

# **SDB Council on Ministry**

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## **2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **COM Members During 2015-2016**

TERMS ENDING 2016

**Gabriel Graffius**, *Chairman* (Raritan Valley SDB Church; Bridgewater, NJ)

**Patti Wethington** (White Cloud SDB Church; White Cloud, MI)

TERMS ENDING 2017

**Rev. Steven Osborn** (Boulder SDB Church; Boulder, CO)

**Rev. Matthew Olson** (Berlin SDB Church; Berlin, NY)

TERMS ENDING 2018

**Rev. Carl Greene**, (First SDB Church of Hebron; Coudersport, PA)

**Ericessen Cooper**, (New York City SDB Church; Brooklyn, NY)

### **Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services**

**Rev. John J. Pethtel**

### **Dean of the School of Ministry**

**Rev. Nicholas J. Kersten**

### **Former Deans and Directors of Pastoral Services**

Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, 1963-1969

Rev. Rex A. Zwiebel, 1970-1974

Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, 1974-1981

Rev. J. Paul Green, 1981-1987

Rev. Rodney L. Henry, 1988-1999

Rev. Gabriel Bejjani, 1999-2003

Rev. Gordon P. Lawton, 2004-2014

The work of the SDB Council on Ministry is divided into three areas: School of Ministry, Pastoral/Church Services, and Church Development.

### **Purpose of the Council on Ministry**

The purpose of the SDB Council on Ministry is to develop healthy leaders and healthy churches for the SDB General Conference. It will do that through the training, connecting, and resourcing leaders and churches for the work of actively advancing God's Kingdom.

### **School of Ministry Purposes**

- 1) Provide pastoral education to those called by God and our churches to gospel ministry.
- 2) Provide for continuing education opportunities to pastors serving our churches.

### **Pastoral/Church Services Purposes**

- 1) Provide encouragement and guidance for those who are considering church leadership.
- 2) Provide for camaraderie, knowledge-sharing, mentoring and mutual support among pastors.
- 3) Consult with churches without pastors and pastors without churches.
- 4) Assist churches and pastors in the licensing, ordination, accreditation, and endorsement processes.
- 5) Provide programs and resources that result in healthy leaders and healthy churches.

### **Church Development Purposes**

- 1) Counsel with pastors and churches in conflict.
- 2) Encourage our churches to examine themselves for health.
- 3) Encourage our churches to participate in the work of starting new churches.
- 4) Provide new contacts information about SDBs.
- 5) Assist churches who wish to identify as SDB with tools and resources to join the Conference.
- 6) Provide resources to churches and/or leaders who wish to start or revitalize SDB churches.

## **NEW STRUCTURE**

COM plans on moving toward a five-member council with each member serving a five-year term after the 2017 General Conference sessions. Beginning in January 2016, COM started tackling its workload with five subcommittees made of volunteers who have passion and/or knowledge in the work that they are undertaking. Those subcommittees are: Credentials/Recruitment, Pastoral/Church Services, Church Planting Task Force, Church Revitalization Task Force, and School of Ministry.

## **SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**

### **Seminary Education Program**

COM assists students admitted to the Seminary Education Program through financial support, encouragement, mentoring, and counseling. While examining our strategy to train and educate pastors over the last year, we placed a freeze on admissions into the Seminary Education Program. In 2015-2016, there were nine students in this program:

- JOSHUA MICHAELS, Pastor of C.A.R.E.S. Fellowship and a member of the Berlin SDB Church, has graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, MA.
- DARWIN STEELE, Lead Pastor of SpringsLife Church, has graduated from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA.
- JOHNMARK CAMENGA, Pastor of the Lost Creek SDB Church, is attending Asbury Theological Seminary

in Wilmore, KY.

- BRENT HANNAH, Pastor of the Salem SDB Church, is attending Palmer Theological Seminary WV Extension in Ripley, WV.
- OMARI RHODEN, a Pastor of the First SDB Church of Toronto SDB Church, is attending Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, ON.
- CONLIEF LYONS, a member of the First SDB Church of Toronto, is attending Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, ON.
- PHILIP LAWTON, Assistant Pastor of the Shiloh SDB Church, is attending North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL.

