

GENERAL COUNCIL
Evangelical Methodist Church
Indianapolis, Indiana
September 8-10, 2011

MINUTES

The General Council of the Evangelical Methodist Church met at the Wyndham Indianapolis West, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 8-10, 2011. Members present: Dr. Edward Williamson, International General Superintendent; Rev. Albert Budiaki Mbenza, Conference Superintendent, Canada; Rev. Debra Miller, Christian Education; Rev. Jimmy Burks, Ministerial Relations; Rev. Jeffrey Williamson, Discipline Revision; Rev. Brian Hammond, Conference Superintendent, USA; Mrs. Tammy Hammond, EMW President; Rev. Ike Cowell, Conference Superintendent, USA; Rev. Max Edwards, Ministerial Education; Mr. Stanley Morris, Finance; Rev. Brian Gordon, Youth Activities; Dr. Jim Halbert, Evangelism; Rev. Jose Macias, General Superintendent, Mexico; Rev. Kenneth Swearingen, World Missions; Dr. Harold Thompson, Conference Superintendent, USA; Rev. James Coulston, General Secretary-Treasurer. Absent: Rev. Lalsawivela, General Superintendent, Myanmar; Mr. Bryan Moss, Trustees.

- 1) **Call to Order.** Dr. Williamson called the General Council to order at 3:05 p.m., September 8, 2011.
- 2) **Adoption of the Agenda.** The agenda was reviewed. Dr. Halbert moved, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to adopt the agenda.
- 3) **Devotional.** Dr. Williamson gave the opening devotion for the Council, reading from I Samuel 7:3-14. Dr. Williamson related the events of scripture and how Israel had renewed their trust in God. The event was marked by Samuel raising the Ebenezer, the "stone of help." Dr. Williamson led the Council in prayer.
- 4) **International General Superintendent Report.** Dr. Williamson relinquished the chair to Dr. Thompson. The report of the International General Superintendent was given (see *Reports*). Rev. Perkins submitted his resignation as the head of the Department of Multicultural Ministries to Dr. Williamson, effective December 31, 2011, following nearly 50 years of ministry in the EMC (see *Reports*). Appreciation was expressed to Rev. Perkins for his service. The resignation of Rev. Jack Conner was announced and his letter of resignation was distributed, effective December 31, 2011. Appreciation was expressed to Rev. Conner for his years of service (see *Reports*). The report was received by unanimous vote.
- 5) **Cabinet of Superintendents Report.** The chair was relinquished to Dr. Williamson. The report of the Cabinet of Superintendents was given by Dr. Thompson, Dean of the Cabinet (see *Reports*). The Cabinet recommended Rev. Jack Conner the status of Conference Superintendent *Emeritus* was moved by Dr. Thompson, seconded by Rev. Swearingen. Approved unanimously. The Council unanimously received the report.
- 6) **Executive Session.** The Council went into Executive Session to fill vacancies.
- 7) **Called to Order.** Dr. Williamson called the Council back into regular session at 4:45 p.m.
- 8) **Board of Christian Education.** The chair called for the report of the General Board of Christian Education. Rev. Miller gave the report of the GBCE. Rev. Miller asked that the new Catechism be introduced at the 2012 Journeys. Rev. Miller emphasized the vision of the GBCE as stated in the report. Per the request of the GBCE, the Council unanimously directed that the GBCE introduce the

new catechism at the 2012 Journeys (see *Reports*). The report of the GBCE was received unanimously with appreciation.

- 9) **Evangelical Methodist Women.** The chair called for the report of the President of the Evangelical Methodist Women. Mrs. Tammy Hammond gave the report of the EMW. The report of the EMW was received unanimously with appreciation (see *Reports*).
- 10) **Adjourned for the Evening Meal.** The Council adjourned for the evening meal.

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- 11) **Call to Order.** Dr. Williamson called the Council to order at 8:35 a.m. Dr. Halbert led in prayer, praying for the Board of Christian Education. Rev. Edwards prayed for the Evangelical Methodist Women's organization.
- 12) **Announcements.** Dr. Williamson made announcements for the day. Dr. Williamson announced the first \$10,000 has been given for a bus to be purchased and sent to the DRC.
- 13) **Board of Evangelism.** The chair called for the report of the Board of Evangelism. Dr. Halbert gave the report of the GBE (see *Reports*). The report was received unanimously. Rev. Jeff Williamson prayed for the GBE.
- 14) **Board of Ministerial Education.** Dr. Williamson called for the report of the General Board of Ministerial Education (see *Reports*). The Rev. Edwards moved that the proposed reorganizing of the Course of Study structure be adopted (the content is not changed, but the manner of completing the course would be restructured). Seconded by Dr. Thompson. Following discussion the Council approved unanimously the motion. The Council received the report of the GBME. Prayer was offered for the GBME by Rev. Cowell.
- 15) **Recess.** The Council recessed for a brief break.
- 16) **Call to Order.** Dr. Williamson called the Council to order at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Williamson announced that word had been received that the son of Rev. Carl and Linda Kemp, Scio, NY, had died from cancer a few minutes earlier. Rev. Hammond led the Council in prayer on behalf of the Kemp family.
- 17) **Prayer for the Harvest.** The Board of Evangelism has set 10:02 daily as the time of praying for the harvest of the lost. Dr. Halbert led the Council in prayer for the harvest.
- 18) **Board of Ministerial Relations.** The chair called for the report of Board of Ministerial Relations. Dr. Williamson asked the General Council express to the Shamrock EMC, Burlington, NC, for allowing their pastor, Rev. Jimmy Burks, for all the time necessary to serve in this capacity. Approved unanimously. Rev. Burks gave the report of the GBMR. Rev. Burks moved to Table the report, seconded by Dr. Thompson. Approved unanimously.
- 19) **Board of Finance and Treasurer's Report.** Dr. Williamson called for the report of the Treasurer and Board of Finance. Rev. Coulston gave the General Treasurer's report. Stanley Morris reported. Rev. Conner moved that pending the auditor's report and the other Cabinet business, any action regarding the 2012 budget be Tabled until later. Seconded by Rev. Miller. Approved.
- 20) **Recess for Lunch.** The Council recessed for lunch.
- 21) **Call to Order.** Dr. Williamson called the Council to order at 1 p.m. Dr. Williamson opened with prayer.

- 22) Audit Report.** Dr. Williamson introduced Mr. Richard Lindley, Senior Audit Manager with Capin Crouse LLP, to give the audit report. Mr. Lindley gave the draft Financial Statement for FY 2010. The Council received the audit report with appreciation.
- 23) Take from the Table – Board of Finance.** It was moved that the report of the Board of Finance be taken from the Table. Moved by Rev. Edwards. Seconded by Rev. Hammond. Approved. Mr. Morris made the following motion: The General Council directs the General Board of Finance that the goal is for a balanced budget for 2012, with a maximum of a \$50,000 overrun allowance without General Council approval, with the General Council being informed of the first \$10,000 in overruns. Seconded by Rev. Hammond. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.
- 24) Executive Session.** The Council went into Executive Session at 2 p.m.
- 25) Call to Order.** The chair called the Council to order at 3:45 p.m.
- 26) Take from the Table – Board of Ministerial Relations.** Mrs. Miller moved that the report of the Board of Ministerial Relations be removed from the Table. Dr. Thompson seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. Rev. Burks completed the report. The Council received the report of the Board of Ministerial Relations (see *Reports*).
- 27) Board of World Missions.** Dr. Williamson called for the report of the Board of World Missions. Rev. Kenneth Swearingen gave the report of the GBWM (see *Reports*). The report was received unanimously. The Council received word that Rev. Wes Sperl has been moved from a hospice to his home. Rev. Jack Conner prayed for Rev. Wes and Janet Sperl. Rev. Gordon prayed the Board of Finance and Mr. Morris and his physical health. Rev. Miller offered prayer for the Board of World Missions. Dr. Thompson prayed for the Board of Ministerial Relations.
- 28) Board of Youth Activities.** The Board of Youth Activities report was called for by the chair. Rev. Gordon gave the report. Rev. Gordon accepted the Substitute Motion: *We recommend that all local churches and pastors to attend and/or promote a Board of Youth Activities approved camp of their choice.* Approved by the Council. The report of the Board of Youth Activities report was received unanimously (the edits to the General Council Operations Manual were accepted with the report). See *Reports*.
- 29) Department of Multicultural Ministries.** Dr. Williamson called for the report of the Department of Multicultural Ministries (see *Reports*). Rev. Perkins asked that Rev. John Kunkle be sent greetings from the General Council. The Council received the report of the Department of Multicultural Ministries unanimously.
- 30) Establishing Churches Inter-Conference.** Rev. Perkins recommended the following two Propositions:
- Proposition #1-**
Any conference of the Evangelical Methodist Church has freedom to evangelize and plant new churches around the world. When the effort is within the boundaries of another conference, arrangements between the respective superintendents will determine the administrative procedure when the newly planted church is ready to affiliate.
- Proposition #2 –**
Cooperative ministries to church plants initiated by another conference within the boundaries of the USA District will be coordinated through the General Superintendent for either the Department of Multicultural Ministries or other appropriate Board prior to affiliation. A representative from the USA entity together with the respective General

Superintendent or his representative will develop the cooperative ministry program, taking into account governmental regulations and limitations as affecting the church plant effort (such as lay leadership, ministerial responsibilities, insurance, finances, etc.).

