

**2007 Nominating Committee Report**  
*Work of the District Nominating Committee (Disc. 1172-1175)*

1. **District Secretary: (elect 1)**  
     Rev. Jeffrey Turcotte    Rev. Keith Warner
  
2. **District Board of Administration:** (6 laity and 6 clergy plus the District Superintendent = 13)  
     **Clergy:** (elect 4)  
         Rev. Kevin Austin                      Rev. Norm Mesel                      Rev. Keith Warner  
         Rev. Tom Byrd                          Rev. Richard Osborne              Rev. Marc Watkins  
         Rev. Larry Fair  
     **Laity:** (elect 5)  
         Mr. Steven Drown                      Mr. Dennis Thorington              Mrs. Dawn Valk  
         Mr. Wesley Lawrence                  Mr. William Strong  
         Mr. William Weaver
  
3. **District Statistician:** (elect 1)  
     Rev. Marc Watkins                      Rev. Aaron Mishoe
  
4. **Director of World Mission:** (elect 1)  
     Mrs. Cindy Austin
  
5. **Director of Evangelism and Church Growth:**  
     Rev. Glenn Bozak                      Rev. John Gillette, Jr.
  
6. **District Action Committee:** (elect 2 clergy and 2 laity)  
     **Clergy:**  
         Rev. Norman Mesel                      Rev. Keith Warner                      Rev. Marc Watkins  
     **Laity:**  
         Mrs. Roberta Chapman                  Mrs. Rebecca Ryor                      Mr. Ernest Schenk
  
7. **District Building Committee:**  
     **Clergy:**  
         Rev. Larry Fair                          Rev. Kevin Finely                      Rev. Richard Osborne  
     **Laity:**  
         Mr. Leonard Drown                      Mr. Craig Seaman                      Mr. Wesley Lawrence
  
8. **District Nominating Committee:** (elect 2 clergy and 2 laity)  
     **Clergy:**  
         Rev. Brendon Hardy                      Rev. Loren Gage  
  
     **Laity:**  
         Mrs. Michele Phillips                      Mrs. Donna Osborne                      Mr. Paul Lamos

**2007 District Nominating Committee:** Dr. Edward Lindsey, Rev. Ralph Chapman, Rev. Glenn Bozak, Mrs. Mary Taber, Mrs. Carol Gage

# **2007 District Superintendent's Report**

I would like to welcome General Superintendent, Dr. Earle Wilson and his wife Sylvia; this will be the last time for Dr. Wilson to chair our District Conference. District Board of Administration member, pastors, delegates, friends, guests of the One Hundred Sixty Fifth Annual District Conference of the Eastern New York/New England District of the Wesleyan Church.

As we gather to think and evaluate and to celebrate what God has done, I want to take a moment to give praise to the Lord Jesus Christ for his help and strength he has given to Alberta and I this year. There have been moments with problems that have been trying but the times of victory have been far greater than those that would be of the negative. I would like to say "Thank you" to the district and to The Wesleyan Church for allowing Alberta and I to serve the Lord in this capacity. It has been our privilege to serve as the District Superintendent of this district for the past six years. We have seen the hand of God working in the lives of pastors and churches across our district.

**I would like to entitle my report this year as follows:**

## **Being the Church**

In Acts 1:1 – 11 we see a picture of the church at its beginning as the New Testament church. In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convicting proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you said you would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

## **The book of Acts is a great read! The book of Acts is also an absolute spellbinder**

- It is the story of the early Church.
- And how the early church started and developed.

Inside this book we find, Adventure and Drama

- This book contains all that is needed to be a box office hit.

But the main things, this book contains is **Purpose**.

- Purpose is something that so many people seem to be missing.
- Thus making the Purpose Driven Life such a big seller in Book Stores.

But not only do individuals struggle with Purpose... Often we find churches struggling with their identity and what they are to accomplish... What are we called to do?

- That kind of struggle is **SO** Frustrating.

Most of our churches started off so strong...

