SECTION II

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM Baptist Resource Network of Pennsylvania/South Jersey

November 1-2, 2018

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BRN Annual Meeting York, PA

November 1-2, 2018





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SPEAKERS



Tom Elliff



Michael Catt



Ken Jenkins





Rvan Rice, Sr. Paul Gotthardt

SCHEDULE

Monday, April 1

1:00 PM Registration begins

3:00 PM Hotel Check-in

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Afternoon Session

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Dinner

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Evening Session

Tuesday, April 2

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Morning Session

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Afternoon Session

3:30 PM Conference

Concludes

\$100 includes the conference (your spouse may attend with you at no additional cost), lodging for one night, dinner on Monday, and lunch on Tuesday.

Annual Meeting York, PA November 1-2, 2018

48th Annual Meeting of the Baptist Resource Network 2550 Pine Grove Road, York, PA 17403

Kingdom Compassion

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19 CSB).



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Welcome

We're so glad that you've come to York, Pa.! I'm excited that we're all gathered together in this place to celebrate 48 years as a network of churches from all across Pennsylvania and South Jersey. We have much to share and rejoice at this meeting concerning the things that God has been doing.

As your Executive Director, my main goal at this gathering is to communicate these awesome things. I hope and pray that you will be both refreshed and challenged as you spend these days at the 48th BRN Annual Meeting.

Our theme during this year's gathering is "Kingdom Compassion." We'll be focusing in on Luke 4:18-19 to be challenged in becoming a people who diligently carries forth the compassion of Christ to a lost and dying world.

This program will help identify the things that you will experience during our time at this year's meeting, including these exciting opportunities:

- Dr. Don Wilton, who is in his 25th year serving as the senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, S.C., will be our keynote speaker. Also the founder and president of *The Encouraging Word*, which is broadcast over WSPA-TV, WYCW, WMIT, and nationally on Daystar and CTN, Dr. Wilton faithfully served as pastor to Dr. Billy Graham each week over a 15-year period, prior to his passing. We are delighted and blessed to have Dr. Wilton join us to share a challenge from God's Word to inspire us to exhibit the compassion of Christ to the world in which we serve.
- Several of our BRN staff and pastors will offer fourteen different breakout sessions to help you grow in the key biblical behaviors (missional engagement, intentional discipleship, and leadership development) of healthy multiplying churches. Additional breakout sessions will inspire and equip you as a follower of Christ.

My greatest desire at this meeting is to see a group of people celebrating and enjoying the uniqueness of our Christian family. This is the one time of the year that we as God's people can come together and celebrate God's work among our network of 330 churches.

I pray as we experience this time together God will do something special to draw us closer to Him and to one another. I pray that when we close our time together we will be more determined to bind together to make more noise for Jesus so that He can be made more and more famous. Jesus promised us, that "if I be lifted up, I will draw people unto myself (John 12:32)."

Your Missionary to PA/SJ,

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General Information

Registration

Registration is located on the lower level in the hallway outside the main worship center. You must stop by registration, even if you pre-registered online, so that we can provide you with a meeting information packet, a name badge, and your ballots (for church-elected messengers).

Coffee

Coffee is located in the hallway in the lower level between the classrooms and the worship center as well as upstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare

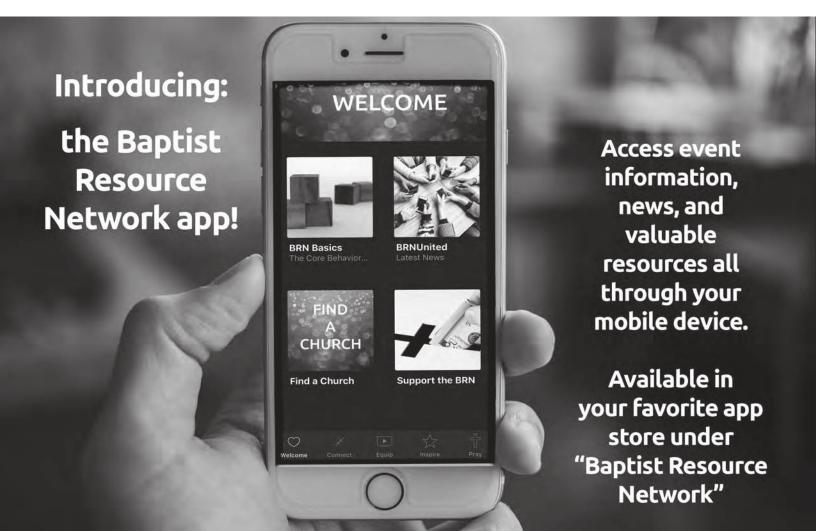
Child Care is located on the lower level in classrooms B and C. Please pick up your children immediately following each general session(s).

Displays

Displays are located around the perimeter of the Fellowship Hall upstairs.

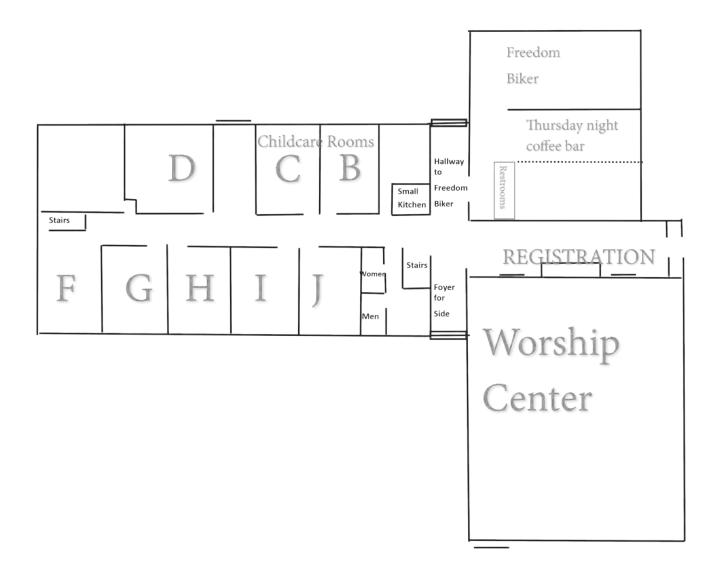
LifeWay Bookstore

The LifeWay Bookstore is located in the Fellowship Hall upstairs.



Facilities Map

Lower Level - Worship Center



Upper Level – Fellowship Hall

- Thursday Lunch, Exegeting Your Community
- Thursday Evening, BBQ Dinner (By pre-purchased tickets only)
- Friday Morning, Creating an Effective Discipleship Process in the Local Church

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At-A-Glance Schedule

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9-10:15 a.m	Executive Board Administrative Committee Meeting
9-10 a.m	Executive Board Operations & Property Committee Meeting
10:30 a.m1 p.m	Executive Board Meeting
11:45 a.m1 p.m	Breakouts over Thursday Lunch
1:30 p.m.	General Session One in the Worship Center
4:30-6:15 p.m	Dinner Break (two seatings) in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	
8:15 p.m.	Coffee Bar in the Freedom Biker Church Worship area
8:45 p.m.	Freedom Biker Church Concert and Worship in their Worship area
Friday	
8-9:15 a.m	Breakouts over Friday Breakfast
9:30 a.m	
11:45 a.m1 p.m	Breakouts over Friday Lunch

Thursday

Detailed Schedule: November 1

General Session One – Thursday Afternoon, 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Kevin Roberts, Presiding Worship Center, Lower Level Kingdom Compassion Luke 4:18-19

Worship

Call to Order & Opening Prayer

Credentials and Enrollment Report

Program and Arrangements Report

Committee on Committees Report

Nominating Committee Report

Executive Board Report

NAMB Greetings & Report

2019 Budget Proposal

Constitution & By-Laws Committee Report

Election of Officers

Presentation of Executive Board Certificates

Charge and Prayer for 2019 Officers

SBC Executive Committee Report

Missional Engagement Video

BRN Behaviors, Part 1: Missional Engagement: Dr. Kevin Roberts

Worship

Guest Speaker: Dr. Don Wilton

Worship

Closing Prayer

Detailed Schedule: November 1-2

General Session Two – Thursday Evening, 6:30 p.m.

Worship Center, Lower Level

Welcome & Prayer

Intentional Discipleship Video

BRN Behaviors, Part 2: Intentional Discipleship: Dr. Kevin Roberts

Worship

IMB Video Greetings

Executive Director's Report: Dr. Barry Whitworth

IMB Missionaries Testimony

Worship

Guest Speaker: Dr. Don Wilton

Worship

Greeting New Workers

Prayer & Dismissal

~ Please join us for a time of fellowship and coffee in the Freedom Biker Church Worship area as well as a concert by Freedom Biker Church ~

General Session Three – Friday Morning, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Center, Lower Level

Welcome & Prayer

Worship

Leadership Development Video

BRN Behaviors, Part 3: Leadership Development: Dr. Kevin Roberts

Convention Sermon: Pastor Adam Sewell

Greetings from the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)

SBC Missionaries Birthdays and Prayer

Greetings from SBC President, J.D. Greear

IMB Missionaries Greetings

Greetings from LifeWay Christian Resources

Other Partner Greetings

Worship

Guest Speaker: Dr. Don Wilton

Worship

Closing Prayer

Breakout Descriptions

Note: Please refer of the Breakout Session Notes in the Appendix

Thursday Lunch Breakout Session (11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.):

Cultivating Women's Ministry in the Church, Beth Whitworth, Classroom H

It is important to invest in the growth of leadership. What are some of the ways that you are being cultivated? How can you invest and cultivate others in their calling? We will explore ways to identify God's calling, develop and strengthen skills as well as investing in future leaders in your sphere of influence. Cultivation will help us to bloom and bear fruit where we are planted.

Developing a Leadership Strategy for Your Local Church, Dan Nold, Classroom J

The Leadership Dance: Some leaders push people forward through their position. Some leaders pull people toward the goal through their charisma and competency. Some leaders choose to enter the dance. Rather than push or pull, they lean. Rather than positional authority or the charisma of competency, they exercise spiritual authority. How do we develop leaders who will enter the dance? We'll talk principles, models and culture.

Exegeting Your Community, Kyle Canty, Fellowship Hall (upstairs)

Exegetical work is some of the most exciting ministry work that exist for believers who understand that God has given His people a mission. In this workshop, we will explore the various aspects of engaging in community exegesis. This workshop will touch on topics important to both church plants as well as existing churches looking to reach their community. There are undiscovered opportunities to apply the gospel right in your backyard.

Ready Church, Kenton Hunt, Classroom I

Ready Church is a way for your church to be prepared to respond to urgent needs in your community. It is a strategy that requires a church to actively identify local needs, connect with community leaders, and organize a response as needed. Kenton Hunt, State Director of Disaster Relief, is equipped to help your church reach it's community at times when it's needed most.

Spiritual Health Assessment, David Ludwig, Classroom G

Every year we're required to get our vehicles inspected to check things out and ensure they are running as they should; but let us ask, when was the last time you checked on the health of your church? Have you truly taken a break to step back and think about where your church is headed? Why? God wants our churches to be healthy. So does the BRN. We are here to help you, at the local church, measure the current status of your church's health as it related to the practice of three key biblical behaviors: Missional Engagement, Intentional Discipleship, and Leadership Development. We have studied healthy churches and all of them have a plan in place when it comes to these behaviors. We want your church to have a plan – God's plan – for the future as well.

Friday Breakfast Breakout Session (8-9:15 a.m.):

Assimilating People from Other Parts of the World, Philip Pham, Classroom H

What does it mean to assimilate people into the church, and why should Christians do that? And why is that so essential for the different ethnic groups around us? Join in a healthy discussion about what the Bible says in this vital area.

Creating an Effective Discipleship Process in the Local Church, Samuel Rodriguez, Fellowship Hall Discipleship is the heart of Kingdom growth. In this breakout, Rev. Samuel Rodriguez will discuss how to evaluate your church's current discipleship process and give advice on the biblical foundations and methods for a growing discipleship program in your church.

Getting Involved in Reaching a Campus for Christ, Robert Turner, Classroom G

Is your church located near one of the many college campuses across Penn/South Jersey? If so, and if you've ever wondered if your church should take on a ministry to that campus, this breakout is for you. Robert Turner, Director of Collegiate Ministries for the BRN, will introduce you to the basics of a church ministry to a college campus. We'll cover the essential things your church needs to know, beginning steps you can take, and share how the "BRN Next" team can partner with you in the process. And if you simply want to have a better understand the current generation of young adults, you'll find this a helpful breakout as well.

Racial Reconciliation Panel, Freedom Biker Worship Center

Scripture is clear that Christians have been given the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5), but what does that mean in the context of race? Knowing every person is created in God's image, panel participants will discuss how church leaders and members should confront the issue of racism and how to allow the gospel, instead, to shine through in words and deeds.

Friday Lunch Breakout Session (11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.):

The Culture of Discipleship in the Local Church, Brad Wingler, Classroom J

We all want our churches to be filled with disciple-makers, but how do we intentionally see that happen? Join us for a time to discuss how to "Know, Implement, Communicate and Celebrate" a culture of discipleship in your local church!

How to Become a Multiplying Church, Cliff Jenkins, Classroom H

Multiplication is more than just a process, it's a movement. It involves all types of churches spreading the gospel. Come to this breakout session to hear church multiplication defined and to hear how you can be a part of the church multiplication process.