- 31) Receive Submitted Reports.** The following reports were received as submitted:
Forms Committee Report
Investigations Committee Report
Statistical Report
- 32) General Conference 2014.** Rev. Burks moved that April 4-7, 2014, in Indianapolis, Indiana, be set of as the date and location of the 2014 General Conference. Seconded by Rev. Jeff Williamson. Approved unanimously.
- 33) Operations Handbook.** It was moved by Rev. Burks, seconded by Dr. Thompson, that the recommended edits of the Operations Manual for the Board of Youth Activities and Board of Ministerial Relations be adopted. Approved unanimously.
- 34) Operations Manual.** Rev. Burks moved the adoption of the General Council Operations Manual be approved. Seconded by Rev. Gordon. Approved unanimously.
- 35) Adjournment.** Rev. Coulston moved that the General Council be adjourned *sine die*, with the General Council to reconvene no later than December 31, 2011, by electronic means. Seconded by Rev. Swearingen. Approved unanimously.
- 36) Call to Order.** The General Council conducted an email vote, December 16, 2011.
- 37) Disaffiliation.** The Cabinet of Superintendents recommends that the following churches be disaffiliated per ¶609 of the *Discipline of the Evangelical Methodist Church*: Rockdale EMC, Conyers, GA; EMC, Covington, TN; Grand Prairie EMC, Stuttgart, AR. Approved unanimously.
- 38) Adjournment.** It was moved that following the vote of disaffiliation the General Council be adjourned. Approved unanimously.



General Council Report of the International General Superintendent/Bishop September 8, 2011



This is the Lord's denomination, founded by Godly men moved by the Spirit to have courage and faith in the face of impossibilities. Knowing the origins and the early history of the founding of the EMC brings a certainty of denominational ownership. We, the elected leadership, are not the owners; God is the owner and the Protector for His purposes and plans for the EMC. Therein I find rest.

I share the following observations for the historical record in the minutes of this General Council. There have been attempts throughout our history to remake the EMC into an association of churches, stripping it of the hierarchical historic connectional aspects of Methodism (1952, Breckville; 1986 General Conference, 2007 Moody, Hudson, Fleming). At present the former district superintendents of our Southern District who opposed the organizational changes and formed their own association continue encouraging EMC local churches and pastors to join them. This began months before any legislation was passed at the 2008 General Conference which created the North America Conference. It was unethical of these men and brought confusion to our people in their active involvement with our Duvall EMC in the conciliation and arbitration process. The General Council will convene in Executive Session under lawyer client privilege to receive information that is legally censored at this time with a commitment to confidentiality. We will have full disclosure of information within the limits of confidentiality when permitted to our pastors and churches.

The heart of the issue is the ministry from the pulpit having a properly credentialed clergy and the responsibilities of the Conference Superintendents in carrying out their duties as outlined in the *Discipline*. This is the issue at Duvall where a man who publicly refuses ordination in the EMC, opposes our doctrines of Wesleyan Arminian theology and understanding of 'perfect love' in holy living was allowed a pastoral vote by the congregation. Their request for withdrawal is directly tied to this man who the Cabinet has removed, but the church leadership and the pastor refuse to acknowledge. This issue strikes at the heart of our historical Methodist connectional structure. The denial of our responsibility for clergy and the pulpit ministry of the local church would turn upside down 65 years of our EMC history and over 200 years of historic Methodism. When an analysis is made of the *Discipline* the text is 95% connectional and 5% congregational. Dr. Hamblen and the founders intentionally adopted Methodist Episcopal *Book of Discipline* as the foundation of the EMC *Discipline*. Their edits were three, local church ownership and local churches having the final vote for an approved and credential pastoral candidate and election of the General Conference Superintendents every four years. I encourage everyone to listen to the media clip of Dr. Hamblen's statement on the EMC being connectional with historic Methodism on the website.

There is a keen awareness of our founders' struggles with the same issue we face today. How can we have a Methodist Holiness denomination that allows the churches to retain their property if the EMC ever becomes liberal in theology and practice, while at the same time protecting the local church members' investments from being influenced to withdraw by self serving pastors wishing to build their own kingdoms? The solution to this tension for some of our holiness denominations, Free Methodists for example, was to retain the property ownership of their local churches by the General Conference. The EMC chooses to navigate through this tension because local church property ownership is one of our core values. Personally, I want the church in WV I founded not to lose their property and years of investment if the EMC ever became liberal in theology and they had to withdraw.

There will be *Discipline* revisions offered at the 2014 General Conference that will be in line with the results of our arbitration. It is worthy to note if the EMC ever moves into liberalism it would be a result of General Conference action in changing the Articles of Religion and/or electing theological liberal persons to the Superintendency and General Boards. The 'firewalls' against this are the percentage of lay delegates is greater than the clergy and there are no elections for life. If a person revealed a liberal theology in their leadership they would not be elected to a second term. There will be changes proposed for the *Discipline* and the *Handbook*.

I pray you will not be reading any of the above comments in the 2012 report to the General Council. We have much to rejoice about and to keep our focus on the acts of God throughout the ministries of the EMC.

The four men elected to the Cabinet as USA Conference Superintendents have become a team who are dependent upon the Lord for the ministry. The General Conference created four Conference Superintendent positions for this quadrennium. By 2014 we may need five such positions with our continued growth! Their report speaks for itself. In the USA District I have conducted the majority of administrative duties to allow these brother superintendents to be in the local churches and in our Regions.

The Canada District under our Conference Superintendent Bishop Albert Budiaki has been busy organizing the district. Our African brothers bring to the international EMC fresh emphasis on prayer and outreach. The report speaks for itself.

Our North America Conference includes our Mission Conference in Mexico (MEM). Rev. José Macías has been leading the Conference in restructuring for ministry, fresh goals and visionary leadership for the Conference. The report speaks for itself.

Our Myanmar Mission Conference completes the International Cabinet of Superintendents with Rev. Lalsawivela as their General Superintendent. The Conference has partnered with One Mission Society (OMS) in the Every Community for Christ (ECC) church planting strategies and training. Our conference provided translation of church planting materials in Mizo and soon into Burmese. There have been an expansion of water wells in villages with evangelism and church planting included in the strategy. The report speaks for itself.

The General Boards have worked throughout the year as they learn to function as boards for the North America Conference. The denomination owes a depth of appreciation to these board members and their chair. Their reports will speak for themselves.

The Departments have reported on their activities and challenges. Our Department of Multicultural Ministries is facing the challenges of the growth of the EMC in our cultural USA mosaic that God has brought to the USA. Revs. Vernon and Ruth Perkins have served as the directors. They will step down as directors, but Vernon will continue in an assistant advisory capacity. I nominate Rev. Bill and Lisa Walker to replace the Perkins as our new directors 'elect' effective January 1, 2012.

The Department of Prayer continues to emphasize the studies on prayer and the theme that the EMC become a 'house of prayer for the nations'. The devil is fighting this knowing it is the most powerful weapon the church engages in spiritual warfare.

Rev. Coulston has performed outstanding ministry in his role as the General Treasurer and General Secretary. The completion of his accounting/business degree has satisfied the auditing standards and enabled him to navigate the finances of six districts into one General Fund. His statistical report reflects the hard work of maintaining the tools the Superintendents require for planning and strategies.

The Conference Superintendents will be holding the Annual Church Conferences by regions. There is a specific focus of assisting pastors and churches to fulfill their specific mission and calling in their locations. Our Pastors Profile is in its second year that provides a tool for the lay people and the pastor to evaluate the ministry and set action goals. The Conference Superintendents will be sharing with each church a graph of their personal statistics for worship, membership, and conversions.

The sun never sets on the Evangelical Methodist Church. We could not say that a decade ago. Every five minutes someone comes to Christ through the Evangelical Methodist Church around the world.

I share a note of deep appreciation to Rev. Jack Conner for his service to the Evangelical Methodist Church as a missionary, pastor, and Conference Superintendent. Our brother will be retiring from the superintendency, but will still be serving in the denomination for the Lord and Kingdom ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Williamson
Edward W. Williamson, International General Superintendent/Bishop

OVERVIEW ON THE CHURCHES OF THE CANADIAN DISTRICT

The following pages give an overview on the churches in the Canadian District of the EMC. As a reminder, the Canadian District encompasses Canada, Africa and Europe. Bishop Albert BUDIAKI MBENZA is the General Conference elected superintendent in charge of the Canadian District.

A F R I C A

In Africa, the Canadian District has churches in the following countries: Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, and Togo. Below is an overview on the churches in each country. This is based on the information received from local pastors in each of the countries involved. As can be noted, the information was not equally provided, explaining the differences in the presentation for each country.

