

## *In Memory of Sandra Pollard*



We dedicate the 2017 Annual Minutes of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association in memory of Sandra Pollard, former PMBA Hispanic Coordinator and the wife of James Pollard, former PMBA Associational Missionary. The Pollards came to the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association in October 2006, having served in the Chowan Baptist Association and as missionaries in Chile.

While Sandra was a strong asset to the ministry work of James Pollard, she was also a much accomplished and dedicated minister in the area of Hispanic ministries. Soon after Jim became the Associational Missionary, Sandra served as the Communications Secretary for the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association. After a short time, she became more involved in Hispanic ministries, conducting a Bible Study for Hispanic Employees at a local business. Eventually, as she became more and more involved in Hispanic work, she helped organize the Hispanic Ministries Group of Churches within the PMBA. It wasn't long before the Associational leaders determined that she would be a great addition as the Coordinator for Hispanic Ministries.

Sandra worked alongside her husband Jim Pollard, to help launch Nueva Vision', a Hispanic Mission of Kernersville First Baptist Church. She also worked with the Cultural Diversity Team on several Cultural Diversity Day events. Sandra was a natural encourager and mentor to several of the Hispanic pastors' wives and helped in many areas of their ministries as each Hispanic church grew in number and strength. She wrote a monthly newsletter to ministers' wives, entitled *Ponderings*.

In 2010, Sandra had to relinquish her role as Hispanic Coordinator and gave up most of her duties involved in promoting and strengthening our ethnic congregations due to declining health. Sadly, we did not have Sandra with us long enough. She passed away Saturday, August 19, 2017, after a long battle with Alzheimers.

The one thing that most of us remember about Sandra Pollard was her gentle, sweet spirit. Her love for all people and willingness to help in any way possible endeared her to most of us. She will be long remembered for her contributions to the strengthening and encouraging of the PMBA Hispanic Ministries, her genuine love for all ethnic congregations and willingness to help them in any way possible, and her dedication and "missionary spirit" when it came to all types of mission work.

*"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'" – Matthew 25-23*

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**Pilot Mountain Baptist Association  
2017 – 2018 PMBA LEADERSHIP NETWORK**

**GENERAL OFFICERS**

Ellen Strickland, Northwest..... Moderator  
Jay Boyce, Oaklawn..... Vice Moderator  
Todd Lusk, Olive Grove..... Treasurer  
Monnie Johnson, King FBC..... Clerk

**CHURCH HEALTH FOCUS GROUP**

A. J. Reynolds, Walnut Cove FBC..... Leader  
T. Welch, Stanleyville FBC..... Associate Leader

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOCUS GROUP**

Nathan Cline, Revo..... , Leader  
Robert Dixon, Pilot Mountain FBC..... Associate Leader

**COMMUNITY IMPACT FOCUS GROUP**

Coley Rimmer, Glenn View..... Leader  
David Parsons, Calvary..... Associate Leader

**NEW CHURCH PLANT FOCUS GROUP**

Mark Harrison, Old Town..... Co-Leader  
Justin Jones, Germanton..... Co-Leader

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**ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. Todd Lusk, Olive Grove - Chair
2. Carl Christensen, United
3. Paul Stanley, Pilot Mountain FBC
4. Nic Watts, Walnut Cove FBC
5. Terry Wall, Main Street

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

1. Gerald Jones, Brim's Grove - Chair
2. Pam Anderson, Walkertown FBC
3. Clarence Huie, Center Grove
4. Steve Loftis, College Park

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

- 1 Jerry Taylor, Bethany
- 2 Jim Jackson, Northwest

Pilot Mountain Baptist Association  
**132<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting – October 17, 2017**  
Calvary Baptist Church

**Theme: *Now What?***  
II Corinthians 13:11

Welcome & Invocation		Rob Peters, Sr. Pastor, Calvary
Call to order & Approval of 2016 Minutes		Jim Cohn, Sr. Pastor, Walnut Cove FBC & PMBA Moderator
Opening Song	<b><i>“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”</i></b>	Larry White Worship Leader, Calvary Calvary Praise Team
Recognition of Special Guests		Jim Cohn, Moderator
Membership Updates		Walker Armstrong, Executive Director, PMBA
		1. <u>121 Church</u> , Winston-Salem -- Josh Hatfield, Pastor – MEMBERSHIP
		2. <u>Brook Haven Baptist Church</u> , Walnut Cove – Rick Hughes, Pastor –WATCHCARE
		3. <u>Emmanuel Church</u> , Winston-Salem – Alex Di Prima, Pastor – WATCHCARE
		4. <u>Redemption Hill Church</u> , Winston-Salem – Brandon Mercer, Pastor WATCHCARE
		5. <u>Rise Church</u> , Winston-Salem – Joe Maye, Pastor – WATCHCARE
		6. <u>Two Cities Church</u> , Winston-Salem – Kyle Mercer, Pastor - WATCHCARE
Hymn	<b><i>“ How Great Is Our God”</i></b>	Congregation
Executive Director’s Report		Walker Armstrong
Presentation of 2018 Budget		Todd Lusk, Sr. Pastor, Olive Grove, & Treasurer PMBA
Installation of 2017-2018 Officers		Jim Cohn, Moderator
JVH Local Missions & Ministries Offering		Jay Boyce, Sr. Pastor, Oaklawn & Vice Moderator Elect, PMBA
Presentation of 2018 Budget		Todd Lusk, Sr. Pastor, Olive Grove, & Treasurer PMBA
Installation of 2017-2018 Officers		Jim Cohn, Moderator
Adjournment & Benediction		Ellen Strickland, Community Pastor, Northwest & Moderator Elect, PMBA
Closing Song	<b><i>“I Know I Have Believed”</i></b>	Congregation

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**132<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 17, 2017**  
Calvary Baptist Church

Rob Peters, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, welcomed the churches of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association to Calvary and opened the session with prayer.

Jim Cohn, pastor of Walnut Cove First Baptist Church and Moderator for the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. As the first act of business, the 2016 Minutes were presented and approved by consensus.

Larry White, worship leader for Calvary, led the Calvary Praise Team and the congregation in *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Moderator Jim Cohn recognized special guests: Carol Polk, Pivot Ministries,

Walker Armstrong, Executive Director for the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association, presented the following churches for Watchcare: Brook Haven Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, Rick Hughes, pastor; Emmanuel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, Alex DiPrima, pastor; Redemption Hill Church, Winston-Salem, Brandon Mercer, pastor; and Rise Church, Winston-Salem, Joe Maye, pastor.

The motion to accept these four churches under Watchcare of the Association was seconded and the motion carried.

Walker Armstrong presented 121 Church of Winston-Salem for full membership into the Association. 121 Church was approved for full membership.

Walker Armstrong, Executive Director, gave his vision for the Association. Walker reminded us where we started in 2016 when we dreamed, *“What If?”* He recapped how answering this question caused us to restructure the Association around discipleship. This enabled us to help start and support six new churches; expand our ministries to those in need; find creative ways to support pastors and their families; give scholarships to pastors to attend discipleship and revitalization conferences; and help partner with other ministries.

Walker then reminded us that 2016-2017 had been like a child learning how to ride a bike using training wheels. We were often a bit unsure of ourselves, and even fell down a few times. But in the end, we experienced the exhilaration of moving forward. He then pointed us to the new theme for 2018 which is called, *“Now What?”* Here he challenged us to take off the training wheels and move forward at a more accelerated rate in our new vision. Based on what we have already learned he showed how we could plot a course for greater collaboration between our churches

Jim Cohn presented the new slate of leaders to serve under the Leadership Network of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association. These leaders were asked to stand and were approved to serve as part of the Leadership Network for 2018-2019 calendar year.

Jay Boyce, pastor of Oaklawn Baptist Church and vice moderator-elect for the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association, introduced the Jim Hamblen Local Missions and Ministries Offering. Pastor

Boyce reminded everyone that this offering was established to help fund projects that fell outside the norm of the regular budget. In the past, this offering has helped fund Stepping Stones, a ministry to homeless families; the Veteran's Hero House, being built for a wounded veteran; and the summer intern program, which helps congregations across the PMBA in such areas as Vacation Bible School, Backyard Bible Clubs, sports camps, block parties, etc. This year the offering will go towards the development of a ministerial fund for pastors in our association who are experiencing hardships of some kind and need some financial assistance. He offered a prayer for this offering and the launching of this new ministry outreach.