Revisions to the BRN Constitution & By-Laws - Q&A, Bob Conrad & Brian Harrison, Classroom I A time to ask questions and receive answers as well as more information about the proposed changes to the current BRN Constitution and By-Laws. Upon review of the current BRN Constitution & By-Laws from BRN legal counsel, the 2018 Constitution & By-Laws Committee has been working most of the year to process much needed revisions. The goal of the committee was to have a Constitution & By-Laws document that can be a foundation for the BRN for many years to come. We have made revisions that are up-to-date with current laws concerning non-profits, revisions to streamline the BRN operations, and revisions to clearly articulate when the BRN Policies & Procedures Manual will be the guide for the BRN administrative and operational duties. After this breakout time with the Constitution & By-Laws Committee, the 2019 Annual Meeting messengers will vote on the proposed document.

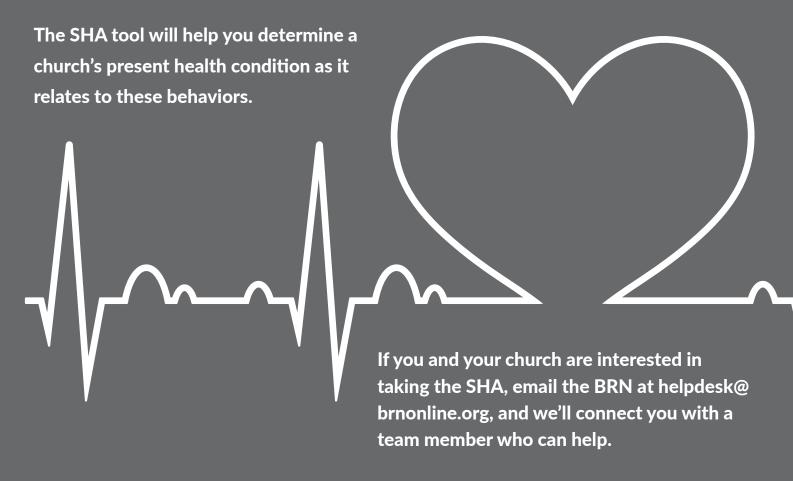
Understanding Compassion Ministry, Buff McNickle, Classroom G

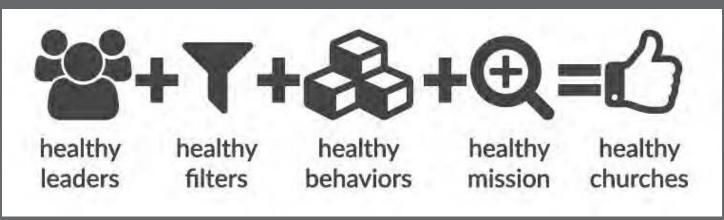
Compassion Ministry is at the heart of what Jesus commanded us to do—not only do but to be. Come and hear six foundational principles that will help you as you lead a ministry to impact your community. Never forget that He died so we can live!

UnDivided - Your Church and Racial Reconciliation, Larry Anderson, Freedom Biker Worship Center Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God (Matthew 5:9). In a racially divided and politically explosive culture, as a Christian how do you promote peace? When our brothers and sister in Christ feel so very strongly and yet so very differently about issues, how do we navigate these delicate subjects that polarizes our positions? J.D. Greear and Dhati Lewis have put together a tool 'Undivided' that we will look at in this breakout. We'll discuss how to biblically navigate these difficult subjects in a way that honors our brothers and sisters in Christ and the Word of God.

BRN Spiritual Health Assessment: A Customized Approach Toward Healthiness

The Baptist Resource Network of PA/SJ (BRN) Spiritual Health Assessment (SHA) Tool has been designed to assist the local church to measure the current status of its health as it relates to the practice of three key biblical behaviors: Missional Engagement, Intentional Discipleship, and Leadership Development. These biblical behaviors are associated with and symptomatic of growing and vibrant healthy churches.





At-A-Glance Program Participants

Kyle Canty	NAMB Send City Missionary, Philadelphia, PA
Ashley Clayton Vice President	dent for Cooperative Program and Stewardship, SBC Executive Committee,
Nashville, TN	
Bob Conrad	Pastor, Covenant Community Church, Harrisburg, PA
Mark Croston	National Director Black Church Partnerships, LifeWay Christian Resources,
Nashville, TN	
Phil Ginyard	Pastor, First Baptist Church of Swedesboro, Swedesboro, NJ
Brian Harrison	Pastor, East Shore Baptist Church, Harrisburg, PA
Keystone Fellowship Worsh	ip TeamKeystone Fellowship, Souderton, PA
Richard Krieg	Pastor, Red Land Baptist Church, New Cumberland, PA
Theresa Krieg	Pastor's Wife, Red Land Baptist Church, New Cumberland, PA
Alva Manao	Pastor's Wife, Philadelphia Bible Church International, Upper Darby, PA
Roger Manao	
McNeill Family	IMB Missionaries
Michael Mummert	Pastor, Lower Burrell Baptist Church, Lower Burrell, PA
Jack Peters	Pastor, First Baptist Church of New Holland, New Holland, PA
Kevin Roberts	
Adam Sewell	Pastor, The Well, Pittsburgh, PA
John Weathersby	
Barry Whitworth	Executive Director-Treasurer, Baptist Resource Network, Harrisburg, PA
Don Wilton	Pastor, First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC

Featured Speakers



Don Wilton, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, S.C.; President of The Encouraging Word television ministry

Dr. Don Wilton has served as senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, South Carolina since 1993. He also serves as president of *The Encouraging Word* television ministry. This ministry reaches thousands of homes through the regional CBS-affiliate, WSPA-TV, and millions of homes both nationally and globally through the broadcast of *The Encouraging Word*. Dr. Wilton's messages are also available at www.theencouragingword.org. Dr. Wilton's preaching and teaching is hallmarked by his uncompromising presentation of the life changing truth of God's Word that points people to Jesus. He challenges and encourages people to become all that they can be for Christ, emphatic in his belief that "evangelism is incomplete until the evangelized become the evangelists."

He has written and published many manuals, articles, and reviews for the Southern Baptist Convention, *Preaching* and *Decision* magazines, as well as other publications. He has served as president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention and is a frequent speaker for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association at the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove, as well as the Billy Graham Schools of Evangelism held around the world. Wilton and his wife, Karyn, have three grown children: Rob, Greg, and Shelley. Rob and his wife, Annabeth, have four children, Bolt, Mack, Birk, and Carolina McCall. Greg and his wife, Abby, have four children, Max, Charlie, Oliver and Gabby. Both Rob and Greg are being used mightily in the Gospel ministry and Shelley is serving with Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse.



Kevin Roberts, BRN Convention President; Pastor, Community Baptist Church, Charleroi, Pa.

Dr. Kevin Roberts began his academic journey at Clearwater Christian College. Many years later he finished his course of study with the Southern Baptist Church Study Program in which he earned the degrees of a Bachelor of Arts in 2014, a master's degree in 2015. After 2014 and 2015 he went on to complete his doctorate with the Open Bible Institute in 2010. Kevin attributes the ease of his academic journey to the training and mentoring that he received from his father, the late Rev. William J. Roberts.

Kevin has a heart to see communities impacted for the Kingdom. He has served as the pastor of the Community Baptist Church in Charleroi since December 2003. He has worked with his church family to think and labor outside the box when it comes to reaching folks for Jesus. During his time at Charleroi he has been a part of Southern Baptist life serving on the executive board for the BRN as well as holding a position on the leadership team in the Southwestern Pa. Baptist Association. Kevin has also served two terms as the convention first vice president and is the current convention president.

Featured Speakers



Adam Sewell, Pastor, The Well Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Adam and Ashley Sewell moved to Pittsburgh in December 2013. He and Ashley both felt that God was calling them back to their home state and the city of Pittsburgh after serving with churches in North and South Carolina. Adam is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. For them it's simple – they are called to Love God, Love People, and Do Something About It. This is the heart behind The Well Church. Adam and Ashley's love for Pittsburgh goes much farther than the champion sports team. There is nothing that excites them more than seeing lives changed by the truth of the gospel. The Sewell's welcomed their son, Luke, in early 2017 and are excited to see him grow up as a native Pittsburgher!



Barry Whitworth, BRN Executive Director

Barry has served in ministry for 30 years. He's been an associate pastor, pastor, and church planter before he was called as executive director of the BRN last February. Since 2012, Whitworth has served the BRN as the North American Mission Board's lead church planting catalyst for Pennsylvania/South Jersey and Send City missionary for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. In all, Whitworth's tenure on the BRN staff dates back to 2004. He has served as the network's multiplying churches team leader since 2009, during which time the total number of churches cooperating with the convention has increased approximately 25 percent. Barry, who has planted churches and served on church staffs in Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland, says his passion is the local church -- to assist and encourage the churches in "reaching the lost [and] discipling the saved." He seeks to help Pennsylvania/South Jersey Baptists "decrease lostness," "push back darkness" and "have an impact in our generation for such a time as this."

Kingdom Compassion:

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Larry A. Anderson, Director of Healthy Churches, BRN; PA/SJ Director of Evangelism, North American Mission Board; Pastor, Great Commission Church, West Oak Lane area of Philadelphia

Dr. Anderson holds a doctor of ministry degree from Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, Pa. His dissertation topic centered on ministering to a community with the whole Gospel through its existing social services. The project assessed the social organizations of the West Oak Lane community and two agencies were identified for partnering with the Great Commission Church. The church has continued with this "Missional Living" model reaching out to the community with many ministries. As an assistant professor, teaching Practical Theology, Dr. Anderson taught and advised many students and developed the Urban Programs for the seminary. He also held many leadership positions while in college, and is called on by several organizations to be one of the leading voices of missional theology in an urban context.



Kyle Canty, SEND City missionary/church planting catalyst for Philadelphia, North American Mission Board; Assistant Pastor, Great Commission Church, West Oak Lane area of Philadelphia

Kyle Canty was born and raised in North Philadelphia. He has been married for 18 years to his wife Pam and they have three children; Micah, Karis and Shiloh. He holds a bachelor of science degree in pre-seminary/Bible and a master of science degree in Christian counseling from Cairn University (formerly Philadelphia Biblical University) and a master of divinity degree in urban missional leadership and a doctor of ministry degree with a focus on urban missiology from Biblical Seminary. Most recently, Kyle served for five years with LifeWay Christian Resources as national staff for P2 Missions/World Changer/Infusion Missions Rep for Philadelphia. He has also worked for BRN as a missional living consultant for area churches. He has over 28 years of ministry experience, and his writings on race, justice and urban ministry have been featured in *Christianity Today* and other online publications. He has a love for incarnational urban ministry among marginalized communities.



Robert (Bob) Conrad, Pastor, NAMB Church Replanter, Covenant Community Church in Harrisburg, Pa.

Before serving at Covenant Community Church in Harrisburg, Pa., (since July 2017), Bob Conrad was a pastor at Oakwood Baptist Church for 19 years after he and his wife, Gayleah, served as missionaries in Belize, Central America for six years. The Conrads have been married since December 1980. They have 3 adult children and one grandchild. Bob, who graduated from Bethel Seminary of the East with a master of divinity degree in 2003, has served on the executive board of the BRN for six years and was on the Executive Director Search Committee after the retirement of Dr. David Waltz.



Brian Harrison, Pastor, East Shore Baptist Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Pastor Brian Harrison is married to Jean (1983) and is father of Benjamin. Before serving at East Shore Baptist Church, starting in April 2002, Pastor Brian served as a pastor in Mt. Dora, Fla., for seven years. Born and raised in Northern Virginia, his family moved to Belpre, Ohio, in 1972, and he came to faith in Christ in 1975 as a freshman in college. In 1981 he moved to Central Florida, where he lived for 21 years before moving to Pennsylvania, near to "the sweetest place on earth." Brian holds a master of divinity degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Lithonia, Ga., (1996), and a bachelor of science in business administration from Ohio State University (1980). Prior to becoming a pastor and a new dad in 1995, he worked in the real estate mortgage and appraisal fields. Pastor Brian lives in West Hanover Township, is active in the community, and is in partnership with Living Legacy Community Church in leading the Multiplying Church Center for the PA/South Jersey Baptist Convention in the Capitol Region.



Kenton Hunt, BRN State Director of Disaster Relief

Rev. Kenton Hunt was born in Goshen, Ind., then raised in Port Charlotte, Fla. He has a bachelor's degree and a master of divinity degree in church music. Kenton is married to Kelli and they have two grown children and one granddaughter. They have resided in Williamsport, Pa., since 1989 where Kenton pastored First Southern Baptist Church of Williamsport until December 2015. A Disaster Relief (DR) volunteer since 1996, Kenton has served as DR Coordinator of the Northeast PA Baptist Association; Recovery Coordinator of the Baptist Convention of PA/South Jersey; President of North Central (PA) VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster); Vice Chair of Lycoming County Long Term Flood Recovery Committee; member of the PA Feeding Taskforce and the NJ Mass Feeding Taskforce; member of the Recovery Committee and the Manual Revision Committee of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief; chair of the Online Training Work Group for SBDR; and Vice President of PA VOAD. He was also the recipient of the 2014 national Distinguished Service Award of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief.



Cliff Jenkins, BRN Director of Church Planting; State Director of Missions, North American Mission Board

Rev. Cliff Jenkins has served with the North American Mission Board as a church planter and church planting catalyst, and regional church planting catalyst for many years. His master of divinity degree is from Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, Pa. He has been married to Michelle since 1988 and they have two grown children.