### **Summer Institute 2015: SDB History**

Five students gathered together in person at the SDB Center from August 9-14, 2015 to complete the course with classroom instruction, interaction with other students, presentations, and completion of their SDB History paper. Janet Thorngate, President of the Council on History, was the main instructor and was assisted by Nick Kersten, Director of Education and History.

### **Summer Institute 2016: SDB Polity and Applied Ecclesiology**

Eight students began reading, writing, and posting to a class website in February 2016. They will gather together in person at the SDB Center from August 14-19, 2016 to complete the course with classroom instruction, interaction with other students, presentations, and completion of their Ministry Portfolio. Nick Kersten, Director of Education and History, and John Pethtel, Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services, are serving as co-instructors.

### **Rev. Charles H. and Margaret S. Bond Seminary Scholarship**

In 1996, the family and friends of the Rev. Charles Bond (1915-1996) began a fund “to perpetuate both the memory and the ministry of this dedicated Christian who spent his earthly life spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ from parish pulpits, in religious camps, and in many homes and communities throughout the SDB Denomination.” The Bond Seminary Scholarship was awarded to Brent Hannah in 2015.

### **T.I.M.E.**

The purpose of the Training in Ministry by Extension (T.I.M.E.) program is to provide theological and ministry training for pastors and church planters who are already serving SDB churches, but are not able to attend seminary or Bible college. We are not currently accepting any further T.I.M.E. students and will complete current students training through T.I.M.E. or transition them into the SDB-U.

In 2015-2016, there were three students enrolled in this program.

- SAUL ALONZO, Pastor of Gracia sobre Gracia and a member of the Central SDB Church
- EDSON BARRETT, Assistant Pastor of the Philadelphia SDB Church
- ERICESSEN COOPER, Pastor of the New York City SDB Church

### **SDB-U**

For the past several years, COM has been evaluating its training programs, including the T.I.M.E. program and our Seminary Education program. With the costs of education rising and students finding it increasingly difficult to complete the programs, along with ever changing ministry conditions, it was clear that our training philosophy needed to be overhauled.

Through conversations with the Christian Education Council, we discussed our broader shared goals in educating and equipping SDB leaders and pastors, and concluded that a joint initiative which focused on

training adult leaders would be the best response to these changing times.

As a result, beginning in the Fall of 2016, we will be starting SDB University, or SDB-U. This program is the result of those ongoing discussions and will focus on training leaders through a series of certificate level programs administered by COM and the CEC. This training will help our leaders in serving their local church, exploring pastoral ministry, becoming a lead pastor in a church, and mentoring other pastors.

The CEC will focus on the broad training of our people, including lay leaders, while COM's focus will be on training pastoral leaders who have already completed the CEC's programs (or similar programs from other institutions). The new pastoral training programs which are part of the new SDB-U initiative will be taught by SDBs using online training methods.

### **Continuing Education**

As part of COM's ongoing commitment to training and equipping leaders, we have long encouraged pastors and leaders to pursue education beyond their most recent completed degree or credential. Two years ago, the stakes on continuing education increased as it became a requirement for accreditation renewal for pastors. As part of this commitment, we have provided grants to aid in continuing education experiences for pastors for everything from day seminars to Doctoral studies, and that work continues up to the present. Rev. Steven James and Rev. John J. Pethel received grants to continue their studies in 2015-2016.

We encourage local churches to aid their pastors and leaders in participating in lifelong learning. Pastors with questions about the programs available or the requirements to apply should contact the Dean of the School of Ministry.

## **PASTORAL SERVICES**

### **Pastoral Search**

Churches without pastoral leadership are encouraged to contact the Director of Pastoral Services to assist them in the process of finding new pastoral leadership. In addition to the Manual of Procedures, he may have useful tools and information to assist churches in their search process. Because pastoral leadership is crucial to healthy churches, we want to be praying for pastors in all of our churches and encourage those who are called to pastoral leadership to serve.

The following persons have been called to pastoral ministry during 2015-2016:

- LEVI BOND, Portland Area SDB Church
- ANDREW CAMENGA, German SDB Church
- GLENN DENMAN, Central Washington SDB Church
- GABRIEL GRAFFIUS, Raritan Valley SDB Church
- PHILIP LAWTON, Shiloh SDB Church
- DANIEL LOVELACE, First SDB Church of Hopkinton
- LUIS LOVELACE, Metro Atlanta SDB Church
- ROBERT METZ, Middle Island SDB Church
- GARFIELD MILLER, West Palm Beach SDB Church
- DARWIN STEELE, SpringsLife Church

### **Recruitment**

We are seeking out those who are called to serve in their local church or in the mission field. There is a great harvest with new churches to be planted, mission fields to be served, and established churches

needing leadership. If you know of any gifted or talented individuals that need encouragement to pursue ministry, please contact the Director of Pastoral Services.

