

Florida District Advisory Board Report 2018-19

We, your District Advisory Board – Larry Dennis, chairman; Charles Davis, secretary; William Andrews, Virginia Bauer, Ashok Dhanarajan, Brad Fink, Monica Freeland, Christiana Jones, Hugh King, Jeanne Morgan, Donald Myers, Brett Rickey, Martha Stephens, Bill Stieren, and Brent Williams are honored to submit the following report to the district assembly of the Florida District Church of the Nazarene:

As representatives of the district we:

1. Have met in both regular and special sessions to care for the work that is the responsibility of the board
2. Have duly reported and filed in the District Resource Center, 4720 Cleveland Heights Blvd., Suite 303, Lakeland, FL 33813, all records, documents and minutes that relate to the work of the District Advisory Board.
3. Have reminded pastors that the trustees of all churches and missions shall apply for and maintain nonprofit, incorporated status in the State of Florida. The District Advisory Board will not sign as guarantor of loans or give approval to borrow money, build, or buy property until evidence of active corporate status is provided to the District Advisory Board.

Ministerial business:

4. That the following ministers be granted transfer and receipted: **Elders** – Calhoun, Adrian, to Northwestern Ohio; Delp, Matthew S., to Joplin District; Montgomery, R. Mark, to Southern Florida; Pupo, Pupo Joel, to Southern Florida; Smith, David Lee, to Southwestern Indiana; Stephens, Angela, to Alabama South; Weatherly, Glen, to Oregon Pacific. Deacons – Aldridge, Melody, to NE Indiana. **In process:** (E) Morgan, Larry, to S. Carolina
5. Granted a local license for the following ministers serving as a pastor: Joshua Wicker, Gainesville CityLight
6. Recommended the renewal of district license for the following district-licensed ministers serving as pastors: Damaris Ayala, Francisco Ayala (Lakeland Nuevo Comienzo), Ronald Luke Benjamin (Jacksonville New Dimensions), Neal Dyer (Lakeland Family), Antonio Figueroa (Ocala Prince of Peace), Lazaro Garcia (Mascotte Casa de Dios), Frankie Guerra (Haines City Familias Victoriosas); Elsa Martinez (Deland Luz y Verdad); Martha Guido Martinez (Haines City Hispanic), Bersabe Hernandez (Monticello Bethel), Barbara Leanza (Spring Hill Calvary); Sandra Jeannot (Tampa Haitian), Carmen Mancia (Panama City El Gran Yo Soy), Aimee McCroskey (Bartow Home); Carlos Pagan (Brandon Center of Unction), Jose Rivera (Port Richey Casa de Esperanza); Juan Ernesto Rivera (Lutz Hinneneni); Delvia Roblero (Lake Wales Hispanic); Jose Ruben Rosado (Melbourne Comunidad Cristiana), Elmer Santos (St. Cloud Camina), Angel Toro (Wesley Chapel Fe de Oro); Terry Wade (Eustis). Recommended granting a new district license for Wicker, Joshua (Gainesville CityLight)
7. Approved the following local licensed ministers serving as pastor: Nasir Barakat, Kissimmee Arabic;
8. Approved the following ministers serving as pastors serving under appointment: Apopka Casa del Rey, Jose Matamoros; Bartow Home church, Aimee McCroskey; Bartow Oasis de Esperanza, Antonio Diaz; Blountstown, Anthony Keeton; Brandon Center of Unction, Carlos Pagan; Brooksville, Amy Byerley; Clearwater Iglesia, Aurora Acuna; Cocoa Launch Pointe, Bryan Ayers; Deland Luz Y Verdad, Elsa Martinez; Eustis, Stan & Terry Wade; Geneva Living Word, Dewey and Carolyn Jones; Gainesville Japanese Community, Mitsue Hart; Greenville Mision Mt. Carmel, Ricardo Munoz; Gulfport Hispanic, Adan Acuna; Haines City Familias Victoriosas, Frankie Guerra; Haines City Haitian, Benito Renelus; Haines City Hispanic, Martha Guido; Jacksonville Arabic, Nicola Abdo; Jacksonville First, George Malone; Jacksonville New Dimensions; Luke Benjamin; Jacksonville Northside Fellowship, David Franklin; Kissimmee Arabic, Nasir Barakat; Lake Wales Hispanic, Lemuel Figueroa; Lakeland Family, Billy Neal Dyer; Lakeland Nuevo Comienzo, Francisco & Damaris Ayala; Lakeland First Haitian, Gilbert Dertes; Lutz Iglesia Hinneneni, Juan Ernesto Rivera; Mascotte Casa de Dios, Lazaro Garcia; Monticello Bethel Iglesia, Bersabe Hernandez; Ocala Prince of Peace, Antonio Figueroa; Orlando Bethesda Haitian, Real Demosthene; Orlando Connexion Pointe, Oliver Phillips; Orlando Ebenezer Haitian, Sobner Vertus; Orlando

Light of the World, Paul Marc; Orlando New Life Community, Ed Young; Orlando Renuevos En Plentitud, Angel Guzman; Orlando Vietnamese, De Khac Nguyen; Panama City El Gran Yo Soy, Carmen Mancia; Plant City Nuevo Amanecer, Wanda Delgado; Port Richey Casa de Esperanza, José Rivera; Port Richey Living Faith, James Brannon; Ruskin & Tampa First Haitian, M. Sandra Jeannot; St. Cloud Camina, Elmer Santos, St. Pete Lealman, Edward Jones, Tampa First Vietnamese, Vinh Quang Tran; Tampa Grace, Jesus Castellanos; Tampa Korean, Sang K. Chung; Winter Haven Centro de Adoracion, Juan M. Lopez.