David Ludwig, BRN Associate Director of Healthy Churches

Rev. David Ludwig loves God, his wife and family, and is passionate about serving pastors and churches. He is a husband, father, and grandfather. He has served with the Baptist Resource Network in different capacities since 2003, as a consultant, and now on staff since September 2013. David has served churches in Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and South Jersey. He is passionate about relational discipleship and seeing the church be healthy and reaching the lost for Jesus. Along with his knowledge of Natural Church Development (NCD), David is certified by LifeWay Christian Resources as a Transformational Church Consultant and has assisted churches across our Convention with church health assessments.



Buff McNickle, Grace Falls Church, Absecon, N.J.; Church Planter, North American Mission Board

Rev. Buff McNickle married Cissy in 2007; they have three children. Buff and Cissy have always told the Lord that "YES" was always on the table for whatever He would call them to follow Him in doing. After five years on staff at Idlewild Baptist Church in Lutz, Fla., it wasn't a surprise for them to be willing to be the pioneers of church planting for the church. The McNickle family moved to the Jersey Shore in July 2013. Life change happens when you leave everything to follow Jesus, and that is what motivates them to bring the good news to the Jersey Shore. In a state that is less than three percent evangelical and has a population of almost nine million, the fields are truly ripe for the harvest.



Dan Nold, Lead Pastor, Calvary Church, State College, Pa.

Pastor Dan Nold has been married to Lynn for over 30 years. As much as he loves the church, his most significant and enjoyable achievement has been partnering with Lynn to love and develop their four kids and now two kids-in-law. Dan and Lynn came to State College and Calvary in 1994. He's the lead pastor at Calvary, a multi-site congregation with four (soon to be five) gatherings. Dan is an avid PSU Nittany Lion fan and for one year, he was the chaplain of the Penn State football team! He has a doctor of ministy in leadership development and embraces the fact that the journey God calls us to is not necessarily safe but always good! It is Dan's passion to build a church-without-walls that partners with other churches to see a great move of God in Central Pennsylvania. Years ago, Dan read a prayer by A.W. Tozer that he still prays consistently, "Lord make me a man to whom you can entrust your glory." That's Dan's greatest purpose. "I long to become a man to whom God can entrust his glory—a living display of the gospel of grace—to inflame a passion for Christ in others."



Phillip Pham, Senior Pastor, Vietnamese Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

A child living in crisis in Communist Vietnam, Pastor Phillip Pham grew up as the son of a pastor who was imprisoned for his faith. As an adult, he escaped from Vietnam by boat to Malaysia, where he became a church leader in a refugee camp. After moving to the United States, he was ordained as pastor of the Vietnamese Baptist Church of Philadelphia, where he has served since 2009. He also serves as the chairman of the Vietnamese Community Development Center of Philadelphia. Pastor Phillip holds a master of theology degree from Liberty University; a master of science degree in psychology from the University of Phoenix, Ariz.; and is currently studying theology and apologetics at Liberty University. He and his wife, Julie, have two adult daughters.



Samuel Rodriguez, BRN/NAMB Church Planting Catalyst, South Jersey

Rev. Samuel Rodriguez was born in Honduras where he gave his life to the Lord as his personal Savior at an early age. He then dedicated his life to the ministry at age 17. Samuel studied theology, ministry and journalism in Honduras, specializing in evangelism strategies, leadership training, and church planting. He was president of the Baptist Convention of Honduras and the Association of Evangelical Pastors of Tegucigalpa. He started and was the Director of the School for Church Planters, whose participants planted more than 100 new traditional churches and house churches between 1999-2004. Samuel has visited 24 countries on three continents, where he has served as an evangelist and trainer for church planters and evangelists. Samuel is currently serving with NAMB and the BRN as a Church Planting Catalyst in South Jersey, where 16 new churches are currently being planted. Samuel has been married to his wife Dilcia for almost 33 years. They have three children and currently live in Vineland, N.J.



Robert Turner, BRN Director of Collegiate Ministries

Robert Turner has served as director of collegiate ministries for the BRN since 1992. He is also a collegiate missionary with the North American Mission Board (NAMB). In his role, Robert facilitates the work of a team of campus ministers across Penn/South Jersey and works with churches and church planters to develop and strengthen their ministries with college students and young adults.cRobert is a native of Arkansas but has considered Pennsylvania home since his arrival 26 years ago. He is a graduate of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Robert and his wife, Brenda, are the parents of two adult sons and became parents of their two adopted grandsons in December 2017. Robert considers his life's calling to serve as a conduit of God's mercy and grace to all within his influence.



Beth Whitworth, BRN Director of Family Care

Beth is the wife of Barry, our executive director of the BRN. Married for 40 years, they are the parents of two grown daughters, two sons-in-love and six grandchildren. Having been a PK as a youth and in ministry for almost 30 years, Beth is passionate about caring for the wives and family of ministers, and has served for 13 years in this ministry in PA/SJ. She is also a prayer warrior who believes constant communication with the Father is vital for the disciple of Jesus Christ.



Brad Wingler, Lead Pastor, Edinboro Community Church. Edinboro, Pa.

Brad Wingler serves as the lead pastor at Edinboro Community Church. He is married to his wife, Jill. They have three children: JP, Haddon and Cindy. Brad holds a doctor of ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a focus on disciple-making. In his free time, Brad enjoys running ultra-marathons through the trails of Pennsylvania.

Executive Board 2018 Financial Report

January - September 2018

Income:

Total Income	\$1,827,762
Other Income	\$ 160,812
Special Offerings	\$ 232,026
North American Mission Board	\$ 604,873*
Cooperative Program	\$ 830,051

Expenses:

Total Expenses	\$1,771,411
Field Resourcing	\$ 553,499
Field Servicing	\$ 133,610
Personnel & Operations	\$ 624,617
National CP & Special Offerings	\$ 459,685

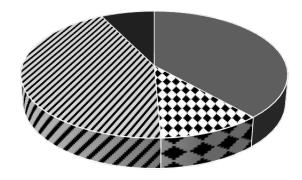
Notes for the January - September 2018 Financials:

- 1. Cooperative Program giving from Churches is up nearly \$62,000 over this same period last year.
- 2. The Executive Committee of the SBC has reported the following statistics about PA/S. Jersey according to their reporting on their Fiscal Year (October 2017 September 2018). We say thank you to your church for giving!
 - a. PA/SJ giving to the National Cooperative Program increased by 36.84% over the previous fiscal year.
- 3. All expense areas are operating below budget to date.
- 4. The BRN's 2017 Financial Audit, by an outside auditor, was successfully completed with accompanying financial statements. The review showed an increase in cash, investments, and unrestricted operating assets. There were no recommendations given following this review.
- 5. A Financial Funding Audit of NAMB funds was performed for the 2016 and 2017 fiscal years. NAMB reported to the BRN that spending was in order and that the BRN should be commended for the way it is processing funds from NAMB.
- 6. If you would like more detailed financial reports please see the Budget & Finance Chairperson or Andy Weber.

^{*}Includes funds that are to be reimbursed for the Year-to-Date period.

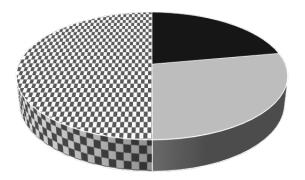
Baptist Resource Network of PA/SJ Proposed 2019 Budget

2019 Anticipated Income



- Cooperative Program from Churches
- Special Offerings
- North American Mission Board Funds
- Other BRN Income

2019 Anticipated Expenses



- National CP & Special Offerings
- Personnel & Hub Operations
- Church Servicing & Resourcing

Anticipated Income:

Cooperative Program from Churches	1,150,000
Special Offerings	330,000
North American Mission Board Funds	1,300,000
Other BRN Income	221,600
Total Anticipated Income	3,001,600

Anticipated Expenses:

National CP & Special Offerings	663,500	22.1%
CP, Annie Armstrong, Lottie Moon, State Missions, & Global I	Hunger	
Personnel & Hub Operations	836,200	27.8%
BRN Operational Costs, Salaries, & Benefits		
Church Servicing & Resourcing	1,501,900	50.1%
Servicing, Resourcing, Partnerships, & Behaviors		
Total Anticipated Expenses	3.001.600	100.0%

The above represents a 0.96% increase in total budget and an increase in CP giving beyond PA/SJ of 1.5%.

Committee on Committees Report

Given at the Annual Meeting, November 1-2, 2018 The Committee on Committees recommends the following to serve on the standing committees for the year 2019:

CREDENTIALS AND ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

Elect Linda Stoddard, Layperson, East Shore Baptist Church (Central Region)

Elect Ken McFeaters, Layperson, Memorial Baptist Church (Central Region)

Elect Tina Hill as chairperson, Pastor, Redemption 1010 (Philadelphia Region)

Elect Kim Marfia, Pastor, Legacy 242 (South Jersey Region)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elect Cissy McNickle, Pastor, Grace Falls Church (South Jersey)

Elect Eric McMahon, Pastor, Watershed (Philadelphia Region)

Elect Jim Worth as chairperson, Layperson, Winfield Baptist Church (Central Region)

PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Elect Don Henrikson, Pastor, Thompsontown Baptist Church (Central Region)

Elect Chris Betner as chairperson, Pastor, The Lifehouse Church (South Jersey Region)

Elect Alonzo Johnson, Pastor, Believers Bible Fellowship (Philadelphia Region)

Given by 2018 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Ivan Stiffler; Jack Peters, Chairman; Alex Hanevich

Nominating Committee Report

In keeping with the Constitution and By-Laws, the 2018 Nominating Committee is submitting nominations for the Executive Board, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, and for the offices of Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Historian, and Parliamentarian as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD, Term Expiring 2021

Re-elect Kyle Canty, Layperson, Great Commission Church (Philadelphia Region)

Re-elect Michael Haskins, Layperson, Ezekiel Baptist Church (Philadelphia Region)

Re-elect Philip Pham, Pastor, Vietnamese Baptist Church (Philadelphia Region)

Re-elect Jennifer White, Layperson, Keystone Fellowship (Philadelphia Region)

Elect Jerry Logan, Layperson, Greencastle Baptist Church (Central Region)

Re-elect Jerome Coleman, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Crestmont (Philadelphia Region)

CONVENTION OFFICERS, Term Expiring 2019 (one-year term)

Re-elect as Parliamentarian, Jeff Slagle, Layperson, Mason Dixon Baptist Church (Central Region)

Submitted by 2018 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Phil Ginyard, Chairperson; Alonzo Johnson; Carol Reynolds; Betsy Rubadue

^{*} Pastor represents Senior Pastor role or Wife of a Senior Pastor

2018 Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report

Given at the Annual Meeting, November 1-2, 2018

Upon review of the current BRN Constitution & Bylaws from BRN legal counsel, the 2018 Constitution & Bylaws Committee has been working most of the year to process much needed revisions. The goal of the committee was to have a Constitution & Bylaws document that can be a foundation for the BRN for many years to come. The committee has made revisions that are up-to-date with current laws concerning non-profits, revisions to streamline the BRN operations, and revisions to clearly articulate when the BRN Policies & Procedures Manual will be the guide for the BRN administrative and operational duties.

The committee has presented the proposed changes to the 2018 Executive Board, who have endorsed and are in support of the changes. Messengers will vote on the proposed Constitution & Bylaws at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Mark your calendar for November 7-8, 2019.

If you desire an electronic copy of the proposed Constitution & Bylaws document, refer to brnonline. org. Questions should be brought to the breakout on Friday, November 2 at 11:45 a.m. The breakout session is titled "Revisions to the BRN Constitution & Bylaws – Q&A Session." (Lunch will be provided for those who pre-registered at brnonline.org.)

If you have questions on the proposed document (printed in the Appendix) but are unable to attend the Friday breakout, please email Rev. Bob Conrad, Chairman of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, at pastorbob@covcommchurch.org.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Conrad, Chairman
Roy Andrews
Phil Huggins
Jennifer Idler
Gerald Waters
Brian Harrison, Executive Board President, Ex Officio

BRN Women

Discipleship Leadership Missions



At the BRN it is our hope to be able to help women thrive in the ministry God has placed them in according to His plan; to disciple, lead and missionally engage others. The ministry of BRN Women includes leaders in the local church, pastor's wives, and all women on mission for His Kingdom.

BRN Women can link you to resources that are available through our network and our SBC partners to help enhance you personally and for ministry. We also use our Gatherings to help network our ladies throughout the Pennsylvania and South Jersey (PA/SJ) areas. These Gatherings are held annually in the Fall as an overnight event and also through Gather Roundtables which are held across PA/SJ on a quarterly basis. A Gather Roundtable is a two-hour network/training time.

It is an exciting time at the BRN! We are working to develop a strong network among women that have a heart to share the gospel and live out the calling of God upon their lives. Through working with each other, we can find strength and inspiration among God's family for ministry. We are here to help you thrive in your home, community, workplace and church as you live out your mission and share God's glory!

We are working hard to develop and expand this ministry to women across the BRN and we hope that as we network together, we will see God glorified and hope thrive through our testimonies.