Pastor Ellen Strickland of Northwest Baptist Church and Moderator-elect for the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:15 pm. The congregation was led in the closing song, *"I Know Whom I Have Believe."*

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**2017 GIFTS – GENERAL FUNDS**

Report Range: 1/1/2017 – 12/31/17

	<b>CONGREGATIONS</b>	<b>SUPPORT TO GENERAL FUND - \$\$</b>
1	Advance FBC	-0-
2	Ardmore Baptist Church	15,607.37
3	Beck's Baptist Church	9,500.00
4	Bethany Baptist Church	7,500.00
5	Brim's Grove Baptist Church	5,633.53
6	Brown Mountain Baptist Church	2,962.68
7	Calvary Baptist Church	-0-
8	Center Grove Baptist Church	1,000.00
9	Century Park Baptist Church	-0-
10	Clemmons First Baptist Church	5,199.75
11	College Park Baptist Church	8,058.70
12	Cornerstone Baptist Church	916.67
13	Crestwood Baptist Church	2,200.00
14	Danbury Baptist Church	448.56
15	Edgewood Baptist Church	550.00
16	Fellowship Baptist Church	1500.00
17	First on Fifth Baptist Church	1000.00
18	Forsyth Park Baptist Church	1448.86
19	Friendly Arabic Church	-0-
20	Friends Baptist Church	750.00
21	Friendship Baptist Church	2250.00
22	Germanton Baptist Church	1775.00
23	Glenn View Baptist Church	9271.84
24	Goodwill Baptist Church	2785.15
25	Green Tree Baptist Church	440.00
26	Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church	-0-
27	Greater Saint Matthews Baptist Church	-0-
28	Griffith Baptist Church	100.00
29	Hillsdale Baptist Church	1,200.00
30	Iglesia Bautista El Camino	275.00
31	Iglesia Bautista de Union Cross	-0-
32	Kernersville First Baptist Church	11,101.49
33	King First Baptist Church	5,417.43
34	Knollwood Baptist Church	305.18
35	Konnoak Baptist Church	507.43
36	Leak Memorial Baptist Church	779.81
37	Lewisville Baptist Church	2,336.38
38	Macedonia Baptist Church	2,347.84
39	Main Street Baptist Church	8,418.03

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**2017 GIFTS – GENERAL FUNDS**

Report Range: 1/1/2017 – 12/31/17

	<b>CONGREGATIONS</b>	<b>SUPPORT TO GENERAL FUND - \$\$</b>
40	Mineral Springs Baptist Church	473.40
41	Mount Calvary Baptist Church	3,120.52
42	Mount Olive Baptist Church	1,500.00
43	Mountain View Baptist Church	-0-
44	New Light Missionary Baptist Church	-0-
45	New Vision Fellowship	1,800.00
46	Nueva Vision Iglesia Bautista	-0-
47	North Winston Baptist Church	-0-
48	Northwest Baptist Church	1,177.44
49	Oak Grove Baptist Church	1,100.00
50	Oak Ridge Baptist Church	500.00
51	Oaklawn Baptist Church	3,198.79
52	Old Town Baptist Church	14,625.00
53	Olive Grove Baptist Church	1,594.00
54	One 21 Church (Watchcare)	900.00
55	Peters Creek Baptist Church	2,000.00
56	Pfafftown Baptist Church	1,395.00
57	Pilot Mountain FBC	1,141.67
58	Pinnacle Baptist Church	-0-
59	Quaker Gap Baptist Church	-0-
60	Red Bank Baptist Church	1,000.00
61	Redemption Hill (New Church Start)	-0-
62	Revo-North	4,266.85
63	Rev-South	-0-
64	Rise Church (New Church Start)	54.30
65	Robinhood Road Baptist Church	-0-
66	Saint James Missionary Baptist Church	-0-
67	Saura Valley FBC	400.00
68	Southside Baptist Church	-0-
69	Stanleyville FBC	4,561.34
70	Stoney Ridge Baptist Church	-0-
71	The Summit	-0-
72	Triad Journey Church	300.00
73	Twin City Church	-0-
74	Two Cities Church (New Church Start)	-0-
75	Union Baptist Church	-0-
76	Union Cross Baptist Church	3,321.87
77	Union Grove Baptist Church	3,200.00
78	Union Hill Baptist Church	1,404.00
79	United Baptist Church	3,437.00
80	Unity Baptist Church	1,556.57
81	Walkertown FBC	1,315.00
82	Walnut Cove FBC	5,706.64
83	Waughtown Baptist Church	225.00
84	West Side Baptist Church	1,100.00
85	Willow Oak Missionary Baptist Church	1,800.00
86	Winston-Salem Korean	-0-

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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

- 05-5110      Leadership Support: Meetings, gift cards for special anniversaries, and scholarship money for conferences.
- 05-5115      Leadership Resources: Training and coaching materials for leadership development.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT**

- 05-5210      Toy Stores: Toy distribution for needy families during the Christmas Season that covers six areas of our Association in Forsyth, Stokes and Davie counties.
- 01-5215      Fair Ministries: Formerly called Dixie Classic Fair, we seek to minister to fair workers in various ways and share the Gospel with them. Our future is to look towards expanding to other fairs in our footprint.
- 05-5225      Hunger Initiatives: This represents PMBA's ministry to the hungry in our communities. We are not only planning to grow our own centrally- based initiative called Bread of Life Food Pantry, but also developing partner relationships with other Christian organizations in all our representative communities.
- 05-5230      Multi-Housing Ministries: Formerly referred to in our past budgets as Operation Inasmuch, this ministry has expanded to include holistic ministries to the poor of our inner-city. Headed by David Parsons, who is a Local Missionary with the NAMB, we are strategically expanding this impact to more apartment complexes, trailer parks, etc. to sharing the Gospel and discipling people in their own communities. Currently, several Youth Groups from our Association are working with David in many of these projects.
- 05-5260      Summer Ministry Programs: This includes our Summer Intern Program, Deep Impact, and Summer Youth Ministries Programs.

**CHURCH HEALTH**

- 05-5310      Discipleship Support: Funds to assist churches and PMBA ministry groups through provision of resources, training workshops, & Annual Youth Retreat to Ridgecrest.
- 05-5315      Prayer Ministry: Helps to promote and facilitate Association-wide prayer meetings, conferences, and retreats.

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- 05-5320      Supplementary Meetings: Covers expenses for meetings for groups such as Baptist Men, WMU Salad Supper, Senior Ministry Team, and Church Health Team.
- 05-5325      Revitalize Training: Provides funds for training Revitalization Coaches and assistance for small churches to go through the revitalization process.

**CHURCH PLANTING**

- 05-5420      Calgary, Canada: Dustin Connor has worked in area churches in the PMBA for several years. He has been approved by the NAMB to go next year to start a church planting movement in one of the most unchurched metropolitan cities in the world. We are proposing to help him get off the ground and assist others in reaching one of the most unreached cities in North America.
- 05-5425      Rise Church, Winston-Salem: Joe Maye, formerly Youth Pastor at Old Town Baptist, has responded to God's call to start a House-Church movement in one of the poorest areas of Winston-Salem. He was involved in the Skyline area through the ministry of David and Kathy Parsons for several years before taking the next step to move his family into that area and pour out their lives for "the least of these."

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

*Staff Salaries/Benefits*

- 05-6110      Executive Director: The Executive Director is a fulltime position. The person serving in this role directs the PMBA staff; provides general oversight of the organization; coaches pastors and churches regarding church health issues; and directs activities designed to help the PMBA fulfill its purpose.
- 05-6115      Community Missionary: The Community Missionary is a fulltime position. The person serving in this role guides the Community Impact ministries of the PMBA. This person provides administrative support to other areas as directed by the Executive Director, and works directly with the Ministry Assistant to ensure that important administrative details are fulfilled and that the PMBA works in an efficient and effective manner.

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05-6120 Ministry Assistant: The Ministry Assistant is a part-time position. The person serving in this role will provide help in areas of communication, publicity, and administrative support.

05-6125 Financial Assistant: The Financial Assistant is a part-time position. The person serving in this role will help to pay bills, disperse budget-approved funds, record financial transactions and provide regular financial reports.

*Office Expenses*

05-6210 Office Supplies: Covers any supplies, materials or small equipment purchases needed to operate the PMBA office.

05-6215 Marketing & Promotion: Involves both existing and new costs for creating publications about the PMBA to be shared with both our churches and our communities.

05-6220 Postage: Covers single item and bulk mail costs. 05-6225 Technology Support: This category incorporates the maintenance and upkeep of the copier, computers, phones, internet and website.

05-6230 Fees: Our cost for accounting and auditing services. 05-6235 Annual Meeting: We cover printing, administrative and partial food costs of this meeting.

**BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT**

*Building and Equipment Expenses*

05-6310 Properties & Building Maintenance: This is the cost for regular janitorial service and occasional property upkeep.

05-6315 Rental of Facility: Total costs to rent building from Northwest Baptist Church

05-6320 Storage Rental: Cost to rent five storage buildings for records and other supplies

05-6325 Equipment Maintenance: Total cost to take care of all physical assets like trailers.

05-6325 Insurance: Total cost for liability, theft, and basic asset coverage and recently added a rider policy for the Hero House.