CAMEROON

CHURCH LOCATION	PASTOR IN CHARGE	NEEDS	PROJECTS
DOUALA	Pastor Wilson ESAMBE and wife, assisted by Pastor Joseph	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sound system (speakers, microphones, drums, amplifiers) for church planting. 2. Second hand computer and printer for administrative work. 3. Help 25 pupils with school needs. 4. Help pastors send their children to school. 5. In view of opening a second assembly, 50 chairs and means to rent a hall. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration papers 2. Open a primary school in 2012, or raise about CFA Francs 1000000 (about \$ 2000) for pastors' motivation. 3. Open a Bible training center for couples; open a vocational center to help pastors and other needy raise income through job creation or self-employment.
BUEA	Brother DIVINE who is to move to another area as a government employee.	(see above)	(see above)
MUYUKA	Pastor GABRIAL	(see above)	(see above)

MEMBERSHIP:

- DOUALA: 83
- MUYUKA: 73

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), churches are so far located in the capital city Kinshasa, and in the Bas-Congo province which is south west of Kinshasa. Here the overall situation:

1. KINSHASA

CHURCH	PASTOR IN CHARGE	MEMBERSHIP	AVRG ATTEND./WEEK
LA COMPASSION	Claude MAVAKALA	75	ND
MONT HOREB	Alida MANGIKA	50	ND
LE GERME	Dominique LUEYA MPANYA	50	ND
LA REFORME/MITENDI	Ricky NGUISANI	62	50
LA REFORME/IPN	Ezechiel PULULU	47	35
LA REFORME/CAC	Bienvvenu MUJANAYI M.	75	55
AMJC-EMC/KIN	Dieudonné NTUMBA K.	ND*	ND*

*The Assembly of Messengers of Jesus-Christ EMC-Kinshasa is a newly planted local church which hosts the Kinshasa Mission Center. As it became operational when Bishop Albert was leaving Kinshasa, the data about its membership and average weekly attendance was not at hand, that is why it is not disclosed.

Other pastors in Kinshasa are:

Pastor Bourgeois ASITAKUFA, Pastor LOMAMA, Pastor Jully LELO, Pastor Jean-Marie TSHINDAYE, Pastor Moïse KONDOKE, Pastor Aimé KIMBALANGA KALO, Pastor Roger MADIOKO, Pastor BITUMBA, and Pastor Alain KODI MUZONGO.

NEEDS

- Pastors' motivation;
- A laptop and a printer for administrative work at the Coordination;
- A place to host the National Coordination office.
- Completion of the AMJC-EMC/Kinshasa building (open shed).

PROJECTS

- Buy a land and build the National Coordination headquarters.
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2. BAS-CONGO PROVINCE

Incredible work has been done in the Bas-Congo Province with Pastor Bourgeois ASITAKUFA who has been able to plant more than 10 churches named *Assemblée de la Réforme*, all located mostly in villages. The situation of the EMC in this area of the DRC is as follows:

CHURCH LOCATION	PASTORS	MEMBERSHIP	AVERG. WEEK. ATTEND.
NGIDINGA	Bourgeois ASITAKUFA Floriane NDUKA M.	87	70
KINDONGALA	Bovic NSINGI BONDO	162	140
KIMPINDI 1	Erick KIBUTILA	73	65
KIMPINDI 2	Théophile MAFUENI N. Serge KIENZELE M.	35	30
KIMAKANDA	Jerry VEKAMENAKO F. Delphin MWANA MPIMPA	130	115
KINGANGA	Chérubin VAYITUMA M. Pierre KIUNDULU M.	78	70
LUNGI	Richard MVUAMA N. Marcel NLANDU MPINDI	91	80
MATIPI	Josué MAKAKA N. MATUKI NDONGALA	37	30
MALELE	Jean-Baptiste MANZENZA L. Jean Rubin NKUSU M.	63	50
KINLENGI	Paul MAKENGO N.	37	30
KIKANGA	Célestin MPIMBA PULULU Paul LUVUMBU KINTOKI	58	50
MBEMBI	NTANGU NDOFUSU MATUYISILA LUSALU	62	45
KISANTU	Lumière MPIMPA VOKA	93	80
KIVITA	Fiston MPOVO MESO NGANGU NDOMBASI	72	60
KIKUYA	NKOMBO BAKENA M.	67	50

Also through Pastor Bourgeois, the church named *Épouse de Christ* affiliated with the EMC. This church, located in the village of Ngidinga, is conducted by Pastor Cephaz MAKANGILA DIZUNGULU, assisted by Pastor Tychique MATOMENE MAKANDA. This church has 45 members, and an average of 40 attend weekly meetings.

NEEDS

- The Bas-Congo church reminds Bishop Ed his promise of an AWD car when he visited Ngidinga.
- A fuel motor saw to be able to cut wood in order to make benches for churches.
- A motorcycle to be able to visit the different village churches.
- A projector, a DVD player, a laptop, etc.
- A generator or a solar panel.
- A sound system (amplifier, mixing table, microphones, speakers, keyboard).

PROJECTS

- Buying prospected land for cassava and rice fields to help villagers.
- Creating a health center.
- Improving the material aspect of the primary school in Ngidinga
- Opening the Boma church (which was prospected in July by Pastor July Lelo)

KENYA

The EMC situation in Kenya is as follows:

CHURCH	PASTORS
KIAGWARE (New Evangelical Methodist Church)	Pastor Justine OSORO ORANGI Pastor Joseph NYAOSI MOSE Pastor Shem OKINDOOMORI
RIANCHOGU CHURCH	Pastor David OTWARI Pastor Ezekiel OMBASI Pastor Justine OSORO ORANGI
IGORERA CHURCH	Pastor Evans NYAEGA Pastor Enoch OENGA Pastor Justine OSORO ORANGI
MOSOCHO CHURCH	Pastor Zablon AGUTA Pastor Isaac ONDITI Pastor Kamau NYAMORA Pastor Justine OSORO ORANGI

It should be noted here that Pastor Kingsley OTWORI NYABOGA is assistant to Pastor Justine OSORO.

NEEDS

- Christian materials (e.g., bibles and others...)
- Buildings or tents for Kiagware church.

PROJECTS

- Orphanage run at Pastor Osoro's place.

MEMBERSHIP

The estimated total membership for the four churches is 760 members.

MONTHLY SALVATION AVERAGE

The estimated monthly salvation average for the four churches is 120 souls.

TOGO

In Togo, a country located in Western Africa, the EMC is pictured as shown in the following table:

PASTOR	CHURCH/PARISH
Pastor AHONGBO KOFFI	Ahlon Bogo Ahlon Sasanou Tinipe Vetrompe
Pastor OUZEN	Danyi Elevagno
Pastor TARA KOSSI	Danyi Apeyeme Kpele Adeta Danyi Dzogbegan Kpele Agame
Pastor GOMADO K.	Danyi N' digbe Kakpa
Pastor Daniel MAKILY	Kpele Ele Amou Sodo
Pastor Sylver ADA	Kpele Toutou Todze Agbome
Pastor TETE TSEYI	Nyifove Azionou
Pastor Christian AGBOGAN	Lavie Akata
Pastor Martin AMEVOR	Agou Nyogbo Agbetikon Nyitoe Zoukpe
Pastor Pascal ATADE	Agou Akplob Kpalime 3
Pastor BIGA KAFUI	Ananivi Kondji Zozo Kondji
Pastor Pascal BIGA	Agonxoe Makoumavo Kati

Pastor Pierre YEKOLA	Agou Gare
Pastor Thomas DADZIE	Velove
Pastor ZOTSI	Akpadape
Pastor Olivier ESSOLABA	Agodeke
Pastor Antoine AHAVI	Kpime
Pastor Thierry AGOSSA	Danyinou

Total number of pastors: 18

Total number of churches: 36

Total estimated membership: 3000

PROJECTS

- Drilling for drinking water at Kpime Agodeke.
- Building a school for the Kplime Danyinou orphanage.
- Completion of the church building at Kplime Danyinou.

CANADA

1. MONTREAL

CHURCH NAME: Assemblée des Messagers de Jésus-Christ, EMC

PASTORS : Pastor Serge NTO BIYA, assisted by Pastor Cesar EMBUYI

MEMBERSHIP: 102 (74 adults and 28 children)

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: 81 (59 adults and 22 children)

CONVERSIONS (January to June 2011): 6

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

- A projector for Powerpoint presentations
- A computer and a printer for the local church.

PROJECT:

- Acquiring a building for the church.

2. TORONTO

CHURCH NAME: Assemblée Chrétienne Philadelphia, EMC

PASTORS: Pastor NYEMBUE KAYEYE, assisted by Pastor Arthur NTHOUBANZA

MEMBERSHIP*: 35

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE*: 20

*A month ago, the church moved from Brampton to Mississauga in Greater Toronto (a distance of about 16.5 miles). This has had an impact on both membership and average weekly attendance.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

- The church is renting a hall in a government community center. The cost is \$94.14 for three hours every Sunday. At the same time, they have to haul the sound system and musical instruments every Sunday. They need a \$ 900.00 monthly assistance to meet these expenses.
- Pastor NYEMBUE KAYEYE came to Canada as an EMC missionary and cannot have another job in Canada. He brought his family with him. So far, every year his residence and medical care need to be renewed. His situation needs to be looked at.

E U R O P E

UNITED KINGDOM

The only information at hand at the time of writing this overview is the following:

CHURCH NAME: Bethel Church

PASTOR: Pastor ALIREMO DEMA

Membership: 30

Projects: Church plant at center London

Church Planter: Pastor Mahele Tangata

Core team of church plant: 20 so far

E.M.C Bible School

TOTAL DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP: 5375

The Strategic plan and pictures are on PowerPoint presentation.

