

Allegheny Region Conference Regional Directors Report



Barkeyville	14
Brackenridge	6
Breakneck	3
Buchanan	0
Centennial	0
Center Bethel	13
Clinton	2
Colliers First	0
Congress Hill	0
Fair Oaks	6
Fairview	2
Franklin	0
Garman	3
Goodridge	2
Grandview	2
Grange	6
Hickory Grove	0
Highlawn First	0
Indian Head	2
Kecksburg	2
Kennerdell	2
Kimberly	2
Kingwood	1
Kittanning	1
Latrobe	12
Lillyville	1
Limestone/Reesedale	2
Littleton	0
Logos Christian Fellowship	8
Maranatha	0
Markleysburg Union	2
McMechen	4
Mount Carmel	0
Mount Nebo	0
Mount Pleasant	21
Mount Tabor-PA	2
Mount Tabor-WV	8
New Brighton	0
New Centerville	0
Pine Grove	1
Sanborn	4
Sand Spring	0
South Charleston	2

Templeton	1
Underground	18
United Community	2
West Newton	4
Out of Region	5
Grove Manor Home	10
Caring Place Home	3
Woodcrest Home	8
Camp Sunrise Mountain	9

Mileage: 28,747

Please note: Visits were for worship, Bible Study, ARC meetings, Congregational Meetings, Elders Meetings, 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 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 alongside Karen Rhodes, Mike Bobula, and Beth Dunlap, who deserve more credit than they ever receive. Lee Kline's leadership as President has helped lead us to where we are today. We will miss both Lee and Beth's tireless effort and insightful contributions. Here are a few highlights:

- † It was a great disappointment to seek separation from Barkeyville this year.
- † We have a leadership pipeline crisis in the ARC, especially among young leaders. We must renew our commitment to discipleship and reallocate time and energy to investing in more disciples and leaders from other tasks.
- † We are too disconnected. The Northern District is showing the way to reconnecting. We need to expand that effort and reconnect with each other.
- † We are making progress with our strategic plan. See attached update page.
- † Our camping ministry continues to grow and an evidence of what we can do together. A new staff person, website, and the thoughtful plans of a new facility have all been in the mix in the past year. This ministry continues to be the strongest single reporter of conversions for us.
- † God is moving through our seniors' ministry! The Grove Manor Board, another example of what can be done together, has realigned their vision to more adequately meet the needs of seniors today that is bringing about exciting new opportunities.
- † Church planting still seems to be eluding us. We hosted powerful table talks with Bill Shoemaker who just recently hosted a planting conference with us in March. We are exploring outside of the box thinking that other denominations are effectively doing.
- † We have had multiple opportunities to help resource our congregations in transition and or crisis. We are working with Church Relations and the CGGC to help develop a tool that can help resource congregations and pastors in a proactive way.
- † This has been an exciting year of transition for my family. In September Joey Kelly married to my daughter Morgan and in November, Leeland Philip Scott was born to Austin and Becky. Haley graduated from Latrobe High School and is now attending Kent State. God is good!
- † Mostly, I am excited about a Great God! He has chosen the Church to assist in His mission. He has chosen you, as pastors and leaders, to help shepherd His people and accomplish His mission. May the good news be proclaimed to every home so that in the Allegheny Region every household has been told of the Glory of God and the good news of Jesus Christ.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

Phil Scott



Strategic Mission
Intentionally cultivating church leaders to transform lives
through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Here's what we've been up to:

GOAL #1: Engage every leader in leadership skill development, personal spiritual formation & creating disciples.

- Website redesign in process.
- ARC Leading Well: Mike Bobula has begun to publish a Leadership Newsletter, full of tips and resources to challenge and expand our experience and cultivate fresh ideas.
- 3DM: We have 14 persons from the region engaged in a one year discipleship huddle with a commitment to take this model and adapt to their discipleship efforts in the coming year.
- Commissions:
 - Spiritual Formation: Launched some common materials to get us reading scripture together. Living Christian Event in all three districts instead of one central location midweek event, making opportunity to bi-vocational pastor involvement. Hosted Dr. Staats in Central and Southern Districts.
 - MTO: Engaged in conversations with WTS for formatting PTI (on-line) to be more responsive to regional needs.
 - Church Relations: Developing a proactive church self-assessment to be facilitated in our congregations.
 - Church Planting and Ministry Development: Church Planting workshop, exploring alternative and out of the box options.
 - Pastoral Oversight: Seeking to realign salary expectations to be in line with average salaries of Western PA and West Virginia. Hosting Intentional Interim Training inviting Great Lakes and Mid-West Region participation.
 - Camping Ministry: Exploring expansion of Summer offerings to include college age leadership development.
 - Missional Outreach: Telling stories of missional engagement in the Compass.
 - Cross Cultural Missions: Actively seeking local congregational representatives to promote and encourage involvement in CGGC missions.

