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2019 ANNUAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

**Congregational reports submitted by pastors.
All additional reports by Bishop Henry Buckwalter**

As Millie and I reflect over the past year, once again we can say from the bottom of our hearts, "To God be the glory for all that He has done." We are very grateful for co-laborers in the Gospel that proclaim Christ and labor so diligently in His church. The tasks of leadership and ministry are not always easy to carry out. But we are thankful for the perseverance, dedication, humility and commitment to Christ and His mission by each of you, be it pastor, leader, or member.

Hearing about people coming to faith in Christ, being baptized and discipled, and growing in the Lord, brings so much joy. These days, so many people are living with stress, discouragement and heartaches. As you reach out with the glorious message of Jesus who offers salvation, hope, joy, and love, know that we are standing with you with our prayers of intercession for you. You will stand strong as you anchor your life in Jesus and depend fully on the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Through this report, we'll take a little look back and recount the good things that God is doing along with some challenges that we face. I will begin with an overall summary. Following my summary, thanks for sharing your reports of what God is doing in your area of ministry.

Developments that took place throughout the HFC/ANF Network in 2019.

Good Shepherd Christian Fellowship, for various reasons, reached a conclusion to terminate as a congregation. They are in the process of selling their share of the property at the Greendale Avenue Worship Center. This has been a rather lengthy and challenging process which we hope and pray will be resolved sometime soon in 2020. We are very grateful for the caring ministry of Pastor Darrell and June Minnich who served the

congregation for 25 years! Darrell and June continue to maintain contact with some former members who are in transition. Darrell continues to serve very well as HFC Regional overseer for churches in MA and ME as well as HFC administrator.

June - The Philadelphia Indonesian Mennonite Church officially withdrew from HFC. Unfortunately, due to some misunderstandings that were difficult to resolve, the congregation chose to make this decision. We value the many years of relationship that we experienced together.

June – The HFC Oversight Team welcomed Pastor Joshua and Lauren Miller (representing the younger generation of HFC leaders) to a one-year term as advisory members. We look forward to insights they will give.

July – Pastor Wei Peng, who was serving as an interim pastor at Abundant Life Chinese Mennonite Church in Philadelphia, completed his service to give full-time attention to his doctoral studies. The leadership team at Abundant Life, along with a seminary student, will be responsible for pastoral duties. Bishop Leonard Burkholder is working closely with the congregation.

November – Pastor Lawum Kayamba, along with his son Ben made a trip to Montreal, Canada to visit former members of his congregation that moved to Canada from Portland, ME. Pastor Kayamba's vision is to see a church planted in that city. He appointed a couple of leaders to give direction to several families that are meeting together for fellowship and worship. Let's pray that a congregation will be established in Montreal.

Earlier in the fall, Portland, ME, was inundated with hundreds of refugees from the Congo that came across the southern border of the U.S. Disciples International Christian Church reached out with material and spiritual assistance to many of these refugees. Since then, many have been scattered to other cities in Maine. Pastor Kayamba is also meeting with some of these individuals with the desire to establish a church plant in another city. The outreach possibilities among the Congolese and other West African countries is tremendous. We pray that many laborers will be raised up for the harvest.

Special gratitude:

June Minnich: For almost all of the 17-year history of HFC, June has faithfully done the accounting for HFC on a voluntary basis. She is abundantly blessed by your year-end love gifts. June does an excellent job of keep accurate records, sends reports promptly every month, faithfully and promptly disburses payments and does her work with a joyful attitude. HFC is extremely blessed to have her serve in this capacity! We praise the Lord that financial resources have always been available to pay every bill on time and give support to those whom HFC has made a commitment. Thanks to all who faithfully give to HFC.