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**PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET**

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

05-5110	Leadership Support	2,500.00
05-5115	Leadership Resources	<u>2,500.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>

**COMMUNITY IMPACT**

05-5210	Toy Stores	7,000.00
05-5215	Fair Ministries	2,500.00
05-5225	Hunger Initiatives	16,000.00
05-5230	Multi-Housing Ministries	12,000.00
05-5260	Summer Ministry	<u>5,500.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>43,000.00</b>

**CHURCH HEALTH**

05-5310	Discipleship Support	2,000.00
05-5315	Prayer Ministry	2,000.00
05-5320	Supplementary Meetings	1,000.00
05-5325	Revitalize Training	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>

**CHURCH PLANTING**

05-5420	Calgary, Canada (Dustin Connor)	12,000.00
05-5425	Rise Church (Joe Maye)	<u>16,000.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>

**ADMINISTRATIVE** *(Staff Salaries/Benefits)*

01-6110	Executive Director	
	Salary	30,600.00
01	Housing	30,600.00
02	Travel & Training	3,500.00
03	Annual Christmas Gift	200.00
04	Cell Phone	900.00
05	Retirement	12,000.00
01-6115	Community Missionary	
01	Salary	57,850.00
02	Retirement	5,785.00
03	Insurance	1,433.00
04	Cell Phone	900.00
05	Travel & Training	1,500.00
06	Annual Christmas Gift	200.00

## 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

01-6120	Ministry Assistant	
01	Salary	18,953.00
02	Annual Christmas Gift	100.00
01-6125	Financial Assistant	
01	Salary	11,958.00
02	Annual Christmas Gift	100.00
01-6130	Taxes	
	FICA Employer	<u>11,438.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>188,017.00</b>
	<i>Office Expenses</i>	
01-6210	Office Supplies	2,500.00
01-6215	Marketing & Promotion	500.00
01-6220	Postage	2,000.00
01-6225	Technology Support	9,100.00
01-6230	Fees	2,000.00
01-6235	Annual Meeting	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>17,100.00</b>
	<b>BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT</b>	
	<i>Building and Equipment Expenses</i>	
01-6310	Properties & Building Maintenance	3,500.00
01-6315	Rental of Facility	6,600.00
01-6320	Storage Rental	1,500.00
01-6325	Equipment Maintenance	500.00
01-6330	Insurance	<u>4,843.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>16,943.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b><u>305,060.00</u></b>

Pilot Mountain Baptist Association  
**THE JIM HAMBLEN LOCAL MISSIONS & MINISTRIES FUND**

The Jim Hamblen Local Missions and Ministries Offering was designed by PMBA leaders and voted on by the Association-in-Session as a yearly offering to assist with local missions and ministry projects that might not otherwise get funded.

Since its inception in the late 90's, the offering has paid for such ministries as:

1. Stepping Stones (a homeless ministry developed by PMBA and is now under its on 501.c.3)
2. Community Outreach Trailers – the offering has covered the complete funding and outfitting of two Community Outreach Trailers that have a reservation rate of 85% yearly. These Outreach Trailers have been a great boost for the local congregations to do such things as fall festivals, Backyard Bible Clubs, block parties, etc.
3. The JVH Offering has helped to defray the cost of summer interns for the last several years. Due to the generous support of the JVH Offering we can hire 3 or 4 summer interns each summer. The summer interns work directly with our churches as well as help with association-wide events such as Student Life Week and Deep Impact Week.
4. Offering helped with initial startup funds for the Bread of Life Food Pantry.
5. Funds went to help several mission partnership events with local churches.

The 2017-2018 Jim Hamblen Local Missions and Ministries Fund begins with the 2017 Annual Meeting and ends September 2018. During this time, we hope each PMBA congregation will consider designating one week for Association Emphasis Week.

Our theme is “*Now What?*” and our scripture comes from 2 Corinthians 13:11. “*Finally brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.*”

Our offering for this Annual Meeting and for the Association Emphasis through September 2018, will be to establish a designated fund to be used by PMBA pastors when they encounter a financial crisis or hardship in their life. Every PMBA pastor will be able to apply for funds. Guidelines for the use of the funds will be set up and overseen by the Church Leadership Team. This benevolence fund is just another way that all of us can tangibly show love and support for pastors in our association.

We hope that you will consider your own pastor as your congregation gives to this offering tonight and that you will consider designating one week as an Associational Awareness Week. In the weeks to come, we will be submitting more information regarding our focus for establishing a Pastors Benevolence Fund.

*Karen Taylor*  
PMBA Community Missionary

Pilot Mountain Baptist Association  
**2017 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

2017 has been a momentous year for the PMBA! We have been able to support five new church plants; fed over 100,000 meals to people; seen a dying church revitalized; ministered to hundreds of people in lower-income housing; provided ongoing church health consultation for congregations throughout our footprint; supported our pastors through free resources and customized events; and invested in helping several churches boost their spiritual health. These things represent just a part of what God has enabled us to do for and through our local churches.

But there is more to do! Over the last several months we have been on a major learning curve as we have launched out with a new strategy and structure. We have begun to figure out how to support our ongoing ministries through our General Budget, while providing needed service to special ministry opportunities through our Designated Fund. We now want to look towards 2018 as a time to take our ministry to greater levels of effectiveness and efficiency. We need each of you to join us in God's great mission of making disciples out of every tribe/ethnic group here and beyond.

Expectantly,

*L. Walker Armstrong, Jr.*  
Executive Director  
PMBA

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**2017 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY MISSIONARY**

As I have had the privilege to meet with new community ministries, attend meetings with other non-profit agencies that are just as committed to sharing Jesus Christ with their neighbors, I have been reminded how truly blessed we are as an association. In 1885, twenty churches gathered at Red Bank Missionary Baptist Church to form the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association. Their reasoning? Realizing that if they could be effective in reaching people for Christ as individual churches, how much more effective they could be if they worked together.

Over the years, PMBA congregations have helped birth ministries (i.e., Samaritan Ministries, Crisis Control, the Pilot Mountain Outreach Center, Stepping Stones Ministries of the Triad, etc.) In 2007, we birthed our second Baptist Toy Store in the East Forsyth area. Since that time, we have added to our Central Toy Store and East Forsyth Toy Store, establishing East Stokes Toy Store, West Stokes/East Davie Toy Store, PMBA/Pilot Mtn. Outreach Toy Store, and now, this year, adding Gift Mart, a PMBA/Love-Out-Loud Partnership. When we first began, we offered new toys to over 100 children. Now we provide for over 3,000 children. As we have grown, we have never wavered from our purpose...to share the Gospel, offering hope and love as well as toys, as we minister, counsel and pray with families who came to us for help.

I had the privilege to assist 39 congregations during 2017 in some form of mission opportunities. No matter how small or how large a congregation may be, partnering with other congregations strengthens all of us. I am often asked what I like most about my job as your Community Missionary. That's easy to say! I love helping churches discover their unique gifts and the numerous opportunities to become a real part of their community

If you stop and take the time to listen, you can hear the music of America ringing out every week as we worship in our churches. You may not always understand the words, for sometimes they are sung in Chinese, Nepali, Vietnamese, Spanish, Arabic, Japanese, Korean, etc. As I visit from congregation to congregation, listening to the music of different people groups, different cultures, I find I enjoy the contemporary music of several of our churches...the traditional hymns we all know and love...the Southern Gospel strands that filter through so many of our Stokes County churches ... the Latin flavor from our Hispanic Churches...and the "Soul" Gospel that can only be sung with such passion as our African-American Churches sing each week. As these variations of music fill our buildings week after week, we are reminded that belonging to the family of God is not about color or race or cultural background. It is about being lifted up...sharing the Gospel with those who do not know Him. Jesus Christ summed it this way, *"And, if I am lifted from the earth, I will draw all peoples to myself."* [John 12:32]. It is through these rich worship experiences that we are reminded that we all have the same mission, *"to do the will of our Father."*

Oswald Chambers said it best in his book, My Utmost for His Highest: *"The goal of faithfulness is not that we will do work for God, but that He will be free to do His work through us. God calls us to His service and places tremendous responsibilities on us. He expects no complaining on our part and offers no explanation on His part. God wants to use us as He used His Own Son."*

The good news is we are not alone in doing the work that God has given us to do. As an association, we have one another. God works through us and others to reveal His love and grace. In 2017, we

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**2017 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY MISSIONARY** (continued)

ministered to over 400 fair workers during Fair Ministry week, impacted numerous communities through mission projects with Student Life teams, Deep Impact teams, and Operation Inasmuch. Together we have consistently responded to disaster situations across our nation by sending disaster response teams to Eastern North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas and Puerto Rico. Together we have formed partnerships throughout our schools with over 40 churches partnering on a local level...providing school supplies, backpacks, monetary donations, and volunteers. Together, we have helped to reduce hunger in or communities by supporting the Bread of Life Food Pantry, supporting an additional five hunger agencies, promoting the NC Hunger Offering and collecting three trailer loads of food for the Baptist Children's Homes. Together, we collected over 6,800 coats for New York City and beyond, saving 400 coats to distribute to our own neighborhoods during Christmas and through multi-housing ministries. Together, we provided hundreds of boxes for the Shoe Box Ministry of Samaritan's purse. Together, we provided toys, hygiene items, Bibles and devotional books to over 3,000 children. No matter how large a church may be...no matter how small a church may be... alone we remain one voice...together, we are many voices strong, carrying a message of hope and love from our Heavenly Father.

