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Presbyter's Report

Timothy Satryan, Presbyter

Delaware - Small Wonder

"...Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand..."

– Zechariah 4:10

In years gone by, how many times, when telling people where you were from, have you heard them ask, "Dela-where?" I once even had someone ask me, "What state is Delaware in?" as though Delaware was a city.

The size of our state contributed to one of its many nicknames – "Small Wonder." But, interestingly, Delaware is not the smallest

state in size or in population. We are nearly twice the size of Rhode Island and there are five states with less population, Wyoming being the least populous.



While Delaware may be a "small wonder," over the years Delaware has been called the chemical capital, the corporate capital and the credit card capital of the United States. And, in recent years, we have become known, for better or for worse, due to two of our citizens - former Senator, and now Vice-President Joseph Biden, and three-time unsuccessful Senate candidate, Christine O'Donnell.

It may interest you to know that the "Small Wonder" of Delaware is getting bigger! Geographically, there is now a small portion of land on the east side of the Delaware River that belongs not to New Jersey, but to Delaware! But, more importantly, our population is growing. We have in fact grown 14.6% in the last decade. While all three counties have grown, the largest growth has been, to no surprise, in southern Delaware. In just one decade, Sussex County has grown by almost 26%, and Kent County has grown over 28%. These figures, determined by last year's census, are more than double what the projections were that I reported last year.

Think about this for a moment - in just ten years, Delaware's population has grown by 114,334 people. That means that the total number of just *new residents* in Delaware is more than 35 times the total number of people attending every AG church in Delaware each week.

In this day, where the thought, even in churches, is that "bigger is better," it is interesting to note that there are no "megachurches" in Delaware. Just the other day, I read this – "Megachurches are celebrated, studied, and used as models for ministry. One ministry publication in particular trumpets the fastest growing churches every year in a special issue. Yet three out of four protestant churches in America today have weekly attendance under 200, with two-thirds of those under 100."

None of us pastors a megachurch. But, that doesn't mean that our ministries and our churches are insignificant and unimportant. We are not to "despise small things!" Regardless of our size, we have been given a huge task – to reach Delaware for Christ! Let us not anguish in what we are not, but rather look to what God has for us to do! Our weapons are not carnal, but spiritual. Our God is able to do exceedingly more than we could ever think or ask.

The Bible tells us that we have not because we ask not. My heart's cry, on a daily basis is this – "*God, give me Delaware for Christ.*" Together, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us!

I am thrilled to announce that in the next few months, another new AG church will be birthed in Delaware. Daniel and Sara Day are, as we conduct this meeting, traveling from El Paso, Texas with all their possessions, and will arrive on Monday to become residents of Wilmington, where they will begin the work of planting a new urban church in the downtown of the city. As WFA plants this new church, we would welcome anyone who would like to partner with us in reaching the lost in the largest city in Delaware.

The state of our churches in the Delmarva Section can be described with one word – stable. I thank God that there have been no pastoral changes in any of our churches over the past year.

Since last year's Sectional Council, we have conducted four Delmarva Minister's Roundtables, as follows:

- May 24 - Evangelism in the 21st Century – Tiff Shuttlesworth, guest speaker
- October 25 – Creative Church Planting – Brian Bolt and Steve Trader, guest speakers
- November 22 – Penn-Del Charities – John Castellani, guest speaker, and Delaware Teen Challenge, Bob Carey, guest speaker
- February 28 – The Pastor and Church Insurance – Rob Wise, Emery & Webb Insurance, guest speaker.

There will be one more Minister's Roundtable meeting this spring, following the PennDel MinistrieSummit. Additionally, pastors had the opportunity to attend the PennDel Ministry Network's Ministers' Enrichment in October, and the Delmarva Section Speed the Light Summit in November. Also, each minister may avail themselves of the Connect, Coaching, and Catalyst opportunities of the district's C3 Leadership Network.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve this section for these past nine years as your presbyter. At every meeting I attend, I continue to be a strong advocate for "all things Delaware." I make sure that the "First State" is not a forgotten state! In the past year, I attended all meetings of the Penn-Del District Executive Presbytery, as well as the District and VFCC Credentials Committees. I continue to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee for the Philip Bongiorno Conference Center, and as a part of the Catalyst Leaders Group of the C3 Leadership Network. Nationally, I continue to serve as a facilitator with the AG Church Multiplication Network's church planting "Boot Camps."

Once again, thank you so very much for extending to me the awesome privilege of serving you. Our goal is to help you in any way we can, and to reach Delaware for Jesus!