- But sadly we can look around and see some churches that are a shell of their former self.
- That breaks my heart because I believe God has a strong desire to use these Churches for the advancement of His Kingdom.

But what has gone wrong? In many cases... They have taken the eye off their **ball!**

- They have become distracted with life.
- They have become distracted by their own comforts and desires.
- And pretty soon they are more concerned about being comfortable than they are faithful.

One thing we learn from the church in the book of Acts...

- Is that if you are going to be faithful and fruitful...
- You will be **uncomfortable** as well.

So over this year I am asking that we get a little uncomfortable

- But in a good way.
- Because we are going to look at how God has worked in the past.
- Hopefully, build a desire and a craving to see Him work in similar ways today in the life of our churches.
- **To be the kind of church that God intended the New Testament Church to be.**

So that leaves us with this question TODAY... **What does Luke tell them and us that are needed in order to be the Church?**

## I. There Has To Be **Conviction**. V. 3

Look what convincing proofs; Jesus gave them during those 40 days.

1. Jesus revealed himself to the woman at the tomb and they worshipped Him.
2. He revealed himself to the Disciples, Mary Magdalene
3. He revealed Himself to the Emmaus, road disciples.
4. The bible records that literally over 500 people laid eyes on the resurrected Christ and could identify Him.

For those 40 days, Jesus overcame Hesitation and Disbelief by many “Infallible or Convincing Proofs... The Result

- His followers were absolutely convinced about who Jesus was and what they were to do.

You know, the task hasn't changed!

We are still trying to convince a Christ rejecting world.

- Of God's love and the truth of the Gospel.

At times our world does seem to ridicule believers and our faith.

- But it is during those times that we need not retreat and hide.
- But rather we must in our experiences with Christ and from those experiences.
- Become more convinced than even that Christ is the answer for mankind.

The problem is not that we don't have a message to share.

- The problem is not that world doesn't want to hear.

The problem is that believers are all too often not convinced enough...

- That all men and women, boy and girls need the gospel.

And the reason we are not convinced is because we ourselves have so few encounters with Christ!

- The more that we encounter Christ daily, the more we will be convinced that all people need Him.
- And the more convinced we are that people need Him, the more Convicted we will be to share the message of the Gospel!

## II. There Has To Be **Provision** 4-8

Waiting is the hardest thing to do...

Do you remember waiting for Christmas morning? And how hard it was to get through the night so that you could experience the pure excitement the next morning?

Think about this... The disciples have just been given orders to go tell what they had experienced. They saw the resurrected Christ!

- And they were given these orders by the only person who was able to be the only unbeatable foe-Death.
- How do you think they felt?
- Fearless, daring perhaps, eager to get out there and see what other miracles would happen.
- Perhaps they felt special.

Regardless of their initial feelings, you and I both know that feeling don't always last long.

You see, if we are going to accomplish something great for God, we need more than positive feelings.

- Because positive feelings are subject to change, and often on a whim.

What you and I need if for God to provide for us what it takes to finish the task.

- And God has been so gracious with His provisions.
- He has given us the Holy Spirit who according to this text provides in several ways.

The Holy Spirit Provides for us;

- First, by **Enlightening** Us – Giving us understanding and insight. He speaks to us with that still small voice providing direction and guidance.
- Second, by **Energizing** Us – Can you imagine how tiring it must have been for the Disciples. Not only the travel but also the emotional fatigue... being run out of towns. How much rejection can a person take?
- Finally, by **Encouraging** Us – Encouragement is something that keeps us going even when we feel like we can't go on any longer.

That is what the Holy Spirit does for us. HE encourages us along the way to press on!

- Even when things get difficult... Press ON!
- Even when you feel rejected... Press ON!
- Even when you feel overwhelmed... Press ON!
- Even when you feel you have nothing to offer... Press ON!

For us to be the Church of the New Testament...

- We will need Conviction.
- We will need His Provisions.
- But the good new is that.

### III. Our Hearts Will Be Full of **Anticipation**. 10-11

Some of the saddest people I know are those who live life without any Anticipation.

- Who live with no expectation of
- Something great to happen in their lives?