I give thanks for every experience, every opportunity to serve with you in our communities and beyond our borders. I cherish the opportunities I had in 2017 to work with so many great volunteers who give of themselves daily for the cause of Christ, and I look forward to what God has planned for us in 2018. ***Are you ready?***

Serving Him with gladness,  
*Karen Taylor*  
PMBA Community Missionary

Pilot Mountain Baptist Association  
**2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PMBA CHURCH HEALTH FOCUS GROUP**

Your Church Health Focus Group is excited to report that over the past year the Lord has directed and blessed our efforts to assist the Association in encouraging churches to move in directions of biblical church health that would enable them to carry out their shared mission of developing life-long followers of Jesus Christ.

Over the course of this past year, your Church Health Focus Group has sponsored several Pastors Lunch-N-Learn fellowships designed to afford our pastors opportunities to fellow-ship around the table while engaging in seasons of discussion on various topics related to church health and to pray together. We look forward to continuing with this initiative as we look to 2018.

The Group assisted Executive Director Walker Armstrong in staging the first Church Health Prayer Retreat at Caraway Conference Center, April 4-5, 2017. Twelve church leaders from several of our churches attended the retreat where, in addition to seasons of prayer, they were introduced to Walker Armstrong's newly developed Model for Church Revitalization. Some of the leaders who attended the retreat are actively considering engaging their respective congregations in this dynamic process. Another such retreat is being planned for Spring 2018 and the Group also plans to sponsor a Pastors Retreat at Caraway in conjunction with the revitalization training event. We desire to identify and encourage pastors serving in struggling churches to consider leading their congregations through the church revitalization process with our team helping to support and facilitate them in that process. This group continues to support special events sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministries Response Team, the Youth Team, and other ministry teams of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association.

Finally, in anticipation of the special evening session entitled, "*Broken Before the Throne*," being planned by our North Carolina Baptist State Convention November 7, 2017, which is calling all North Carolina Baptists to prayer, confession, repentance, and revival in this year's Annual Convention, the Church Health Focus Group invited Dr. Chris Schofield, Director of NCBSC's Office of Prayer and Spiritual Awakening, to lead our pastors in a season of Bible study and prayer this past September. This, too, proved to be a very rewarding experience for those who participated.

Your Church Health Focus Group thanks you for the privilege of serving you and desires your continued prayers as we seek to serve in this capacity in 2018

**Calendar of Events**

18 October 2016 – messengers to the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association voted to elect the following people to the new Church Health focus group: Martin, Charles (Cornerstone Baptist Church, Winston-Salem) Oakley, Phillip (Center Grove Baptist Church, Clemmons) Reynolds, Andrew J. (First Baptist Church, Walnut Cove) Sprouse, Benjamin (Unity Baptist Church, Winston-Salem) Welch, T. (First Baptist Church, Stanleyville) Rev. Martin elected as the Chairman the group; Rev. Welch elected as the Vice Chair

27 October 2016, 12:00-1:30pm – hosted for pastors a Lunch-and-Learn

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27 October 2016, 1:30pm – meeting of the focus group objectives from W. Armstrong develop: mission statement for the focus group create: “Guidelines for Church Health Funding Projects” create: “Application Form for Church Health Projects”

06-08 February 2017 – Revitalization training hosted by Baptist State Convention Martin and Reynolds attended training with W. Armstrong

23 February 2017, 12:00-1:30pm – hosted for pastors a Lunch-and-Learn *the Bible-Driven Church* by John MacArthur

23 February 2017 – meeting of the focus group decision to continue hosting Lunch-and-Learn events on a quarterly basis

04-05 April 2017 – hosted Prayer Retreat at Caraway Conference Center Walker Armstrong facilitated training around revitalization prayer was targeted about which churches might be part of this new program

08 May 2017, 10:30am – meeting of the focus group reviewed and evaluated the Prayer Retreat discussed future goals, objectives, prayer needs of churches’ health

08 June 2017, 12:00-1:30pm – hosted for pastors a Lunch-and-Learn Sprouse facilitated a discussion on the “Key Values” of a biblically healthy church

10 July 2017 – meeting of the focus group Project Re-entry’s funding request referred to the Community Impact focus group revision of the Glossary of Terms attached to the Association’s annual budget compiled \$9,000 budget proposal – submitted to Shelley Vestal

28 August 2017 – meeting of the focus group discussion of General Budget proposal for 2018 evaluated W. Armstrong’s request for a Service Project Designated Fund proposal for 2018: A Deacon/spouse Retreat, paralleling the Pastor/wife Retreat hosted by the Leadership Development focus group

Respectfully submitted,

*Charles Martin*, Leader  
 PMBA Church Health Focus Group

Members include: T. Welch, PMBA Associate Leader & Associate Pastor, Stanleyville FBC; Benny Sprouse, Pastor, Unity Baptist; A.J. Reynolds, Associate Pastor, Walnut Cove FBC; and Phil Oakley, retired pastor and member, Griffith Baptist.

Pilot Mountain Baptist Association  
**2017 PMBA CHURCH PLANTING TEAM**

God is working through the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association to make disciples through church planting in our local area and beyond. Over the past 12 months, the Holy Spirit has worked to start four new churches in our area with which your Church Plant Team is connected. These new churches include Two Cities Church, launched in September 2016 (Kyle Mercer, lead pastor); Rise Church, launched June 2017 (Joe Maye, pastor); Emmanuel Church, launched in August 2017 (Alex DiPrima, lead pastor); and Redemption Hill Church, launched in September 2017 (Brandon Mercer, lead pastor). In addition to these new local congregations, we also partner with Hope Church, a new congregation in Calgary, Canada, (Dustin Conner, lead pastor). During the year, we invested financial resources through the PMBA budget with Two Cities Church and Hope Church as well as Twin Cities Church (Mike Shelton, lead pastor), an affiliated church, launched about three years ago. In addition, we invested designated funds with Rise Church and Redemption Hill Church.

During the year, Walker Armstrong and Mark Harrison visited Dustin Connor in Calgary, during a North American Mission Board Vision Tour of this Send City. They discovered ways that our churches can be involved in hands-on partnerships with Hope Church. Our goal as a team is to see our existing churches partner with the church plants we support in our city and in Calgary. The church plant team met regularly throughout the year to meet with our church planters, consider requests for funding and evaluate the progress we are making toward reducing spiritual darkness by making the Gospel accessible to more men, women and children in our area. The church plant team also developed our Mission, Vision and Strategy Document. The highlights are listed below:

Mission: To facilitate a disciple-making movement through partnering with the local churches of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association through church planting.

Vision: To eliminate spiritual darkness by multiplying disciple-making congregations.

Strategy: We desire to eliminate spiritual darkness by multiplying disciple-making congregations through:

- Identifying pockets of spiritual darkness;
- Championing the call to engage these people with the Gospel;
- Assessing church planters and church partners for collaborative mission;
- Empowering collaborative partnerships to establish new and encourage existing disciple-making congregations through training, coaching, financial investment and accountability. The Church Plant team is excited about what God has done this past year through our involvement with and investment in church planters and new churches. We look forward to even more amazing things in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted:

*Justin Jones*, PMBA Church Plant Focus Group Leader;

Members included: Justin Jones, Team Leader and Member, Germanton Baptist; G. L. Brown, Member, Old Town Baptist; Mark Harrison, Missions Pastor, Old Town Baptist; Jeff Stephens, Pastor, Germanton Baptist; Bobby Vaughn, Pastor, Griffith Baptist.

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**2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PMBA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
FOCUS GROUP**

The Leadership Development Focus Group met seven times throughout the year (February, March, May, August, September, October, and December) working on ways to encourage and equip pastors in the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association.

During the bi-monthly meetings we laid out resourcing opportunities for pastors in the PMBA, planned the first Pastors Appreciation Dinner, and helped plan the first PMBA Marriage Retreat in 2018.

Leadership Development Focus Group was able to help provide scholarships for PMBA African-American pastor to assist him in further seminary training. The Focus Group provided tickets to Winston-Salem DASH games for pastors and their wives and funded the Pastors Appreciation Dinner.

Three members of the Leadership Development Focus Group are a part of the PMBA Leadership Network that met an additional eight times in 2017.

