

# Board of Administration

## 2024-2025 Annual Report

### OREGON CONFERENCE OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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#### **Bishop Kenny Martin and Members of the Oregon Conference,**

As we bring another year to a close, I offer this report with deep gratitude for the faithfulness of God and the dedication of the people who make up our conference. It is a privilege to serve as Chair of the Board of Administration and to reflect with you on the progress, priorities, and prayers that have shaped our journey together in this last year.

#### **Building on Last Year's Vision**

Last year, we continued our vision centered on expanding our church planting efforts, investing in the care and development of our pastors, and strengthening the health and sustainability of our existing churches. That vision has continued to guide our decisions and fuel our prayers throughout the year. I am pleased to report that, by God's grace, we have made meaningful progress in all these areas.

This past year, we engaged in the significant work of shaping a shared vision for the future of the Oregon Conference. Through prayerful collaboration, we developed a comprehensive Vision Frame that reflects our collective mission: becoming a multicultural group united around Jesus to ignite a Spirit-fueled movement. This framework outlines measurable commitments in four key areas—spiritual vitality, evangelistic disciple making, leadership development, and ministry multiplication. These foundational tools are now guiding our strategic planning, resourcing efforts, and church engagement across the conference.

#### **Listening Tours**

One of the most significant steps we took this year was conducting a series of listening tours throughout the Oregon Conference. These gatherings provided sacred space for pastors, lay leaders, and congregants to share their thoughts, hopes, and concerns—especially regarding the potential formation of a new, reimagined conference. We heard clearly the desire for deeper connection, shared leadership, and a missional focus. These conversations have been vital in shaping our next steps and ensuring that any future restructuring is grounded in discernment, transparency, and mutual trust.

#### **Church Planting and Mission Expansion**

Our commitment to church planting and the care of our established churches remains strong, and this year we saw encouraging developments in several new ways. One example of this is the BOA standing with our churches and church plants while continuing to respond to requests for grants and support. With the support of conference leaders and local church partners, we are laying the foundation for sustainable, Spirit-led church plants that are rooted in the needs of their neighborhoods. These expressions of faith reflect our belief that the Church must be both timeless in truth and timely in presence.

#### **Pastoral Support and Leadership Development**

We also remain steadfast in our support and care for pastors. Ministry in today's world comes with profound demands, and we are committed to ensuring that our leaders are not serving alone. This year, we increased access

to counseling resources, provided more opportunities for training and spiritual renewal, and strengthened our systems for mentoring, coaching and accountability. Healthy pastors lead healthy churches, and we are grateful for each of our leaders who serve with humility, courage, and faithfulness. A report of 2024 substantive BOA actions has been submitted separately.

### **Financial Oversight**

The board carefully addressed the transition of financial staff alongside significant revisions to simplify reporting and processes. A Finance Team was formed to assist the board with budget development and broader investment considerations. Oregon Conference administrative oversight of physical and financial assets continues to be addressed with utmost care, and denominational and professional advice is additionally sought for further clarity in decisions. Conference Treasurer, Brendan Dettwyler, is to be commended once again for countless hours of work with our accounting and administrative staff to offer practical revisions in conference financial processes.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we look ahead, we will continue to discern the future of the Oregon Conference with wisdom and openness, while remaining rooted in the Gospel and committed to each other. Whether through new church plants, pastoral development, or continued partnerships among existing churches, we believe that God is at work—calling us to unity, to mission, and to hope.

On behalf of the Board of Administration, thank you for your prayers, your service, and your steadfast commitment to Christ's Church. May we continue to be a people shaped by grace, sent in love, and led by the Spirit.

In Christ,

Kim Dettwyler, Chair

Board of Administration 2024-2025

Oregon Conference of the Free Methodist Church

- Submitted on behalf of the 2024-2025 Oregon Conference Board of Administration: Sam Dilla, Scott Edinger, Heather Johnstone, Loreen Mills Juran, Supt. Robroy Ranger, Jeff Utu, and Brendan Dettwyler (Treasurer).

# Board of Administration Motions Log

January – December 2024

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The Oregon Conference Board of Administration reports the following substantive actions in 2024.

## **February 7, 2024 – Board of Administration Actions**

- To re-assign Brendan Dettwyler signing authority on Oregon Conference bank accounts and checkbook before implementing the removal and addition of other signers as was approved by this board in December 2023.