God bless.



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CABINET OF SUPERINTENDENTS Report to General Council September 2011

Since last Council meeting it has been a very challenging and event filled year for the Superintendents. We have made contact with all churches either in person, by regional meetings, emails or phone calls. Some have been contacted and/or visited more than once for various reasons.

The Cabinet of Superintendents models, for the most part, the greater body of Christ. We are diverse in our ages and backgrounds, our experiences and points of view, and our gifts, talents and abilities. But although we are diverse, we are unified in purpose and mission. We are first and foremost servants of our Lord and workers together in His greater kingdom. We all have a deep commitment, like our Lord, to "be about our Father's business." We are also unified in doing all we can to strengthen the EMC and its ministry as part of that greater kingdom. We each have a strong desire to see the EMC become all that God intends it to be. Christ prayed for unity in John 17. The EMC Cabinet of Superintendents is doing its best to model His prayer and may the entire EMC as well.

The greater number of churches are healthy and are actively engaged in growth programs or have plans for future growth. There are a few that may not survive. Some have not been willing or have not been able to keep up with changes, (I refer to changes in ministry styles and opportunities and not changes to the Gospel or the message). For various reasons they have failed to reproduce themselves and are living on what the medical profession would term "life support."

There have been some bumps along the way regarding those churches that prematurely reacted negatively to the organizational changes even before they became effective, deciding that the EMC was taking a dangerous turn from, (what one could only perceive from their thinking and actions) the original purpose of the EMC as well as from the Bible itself. We can't share much information on these churches due to the continuing conflict. Our legal council will reveal to you what can be shared.

There has been minimal regional alignment, mainly to accommodate churches that were already involved in fellowship with one another and also to accommodate future growth in the regions. It is apparent to us that to some extent the regions will always be fluid.

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We continue to work with the various ministerial related boards to streamline the ministerial track and to actively recruit and present to the GBMR those who may eventually become ministers and pastors in the EMC. We monitor and participate in present and future plans for qualitative and quantitative growth in the local churches. We anticipate that these four years would produce some Discipline adjustments as we learn from experience how important it is for everything to be clearly spelled out. We cannot overstate the importance of adequate communication.

The Cabinet is unable this year to verify those churches that may be delinquent in Conference Support as required by the Discipline, par. 206-207. However, the General Conference Secretary/Treasurer has provided a report of conference support that will include this information. Our report next year will be specific with a full year as the North America Conference.

We estimate the Superintendents traveled a total of approximately 298K +/- miles since last Council meeting. This mileage represents a combination of air and ground travel. That is equivalent to eleven trips around the world. We would covet your prayers as we travel, for safety as well as productive visits with the pastors and congregations of the EMC.

The Cabinet would also like at this time to recommend Rev. Jack Conner for the status of "Conference Superintendent Emeritus." Jack has served the EMC for nearly twenty years as a District/Conference Superintendent and has been a very valuable and faithful servant to God and a very loyal servant to the EMC. We wish him well and the very best God can provide for him and his family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harold K. Thompson
Cabinet of Superintendents

Report of the General Board of Christian Education, 2011

General Council, September 2011, Indianapolis, IN

To promote, develop, and encourage Christian Education in all areas of life.

The Christian Education Board exists to recommend or develop Christian education materials for the local churches:

- Sunday school materials, vacation Bible school or neighborhood Bible clubs
- Small group and home studies
- Catechism for new members
- Systematic discipleship for adults and children

To provide a list of resources and contacts for congregations interested in Christian homeschooling or structured Christian schools and to sponsor and encourage training workshops at local, regional, and conference meetings.

This year the board has focused on rewriting the catechism for future use in the churches. Our goal was to finish and print the new catechism by the end of 2011. Our desire is to have it ready for the “2012 Journey” when we would like to introduce and provide training for our churches. The catechism will help develop membership classes in all of our congregations. Our board has conducted a majority of our business through phone conferencing. At the “Journey 2011” meeting we were able to meet as a committee to coordinate our work. Since our meeting all of our work has been on the CCB website where it can be reviewed by anyone who has access to the Board of Christian Education group.

We were also privileged to be able to present classes at each of the “Journey” meetings in 2011. These classes were designed to help our fellow congregations develop and increase attendance in their Sunday school classes.

Our greatest and continuous challenge is to develop a practical approach to supporting local congregations in training their members to think biblically, learn eagerly, and live obediently under the Lordship of Christ. This challenge is one that is extremely important to the future of our churches. Financing this education in our regions will be challenging, but vitally important to creating strong congregations with workers that are prepared to lead in their areas of ministry. We need to begin presenting classes in our regions that will encourage the workers, especially volunteers (who make up most of our teachers).

The Board of Christian Education’s vision is for our regions and churches to be able to have training for every aspect of Christian education; trained workers and teachers

confidently leading adults and children into the word of God in our churches. All of these materials and resources would be found on the EMC website for accessibility and ordering.

We are asking the General Council to approve our motion:

The Board of Christian Education makes a motion asking for permission to introduce at Journey 2012, our catechism and provide training for our churches, which will help develop membership classes in all of our congregations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Miller

Chairman of the Board of Christian Education

1 **Evangelical Methodist Women / on September 5, 2011**
2 **General Council, September 2011, Indianapolis, IN**
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- 4 **1. The Evangelical Methodist Women’s Council** exists to unite the women of the Evangelical
5 Methodist Church to minister in their churches and communities by promoting the four fold
6 plan of Spiritual Growth, Missions, Christian Service, and Christian Education. We accomplish
7 this by focusing on the Word of God, supporting foreign and local missions through prayer and
8 other forms of involvement. Serving in our local communities as a way to be the hands and feet
9 of Jesus and training of our young people, with a priority to assist them financially as they seek
10 to continue their education in a Christian college.
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- 12 **2. Ministry Activity:** Our actions were to promote a positive perspective as we move through this
13 season of transition. We’ve done so by: *starting* an EMW Facebook Page; *Planning* 3 EMW Fall
14 Retreats; *Assembling* and Distributing EMW Handbooks to each of the churches (this is an
15 ongoing project). We also planed and were in charge of the Conference Superintendent’s
16 Seminar at the 2011 Journey East & West; which was on “Facing Human Trafficking”; started the
17 EMW Project HOPE working on putting a stop to Human Trafficking.
18 **Future Ministry items:** *Meetings:* schedule at least two EMW Council conference calls this year
19 and face to face meeting(s) to be held at one or both of the Journeys; *Update* EMW bylaws to
20 keep up with the restructuring (to be presented to the EMW members at the 2014 General
21 Conference for their approval); *Add* more EMW retreats in new areas of the US (suggested areas
22 are Northwest, Southwest, & Central); *Set up* EMW region coordinators.
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- 24 **3. Challenges:** We have two main challenges: Communication and getting over the sigma of the
25 EMW being a club with dues. The second issue is something we are trying to overcome by
26 getting the message out of the EMW organizational change of doing away with the affiliated
27 groups. This makes every EMC with a women’s ministry part of the EMW. While working on
28 getting this message out we found a few reasons why we struggle with communication: **1.** We
29 need contact information on the women’s ministry’s leader for each EMC. **2.** We need one main
30 form of communication to the churches and/or the pastors. (Will that be through CCB?)
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- 32 **4. Our Dream** is for every EMC have an active EMW with 100% participation in: Mission’s Projects,
33 Retreats, Mentoring Youth, and Regional Events. For the EMW board members have a physical
34 presence in all of the active women’s ministries throughout the US during each quadrenium. An
35 opportunity to personally meet with each churches women’s groups to see how they are living
36 out the mission, gain ideas to share with the other groups and an opportunity to edify each of
37 them personally. To have training for our women’s ministry’s leaders at the Journeys or training
38 retreat.
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- 40 **5. Motions:** There are no motions for the General Council at this time.

41 Respectfully Submitted,

42 Tammy Hammond – EMW President

General Board of Evangelism
Report for 2011

Board members:

Jim Halbert-chairman, Mike Whitney, Russ Cochran, Rus Hooper, Bill Walker, Ben Williamson, Patrick Mubobo and Ernie Smith:

Report:

We've met once twice as a group, once in Nampa, Idaho and then at Headquarters in Indianapolis. We divided our task into church planting and church revitalization. Jim Halbert presented the strategy for planting and Rus Hooper presented the strategy for revitalization.

With planting we are using Refuge Theology as a basic framework for designing the plant combined with personality, spiritual gift and strength and weakness testing.

For the revitalization process we have adopted Natural Church Development as our model. This model also plays a part in the planting of churches as well. Rus has modified it to be used by the church, with the guidance of this board.

Projects:

1. We have funded the Warehouse Church in MO and are working with Wes Mackey as he continues to build this new work. This church continues to grow by commitments of faith. Baptisms are becoming commonplace here. Please read the article about them in the latest edition of the Communicator.
2. We are just getting under way with the new church in Moscow, Idaho under the direction of Barry and Anna McGarrah. They officially launch public services soon but already have over 40 core team members meeting weekly and have grown out of their first facility.
3. We have made a stopgap decision to help Pastor Moba in Toronto for the church he planted, and that was already underway when we last met. Soon Rus Hooper and one of the Superintendents will fly up there to assess their need for further financial and structural assistance.