### **Licensing**

For over two centuries, SDB churches have licensed people to “preach” or to “ministry” for two main reasons. One reason is to provide the ability and recognition for someone to perform as a pastor before ordination takes place. The other reason is to encourage someone who feels called to ministry to exercise their pastoral gifts in order for them to be recognized by a congregation. Both of these reasons are still a valid way to express and recognize pastoral calling in a SDB congregation today. If you have questions regarding licensing, please contact the Director of Pastoral Services.

### **Ordination**

Ordination is the recognition of a person by a local SDB congregation as being gifted and called for the pastoral ministry.

The following people were ordained to the gospel ministry in 2015-2016:

- CHARLES MEATHRELL, Metro Atlanta SDB Church (serving at Jacob’s Well Church)
- DARWIN STEELE, Boulder SDB Church

### **Accreditation**

Accreditation is a General Conference recognition of the ministry of an ordained minister in a local SDB church.

COM has worked to address concerns about the meaning of accreditation as a Conference-wide standard of ministry. General Conference has suggested that continuing education, as well as acceptable service in pastoral ministry, should be benchmarks for SDB ministers holding accreditation. This has led to a process where accredited ministers will apply for renewal of their accreditation every five years. These changes have been made to the Manual of Procedure. If you have concerns regarding this process or want to apply for accreditation, please contact the Director of Pastoral Services.

The following ministers were newly accredited in 2015 by vote of the General Conference:

- DAVID FOX, SpringsLife Church
- NICHOLAS KERSTEN, Milton SDB Church
- PAUL MANUEL, German SDB Church
- HELMER UMAÑA, SDB Christian Church

The following ministers had their accreditation renewed in 2015 by vote of the General Conference:

- ROBERT BABCOCK, Marlboro SDB Church
- MATTHEW BERG, Next Step Christian Church
- KENNETH BURDICK, Seattle Area SDB Church
- OSCAR BURDICK, Bay Area SDB Church
- DONALD CHRONIGER, Shiloh SDB Church
- NATHAN CRANDALL, Milton SDB Church
- LELAND DAVIS, Metro Atlanta SDB Church
- RODNEY HENRY, Next Step Christian Church
- MATTHEW OLSON, Berlin SDB Church
- JOHN PETHTEL, SpringsLife Church

## **Endorsement**

COM endorses ministers called to chaplaincy service when needed by the organization the minister serves. The Director of Pastoral Services typically serves as the Endorsing Agent.

The following ministers were endorsed in 2015-2016 by the Director of Pastoral Services:

- MATTHEW BERG, Federal Bureau of Prisons
- JERRY JOHNSON, United States Army

## **Ministry Staff Development Program**

The purpose of the Ministry Staff Development Program “is to provide long-term mentored opportunities in Seventh Day Baptist (SDB) churches for the development of pastoral leaders and assist churches in developing their ministry opportunities and potential.”

The following churches and staff participated in the program in 2015-2016:

- BERLIN SDB CHURCH, ended an extension with Josh Michaels who serves as Pastor of C.A.R.E.S. Fellowship.
- SPRINGSLIFE CHURCH, continues with David Fox who serves as Pastor of Community and Family.
- SHILOH SDB CHURCH, began the program with Philip Lawton who serves as Assistant Pastor.

## **Covenant Eyes**

Covenant Eyes is an accountability software that helps you keep your electronic devices (computers, laptops, tablets, smartphones, etc.) monitored with a partner of your choosing who receives a weekly email digest of questionable websites that you may have visited. This program is designed to help people fight digital temptation but also to help preserve the integrity of a pastor’s ministry and to keep them above reproach. This service is available to anyone serving in SDB ministry for a low cost of \$24 annually. Please contact the Director of Pastoral Services for more details.

## **Pastors Conference**

Our last biennial Pastors Conference was held in Boulder, CO with 51 different pastors or pastor-type people in attendance for a portion of the time. Dr. Gordon MacDonald and our own leaders shared during the sessions about the “Pastor as Leader”.

This type of event builds the collegiality and friendship between our ministers and we want to encourage all of our pastors to be able to attend. Therefore, we are going to try having Pastors Conference for the next three years in a row (2017 at Camp Harley Sutton, 2018 at TBD, 2019 at TBD) to see if that helps these relationships grow or different pastors to be able to participate. Please consider sending your pastor to these events.

## **Regional Pastors Meetings**

Some of our pastors who are geographically located close to each other (within a 4-5 hour drive) have decided to meet on a regular basis for encouragement, accountability, communication, and learning. We would like to encourage our churches and pastors to enable the same type of meetings to happen on a regular basis in their own area. If you have questions about how to get started, contact the Director of Pastoral Services.

## **Pastors and Spouses Luncheon**

Last year at our Pastors and Spouses Luncheon during our General Conference sessions, J.R. Briggs, author of the book, *Fail: Finding Hope and Grace in the Midst of Ministry Failure*, was our guest speaker. This year, our First Lady, Peggy Chroniger, will speak to us about the ministry of pastors

spouses. All pastors and those called to be pastors and their spouses are invited to participate.

### **Study Leave/Sabbatical**

Pastors who have the opportunity to take a spiritual retreat of a few days or a few months come back refreshed and renewed to serve their Lord and His church. We encourage churches to consider allowing a weekend or week (not vacation time) every year for their pastors to pray and plan. We encourage churches to consider giving their pastor up to 3 months off every seven years of service to spend time with family, in personal reflection, and in prayer. COM wants to see this practice take place in our churches more frequently. Contact the Director of Pastoral Services for more information.

### **Pastors to Conference**

The yearly SDB General Conference sessions are a time of networking and renewal for the pastors (and their families) of SDB churches. By providing opportunities for pastors and their families to be involved at our yearly General Conference sessions, relationships and faith are grown and information concerning the activities of SDBs and local churches are shared.

COM wants to encourage our churches to send and support their pastors and their pastors' families' attendance at our yearly General Conference sessions.

It is generally understood that it is the responsibility (and a priority) of each local church to provide time and expenses for their pastor(s) and their family(ies) to attend our yearly General Conference sessions. However, there are churches who may not be able to afford to send their pastor(s) to our yearly General Conference sessions every year. This program exists to support SDB churches in providing this opportunity for their pastor(s). Contact the Director of Pastoral Services for more information

### **Counseling**

There is help for pastors (or pastor families) who are suffering from emotional or relational issues due to the nature of the pastors work in ministry. Contact the Director of Pastoral Services for more information.

## **CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

### **MULTIPLY Church Development Conference**

Last year, 35 people joined us for portions of the inaugural MULTIPLY Church Development Conference. This year the event will take place on October 20-22, 2016 in Colorado Springs, CO. This conference is open to anyone who desires to see renewal and revitalization in their church or desires to see new SDB churches in North America. We are encouraging multiple people from the same church to come and participate. The cost is \$75 if you need lodging. Contact the Director of Church Development for more information.

### **DWELL Online Learning Cohort**

This year two people, Steve Osborn and Chris Galarneau, went through an intense monthly learning cohort designed to help your own spiritual renewal and to lead others through the same process. We are currently looking for people who want to participate in Round 2. Contact the Director of Church Development for more information.

### **Church Planting Challenge**

During the 2015 General Conference sessions, the delegates overwhelmingly approved a Church

Planting Challenge (found below). What is the next step that your church will take in the work of church planting? We are actively working on connecting our established churches with newer ones to partner for Kingdom advancement. Contact the Director of Church Development for more information.

*We challenge every SDB church and fellowship in the US and Canada to prayerfully seek God's will in the area of church planting and to obey God's calling to take a new step of involvement by participating in one or more of the following ways:*

- *Partnering in prayer with an SDB church plant;*
- *Supporting an SDB church plant through finances, lending expertise, or providing manpower;*
- *Sponsoring an SDB church plant, either on their own or in cooperation with other churches.*

### **Update and Overhaul of M.O.R.E. 2000**

The Director of Church Development has begun to interview churches and people who have participated in the M.O.R.E. and C.P.R. programs to gather information to update this program. New materials are also being researched by the Church Revitalization Task Force of COM as to effectiveness for use in revitalization efforts. It is hoped that a pilot of this program (with a different name) might happen with at least 3 churches by Fall 2016. COM is going to encourage all of our churches to participate in this program in the coming years to assess health and begin a healthy evaluative cycle. If your church is interested in starting, contact the Director of Church Development for more information.