## **March 20, 2024 – Board of Administration Actions**

- That Cascade View Free Methodist Church is deemed to be incapable of adequately supporting the society or fulfilling the vision of the Free Methodist Church. Hence the conference Administrative Committee (Board of Administration) is, per Book of Discipline par. 6420, disbanding this society and assuming responsibility for the property, assets and the care and transfer of its members.
- The Board appoints conference elders Jeff Getsinger, Di Endicott and Kelly Cohoe to assume the responsibility as the church Board of Administration for the property, assets and the care and transfer of members, and to report to the conference BOA.
- That Supt. Robroy Ranger be included as a member of this appointed church board.
- The conference secretary is assigned to update the Secretary of State Corporate Registry for Cascade View FMC with Kelly Cohoe as Registered Agent and Secretary/Treasurer.
- That \$750,000.00 be transferred from the Free Methodist Financial Services flexible account into the investment fund with Quantum.
- To approve the updated 4-year budget as presented.

## **April 22, 2024 – Board of Administration Actions**

- To revise verbiage no longer applicable within the Property Development and Loan Fund Regulations, including its name, as presented.
- That the revised Property Development Fund Regulations include reference to church grant funding protocols which are determined and utilized by the Board of Administration for protocol accountability.
- To approve the Grant Request Guidelines for use by the Board of Administration in the approval and monitoring process of church grants.

### **May 15, 2024 – Board of Administration Actions**

- Approve sale of the portion of Water Church (Bend) property under advisement of the BOA and with prior confirmation of the fair market value, and to approve Pastor Jeff Utu as an authorized signer for this transaction.
- Accept a correction in the budget to reflect an approximate \$8500 net loss in the overall conference budget, including Church Planting and Missions, with Vietnam support to read \$12,000 total. This impacts the ministry portion of the budget only.

### **July 2024 – Board of Administration Actions**

- To extend Scott Edinger's term of service on the Oregon Conference Board of Administration for one additional conference year, 2024-2025, which will fill the ministerial vacancy caused by a late-term resignation.
- That with Board of Administration approval and Bishop Kenny Martin's oversight, the current Oregon Conference MEG Board, or no fewer than three of its members, be assigned the additional role of serving as the Oregon Conference Superintendent Selection Committee 2024-2025.

### **September 2024 – Board of Administration Actions**

- To nominate Kim Dettwyler as 2024-2025 BOA Chair for the year.
- To approve Annual Conference Minutes from June 22, 2024.
- To reconfirm conference bank account signers as follows: Key Bank: Brendan Dettwyler, Nancy Dunbar, Kaleb Herring, Mark Johnson, Heather Johnstone; Free Methodist Foundation and Raymond James/Quantum Investments: Nancy Dunbar and Scott Edinger
- To maintain healthcare benefits for staff, Nancy Dunbar and spouse, with the current plan and to absorb the rate increase for 2025.
- With regards to Cascade View FMC:
  - To appoint Oregon Conference Executive Team as Board of Administration for Sublimity Cascade View FMC and other appointees per the superintendent.  
NOTE: All previous church board minutes were reported as having been destroyed due to water damage in the building.
  - To approve the Assumed Business Name of “The Planting” for Cascade View Free Methodist Church.
  - To grant Ignite Hope Church in Lebanon \$10,000 to upgrade their facility as presented in proposal submitted to the BOA.

### **October 2024 – Board of Administration Actions**

- To approve of Judy Carson and Carol Rogers as MEG Board lay members for the remainder of this MEG cycle.
- To grant a gift of \$10,000 from the Church Grants Funds to the Chinese FMC in Portland for roof repairs. This gift is contingent on the church agreeing to correct any discrepancies with their EPP apportionment.
- To transfer \$63,000 from the Sublimity church's (previously Cascade View FMC) flexible investment certificate, managed by Free Methodist Financial Services under the Oregon

Conference, for the payment of a complete roof repair of the main church building at 11677 Sublimity Rd SE, Sublimity, OR.

- To withdraw \$64,377 from Oregon Conference flexible certificate investment funds to pay the remaining balance the conference owes the FMCUSA for 2024 EPP (Equal Participation Plan) contributions.
- With Regards to property at 922 W. Harbeck Rd., Grants Pass, Oregon 97527:
  - To approve Robroy Ranger as signer for any sales documentation for the property.
  - That the conference accept the offer received from Pursuit Nazarene Church in the amount of \$750,000.00 for the as-is sale of the Grants Pass property.
  - That the real estate contract with Hancock Realty be extended as needed to complete this sale transaction.

#### **December 2024 – Board of Administration Actions**

- With regards to personnel:
    - To extend year-end appreciation to conference staff and bishop.
    - To extend a salary increase for the conference administrative assistant.
    - To extend a health insurance premium increase for the superintendent.
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