State Leadership Team for BRN Women (*Please feel free to contact us at any time*):
Beth Whitworth, Family Care Director, 717-454-4782
Theresa Krieg, WMU State President 843-267-4969

www.brnwomen.com | helpdesk@brnonline.org | 717-652-5856 ext. 28 Find us on Facebook: PA/SJ WMU and BaptistResourceNetwork

There is also a private Facebook page for the BRN pastor's wives. As a wife of a pastor in the BRN, you can request to join this page.

New Partnerships



Today, it is not a question of *if* churches will be threatened or sued for standing true to God's Word – the question is *when* and *where* such cases will arise.

Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) is an alliance-building legal organization that exists to keep the doors open for the gospel by advocating for religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and marriage and family. The BRN has recently partnered with ADF to offer discounted legal rates to our local churches. Contact them at 800-835-5233 to learn more.



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Annual Meeting Reflections

What God said to me:					
Three thing	js I will do as	a result of v	what God sa	aid to me:	

York Restaurants

Arby's

2600 Keyway Drive York, PA 17402

Bubba D's Pizza & Wings

2230 S Queen Street York, PA 17402

Chipotle Mexican Grill

1923 Springwood Road York, PA 17403

Corner Stable

2575 S. Queen Street York, PA 17402

Cracker Barrel

236 Pauline Drive York, PA 17402

Crimson American Grill

1839 S Queen Street York, PA 17403

Dallastown Family Restaurant

2695 S Queen Street York, PA 17402

Dunkin Donuts

2175 S Queen Street York, PA 17402

Handel's Homemade Ice Cream

2310 S Queen Street York, PA 17402

IHOP

108 Pauline Drive York, PA 17402 **Imperial Gourmet**

227 Pauline Drive York, PA 17402

Infinito's Pizza Buffet

2144 S Queen Street York, PA 17403

Jersey Mike's Subs

1911 Springwood Road York, PA 17403

Jimmy John's

Subs & Sandwiches

2058 S Queen Street York, PA 17403

KFC

2650 S Queen Street York, PA 17402

Little Caesars Pizza

2058 S Queen Street York, PA 17403

McDonalds

133 Leader Heights Road York, PA 17403

Mitsuru-Ya Chinese and Japanese Restaurant

2023 Springwood Road York, PA 17403

MOD Pizza

114 Pauline Drive York, PA 17402

Noodles and Company

2108 S Queen Street York, PA 17403 **Panera Bread**

2108 S Queen Street York, PA 17403

Primanti Bros.

2151 S Queen Street York, PA 17402

Ruby Tuesday

255 St. Charles Way York, PA 17402

Starbucks

2599 S Queen Street York, PA 17402

Stone Grille & Taphouse

204 St. Charles Way York, PA 17402

Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt

2071 Springwood Road York, PA 17403

Tapenade Bistro

2509 S Queen Street York, PA 17402

Vincenzo's Place

2509 S George Street York, PA 17403

Wendy's

2060 Springwood Road York, PA 17403

Wood Fire Italian Grill

205 Pauline Drive York, PA 17402

APPENDIX:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS THE BAPTIST RESOURCE NETWORK OF PENNSYLVANIA/SOUTH JERSEY

BREAKOUT SESSION OUTLINES

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS THE BAPTIST RESOURCE NETWORK OF PENNSYLVANIA/SOUTH JERSEY

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this body shall be The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania/South Jersey doing business as the Baptist Resource Network of PA/SJ (BRN).

ARTICLE II-NONPROFIT NATURE

The BRN is a nonprofit organization organized within the state of PA and shall have all the duties and powers herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the BRN shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as an organization exempt from federal income tax and described in Section 50l(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III-PURPOSE

The BRN exists to assist and encourage every church within its geographical region to be a healthy, multiplying church – one that multiplies disciples, leaders, new ministries, and new churches.

- (a) Furnish cooperating, autonomous Baptist churches a means whereby they may effectively participate in the mission purposes of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- (b) Serve as a channel of communication and assistance between the churches, the associations, the Southern Baptist Convention, and its boards and agencies so that churches may perform tasks which cannot otherwise be accomplished.
- (c) The BRN shall have no ecclesiastical authority whatsoever and shall never assume to write creeds or to exercise other authority or control over any church.

ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

The BRN shall have members. Members shall be churches that are defined as cooperating Baptist churches and have been approved for membership with the BRN. Churches desiring to be members and the removal of churches shall be evaluated in accordance with procedures outlined in the BRN Policy Manual.

To be eligible for membership, a church must meet the definition of a cooperating church which is a church that:

- (a) Regularly contributes to the Cooperative Program (CP),
- (b) Affirms in belief and practice the most recent *Baptist Faith and Message (BFM)* as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Annual Session, and
- (c) Regularly completes the Annual Church Profile (ACP).

SECTION 2

The BRN shall allow member churches to participate in the voting affairs of the BRN's Annual Session. Member churches shall send messengers to the Annual Session to act on behalf of the member church. To be sent as a messenger, the individual must:

- (a) Be a member or active participant in good standing of the sending church, and
- (b) Personally affirm the most recent BFM in belief and practice.

SECTION 3

The number of Messengers selected by their respective churches shall be according to the following criteria:

- (a) A cooperating member church during the BRN's fiscal year preceding the Annual Session and/or during the current year is entitled to three (3) messengers.
- (b) Additional messengers from a church, up to a maximum of twelve (12), are authorized as follows:
 - 1. One additional messenger for each fifty (50) resident members reported in the ACP, not including members of chapels/missions.
 - 2. One additional messenger for a seven percent (7%) contribution to the Cooperative Program, and an additional messenger for each percentage point beyond that (indicated by a comparison of undesignated gifts reported in the ACP with BRN fiscal year receipts).
- (c) A mission not yet constituted shall be entitled to two (2) messengers in addition to the messengers of its sponsoring church.

SECTION 4: Removal of Messengers

If it becomes known that a messenger is not acting in accordance with the BFM, in faith and/or practice, such messenger may be removed in accordance with procedures outlined in the BRN Policy Manual.

ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

SECTION 1

The officers of the BRN shall be: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director, and the BRN Executive Board can add additional officers as necessary. Duties of Officers are explained in Articles I and III of the By-Laws.

SECTION 2

Annually, the President shall be nominated by the BRN Executive Board and presented to the messengers in Annual Session. This officer role shall be elected annually by at least a two-third's vote of the messengers present and voting at the BRN Annual Session. If the nominated candidate is not affirmed by two-third's vote, the BRN Executive Board will request a re-vote or present another candidate.

SECTION 3

The Executive Director shall be employed by the Executive Board for an indefinite period of time, in accordance with the BRN Personnel Manual. The Executive Director shall hold both the office of Executive Director and the office of Treasurer as long the Executive Board sees fit and reasonable, while adhering to state & federal regulations.

SECTION 4

The Executive Board shall select the secretary and treasurer, if different than the Executive Director, to serve for an appropriate term.

ARTICLE VI-MEETINGS

The BRN shall have an annual gathering which shall include member churches. At this gathering the messengers of member churches shall participate in the BRN annual business portions of the gathering. The annual business portion of the gathering shall be known as the Annual Session. The BRN will determine the meeting location, date, times, and other meeting details. In case of an emergency, the President, with the consent of the Executive Board, may call a special business meeting.

ARTICLE VII-EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1: Board Composition

The Executive Board shall consist of four (4) members from each of the BRN's four (4) geographic regions, with one additional member from the largest region. From each region there shall be a minimum of at least one (1) layperson and one (1) pastor.

SECTION 2: Qualifications

Board Members must:

- (a) Affirm the most recently adopted Baptist Faith and Message in faith and practice.
- (b) Be a Member of a church that:
 - 1. Gives a minimum of 4% of the church's undesignated tithes and offerings to the Cooperative Program through the BRN. Exceptions will be evaluated in accordance with procedures outlined in the BRN Policy Manual.
 - 2. Completed the ACP from the most recent reporting year.
- (c) Sign and affirm the Conflict of Interest Policy.

SECTION 3: Removal of Executive Board Member

In the event that:

- (a) An Executive Board Member or his/her church does not meet the membership qualifications above, the member may be removed in accordance with procedures outlined in the BRN Policy Manual, which is approved by the board.
- (b) An Executive Board Member operates with a conflict of interest, the member may be removed in accordance with procedures outlined in the BRN Policy Manual, which is approved by the board.

SECTION 4

The President of the BRN shall be the Executive Board President. All Officers of the BRN serve on the Executive Board. In the event that such officers are employees of the BRN, they shall be non-voting, ex-officio members.

SECTION 5

The regular term of office for each member of the Executive Board shall be three (3) years with two (2) years or more constituting a full term. Board members may serve for two (2) consecutive terms after which one (1) full year must elapse before this person is eligible for re-election. Approximately one-third of the Board shall be elected each year. Members of the Executive Board shall take office at the appointed time as indicated by the Executive Board.

In the event that a region losses more than 50% of its representatives, the Executive Board shall appoint replacement members from that region within a reasonable time.

SECTION 6

The Executive Board shall be the corporate body of the BRN. It shall conduct the BRN's business between sessions, but shall not contravene action of the BRN.

ARTICLE VIII-COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

The BRN shall have the authority to elect such committees as needed.

SECTION 2

The BRN shall retain the authority to approve, alter, or reject any transactions made by these committees.

ARTICLE IX-FUNDS

SECTION 1

All designated funds and other assets to include real property accepted by the BRN shall be applied according to the designation of the donors.

SECTION 2

All undesignated funds and other assets to include real property received shall be distributed as directed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE X-AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

SECTION 1

Agencies and institutions deemed necessary to fulfill the general purposes specified in Article III shall be established, owned, and operated by the BRN.

SECTION 2

No institution or agency of the BRN shall launch any program or enterprise calling for expenditures of money apart from usual operating expenses without prior approval of the Executive Board.

SECTION 3

Any proposal relating to Sections 1 and 2 above must be presented to the Executive Board for study and shall be made publicly available at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Session of the BRN.

ARTICLE XI-PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of the BRN, the report of the Executive Board, and such other useful information as the Secretary may be able to obtain shall be published and made available to cooperating churches.

ARTICLE XII-AVOIDANCE OF LEGAL ACTION

No action of the BRN shall be construed as authorizing its committees or boards to take any action that may be contrary to law.

ARTICLE XIII-INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS, BOARD, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS

The BRN shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person who may serve or who has served at any time as an officer, board member, or employee of the BRN against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, counsel fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, penalties and settlement payments, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service in such capacity; provided that no indemnification shall be provided for any such person with respect to any matter as to which he or she shall have been finally adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the BRN; and further provided that any compromise or settlement payment shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of board members who are not at that time parties to the proceeding.

The indemnification provided hereunder shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of persons entitled to indemnification hereunder. The right of indemnification under this Article shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which any person may be entitled.

No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affects the right of an indemnified person under this Article shall apply to such person with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal, unless such amendment or repeal was voted by or was made with the written consent of such indemnified person.

ARTICLE XIV-DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the BRN, assets, including real property, shall be distributed to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit ministry of like faith and practice, which shall be determined by the remaining BRN Officers.

ARTICLE XV-AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds approval of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed changes shall have been made available to churches 90 days prior to the Annual Session.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I-DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1

The President shall preside over the Annual Session. The President may appoint other committees when requested by the body. In the event of the President's disqualification or incapacity to serve, the Vice President shall succeed in order.

SECTION 2

The Secretary shall record and preserve the proceedings of the Executive Board, the Annual Session, any special called BRN business meetings, and shall have the proceedings of the Annual Session printed and distributed in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution. The Executive Board may choose to elect an Assistant Secretary who shall serve in the absence of the Secretary and/or assist as necessary.

SECTION 3

The President shall oversee the BRN's rule of order at the Annual Session and any Special Called Meeting. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian if there is just cause. The Parliamentarian shall assist the President as may be needed to adopt appropriate procedures to insure orderly conduct at the Annual Session or Special Called Meeting.

SECTION 4

The Executive Director shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of all BRN committees, agencies and institutions.

ARTICLE II-COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

The Executive Board shall nominate for election the committees named in Sections 2 and 3 of this article and other committees as may be assigned to it.

SECTION 2

The Executive Board shall appoint the following committees, and any committee vacancies, to report to the next BRN Annual Session.

- (a) Nominating Committee: Shall be comprised of members of the Executive Board, be appointed by the Executive Board, and shall have at least one member from each region. The Nominating Committee shall nominate individuals for selection by the Executive Board to fill vacancies in committees and the Executive Board that may occur between Annual Sessions of the BRN.
- (b) The Credential and Enrollment Committee: The committee shall provide registration cards for messengers and guests at the Annual Session, and examine the credentials of all messengers.

SECTION 3

Constitution and By-Laws Committee, consisting of at least five members: The committee shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Terms of committee members shall be for three years; at least one member shall be elected at each annual session. The Chairperson shall be named by the Nominating Committee. The committee shall receive and review all proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and shall formulate whatever other amendments it may consider proper and report them to the BRN in the manner prescribed in the Constitution and By-Laws. The Constitution and By-Laws committee shall approve or disapprove all proposed amendments and present such decisions to the Executive Board. Approval of amendments shall require two-

thirds of the committee in order for the Executive Board to consider such proposal for amendment.

ARTICLE III-EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1: Duties

The Executive Board is the governing body of the BRN and shall administer its cooperative work according to the policies set forth by the BRN, maintain oversight of BRN agencies and institutions and recommend to the BRN an annual budget at the Annual Session.

The Executive Board shall employ such personnel as required to do the work of the BRN.