- Life is simply a routine, and there is no Anticipation of something great to come.

You know, I don't want to live that way.

- And God has made it that his Children don't have to live that way.

These disciples are gazing up toward the Heavens.

- When these glorious words rang out **“This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”**

I believe when they heard these words it was a strong reminder.

- That the First Coming was over.
- But now “The Second Coming” was the goal.

A new chapter in their lives had begun.

- Filled with Excitement and Challenges.
- But you know... That is Okay.

It is Okay because

- They are Convinced that all men need Jesus
- They are going to rely on His provisions to meet the challenges of this mission head on.
- And God has inspired them with the Anticipation of what is to come!
- Now there was just one thing left to do.

#### IV. There Had To Be **Participation**.

Jesus was so awesome!

- He took the time to lay out a simple yet profound strategy.
- That truthfully, anyone who is a believer can participate in. He said **“be my witnesses”** in other words tell the story.
- Tell what you know about me,
- Tell what you have encountered in me.
- Just be my witness.

He didn't ask them to be the Lawyers and argue the case. He didn't ask them to be the Judge.

They were simply called to be the witnesses.

- Jesus say's basically, “Just tell what you know about me.” And I will do the rest!
- To those in your community (Jerusalem) to those in your country (Judea) to those on your continent (Samaria) to the uttermost parts of the earth.

**This is surely a plan we can all share!**

## IN APPRECIATION

As I conclude this report, I would like to say thank you to those I have had the privilege to work with and for the help they have given this past year.

- Thank you to Dr. Earle L. Wilson and his wife Sylvia for their support, their wisdom, their friendship and always being there in the hour of need. We will miss you!
- Thank you to my Assistant District Superintendent, Rev. Ralph Chapman and his wife Linda. I cannot express how much we love and appreciate the support of the Chapman's. You are real friends.
- Thank you to the District Secretary, Rev. Jeffrey Turcotte and his wife Cheryl for their support, friendship, and all the secretarial work done for the district. Thanks Jeff & Cheryl!
- Thank you to our District Treasurer, Mr. Richard Bates for the hours of work he puts into the books, for answering questions on the financial part of our district, and to his wife, Pastor Flossie Bates who stood by him and supported him. Thanks for all the extra hours worked in the District Office.
- Thank you to the members of the District Board of Administration. Thank you for your support, your wisdom, your strength, your friendship and your loyalty. We have had to make many difficult decisions. I would like to express to you in the presence of this district conference my utmost appreciation.
- Thank you to my wife Alberta. I would like to say to you today, I deeply appreciate all that you do; for the times you spend in prayer for me, for the times that we have laughed together, for the times we have cried together. For working with me in the office since September. Honey, thank you for being who you are and being by my side.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward E. Lindsey  
District Superintendent

### Resources:

Thomas Rainer  
George Bullard  
Will Langford  
DS LDJ Group



**The Wesleyan Church**

## **Year of Evangelism & Outreach**

### **Pastor's Progress Report**

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Converted to Christ:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date**

#### **Believers Baptized:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Pastor's Signature**

Send progress reports quarterly to the Eastern New York/New England District Center:

**By mail:** 793 Corinth Road  
Queensbury, NY 12804

**By e-mail:** enyne2@adelphia.net & dseel1@adelphia.net

**By Fax:** 518-793-4872



## **2006-2007 ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

General Superintendent Dr. Earl Wilson, District Superintendent Dr. Edward Lindsey, Fellow Pastors, Delegates and Friends of the 165th Annual District Conference.

I continue to consider it a privilege to serve the Eastern New York/New England District as Assistant District Superintendent. I continue to appreciate Dr. Lindsey's leadership and deep desire for each of our churches to be healthy.

I have served on the District Board of Administration, its Executive Committee, District Board of Ministerial Development, the Editing Committee, and Finance Committee, directed the Mentor/Mentee program, and served at the request of the District Superintendent.