Our Heavenly Father: For everything God has done and is doing throughout HFC, we give Him the glory! Let's continue to trust God for an abundance of His grace in 2019 and a great harvest of souls as we continue with our vision.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2019

January 10-13, 2019 – Cincinnati, Ohio - Henri Ngolo, through relationship with Pastor Lawum Kayamba, HFC pastor from Portland, ME, invited HFC to explore the possibility of partnering with himself and a network of 13 Congolese pastors and congregations in the greater Cincinnati area to provide leadership resourcing. Pastor Darrell Minnich, Pastor Kayamba, and Bishop Henry and Millie travelled to Ohio to explore this possibility.

HFC grows through relationships. When Pastor Kayamba was a professor at a Mennonite Brethren Seminary in the Congo, Henri was one of his students. Henri came to the U.S. in 1992 and has since earned an M.B.A. and is working as a marketing manager for Costco in Dayton. Up until last fall at a conference, Pastor Kayamba and Henri had not met in the U.S. It was through this contact, and because of the Anabaptist connection, Henri is very interested in the possibility of relating to HFC. We're taking the relationship one step at a time. We are planning another visit this November to do some leadership training.

March 26-28 – Cuddebackville, NY - Camp Deerpark, a Mennonite Camp west of New York City, was the setting for our HFC Pastor and Spouse Retreat. The theme of the retreat was: "Leading and Experiencing Healthy Congregations." Bishop Lawrence Chiles of Koinonia Fellowship of Churches presented six challenging, encouraging, and delightful sessions on this theme. We were blessed to have his wife Nereida join us at the retreat. The leaders were greatly encouraged through the Chileses' teaching and the informal fellowship with them. Trudy Guy and her son Kevin led us in beautiful times of worship. The camp provided warm hospitality and very delicious meals. There was a beautiful sense of unity and presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the retreat.

May 4 – Boston, MA – The Boston Chinese Church of Saving Grace graciously hosted leaders and members from several congregations for a Spiritual Enrichment and Fellowship Day. The day included worship and various reports of what God is doing in the congregations represented. There was beautiful fellowship and a delicious meal served by the congregation. Bishop Henry spoke on the theme: "*Advancing God's Kingdom: Living by Faith.*" These times of fellowship are very refreshing and encouraging.

October 19 — Pastor Wes and Susie Holland and the congregation extended very gracious hospitality during HFC's 17th Annual Celebration. Approximately 100 people participated in this event, some traveling several hours each way to attend. This was the first time in the 17 years of HFC's history that the event was held in Maine, basically because of the location. However, I was very pleased with the amount of people that travelled all the way from NY and CT.

SUMMARY OF HFC/ANF CONGREGATIONS/MINISTRIES SINCE 2002

Summary (to the end of 2019):

- 13 HFC congregations in the U.S.
- 4 HFC congregations in Haiti
- 2 HFC ministries
- 4 ANF congregations
- Total = 23 congregations and ministries

21 congregations plus 2 ministries in 11 states – Maine (2), Massachusetts (1), Connecticut (3), New York (1), Pennsylvania (3), Delaware (1), Virginia (1) Colorado (1), Arizona (2), Nevada (1), New Mexico (1), Ontario, Canada, (2, including 1 congregation and 1 ministry), Haiti – (4)

7 in New England (New York to Maine)

5 in Mid Atlantic (Virginia to Pennsylvania)

7 in Mid-west to West (Ontario to Nevada)

4 in Caribbean (Haiti)

Total church community (men, woman, and children involved in church life) estimated to be between 1,300 and 1,400 people. Church attendance is estimated to be approximately 1,000 to 1,100 people.

Worship services include several languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, French, Lingala, Swahili, Amharic, Tigrinya, English, French Creole, Navaho, Hopi, and Ojibwa, English and other languages.

Revelation 7:9 – *“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’”*

All glory to God; Harvest Fellowship of Churches is a little bit of heaven on earth!

Following are brief reports from congregations and ministries in the HFC/ANF Network. I invite you to read the reports and especially make it a matter of prayer regarding challenges congregations are facing.