Yours for HIM,

Timothy G. Satryan,
Presbyter

Secretary's Report

Gary Ross, Sectional Secretary

Minutes from the 2010 Sectional Council

March 11, 2010

Wilmington First Assembly of God

Worship was led by district music director, Rev. Kristian Walker.

Introduction of Superintendent Rev. Stephen Tourville and opening comments.

Introduction of Pennsylvania-Delaware District representatives - Assistant Superintendent, Rev. Paul Grabill; Secretary Treasurer, Rev. David Crosby Sr.; Men's Ministries Director, Tom Rees,

Greetings from Rev. David Crosby Sr. and opening prayer for elections.

This was followed by a presentation by Penn-Del Charities and the Penn-Del Charities Golf Tournament. C3 Group Survey discussion. We received a report concerning One Day to Feed the World and the funds raised for this outreach. Recommendation was made that churches which conduct Haiti relief efforts work through Convoy of Hope.

Elections:

Presbyter election – Tim Satryan reelected on nominating ballot.

Secretary election – Gary Ross reelected on nominating ballot.

Treasurer election – Ed Stigile reelected on nominating ballot.

Committee Person – no election on the first and second ballots. Jeff Dyer elected on the third ballot.

The Presbyter's report, Secretary's report, and Treasurer's report were all accepted as presented.

Pastor Tourville provided instruction concerning usage of language by pastors/leaders – recommended "modeling" as a means of instructing – speak the truth in love and disciple the people.

District Council at Camp Hill – "Sharpening Your Tools" – workshops – refining you skills – a goal of placing "tools" in the hands of pastors. June – C3 – Leadership Summit. Ministers Enrichment guest speaker will be Rev. Sam Farina

Presentation of retirement concerns for pastors – preparation needs to be done by each pastor. Therefore, pastors must take personal responsibility for retirement planning.

Conference Center – over the years the district has underwritten the center – recommendation that we consider the Conference Center for retreats, meetings, etc. District is marketing the center at a higher level.

Presentation of district World Missions Project 2010 – Rajasthan, India

District Ministrie Summit – May 4 & 5, 2010. Rev. Paul Grabill will present the PennDel Ministrie Summit prayer meeting.

Rev. Paul Grabill shared information concerning one of the resolutions for District Council – Call for Ecclesiastical Hierarchy – discussion of a resolution that was passed at the last General Council – Contrast was made concerning the Assemblies of God being a "voluntary cooperative fellowship" and the Episcopal form of church government.

Rev. David Crosby Sr. discussed credentialing in our district. He noted that there are 100 plus applicants for credentials, with over 20 applying for ordination

Missionary Associate – missionary associates – give a year of service and consider a life-time of service while serving that year – applicants may now contact churches in their section – Missionary Associate to Go – a district program to support this program

Rev. David Crosby Sr. introduced Rev. Juan Ocasio from Ephrata Assembly of God who is now a full-time missionary.

Rev. Tom Rees spoke about Home Missions and introduced Rev. Brian Bolt whose church and outreach was one of last year's home missions projects. Tom Rees discussed Home Missions and the need in America. Presented Church Planting in our area and called for prayer. He also presented the 20/20 plan

Motion prevailed to receive all departmental reports. Meeting was adjourned, closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Gary R. Ross

Delmarva Section Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Ed Stigile, Sectional Treasurer

Income and Expenses for 2010

Balance from 2009	\$ 7,262.69
2010 INCOME	
Minister's Dues	780.00
Church Offerings	360.00
Youth Account	447.50
Total Income	<u>\$ 1,587.50</u>
2010 EXPENSES	
Roundtable Honorariums	\$ 300.00
Outreach Matching Fund	500.00
Youth Account	<u>187.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 987.00</u>
Net Income for 2010	\$ 600.50
2010 Ending Balance	\$ 7,863.19

Account Balances as of December 31, 2010

General Account	\$ 6,795.71
Missions	686.71
Youth Account	380.77
Total Balance	<u>\$ 7,863.19</u>

Christian Education Report

John Bowman, Delmarva C.E. Representative

"For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." – 2 Timothy 4:3

Sadly, this is happening in many churches today. Sound doctrinal teaching is very important and I believe today more than ever. The word of God is a standard that we must raise ourselves up to not lower to meet our needs and wants. What is going to change people's hearts and ultimately change our world is the relationship that we have with God. This relationship is built as we spend time in His word. Wherever this word is taught it must not be taught in truth. Let's make the most important investment in our lives today in getting involved and supporting Christian Education.

