

Great Lakes Regional Conference

August 20,2019

Live at Woodland Church, Battle Creek, Zoom Video locations: Heritage in Moline, IL, Red Cedar Church in Rice Lake, WI

Worship

Prayer by Pastor Beth Cossin

Reg. Supt. Chris Conrad addressed the Conference

Message

Recognized Lead Pastors, Staff Pastors, and Lay Delegates.

975 people gathered- most in the history of the Wesleyan Church (3 locations)

We are better together. 22 million people who need Jesus.

Vision for multiplication. Numerous people shared.

Recognized church growth, salvations, and baptisms.

Run with purpose. Be about the mission!

Sobering statistics about number of salvations and baptisms in the Region over the past year.

We need prayers and focused attention on the mission. Ask God how He wants to use you to reach people for Him.

Marketplace ministries. Bible studies and book studies in local businesses (micro-churches). Lay people led.

Sign up for Evangelism Cohorts.

Churches move from Level 1 to Level 5 churches (Multiplying). Goal- churches move one step to the right in the next year.

11:15 a.m.- Business Meeting called to order by Chris Conrad

Tom Schmidt- Regional Board of Ministerial Development- Read names of Ordination candidates. Recommended by RBMD to be ordained.

Vote to approve report and ordinands- motion carried- Unanimously approved in all locations.

John Gorveatte and Katie Lance- Host and Hostess for voting process.

Dr. Wayne Schmidt- Vote on Regional Superintendent- Mergers require a new vote for Superintendent.

Election for a four year term as Regional Superintendent. No nominations from the floor.

Chris Conrad recommended by Regional Board for a four year term.  
(Revotes required due to technical and timing difficulties).  
93.08% Yes 6.92% No. Chris Conrad elected as GLR Regional Superintendent

Announcement 1-Zach Coffin shared about the Follow Youth Conference in December. Theme:  
There is More. Followconference.org

Announcement 2- Coaching available for Pastors and leaders.  
Values- Evangelism, Leadership Development, Diversity, Soul Care

Announcement 3- GLR signed contract with Full Strength Network for counseling that is  
confidential. Help for Ordained and Licensed ministers.

Motion to approve the General Conference Delegates and as a slate all at once. Seconded.  
Adam Lipscomb- spoke against the motion.  
87.1% yes 12.9% no Motion Carried

Dr. Wright from Indiana Wesleyan University addressed the conference from Woodlawn location.

Vote to approve General Conference Delegates  
Slate Elected

Vote to allow the approval of slate for nominating committee.  
Adam Lipscomb spoke against the motion.  
95.73 yes. 4.27 no. Motion carried.

Motion and second to suspend the motion on the nominating committee.  
Voice vote- Carried

Nominations from floor for Nominating Committee  
No nominations from the floor- Woodlawn, Red Cedar, and Heritage.

General Superintendent's Report- Dr. Wayne Schmidt

Vote for full slate of Nominating Committee  
97.17 Yes 2.83 No Nominating Committee elected.

Lynn Bruce, CFO, addressed the Conference on GLR Finances

Motion to rescind General Conference Delegates Vote. Motion and 2nd

Voice vote- Motion voted down.  
 Election Stands for General Conference Delegates

Memorials to General Conference (See packets).

Memorial 1- Urban Missional Church-94% Yes 5% no

Memorial 2- Developing Churches- 75.95% Yes 24% no

Memorial 3- Membership Recommitment- 69.62% yes 30.39% no

Ordination

Regional Superintendent				Nominating Committee								
56	7	63	Rice Lake	56	7	63	Rice Lake					
79	1	80	Heritage	79	1	80	Heritage					
376	30	406	Battle Creek	277	4	281	Battle Creek					
511	38	549		412	12	424						
			93.08%				97.17%					
			6.92%				2.83%					
Memorial - Urban				Memorial - Developing Church Status				Memorial - Membership				
51	2	53	Rice Lake	32	17	49	Rice Lake	36	14	50	Rice Lake	
73	4	77	Heritage	61	14	75	Heritage	51	26	77	Heritage	
229	14	243	Battle Creek	188	58	246	Battle Creek	181	77	258	Battle Creek	
353	20	373		281	89	370		268	117	385		
			94.64% Yes				75.95% Yes				69.61% Yes	
			5.36% No				24.05% No				30.39% No	

