

2020 Florida District Advisory Board Report

We, your District Advisory Board – Dale Schaeffer, chairman; Charles Davis, secretary; William Andrews, Virginia Bauer, Ben Busic, Ashok Dhanarajan, Brad Fink, Christiana Jones, Hugh King, Jeanne Morgan, Brett Rickey, Colleen Seitter, Martha Stephens, Jill Stein (partial year), 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 301, 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: Leonard Budd, RU to Chicago Central District; Samuel Burch, EVR to Prairie Lakes District; Barry Kennard, PAS to Nebraska District; Krystal Kennard, PSV-FT to Nebraska District; Terry Kinnett, PAS to Eastern Kentucky District; Louise Murguia, RA to Los Angeles District; Sean M Virden, PSV-FT to South Carolina District, Robert Yates, CHP to Mid-South District.
Deacons: William J. H. Hogg, RA/CHP to British Isles North District
District Licensed Ministers: Nestor Hernandez, PSV-FT to Mid-South District; Jose Castro Lugo, UA to Georgia District; Emma Rivas, UA to Georgia District.

Granted Transfer and receipted to Alabama South (now known as Central Gulf Coast):

Elders (RETIRED) – Thomas Allen, Pensacola First, E 1976, RA; James G. Dye, Marianna, E 1976, RA; Lester L. Ford, Sr. Marianna, E 1969, RA; Janet M. Johnson, Port St. Joe, E 2009, RA; Stephen Lichtenwalner, Pace New Faith, E 1989, RU; Avelyn Lichtenwalner, Pace New Faith, E 1990, RU; David S. Payne, Fort Walton Beach, E 1979, RA/ CHP; Rosalind V. Williams, Pensacola First, E 2005, RA/ESR.

Elders (NOT RETIRED) – Adam Cabana, Pensacola Ensley, E 2016, PSV-PT; Jon Carnes, Pensacola First, E 1988, PAS; Eddie Nelson Harden, Pace New Faith, E 1999, PAS; Anthony Keeton, Blountstown, E 2013, PAS; Kenneth A. Kirkland, Marianna, E 1988, PAS; Terry Krebs, Pensacola First, E 2008, PSV-PT; J. Scott Roberts, Panama City, E 2003, PAS; Brian K. Schmelzenbach, Pensacola Ensley, E 2002, GA; Steven Unruh, Pace New Faith, E 2004, PSV-PT; Michael Watson, Fort Walton Beach, E 2015, PAS.

Licensed Ministers: Joseph Bennett, Pensacola First, LM 2017, PSV-PT; Carmen Mancia Panama City El Gran, LM 2017, PAS; Darrell Sellers, Pensacola First, LM 2017, PSV-PT (note: was also leading a new ministry out of the Crestview Church).

5. 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), Lazaro Garcia (Mascotte Casa de Dios), Elsa Martinez (Deland Luz y Verdad), Martha Guido Martinez (Haines City Hispanic), Sandra Jeannot (Tampa Haitian) , Aimee McCroskey (Bartow Home), Jose Rivera (Port Richey Casa de Esperanza), Juan Ernesto Rivera (Lutz Hinneri), Delvia Roblero (Lake Wales Hispanic), Jose Ruben Rosado (Melbourne Comunidad Cristiana), Elmer Santos (St. Cloud Camina), Angel Toro (Wesley Chapel Fe de Oro), Joshua Wicker (Gainesville CityLight).

6. Recommendation first-time district license for the following local licensed ministers serving as pastors: Nahelis Colon (Kissimmee Casa de Vida); Alexander Pineda (Gulfport Hispanic).

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; Brandon Center of Unction, Carlos Pagan; Brooksville, Amy Byerley; Clearwater Iglesia, Aurora Acuna; Cocoa Launch Pointe, Bryan Ayers; Deland Luz Y Verdad, Elsa Martinez; Deltona Nueva Vida, Ydel Ramos; Eustis, Stan & Terry Wade; Geneva Living Word, Dewey and Carolyn Jones; Gainesville Japanese Community, Mitsue Hart; Greenville Mision Mt. Carmel, Ricardo Munoz; Gulfport Hispanic, Alexander Pineda; 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 Hinneri, Juan Ernesto Rivera; Mascotte Casa de Dios, Lazaro Garcia; Merritt Island Community, David Shaffer; Monticello Bethel Iglesia, Bersabe Hernandez; Ocala Prince of Peace, Antonio Figueroa; Orlando Bethesda Haitian, Real Demosthene; 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; Plant City Nuevo Amanecer, Wanda Delgado; Port Richey Casa de Esperanza, José Rivera; Port Richey Living Faith, James Brannon; Tampa First Haitian, M. Sandra Jeannot; St. Cloud Camina, Elmer Santos, St. Pete Lealman, Ralph Mosgrove, Tampa First Vietnamese, Vinh Quang Tran; Tampa Grace, Jesus Castellanos; Winter Haven Centro de Adoracion, Juan M. Lopez.