9. We concur with the following:

- a. That the following be removed from the roll of ordained ministers
 - i. Having joined another denomination: (Manual 538:10): (E) David Barton, (E) Brooklyn Lindsey
 - ii. Having joined an independent church (Manual 538.13): (E) Charles Kirby, (E) Jon Betz
 - iii. Having been unassigned for 4 or more years (Manual 539.1): (E) Ruth Enid Diaz, (E) Michael Walzak
- b. That the following be removed from the roll of ordained ministers, having joined the Church Triumphant (Elders) – Rachel Charles, Calvin Martin, Calvin Milam, Kenneth Muck, Paul Myers, Harmon Schmelzenbach, Richard Waterman; (District Licensed Ministers) – Kenneth J. McCloskey.
- c. That the following be approved for Special Service – Steven Doerr, (Wycliffe Association, Bible Translation, Orlando, FL); Greg Mills (Church of God, Orlando, FL); Dorman “Curt” Dowling (Wesleyan Church, South Carolina)
- d. That the following persons be elected to elder’s orders: Melvin Adams, Amber Arnold, Billy Neal Dyer, Antonio Figueroa, A.J. Fry, Chelsea Fry, Bersabe Hernandez, Krystal Kennard, Barbara Leanza, Carlos L. Pagan, Sarah Robinson, Sarah Rodgers, Pamela Tooley, Terry Wade.
- e. That the following elders be granted retirement status: Elders – Steven Baker (RA), Deborah Baker (RA), Michael Burke (RU), Larry Dennis (RA), Randy Hodges (RA), Gary Hutcheson (RA), Eugene Huff (RU), David Kelly (RU), Dave Zuber (RA); Deacons – Janice Evans (RA),

10. A review of the District Advisory Board’s work this year.

- a. Approved the Budget for 2019-20
- b. Designated the following District Officers: District Secretary—Steve Egidio; District Treasurer—Mindy Rickey; DAB Secretary—Charles Davis
- c. Designated the following as corporate officers: President—Larry Dennis; Secretary—Charles Davis; Treasurer—Mindy Rickey
- d. Appointed Brent Williams (Chair), Larry Dennis, Charles Davis, Mark Patrick, Marc Vann, and John Stein, to serve as the District Finance Review Committee. Additional monthly participants are: Mindy Rickey, Dave Ramsey, Jim Stephens, Mary Egidio, and JoAnne Hancock.
- e. Approved the following church name/location changes: Largo Westside to Largo Church
- f. Other business related to district churches and properties:
 - i. Approved the request the Deltona Nueva Vida church would assume their church loan through Wesleyan Investment Foundation with the title to remain in the district’s name.
 - ii. Approved the sale of Haines City Christian Fellowship church to the Haines City First Haitian church, and for the Haines City First Haitian church to obtain financing.
 - iii. Approved the sale of the Tampa Grace church.

- iv. Approved the request of the Leesburg church to sell their parsonage.
- v. Approved the request of Tampa First church to sell their building.
- vi. Approved the sale of the Brooksville church, and to loan the Brooksville church funds for the purchase of a parsonage, to be repaid from the sale of the church.
- vii. Approved the sale of the Spring Hill First church, with \$25,000 of proceeds to Spring Hill Calvary church.
- viii. Approved the request of the Orlando Center Pointe church to sign a lease with Florida Soccer Academy.
- ix. Approved the request of St. Cloud church to grant an easement over a portion of their property for the local government.
- x. Approved the request of St. John's Faith Community to sell a portion of their church property.
- g. Other business related to district finances:
 - i. Approved the recommendation of the District Finance Committee regarding investment of district funds.
 - ii. Approved the recommendation of the District Treasurer and Finance Committee regarding the reallocation of uncollectible debt and funds held.
 - iii. Agreed that the 2019-20 budget include funds for the employment of a full-time assistant to the District Superintendent, and the retention of Dave Ramsey.
 - iv. Approved contracting with Steve Smith and his organization, Church Equippers Ministries, to assist in the revitalization of selected local churches, with the relationship to be reviewed in six months. The district is to pay one-half the cost of such services.
 - v. Approved appreciation gifts to District Ministry Assistants, Dave Ramsey and Lee Woolery,
 - vi. Approved the retirement gift to be given to the District Superintendent at District Advance
- h. Declared the following churches as inactive (Manual paragraph 106): Largo Church, Haines City Christian Fellowship, Navarre @ the Sea (NewStart), New Smyrna Beach, St. Petersburg Victory, Tampa Forest Hills.
- i. Declared the following churches as disorganized (Manual paragraph 106.1): Spring Hill First, Haines City Christian Fellowship.
- j. Reviewed and designated churches and ministries for whom contributions would be approved as ten percent specials.
- k. Accepted the letter of resignation/retirement of District Superintendent Dr. Larry Dennis.

It has been a joy for the board to work with our wonderful leader and shepherd over the past year, and throughout these years as the Central Florida District, and now as the Florida District. We have been inspired by his vision, passion and love that he continually expresses to all of us. Larry and Debbie, please know you are sincerely loved and appreciated by all your district family, and you will be deeply missed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES DAVIS, *Secretary*

LARRY D. DENNIS, *Chairman*