The Group sent out bi-monthly emails as a way to engage, encourage, equip, and resource pastors in the PMBA.

The Leadership Development Focus Group acted as a beta for future impact groups launching in the city. Our time included fellowship, encouragement, prayer, sharing resources, and developing deeper relationships between pastors/leaders in the area.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Nathan Cline*, Leadership Development Focus Group Leader  
REVO Church, Lead Pastor

Members included: Arty Campbell, Pastor, Greater Mt. Moriah; Sylvia Campbell, wife of Arty and member, Greater Mt. Moriah; Gerald Jones, Pastor, Brim's Grove; Robert Dixon, Pastor, Pilot Mountain FBC, and Nathan Cline, Focus Group Leader and Lead Pastor, REVO.

Pilot Mountain Baptist Association  
**2017 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PMBA COMMUNITY IMPACT FOCUS GROUP**

The Community Impact Focus Group has had a great year in reaching communities across the PMBA. Through Hunger Initiatives we have:

- Provided boxes of food for over 7,000 families through the Bread of Life Food Pantry, Operation Inasmuch projects and the Baptist Toy Stores.
- Partnered with 5 community food pantries: 1 in East Davie; 1 in Forsyth; 2 in Stokes and 1 in Surry.
- Served 128 bag lunches and 50 hot meals during Student Life Week.
- Served 600 bag meals to Dixie Classic Fair Workers during our Fair Ministry Week.
- Delivered 3 trailer loads of food to the Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville during the month of May as part of Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup.

With God's help, we have increased our territory of service, established several new avenues for food donations, partnered with other non-profit agencies and had an increase of PMBA congregations willing to collect food for the Bread of Life Food Pantry, your associational food pantry.

Through our Health Initiatives we provided over 400 hygiene kits during the PMBA Fair Ministry Week, donated 400+ hygiene kits and 300 additional full size bottles of shampoo to the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry, provided free medical/dental care to over 250 during the Dixie Classic Fair, sent 150 hygiene kits for disaster relief in Texas along with 400 cases of water.

Baptist men and women have responded to the call for help in Eastern North Carolina, Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico in the past two months. We are most grateful for those who made donations to the Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund, enabling us to defray the cost of some of our teams who have given up a large portion of vacation time to respond to these disasters. Hope Rebuilders built 12 ramps this year for senior citizens and disabled people in need. Several home repairs have been made to homes of the elderly who did not have funds to make these most needed repairs.

We continue to host a *Yard Giveaway* at the associational Bread of Life Food Pantry. In May, we provided household items, clothing and furniture to 192 families. Twenty-three volunteers helped with the sorting, displaying and distribution of all items collected. Besides this event, we delivered beds to 12 families, to help keep children from having to sleep on the floor. We also donated 53 heaters to families who needed an alternative source of heat. At the end of 2016, we delivered over 6500 coats via Baptist State Convention and volunteer drivers to New York for Coats for the City. We gave over 400 coats locally during the 2016 winter.

As part of Community Impact Focus Group, we provided a \$10,000 grant to Pivot Ministries to help with the work initiative to women and men needing employment. We have also provided money to help defray some of the expense in completing the Hero House and are funding a multi-housing ministry, Hope Apartments, which is located near the Veterans Hero House,

Respectfully submitted:

*Karen Taylor* for Alison Lusk,  
Community Impact Focus Group Leader, member of Olive Grove

Members included: Bill Ammons, member of Bethany Baptist, David Parsons, member, Calvary and Coley Rimmer, Senior Adult Minister, Glenn View Baptist, Karen Taylor, PMBA Staff Liaison.

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**ASSOCIATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

Associational Missionaries across North Carolina play a critical role in the life of our churches and can be a vital, significant and strategic force in the effort to help plant new churches and assist in the revitalization of existing congregations. For this reason, Associational Partnerships continues to offer opportunities, training and resources to help associational missionaries enter the field with a fresh, intentional and deliberate approach. We are so grateful for the crucial strategic ministry partnerships with the associational leaders representing 77 associations across the state. Our staff is thankful for these leaders, for their servant hearts and faithfulness toward impacting lostness through a disciple-making culture in their churches, communities and beyond.

Associational Partnerships and the North Carolina Associational Missions Conference formed a joint planning team consisting of the AM officers and BSCNC staff that collaborate to enhance our relationship and plan the annual North Carolina Associational Missions Conference. During this four-day training event in April we have a full day devoted to potential and new associational missionaries training, a track for spouses, a track for Church and Community Ministries personnel and a full agenda of education, training and fellowship for associational missionaries. The conference theme was “Renew and Redirect: Building Foundations for Church Revitalization.” Our guest presenter were Aubrey Malphurs, Ray Gilder and Brian Upshaw. The emphasis was focused on foundational and strategy relating to church revitalization. Breakout sessions included topics and training in *Basic and Advanced MissionInsite*, *Everything a DOM Needs to Know about Church Revitalization but Didn't Know What to Ask*, *The Vital Role of Mercy Ministries in a Community*, *Connecting With and Ministering to Bivocational Pastors*.

A conference for potential Associational Missionaries was offered at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center in Talladega, Alabama, in January. The theme was “*Finding Your Potential as An Associational Missionary*” with keynote presenters Rick Astle, Josh Ellis and Rick Wheeler.

Associational partnerships assist associations with filling vacant associational ministry positions through associational search committee training along with a database of possible candidates. Associational partnerships continue to develop and connect potential associational missionaries, new associational missionaries and experienced associational missionaries with training and orientation opportunities offered by the Convention and other entities that resource associational missionaries such as the Southern States Associational Missions Conference, the Network of Baptist Associations and the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders. Premier training is available during these opportunities for sharpening skills and developing competencies for future associational challenges.

The Strategic Partnership Requests (SPR's) allows local associations partner to receive assistance with resourcing outreach opportunities including church planting, collegiate ministry, strategic impact, ethnic and language ministry and various other ministries. The entire SPF process involves the association receiving the forms for submission, to instructions and guidance of the process, to delivery to the appropriate Convention ministry group and to the communication of the status of the request and final approval – flows through associational partnerships.

Ten percent of the funds that churches in a local association contribute to the North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) are returned to that local association as mission funding. Associations across the state maximize NCMO funds in a variety of ways to launch new ministries and expand their reach to people who need to know Christ. The following selected reports are not an exhaustive list of how

NCMO funds are used by all the associations in North Carolina but gives an idea about how the funds are used to address a variety of mission endeavors.

**Tom Lamkin, Sandhills** -- Sandhills Baptist Association will be using the NCMO funds for both local missions and work beyond our borders. These funds will support our partnership with the Coalfields Baptist Association of West Virginia and a local church partnership with an unreached people group in East Asia. Funds will also be used to support new ethnic work in our area. The expanding military presence in our region will get expanded ministry support as well through work with military personnel and their families before, during and after deployment.

**Brad Roderick, Piedmont** -- Part of the money we received through the NCMO this year will be dedicated to reaching Hispanics. Over 50,000 Hispanics now live in the area of our association. We are planning, in partnership with several of our churches and the BSCNC, to bring in a catalyst who can help us start multiple reproducing faith communities.

**Bob Lowman, Metrolina** – Metrolina Baptist Association is using the NC Missions Offering funds to help with summer missions, including the work of our three summer missionaries, World Changers Charlotte, and projects in partnership with 4 student groups coming to our area this summer. Those funds also help with the costs of church planting partnerships, as we assist with the starting of congregations including ethnic church plants to reach the many people groups in Charlotte now. These funds, this year and each year, are a vitally important part of the financial support we need to do the Great Commission together as a family of churches in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and to the ends of the earth. Thank you to our churches who gave to the NC Missions Offering, and through that giving, supported the work of their local association.

**Julius Blevins, Stone Mountain** – The funds for the NCMO have been designated to help smaller churches with VBS. This was very successful last year, and we pray it will be this year. Any funds remaining are distributed to the churches for mission projects.

**David Blackburn, Ashe** – The Ashe Baptist Association will use the NCMO Funds for National Day of Prayer, Hispanic Mission Church and reconstruction of Amphitheater Theater at the Ashe Baptist Campground.

**Gary Holland, Macon** – Macon Association does a carnival ministry at the end of May with the carnival workers. We also give scholarships to help with mission trips. We also do world changers in July.

**Dr. Lon Chenowith, Sandy Run** – Sandy Run Baptist Association principally utilizes the offering to encourage pastors and pastoral staff by purchasing resources for them. We invest back into leadership by buying books and at times study Bibles that pastors would not ordinarily purchase for themselves. Many of these are bi-vocational pastors. We also applied it to saturation evangelism and website work on a smaller scale.

