

HISTORIAN REPORT

March 5, 2013

The 44th session of our Annual Conference was entertained by Harvest Church in Billings. Pastor Vern Streeter and staff did a great job in facilitating. They gave us a spiritual setting and excellent accommodations for a great Annual Conference.

Two special papers were presented and accepted unanimously declaring the Vision and Values for Western Conference that need to be reviewed regularly. The vision is to see healthy, life-giving, prevailing and multiplying pastors and churches. The purpose for this is to develop a conference of churches existing for the benefit of assisting in resourcing each local church in order to reach their God given potential.

The core values underline the efforts to produce, with the help of God, healthy, life-giving churches, healthy life-giving pastors and leadership teams (*individuals who know the heart of God, know what to do and are willing to do it at all costs*) with a goal of establishing a mindset with all new congregations and established churches. This will include “mentoring”. A) Properly assessing all individuals involved in ministry on the local and conference level, B) strategic coaching of church planters, as well as redeveloping and restarting churches, and C) the continual training/equipping of all ministry and personnel. The report gives the reason as being to motivate us to truly become a multiplying conference, all for the glory of God!

The purpose given for our conference of churches working together was to “produce a synergism whereby the whole is greater than the sum of its parts in expanding the kingdom in the local area, state, and world”.

These documents, to this Historian, set powerful goals for the future of the witness of Christ in and through the Western Conference of the Evangelical Church until the time that our Lord Jesus returns and the churches work will be complete.

Members of the 45th Conference, we can under the power of the Holy Spirit, produce these high goals individually and corporately to the glory of our Living God. As we move closer into the end times, we are going to need each other more and more.