

**91<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the Church of God in Michigan**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
**November 5 - 6, 2010**

10:45 A.M. The Chair, Isadore Small, called the meeting to order and recognized John Miller as Parliamentarian and Dorothy Jones as Head Teller.

The Chair then read the statement of membership on page 5 after which he recognized new pastorates and new associate pastorates on page 9. The Chair then asked all of the voting members to stand and be recognized.

The Chair read the Assembly's Vision Statement and Mission Statement.

The Chair requested the Assembly to forward any items for new business to Deb Klein, Business Vice Chair, by 2:00 P.M. today.

The Chair introduced the Assembly's State Pastor & Overseer, Dr. Bill Jones, who made special introductions of the Assembly's guests.

The floor was handed over to Herb Shaffer, Director of Institute for Servant Leadership (ISL) who shared ISL's purpose and curriculum content as outlined on page 39.

Dr. Bill Jones pointed out the Assembly's ministries on pages 36-38 and encouraged everyone to take advantage of our Assembly's website ([www.choginmi.org](http://www.choginmi.org)) along with receiving the e-Action.

Dr. Bill Jones recognized those individuals completing terms of service as listed on page 9.

The floor was handed over to Dr. Herb Banks, Chair of the Credentials Committee who reminded credentialed ministers to register annually with Church of God in Michigan along with Church of God Ministries in Anderson, IN. He also highlighted the Church of God Ministries' recommended ministerial registration policy as outlined in the Credentials Ministry report on page 30. Dr. Herb Banks shared his agreement with this recommendation from Church of God Ministries as it is a measure of accountability to one another and the Church of God movement.

Dr. Herb Banks then directed the Assembly to page 3 'In Memoriam to Michigan Church of God Ministers' and invited all those touched by their lives to stand as each name was read.

The Chair then requested a motion for approval of the Agenda.

**M/S/C: Fred Davey / Joshua Manning / Carried by all.**

The floor was handed over to Dr. Bill Jones who advised the Assembly that the minutes from the 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly business meetings were reviewed and accepted as accurate at the close of that Assembly.

Dr. Bill Jones then highlighted the four ministry areas for the Church of God in Michigan and what each area offers to equip local congregations to extend the Kingdom of God:

- Michigan Youth Ministry
- Credentials Ministry
- Pastoral Health Ministry
- Church Health Ministry

Dr. Bill Jones recognized the Assembly's Church Health Minister, Director of Youth Ministry, Regional Pastors, Service Center Staff, Second Half of Life Chairperson, and Mission Task Force for helping the Church of God in Michigan equip the local congregations.

Dr. Bill Jones shared the trend of declining quantity of churches and attendance for the Church of God in Michigan and his passion that our local congregations should be growing in quantity of churches and attendance. He then shared his goal to see 50% of the total churches in Michigan be growing before he retires. He recommended the Assembly read his State Pastor and Overseer Report for more information on page 24.

Dr. Bill Jones shared the Board of Directors' decision to release Board Designated Funds for church planting to be used for the ministry of the General Assembly.

Dr. Bill Jones reviewed the Financial Statements by highlighting the following items:

40110—Due to the sale of properties in St Clair and Petoskey, the year end Income Statement looks to end up in the black. Also, 2011 Budget is increased over 2010 due to the expected sale of a house that was given to the Church of God in Michigan.

Dr Bill Jones pointed out the "Notes to Budgeted Financial Statements" that are outlined on page 15.

40294—repayment from Church Extension.

Dr. Bill Jones also pointed out Designated Asset Revenues and Expenses being money earned from currently-held investments, not money collected through General Budget giving, and where those earnings are used to support ministries.

Dr. Bill Jones pointed out Current Cash Holdings Report on page 15 and the Endowment Investment Activity-2010 on page 16. He also shared the Board of Directors' decision in October 2010 to bring the baselines back down to their original investments so money is more readily available to support churches in ministry. Michigan Church Planting and Older Adult Endowments were unable to be changed because they are donor designated.