I have endeavored to encourage the District Superintendent and his wife in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph E. Chapman  
Assistant District Superintendent

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## **2007 Auditing Committee Report**

We, the District Auditing Committee, have examined the following financial records of the Eastern New York/New England District of the Wesleyan Church and have found them to be accurate, complete and in good order:

District Treasurer  
Wesleyan Women  
Wesleyan Kids for Missions  
Married Couples Retreat  
Relief Association  
Wesleyan Youth  
Property Insurance

Wesleyan Bible Camp  
Kids Camp  
Best Years' Fellowship  
Benevolent Foundation  
Health Insurance  
Ladies Retreat

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Loveless and Stanley Lockwood  
District Auditing Committee

### **2006-2007 District Action Committee Report**

Whereas Section II, Letter E “Spiritual Formation Director” state: The Spiritual Formation Director shall continue to develop a District Audio/Visual Library and make a list of available resources to all pastors annually.” And,

Whereas the District Audio/Visual Library is located at the District Center,

Be it resolved that the development and maintaining of the District Audio/Visual Library be done by the District Center Staff and,

Be it further resolved that the current reading of Section II, Letter E be deleted from the District Standing Rules and editorial changes be made to bring the following sections in line with this action.

### **Memorial on District Board of Administration**

Whereas The Discipline of the Wesleyan Church Chapter 3, Paragraph 1206 under the heading of District Board of Administration states: “Each Member at Large of a District Board of Administration shall be a Covenant Member of a local Wesleyan Church within the district of service both at the time of election and throughout the tenure of membership” and, Whereas District Board of Administration members have held local church membership but not remained active in a local Wesleyan Church during their entire tenure of membership, Be it resolved that the follow words be added following the phrase district of service: “and remain active in a local Wesleyan Church,” so that Chapter 3, Paragraph 1206 shall read:

### **To the 165<sup>th</sup> District Conference of the Eastern New York/New England District of the Wesleyan Church Resolution to Close Wesleyan Bible Camp**

Whereas Wesleyan Bible Camp has failed to fully meet its financial obligations for the past several years and,

Whereas many of the Wesleyan Bible Camp facilities are in a state of severe disrepair and,

Whereas the monies needed to bring the facilities up to a place of acceptable usability and marketability for the future would be in the hundreds of thousands and even millions of dollars and,

Whereas insufficient financial support has been given by individuals and the District and,

Whereas continues operation of the facilities under the current financial restrains is impossible and the projected expenses to upgrade and further maintain these grounds and facilities will increase dramatically over our recent operating budgets and,

Whereas the financial burden from the Clinton County Department of Health’s demands to meet new and ongoing regulations continues to increase,

Be it resolved that the Wesleyan Bible Camp shall not operate any district ministries on the Wesleyan Bible Campgrounds during the 2007 district camping year and will close

and cease to operate at the end of the 2007 camping season and that management and disposal of the grounds will be placed in the hands of the District Board of Administration and,  
 Be it further that the District Board of Administration and the Spiritual Formations Committee will assist through their direction and guidance in providing district opportunities for camps or retreats for those areas affected by the closing.

Submitted Unanimously by the Camp Committee

X Approved by the Action Committee

## 2007 PROPERTY INSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Balance on Hand – April 30, 2006	\$ 68,923.22
Receipts	
Church Premiums	\$86,840.50
WIF Interest	\$ 1,746.00
Merrill Lynch	<u>\$ 2,556.67</u>
Total Receipts	\$91,143.17
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$160,066.39

Disbursements	
Guide One Premiums	\$84,534.72
HO-4s	\$ 2,826.00
Insurance Claims	\$ 439.97
Postage	\$ 93.60
Reimburse overpayment	<u>\$ 381.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$88,275.29

TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND – APRIL 30, 2007	\$ 71,791.10
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Recap of Funds-April 30, 2007	
Citizens Bank (Checking)	\$12,503.04 (4/30/07)
Wesleyan Investment Foundation (Savings)	\$34,560.77 (4/30/07)
Merrill Lynch (Investment)	<u>\$24,727.29 (4/30/07)</u>
	\$71,791.10

\*outstanding check #243    \$23.40

Respectfully submitted,  
 Paul Lamos  
 Property  
 Administrator

Insurance

## **2007 BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

General Superintendent Dr. Earle Wilson, District Superintendent Dr. Edward Lindsey, delegates and friend of the 165<sup>th</sup> Annual District Conference of the Eastern New York/New England District of The Wesleyan Church.