The Executive Board shall approve or disapprove proposed amendments to the BRN Constitution and By-Laws. Approval of amendments shall require a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Amendments approved by the Executive Board shall be presented to the Annual Session in accordance with Article XV of the Constitution and IV of the By-Laws.

SECTION 2: Membership

Members of the Executive Board shall be expected to attend all meetings unless providentially hindered. In such cases, notice shall be given to the Board. Two (2) successive absences without notification shall automatically terminate one's membership.

No persons employed by the Executive Board or agencies of the BRN shall be eligible for election to this Board.

SECTION 3: Meetings

The Executive Board shall hold at least three (3) meetings annually, including the meeting immediately prior to the Annual Session, with the other two meetings well-spaced during the year; the meeting place and agenda being determined by the President, the Executive Director-Treasurer, or by the Administrative Committee. An additional meeting may occur immediately after the Annual Session if necessary. A majority of the Board Members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4: Officers

The BRN President is the President of the Executive Board. The BRN Secretary is the Secretary of the Executive Board. The Vice President shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the Executive Board. All officers will be members of the Executive Board.

SECTION 5: Committees

- (a) STANDING COMMITTEES. Following the election of officers of the Executive Board and prior to the next meeting of the Board, the Executive Board Appointment Committee shall appoint a chairperson and members to serve on all standing committees. As much as possible each committee should reflect regional representation. Whenever possible no more than one-third of each committee shall be replaced each year.
 - 1. Administrative Committee. This committee shall be composed of approximately one- half of the membership of the Executive Board and will include the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Board, and others as appointed by the Executive Board Appointment Committee. The President shall serve as chairperson. The Administrative Committee shall serve as the Executive Board Ad Interim deciding on routine and emergency matters between sessions of the Executive Board and on all other matters referred to it by the Executive Board including public relations, long range planning, legal matters, program review and personnel.
 - 2. Finance and Operations Committee. This committee shall be composed of approximately one-half of

the membership of the Executive Board. This committee shall counsel, plan and work with matters of budget planning and control, audits, resource development, loans, special offerings and other financial matters, as well as counsel, plan and work with matters related to overseeing properties, assets, and property insurance and contracts.

- 3. Executive Board Appointment Committee. This committee shall consist of the officers of the Executive Board (President, Vice President, and Recording Secretary). This committee will decide the makeup of the board committees each year, will appoint the chairpersons, and make recommendations to the Nominating Committee to fill vacancies on the Executive Board or committees that occur between Annual Meetings, and appoint persons for special committees of the Board. The President shall serve as chairperson.
- (b) SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Special Committees may be formed by the Executive Board as needed. Their duties shall be those assigned to them when the committee is authorized.

SECTION 6: Executive Director-Treasurer

The Executive Director-Treasurer is the spiritual and administrative leader of the BRN and the Executive Board. He is employed by and is accountable to the Executive Board, serving in accordance with a job description adopted by the Executive Board.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of Executive Director-Treasurer, the Executive Board shall elect an Executive Director-Treasurer Search Committee.

The Executive Director-Treasurer Search Committee shall include the Executive Board President and the Administrative Committee shall nominate one additional member from each region of the BRN, and one member-at-large. The Administrative Committee also shall nominate the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Search Committee for election by the Executive Board. All members of the Search Committee shall be members of cooperating churches in good standing. At least two members of the Search Committee shall be non-board members.

The election of a new Executive Director-Treasurer shall take place at a regular or a special called meeting of the Executive Board. At least 30 days' notice is required for this special called meeting. A majority of at least seventy-five percent of the Executive Board members present and voting shall constitute an approval of a job offer.

ARTICLE IV-AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed changes shall have been made available to churches 90 days prior to the Annual Session.

ARTICLE V-PROCEDURE

The rule of order for Annual Sessions shall be left to the discretion of the President. In exercise of orderly session, the President shall be guided by, but not bound to follow, Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

Exegeting Your Community

Presented by Dr. Kyle Canty

Exegetical work is some of the most exciting ministry work that exist for believers who understand that God has given His people a mission. In this workshop, we will explore the various aspects of engaging in community exegesis. This workshop will touch on topics important to both church plants as well as existing churches looking to reach their community. There are undiscovered opportunities to apply the gospel right in your backyard.

- 1. Community Exegesis Matters in a Changing World
 - a. We live in a world in transition
 - b. What's old is new and other trends
 - c. We must consider glocalization
- 2. Best Practices of Community Exegesis
 - a. Look for aspects of the Fall all around you
 - b. Locate the community gathering place
 - c. Learn who you are as a church
- 3. Harvesting the Fruit of Exegesis
 - a. The lure of information without execution
 - b. Translating community exegesis into relevant ministry
 - c. The task of ongoing exegesis always learning
- 4. Key Strategies for Developing a Missional Culture
 - a. Read the Gospels
 - b. Rediscover what it means to be the Church
 - c. Ready yourself for Resistance.

Cultivating Women in Ministry

Presented by Mrs. Beth Whitworth

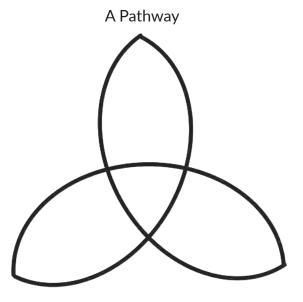
Me? A leader?	
What is the definition of a biblical leader?	
A leader is not focused as much on task as they are	_development
Four ways a leader can pursue purposeful leadership are: (taken from Abound: A call to purposeful servant LEADERSHIP by Jessie Seneca pg. 10-14)	
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Cultivation tools:	
What areas do I need to grow now?	
What is needed to enhance this growth?	
Is there anything prohibiting growth?	
For the future of the ministry, how can I cultivate others?	

Future Cultivation:	
Good leaders	
Great leaders	
What do you look for in a team leader?	
1. Loving	CHARACTER SKILLS
2. Loving	CALLING
3. Christlike	- 11121000
Ways to nourish another's soil:	Cittlewomen
1. Share your	WISDOM TEAM
2. Understand areas of	
3. Help them in their	of leadership.
Other Notes:	

Developing a Leadership Strategy for Your Local Church: The Leadership Dance

Presented by Rev. Dan Nold

Positional Authority:		
	Leadership Lessons from Moses	
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Three Rhythms:
Three Pathways:
Three Catalytic Experiences:
Three Foundations:
A Leadership Pipeline Not everyone is called to be a missionary, but every leader has a mission; a Front Yard Mission to show our neighbors the hospitality heart of God!
Leadership Culture Vision leaks, but culture saturates!

Ready Church

Presented by Rev. Kenton Hunt

Be a *Ready Church!* (... in obedience to Titus 3:1c, 14)

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BRN Spiritual Health Assessment (SHA) Tool

Presented by Rev. David Ludwig

measure the of its health as it relates to the practice of three key	
biblical behaviors:	
Missional Engagement:	
Matthew 28:19	
Mark 16:15	
Acts 1:8	
Intentional Discipleship:	
Matthew 4:19	
Matthew 28:20	
Leadership Development:	
Ephesians 4:11-12	
2 Timothy 2:2	

What happens after our church takes the Spiritual Health Assessment?

- First, we will provide assistance from the beginning of the process all the way through; we're there with you as the assessment is taken in your church.
- The SHA Tool comes with the BRN Team; we offer help to assess where your church is strong now and areas that need development in the upcoming months.
- Once we know the areas your church needs to concentrate on, the BRN Team will help you create an action plan to make changes happen an action plan that is customized and just right for your church.
- The BRN Team will act as a coach, assisting the pastor and church leaders while walking through the process. We are here for you.

After this breakout, if you have specific questions or would like to schedule a Spiritual Health Assessment to be completed at your church, contact the Baptist Resource Network at helpdesk@brnonline.org.

Assimilating People from Other Parts of the World

Presented by Rev. Phillip Pham

Key Verses: "I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also" (Romans 1:14-15).

I. Insights:

- 1. What Does It Mean to Assimilate People?
 - a. To Assimilate: to bring into conformity with the customs, attitudes, etc., of a group, nation, or the like; adapt or adjust
 - b. Biblical truth: Making Disciples; Assimilating people to be more like Christ, Jesus

II. Outline: "Assimilating People from Other Parts of the World"

- 1. Why Do Christ-followers Ought to Assimilate People to Christ?
 - a. Jesus' Great Mission: "Go and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19a)
 - b. Being debtors of love both to "Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise" (Romans 1:14)
- 2. How Do Christ-followers Assimilate People from Other Parts of the World to Christ?

Maturity in Knowing Christ:

- a. Knowing that "For God so loved the world:" Red, White, Black, Brown, and Yellow are beloved of God, and how God demonstrate His love: "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us," (Romans 5:8).
- b. Knowing that God wants all men should come to repentance: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men" (Titus 2:11). "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (I Timothy 2:3-4).
- c. Knowing that in Christ, there is no partiality (Romans 2:11-16). In Christ, there is equality to all men (James 2:1-13).

3. Discussion Part:

- Q. What Attitudes Should A Christ-follower Have to Assimilate People to Christ (In different ethnic group)?
- A. Read the Scriptures and fill in the missing letters:
 - a. Romans 1:14-15: Beginning with the L $_$ _ of G $_$ _ to preach the gospel to A $_$ _ R $_$ _, and to A $_$ _ level of ED $_$ ___. b. Matthew 25:31-46: Serving people of all race to fulfill their S $_$ __ N $_$ _ in the Name
 - c. I John 3:16: L_ _ is S_ _ _ _ to the brethren as C_ _ _ laid down His life for us.
- 4. Conclusion: (Application)

Creating an Effective Discipleship Process in the Local Church

Presented by Rev. Samuel Rodriguez

Discipleship is Everything - The Heart of Kingdom Growth

SECTION 1

- I. Assessing Ourselves
- II. Exegeting Your Church
- III. Biblical Foundations: A Model
- IV. Creating An Awareness with A Positive Environment for Discipleship
- V. The Urgency of Discipleship

SECTION 2

- VI. Starting Small to Grow Big and Then Multiply
- VII. The Right Process for the Right Church
- VIII. Keep It Simple, Biblical, Organic, and Dynamic

Getting Involved in Reaching a Campus for Christ

Presented by Rev. Robert Turner

▼ Why?

- Why are you here? What draws you to this ministry?
- Why college students?
 - Psalms 71:18
 - Strategic importance

▼ What?

• The starting point: A clear vision

▼ Who?

- Understanding today's college students and young adults
- The Number One thing to know about connecting with young adults

▼ How? When? Where?

- What does your church need to know?
- ▼ Beginning steps
 - Exegeting the campus and the culture
 - · Entry points
 - What doesn't work
 - Missions 101: You gotta move into the neighborhood!
- ▼ BRN Next: Your partner in this journey
 - ▼ Four levels of participation
 - Connecting
 - Co-laborers
 - Coordinating
 - Cooperation

What now?

Racial Reconciliation Panel

Moderated by Dr. Larry Anderson

Culture of a Discipleship Process in Your Church

Presented by Rev. Brad Wingler

Culture:		
I. Know the process.		
II. Implement the process.		
III. Communicate the process.		
III. Celebrate the process.		
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How to Become a Multiplying Church

Presented by Dr. Cliff Jenkins

Understanding Compassion Ministry

Presented by Rev. Buff McNickle

What is Compassion Ministry? It is an at of Jesus.	tempt to	the	
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What Did Jesus Model for Us?			
Luke 4:18-19			
Luke 7:18-23			
Matthew 4:23			
What Does it Look Like in Heaven?			
KEY QUESTIONS TODAY:			
Where do you start when there are so m	nany needs all around ι	us?	
What can one person or one church real	lly do?		
Six Key Principles that are foundational v	when it comes to Com	passion Ministry:	
1. The Leaning and Listening Principle			

2. The Decision and Direction Principle
3. The Observation and Opportunity Principle
4. The Evaluation and Investigation Principle
5. The Small is Big & Slow is Fast Principle
6. The Secret Ingredient
"Leadership begins when a God-revealed mission captures a person." C. Gene Wilkes
What Mission has captured you?

UnDivided – Your Church and Racial Reconciliation

Presented by Dr. Larry Anderson

The Four Stages in the Gospel Community Spectrum (taken from Greear and Lewis)

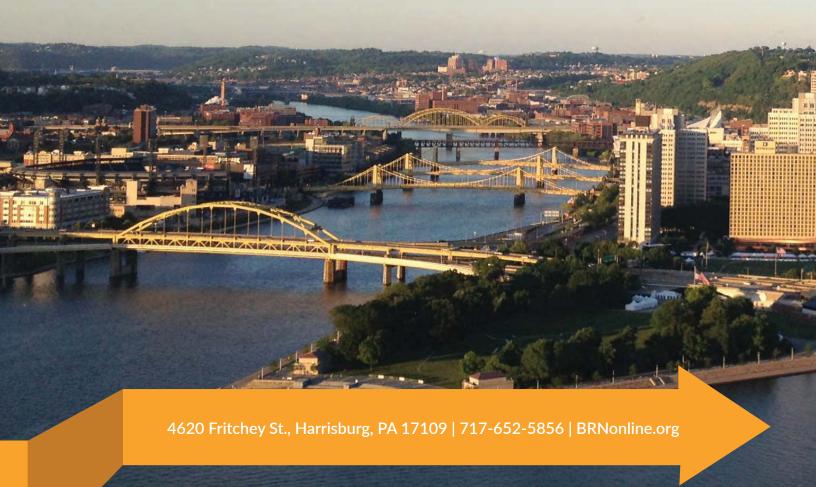
A. Generalized presuppositions about race and culture based on myth/stereotype
B. Isolation from people of different backgrounds
C. Complacency with remaining in circles that are comfortable and familiar to you
Notes:
2. Awareness
A. Genuine concern about the conditions others face
B. Desire to learn more about the interest and perspectives of others
C. Appreciation for the importance of the multiethnic experience with the gospel community
Notes:
3. Interaction A. Time spent together breaks down false assumptions and garners friendship B. Mutual respect, active listening and intentional investment C. I nitiative to cultivate bonds with people in your circle of influence who are not like yourself
Notes:
 4. Gospel Community A. Depth of relationship that produces transparency and bearing one another burdens B. Outdoing one another in showing honor, rejoicing together, weeping together, etc. C. Outward demonstration of the love of Christ
Notes:

1. Ignorance



Kingdom Compassion

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19 CSB).