With the basic framework now set for both responsibilities of this board and with the funds that have been made available to us, we hope to see the addition of new works both here in the United States and Canada as well. We've asked that any new church plant candidates come to the board as a recommendation from the Superintendents. From that point we meet with them and then based on our decision have them take the tests, assess them and come up with a plan of attack to plant the new church. It sounds simple, but as you know it can get a little more complicated than this. But we're excited to be a part of growing God's church.

Sincerely,
Jim Halbert -chair



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The Board of Ministerial Education met all of its obligations and responsibilities over the last year. Of particular interest is our progress in converting entirely to electronic communication. This includes the participant's initial mailing, submission of work, and progress reporting for the purposes of the Board of Ministerial Relations.

We are in continuing efforts to organize responsibilities in a way that makes sense regionally, but very little progress has made due to time constraints and the current condition of the board. I will elaborate on that verbally, but I will be asking for two-to-three members to be replaced at the request of the individual members themselves.

Our function remains constant and is primarily two-fold: first to ensure that candidates for ministry in the EMC meet a minimum standard of educational preparedness, either in approved institutional education, or through the completion of a set course of study; and second to provide or approve acceptable opportunities for our ordained ministry to acquire continuing education units that will inspire and challenge them.

Course of Study The board is scheduled to meet on September 1st to continue the consideration of a wholesale conversion of the Course of Study. It is currently arranged as a tier-specific book list (**Attachment #'s 1-2**). We are finalizing a proposal that would organize the Course of Study into 24 "courses," (**Attachment #'s 3-6**) eight for each of the three tiers of ministerial preparation. I informed you of this possibility last year, noting "We are considering a large-scale overhaul that would consolidate the 64 individual items into approximately 24 "courses."

Continuing Education Events As a reminder of what we reported last year, we are not planning a full EMC Pastor's School for the 2010-2014 quadrennium, but instead have assembled a list of pre-approved events around the country that pastors may attend in order to satisfy the CEU requirement. Pastors may seek BOME approval to attend an event not on the pre-approved list as well. The list is attached, and is available from the CCB website to all of our ministers. (**Attachment #7**)

We are again planning to arrange for 2.5 hours of educational workshops at each of the 2012 North American Conference "Journey" events. They were a success in 2011, and I believe that the more relaxed and inspirational schedule contributed toward a positive and productive meeting environment.

Scholarship Distribution In accordance with our mandate, the board approved the distribution of financial assistance in the way of student loan to approved seminary and college students to be repaid by years of service in EMC ministry. The exact number of students approved for 2012 will not be known until the time of the Council Meeting, and I will be happy to provide that number verbally.

Grace and Peace,

Max Edwards, BOME Chair
6 Attachments



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Approved Continuing Education Events for EMC Ministers

The Board of Ministerial Education has approved the following list of events as acceptable sites for securing Continuing Education credit. Approval for an event not on this list may be sought through the BOME regional representative.

Asbury Theological Seminary:
Impact! (Alumni continuing education seminar series)

Azusa Pacific University:
Continuing education events

Francis Asbury Society:
Hemlock Retreat, and Fall Renewal Conference

Free Methodist Church and Wesleyan Church:
Graduate Student Theological Seminar

Harvest Ministries (Greg Laurie):
Preach the Word, and Harvest Events

Point Loma Nazarene University:
H. Orton Wiley Lecture Series

Wesley Biblical Seminary:
Transform:Ed, an annual conference on Christian Leadership & Spiritual Formation

Wesleyan Church:
FLAME / Rekindle

Wesleyan Theological Society:
Annual Meeting

Willow Creek Association:
The Global Leadership Summit

Revised September, 2010

Course Requirements for the EMC Course of Study - Topical List

1. EMC Emphasis

- a) Discipline of the EMC
- b) This We Believe, A Catechism
- c) Handbook (for Discipline)
- d) A Look Into Life, Hamblen

2. Wesleyan Theology Emphasis

- a) America's Bishop, Francis Asbury
- b) The Journal of John Wesley, Wesley
- c) Wesley and Sanctification, Lindstrom
- d) Called to Be Holy, Oswalt
- e) Life in the Son, Shank
- f) The Mind of Christ, Kinlaw
- g) Fifty-two Standard Sermons, Wesley
- h) Studies in Biblical Holiness, Metz
- i) Perfect Love, Wood
- j) Plain Account of Christian Perfection, Wesley

3. Public Worship & Sacraments Emphasis

- a) Up With Worship, Ortlund
- b) Pastoral Theology / Chapter 8, Oden
- c) Reading on Infant Baptism, Woods
- d) Reading on Modes of Baptism, Woods

4. Pastoral Leadership Emphasis

- a) Ministerial Ethics and Etiquette, Maxey
- b) Awesome Volunteers, Yount
- c) Spiritual Leadership, Sanders
- d) Church Administration Handbook, Powers
- e) Seven Laws of the Learner, Wilkinson
- f) Teaching to Change Lives, Hendricks
- g) Purpose Driven Church, Warren
- h) Habits of Highly Effective Churches, Barna
- i) Becoming a Healthy Church, Macchia
- j) Gifts of the Spirit, Kinghorn
- k) Roberts Rules of Order, Robert
- l) The Preacher's Portrait, Stott
- m) The Preacher: His Life and Work, Jowett

5. Preaching Emphasis

- a) Inductive Preaching, Lewis
- b) Introduction to Homiletics, Demaray
- c) Lectures To My Students, Spurgeon
- d) Anointed Expository Preaching, Olford
- e) Biblical Preaching, Robinson

6. Theology Emphasis

- a) Basic Beliefs, Demaray
- b) A Right Conception of Sin, Taylor
- c) God's Great Salvation, Duewel
- d) Foundations of Doctrine, Jessop
- e) So What's the Difference, Ridenour
- f) The Last of the Giants, Otis
- g) Spirit of Truth and Error, Brooks – I&II
- h) Scientific Creationism, Morris
- i) Intro to Christian Theology, Culbertson
- j) The Blessed Hope, Ladd
- k) Beyond Beliefs to Convictions, McDowell

7. Church and Biblical History Emphasis

- a) Handbook on the Pentateuch, Hamilton
- b) New Testament Survey, Tenney
- c) How We Got Our Bible, Earle
- d) Revival Fire, Duewel
- e) Christianity Through the Centuries, Cairns
- f) Heroes of the Holy Life, Duewel

8. Counseling Emphasis

- a) How to Be a People Helper, Collins
- b) Marriage Builder, Crabb
- c) Effective Biblical Counseling, Crabb

9. Prayer Emphasis

- a) God's Healing Community, Stanger
- b) Celebration of Discipline, Foster
- c) Mighty Prevailing Prayer, Duewel

10. Evangelism Emphasis

- a) Winning With People, Maxwell
- b) Out of the Shaker & into the World, Pippert
- c) The Master Plan of Evangelism, Coleman
- d) Nothing to Do But Save Souls, Coleman

Course Requirements for the EMC Course of Study – Course Resource List

- G01 Philosophy and Ethics**
Discipline of the EMC
- G02 Sociology**
Winning With People, Maxwell
- G03 Worldview Studies**
So What's the Difference, Ridenour
The Last of the Giants, Otis
Spirit of Truth and Error, Brooks – I&II
Scientific Creationism, Morris
- B01 Biblical Doctrine**
Basic Beliefs, Demaray
A Right Conception of Sin, Taylor
God's Great Salvation, Duewel
Foundations of Doctrine, Jessop
- B02 Biblical Survey**
Handbook on the Pentateuch, Hamilton
New Testament Survey, Tenney
- B03 Hermeneutics**
How We Got Our Bible, Earle
- B04 Biblical Elective I**
Directed Study – Old Testament
- B05 Biblical Elective II**
Directed Study – New Testament
- H01 EMC History and Polity**
Discipline of the EMC
This We Believe, A Catechism
Handbook (for Discipline)
A Look Into Life, Hamblen
- H02 History of Methodism**
America's Bishop, Francis Asbury
The Journal of John Wesley, Wesley
- H03 Christian History**
Heroes of the Holy Life, Duewel
Revival Fire, Duewel
Christianity Through the Centuries, Cairns
- T01 Introduction to Theology**
Intro to Christian Theology, Culbertson
The Blessed Hope, Ladd
Beyond Beliefs to Convictions, McDowell
- T02 Wesleyan Theology I**
Wesley and Sanctification, Lindstrom
Called to Be Holy, Oswalt
Life in the Son, Shank
The Mind of Christ, Kinlaw
- T03 Wesleyan Theology II**
Fifty-two Standard Sermons, Wesley
Studies in Biblical Holiness, Metz
Perfect Love, Wood
Plain Account of Christian Perfection, Wesley
- P01 Worship**
Up With Worship, Ortlund
- P02 Spiritual Formation**
God's Healing Community, Stanger
Celebration of Discipline, Foster
Mighty Prevailing Prayer, Duewel
- P03 Church Leadership**
Awesome Volunteers, Yount
Spiritual Leadership, Sanders
Church Administration Handbook, Powers
- P04 Christian Education**
Seven Laws of the Learner, Wilkinson
Teaching to Change Lives, Hendricks