Dr. Bill Jones highlighted PNC Financial Services Group Money Market, Audited Statement of Financial Position, and Conditional deeding on page 17 with an encouragement to all ministers to make sure their church's property is deeded to the Church of God in Michigan.

The floor was handed back to the Chair who invited Deb Klein, Business Committee Vice-Chair, who recognized the candidates on the 2011 Ballot. She then instructed the Assembly to mark their ballots and turn them in to the tellers who then collected them.

12:15 P.M. The Chair dismissed the Assembly for lunch and will reconvene on Saturday, November 6, 2010.

### **Saturday, November 6**

9:00 A.M. The Chair called the Assembly to order.

The floor was handed over to Demetrius Booker, Church Health Minister, who reviewed his report from page 25 and encouraged the Assembly to take advantage of Church Health's ministry that is there to serve them.

The Chair handed the floor over to Dr. Bill Jones who directed the Assembly to the 2011 Proposed Budget and opened the floor for any questions:

Mary Lloyd—is the Assembly receiving any funds from Brotherhood Mutual?

Dr. Bill Jones—no significant funds have been received in 2009 or 2010 due to large claims having been filed with Brotherhood Mutual.

Jerry Hickson—What does account 40326 represent?

Dr. Bill Jones—funds that have been received which will support future mission trips.

The Chair invited the Assembly to complete the ballots for the 2011 Proposed Budget which the tellers then collected.

The Chair shared that there are no unfinished business items per the Vice Chair, Business Committee.

The Chair invited Kevin Kuehne to address the Assembly regarding the 2011 State Youth Convention. Kevin Kuehne introduced Melissa to share a youth's perspective on the State Youth Convention. After Melissa shared, Kevin recognized the State Youth Convention Committee and then reviewed the plan of events for the 2011 Convention. He also extended

scholarships on behalf of the State's Youth Ministry for churches who have not attended State Youth Conventions in the last five years.

The Chair handed the floor over to Perry Purcell, Chair of Pastoral Health Ministry, who presented, alongside Dr. Bill Jones, the Outstanding Service Awards to the following pastors:

15 years – Darryl Babcock

15 years – David Lunn

15 years – Steve McDaniel

25 years – Paul Stover

25 years – Diana Stover

Dr. Bill Jones presented the Outstanding Service Award to Dr. Isaac Croom Turner for a life of faithful service and exemplary ministry to the Church of God. Dr. Bill Jones reviewed Dr. Isaac Turner's record of service to the Kingdom of God.

The Chair then handed the floor over to Dr. Herb Banks, Chair of Credentials Ministry, to lead the Assembly in the presentation of credentials candidates. Dr. Herb Banks recognized the members of the Credentials Committee. He then recognized the candidates on the ballot to be commissioned followed by those who are to be licensed. He then invited the following ordination candidates to stand before the Assembly and share their stories:

Cathleen Sprowl

Joshua Manning

Ross Tarantino

Dr. Herb Banks invited the pastors in the Assembly to join around the ordination candidates and their spouses as they were anointed and prayed over. Prayer was led by Dr. Herb Banks.

The Chair requested the Assembly to complete and turn in ballots for credential candidates to the tellers who then collected them.

The Chair expressed gratitude to Goldie and Becky Kurtzhals for their work at the Service Center.

The Chair invited the Assembly to gather around and pray over Dr. Bill Jones, our State Pastor and Overseer for the Church of God in Michigan.

10:30 A.M. The 90<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Church of God in Michigan was concluded and the Assembly was dismissed.

*Ballot results:*

Assembly Officers:

Laura Kauffman—Chair

Andrew Scheller—Secretary

2011 Budget: approved.

Credential Candidates: approved unanimously.

2010 Minutes have been reviewed by Perry Purcell, Rhodell Valentine, and David Mansfield.