During 2010 your C.E. Department participated in the following:

- Kids Breakaways (3 weekends)
- Kids Camp (4 weeks)
- 5th , 6th grade Camp
- Sectional Meetings
- We Build Teachers Seminar
- District Council
- Children's Pastor Leadership Team
- Children's Leadership Summit

If I can be of any help to you please contact me at (302) 697-7776, ext. 104 or email me at jbowman@calvarydover.org.

For His Sheep,
Pastor John Bowman

Youth Ministries Report

Steve Miller, Delmarva Youth Representative

Greetings!

This has been another wonderful year in the Delmarva Section for youth ministry. God continues to develop and equip students for ministry and for life. We have some of the Districts best youth groups and some of its top leaders right here in Delaware.

We have had great participation from Delmarva in our District events this past year. We had 188 students attend convention in Hershey, 45 students attend camp in Carlisle, and 24 students attend the Fall Youth Advance at the conference center. In addition, we had a phenomenal year in Fine Arts. Our participation increased from thirty-one students a year ago to fifty-nine registered this year. Seven churches also registered, which is several more than last year. What a great turn out and upswing in one calendar year.

Throughout the year, the youth pastors have continued to bond and develop relationships as they gather for lunch and share ideas and encourage each other in ministry!

As the Delmarva Section Youth Rep I am excited for what God has in store for our section in 2011. We look to another year to raise the next generation of ministers, missionaries, leaders, and professionals for the kingdom of God.

In Christ,
Steve Miller,
Delmarva Section Youth Representative

Women of Purpose Report

Angela M. Coon, Delmarva Sectional Representative

It was a joy to serve both the District and Section as a Women of Purpose Representative in 2010.

The main event for the Delmarva Section was our “United for a Purpose” Spring Event, which was held at Calvary Assembly of God on Friday, March 12. Sue Duffield was our speaker and Krista Friend and team lead worship. We had 186 ladies represented from Lewes, Dover, Barclay, Wilmington, Hockessin, Elkton, and Pennsville, NJ and we raised \$2,197.71 for the Texas House of Hope which was our mission project.

We began our year with \$1,899.56 and ended it with \$1,675.06.

In 2010 I attended the WOP Rep meetings with Ruth and the team, taught a workshop and helped at the Women of Purpose Conference in November. I also taught the Women’s Ministries Core Training for ministering to women at Calvary Assembly of God and am available for training other leaders or speaking to your women for encouragement or special occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Coon

Women of Purpose Delmarva Representative

Honorbound Men's Ministries Report

Steve Trader, Sectional Representative

Men's Ministry continues to be a powerful ministry within the churches of the Delmarva Section. It might seem like a no brainer, but churches that are not pursuing this area of ministry are no doubt not seeing the power that can come from men active in ministry in their church. The results of churches where men are active in their homes and their families starts with strong teaching and opportunity within their church. As pastors and church leaders there is no ministry more worthy of our support and personal involvement.

One key seems to be developing and promoting multiple opportunities. At Trinity we have three separate Men's Fraternity Programs. One at 6:00 am on Tuesdays, one Wednesdays at lunchtime and one Saturdays at 7:30 in the morning. We also have a program on Thursday nights called Addict Victorious which also lends itself to Fathers, Husbands and Young men who are struggling with substance abuse or other challenges. Another important criteria is to keep the content simple yet applicable. There are a number of really good programs available. If you would like some examples please let me know.

I cannot stress enough how important this ministry is to the moms, children, wives and future of your church. Get involved!

Steve Trader,
Delmarva Section Men's Ministry

Royal Rangers Report

Steve Steffel, Former Sectional Commander

The year 2010 was a busy year as usual and a successful year in the Delmarva Section. A total of 5 churches were active in our section. A new church last year, Lifeway Church of God, in Bridgeville, DE was chartered in 2010. The boys in our section were busy as well. One boy earned the highest award in Royal Rangers, the Gold Medal of Achievement.

In March, I represented our section at the District Roundtable meeting and held a sectional roundtable meeting for all outposts in the section. We also had our Pinewood Derby and BB Gun competition at Praise Assembly in Dover, DE. The event was well attended with 60 entering a car to race. There were many other fun activities as well. The devotion, "The Race of Your Life" was given by our Sectional Presbyter, Tim Satryan and touched many parents and children alike. It was closed with a prayer for salvation.

During the month of May we held the sectional Merit Adventure Camp I and Ranger Kids Achievement Day I. 69 Boys and leaders participated. A devotional and awards ceremony was held at the end of the event and 5 boys dedicated their lives to the Lord.