Course Requirements for the EMC Course of Study – Course Resource List

- P05 Evangelism**
Out of the Shaker & into the World, Pippert
The Master Plan of Evangelism, Coleman
Nothing to Do But Save Souls, Coleman
- P06 Church Development**
Purpose Driven Church, Warren
Habits of Highly Effective Churches, Barna
Becoming a Healthy Church, Macchia
- P07 Homiletics**
Inductive Preaching, Lewis
Introduction to Homiletics, Demaray
Lectures To My Students, Spurgeon
Anointed Expository Preaching, Olford
Biblical Preaching, Robinson
- P08 Sacraments**
Pastoral Theology / Chapter 8, Oden
Reading on Infant Baptism, Woods
Reading on Modes of Baptism, Woods
- P09 Pastoral Leadership**
Gifts of the Spirit, Kinghorn
Roberts Rules of Order, Robert
The Preacher's Portrait, Stott
The Preacher: His Life and Work, Jowett
- P10 Pastoral Counseling**
How to Be a People Helper, Collins
Marriage Builder, Crabb
Effective Biblical Counseling, Crabb
- DT1 Discipleship Training**
Level I
Level II
Level III
Level IV
Teach Level 1 (Needs Pastor's Certification)

**EMC Course of Study
Academic Requirements**

<i>Category</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Books</i>	<i>Deacon / Deaconess</i>	<i>Local Preacher</i>	<i>Admission on Trial</i>	<i>Elder</i>
General Education	G01	Philosophy and Ethics	4a	required	required	required	required
	G02	Sociology	10a			required	required
	G03	Worldview Studies	6e 6f 6g 6h				required
Bible	B01	Biblical Doctrine	6A 6b 6C 6D	required	required	required	required
	B02	Biblical Survey	7A 7B	required	required	required	required
	B03	Hermeneutics	7C			required	required
	B04	Biblical Elective I					required
	B05	Biblical Elective II					required
History	H01	EMC History and Polity	1A 1B 1c 1d	required	required	required	required
	H02	History of Methodism	2A 2b			required	required
	H03	Christian History	7d 7E 7f				required
Theology	T01	Introduction to Theology	6I 6j 6k		required	required	required
	T02	Wesleyan Theology I	2D 2E 2f 2g	required		required	required
	T03	Wesleyan Theology II	2H 2I 2J 2k				required
Practical Ministry	P01	Worship	3a	required	required	required	required
	P02	Spiritual Formation	9a 9b 9c	required	required	required	required
	P03	Church Leadership	4b 4c 4d	required	required	required	required
	P04	Christian Education	4E 4f	required		required	required
	P05	Evangelism	10b 10c 10d	required		required	required
	P06	Church Development	4G 4h 4i			required	required
	P07	Homiletics	5a 5B 5c 5D 5e			required	required
	P08	Sacraments	3B 3c 3d				required
	P09	Pastoral Leadership	4J 4K 4l 4m				required
	P10	Pastoral Counseling	8a 8b 8C				required
Discipleship Training	DT1	Discipleship Training	DT	required			

EMC Course of Study (Effective 3/12/10)

IV. DEACON / DEACONESS

Date Begun _____ Completed _____

Examinations:

Basic Beliefs _____
Effective Biblical Counseling _____
Discipline of the EMC _____
This We Believe, A Catechism _____
New Testament Survey _____
Awesome Volunteers _____
The Power of Praying Together _____
Called to Be Holy _____
Seven Laws of the Learner _____

Discipleship Training:

Level I _____
Level II _____
Level III _____
Level IV _____
Teach Level I (Pastor's Certification) _____

Reading:

The Master Plan of Evangelism _____
Ministries of Mercy _____
Touch the World Through Prayer _____
Teaching to Change Lives _____
Life in the Son _____
A Look Into Life _____
Ablaze for God _____
The Purpose Driven Life _____
Mighty Prevailing Prayer _____
Up With Worship _____
God's Healing Community _____
Introduction to Homiletics _____
Heroes of the Holy Life _____
Beyond Beliefs to Convictions _____
Nothing to Do But to Save Souls _____

EMC Course of Study (Effective 3/12/10)

I. LOCAL PREACHER

Date Begun _____ Completed _____

Examinations:

New Testament Survey _____
How We Got Our Bible _____
Discipline of the Evan. Meth. Church _____
This We Believe, A Catechism _____
Basic Beliefs _____
Introduction to Homiletics _____
Pastoral Theology (Chapter 8) _____

Reading:

Inductive Preaching _____
EMC Handbook on the Discipline _____
Winning with People _____
A Celebration of Discipline _____
A Look into Life _____
A Right Conception of Sin _____
Ministerial Ethics & Etiquette _____
Spiritual Leadership _____
Up With Worship _____
God's Healing Community _____

II. ADMISSION ON TRIAL

Date Begun _____ Completed _____

Examinations:

Perfect Love _____
Seven Laws of the Learner _____
Handbook on the Pentateuch _____
Anointed Expository Preaching _____
God's Great Salvation _____
Robert's Rules of Order _____

Reading:

Master Plan of Evangelism _____
Out of the Salt Shaker _____
Life in the Son _____
Lectures to My Students _____
The Blessed Hope _____
Spirit of Truth and Error (I and II) _____
Mighty Prevailing Prayer _____
How to Be a People Helper _____
The Marriage Builder _____
Heroes of the Holy Life _____
Reading on Infant Baptism _____
Reading on Modes of Baptism _____

Sermon:

Written Sermon: "Repentance" _____

III. ELDER

Date Begun _____ Completed _____

Examinations:

Introduction to Christian Theology _____
Fifty-two Standard Sermons _____
The Purpose Driven Church _____
Awesome Volunteers _____
Gifts of the Spirit _____
America's Bishop: Francis Asbury _____
Called To Be Holy _____
Wesley & Sanctification _____
Foundations of Doctrine _____
Christianity through the Centuries _____
Effective Biblical Counseling _____
Studies In Biblical Holiness _____

Reading:

A Plain Account of Christian Perfection _____
The Preacher's Portrait _____
Habits of Highly Effective Churches _____
Biblical Preaching _____
The Preacher: His Life and Work _____
Becoming a Healthy Church _____
Revival Fire _____
The Last of the Giants _____
So what's the Difference _____
Scientific Creationism _____
The Journal of John Wesley _____
Teaching to Change Lives _____
Church Administration Handbook _____
The Mind of Christ _____
Beyond Beliefs to Convictions _____
Nothing to do but to Save Souls _____

Sermon:

Written Sermon: "Sanctification" _____



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GENERAL BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELATIONS REPORT TO GENERAL COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2011

The GBMR has met in Indianapolis twice, Nampa twice, and Ridgecrest once. Besides these face to face meetings, there have been several conference calls. The Board interviewed 42 current or prospective credential holders.

1. Recommended for Admission on Trial:
James George Mike Sockman
2. Recommended for Local Preacher License:
Micah Rickles
3. Recommended for Renewal of Local Preacher License:
Boyd Biggerstaff Ryan Call Liesl Deaver Larry Trail
4. Recommended for Song Evangelist:
Dean McColley Rick Parker Daniel Stiles Arlene Ussery
5. Recommended for Pastoring an Approved Non-EMC:
Steve Baker Dale Barrett David Deem Russ Hooper
Steven Housewright Michael Kilpatrick Chester Kwiat
Joe Miller Tim Peek James Townson
6. Recommended for Approved Administration:
Steven Childs (Prison Chaplain) J. Vernon Conner
Temple Cowell William Ferrell (Military Chaplain)
Brian Hammond John Hardman (Hospital Chaplain)
Marc Massie (Military Chaplain)
Karla Nielson (Hospital Chaplain) Vernon Perkins
Harold Thompson Louise Tilson (Hospital Chaplain)
Bill Walker Edward Williamson
7. Recommended for Approved Missions:
Harold Brown Troy Gentry Stephen Gober
James Harriman Leroy Lindsey, Jr Jonathan Mayo
Donald Moon

GENERAL BOARD OF WORLD MISSIONS
Report to the General Council
September 7-8, 2011
Indianapolis, IN

Our mission work is moving forward in Mexico and Myanmar. New General Superintendents were elected in both mission fields in 2010 and the Board of World Mission feels that both superintendents are well qualified and capable leaders.

MEXICO

Rev. Jose Macias was elected to the leadership position of General Superintendent in July 2010. Rev. Macias is a qualified leader by virtue of his educational and ministerial experience. His educational training began in the Bible Institute in Mexico and from there, Vennard College in Iowa then to Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. He has pastored in Mexico and in the US.

Brother Jose has made and received endorsements by the conference of a number of pastoral and procedural changes for the MEM. Dr. Williamson and I have been privileged to attend the conferences and we support these proposals. We feel, under Rev. Macias' leadership the MEM will be revitalized and the churches will become stronger.

A strong program has been initiated for the Bible Institute and expectations are that this will have a great impact in training and providing candidates for pastoral and missionary work throughout the conference.

Classes have begun for the Fall semester with 14 full-time students. The Bible Institute has played a significant role in the conference for many years. Many of the present pastors are graduates of the Institute. Mexico needs our continued prayer and financial support for the MEM and the Bible Institute. At the present time, there are 23 churches with a total membership of 1,116.

