

SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

via not so “Mega” Meeting - October 8, 2013

Members Present: Dale Erbele, Glenn Ewert, Jay Forseth, Superintendent Steve Strutz, Marc Johnson and Dan Morgan

Welcome/Introduction/Prayer/Devotions—PREPARE from General Superintendent Brian Eckhardt

Hearing the heartbeat of our Superintendent (and wife):

- *Conference – PTL for Circle and Absarokee; Transitions for retiring pastors coming soon; Currently supporting Fallon with NCD help; Changes in annual conference are exciting.
- *Personal – Soul is pretty good; waking up some at night wrestling with conference issues. Personal spiritual “gauges” are positive though.
- *Family – Janice doing well (Travelled to CA together). Youngest daughter married this summer.
- *Check in on last year’s Green Light Thinking:
 1. Encourage a quarterly Regional Overseer meeting by web—see below
 2. Encourage Prayer Board to pick back up the intercessor prayer ministry
 3. Steve requests help in helping him assist our churches to be more effective

WHEREAS, our committee and Faith E work together on the support package for **Steve, BE IT RESOLVED** we would like to carry the same 2014 2% COLA increase for Superintendent Strutz’s salary, retroactive September 1, 2013. **SIMILARLY**, the same increase for conference office staff.

Superintendent Election at Annual Conference 2013 - no new names submitted - Steve has agreed to run again. **Therefore, there will be an open ballot vote, according to Discipline guidelines, for the next four year term for Western Conference Superintendent, to be held at Annual Conference November 4-6 at Faith E.**

The new chair for this committee will be the new Conference Chairman. New committee members will need to be secured as Webb Mandeville and Bill Howey will cycle off as lay members. Dan Morgan will come to Annual Conference with a recommendation for Wyoming. Jay Forseth will come with a recommendation for Montana. Glenn Ewert will continue as lay member for North Dakota.

Superintendent Strutz will gather all the Regional Overseers together to discuss the current stipend situation to see if adjustments should be made. This will help further the discussion about possible stipends for doing other conference business like assessments.

WHEREAS the Western Conference is currently working in the part-time superintendent paradigm that has both strengths and weaknesses, and **WHEREAS** we are interested in both the health of our Superintendent and the strength of our Conference, **BE IT RESOLVED** we budget for 2014 for up to a half-time Assistant Superintendent chosen by the Conference Superintendent and supported by the Superintendent Relations Committee for a two year trial period. Further rationale and actual budget are to follow from Jay after meeting with Steve Strutz.

We are praying for our Superintendent and wife, and would encourage the entire Conference to do so regularly!

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Forseth
Conference Chairman