9. We concur with the following:

That the following be removed from the roll of ordained ministers:

a. Per Manual 539, 539.1:

Resigned credential voluntarily due to unassignment: **Elders** – Philip Arnold;

Filing credential for remaining unassigned for four years or more: **Elders** – John Clayton; Stanley Cooley; Joseph Heidler; Brian Williams.

b. Having joined the Church Triumphant: **Elders** – Larry A. Attig, Martin Bass, James H Errickson, Donald N. Faling, Noah J. Funk, John Grant, J.V. Morsch, Douglas Myron Sartin; **Deacons** – Melba Jean Gay; **District-Licensed Minister** – Natalia Rivera.

That the following persons be elected to elder's orders: Ronald Luke-Anthony Benjamin, Lazaro Garcia, Chad M. Hill, Angeler M. Rene', Raul Gilberto Rivera, Octavio Rodriguez, Jr., Elmer Santos Marrero, Zoraida Sempritt, Kendra Nicole Smith.

That the following person be elected to deacon's orders: Travette Star Alford.

That the following be granted retirement relationship: **Elders** – E. Allen Alford (RU), Dorman "Curtis" Dowling (RA), Stuart Rowan (RA), Teresa Waldeck (RU); **Deacons** – Vernon "Butch" Sprague (RA).

14. A review of the District Advisory Board's work this year.

a. Approved the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Trevecca Nazarene University submitted by the Trevecca Board of Trustees.

b. Upon receiving notice of the resignation of Dr. Robert Yates as a newly elected member of the District Advisory Board, elected Rev. Jeanne Morgan to serve a three-year term as DAB member.

c. Designated the following District Officers: District Secretary—Rev. Steve Egidio; District Treasurer—Mindy Rickey; DAB Secretary—Charles Davis.

d. Designated the following as members of the District Finance Review Committee: Brent Williams (Chair), Charles Davis, Dale Schaeffer, Mark Patrick. Delegated to the District Superintendent the authority to appoint persons to fill vacancies on this committee.

f. Approved the hiring of Steph Schaeffer as Executive Administrative Assistant to the District Superintendent following the resignation of JoAnne Hancock.

g. Declared the following churches as inactive (Manual paragraph 106):

Mascotte Church of the Nazarene, Interlachen Church of the Nazarene, Orlando Connexion Pointe Church of the Nazarene, St. Petersburg Victory Church of the Nazarene, and Haines City Familias Victoriosas en Jesus.

h. Approved the proposed boundary change that transferred the churches in the Panhandle Mission Area of the Florida District to the South Alabama District. The churches involved are as follows: Blountstown, Crestview, Fort Walton Beach, Marianna, Pace, Panama City El Gran Yo Soy, Panama City First, Pensacola Ensley, Pensacola First, Pensacola Hoops, and Port St. Joe.

i. Approved the Long-Term Strategy presented by the District Superintendent.

j. Approved the relocation of the District Resource Center to a smaller office suite at the same location.

k. Approved procedures for the election of delegates to Nazarene General Assembly

l. Other business related to district finances:

1. Approved making the request to the Great Commission Foundation for \$75,000 to support new church starts and assist in church restarts.

2. Authorized the District Superintendent to seek financial assistance for the District provided through federal legislation called The CARES Act—Payroll Protection Plan.

m. Other business related to district churches and properties:

1. Approved the transfer of the Pace New Faith church property from the Florida District to the local church

2. Approved the request of the New Port Richey First Church of the Nazarene to refinance its existing indebtedness and a grant to the church to assist in structural repairs of the facility.

3. Approved the request of the Brooksville First Church of the Nazarene to lease a storefront for use as a Thrift Store and worship facility and to loan the funds needed to execute the lease.

4. Approved the following name changes: Brooksville First Church of the Nazarene to Brooksville Bridge Fellowship Church, Tavares to Tavares One Foundation,

5. Approved the sale of two houses owned by the St. Petersburg Victory church with the proceeds to reduce the mortgage indebtedness.

6. Approved the request to designate Orlando Way to Calvary Church as a 10% Mission Special status

n. Approved the implementation of the suggestions from the Board of General Superintendents regarding the cancelling of the 2020 District Advance. The proposal provides that:

1. The term of all District elected positions that are scheduled to be filled by election at the Advance would be extended for 1 year.

2. The delegates to the 2021 General Assembly would be elected by the District Advisory Committee.

3. The District Advisory Committee would approve the ballots prepared for the election of delegates to the 2021 Global Ministry Conventions.

4. The District NYI Council shall elect the delegates to the 2021 Global NYI Convention.

5. The District NMI Council shall elect the delegates to the 2021 Global NMI Convention.

6. The District SDMI Council shall elect the delegates to the 2021 Global SDMI Convention.

7. The District Advisory Committee will transact all other business items normally transacted by the delegates at the Advance.

It has been a joy for the board to work with our wonderful leader and shepherd over the past year. We have quickly come to appreciate the insight and leadership our new District Superintendent is providing in his new assignment. His commitment to building God's kingdom is inspiring and we are grateful that God, in His providence, has brought Rev. Schaeffer to be our District Pastor. We are encouraged about the future, even in the midst of the crisis in which we live. We love you, Dale and Steph!

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. DAVIS, *Secretary*

DALE W. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman*