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TO: Network Ministry Family
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SUBJECT: Network Conference & District Council Update

WOW! Another great Appalachian Ministry Network “family reunion” (a.k.a. Network Conference and District Council) happened in Beckley, West Virginia, a few weeks ago and testimonies of God-moments and God-encounters taking place at the meeting are still being received. Only 26 hours from start to finish and it was incredible!

For those ministers and pastors either unable to attend because of secular employment, health issues, distance, or other legitimate reasons, I want you to know that you were missed, thought of and prayed for. Hopefully, you will be able to make next year’s gathering.

I want to recap some of the highlights of this year’s conference. Please do me and yourself a favor and read on as some very important things took place of which everyone needs either to be reminded or made aware. And should you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of our executive office staff. God bless!

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE & MINISTRY OFFICERS

Assistant Superintendent John Jordan was overwhelmingly re-elected by the Council ministers and delegates to serve a five-year term. Congratulations to John and thanks for his willingness to serve our network in this important position. John and Stephanie, you are much loved and appreciated! Thanks, also, to John’s beautiful children for sharing their dad and to Calvary Assembly for sharing their pastor with the Appalachian Ministry Network. We know God will bless your sacrifice.

Other offices filled during the conference business sessions were:

Executive Presbyter – **Roger Williams** (2-year term)
Youth & Christian Education Director – **Aaron Hall** (3-year term)
Youth & Christian Education Assistant Director – **Jeff Call** (2-year term)
Women’s Ministries Director – **Bonnie Webb** (2-year term)
HonorBound Assistant Director – **Scott Cooper** (2-year-term)
HonorBound Secretary/Treasurer – **Brad Puckett** (2-year-term)

SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Kent Ingle, President of Southeastern University, presented a full tuition scholarship to the district leadership to award a student planning to attend Southeastern and enrolled no later than **July 1** of this year. The scholarship is worth up to \$80,000 and is to be allocated over four years, defined as eight consecutive semesters of enrollment. It should be noted that the scholarship covers tuition only and does not cover items such as books, room and board, etc. Students must complete a FAFSA in order to receive the scholarship. The link to apply for enrollment as a student (the first step) is www.seu.edu/apply/. The required application fee can be waived by using the following code: **VPRR**. The link to apply for the scholarship is www.seu.edu/trusteesscholarship. Applicants will be screened by the university to ensure admission eligibility and then forwarded to the district for award consideration. Please spread the word about this incredible opportunity (and be mindful of the stated requirements).

ORDINATION CLASS OF 2014

Congratulations to the following ministers on their advancement to ordination, the highest level of ministry recognition made by the Assemblies of God: Mal Anthony (Bassett, VA), Joshua Crouse (Roanoke, VA), Jacob King (Dublin, VA), and Jeverna King (Dublin, VA). We are very proud of you and excited to see God's hand upon you. The ordination service featured a powerful and timely message on the anointing by Doug Clay, Executive General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God. Each candidate received a bronze statue of "The Divine Servant" statue engraved with their name and membership of the Ordination Class of 2014.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Resolutions were passed that updated the governing bylaws of the network/district and authorized the presbytery to develop a process for the creation of regional designations to identify the sections of the network. A spirit of unity prevailed during the business portion of the conference, enabling the executive reports to be given, seven elections to be conducted and five resolutions to be considered in one session. Praise the Lord!

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Reaching the United States and the world through AG missions was front and center at this year's conference. District Missions Director Tim Boyd did an outstanding job coordinating a special missions emphasis. Several missionaries were present and all of them have expressed their appreciation to our network for making them feel so welcome and appreciated. Many booked services in our churches and were very grateful for the invitations. Following a parade of missionaries to open the first service of the conference, Zollie Smith, Executive Director of US Missions for the Assemblies of God, delivered a powerful charge to take the gospel to the world. Drawings were also held for iPad giveaways to persons visiting the missions exhibits and to the missionaries present, compliments of the District Missions Department.