**Dennis Shaw, Yadkin** – Our testimonial is the same each year. We use the funds, approximately \$2000 each year, to encourage our folks to go on an international Mission trip. We try to give up to \$200 per applicant to help with the cost for a VISA, passport or shots that they may need. We feel that if we can help them on their first trip that they will want to go on other trips!

**Dr. Eric D. Cook, Union** -- One of the ways the UBA will be using the NCMO funds is to sponsor a large youth gathering we have each year. The gathering is called "The Event" and this year we will have close to 600 youth attending. This year's gathering will focus on discipleship training with an emphasis on evangelism. We also have directed some of the funds to strengthen our church planting efforts. Also, out NC Baptist Men ministry endeavors have benefited from the NCMO offering.

**South Mountain** – These funds go into our mission projects. This year it will help support our Annual Mission Team Trip to Oak Island in June. It is used to help buy supplies needed for VBS, handyman ministries, etc.

**Randolph** – Some of the NCMO monies that came back to Randolph Baptist Association have already been used to build a handicap ramp for a man in his 90's. Plans are to use some of the money toward helping keep the ministry trailer supplied and in good condition. We may also use some toward a Tent Revival we are planning to host in August.

**Richard Weeks, Eastern** – Your diligent prayers and generous financial support allow the EBA to assist 51 churches and seven missions as they reach Duplin, Sampson, and Wayne Counties for Christ and make an eternal impact. This year we plan on using the 10% from the NCMO by dividing it among several of our ministries such as; wheelchair ramps ministry, children's and youth ministry. We have plans to involve our children and youth in several summer mission opportunities.

**South Yadkin** – The South Yadkin Baptist Association uses the NCMO funds to purchase Bibles which are distributed through our Toy Store Ministry, Fair Ministry, and through the weekly ministry of the SYBA Food and Clothes Closet.

**Marty Childers, Yates** – Thank you to both North Carolina Baptist for giving to the States Mission offering and the State Convention for giving back to the local associations. It is a great example of the Baptist distinctive of cooperation. This year we will be using part of the funds to help language work here in the Durham-Chapel Hill area. Almost 1/4 of the population in our association speak another language other than English when they go home at night and the vast majority do not know Jesus. Because of this offering we hope to see that change.

**Joe Cappar, New River** – We always divide those funds among 3 or more efforts in our Association. Nearly half of the funds will go to our Association-wide summer mission trip to West Virginia. This provides opportunity for members of smaller churches that do not conduct mission trips or individuals who are unable to attend whatever mission trip their church may be doing. NCMO funds help us to keep the cost per person lower, which, of course, allows greater participation. About 30% of the funds will go to Training -- Associational staff training and leadership development training. This allows greater opportunity for short-term training opportunities for staff or members of our ministry action teams. About 15% of the funds will assist our Ministers' Conference to provide seminar topics that otherwise would not be possible. For example -- this month, May, we will partner with the local community hospital to provide a seminar open to the clergy of our entire community on the topic of End-of-Life Issues. The remaining percentage, this year, will go to Future Ministry Projects. Currently, our primary Future Ministry Project is addressing Pocket of Lostness #69, which is in our New River Mission Field.

**Mike Miller, Transylvania** – The funds are primarily used for materials to serve the churches and pastors in revitalization. Funds are also used for various other budget needs. The funds are much appreciated and needed in the Transylvania Baptist Association.

Associations across the state are engaging in the strategy to impact lostness through a disciple-making culture. Though the population may be concentrated more densely in the metropolitan areas, the percentage of lostness in relationship to population numbers is just as high in rural areas. Clusters of associations in the less populated rural areas are working together to develop regional strategies by working together to impact their context.

Church and Community Ministry personnel in the associations continue to provide a valuable ministry by enlisting, organizing and empowering volunteers to be engaged daily with the ministry of feeding, clothing and sharing Jesus with people who have lost jobs, homes and hope. Following is just a few examples but there are many more stories in the field of service. Norma Melton, Church and Community Minister (CCM) in the Buncombe Baptist Association, facilitates the joint effort of eight sister associations in ministering to carnival and fair workers at the Mountain State Fair with continued success. Each year they engage in ministries involving food, clothing, medical, dental and hair cutting that result in trusting relationships and professions of faith. Another CCM, Randolph Wilson in the Northeast Region, continues to lead volunteers and teams throughout their area to address the need of sub-standard housing and handicap issues. Charles Reed, CCM in Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association, offers resources to hurting families with food, clothing, medical and financial needs through donations, grants and contributions from corporations, businesses, churches and individuals.

Bivocational ministry presents its own set of challenges. Reaching out and connecting to bivocational ministers has proven difficult but extremely necessary since these ministers do have the option to participate in many opportunities offered for their benefit. Bivocational Ministries shifted from a state-wide retreat in the central part of the state to regional retreats that bring the opportunities closer to the field of ministry of the bivocational ministers. We have also elected to include smaller membership church ministers in any of the events we offer. All ministers who serve churches with 125 or less on average worship attendance are invited to participate. There are differences between the bivocational and fully funded small church minister but the issues regarding church development are virtually the same. Our first regional retreat was offered at Fruitland Baptist Bible College in October 2016. Perry Brindley served as the point person to help plan and promote the event. The officers of the NC Baptist Bivocational Ministers Association also participated in the planning and execution of the retreat. Our theme was, "*Built to Last.*" Sessions were offered addressing *Build a Solid Spiritual Foundation*, *Build a Strong Marriage*, *Build a Durable Ministry* and *Build a Kingdom Focused Church*. The BSCNC has about 1,400 churches with bivocational staff but the number of churches significantly increases when you add in all with 125 or less in average worship attendance. Our focus is on the smaller membership churches and ministers. North Carolina Bivocational Ministries also relates to the national resourcing body known as the Bivocational and Small Church Leadership Network, which host an annual meeting at various locations across the United States.

Many associational missionaries, church planters, strategic coordinators, pastors and church staff utilize the demographic services provided by the Convention to map their areas of ministry. MissionInsite is a vital and valuable tool for locating and identifying unreached people as well as developing and implementing an intentional outreach strategy. For instance, Associational missionaries from all over the state are beginning to learn and use the tool to train pastors to survey ministry and mission needs in their ministry context. Invaluable information is available in understanding the people they are targeting (or will target) with the gospel. We encourage ministers to begin discovering just how many layers of information this tool has to help them better reach the lost, make disciples, and plant new churches. This information not only has given basic demographics on their target but through the Mosaics has enabled them to understand these people's likes, dislikes and preference in life and in matters relating to Christ and church. Associational Partnership continues the search for person to train as trainers of

MissionInsite in your local setting who have a passion for demographic studies and touching the unreached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am indebted to and grateful for Shirley Sells, Executive Assistant in CPMP, and Lauren McCall, AP Ministry Assistant, who continues to be a proven, skilled and invaluable asset in providing training to those who are interested in utilizing MissionInsite.

Plotting of a church's membership is an effective way to help churches discover clusters of their own people who live in areas they are trying to reach. These people can be used to begin reaching their own communities with the gospel. The additional benefit of being able to compare a congregation's demographics to their community or target area is invaluable in better understanding the best way to prepare the soil of the hearts of the people for the sowing of the precious seed of the gospel. Discovering how alike or different from the congregation those who are being focused on are will help them develop a strategy that best fits how to discover real needs. We have barely scratched the surface in how much this tool will assist our churches in impacting lostness that results in disciples. I, for one, am grateful to the Convention for making available to every church such a valuable resource.

Associational partnerships remain the contact point for associations applying to host an On Mission Connections (OMC) or World Missions event. We provide connection and contact information regarding available missionaries who serve or have served with the North American Mission Board, the International Mission Board and State Convention staff. OMCs offer an opportunity to raise awareness of and initiate connections with unreached peoples with the intention of a long-term partnership.

Our goal is to work closely with our associations to encourage, resource and produce healthy churches and stronger associations as we seek to become the strongest force in the history of this Convention for reaching people with the gospel.

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**2017 REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION**

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation after almost 100 years remains the same, to impact lostness by “generating an increased awareness of Christian stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding Baptist churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis.” In 2016, the Foundation was blessed in its efforts to accomplish this mission as:

- 50 new accounts were established, the majority of which will permanently support Kingdom work in North Carolina and around the world
- Gifts to all accounts totaled \$4,206,225.58
- A total of \$9,365,842.26 was distributed (\$7,610,978.97 to mission endeavors and \$1,754,863.29 to individuals through charitable trusts)
- Assets under management at the end of 2016 totaled \$146.3 million
- 42 grants were made to special ministry endeavors totaling \$128,075.00
- 177 presentations were made to NC Baptist churches, associations, and other denominational entities by Foundation staff
- NC Baptist Financial Services had 73 church loans totaling \$41.35 million at the end of 2016
- The outstanding Certificates of Participation balance stood at \$35.8 million. Today the Foundation manages 2,279 accounts, 1,421 of which are permanent endowments benefitting 547 different ministries on a permanent basis. In its 96-year history, the NC Baptist Foundation has distributed \$129.6 million to ministry and \$51.7 million to individuals through charitable trusts for a total distribution of \$181.3 million. In 2015, the Foundation joined with the Baptist State Convention in a new scholarship ministry offering awards to NC Baptist students attending an NC Baptist college or university. Based on both need and academic achievement, 123 scholarships were awarded for the 2017-18 academic year totaling \$252,500.00. Including other scholarships, a total of \$280,500.00 was awarded. Applications for scholarships are available online each year from January 1 to February 15. The Foundation staff is always available to assist NC Baptist individuals and churches who want to make a lasting impact for the Kingdom.