Keystone Fellowship led the congregation in three (3) songs.

The BRN PA/SJ 2018 Annual Meeting was call to order by President Kevin Roberts. He lifted an opening prayer asking for God's covering of this gathering. He asked God that this body be of one mind and on one accord.

Michael Mummert gave the Credentials & Enrollment Committee Report.

Mr. President there are currently 102 messengers registered. I move that we seat them and the messengers who subsequently register. At the present time, 57 guests have registered. Mr. Mummert issued a reminder that during the business this afternoon in order to vote one must be a registered messenger. You should have received ballots when you registered at the BRN table. The motion was seconded and carried.

Richard Krieg presented the Program and Arrangements Report. Mr. President, I move that the program be approved as printed.

Mr. President, I also move that we approve next year's annual meeting to be held on November 7-8 2019 at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill PA. The motion was seconded and carried.

Jack Peters presented the Committee on Committees Report. Jack Peters moved that the report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Kevin Roberts presented the Nominating Committee Report. He moved the Report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Brian Harrison presented the Executive Board Report. Our focus was Vision, Outcomes and Simplicity. Our first 2018 meeting Barry Whitworth was unable to attend due illness. BRN PA/SJ to date, made 4500 contacts, over 500 conversations, 7 new affiliations with 13 proposed pending. PA/SJ Cooperative Programs giving up 37%. Moving forward, our goals 1) Increased Cooperative Program giving 2) Complete Annual Church profile 3) Affirm SBC Faith & Message

As we move into the proposed budget for 2019, a reminder that our largest partner is NAMB. Here is a brief video from NAMB President Kevin Ezell. Then we will hear from our SEND City Missionary.

NAMB Video Message [Debt Free] Kevin Ezell

Effective January 1,2019, Johnny Hunt (First Baptist Church of Woodstock) will be the Senior Vice President of Evangelism and Leadership at NAMB.

NAMB Report	Pastor Kyle Cant	ty
Hurricane Relief via SBO	on the ground in Florida and Houston TX	-
www.sendrelief.org	www.namb.net	

2019 Budget Proposal was presented by John Weathersby.

His highlights included Cooperative Programs ahead of budget projections. No over budget spending. Increased revenue \$28k. Cooperative Programs increase from 27.5% to 29% \$31,000. John opened floor for questions. A couple of questions regarding other income were raised. John stated added income included bookkeeping services provided; Andy Weber also stated LifeWay revenue, houses and various services provided. 2019 budget details are on the App. Overall \$2400 decrease in operating expenses. John proposed registered messengers accept 2019 Budget as presented. Kevin put the vote to the floor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Constitution and Bylaws Report.....Bob Conrad

Executive Board requested review of Constitution & Bylaws. The Committee's goal was to tweak the Constitution and Bylaws to make the document a foundational tool to enable the BRN PA/SJ to effectively reach the lost. The Executive Board provided a new Purpose Statement, new laws and the current legal climate and a need to streamline operations for expeditious decision-making made the review necessary. Bringing on new legal counsel enhanced the process as well. Bob asked the messengers to keep these updates in prayer and to attend the breakout lunch session on Friday, November 2, 2018 to ask any questions. The amended document will be voted on in 2019.

Kevin Roberts, current President opened the floor for Election of Officers. The office of President was open for nominations. Jerry Cowan, Valley Baptist Church asked Kevin Roberts to serve again. Kevin clarified his current term was, in fact, his second term. He was therefore ineligible. George Tynes, Truth Baptist Church was nominated by Jerry Cowan of Valley Baptist Church. Nomination seconded. A motion to close nominations for President was presented and carried.

The office of 1st Vice President was open for nominations. Jack Peters, FirstBaptistChurch New Holland nominated Jerry Cowan, Valley Baptist Church. Nomination was seconded. A motion to close nominations for 1st Vice President was presented and carried.

The office of 2nd Vice President was open for nominations. Charles Levy Martin, Unity Fellowship Baptist Church questioned how long was the term for the office. The response was one year. He then asked if newly appointed church plants were eligible. Kevin Roberts responded yes. Charles Levy Martin nominated himself. Nomination was seconded. A motion to close nominations for 2nd Vice President was presented and carried.

Kevin Roberts requested the nominees to come forward to the stage. The vote for offices of President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President was conducted by stating "Aye." All present messengers were in favor with no opposing votes. Amen.

Barry Whitworth then requested Dr. Ashley Clayton, VP SBC Cooperative Programs and Stewardship to issue the charge to the newly-elected officers. He read John 15:16 "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth

fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

Dr. Clayton charged the newly-elected officers to invite in the vinedresser, bear fruit, be willing to serve people, love the people and set an example. He concluded with a prayer for the newly-elected President, George Tynes, 1st Vice President, Jerry Cowan, 2nd Vice President, Charles Levy Martin and the BRN PA/SJ members for the Lord Jesus Christ to prepare us all to be better leaders.

Barry Whitworth and Brian Harrison awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Executive Board expired-term members, Kevin Roberts, Antoinette Buie, Bayard Bastedo, Rick Baker and Joseph Velarde. President Kevin Roberts also received a ceremonial gavel. Rick Baker and Joseph Velarde were not present.

A video featuring J.D. Greer, SBC President highlighted the importance of Cooperative Programs and cooperative program giving to make healthy multiplying churches, support over 200 IMB missionaries, support SBC seminaries and relief work. "Come and join together for the purpose of the great commission."

Executive Director, Barry Whitworth introduced Dr. Ashley Clayton, VP SBC Executive Programs & Stewardship to present the SBC Executive Report.

Dr. Ashley Clayton brought greetings from the SBC comprised of 42 state conventions, 46,000 to 47,000 churches. On any given Sunday 6 million Southern Baptist are in Sunday Schools and Worship Services. He commended PA/SJ on a great group of new church leaders. That was made possible through Cooperative Programs giving. Through Cooperative Programs PA/SJ is connected to a significant network of programs and resources. Convention-wide PA/SJ has locked arms from top to bottom and from east to west in engaging lost people, intentional discipleship and leadership development. Dr. Clayton further commended PA/SJ for its generosity and sacrifice through cutting spending and increasing cooperative programs giving. By the end of 2018, PA/SJ will have allocated and given well over \$30 million including Cooperative Programs, Annie Armstrong Offering, Lottie Moon Offering and state-wide initiatives. PA/SJ has proven to be missionsminded. Dr. Clayton shred a conversation he had with a NAMB executive that SBC baptisms are flat when comparing 1948 baptisms versus 2018 baptisms. The NAMB executive said that the secret to increasing baptisms is pastors. Dr. Clayton shared that J. D. Greer, SBC President will outline a strategy at the 2019 SBC Conference for all 17 million Southern Baptists to commit to winning one soul to Christ in the coming year. That's 17 million people! He shared there are 19,000 theological students studying at the six SBC seminaries supported through Cooperative Programs. SBC is conducting executive searches for five SBC national entities. Dr. Clayton concluded his remarks by asking the convention to tighten our grip and renew our commitment to partner and stand on the Gospel. He ended with a stanza from an old gospel hymn "living He loved me, dying He saved me, buried He carried my sins far away, rising He justified one day He is coming Oh Glorious Day."

Larry Anderson, BRN Director of Healthy Churches narrated "Hope for Philly" a video highlighting an annual event demonstrating BRN Healthy Behavior Missional Engagement.

Kevin Roberts introduced and unpacked BRN Healthy Behavior Missional Engagement.

Missional Engagement is defined as God's people (Christ-followers and His Church) taking the good news (gospel) of Jesus Christ to a world that is separated from a relationship with a Holy and Eternal God. Engaging people missionally with the gospel involves the church going out to people rather than just reaching out and/or expecting the people to come to them.

Bible References: Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8

Make an impact. Be available. If you see somebody in need, meet that need or assist in meeting that need. Be a participant willing to be right there in the moment.

Kevin Roberts requested a first and second motion to close the business meeting. The motions were made, the vote was taken by congregation saying "Aye." The motion to close the business meeting was passed. The business meeting was officially closed.

Keystone Fellowship returned and led the congregation in singing "Your Name Is Victory."

Barry Whitworth thanked Keystone Fellowship for the leading the convention in worship. He then read Luke 4:18 & 9. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." When talking with the annual meeting planners the Lord laid on his heart this year's theme "Kingdom Compassion."

Barry asked do we [PA/SJ] have the compassion of the King? Many times he hears the frustrations, concerns and sees passion in serving but do we have a burden [Christ's compassion] for the lost? Barry's heart for Kingdom Compassion lead him to invite this year's guest speaker, Dr. Don Wilton, Sr Pastor First Baptist of Spartanburg SC. He's been pastoring there 25 years. Dr. Wilton founded a global ministry "Encouraging Word Ministry." He was a dear friend of Dr. Billy Graham. Dr. Wilton traveled with Dr. Graham on his worldwide crusades and regularly visited him during the last 15-16 years of his life.

Barry and Beth visited First Baptist in SC about nine years ago and fell in love with Dr. Wilton, his congregation and his work to spread God's word world-wide. That led Barry to invite Dr. Wilton to address the PA/SJ convention.

Barry invited Dr. Don Wilton to the podium along with his son, Dr. Rob Wilton Dr. Rob Wilton a NAMB church planter at Vintage Church in Pittsburgh PA and a SEND City missionary in the greater Pittsburgh area. Dr. Rob Wilton came to Pittsburgh by way of New Orleans where he planted and pastored the Vintage Church of New Orleans. Barry invited

Dr. Rob Wilton to pray for his dad as Dr. Don Wilton challenges PA/SJ to have Kingdom Compassion. Dr Rob Wilton led a stirring prayer for his father and on behalf of PA/SJ. He joked about his father's accent and kidded that he was available to interpret his father's message if needed now that PA/SJ knows where he is located.

Pastor Don Wilton acknowledged his wife, Karen of 44 years and stated that in spite of his many a complishments and accolades, his one glaring mistake is being unable to teach his son how to speak properly. He extended his appreciation to Beth and Barry. He mentioned his wife, sons, Rob and Greg, and a daughter all serve in the ministry. Pastor Wilton began his message by saying do not be so heavenly-minded that you are no earthly good. We should have balance in our lives and focus our attention on things that really matter. He'll be speaking from Hebrews 11: 24-27 (NIV). Our calling begins with who we are. Why would Jesus call us? We need to improve/polish our witness. He shared his experience serving with Dr. Billy Graham on crusades and the privilege to serve Dr. Graham and his family following his death, at honoring ceremonies and at the burial.

He began his message with the life of Moses. Hebrews 11: 24-27 (NIV) Pastor Wilton told a story about graduating from seminary in the 1980s and how God spoke to him through the life of Moses. There were five issues about Moses that framed the rest of Pastor Wilton's life.

Moses settled issue to whom he belonged (v24) God demands that we each stand before Him/burning bush and decide whom you will serve (Him or man)

Moses settled issue of what he needed to overcome (v25) Pride of life, lust of the flesh, love of money (worldly measure, pleasure, treasure) What propensity do you have? What sins do you have?

Moses settled the issue of what he needed to believe (v26) We're facing a crisis of what we believe. There's a clarion call to build churches of all inclusiveness, to believe whatever you wish and to praise/serve God as you wish.

Moses settled issue of what he needed to do (v 27) Dr. Wilton stated that God is speaking to some you're in the right place, to others God is saying it's time to pack your bags.

Moses settled the issue of his tenure (v27) [how long you are committed/stickability]

Pastor Wilton thanked God for the steadfast faithful servants serving in all areas of ministry.

Keystone Fellowship returned to lead the congregation in worship.

Kevin Roberts invited newly-elected BRN President, George Tynes to close out the opening session in prayer.

Newly-elected BRN President George Tynes lifted the closing prayer at 4:04p.

The Thursday evening session opened at 6:30 p.m. with Kevin Roberts welcoming the congregation followed by prayer. A video featuring the Freedom Bikers was shown next. The second BR N Behavior, Intentional Discipleship, was read, reviewed and capsulized by Kevin Roberts along with the Biblical references. People forming relationships with others (one-on-one or small groups) for the purpose of helping others to grow spiritually and develop Christ-like habits. We all have spiritual deficits that need to be strengthened. Look at this as continuing education. God wants us to make disciples. He wants to use us in areas where we are not comfortable. Become a disciple maker who makes other disciples. Intentional involvement in the life of others. In church culture, we've missed enough generations. It's time we go back and pick up the pieces.