GOAL #2: Be willing to risk by loving & investing in others as we have been loved & invested in.

- Prayer calls to active pastors by Directors and Ad Council.
- Communication:
 - Added an Officers' weekly update that is extensive in reporting activities in the region and efforts towards strategic goals.
 - Exploring Ad Council Update communication piece that is informative and engaging between meetings.

GOAL #3: Elicit Conference wide buy-in by clearly articulating the ARC mission to cultivate a culture which embraces discipleship and celebrates our successes.

- Begun collecting Discipleship stories to celebrate in video interview format to be distributed, inspiring, celebrating.
- Discipleship and Strategic Plan emphasis piece to the Region to challenge and inspire.

Director of Leadership Development Annual Report to Conference for 2017

We are making progress toward the ARC goals of creating a discipleship culture. All three commissions are coming at this goal from their own unique positions. POC is helping churches who are looking for pastors, MTO is helping people who are discerning their call to ministry, and SF is encouraging our pastors and leaders to dive deeper into Scripture in order to strengthen their souls for the work ahead.

I am not able to attend all the commission meetings, but I am trying to guide things behind the scenes and offer assistance where I can. I am also being more focused and deliberate about creating a discipleship culture in my own church, and using lessons learned there to help other churches.

I will also be intentional about building up our pastors with spiritual leadership skills and resources throughout the year, including introducing the Lead Well Newsletter that will be a concise collection of ideas that should help leaders lead better.

Pastoral Oversight Commission

- 2017 was a challenge due to the number of pulpit vacancies and some difficult situations in some of our churches. I think we are all falling victim to what churches all over the country are experiencing: declining attendance, apathy, and general cultural shifts that make church a lower priority for most people. The POC is trying to help churches who are looking for new pastors understand this new dynamic and set realistic expectations of what ministry today looks like.
- We are also trying to be more proactive in helping prevent empty pulpits and pastor burnout.

Ministry, Training, Ordination Commission

- It is still amazing how many people God is calling to either renew their credentials, strengthen their call to ministry, and discern new calls to ministry. MTO works very hard to interview every candidate and pray with each one as they follow God's leading in their lives.

Spiritual Formation

- Rob and his team are making progress on developing resources to help our leaders.
- A vision for a new app and website is slowly coming into focus, and 2018 should allow our leaders to connect with each other and with God in more efficient and beneficial ways.

Thank you for all the support of the leaders of ARC and CGGC as I continue to figure out the best way to use my gifts to lead our region.

God bless.

Pastor Mike Bobula, Director of Leadership Development
Latrobe First Church of God

Director of Outreach & Missional Development May 2018

My name is Beth Dunlap and I am the director of Outreach and Missional Development. I would like to thank 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), Pastor Russ Havener,

We are looking for new members for this commission and if you are interested in serving on this commission please contact the conference office or Pastor Bob Huber.

Our annual Mission Banquets were held the weekend of April 13-15. Thanks to all the churches that hosted. If your church would like to host a mission banquet in the future, please contact Pastor Bob Huber here at Mt. Pleasant Church. We have new guild lines that help with hosting a banquet. Our mission offering went to the ministries in Bangladesh. We are already planning for next years globe bank offering and our focus for Cross Cultural Missions.

We were excited to go on a conference mission trip in 2016 and are looking forward to another conference trip hopefully next year. Please watch the Compass for further news.

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, Ann Maurer
Advisory members: Linnsey Kenny, Steve White, and Becky Dix

We are looking for a chairperson for this commission and some new members.

We had a great 2017 camping season with 277 campers and 96 staff members for our 4 weeks of camp. We had 52 first time decisions to follow Christ and 117 rededications. We are excited for the upcoming camping season. Applications are already out, and the early bird deadline is May 1, 2018.

We had 73 attend Fall retreat with 19 staff members. We had 73 attend Arctic Blast in 2018 with 18 staff members. Continue to watch for the dates for these weekends at camp fall of 2018 and winter 2019.

We are in planning for a weekend retreat for young adults ages 19-25. Watch for those dates in the Compass and in your churches.

We held our second Staff Training Weekend for all camp staff Friday April 27– Saturday April 28. 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

The Local Mission Commission has hit an impasse in moving forward. We are working on restarting this commission and looking forward to helping churches become more outwardly focused and learning how to read your community and how to help. If you are interested in serving on this commission or having them come and visit your church, please contact the conference office.

I want to say thank you so much for the privilege of serving as your director of outreach and mission development. This will be my last report in this capacity as I am stepping down from this position. I have been praying for the person God is raising up to take this position and move us forward for His Kingdom.

Respectively Submitted, Pastor Beth Dunlap