

# Ministerial Education & Guidance Board

## 2022 Report – Part II

### OREGON CONFERENCE OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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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 with all CMC's and appointed Ordained Ministers annually.
  - Build trusting relationships with the pastors.
  - Build 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, New Vision Fellowship  
Portland, Grace Christian Fellowship  
Portland, Iglesia Vida de Fe  
Sherwood, Journey Church  
Vancouver, Blessed Community (Church Plant)

Newberg Area:

Newberg, Northside Community Church  
Medford, The Fold (Church Plant), ministry of Northside Community Church

East Portland Area:

Gladstone, The Source Church  
Gresham, Sanctuary Church  
Portland, Chinese FMC  
Portland, South Sudanese Bible Church (Church Plant)

Central Oregon Area:

Bend, Mirror Pond Church  
Bend, Water Church  
Madras, Iglesia Metodista Libre de Madras (Church Plant)  
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:

Eugene, Living Hope Church  
Lebanon, Ignite Hope  
Springfield, Genesis Community Church  
Sutherlin, Calapooia FMC  
Sweet Home, Hillside Fellowship

***In 2022-2023 we:***

- Participated with elders in 8 weeks of coaching training in preparation for our conference shifting from annual MEG interviews to MEG reviews of periodic coaching of Elders and CMCs.
- Implemented a transitional phase of moving from annual MEG interviews to quarterly coaching sessions via RevCoach with annual MEG reviews.
- 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 five 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.