### **Crisis/Conflict Intervention or Mediation**

As part of our endeavor to promote healthy churches and understanding that conflict is a part of healthy growth, COM and the Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services are ready to assist any church in need of help with internal communications, church discipline, or mediation on any matter.

### **Church Planting Co-worker Program**

This newly created program was designed to encourage and match up those who desire to serve a SDB Church Plant with a SDB Church Plant to serve. Patty Petersen is serving as our initial project recipient as she is serving at Iglesia Bautista del Séptimo Día Auburn in Auburn, WA. If you are interested in either having someone come to serve at your church plant or going to serve at a church plant, please contact the Director of Church Development for more information.

## **OTHER AREAS OF MINISTRY**

### **COSAR**

The Director of Pastoral Services is the director liaison for the Conference's Committee on Support and Retirement (COSAR). Here are some things that COSAR has been responsible for as it relates to those who serve SDBs in ministry. If you desire more information, please see the COSAR Report to the General Conference.

Elected COSAR members include Eric Rudert (White Cloud SDB Church; White Cloud, MI), Earl Hibbard (Central SDB Church; Mitchellville, MD), and Mark Lewis (Alfred Station SDB Church; Alfred Station, NY). Other members include John Pethel, Jim Goodrich, Ron Ochs, Rob Appel, and Clinton Brown.

The **old retirement program**, sometimes known as PROP, has extended beyond actuarial tables and is in need of continued outside funding to continue to operate for its 10 recipients.

The **new retirement program**, created in response to new tax laws regarding 403b retirement plans which took effect January 1, 2009 is going well.

Pastor **salary guidelines** for 2016 were updated and posted on the website in October. These guidelines are suggestions for churches to support their pastor based upon education, experience, and location. COSAR currently provides **disability insurance** for full-time (over 30 hours per week) pastors. For questions about COSAR, you may contact the Director of Pastoral Services.

### **Hispanic Ministries Council (Concilio de Ministerios Hispanos de la Bautista del Séptimo Día)**

At the end of the 2015 General Conference sessions, our Directors convened a meeting with Spanish-speaking churches that were a part or affiliated with SDBs. The Director of Church Development continued to convene six more meetings over the course of 2015-2016 to continue discussions that were started at the 2015 General Conference sessions.

The result was the Hispanic Ministries Council. The purpose of the Hispanic Ministries Council (HMC) is *to provide a network for Spanish-speaking leaders in North America to communicate with each other and the General Conference concerning the needs for Spanish-speaking ministries and resources.*

Helmer Umaña has been selected as their coordinator and they have committed to meeting for the next two years.

Spanish speakers comprise one of our largest segments of new contacts in recent years and we are excited about doing our best to reach the growing Spanish-speaking population in North America.

### **Document Update and Ownership**

The Director of Church Development has taken the primary role in updating General Conference documents that did not have any one officially responsible for making sure that they are correct and updated from year to year. These include our Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure, and Directory of Churches.

### **Conference Membership Coordination**

The Director of Church Development has taken on the primary role of Conference Membership Coordinator. There are currently 4 churches in various stages of the membership process with more to join in the future. Your church or association can help by becoming a sponsor to a new church looking to join the General Conference. Contact the Director of Church Development for more information.

### **New Contacts**

The Director of Church Development serves as our New Contact Coordinator managing new contacts to SDBs that come through social media, email, letter, and phone. There is an average of about 40 new contacts per month (most in areas that are not served by SDB churches). It is COMs hope that with our new CRM (Conference Resource Management) system and our commitment to planting new churches that most of these contacts might have or being willing to start a SDB work near them in the future.

### **Pastor to Pastors**

The Director of Pastoral Services often fulfills the role of a pastor to pastors. When there is a need for a sounding board, a person to vent to, or someone to help resource the pastor to do what God has called him to, they might contact the Director of Pastoral Services. Encourage your pastor to contact the Director of Pastoral Services or the Dean of the School of Ministry to talk.