TARAHAMARA INDIANS

The Tarahumara Indian ministry is doing better now than it has in a number of years. It is administered through the church in Cuauhtémoc in the State of Chihuahua. This work needs continuing financial support. Presently, there are two indigenous pastors working with this group. The monthly support for this work is \$600. This amount needs to be increased, however, the funds for this work are limited. The Cuauhtémoc Church, which is in a building program, supplements the work from time to time.

The Board of World Mission sees many opportunities and challenges as we partner with the MEM in accomplishing the goals established. Our hope for Mexico is that we move beyond these goals to truly see an evangelistic movement throughout Mexico and beyond. There are present possibilities outside Mexico that the MEM is investigating and has asked the Board to assist them with these considerations.

Brother Jose will give us more details in his report to the General Council.

MYANMAR

Rev. LalSawiVela was elected General Superintendent in 2010. His election is somewhat of a challenge for us in that he does not understand or speak English, however, the General Conference Secretary does the translation of our correspondence so we are able to function without great difficulty. His leadership is proving to be effective.

The work in Yangon is going well. They have reached out beyond the local Yangon church and the Nargis area and established new works. A new half-ton Kia truck was purchased and is a tremendous help in service for the Yangon and outlying churches and preaching points. It will serve as transportation around Yangon when delegations from the US arrive.

Three fresh, clean water wells have been drilled in the area. "Thanks" goes to OMS for their help in the drilling of these wells. We trust we will be able to get into Kalemmyo and Chin State to drill for our people in those areas.

OMS continues to partner with us in providing training for the leadership of the conference. We presently have one pastor at the Philippines Christian University for continuing education. We have provided him with a scholarship.

The leadership and pastors are committed and the work is going forward with new people being saved. There are seventy churches/mission stations, with a membership of 4,976 and an average attendance of 3,000 in worship.

A goal of the BOWM is to establish an Endowment Fund for Myanmar. We now have one small fund. Endowments are of great need for underwriting the continued future ministry of this mission conference. We solicit the Council's support in encouraging our people to consider this as an opportunity to underwrite this work.

There is a need for a used heavy-duty truck for the Conference in Kalemmyo, site of the Headquarters. To rent vehicles for all their conference needs is quite expensive. It would also serve as a 'people hauler', as well.

We are encouraging the Adopt-A-Church Program in Mexico and in Myanmar. Scholarship funds are needed for Myanmar and Mexico.

November is Annual Mission Offering month. Our goal is, as has always been, \$10 per member/attendee across the EMC.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Swearingen, Chairman

Board of Youth Activities Report to the General Council September 8-10, 2011

The Board of Youth Activities exists to equip youth and youth leaders to impact our world for Christ. We fulfill our purpose through the implementation of four core values: Unity, Equipping/Mentoring, Evangelism, and Missions.

The BOYA met via “Go to Meeting” in January, communicated often through email or CCB, and held a face-to-face meeting at Indian Cave Youth Camp in August. While virtual meetings have been extremely beneficial and cost effective, we still find that one face-to-face meeting each year allows us the time needed to adequately pray, plan and struggle through the enormous task of insuring the continued success of youth work in the Evangelical Methodist Church.

This year the Board of Youth Activities adopted “Epic” as the theme for EMC camps. We worked together to produce t-shirt art, seminars, sample message outlines, follow-up Sunday School lessons, field guides that could be adapted for use at each camp, and promotional materials. Each camp team was encouraged to use the materials we provided and adapt them to fit the needs of their specific camp. It was a blessing to hear each camp team share reports of changed lives as a result of the ministry that takes place at our EMC camps. We are more convinced than ever that when we invest in camp we are investing in changed lives. The attendance figures for the BOYA sponsored Epic and Children’s camps are as follows:

Camp Location	Total Attendance
Indian Cave Youth Camp – Children’s Camp	111
Indian Cave Youth Camp – Senior Camp	252
Indian Cave Youth Camp – Camp Hope	75
Prescott, Arizona – Junior/Senior Camp	64
Markleysburg, Pennsylvania – Children’s Camp	100
Ohio Christian University – Junior/Senior Camp	63
California, Surf Camp – Family Camp	26
Midstates – Senior Camp	7
	Total: 698

In addition to summer camp the BOYA planned and presented youth worker and children’s worker seminars at both Journey East and Journey West. Several youth rallies were sponsored throughout the year, and a very successful Home Missions Trip was sponsored by Kingdom EMC in Westover, WV.

Indian Cave Youth Camp, our denominationally owned camp, hosted or will host a total of 9 EMC events with a total attendance of more than 630. In addition to EMC activities Indian Cave has hosted 8 other events so far this year with a total attendance of more than 600.

While the Board of Youth Activities has made great strides in fulfilling our four core values many challenges yet remain. One of the biggest challenges is the encouragement of pastors and churches to support EMC Camps and youth activities. Another challenge is the challenge of training for youth workers. Most of our churches do not have paid staff working with youth and children. Many volunteers feel inadequate or under qualified. It is our desire to be able to provide support and assistance to those who feel called to work with youth and children in the local church. In order to fulfill our purposes as a Board adequate funding is necessary. Funding is necessary to grow our camps, develop new camp ministries, train youth workers, plan missions trips, etc. Investment in our youth programs is an investment in future church leaders, Sunday School teachers, Board members, pastors, and missionaries.

The Board of Youth Activities is unified in its belief that Indian Cave Youth Camp is a vital ministry of the Evangelical Methodist Church that deserves adequate funding. The Camp Committee and Rickie Garner (camp director) are making great strides, and the camp has great potential for future growth and development. The completion of the new dining hall will enable the camp to remain open year-round for winter retreats, board retreats, and conferences. We believe short term investment in Indian Cave will insure long term success. The Camp Committee is currently working with Wayne Eldredge from the Board of Finance to develop a Business Plan.

Our goal as a Board is to see the day when the majority of our churches participate in an EMC camp. Our goal is not necessarily large numbers at our camps, but quality camps that are changing lives and promoting unity in our churches. We long to be able to provide resources and funding to churches that want to train their leaders but may lack the resources and funding to do so on their own. The Board will be meeting via phone conference in October or early November to complete a budget request to submit to the Board of Finance.

In closing, we are looking forward to greater things in 2012. The unified camp theme for senior camps next year is "Radical." A subcommittee will be working with the leaders of our children's camps in the development of a unified theme for those camps as well. In addition to the camp themes, we will be providing t-shirt art, seminar outlines and other resources. We will be working with headquarters to develop online registration options. We will also be working with others to target other areas of the country where additional camps could be held.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Gordon

Motions to the General Council

We recommend that all EMC pastors be required to attend and promote a BOYA approved camp of their choice.

Our proposed Manual of Operations with recommended changes is attached.

Board of Youth Activities Manual of Operations

Section 1: The Board of Youth Activities

Article 1: Name

The name of this Board shall be the General Conference Board of Youth Activities, hereinafter called the Board. The Board shall be under the direction and control of the General Conference of the Evangelical Methodist Church, operating under the guidelines of the Discipline of the Evangelical Methodist Church.

Article 2: Mission

The mission of the General Board of Youth Activities is to equip youth and youth leaders to impact our world for Christ.

Article 3: Vision

The vision of the General Board of Youth Activities is to equip youth and youth leaders to impact our world for Christ through the fulfillment of our four core values. Our core values are Unity, Equipping/Mentoring, Evangelism, and Missions

Article 4: Core Values

Unity

- We are committed to unified leadership that works to maintain a strong connection between the general and local levels.
- We strive for a unified focus for youth ministry denomination wide.

Equipping/Mentoring

- We are committed to the development and implementation of effective strategies for the equipping and training of youth leaders.
- We are committed to training youth leaders to mentor the next generation of EM Youth for present and future leadership.

Evangelism

- We believe in the power of God to radically change lives.
- We are committed to provide opportunities and resources to affect change and impact lives for Jesus Christ.

Missions

- We are committed to raising awareness of the Biblical command to take the message of the Gospel to all the world.
- We are committed to creating opportunities for youth to experience missions both at home and abroad.

Article 5: Officers and Committees

The Chairperson of the Board shall be designated in accordance with the Discipline. The Board shall elect a Vice Chairperson, and a secretary. Each member shall be assigned duties as needed to fulfill the mission, vision, and core values of the Board. Duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Camps & Retreats
- Training
- Missions at home and abroad

- Publications/Promotions
- Website

Each Board Member will also be assigned a region or regions as a liaison of the Board of Youth Activities.

Article 6: Meetings

The Board shall meet in person *at least once each year, with at least two additional conference calls*. Meeting dates and times will be set by the Chairperson in consultation with the General Superintendent.

Article 7: Budget

The Board shall prepare a yearly budget to present to the General Conference in accordance to the operational procedures of the EMC.

Article 8: The National Youth Director

Section 2: Indian Cave Youth Camp & Retreat Center

Article 1: Name

Indian Cave Youth Camp and Retreat Center is a denominational camp of the Evangelical Methodist Church.

Article 2: Mission & Vision

The Mission of Indian Cave Youth Camp is to be a place set apart. We seek to encourage and build the body of Christ by offering quality facilities for camps, retreats, conferences, and other activities.