BOSTON CHINESE CHURCH OF SAVING GRACE

Church currently led by the Deacon Board
Bro. Kenny Lee, Chairman
115 Broadway Street
Boston, MA 02116



1. IMPORTANT EVENTS IN 2019

- Held a Church wide retreat led by Rev. Daniel Chan on 4/13
- Our church hosted the HFC Spiritual Enrichment Day on 5/4 at BCCSG
- Membership transfer and Children's Dedication on 5/5 led by Bishop Henry Buckwalter in which Lin Wang and Liling Hu transferred their membership and Noah Gomez and Dylan Lee were dedicated.
- Church-wide outing at the Halibut Point State Park in Rockport, MA for a wonderful day of fellowship and outreach with family and friends on 7/13
- In August, we set up a Gospel booth in Chinatown and the English group continued the idea of "kept it simple" and focused more on conversations with visitors to the booth. Did crafts and handed out balloons. It was a great turnout and an uplifting day of service in unity for our brothers and sisters.
- Held a Summer Basketball Challenge as well as Inter-fellowship BBQ at the Arsenal Park in Watertown for a fun day of fellowship and grilling in September. Family and friends were invited as well as players from the Boston Hurricanes Jr Basketball team
- In October, we celebrated our 34th Anniversary with Elder Jinsheng Liang as our guest speaker
- Praised the Lord, in December we held our own Christmas Celebration at our church in which we enjoyed performances and games while celebrating the birth of Jesus with family and friends

2. CHALLENGES

- Leading church ministries without a Pastor
- Historical Church building maintenance

- Lack of participation in Church leadership (Board of Deacons consist of only three members to oversee ten departments)

3. GOALS FOR 2020

- Start up the Pastoral search efforts again
- Start a new Chinese fellowship group

BUILDING 103 CHURCH

Pastor Mike and Debra Gaiotti
7 E. Union Street
Canton, PA 17724



1. IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Friends and Family day
- Easter Sunday
- Outreach Baptism
- Harvest Party
- Nights of Worship
- Uproar Youth Conference

2. Challenges

- Marriages under attack
- Inconsistent Attendance
- Leaders needed for Connect/ Build Groups

3. Goals

- Sign for the church building
- Leaders to oversee Ministries
- Youth involvement on Worship Team
- Focused Prayer Ministry
- Woman's and Men's Connect/Build Groups

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Bishop Leonard Burkholder
P.O. Box 156, 1254 Reading Road
Bowmansville, PA 17507-0156



The fellowship meets in Bear, Delaware

1. IMPORTANT EVENTS

- One of our key, long term, member passed away this year. The Memorial Service was a celebration of His life and very God honoring.
- We continue to meet as a House Church/Bible Study

2. CHALLENGES

- Finding time in everyone's busy schedule to meet.
- We are a small group that has been together for a long time. We have not had any newcomers.

3. GOALS FOR 2020

- Meet regularly for Bible Study, prayer, and encouragement

DISCIPLES INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastor Lawum and Suzanne Kayamba

Meeting at Salvation Army

297 Cumberland Avenue

Portland, ME 04101



1. IMPORTANT EVENTS IN 2019

- Women's Sunday, March
- Easter Seminar, April
- Youth Conference, May
- 6 Baptisms, May
- Brunswick and Biddeford Apostolic ministry, October
- Montréal Apostolic ministry, November
- Leadership Prayer, December
- New Year's Eve Prayer Night, December

2. CHALLENGES

- Leadership development
- Finances and giving improvements
- Space for worship

3. GOALS FOR 2020

- Leadership development
- Apostolic ministry

FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastor Wesley Holland
280 Brunswick Avenue
Gardiner, ME 04345



1. IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Starting Celebrate Recovery
- Hosting the HFC Annual Celebration
- Hitting 100+ people in a regular worship service,

2. CHALLENGES

- Creating new space for a new youth room
- Losing the MOPS program
- Discussion about letting a community group use our facility (it didn't end up being necessary, but everyone had an opinion)
- Trying to create a better welcoming space in the foyer.
- Sound system problems.
- Growing pains.