The Building Committee, throughout the year, has met with:

1. The Macomb Wesleyan Church to look at preliminary plans and land. Made recommendation to the District Board of Administration that they continue to proceed with their building plans.

2. Northway Community Fellowship, A Wesleyan Church to assess the possibility of buying the building that the church is currently worshipping in. A recommendation was made to the District Board of Administration to allow the church to put down \$1,500 on the property to hold it and to investigate the possibilities of purchasing the building.

Respectfully submitted,  
The District Building Committee  
Eastern New York/New England District

## 2007 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT

In accordance with Discipline 1375-1402 we have...

### I. Reviewed Annual Service Reports:

#### A. The following reports were received on time and approved by the DBMD:

Pastor Randall E. Anderson	Mr. Sherrill F. Hunter	Mrs. Rebecca M. Ryor
Rev. Harold M. Austin, Jr.	Rev. Douglas F. Ingersoll	Rev. Eric Santamont
Rev. Kevin M. Austin	Rev. Gary A. Isaac	Mr. Ernest L. Schenk II
Pastor Paul W. Barna	Pastor Dennis C. Jones	Rev. Terrel Scott
Rev. Florence Gage Bates	Rev. Jeffrey A. Jones	Rev. Edwin C. Seaman
Rev. Thomas P. Bird	Dr. Melanie Starks Kierstead	Pastor Jeffrey D. Staybaugh
Rev. Russell C. Bissell	Mr. David J. Kimmel	Pastor Gloria M. Strong
Rev. Thomas Boghosian	Rev. Donald H. Klob	Rev. Hervey W. Taber
Rev. Glenn R. Bozak	Dr. Edward E. Lindsey	Rev. Kenneth S. Taber
Rev. James F. Betzinger	Rev. Edward J. Mallory	Rev. Mark H. Taber
Dr. Romeo M. Caringal	Rev. Gerald C. Matson	Pastor Joel T. Tate
Rev. Carl E. Chapman, Sr.	Rev. Harold R. Matson	Pastor Doug A. Thornburgh
Rev. Ralph Chapman	Rev. Nathaniel P. McCallum	Rev. Robert J. Tice
Rev. Olson W. Clark	Mrs. Patricia J. McCallum	Mrs. Ann L. Truesdell
Pastor Phillip G. Cook	Rev. Wesley P. McCallum	Rev. Jeffrey R. Turcotte
Rev. Kenneth W. Davis	Rev. David E. McDonald	Rev. Floyd H. Tyler
Rev. Margaret Jean Dayton	Rev. John A. McDonald	Pastor Richard Vaillancourt, Jr.
Rev. William R. Del Rosario	Rev. Esther I. Merrick	Rev. Stephen A. Valk
Rev. Paul D. Dettmer	Rev. Norman C. Mesel	Rev. Keith L. Warner
Rev. Edward A. Elliot	Rev. John G. Milligan	Rev. James R. Warrington
Pastor Larry C. Fair	Rev. Gregory F. Norman	Rev. Marc T. Watkins
Rev. Andrew J. Fetter	Rev. Irene C. Norman	Pastor Joseph H. Wells
Rev. Kevin C. Finley	Rev. Richard E. Osborne	Mrs. Lorraine M. Williams
Rev. Bernard W. Fortune	Rev. Jay W. Osterhout	Rev. R. W. Williams
Rev. Loren E. Gage, Jr.	Dr. Charles A. Paolantonio	
Rev. Eric K. George	Rev. David P. Parker	
Rev. John R. Gillette, Jr.	Dr. Francis A. Payette	
Rev. Paul T. Gorsline	Rev. Robert R. Phillips	
Rev. John R. Granger	Rev. Walter F. Plock	
Rev. Brendon J. Hardy	Rev. Judy L. Pribis	
Rev. Roberta A. Hodge	Rev. John M. Putney	
Pastor Justin S. Howard	Rev. Rebecca G. Rowley	
Rev. Jonathan A. Hunter	Pastor Bryan A. Roy	

