the process of creating some strategic goals and look forward to engaging our congregations on maximizing their potential in the community.
- † I am super excited about the Northern Initiative and the renewed energy that is growing in that district!
- † Our camping ministry continues to grow. It sounds like last years report, but our enrollment, commitments to Christ, and interests in considering a call to vocational ministry continues to grow. We are very blessed with a beautiful camp, staff, and board. Thank you Scott and Steve for your leadership.
- † These are exciting days for the Grove Manor Board. We are renewing a vision Senior's ministry and what that will look like in the future given the changing needs of our senior community and our ability to serve them.
- † We have a number of conversations with people who wanted to plant and have encouraged them to continue doing what they are doing, meeting in small groups in their communities and seeking to make deep impact with a few people.
- † Our Women's Ministry is off to a great running start! I am excited about the excitement and energy with the Men's Ministry effort.
- † We have an opportunity to help a number of churches with the process of hearing God's Vision for their church and are seeking to get more opportunities to come alongside and resource our congregations. We are continuing to explore and implement sister congregations, which is creating collaboration and partnerships with congregations, especially when one is in crisis.
- † Thank you all for the prayers, cards and calls in regards to my surgery this past year. We are still recovering, so thank you for your continued prayers. There is definite improvement.
- † Mostly, I am excited about a Great God! May the good news be proclaimed to every city, and municipality, every street and every hollow, so that in the Allegheny Region there is no household where the Glory of God and the good news of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed.

To the last word, to the last breath...Serving a Risen Savior Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Scott".

Phil Scott

**Director of Leadership Development  
Annual Report to Conference  
Pastor Mike Bobula, Director**

I am so excited to be settling in to this challenging role of Director of Leadership Development. As I get to know the commissions I am working with I see God doing great things in our region as He prepares people to answer the call to be pastors, as He prepares churches for their next pastors, and as He builds and strengthens the pastors who serve so faithfully.

I look forward to helping each commission this upcoming year develop and implement the ARC direction of being more focused and deliberate about creating a discipleship culture.

I will also be intentional about building up our pastors with spiritual leadership skills and resources throughout the year.

## **Pastoral Oversight Commission**

- The goal this year will be to help pastors and churches start thinking about everything they do in terms of making disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make more disciples.
- We are making progress with several churches who are searching for their next pastor.

## **Ministry, Training, Ordination Commission**

- It is very exciting and encouraging to see how many people are answering the call to continue in ministry this year based on the number of credential renewals and interviews this commission actively leads.

## **Spiritual Formation**

- This critical commission is preparing resources to help every pastor and leader grow stronger in their own personal faith and commitment to Jesus. You will be seeing exciting things happen this year as Rob and team develop a process to help pastors stay spiritually strong and intentional about their personal relationship with Jesus (not just the “church stuff”).

**Director of Discipleship Development**  
**2016 Annual Report to Conference**  
**Pastor Phil Scott reporting in lieu of a Director**

As a region we have recognized a need to re-think how we resource leaders and congregations for them to coach people into becoming Christ's disciples. We are taking an honest look at this and are seeking feedback with substantive conversations. We have embarked on a plan to make that investment in our churches. We have had opportunities to have conversation and begin implementing Sister Churches, one church coming alongside another church to help them. We also have some opportunities to do leadership training and vision processing in local churches. Women's Ministry continues to be growing and we are excited about the gathering potential about a restart of a Men's ministry in the region. Our Church Relations, Church Planting & Ministry Development, and Youth and Family Commissions are eager to explore opportunities of serving your congregations.

## **Director of Outreach & Missional Development May 2017**

I would like to begin by thanking the Allegheny Region Conference for the opportunity to serve in this role. It is a privilege and a blessing to be able to interact with people across the conference about the amazing things God is doing.

### **Cross Cultural Missions Commission**

Commission members: Pastor Bob Huber (chair), Kim Barclay, Pastor Russ Havener, & Latoshia Maurer. **We are looking for new members for this commission.**

We had our first ever conference mission trip in 2016. Pastor Bob & Shere Huber, Susan McMichael, Darlene Troup and myself traveled to Gamerco New Mexico to visit our Southwest Mission Fields. We visited all 3 churches and we were able to do some painting at Gamerco. This was the first mission trip Susan and Darlene had ever taken and it was a great blessing. West Newton Church of God has decided to visit in 2018 to have Bible School at Gamerco. This was one of the goals of the trip. The other was to allow people from the conference to visit and experience missions. We are beginning to plan for another conference mission trip so watch for future information. We also held our annual Mission Banquets at the South Charleston Church of God in the South District, the Kingwood Church of God in the Central District and the Pine Grove Church of God in the North District. Our offering went to the ministry of Everett & Mary Teller at the Tsalie Church of God in Tsalie, Arizona.

This year's banquets are scheduled for the Mt. Tabor (WV) Church of God, the United Community Church of God, and the Garman Church of God. The offering from this year's banquet will go to the ministry in Kenya.

As always, for our mission banquets we are requesting table sponsors for \$100.00. Churches, you may consider this when making out your yearly budgets. Thank You.

We are encouraging each church to have a Mission Advocate who will help keep the church informed about what is happening in Cross Cultural Missions. We have a job description for this position so these volunteers know what is expected of them. Please give us the name of the person in your churches that we can share this information with. Thank you.

### **Camping Ministry & Programming Commission**

Commission Members: Jason & Suzie Kramer, Joe Paravate, Becky Rodriguez, and Advisory members: Linnsey Kenny, Dave Remaley, Steve White, Becky Dix. **We are looking for a chairperson for this commission and some new members.**

We had a great 2016 camping season with 282 campers and 96 staff members for our 4 weeks of camp. We had 13 first time decision to follow Christ and 105 rededications. We are excited for the upcoming camping season. Applications are already out and the early bird deadline is May 1, 2017.

We enjoyed celebrating Camp Sunrise Mountain 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Camp Board last year. We are also praying for the next 50 years and all the people who will pass through that camp and come to know Christ.

We had 79 attend Arctic Blast in 2016 with 16 staff members and 55 attend Fall retreat with 19 staff members. Continue to watch for the dates for these weekends at camp.

We have planned a Staff Training Weekend for all camp staff Friday April 7 – Saturday April 8. We are looking to make this a yearly event so all camp staff experience the training and we can get our finger printing and clearances taken care of. Anyone who is interested in serving on camp staff

needs to fill out a staff training form (it can be found on the camp website), and plan to attend the next training event.

Thanks to all who serve and all who have served at Camp Sunrise Mountain. Your service to God's Kingdom is greatly appreciated.

### **Local Mission Commission**

Commission Members: Dave Priemer (chair), Sue Ann Priemer, George & Marcie Marasia, and Mark Yarger. Advisory member: Heidi Mikulin

This commission continues to move forward with who we are and what we will be doing. We have worked hard at a manual to answer these questions and are now working on how to put it all in place. Pastor Dave continues to provide a weekly article for the Compass. He has worked on a survey that we will fill out as we contact all the churches to evaluate where the churches are regarding local missions and if we can be of any help. It is our belief that many of our churches are actively involved with their communities and we would love for you to share your stories with us and to share them with the conference. We want these stories to be an encouragement and a toll for helping us all reach our communities for Christ.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your director of Outreach & Missional Development.

Respectively Submitted, Pastor Beth Dunlap

# Camp Sunrise Mountain

## 2016 Year End Report

The year of 2016 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Allegheny Region Churches of God Camping ministry at Camp Sunrise Mountain. The ministry of God's work at Camp Sunrise Mountain has touched so many lives over the years. The Allegheny Region Churches of God and friends gathered on August 27, 2016 to celebrate, reflect, worship, and look to the future at Camp Sunrise Mountain. There were over 400 in attendance for fun, food, and fellowship. Several musical groups played throughout the day, including Sanctified, Stars Burn Down, Steel City Quartet, and The City Harmonic. It was great to see many familiar faces from over the years for a wonderful day of celebration. We have all experienced the blessings of God at Camp and there were many stories to be told on a beautiful day. Video footage was taken of the activities as well as interviews to not only document the day, but to create an awe-inspiring video to promote the Camp.

The Adopt-a-Cabin construction was brought to a close with the final new cabin being completed in time for Summer Camp. New sidewalks, grading, and lawn were also completed. The new cabins have made a real difference, improving the experiences of our campers and guests. The new cabins meet all new building regulations, offer improved facilities, are safer, and much more comfortable. The new cabins were dedicated during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The Board would like to thank all those who gave in so many ways for the completion of the cabins. The cabins were constructed debt free by your generous donations. Many people played a part in making this large project occur, from the planners, volunteers, and contractors that completed the work.

The conversion from Natural Gas to Propane was completed ahead of the proposed shutoff of the supply line by Columbia Gas to the Camp and surrounding properties. The center section of the Dining Hall roof was replaced. Bunk beds and mattresses were replaced. The shower in Cabin No.4 was remodeled. A gaga recreation area and new Camp signs were donated as Eagle Scout projects.

As we look to 2017 and beyond, there are many improvements being planned at Camp. The next large project began with the ground breaking for a Multi-Purpose Facility. The "Write Our Story" financial campaign was kicked off as a way to impart our faith to future generations for the construction of a Multi-Purpose Facility. This campaign will also serve to provide for the long-term upkeep and maintenance of the proposed building, the new cabins, the other existing buildings, and the amphitheater.

The Allegheny Region Churches of God are very blessed for what has taken place at Camp Sunrise Mountain over the last 50 years. Thousands of campers and visitors have made first time commitments to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior, while many more continue to re-dedicate their lives to Christ. This has been made possible by the ongoing support of Allegheny Region Churches of God and friends of the Camp. Thank you for providing your time, talents, and financial support for the Camp so that it can continue to provide the opportunity for individuals to meet Christ and to grow in their relationship with Him.

E. Scott Shaffer  
Chairman of the Board of Directors