3. GOALS FOR 2020

- Assimilating new attenders.
- Using space efficiently.
- Building up *Celebrate Recovery* leaders.
- Taking children's ministry to the next level (whatever that may be).
- Getting more people involved in music (a drummer) and getting Mary back on piano),
- Getting a member ready to fill the pulpit (not to replace me, but to be available when I'm gone).

GOOD NEWS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastor Jim and Andrea Miller
3061 Bainbridge Avenue
Bronx, NY 10467



1. IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Good News celebrated its 9th anniversary
- We had monthly outdoor evangelistic outreaches and gave out food and clothing in our neighborhood
- As part of “*Saturate NYC*”, we distributed free Jesus DVD’s, books and tracts in our community
- We discontinued home groups but established *Wednesday Night Prayer* and *Abundant Living Bible Studies* at our church meeting place.

2. CHALLENGES

- Lacking musicians on our worship team for part of the year.
- Finding a suitable and affordable meeting place.
- Raising up additional faithful leaders and church workers.

3. GOALS FOR 2020

- Choose some evangelists to organize our evangelistic outreaches.
- Call another youth leader to assist in leading Youth Bible studies.
- Develop a Young Adult Bible Study
- Call and train additional Children’s Sunday School teachers.
- Seek to finalize church bylaws and become incorporated and apply for a 501c3 tax exemption.
- Develop a new church website.
- Through each one, reaching one, our goal is to have a consistent Sunday attendance of at least 100.

GOSPEL LIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Joshua Miller
Associate Pastor Pedro Vasquez
222 Charles Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606



1. IMPORTANT EVENTS

- First Quarter- Relaunched GLCC's newsletter, as well as officially opened up the expanded foyer for Fellowship.
- Second Quarter- Hosted a special Healing Service on Good Friday, Participated in Franklin Graham Evangelistic rally.
- Third quarter- KLN Retreat in PA, participated in 10Days of Prayer event.
- Fourth Quarter- Day to Celebrate Israel event, HFC Annual Celebration in ME.

2. CHALLENGES

- Declining children's ministry
- 2 aging buildings with numerous repairs/updates needed
- Need for younger families

3. GOALS FOR 2020

- Work on strategies to engage younger families
- Work on maintenance and improvements to beautify our buildings
- Create a rhythm for the congregation where we are intentional about growing, serving, investing & connecting
- Making a larger impact on the community through outreach and service

HFC MUSIC EVANGELISTS (Grace Again Ministries)

William (Willie) and Rodi Longenecker
P. O. Box 132
Baudette, MN 56623



1. IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Produced our 7th DVD -- "Amazing Grace"
- Sang about 20 places on our Winter tour during Feb-March 2019 and a few during the summer and fall
- Began process of putting "Peace in the Valley" DVD online

2. CHALLENGES

- Health challenges have become significant
- A major October snowstorm brought our travelling days to an abrupt end in the fall

3. GOALS FOR 2020

- Complete online set-up of our "Peace in the Valley" DVD
- Begin notifying nursing homes of the availability of above
- Pursue putting more DVDs online for download by nursing homes for Smart TVs at a greatly reduced cost
- Work at regaining health enough to be able to do some singing in our local nursing homes again.

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY

We continue to get letters and calls affirming the value of the audiovisuals with hymns for the nursing homes from across the country. Recently, we had a note from a Veterans Home in Colorado: *"We can't wait to get these videos . . . (she ordered 6)... I have to share with you that we were introduced to them at the Veterans home by a family that had his 101-year-old dad here that LOVED your videos!! Sadly, he isn't with us any longer, but they left the videos for all to share and enjoy."*

Another Life Enrichment director told us, *"The folks here LOVE 'Peace in the Valley.' They would watch it a bazillion times!"*

Our prayer is that the message of the gospel can continue to go out through the music even if we can't travel much anymore.