## Baptist Children's Homes *of* NORTH CAROLINA

**2017 Report: July 2016 – June 2017**  
**A Message from BCH President Michael C.**

### **Blackwell**

In the summer of 2016, I received a stunning message that depicted the desperate journey — both figurative and physical — of three siblings who had just come into Baptist Children's Homes' care. A nine-year-old boy packed a small bag, took his three-year-old and five-year-old sisters by their hands and led them out of their family home and away from a world filled with abuse. The boy didn't know where to go. All he knew was he had to save his sisters. Not long afterward, a deputy spotted the siblings walking along the highway. The boy, dressed appropriately in his Superman shirt, told the stunned officer, "Please take me and my sisters to foster care. We can't live with our mom and stepdad anymore."

Within a matter of hours, these precious children were given a compassionate refuge at Baptist Children's Homes. This nine-year-old big brother succeeded in his mission to rescue his little sisters. And at Baptist Children's Homes, he met his own Savior when his cottage parents introduced him to Jesus. *(In 2016, 147 of the children and families BCH served made decisions for Christ.)*

It has been 34 years since I accepted the invitation to be President of Baptist Children's Homes. After more than three decades, I am even more inspired by these courageous young people (if that's possible) as well as our ministry's amazing friends.

Your generous support, your prayers, your gifts of time and talents are the reason why we can rescue children, bring hope to families, empower the dreams of developmentally disabled adults, and guide aging adults along their journeys.

Please come alongside us as we continue to fulfill the vision of ***sharing hope...changing lives*** in the name of Christ. Together we have accomplished much, but the mission continues.

*Michael C. Blackwell Baptist Children's Homes President/CEO*

***Note: Dr. Blackwell's story is the feature of the 2017 Annual Offering. Please pray about your church's participation. For more information and to schedule a speaker, call 336-474-1209 and visit [www.bchoffering.org](http://www.bchoffering.org).***

### **Greater Vision Outreach Ministry Launched**

BCH has expanded its community outreach to children and families through ***The Bob and Carolyn Tucker Greater Vision Outreach Ministry***, a new statewide endeavor to meet the physical and spiritual needs of working families struggling with poverty. The 10,000-square-foot Tucker Center is being constructed on the Mills Home campus in Thomasville where clients will find food, resources, education and training as well as referrals to a variety of

community-based organizations. The center will offer food items and access to the center's

marketplace where clothes, hygiene products, and a limited amount of furniture will be available through a voucher system. Even though the building is not yet complete, the ministry is operational and has already served more than 8,500 people. Greater Vision is seeking volunteers and partnerships with other non-profits in order to best impact the physical and spiritual needs of the community. **To become involved, contact director Marjorie Rorie at 336-747-0018.**

**New College Ministry Supports Former Foster Care Children HOMEBASE** launched in Fall 2016 at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. Located at the campus's former Baptist Student Union building, the new ministry grew out of a need to aid students who have been wards of the state, orphaned, aged out of foster care or even homeless. Many of these students drop out of college because they do not have families they can depend upon for even basic necessities. **HOMEBASE** helps students develop life skills, creates social opportunities, meets physical needs and provides emotional and spiritual support throughout their college experience. Director and former pastor Jim Dean oversees the center and supports Western Carolina students including some who have been in Baptist Children's Homes' care. **For more information, contact director Jim Dean at 828-508-0035.**

#### **NC Baptists Share Faith, Raise Support through "Ride to Clyde"**

For the second straight year, motorcyclists roared across the state for "Ride to Clyde" — a North Carolina Baptist charity ride supporting Baptist Children's Homes. Stretching from Oak Island to Clyde, the mountain community that inspired the ride's name, 97 bikers traveled the 460-mile route from May 11-13, 2017. Along the way, bikers visited boys and girls at three of BCH's locations and shared the gospel throughout their journey. The ride ended at BCH's Broyhill Home in Clyde where the bikers announced they raised \$32,379. Including donations received in the days after the ride, the final total reached \$33,550. Ride to Clyde 2018 will be May 10-12. **Visit [www.bchnc.org/ridetoclyde](http://www.bchnc.org/ridetoclyde)**

#### **Fancy Finds Upscale Resale Shop Opens**

In fall 2016, BCH opened **Fancy Finds**, an upscale resale shop — the first of its kind for the organization. **Fancy Finds** creatively repurposes gently-used furniture and home décor items, most of them donated, and sells them to generate proceeds for BCH's statewide ministries. **Fancy Finds** also offers estate sales and downsizing services. The store is located at Mills Home in Thomasville and is open the first and third Friday and Saturday of each month. **Visit [www.fancyfinds.org](http://www.fancyfinds.org).**

#### **NCBAM's AAIM Events Encourage, Inspire, and Educate**

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry's (NCBAM) **AAIM** program continues to grow and inspire leaders of aging adult groups across the state. **Aging Adults Innovating Ministry** is an outreach of NCBAM that holds an annual roundup each spring as well as regional gatherings each fall.

The 2016 Fall Gatherings were held in Thomasville, Greenville and Asheville. Leaders of aging adults were encouraged in their service to their church's aging members as well as informed about the many ministry opportunities available with aging adults in their communities.

Titled *“The Family of God,”* the May 2017 AAIM Roundup focused on the special needs of caregivers and the role of the church in supporting them. More than 150 senior adult ministers, lay leaders, and church members were in attendance. Alan Blume, editor/president of the *Biblical Recorder*, provided the keynote address. Beth Harris, a minister’s wife who has walked the caregivers’ journey, provided the closing address.

Following four early-bird sessions, the agenda also included special music as well as opportunities to visit with select vendors and a “parade of churches.” Exhibiting churches shared innovative ways they are helping frail aging adults and their caregivers.

As a result of the AAIM outreach, ministries and outreaches of churches and Associations to aging adults are being strengthened. Following last fall’s regional gathering in Asheville, the **Buncombe Baptist Association (BBA)** partnered with NCBAM to form the **BBA’s Senior Adult Leaders Group**. Norma Melton, church and community missions director for the BBA is enthusiastic about the new Leaders Group. “This partnership will be a blessing to the churches in the Buncombe Association and their senior adult ministries. There is great strength in partnering together.”

#### **Serving Developmentally Disabled Adults – Stephen**

Stephen was one of the first four men to call Davis House “home” on March 10, 2003. For the forty-three-year-old, it was the first time to ever live apart from his family.

“My husband Dean and I knew that we would not always be able to care for Stephen,” says Martha Trivette, Stephen’s 89-year-old mother. “Davis House has been the way we prepared Stephen for the future.”

The Trivettes live in Winston-Salem not far from where Stephen lives now. He visits with his mom, dad and sister Nancy on weekends and holidays. Baptist Children’s Homes (BCH) Developmental Disabilities Ministry operates nine group homes for adults with special needs helping them to achieve goals and their highest level of independence.

*“I have two homes,” Stephen says. “I live with my friends here, but I see my family a lot, too.”* Living at Davis House he actively participates at The Enrichment Center – a Forsyth County day program that aids in independent living – goes on trips with his housemates to restaurants and the occasional shopping outing – the dollar store is a favorite stop. *“I’m thankful for my friends and family,” Stephen shares. “I’m thankful that I am able to live here.”*

Trivette agrees with her son. She says that as a North Carolina Baptist, she knew BCH could be trusted. *“I have had peace of mind since day one. Anytime I feel the need to visit, I am always welcomed.”*

**Learn more about the Developmental Disabilities Ministry at [www.hereismyhome.org](http://www.hereismyhome.org)**

#### **Baptist Children’s Homes of North Carolina**

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## North Carolina Baptist Agencies Reports

### **NC Baptist Hospital/Wake Forest Baptist\* Medical Center 2017 Report To Baptist Associations In North Carolina**

#### **North Carolina Baptist Hospital – A Mission to Care. A Mission to Cure**

In 1919, God inspired leaders of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina with a vision to build a hospital that would extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Expert medical care and compassion for patients and families were core values for the 88-bed hospital that opened in 1923 in Winston-Salem.

