

Board of Administration Report 2024

OREGON CONFERENCE OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop Kenny Martin and Members of the Oregon Annual Conference,

As we gather here today to reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude and a sense of accomplishment for what we, as a board, have achieved. It has been my honor to serve as the Chair of the Board of Administration for the Oregon Conference for the past year. I would like to take a moment to recognize your current Board of Administration and the incredible work each member has contributed this past year.

2023-2024 Members have been: Jeff Utu, Scott Edinger, Jeff Getsinger, Loreen Mills Juran, Heather Johnstone, Supt. Robroy Ranger, and Brendan Dettwyler, Treasurer.

This year has been a testament to our collective faith, and dedication to the Oregon conference community. One of our most significant achievements this year has been the successful expansion of our church planting initiatives. We have extended our support to multiple church plants across Oregon, bringing the gospel of Jesus to many communities. We have updated our policies to improve how we partner with our current churches on much needed support. We have been able to invest in the renovation of our church buildings, ensuring they remain safe, welcoming, and conducive to worship. Additionally, we have allocated funds for the professional development of our pastors and staff, recognizing that their growth is essential to the vitality of our ministry. Partnering with our local churches, we continue to coordinate personal and couples' retreats for lead pastors under appointment.

Our financial health remains strong, thanks to the prudent management of our resources and the generous contributions of our churches. We continue to also invest our funds through both FM Financial Services and an outside investment firm in order to maximize earning potential with the vision of growing God's kingdom.

To remain transparent and to keep you informed, quarterly conference updates are shared directly and posted for member access which includes budget financials for the Oregon Conference. This is a practice we will continue. A log of substantive actions taken by the BOA in this past year has also been provided and uploaded to our member-only folder on the conference website.

Looking ahead, there are several key areas where we will focus our efforts in the coming year. We aim to allocate necessary funding to establish new congregations in underserved areas, extending our reach and bringing our message of hope to more communities. We will continue to invest in the professional and spiritual development of our pastors, ensuring they are well-equipped to lead and nurture their congregations. Additionally, we will enhance support for our existing churches by providing resources for operational excellence, community engagement, and facility

improvements. Through these efforts, we strive to foster a thriving, resilient, and expanding faith community.

Finally, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each one of you. Your unwavering support, prayers, and active participation are the bedrock of our success. Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant, and inclusive conference that reflects the love and teachings of Christ.

Let us move forward with faith and hope, confident that with God's guidance, we will continue to be a beacon of light in our world.

Thank you.

Kim Dettwyler, Chair
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