LIGHTHOUSE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Pastor Jennie Muniz
1570 Noble Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06610



1. IMPORTANT EVENTS IN 2019

- Baptism - July
- Father/Son Camp out - July
- Women's Breakfast - June
- LFC Anniversary Celebration - August
- Youth Sleepover - September
- Monthly Birthday Celebrations

2. CHALLENGES FOR 2020

- Getting members to come to bible study consistently
- Getting members to engage in ministry
- Tithing/Offering (10% not being received)

3. GOALS for 2020

- Find Pastor w/Wife
- Tithing their 10%
- Evangelize/Grow (Invite people to LFC church)
- Outreach
- Developing more leaders to lead bible study in their homes

URBAN MISSIONARY

Pastor John and Janet Hannah
646 S. Tejon Street
Denver, CO 80223



1. IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Significant inner healing and victory in both of our (John & Janet's) lives
- Growth in the Discovery Bible Study with our neighbor family, both in people coming and in faith growing. The mother and her four children gave their lives to Jesus.
- God answering significant prayers through our Discovery Bible Study, including a brother getting released from detention after coming to Christ. He and his wife were also baptized.
- Writing the "Embracing Our Freedom in Christ" small group Bible Study.
- Significant growth in Christ in some of the residents at the mental health nursing home.

2. CHALLENGES

- Daily discernment of God's priorities.
- Securing the needed help for developing our website and related writing and publishing tools.

3. GOALS FOR 2020

- To complete a summary of inner healing principles learned and resources available, and apply these in our ministry, teaching and writing.
- To launch the ***CarryThePromise.org*** website, making tools for an overcoming life in Christ freely available to the Church.
- To teach on Embracing Our Freedom in Christ at the HFC pastor and staff retreat, and in a few small groups.
- To continue to disciple our neighbors who have turned - and are turning - to Christ, including baptizing and equipping them to disciple others.
- To train others in leading Discovery Bible Studies.

- Writing and publishing whatever God calls us to.
- Growth in prayer -- in a life of prayer and in prayer ministry.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

Pastor Wendell and Trudy Guy
760-1 Seaview Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607-1631



I. IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Visited first responders to share God's love and our appreciation
- Started fellowships nights

2. CHALLENGES

- Space for various ministries
- House church

3. GOALS FOR 2020

- Find church building (accomplished!)
- Establish evangelist ministry
- Baptisms
- Continue visiting first responders
- Hold a women's conference
- Hold a deliverance and spiritual warfare conference

HFC MISSIONARY TO HAITI

Sister Anita Charlestin

4 Lenox Avenue, Stratford, CT 06615-5606

(Special Summary Report submitted by Pastor Pedro Vasquez)



- Sister Anita is constantly in touch with leaders in Haiti. One of the HFC appointed pastors in Haiti is Pastor Viccet Vertilus. He maintains the mission house and its surrounding property. This mission house was built by Sister Anita six years ago after she purchased some land in the area. Pastor Viccet is also her key contact person on relaying information to many of the pastors and leaders in the local region.
- During 2019, Pastor Viccet would open up the mission house on the weekends so that Sister Anita could give teachings to the local pastors and leaders on a regular basis. Other pastors and leaders from the surrounding areas would come down and join these local pastors. One such area is Plateau Central, which is closer to the Dominican Republic border and about two hours away through rough terrain.
- In the last few months, Pastor Clarat Ifrand from Port-au-Prince, has been very helpful in visiting this region with Pastor Viccet. They have conducted leadership teachings there using some of the materials that Bishop Henry had prepared in previous visits to Haiti. They have also performed baptisms and presented children to the Lord. In April, they will marry 10 couples who have made decisions for Christ.
- Currently, Sister Anita conducts a 1-hour weekly Bible study every Saturday via telephone with the women in the area. One week it's at the mission house, one week at Pastor Edner's Church (this was the church that Gospel Light Community Church had helped to build eight years ago), and one week at Pastor William's church. This church is a couple of hours away from the other churches. (Pastor Edner, Pastor William and Pastor Jonel are three other pastors, along with Pastor Viccet who have been received along with their churches to be a part of the HFC network.)
- Also, every Sunday on a weekly basis, Sister Anita conducts a 1-hour Bible study via telephone with the church pastors and leaders in the area. She teaches them about "Who They Are in Christ" beginning with the book of Genesis. She also rotates these teachings by conducting them at the mission house, Pastor Edner's church and Pastor Clarat's church in Port-au-Prince. Soon she will also be conducting them in the Plateau Central region.
- Sister Anita has been very excited with the enthusiasm and hunger for the Word of God that has been demonstrated by the people in the area of Marmont and