Article 3: Indian Cave Youth Camp Committee

The Indian Cave Youth Camp Committee (ICYC Committee) is appointed by the General Board of Youth Activities (GBOYA) with recommendations from the ICYC Committee. The ICYC Committee will recommend a Camp Director, who will be appointed by the GBOYA. The Camp Director shall be accountable to the ICYC Committee and the GBOYA for the ministry of the camp and the operational functions. The GBOYA shall, with consultation from the ICYC Committee, set the policies and procedures for Indian Cave Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

Policies & Procedures

1. The ICYC Camp Committee shall elect a chairman, secretary, and treasurer yearly, to be ratified by the GBOYA.
 - a. The chairman directs all meetings.
 - b. The secretary records the minutes of each meeting and distributes the minutes to each member of the ICYC Committee and GBOYA.
 - c. The treasurer receives funds from Headquarters, camp tuition, camp rentals, donations, and gifts. Receiving of funds is to be handled by two individuals. These funds are deposited into the proper bank accounts, the deposit being prepared by two individuals. The treasurer disburses the funds for bills, taxes, wages, salaries, and other approved purposes. The treasurer provides a quarterly financial report to the members of the ICYC Committee, GBOYA, chairman of the General Board of Finance, and the General Conference Treasurer. The treasurer's books are to be reviewed annually by the General Conference Treasurer.

2. The Camp Director

- a. The Camp Director has authority to utilize the budget to maintain the grounds, make and/or arrange for needed repairs, and has authority over day-to-day decisions, referring major decisions to the ICYC Committee and GBOYA.
- ~~b. The Camp Director, with the approval of the Chair of the GBOYA, is authorized to spend up to \$10,000 for immediate needs, emergencies, and shortages for the operation of the camp and the care of the facilities.~~
- c. The Camp Director will have the authority to hire appropriate staff for camp operations as per the budget.
- d. The Camp Director shall maintain a schedule of groups wishing to use, or who have used, the camp facilities.

3. The Indian Cave Youth Camp Committee

- a. The ICYC Committee shall meet approximately once each quarter.
 - i. To review finances
 - ii. To discuss challenges and address current needs
 - iii. To plan for the future
 - iv. To provide support, offer suggestions, and provide assistance to the Camp Director
 - v. To prepare a report of camp progress to send to the GBOYA
- b. The ICYC Committee shall prepare a recommended annual budget for the camp ministry to be approved by the GBOYA and included in their Conference budget.
- c. The ICYC Committee has the authority to allocate any budget surplus for any camp needs.
- d. The ICYC Committee shall prepare an annual updated business plan and future goals for the camp ministries to be presented to the GBOYA and approved by the General Council.

1 **Department of Multicultural Ministries, 2011**
2 **General Council, September 2011, Indianapolis, IN**
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4 **1. Define:**

5 Purpose Statement: The Department of Multicultural Ministries helps local churches in their
6 outreach to all peoples in the North American Conference by assisting in evangelizing the unsaved,
7 discipling new believers and establishing healthy, multicultural/multiethnic churches.

8 **2. Describe:**

9 Ministry Activity: (1) The Director filled the pastoral vacancy of the bilingual Grace EMC in
10 Phoenix, AZ for six months while a pastor was being secured.

11 (2) Bill Walker was added to the staff as Assistant to the Director and represents the denomination as a
12 member of the Ethnic America Network.

13 (3) Visits to ethnic congregations were made and financial support was approved for the Elizabeth City
14 "La Gran Comisi3n" EMC.

15 (4) We are using CCB occasionally.

16 (5) The Department is in the process of developing a presentation for regional meetings (CHOICCE –
17 Challenging Opportunities In Cross-Culture Evangelism) with follow-up resources for local churches
18 interested in purposely engaging in either planting an ethnic congregation or becoming more integrated in
19 worship and membership.

20 **3. Discern:**

21 Challenges: #1 - Scheduling the presentation of CHOICCE in every regional meeting during the
22 coming year.

23 #2 Financing personnel and the expenses involved in outreach ministries.

24 **4. Dream:**

25 Future: As this Department works in a cooperative effort with the Board of Evangelism and the
26 Conference Superintendents, there will be many more congregations integrated as well growth in the
27 number of healthy, multicultural churches.

28 **5. Decisions:**

29 Motion(s): The appointment (election) of Rev. Bill Walker as the Director of the Department of
30 Multicultural Ministries beginning 01-01-2012.

31 Respectfully Submitted,

32 *Vernon W. Perkins*, Director

Cooperation of Conferences in Church Planting

Presented by Jose Macias and Vernon Perkins

Proposition #1-

Any conference of the Evangelical Methodist Church has freedom to evangelize and plant new churches around the world. When the effort is within the boundaries of another conference, arrangements between the respective superintendents will determine the administrative procedure when the newly planted church is ready to affiliate.

Proposition #2 –

Cooperative ministries to church plants initiated by another conference within the boundaries of the USA District will be coordinated through either the Department of Multicultural Ministries or other appropriate Board prior to affiliation. A representative from the USA entity together with the respective General Superintendent or his representative will develop the cooperative ministry program, taking into account governmental regulations and limitations as affecting the church plant effort (such as lay leadership, ministerial responsibilities, insurance, finances, etc.).

Toronto is one of the world's most [multicultural](#) cities. In 2004, the [United Nations Development Programme](#) (UNDP) ranked Toronto second, behind [Miami, Florida](#), in its list of the world's cities with the largest percentage of foreign-born population. Miami's foreign-born population is dominated by those of Cuban and Latin American descent, unlike Toronto's foreign-born population, which is not dominated by any particular ethnic group.

The 2006 census indicates 46.9% of Toronto's population is composed of [visible minorities](#); 1,162,630 non-[Whites](#), or 23% of Canada's visible minority population, live in Toronto; of this, approximately 70% are of Asian ancestry. Annually, almost half of all immigrants to Canada settle in the [Greater Toronto Area](#). In March 2005, [Statistics Canada](#) projected that the combined visible minority proportion will comprise a majority in both Toronto and [Vancouver](#) by 2012.

Ethnicities in the City of Toronto (2006)		Population	%
Source: Stats Canada 2006 Toronto Community Profile: Visible Minorities			
	White / Aboriginal	1,313,930	53.1
	South Asian	298,370	12.0
	Chinese	283,075	11.4
	Black	208,555	8.4
	Filipino	102,555	4.1
	Latin American	64,855	2.6
Ethnicities	West Asian	42,755	1.7
	Southeast Asian	37,495	1.5
	Korean	34,220	1.4
	Arab	22,485	0.9
	Japanese	11,965	0.5
	Multiple minorities	31,100	1.3
	Other	25,195	1.0
Total population		2,476,565	100











Ethnicities in the Toronto CMA (2006)		Population	%
Source: Stats Canada 2006 Toronto CMA Community Profile: Visible Minorities			
	White / Aboriginal	2,898,005	57.1
	South Asian	684,070	13.5
	Chinese	486,330	9.6
	Black	352,220	6.9
	Filipino	171,980	3.4
Ethnicities	Latin American	99,295	2.0
	West Asian	75,475	1.5
	Southeast Asian	70,215	1.4
	Korean	55,265	1.1
	Arab	53,430	1.1
	Japanese	19,010	0.4

	Multiple minorities	60,075	1.2
	Other	46,705	0.9
<i>Total population</i>		5,072,075	100

[[edit](#)] Religion

[Roman Catholics](#) accounted for 33.4% of the population of the City of Toronto in 2001, followed by [Protestants](#) with 21.2%. The city also has [Islam](#) (6.7%), [Christian Orthodox](#) (4.9%), [Hindu](#) (4.1%), [Jewish](#) (3.5%), [Buddhist](#) (2.1%), [Sikh](#) (1%), and other communities; 16.6% reported no religious affiliation.^[6]

[[edit](#)] Languages

Languages of Toronto city		
Language		
English		56%
Chinese Languages (Cantonese, Mandarin etc.)		8.5%
Indians (Punjabi, Tamil, Gujarati etc.)		8%
Italian		4%
Philipiners		2.5%
French		1.5%
Native Americans		1%
Other Asian Languages		11%
Other European Languages		9%
Other Languages		1%

While [English](#) is the predominant language spoken by Torontonians, Statistics Canada reports that other language groups are significant including [Chinese](#), [Portuguese](#), and [Italian](#). Only 1.4% of city residents claim [French](#) (Canada's other official language) as their mother tongue, and a scant few are [bilingual in English and French](#).

[[edit](#)] Mother tongue by population

(Toronto CMA 2006)^[7]

- [English](#): 2,849,285
- [Italian](#): 194,620
- [Chinese](#) (not otherwise specified): 175,900
- [Cantonese](#): 170,490
- [Punjabi](#): 137,730
- [Tagalog](#): 113,875
- [Portuguese](#): 113,015
- [Spanish](#): 112,875

- [Urdu](#): 105,555
- [Tamil](#): 98,265
- [Polish](#): 81,975
- [French](#): 72,590
- [Russian](#): 66,070
- [Persian](#): 65,755
- [Mandarin](#): 63,820
- [Arabic](#): 60,800
- [Gujarati](#): 57,100
- [Greek](#): 48,810
- [Korean](#): 48,795
- [Vietnamese](#): 46,955
- [German](#): 42,075

[[edit](#)] Immigration patterns

According to the Canadian government, Toronto has the highest per capita [immigration](#) rate in the world,^[8] and 43% of new immigrants settle in the [Greater Toronto Area](#).