Intentional Discipleship is developing spiritual maturity within Christ-followers through deliberate learning and accountability in peer-to-peer relationships and/or small groups. Intentional discipleship brings the Bible to life in Christ- followers. What they learn moves from their heads, to their hands, then to their hearts, as it translates into habits that produce growth (spiritual maturity) in their lives. Further, through intentional discipleship, the disciple becomes a disciple-maker who leads others to become and know how to follow Christ. Biblical References: Matthew 4:19, Matthew 28:20

Keystone Fellowship Praise and Worship led a congregational hymn entitled "Do It Again."

A video on the International Mission Board (IMB) accomplishments over the past year was shown. 47,000 churches supporting anonymous missionaries risking their lives to carry the gospel to unreached people groups. Tell people what the IMB is doing. Disciples being made, churches multiplying, and Jesus Christ being glorified among people who never even heard His name.

Kevin Roberts introduced Executive Director, Barry Whitworth to give his Executive Director-Treasurer Report. Kevin has known Barry about 15 years. They met at a PA/SJ pastors training in New Jersey. Kevin knows Barry to have a pastor's heart, a servant's heart and more than anything else, he loves God.

Barry thanked the caterer, Peter's Barbecue, his lovely wife Beth and Team BRN directors. He expressed his excitement about the planning that's being done. BRN is becoming more proactive and not reactive. Barry stated the BRN is starting to smell some green grass about proactivity. He also thanked the administrative HUB Support staff. Barry congratulated Tiffany Meeder on the birth of her son, Jordy. He describes himself as hardwired for the Kingdom.

He gives the Holy Spirit the blame or the credit for that. Barry said that those close to him know that he eats and breathes the Kingdom. He reiterated Jesus said seek the Kingdom first and when you pray, pray thy Kingdom come, thy will be done. BRN PA/SJ is focusing on Missional Engagement (engage people), Intentional Discipleship (make disciples who make disciples) and Leadership Development (raise up and train the next generation of leaders to do things better than you or I can do).

It's been 21 months since he took the helm of BRN PA/SJ. Several changes have been made. Some might say a lot of changes. At times, Barry says he is guilty of being full throttle that's why he has Beth. He wants to run and gun for the King. We've made some changes. Overall good and some not so popular. But he'd rather know that Jesus is pleased with him and challenge men to do things that are difficult than make decisions that please men because he allowed the same old thing. What we do isn't easy, at times challenging and messy. BRN PA/SJ has organized well to accomplish our goals; that is to assist our churches to become healthy multiplying churches. Churches that plant churches, make disciples, develop new leaders and build new ministries.

BRN PA/SJ senior leadership was hit hard this year. On several occasions, a few leaders battled some serious health issues. Some more serious than others. Entire senior leadership racked with fighting the enemy. Through God's healing & restoration, we navigated these waters. Team rallied around these leaders and pushed through.

The reorganization has ignited the following results:

- 1,579 baptisms reported by LifeWay
- Increase of 1.22% 24 church plants & affiliations to join our network family. In conversation with 13 churches considering affiliation with SBC
- Contracted Regional consultants Western PA/Central PA/Philadelphia PA
 - o Pastor Kevin Carpenter, Western PA
 - o Pastor Corey Mitchell, Central PA
 - o Pastor Robert Fontell, Philadelphia PA
- Launched two (2) new ministries Compassion Ministry and BRN Women
- Increased interaction and collaboration with the Executive Board
- Executive board recruited and hired legal counsel-----Davis Younts
- All BRN PA/SJ organizational documents thoroughly reviewed by Davis and needed changes recommended to ensure convention is more proficient and protected moving forward
- Made over 4500 connections with churches, partners and pastors; Over 500 one-on-one consultations with churches and pastors
- Funded 84 church resource grants to assist churches to better engage their communities
- The Harrisburg Hub [new training center] used 29 times
- DR (Disaster Relief) 11 deployments and over 150 DR jobs headed by Kenton Hunt, DR Director [one of the best, if not the best DR Director in the country]
- 60 students deployed to Puerto Rico on DR detail thru collegiate ministry
- New Ministry and a Church plant being considered at Bloomsburg University
- Racial Reconciliation Coalition formed in Philadelphia

Barry has personally been involved to discuss and solve racial issues that have caused a divide. Committed to ongoing racial reconciliation conversations. He's serious about this matter. He referenced the recent mass shootings that appear to be hate crimes. He's trying to be a tool to solve the scourge of sin in our society. The church should be the solution and not the problem. A panel of 12-15 men formed with three (3) goals in mind:

- 1) Education for awareness to address ignorance
- 2) Building relationships that create trust
- 3) Service that displays unity

A SBC church from Alabama sponsored a SO-passenger RRC bus trip to Washington DC to the new African-American Museum. Barry thought the trip was great and found the exhibits riveting (make you cry) and thought provoking. He encouraged all who have not visited the museum to do so. It is a worthwhile experience.

BRN PA/SJ new resource partners. Alliance for Defense (ADF). \$250/yr. fee will review your church by-laws and other documents to ensure solid legal footing of BRN churches. First 25 churches that sign up will be eligible for \$100/grants. BRN will try to provide \$250/grants for new church plants.

BRN PA/SJ new resource partners continued Financial Peace University (FPU) \$99. \$20 off first 25 churches to sign up at the convention.

Right Now Media first 25 churches 20% off churches under 100 members.

BRN PA/SJ is trying to provide resources and tools to our member churches to assist you in becoming strong, efficient, effective ministries. Barry encouraged the congregation to visit the new partners' stations during the Annual Meeting.

Cooperative Programs giving increased nearly 37%. Over 50% of the annual budget allocated to resourcing and servicing our churches. Barry said, "to whom much is given, much is required." 72% of Cooperative Programs of budget given to Missions & church development. National Cooperative Programs giving 1.3% increase in 2017. National Cooperative Programs giving increased to 29% in 2018 annual budget. Goal to increase National Cooperative Programs giving to 30% before BRN Convention's 50th anniversary. God blessed the convention to accomplish much during 2017-2018.

Next Steps for BRN PA/SJ

Barry reminded the congregation to be mindful there are 14 million people who do not know Jesus. BRN PA/SJ purpose is to follow through this formula:

Healthy Leaders + Healthy Values [Kingdom & Prayer] + Healthy Behaviors = Healthy Mission [making disciples and multiplying churches].

This is the formula to successfully produce healthy churches.

Seven (7) Items

- Spiritual Health Assessment of church health; reproduction, revitalization, replant
- Three (3) Behaviors to engage & reach people for Christ Missional Engagement/Intentional Discipleship/Leadership Development
- Two new initiatives *Compassion Ministry and **BRN Women

^{*}Spiritual/Emotional/Physical/Practical needs of people (Buff McNickle)

**Train and strengthen women to engage lostness in their communities (Beth Whitworth)

- Multiplying Church Center (CliffJenkins)
- Ethnic Discussion Clusters (Dr. Larry Anderson & Barry Whitworth)
- Millennial Forums (also follow Gen-X and Baby Boomers)
- Adopt IMB Missionary Family

Concluding his Executive Report, Barry stated BR N PA/SJ is committed to building healthy churches through practicing healthy behaviors to engage people, to make disciplers who make disciples and to develop church leaders to whom we can pass the baton. Our greatest days are alread of us. We must seize these opportunities to advance God's Kingdom to the glory of God.

The Executive Report was followed by a Zoom Meeting with an IMB family newly planted in Bogota, Colombia, David and Sara McNeill. They were recently planted with their four children. Before Colombia, the McNeill's' served in North Carolina ten minutes north of Southeastern Seminary. David taught evangelism and led Evangelism Ministry (Luke 10:2). Key challenges in Bogota are disunity, only 12 Baptist churches, distrust, drug trafficking, people access, Chia people {200,000}, 5,000 people from Venezuela immigrating daily. Colombia population 9-10 million people. Business hub, over 100 universities. Primarily Catholic nation. They are thankful for support thru Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. They ask for prayers for family and relationships, identify disciples in their apartment complex, friendships for children and David and Sara. Barry Whitworth asked Dr. Don Wilton of First Baptist Church in Spartanburg SC to lead the convention in prayer for the McNeill family and encouraged convention members to consider partnering with the McNeill's'. Pastor Wilton led the congregation in a moving, passionate prayer for the McNeill Family. Barry then signed off to the McNeill's' for the convention.

Keystone Fellowship returned to lead convention in singing "Greater You Are."

Dr Don Wilton's Thursday evening message was from 2 Timothy 1:6–8 [power, love, and sound mind]. Before getting into his message, he talked about the three divisions of evangelism [discipleship] in the New Testament. Soul winning evangelism - bringing people to Christ.

Discipleship evangelism - praise Jesus Christ as LORD

Disciple maker evangelism-disciples become disciplers

Pastor Wilton then spoke on the central points of his text the three essential arms of intentional disciple making.

Stir Up the gifts (God-given) in you; use gifts to their full potential; sound mind means God's mind not yours; get off your duff; go to work.

Stand Up for Jesus; don't be ashamed; speak up for Jesus

Step Out testify about/for the Lord; join in suffering for the gospel Pastor Wilton told an amusing story about his arrival in Spartanburg, SC twenty-six years ago. A resident, named Bill Adams introduced himself and began telling him about a local restaurant owner whose name was Sam Rhoades. He was a towering man, 6'7" tall. Bill called him the resident atheist. Bill's description of the man intrigued Pastor Wilton. The pastor asked Bill to go to the restaurant with him so he could meet this man. Bill reluctantly came along. They entered the restaurant and Pastor Wilton introduced himself. Pastor Wilton asked Sam Rhoades if he wanted to accept Jesus into his heart. Both Pastor Wilton and Bill Adams were fearful of his response. Surprisingly, Sam Rhoades said yes and expressed his desire to do so for quite some time. They knelt in prayer and Sam Rhoades accepted Christ. Later that evening at First Baptist Church, Sam Rhoades shared his testimony. One year later, Sam Rhoades, on his deathbed, asked Bill Adams to thank Pastor Wilton for leading him to Christ. Sam Rhoades also wanted Pastor Wilton to know that, after letting Jesus into his heart, it was the happiest year of his life. Pastor Wilton said that he never forgot Sam Rhoades.

Pastor Wilton also related a story of his visit to Mozambique.

A local preacher asked him to preach Jesus to the people suffering from famine. At the close of his sermon using the three arms of intentional disciple making, he extended an invitation by asking people to stand up for Jesus but not one person stood up. He learned the people were afraid to "stand up" because they didn't want to be reported to the authorities. After learning from the local preacher the villagers were being watched, reported and jailed, Pastor Wilton repeated the invitation but instead used the phrase "step out" for Jesus and join in His suffering by coming down front. That invitation resonated with the villagers and they began to come forward. Pastor Wilton concluded his story and then closed out in prayer.

Keystone Fellowship led the congregation in the final worship song for the evening singing "What a Beautiful Name It Is" and "Agnus Dei." Barry Whitworth returned to the stage to close out. He invited all in attendance to greet the new pastors and their spouses. Barry also announced there will be a coffee bar in the Fellowship Hall and worship service with the Freedom Biker Church. Breakfast will be served in the morning for those attending morning breakout sessions. He commended the facilitators of the opening day breakout sessions and thanked Freedom Biker Church for hosting the 2018 Annual Meeting.

At 8:15 p.m., Barry led the evening session close out prayer of thanksgiving and intercessory prayer on behalf of convention members facing health and life challenges.

The Friday morning session opened at 9:30 a.m. with Theresa Krieg, President WMU PA/SJ giving a hearty welcome. Following her opening remarks, she showed a beautiful picture of Jordy James Meeder, Tiffany and Luke Meeder's newest family member, born in October 2018. After the congregation's joyous response of applause, Sister Krieg led the group in a stirring prayer of thanksgiving ushering in the Holy Spirit.

Keystone Fellowship then led the congregation in Praise and Worship singing Following Praise and Worship, a video on Leadership Development narrated by Pastor Mark Sentell of Living Faith Church was shown. Leadership Development is Part 3 of the BRN Behaviors Initiative outlined by President Kevin Roberts. President Roberts then shared the definition of Leadership Development and the Scripture References.

Leadership Development is the deliberate and systematic activity by church leaders to purposely influence and develop others to-become leaders within the Body of Christ. Every church needs leaders, especially for its future. The Kingdom needs leaders to advance the gospel around the world. Leadership development expands the capacity of individual Christ-followers to assume leadership roles within the Body of Christ, both locally and globally. Biblical References: Ephesians 4: 11-12, 2 Timothy 2: 2

He stated this convention is about Kingdom work, building Jesus Christ's Kingdom not individual kingdoms. We must work in that direction. It is not done through seminary degrees but through "willingness of heart."

President Roberts invited Dr. Don Wilton to return to the podium. Dr. Wilton greeted the convention with a hearty "good morning." He stated there is a precious spirit of love, unity and joy in this convention. He encouraged and exhorted the messengers and guests to hold on to that precious spirit because God accomplishes great things (making disciples and building the Kingdom of God) through people and using disciples in an incredible way. People need the Lord and God uses His people to bring the unsaved to salvation. Dr. Wilton encouraged this convention to keep on learning, striving, standing and asking God to show you how to reach all peoples with the gospel of Jesus Christ. He stated that when Jesus Christ went to the cross he leveled the playing field so that all peoples might know Him for the pardoning of their sins. He stated that in his travels around the world the missing link is Jesus Christ.