#### A. The following reports are unsatisfactory as late, yet approved by the DBMD:

Michael S. Bailey	Juanita E. Brooks	Timothy C. Hawk
Rev. Osborne Etienne	Thomas B. Getman	Kenneth H. Morris
Joseph K. Irvine	Larry D. Johnson	Nathanial Weaver
James E. Scudder	Teresa M. Stevens	
William Weaver	Kent W. Brooks	

#### B. The following reports are unsatisfactory as not received:

Warren Burbury	Rev. Marcel Gautreau	Rev. Lyle Fenton Harvey
Rev. Rodney Killam	Nelson Owen	Stanley S. Taber
Alfred Trembly	Rev. Patrick Veltri	

### II. Changes or Continuation In Ministerial Status:

#### A. Recommended as Ordained Ministers:

1. The following, having completed all academic, service and examination requirements are recommended to be approved as **Ordained Ministers:**  
Richard Vaillancourt, Jr.
2. The following, having completed all academic, and examination requirements, Recommended to receive the **Validation of Ordination** certificate and be appointed as an Ordained Minister:  
None this year
3. The following, having fulfilled the core course requirements and having Approved appointments, are recommended to be continued as an **Ordained Minister in Process of Denominational Transfer:**  
Rev. Osborne Etienne

**B. Recommended as Licensed Ministers:**

1. The following, having fulfilled the core course requirements and having approved appointments, are recommended as to be approved as **Licensed Ministers:**  
Kevin Stonitsch
2. Recommend the following are approved as **Licensed Minister in Process of District Transfer:**  
Peter Isaac
3. Recommend the following are continued as **Licensed Minister in Process of District Transfer:**  
None this year
  - a. Recommend the following as continued as **Licensed Ministers:**  

Paula Barna	Gloria Strong	Joel Tate
Doug Thornburgh		

**C. Recommended as Ministerial Students**

1. Recommend the following be approved as **Ministerial Students:**  

Vincent D' Elia	Penny McQuinn	Gina Vaillancourt
Peter Walshe	Michael Wilding	Richard Bachus
Jeffrey Hinderliter		
2. Recommend the following be continued as **Ministerial Students:**  

Sherrill Hunter	Ernest Schenk II	Nathanial Weaver
Rebecca Ryor	Alan Page	
3. Recommend the following be continued as **Ministerial Students in Process Of District Transfer:**  
None this year

**D. Recommended as Lay Workers:**

1. Recommend the following are approved as **Licensed Special Workers:**  
None this year
2. Recommend the following are continued as **Licensed Special Workers:**  
William Weaver
3. Recommend the following, having completed all academic, service, and Examination requirements are recommended to be approved as **Commissioned Special Workers:**  
None this year

**E. Recommended Changes in Ministerial Standing or Appointments:**

1. Recommended the following to be dropped:  
Rev. Phillip Cook – by his request  
Jeffery Slaybaugh – By action of the DBMD
2. Recommended the following additional changes as requested:  
None this year
3. Recommend the following additional changes as required:  
None this year
4. Retired Ministers available for pulpit supply:

Harold Austin	Edward Elliot	Olson Clark
Carl Chapman, Sr.	Bernard Fortune	Edwin Seaman
Gerald Matson	Nelson Owen	Floyd Tyler
5. Retired Ministers available for interim pastoral ministry:

Harold Austin	Edward Elliot	Nelson Owen
Carl Chapman, Sr.	Bernard Fortune	Floyd Tyler
Olson Clark	Gerald Matson	

