

Ministerial Education & Guidance Board

2024 Report – Part I

OREGON CONFERENCE OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Mr. Chairman,

The Board of Ministerial Education and Guidance recommends:

1. That the following person be **received by transfer**: Melonie Seward (E), Harvest Conference, Chris Black (E), E. Michigan Conference
2. That the following person be received as **conference ministerial candidates**:
Mark Stanearth
3. That the following persons be continued as **conference ministerial candidates**:

<u>Name</u>	<u>year</u>
Mitchell Brannen	3 rd
Christa Crabtree	3 rd
Anja Shoun	3 rd
James Metzler	6 th
4. That the following person be **discontinued as conference ministerial candidate**:
Bruce Smith
5. That the following persons be **received as members of the conference and ordained elder**:
Jessica Broich, John Heistand
6. That the following persons be given the status of a **licensed pastor**:
7. That the following person be given a **certificate of standing**: Jillian Willis (E)
8. That the following person be **reinstated as Elder**:
9. That the following person be **returned to itinerant ministry**:
10. That the following **continue to be located**:
11. That the following persons' **credentials were voluntarily deposited in the conference office**: Daleasha Hall (E), Gene Hall (E)
12. That the following person has **withdrawn from the conference and the denomination** while under charges or complaints:

13. That the following persons be **withdrawn from the conference and the denomination at own request:** Greg Fair (E), Daleasha Hall (E), Gene Hall (E), Michael Simmons (E), Elizabeth Simmons (E)
14. That the following person's credentials be **declared null and void:** Greg Fair (E), Michael Simmons (E), Elizabeth Simmons (E)
15. Upon recommendation by the various pastors and local boards of administration of the churches where they are located, the Ministerial Education and Guidance Board affirms the integrity and Christian discipleship of located deacons and elders.
16. The Ministerial Education and Guidance Board has given due consideration to the character and performance of each ministerial member of the Oregon Conference. Based on the information available to the MEG Board through the ministers' annual Intent Statement, personal interactions with the individuals, input from the superintendent and, to the best of their knowledge and except for any contrary actions referenced in this report, affirms the integrity and Christian discipleship of all Oregon Conference ministers in accord with paragraphs 5300-5310 of the 2019 Book of Discipline.

2023-2024 Ministerial Education and Guidance Board Members:

George Copeland, Angela Davis, Di Endicott, Emily Nelson, Diane McNay, Debbie Powell, Supt. Robroy Ranger (BVO), Gretchen Stehr, Jonathan Swearingen (Chair), Marla Sweeney

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Objectives and Goals

- Become more connected with the ministers in our areas.
- Allow for more intimate knowledge and support of those churches and pastors.
- Encourage pastors to develop personal ongoing support and develop a personal growth and education plan (i.e. Formation Plan).
- Better serve as an education and guidance board:
 - Meet annually with all CMC's and appointed Ordained Ministers.
 - Build trusting relationships with the pastors.
 - Build a deeper understanding of the needs of our pastors.
 - Potentially catch signs of burnout, woundedness or other distress and provide support to the pastor through times of crisis.
- Provide guidance as CMC's move toward ordination.
- Conduct Outcomes Based Assessments for all CMC candidates and current CMCs/Elders.
- Provide emotional and psychological assessment before appointing lead pastors.
- Keep current all special appointments.
- Support ongoing training of conference elders and leaders.
- Train & dialogue with pastors regarding ordination and consecrated deacon process.
- Support superintendent in training pastors to work with their boards.
- Hold one annual joint MEG Board retreat.
- Strive for continued development and implementation of administrative systems.

Areas of Responsibility

The MEG Board oversees:

Northwest Area:

Hillsboro, Ahava Ministries
Portland, Grace Christian Fellowship
Portland, Iglesia Vida de Fe
Sherwood, Journey Church
Vancouver, Blessed Community-CP

Newberg Area:

Newberg, Northside Community Church

East Portland Area:

Gladstone, The Source Church

Gresham, Sanctuary Church

Portland, Chinese FMC

Portland, South Sudanese Bible Church-CP

Central Oregon Area:

Bend, Mirror Pond Church

Bend, Water Church

Madras, Iglesia Metodista Libre de Madras-CP

Madras, Juniper Community Church

Redmond, Mountain View Fellowship

Central Valley Area:

Falls City, Mountain Gospel Fellowship

Salem First FMC

Sublimity, Cascade View FMC

Willamina FMC

Southern Area:

Central Point, The Fold-CP

Eugene, Living Hope Church

Lebanon, Ignite Hope

Springfield, Genesis Community Church

Sutherlin, Calapooia FMC

Sweet Home, Hillside Fellowship

In 2023-2024 we:

- Oversaw the connection among Elders through monthly Triad and quarterly Cohort meetings.
- Confirmed that all current Conference Ministerial Candidates (CMC) have mentors who provide ongoing input and guidance regarding ordination and current ministry.
- Interviewed two candidates for Elder ordination and recommended them to Annual Conference.
- Interviewed one candidate for CMC and recommended him to Annual Conference.
- Observed with excitement the level of participation of Elders in quarterly meetings.
- Met for an annual prayer, planning, and training retreat.