Pastor Wilton wanted to tackle a simple but profound subject in Acts chapter 3 and Acts chapter 4. Acts chapter 3 has one of the most engaging encounters in all of scripture.

In his church, the sole thing is "to keep the main thing, the main thing." The main thing is to share Christ because Christ makes the difference. In Acts chapter 3, Christ gives a clear picture of what the "main thing" is. In Acts chapter 4, God shows what the outcome of missional engagement is. In Pastor Wilton's message, he wanted to do two (2) things. He wanted to set the table to show how to "keep the main thing, the main thing." Pastor Wilton wants the young people who grow up in the church and go off to college, not just to enjoy the experience of attending college but to know and to understand the reality of

what they are facing. He wants the young people to be equipped to be greatly used and effective in making disciples where they are planted. Pastor Wilton goes on to read Acts chapter 3 sharing the account of John, Peter and the lame man outside the temple gate. In the account, the man, lame from birth, asked the disciples for money but instead was instantly healed by believing the gospel carried by John and Peter. He went into the temple with the disciples and immediately praised God for his healing! Dr. Wilton went on to say that hurting hearts are fertile soil for the gospel. The gospel has a contagious affect. This account of missional engagement is one of Pastor Wilton's favorites in scripture. He shared a story of preaching a revival series in Warren, Arkansas. It was his first trip there. He said that he would never forget it because he learned to call the hogs there. Dr. Wilton asked the congregation if he could call the hogs here? The congregation responded "yes." He then jokingly said, "Come here hogs." The congregation then broke into laughter and he said that it took a long time to receive an invitation to return to Warren AK after that. As he began his message that evening in Warren, AK a man walked right up to the pulpit and stood there. Pastor Wilton asked the gentleman, "Can I help you?" Then man stated, "I heard enough of the message." Pastor Wilton stated that he had all kinds of racing thoughts going through his mind including dying and going to heaven but not from Arkansas. Then the man said, "I want to give my heart to Jesus." Pastor of the church, Pastor Frank knelt with the man and prayed out loud leading the man to Christ as if they were the only two people present. Others began coming forward also. So that ended his message for the evening. Pastor Wilton said, "the experience was "cheeky" and messed up his whole message." He said that it was such a beautiful experience and he recalls that evening whenever he reads Acts chapter 3.

It reminds him the importance of keeping the "main thing" the "main thing." Pastor Wilton then asked the congregation to turn to Acts chapter 4. He called it the "reality check." He read the account of John and Peter being confronted by the priests, temple police and the Sadducees as they were preaching the gospel and declaring Jesus was raised from the dead. The priests, temple police and Sadducees were angry and upset. John and Peter were later arrested. Pastor Wilton went on to say that Acts 4: 4 is the most compelling verse that he would leave with us, "But many of those who heard the message believed, and the number of the men came to be about 5,000."

Three points Pastor Wilton wanted to make,

When God acts/moves some people resort to silence. Silence disturbs more people of God then anything. Every time you share Jesus, there will be silence coming back from someone. Those people are always around. Silence is not golden in God's economy. God sees a silent vote as one saying "no" to Him. You're either for God or against God.

In this account, God's word stated three groups who were silent when the gospel was preached and healings took place; (1) clergy (2) laymen (3) Sadducees. Pastor Wilton recounted when he was travelling with Dr. Billy Graham in Scotland, Dr. Graham shared that the greatest difficulties he had during his crusading evangelism were with the clergy. That's why Pastor Wilton commended the BR N PA/SJ pastors, church planters and church

leaders. He stated that for some reason, God wanted church leaders to know through His word about opposing forces within the church. Wilton reminded BRN PA/SJ clergy and lay persons to spend time with one another, to encourage one another, to commend one another. Take the time to do that. Call one another, tell them that you love them and you are praying for them.

Pastor Wilton said that he didn't know for sure who the second group was. They could have been the deacons. But through His word, God wants us to know that opposition can come from the clergy, can come from laymen within the church as well as outside and it can come from theological and training institutions.

The third group were the Sadducees. He went on to say that there was a time when he was teaching at the New Orleans Seminary [his alma mater] that he would not preach on that topic. But since he is no longer there he can say it now. Could you imagine people getting upset over people getting healed, people serving their communities and their fellow men, people praying and saying grace before they eat and people sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the unsaved? "Surely not," he stated. Pastor Wilton said that some people always come to know Jesus. People coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ is "the greatest joy".

He asked, "Why are we here today?" "Because we all know Jesus. He asked the congregation to pray with him. In his impassioned prayer, Pastor Wilton thanked Jesus Christ for dying on the cross for our sins giving us the right to the tree of life, thanking God for the message of the cross, thanking God for our service to the Lord as well as service to others and to remind us to guard our hearts, be a people who love like Jesus, have our hearts break for the lost and continued blessings on the BRN PA/SJ convention to serve through the nurture and admonition of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sandy Wisdom-Martin, President WMU sent greetings to the convention via video. Theresa Krieg followed Wisdom-Martin's video by acknowledging those serving on the statewide WMU team. She asked those present to stand and recognized the PA/SJ team members. President Kriegthanked Dr. Pam Smith for her tireless years of service as former PA/SJ WMU President. She is relocating to care for her aging parents. President Krieg went on to explain WMU initiative PROJECT HELP. Beginning in 2018 PROJECT HELP will focus on the global problem of refugees. WMU goals are to raise awareness and to mobilize the church to serve the need to share the gospel with refugees. IMB will conduct a needsbased study on refugees. By the end of 2017, 68.5 million people worldwide were displaced. That's 30 people a minute and one person is displaced every 2 seconds. Four percent (4%) of Pennsylvania's population are refugees. Join the SBC in learning how to serve the refugee populations in North America and around the world. President Krieg restated the goals of WMU for all BRN PA/SJ churches. She brought our attention to the Mission Mosaic magazines on the seats in the auditorium. Each Mission Mosaic magazine list the birthdays of missionaries for the current month. PA/SJ WMU is asking all BRN churches to pray for NAMB and IMB missionaries on their birthdays. President Krieg requested Pastor Roger & Alva Manao to pray for NAMB and IMB November birthday celebrants including BRN

PA/SJ church planters, volunteers and retirees. Sister Alva Manao read the individual names of the celebrants and Pastor Roger Manao lifted a soul-stirring prayer for the missionaries and their respective families.

IMB Missionary, Joel Heard and his wife, Beth serving in Kazakhstan since 1991 greeted and addressed the convention on behalf of the International Mission Board. He was genuinely excited to speak before the convention because of its support of this people group. He related a little history on the partnership of PA/SJ Convention and IMB. PA/SJ Convention sent missionaries to Kazakhstan in 1991 to spread the gospel and this was during the beginning of his service in that region. Christian churches in Kazakhstan are now in their 3rd generation because of this convention's mission efforts. Brother Heard reviewed IMB's goals and Mission Statement. He expressed that every church has a vital role in taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to every nation. That includes all the churches in the BRN PA/SJ Convention. There are many, many stories of missional engagement to share. Brother Heard shared a brief personal story about praying for an unreached people group called the Lullas (gypsies). They had no Bible translation and no direct evangelical activity. While Joel was in prayer for the Lullas, a Luila woman went to his home and spoke with Beth, his wife. Beth gave her food and clothing. Beth contacted Joel to relay her experience and inquired if he knew about the Lullas. He told Beth he did indeed and had been praying earlier that day for that people group. Beth's missional engagement with the woman later led to a future gathering with others [Muslims] of different languages that resulted in all of those in attendance accepting Jesus Christ. The IMB can help/prepare your church and/or any members who desire to serve on the mission field both long-term and short-term. One hundred percent of all funds raised through the Lottie Moon Christmas offerings goes to support the IMB missionaries.

Following the IMB presentation, the Alliance Defending Freedom [BRN partner] video was shown.

Mark Croston of LifeWay Christian Resources extended greetings from President of Lifeway Dr. Tom Rainey. He shared memories of attending services in this very building formerly Temple Baptist Church. He pastured First Baptist in Suffolk VA for 26 yrs. Temple Baptist was one of First Baptist's church plants. He called Temple Baptist a second cousin to First Baptist of Suffolk Va. Brother Croston talked about LifeWay Global. LifeWay headquarters in Nashville has moved to a new location. LifeWay Global and LifeWay stores are updating retail spaces to reflect contemporary retail trends including boutiques, meeting spaces and coffee offerings. He encouraged the convention attendees to visit a local LifeWay store. Brother Croston also talked about LifeWay's unique partnership with SBC as well as LifeWay's financial assistance to SBC conventions throughout the country to aid churches in making disciples and no-cost training to church leaders. He announced Dr. Rainey's retirement and the launching of a search committee to select a new president. Brother Croston requested the convention's prayers for that endeavor. Brother Croston concluded his remarks by presenting Dr. Kevin Roberts with a Spurgeon Study Bible and two of Dr. Tom Rainey's books. Brother Croston thanked Dr. Roberts for his leadership and service to the BRN PA/SJ convention in Brother Croston's home-state of

Pennsylvania.

Dr. Roberts then invited all present BRN PA/SJ partners to the stage for brief presentations.

BRN PA/SJ partner representatives who addressed the convention included Guidestone Financial; Midwestern Theological Seminary; Jesus Film Project [films & resources to reach people with 1700 languages].

They announced "Reaching the Nations" Conference NAMB & IMB conference in Louisville KY in April 2019. Pastor Roger Manao from the Philadelphia Bible Institute spoke on behalf of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Committee and their upcoming "Evangelicals March for Life" in Washington DC in January 2019.

Barry Whitworth announced a "sweet deal" for BRN PA/SJ pastors to the upcoming 2019 ReFRESH CONFERENCE. He also presented contest winners, Tim Parker and Timothy Richmond with free tickets to the ReFRESH Conference.

April 1-2, 2019. A video from partners Right Now Media was shown.

Keystone Fellowship followed leading the congregation in Praise &Worship singing "HOW GREAT THOU ART."

Rev. Cliff Jenkins introduced Pastor Adam Sewell from The Well Church in Mt. Washington PA to deliver the closing convention sermon.

Pastor Adam Sewell grew up in Fairfield, PA and served at Fellowship Baptist Church. Pastor Adam and his wife, Ashley moved to Pittsburgh PA five year ago and began planting the gospel at The Well Church. His message to the convention was centered on compassion ministry from the text found in Mark 8:1-3. He stated true compassion is felt when we are close to the hurting, moved at the soul and moved at the bowels. It should always result in action. It's not pity. It's a deep, gut level, "I can't sit by and watch this anymore" response. He encouraged churches to engage the community (your mission field) and learn their needs. The Well Church's mission statement is "Love God, Love People and do something about it." Pastor Sewell further stated it is important for the gospel to be preached but also to meet the tangible needs of your neighbors. The world is searching for answers that we have. The world needs Jesus. We need to be close to the hurting. Ministry is messy because people are messy. You must engage the community. Determine actual/tangible needs. He shared a touching story about a young inter-racial couple who stopped in their storefront outreach ministry one Friday night. Pastor Adam had gone home earlier but other church members were there. The couple told the church members present that they could find no church who wanted them. On April 7th he married the couple after worship service because no family members of the bride and groom would attend the ceremony. One month later Pastor Adam baptized the couple. No matter what neighborhood you are in "someone" has a need.

Pastor Sewell quoted Spurgeon "In God's work we must invest ourselves in people. They are our greatest investment." He went on to share Compassion Ministry is not just ministering to the poor. Compassion Ministry is ministering to the people who are hurting. The Well's Church compassion ministry included a food bank, clothing bank and homeless ministry.

One day a young man name Dwayne was hungry so they fed him. Now Dwayne is saved and baptized because he had his need met and he wanted to get saved. We have to be made uncomfortable in our serving. Pastor Sewell directed the conference's attention to page 37 of the BRN 2018 Booklet. He asked, "Sisters, brothers would you go to the hard places in your neighborhoods?" Pastor Sewell challenged pastors and laymen alike to "go, get out the office, get out in the street and engage." In the text Mark 8:13, Jesus had compassion because He was with the people for three days. The same Christ that fed 4,000 can meet the needs in our neighborhoods today. Be among the hurting. We need to believe this, "As Dr. Wilton stated 'It is time for us to go, to be engaged, to step out there." Love people for no other reason than because God loves them. That should be enough for us because of Jesus. Pastor Adam closed with prayer of compassion and a prayer of action.

Barry Whitworth made a few closing announcements. Disaster Relief has a couple of items on display. He also thanked security, childcare and a special thank you to the audiovisual team Mark Sentell, Pastor Holder and Tony. It was Tony's birthday so the congregation sang Happy Birthday to him. Barry reminded the congregation to stick around for the remaining lunch breakout sessions from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Classroom G, Understanding Compassion Ministry, Rev. Buff McNickle, Classroom J, Creating Discipleship Process in the Local Church, Rev. Brad Wingler, Classroom H, How to Become a Multiplying Church, Rev. Cliff Jenkins.

Barry's parting remarks to the convention, "It's time for the church to stand up and make some noise!" Keystone Fellowship led the congregation in a closing hymn "How Great Thou Art." Pastor Peter Yanes closed in prayer at 11:45 a.m.