In June, I attended the District Powwow and coordinated several activities on behalf of the section. There were over 500 in attendance and we had two outposts from our section attend the Powwow.

During the month of August I represented our section at the summer District Roundtable meeting and held a sectional roundtable meeting for all outposts in the section.

Throughout the year we conducted training for our leaders in the section. Additional training will continue.

The Delmarva Section Royal Rangers is seeing new boys added to the ranks and boys coming to Christ and growing in the Lord, learning new skills, earning merits, and being challenged to become leaders in the body of Christ. Leaders are also developing their skills, growing in their relationship with Christ, and being fulfilled as they see the results the work the Lord has given them.

In December, Steve Steffel stepped down from being Sectional Commander and Robert Johnston accepted the appointment to Sectional Commander or Coordinator of the Delaware Section.

For any churches in our section interested in starting a Royal Ranger program, we can provide a good presentation to the leaders of the church, bring boys and leaders to help them introduce the concept to their church and provide ongoing support from many of our experienced leaders.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Steffel,
Delmarva Sectional Cmdr., retired

Royal Rangers Vision

Robert Johnston, Sectional Commander

Trying to replace a great leader like Steve Steffel as the Delaware Sectional Commander is a little like trying to replace Vince Lombardi. How does one go about improving something that was already working so well? I suppose the first step is to realize that God's plans are always bigger, bolder and more exciting than anything any of us could imagine! So as I humbly accept the honor of being chosen for this exciting role, I realize that this ministry belongs to God. While many would say my job is to lead the Delaware Section into a new decade, my priority is to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Anyone who has been involved with Royal Rangers for a while knows that the ministry is in the midst of a great transformation. We have a new National Commander with a fresh vision and creative solutions to today's challenges. We have new uniforms, new merit badges, new advancement requirements and new teaching methods. One thing that has not changed is our commitment to "evangelize, equip and empower the next generation of Godly men." In fact, most of the changes being implemented are designed to make it easier for churches of any size to successfully run a Royal Rangers program and reach boys for Jesus Christ.

With this in mind, I have only two goals for the Delaware Section. By the end of this decade, should the Lord tarry, we will have twice the number

of outposts in the state and twice the number of boys that we have today. And we are starting now!

On March 19th, we will host our annual “Ranger Derby” and BB Gun competition at Calvary Assembly in Dover. This is not a new event, but this year we will have a new focus – community outreach. This year, I am asking every outpost to purchase extra car kits to give away to kids in the neighborhood. Rangers, parents and church members can give one of these kits to kids at school, little league, or other clubs. These kids will then be able to build their cars and race them along with the Royal Rangers and Girls Ministries.

Other events on the calendar for 2011 include the Sectional Powwow on May 13th-15th. This is a weekend campout at Lum’s Pond State Park. Boys will have the opportunity to earn a merit badge on Saturday morning and have plenty of time in the afternoon to go canoeing, hiking, play disc golf, or just relax by the campfire. Saturday, August 6th is our second annual “Ranger Day” at the Blue Rocks game. The Royal Rangers Color Guard will carry the United States flag onto the field during the playing of the National Anthem. We will also be carrying the Royal Ranger flag, and the Christian Flag! Tickets are \$10 each and with each ticket, \$2.00 will be raised for missions.

This is an exciting time for Royal Rangers and I feel blessed to be a part of it!

In His Service,
Robert Johnston,
Delmarva Sectional Commander

Girls' Ministries Report

Tiffany Spanier, Delmarva Representative

Hello Delmarva! I am excited to inform you that Delmarva Girls Ministries has a new Representative. My name is Tiffany Spanier and I am honored and humbled to be serving along side of you. Throughout my college years, God began to birth in me a passion for young people and more specifically girls. My heart breaks for the girls of our culture and the lies they are trapped in by the enemy. I look forward to meeting all of you and am excited about what God has in store in the upcoming year.

Coming Up in 2011:

There will be a Meet and Greet for all Coordinators and Sponsors on Monday March 21st at 6:00 PM If you are interested in attending please contact me at (215) 260-8594 or tiffany.spanier@yahoo.com.

Girls Ministries Impact will take place on April 8-9 at the Philip Bongiorno Conference Center. This year will focus on training the leaders in your church to better meet the needs of children with autism or autism spectrum behaviors. Leaders will learn practical ways to teach and minister more effectively.

Friends and Girls Only Retreat will be held the weekend of June 16-18 at the Philip Bongiorno Conference Center. This year's theme is "STAY THE COURSE" "God, teach me lessons for living so I can stay the course." (Psalm 119:33 The Message)

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Spanier,
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