surrounding regions. She looks forward to supply more teachings via DVD that Bishop Henry has proposed to do for the churches in Haiti. These teachings will be video recorded in the US by Bishop Henry and others along with translation in French Creole. Then they will be sent to the pastors so that they could be shown in their congregations.

- Sister Anita is also very grateful for all the financial support that HFC and Gospel Light has provided to continue to expand the work in Haiti for the glory of God.

(The following congregations have not submitted a report.)

ABUNDANT LIFE CHINESE MENNONITE CHURCH

1731 S. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19148-1527

BEACON OF LIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Winston and Ingrid Gordon
65 Industry Lane
Waterbury, CT 06704



EMANUEL ERITRAEAN CHURCH

Pastor Daniel and Oquba Tesfasselase
800 N. Illinois, Arlington, VA



ANF Congregations

BACAVI COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Russ and Cyndi Toews
P. O. Box 711
Hotevilla, AZ 86030



I. IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Took youth group to Lowell Observatory to see God's handiwork in the sky
- Took youth group to hike canyons to find evidence of The Flood
- Outreach at the basketball court to village youth
- Fund raisers with youth group and others from church
- Trip to Creation Museum and Ark with youth group and others from church
- Work Team from PA came in May
- Work Team from Boston came in July
- Special services: Good Friday, Sunrise service, & Christmas Eve Service
- Thrift store was open several times during the year

3. CHALLENGES

- Juggling tent making ministry with church ministry

3. GOALS FOR 2020

- To grow the body of Christ into a deeper understanding of God's Word so they can stand boldly against the lies that are attacking the Christian faith.

BLACK MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CHURCH

Pastor Daniel Smiley
P. O. Box 2835
Chinle, AZ 86503



I. IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Continue to work on the addition to our church, a project of 40 x 100 size. New Church Building.
- Had our Camp meeting, gathering in July with lots of food and good preaching. Much fellowship and meeting new friends from all around the reservation.
- Traveled across the reservation to different churches and services.

2. CHALLENGES

- Elders getting older and some have gone home with the Lord.
- Have several of our people with health problems.
- Drug use and suicide continuing to be a big part of our community

3. GOALS FOR 2020

- Continue to work on the addition to the church, finish up the new church building and start on making Sunday School rooms in the old building. Continue to fundraise for the project
- Planning for fellowships and services for our church

MORSON COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Pastor Rob and Joy Weaver
Pastor Wallace and Elizabeth Detweiler

P. O. Box 132
Baudette, MN



1. IMPORTANT EVENTS

- Outreach events: VBS & a free community meal
- Additional outreach included a children's after school program, girls club, and boys club.
- Our church had 3 baptisms of youth from our church.

2. CHALLENGES

- The First Nation community had a number of untimely deaths. Our community is mostly resistant to the gospel or Christianity.
- Many of our church members have had health issues. is mostly resistant to the gospel and Christianity.

3. GOALS FOR 2019

- Continued outreach so that our church might grow
- Conduct an addictions type Bible study for men
- Conduct a grief share class

HFC PRIORITIES FOR 2020

1. Support Pastor Kayamba in Apostolic ministry and vision.
2. Support Anita C. in Haiti outreach and ministry.
3. Develop online leadership teaching and discipleship ministry.
4. Continue to explore Ohio outreach with Henri Ngolo and the Congolese churches.
5. Provide resources for understanding our freedom in Christ.
6. Provide, in a proactive manner, congregational assessment for evaluation of growth vs. “plateau”
7. Continue the Succession and Growth plans.