**III. Transfers/Deaths**

**A. Outgoing Transfers:**

1. The following have completed transfers out of the district:

Ministerial Students:	None this year
Licensed Ministers:	None this year
Ordained Ministers:	Rev. Dennis Jones to the Wisconsin District
	Rev. Eric George to the Greater Ohio
	Rev. Steve Biswell to the Dakota District
2. The following have applied for transfers out of the district:

Ministerial Students:	None this year
Licensed Ministers:	None this year
Ordained Ministers:	Rev. Norman Mesel to the Tri-State District

**B. Incoming Transfers**

1. The following have completed transfers to the district:

Ministerial Students:	None this year
Licensed Ministers:	None this year
Ordained Ministers:	Rev. James Bretzinger
Ordained Ministers in Process of Denominational Transfer:	None this year
Retired Ministers:	None this year
2. The following are pending completion of transfer to the District:

Ministerial Students:	None this year
Licensed Ministers:	None this year
Ordained Ministers:	Rev. Ronald Weller from the Kansas district
Ordained Ministers in Process of Denominational Transfer:	None this year
Retired Ministers:	None this year
3. The following have applied for transfer to the Eastern New York/New England District:

Ministerial Students:	None this year
Licensed Ministers:	None this year

Ordained Ministers:	None this year	
Ordained Ministers in Process of Denominational Transfer:		None this year
Retired Ministers:	None this year	

**C. Deaths**

The following Ordained Ministers have passed onto their eternal reward:  
Rev. Hervey W. Taber

**IV. Ministerial Education**

**The Lloyd W. Stuart Ministerial Educational Fund** provides four (4) students with a \$100 grant for those pursuing ordination. The annual application deadline is June. A "School of Ministry" will be held at the District Center in the spring.

**Special Recognitions:**

**A. Educational Recognition**

Dr. R. W. Williams – Doctor of Ministry Degree

**B. Years of Service Recognition**

Recognition is given starting at the 10<sup>th</sup> year and every 5<sup>th</sup> year thereafter; (standing Rule – Journal F#1)

10 Years of Service:	Paul Gorsline, Richard Vaillancourt
15 Years of Service:	Jeff Jones, Richard Osborne, Terrel Scott
20 Years of Service:	Irene Norman
25 Years of Service:	Mark Taber
30 Years of Service:	Paul Dettmer, John Milligan
35 Years of Service:	Robert Phillips
40 Years of Service:	Thomas Getman, Edward Lindsey
50 Years of Service:	Robert Tice

**C. Appreciation**

We express appreciation to the members of the DBMD, Rev. Ralph Chapman, Dr. Edward Lindsey, and Mrs. Alberta Lindsey for their support and professional services.

**D. Retirement Recognition**

Recognition is given to those who are retiring from full-time ministerial service and do now have an appointment in The Wesleyan Church. Recommended the following retiring pastor received an appropriate plaque and \$200.00 monetary gift: Rev. Esther Merrick

**District Board of Ministerial Development**

Dr. Edward E. Lindsey (ex-officio), Rev. Ralph Chapman (Chairman), Rev. Marc T. Watkins (Secretary – 2008), Rev. Thomas Bird (2006), Mr. Steven Drown (2006), Rev. Jeffrey Turcotte (2006), Rev. Paul Dettmer (2007), Rev. John Gillette, Jr. (2007), Mr. Gerald Ralph (2007), and Rev. Kevin Austin (2008)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Marc T. Watkins  
Secretary, District Board of Ministerial Development



## **2007 Evangelism and Church Growth Report**

To the District Conference,

Greetings in the name of our Lord,

On behalf of the District Evangelism and Church Growth Committee and the churches we serve we would like to thank the district of their support and each church that contributed their church plating goals. During the past year we worked with Church plants and Developing Churches in an effort to fulfill our district mission of developing “strong Healthy Churches.” Our report is a bittersweet report as we can rejoice with our victories, and weep with our disappointments. We can rejoice that two of our church plants (Northway fellowship of Chestertown, NY and Wesley Chapel, Ferrisburg, VT.) have continued to grow and receive members on their way toward health and independence. These two churches have ceased to receive regular financial support from E&CG funds in keeping with out established policies of financial support for start up churches. At the same time these churches are moving toward health, we have had to unfortunately discontinue our efforts in Holis New Hampshire, and Wynantskill, NY. We thank the Killams and Paul Miller for their labor and efforts to salvage these ministries, as well as many who have served the kingdom in these ministries in the past. Having concluded that the time has come to discontinue our efforts in these places we are looking to invest our efforts elsewhere.