### **Director of Church Development & Pastoral Services Travel for 2015-2016**

Aug. 2015	5-6	Church Planting Leadership Fellowship (Nashville, TN)
	8	Grace SDB Church (Bloomington, MN)
	9-14	Summer Institute (SDB Center; Janesville, WI)
	15	Freedom Community Church (New Auburn, WI)
	19	Colorado SDB Pastors Gathering (Northglenn, CO)
	20-22	Kingdom of God (Kingman and Phoenix, AZ)
Sept. 2015	9	Colorado SDB Pastors Gathering (Northglenn, CO)
	12	Alfred Station SDB Church Stewardship Sabbath (Alfred Station, NY)
	14-15	CANOPY, We are the Pastors of New York (Houghton, NY)
	16-18	Work from SDB Center (Janesville, WI)
	19	New York City SDB Church (Brooklyn, NY)
Oct. 2015	2	Meeting with Inland Empire Pastors (Riverside, CA)
	2	Evangelical SDB Church (Lake Elsinore, CA)
	3	Maranatha Community Church (Colton, CA)
	5-8	Exponential West (Irvine, CA)
	9-10	North Central Association (New Auburn, WI)
	14	Colorado SDB Pastors Gathering (Northglenn, CO)
	22-26	MULTIPLY Church Development Conference (Colorado Springs, CO)
Nov. 2015	11	Colorado SDB Pastors Gathering (Northglenn, CO)
	13-15	South Atlantic Association (Boca Raton, FL)
	16	Visit with Daniel Kanyandekwe, and Chris Galarneau (Louisville, KY)
	17	Visit with Clyde Thompson and Robert Nakamoto (Nashville, TN)
	17-18	Church Planting Leadership Fellowship (Nashville, TN)
	19-21	Shepherd's Fold SDB Church (Johnson City, TN)
Dec. 2015	7-9	Work at SDB Center (Janesville, WI)
	16	Colorado SDB Pastors Gathering (Northglenn, CO)
Jan. 2016	4-8	Doctor of Ministry Class (Littleton, CO)
	9	Darwin Steele Ordination Council (Boulder, CO)
	11-15	Doctor of Ministry Class (Littleton, CO)
	16	New York City SDB Church (Brooklyn, NY)
	17	Potential Church Planter (Raleigh, NC)
	25-31	Ethiopia Mission Trip (Gambela, Ethiopia)
Feb. 2016	1-5	Ethiopia Mission Trip (Gambela, Ethiopia)
	10	Colorado SDB Pastors Gathering (Northglenn, CO)
	26	Evangelical SDB Church (Lake Elsinore, CA)
	27	Riverside SDB Church (Riverside, CA)
	27	Redemption Evangelical Fellowship (Riverside, CA)

Mar. 2016	2	Florida SDB Pastors Gathering (West Palm Beach, FL)
	3	Directors Team Meeting (Miami, FL)
	4	General Council Meeting (Miami, FL)
	5	Edgewater SDB Church (Oak Hill, FL)
	12	Seattle Area SDB Church (Auburn, WA)
	12	Iglesia Bautista del Septimo Dia Auburn (Auburn, WA)
	19	Darwin Steele Ordination Service (Boulder, CO)
	21-25	Work at SDB Center (Janesville, WI)
	26	New York City SDB Church (Brooklyn, NY)
Apr. 2016	1-2	Kingdom of God (Kingman, AZ)
	9	Metro Atlanta SDB Church (Hiram, GA)
	9	Charles Meathrell Ordination Council (Hiram, GA)
	13	Colorado SDB Pastors Gathering (Northglenn, CO)
	25-28	Exponential East (Orlando, FL)
	26	Potential Church Planter (Port St. Lucie, FL)
	30	Jacob's Well Church (Lexington, SC)
	30	Charles Meathrell Ordination Service (Lexington, SC)
May 2016	7	Allegheny Association (Alfred Station, NY)
	11	Colorado SDB Pastors Gathering (Northglenn, CO)
	13-15	Eastern Association (Berlin, NY)
	20-21	General Council Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)
June 2016	8	Colorado SDB Pastors Gathering (Northglenn, CO)
	11	Deacon Ordination (St. Albans, NY)
July 2016	3-8	Junior Camp (Boulder, CO)
	30	Hebron SDB Church (Coudersport, PA)
	30	Memorial Fund Trustees Meeting (Houghton, NY)
	31	General Council Meeting (Houghton, NY)