In 2017, the legacy of these founders continues to unfold through Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center a fully integrated academic medical center. **Wake Forest Baptist Health** includes **North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Brenner Children’s Hospital, Wake Forest Innovations, and Wake Forest Innovation Quarter**, on urban research and technology park. A network of affiliated community based hospitals, physician practices, outpatient services and other medical facilities are also included. Wake Forest School of Medicine is ranked among the nation’s best medical schools.

Today the system has 1004 acute care and rehabilitation beds and includes **Wake Forest Baptist Health-Lexington Medical Center, Wake Forest Baptist Health-Davie Medical Center, and Wake Forest Baptist Health-Wilkes Medical Center**, as well as clinics, diagnostic centers, and other primary and specialty care facilities serving 22 counties in northwest North Carolina and southwest Virginia.

#### **Dr. Julie Ann Freischlag, M.D., Named New Chief Executive Officer**

On February 14, 2017, Dr. Julie Ann Freishschlag, was named as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Medical Center beginning May 1, succeeding Dr. John McConnell, CEO since 2008. He transitioned to a new position in the Medical Center in May. Dr. Freischlag will oversee the full scope of the academic health system, the School of Medicine, Wake Forest Baptist Health, Wake Forest Innovations, Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, the network of hospitals, physicians practices and medical/surgical services.

Dr. Freischlag, in her words, “*a wife, mother, vascular surgeon, researcher, and administrative leader*” came to the Medical Center from Sacramento, California, where she was Vice Chancellor for Human Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of California Davis. She previously served as the chair of the department of surgery/surgeon-in-chief at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

#### **The Mother’s Day Offering – A Source of Hope**

The theme for the 2017 Mother’s Day Offering was, “*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*” Hebrews 13:16 (ESV).

North Carolina Baptists have been sharing what they have by giving to this offering since 1924 to help patients at Baptist Hospital facing frightening financial burdens due to hospitalization. These gifts truly make a life-changing difference in so many lives.

People like Laura Clark, a happy health working mother of two daughters; a former athlete and wife to a busy police detective who suddenly developed a deadly heart condition. An Ambulance ride to the hospital, a week in intensive care, another emergency treatment seven months later and the skyrocketing medical bills and escalating worries over money took its toll. Her husband worked a lot of off-duty weekends and nights to pay the bill and the family never saw him. Laura said, “*We felt hopeless.*”

But their hope was restored when their bill was paid by the Mother's Day Offering. *"It was like the biggest burden was lifted from our heads. It was unbelievable. I cried for two days."* She said. *"My husband didn't have to work so much. My girls and I see him again. It was like God was saying, "you've been through so much, here. We fell so blessed."*

The Mother's Day Offering changed Laura's life. Please visit [www.mothersdayoffering.org](http://www.mothersdayoffering.org) to see her story and other recipient's stories.

Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for your gifts to the Mother's Day Offering in the name of Jesus Christ.

### **FaithHealthNC – A Partnership of Compassion**

FaithHealthNC helps ease the journey to health and healing for people and the communities in which they live. It does this by connecting the caring strengths of congregations, the expertise of medical providers, and a network of community resources. A major component of our "ground game" in FaithHealthNC is the work of our Connectors – local, trusted individuals who have earned respect and credibility in the local areas. They find ways to "open doors" of contact with congregations to identify and enlist volunteers to become FaithHealth partners and Connectors identify community resources to improve health. Connectors work with volunteers from congregations to take neighbors to medical appointments, help them run errands, help them find food, offer prayer and encouragement and all kinds of simple acts that make a giant difference.

Our work with Baptist Associations will expand in 2017-2018 as we identify target Associations where we will place Connectors. We will work with Directors of Missions to look at the future integration of FaithHealthNC across NC, much like we did as we launched FaithHealthNC in 2012 in western NC. The support we receive from the Baptist State Convention of NC Cooperative Program Missions Giving Budget provides the funds to make this expansion possible. For this we are profoundly grateful. Please visit [www.faithhealthnc.org](http://www.faithhealthnc.org) to learn more about our ministry.

### **CareNet, Inc. – Lifting Spirits, Holding Hope**

For over forty years the Baptist State Convention has pioneered a unique, one-of-a-kind partnership with a mental health ministry that reaches across 70 North Carolina counties. In that span of time it is estimated that over a 250,000 North Carolinians have been touched by this ministry of hope, healing and growth. The care of the mind, body, spirit and community is a hallmark of the Division of Faith and Health Ministries of which CareNet is a part and a witness to the extraordinary vision of the BSCNC to attend to the whole life of the disciples of Jesus. The following is a snapshot of this past fiscal year and the unique work being done by CareNet counselors enabled by the generosity of the Convention. It highlights how this shared ministry of the Convention continues to innovate and go where we think healthcare is going.

**Wilkes Region** – The town where our newest Wake forest Baptist hospital is located, this center is ground zero for trauma associated with substance use in North Carolina. We have a counselor in a homeless center and have plans to locate counselors in local primary care offices along with a closer alignment with the local hospital that is now part of our family.

**Marion Region** -- Our newest center in the network (2016) enables us to reach further west in rural NC communities where access to mental health and substance use services are sparse. In a turbulent policy environment where behavioral health is already reimbursed well below its cost, the partnership with the Baptist State Convention is a beacon of hope and a welcome respite for tired and weary souls who cannot incur the full costs of services. We are confident our mission of mental health which impacts one out of five Americans will continue to thrive as we develop new and innovative forms of care that touch the mind, body, spirit and community. Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for standing with and for the

broken, despondent, tired and hopeless who are given the opportunity through sensitive and compassionate care in 35 CareNet locations to reclaim life, love and hope.

### **Chaplaincy and Clinical Ministries**

The Clinical Pastoral Education program allows Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center chaplains to provide spiritual and supportive care to patients, their loved ones and staff of the Medical Center. Chaplains serve in several capacities, including a 24-hour, on-call ministry within the hospital, helping people with a range of medical, emotional, and spiritual needs. The CPE educational program is one of the oldest and largest in the nation, and offers a variety of programs, including some in community-based settings.

One of our newest Chaplains spent over 25 years with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department as their Chaplain. He is now our Chaplain to First Responders. Other new Chaplains are the Manager of Spiritual Care Services at Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, Wake Forest Baptist Health-Davie Medical Center, and Wake Forest Baptist Health- Wilkes Medical Center.

### **Center for Congregational Health – Opening Doors to Hope and Wholeness**

Congregations are experiencing unprecedented changes and with these changes, strategic opportunities. Since its inception, the Center for Congregational Health (CCH) has sought to assist churches. However, just as congregations have experienced great change so has the CCH. As a self-supporting ministry of the Hospital, CCH has refined and refocused its role in the FaithHealth strategy. The CCH plays a key role in supporting, encouraging and strengthening congregations and thus extends the Medical Center's mission of health and healing beyond the hospital's walls. During the past fiscal year, the Center has provided a variety of consulting, coaching, and training ministries supporting clergy, lay leaders, congregations, and the FaithHealth movement itself. Faith Communities and the volunteers from those communities form the backbone of the FaithHealth movement. CCH staff and professional coaches in the Center's coaching network provided coaching for approximately 30 ongoing clients. Consultants work with congregations in the areas of re-visioning strategic planning, conflict management, pastoral and staff transitions, church mergers, and the challenges of financial sustainability.

CCH staff work directly with the FaithHealth congregations and clergy in the 22-county service area and beyond. As part of the FaithHealth Ministries Division, we provide service and training to the Clinical Pastoral Education residents and interns. The CCHJ staff often refers clients to CareNet or other Medical Center services.

### **Additional Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Highlights:**

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center was ranked in 2016 by US News and World Report among the nation's best hospitals in five adult medicine areas: Cancer (19<sup>th</sup>), Nephrology (25<sup>th</sup>), Ear, Nose, and Throat (35<sup>th</sup>) and Neurology & Neurosurgery (46<sup>th</sup>)

325 physicians are listed in the ***Best Doctors in America***.

**Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center** also holds the "*Gold Seal of Approval*" from the Joint Commission, the nation's independent esteemed standards setting and accrediting body for healthcare quality.

**The Comprehensive Cancer Center** has had its designation by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) renewed for five years. It is 1 of 3 NCI centers in North Carolina and one of 46 in the country.

**Benner Children's Hospital**, the pediatric arm of the Medical Center, received verification as a Level 1 pediatric trauma center by the American College of Surgeons (ACS). It is one of only 51 Level 1 pediatric trauma centers in the country and the only one in our region and 1 of three in North Carolina.

**The School of Medicine, the Bowman Gray Center for Medical Education**, relocated to its new facility in the fall of 2016. The building, located in the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, is a former R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Manufacturing Plant.

Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for partnering with us for over nine decades to continue to carry out the health care mission envisioned in the minds of those who believed there should be a place to extend the healing ministry of Jesus. It is a privilege we hold as sacred. We are blessed by you and grateful for your financial and prayerful support.

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