In addition to these churches we have also worked with developing churches offering counsel and guidance where needed. We thank the pastors of these churches for their service efforts, especially those who have faithfully submitted reports. We are also working with churches to offer guidance and counsel that don’t fall into the category of church plant or developing status, offering direction and counsel in times of crisis. For our sake we have categorized theme as “Churches under district Direction.”

I wish to thank the members of our committee, Dr. Lindsey, Pastor Norm Mesel, Rich Finleu, Pastor John Gillette, Pastor Kevin Austin, Dale Binkley, Richard Bates, and Ernest Schenk for their faithful work this year. With their help we have sought to be faithful stewards of our responsibilities to the district and the Lord this past year.

In His service,

Glenn Bozak

## **2007 – 2008 District Church Planting Giving Goals**

### **Division I (Worship of 1-50) – Goal \$100.00**

Albany  
Bakers Mills  
Brandon Center  
Brant Lake  
Bridgeport  
Brookdale  
Chestertown  
Colton  
Dorchester

East Pitcairn  
Ellenburg Depot  
Forest Dale  
Fort Miller  
Hartford  
Kingsbury  
Macomb  
Ogdensburg

Oneonta  
Phoenicia  
Plattsburgh/Elizabeth St  
Springfield Hispanic  
Waterbury Center  
Wells  
West Chazy  
Willow

### **Division II (Worship of 51-75) – Goal \$150.00**

Catskill  
Corinth  
Ferrisburg

Heuvelton  
Long Lake  
Morley

North Chittenden  
Shokan  
Springfield

### **Division III (Worship of 76-100) – Goal \$150.00**

Cooks Corners  
Gloversville  
Hadley-Luzerne

Hague  
Mooers

Norfolk  
Waterford

### **Division IV (Worship of 101-150) – Goal \$250.00**

Cadyville  
Ellington

Lisbon  
Niskayuna

Queensbury

### **Division V (Worship of 151-200) – Goal \$300.00**

Plattsburgh/Turnpike

### **Division VI (Worship of 201-250) – Goal \$350.00**

Cobleskill

# Spiritual Formations Report

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

To our General Superintendent, Dr. Earl Wilson; District Superintendent, Dr. Edward Lindsey and to the district officials and delegates of our 165<sup>th</sup> conference session of the Eastern New York/New England District of the Wesleyan Church:

I would like to begin this report by extending my thanks to the following people for their sacrifice of labor, time, and resources: Dr. Ed & Alberta Lindsey, Rev. Marc Watkins, Rev. Larry Johnson, and Rev. Kenneth Davis. The Spiritual Formation Committee met regularly throughout the course of this conference year and spent much time in structuring youth and children's ministries for this coming camp season.

The District Spiritual Formations Committee also extended an invitation to Dr. James Dunn and the Denominational Spiritual Formations Team to be our keynote speakers at this year's "Spring Life" Conference held on May 19, 2007. Although the attendance was somewhat small, the conference proved very profitable to all those who attended and provided specialized break-out session for those directly involved in adult, youth, and children's ministries. I believe that, in time we will see a positive impact across the district because of this one day event.

I realize that this coming year will be a year of transition and changes but I am also encouraged in knowing that great things are on the horizon for the Eastern New York/New England District and that the District Spiritual Formations Committee will be a vital part of all that takes place.

Let me close this report by reminding us of the purpose of the Spiritual Formation Department of the Wesleyan Church: "To help every person (Children, Youth, and Adults) personally engage in the transformational process of becoming more like Jesus, living a holy life everyday. One life at a time... is becoming more like Jesus."

Respectfully Submitted;  
Rev. Norman Mesel  
District Spiritual Formation Director

