

**THE 101st ANNUAL CONVENTION
ROCKY MOUNTAIN MINISTRY NETWORK
OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD**

**Victory Life Church
Grand Junction/Fruita, CO
April 24-26, 2018**

Business Session #1 - Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – 2:00 PM

Superintendent Steiger called the session to order at 2:00 PM. He thanked those who were in attendance and thanked Victory Life Church for allowing use of their facility.

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JOSH COOK

Pastor Josh Cook welcomed everyone to Grand Junction/Fruita and opened in prayer.

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Superintendent Steiger recognized all former Superintendents that were in attendance. Phil Neely and Bob Cook stood to be recognized.

NEW SENIOR PASTORS & TRANSFERRED IN MINISTERS

Superintendent Steiger recognized ministers who had transferred in during the last year and Senior Pastors who have relocated or have become new senior pastors in the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network since last Council. Those in attendance stood and the audience welcomed them with their applause.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Steiger made announcements about Network Council's schedule and exhibits in the foyer.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES PRESENTED

Committees were recognized by referring to the list in the Welcome Folder found in the registration packets.

STEERING

Don Steiger, Chairman; and Randy Popineau

ON SITE FACILITATORS

James Naron, Chairman; Melanie Aragon; Joan Popineau; Sara Ruckman

BUDGET & FINANCE

Randy Popineau, Chairman; Don Steiger, Lonnie Campbell, Chris Peterson, Phil Parker - Resource

PARLIAMENTARY

Jerry Van Iwaarden, Chairman; and BJ Worthen

RESOLUTIONS

Gordon Albury, Chairman; Darryl Johnson and Ryan Popineau

ROSTER

Caleb McNaughton, Chairman; RMMN Office Staff

CREDENTIALS

The District Presbytery and Credentials Advancement Team

TELLERS/USHERS

Austin Schauer, Chairman; Chi Alpha – Brent Keizer, Jacob Graham, Peter Kluth, Ian Junkermann, Hannah Junkermann, Tyler Wrocklage, Abby Whitmore, Kaylie Chambers, Dylan Austin, Dan Gibson, Brett Lohr, Duncan Chance.

Appreciation was expressed to those serving on the various committees.

ROSTER REPORT #1

Caleb McNaughton, Chairman of the Roster Committee gave Roster Report #1.

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| Ordained..... | 119 |
| Licensed | 46 |
| Delegates | 2 |
| TOTAL VOTING CONSTITUENCY | 167 |
| Certified | 11 |
| Visitors..... | 127 |
| TOTAL REGISTRATON | 305 |

A motion prevailed to accept Roster Report #1.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from last year's Network Council were posted on our RMMN website.

A motion prevailed to accept the minutes from the 100th Network Council on the RMMN website.

ANNUAL REPORT & DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A request was made to forego reading of reports during the session.

A motion prevailed to accept reports as printed in the Annual Report booklet.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A request was made to intersperse the reports and elections between business.

A motion prevailed to accept the interspersing of reports.

NOMINATION OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Superintendent Don Steiger read the qualifications and election procedure for the office of the Secretary-Treasurer from the Bylaws regarding Nominations and Elections, Article VI, Section 1. (a). In January the presbytery nominated Randy Popineau as the one name on the ballot. Election ballots were distributed and cast.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Randy Popineau, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee and Network Secretary-Treasurer was called on to give the Financial Report. Randy referred to the annual Audit Report from CapinCrouse LLP that was included in the registration packets to ministers. Randy acknowledged and thanked the Budget and Finance Committee for their service. All funds and departments are operating in the black.

Randy explained how the Royal Rangers Land Fund was a restricted fund. Since the Royal Rangers have no intention on purchasing land an inquiry was made with CapinCrouse to see if those funds could be unrestricted. Since the funds were given so many years ago and with no record of who contributed to that fund, we were told that the funds could be unrestricted. 100% of the balance was transferred into the Royal Ranger Fund.

Randy highlighted both the audit report and the financial report which was included in the annual report. He offered explanation for several of the expenditure line items. The great news concerning the financial report was that the General Tithe Fund ended the year with a surplus of just over \$22,000. Randy asked if there were any questions, but there were none.

A motion prevailed to accept the Financial Report and Audit Report as presented.

FIRST REPORT ON ELECTION OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

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| Votes Cast | 123 |
| Ballots required to elect..... | 82 |
| Yes..... | 111 |
| No..... | 12 |

Having received 111 votes, Randy Popineau was re-elected as the Secretary-Treasurer. Randy expressed his deepest appreciation. Randy and Joan sincerely and humbly appreciate the confidence given and the opportunity to be returned to office.

ELECTION FOR EAST SLOPE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Superintendent Steiger read the qualifications and election procedure for Executive Presbyter from the Bylaws regarding Nominations and Elections, Article VI, Section 1. (c).

The ballots for East Slope Executive Presbyter were distributed and cast. The nominees are Joe Berry, Jerry Cassell, Steve Curry, James Naron, Gene Roncone and Zac Wilkinson.

RMDSOM

Randy shared an update on RMDSOM. We have increased to 5 locations – C/S, Denver, Grand Junction, Pagosa Springs and Utah. The School of Ministry continues to improve the technical/video aspect for broadcasting classes through the online conferencing program, Zoom. The structure will be changing in the fall adopting Moodle as the homework portion. This will give our teachers more time to teach and develop the “value added” time in the classroom. Randy invited all the teachers and potential teachers to attend the DSOM workshop held during our Leadership Resource Summit. Randy encouraged all ministers to share DSOM in their churches and with those who are interested in getting credentialed.

ROYAL RANGERS

Jack Marshall is happy to serve in this role as Director. Royal Rangers has take on an aggressive goal of \$10,000 towards the BGMC Toolbox to translate the program into Swahili in Africa. They are wanting to start outposts in Africa along with mentoring boys in Africa. They currently have a travel mug you can have with a donation in which all money goes to the project. Jack spoke about the upcoming camps that will be taking place this summer. He explained what they plan to do with the large amount of money that was transfer from the Royal Ranger Property Fund. The Royal Rangers are offering to any church beginning RR ministry to pay for their first-year charter fees, curriculum, training for up to 5 men.

REPORT ON FIRST ELECTORAL BALLOT FOR EAST SLOPE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

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| Votes Cast..... | 147 |
| Needed to elect | 98 |
| Joe Berry..... | 20 |
| Jerry Cassell..... | 29 |
| Steve Curry..... | 6 |
| James Naron..... | 35 |
| Gene Roncone..... | 38 |
| Zac Wilkinson..... | 19 |

There was not an election on the first electoral ballot. The second ballot was distributed, and votes cast.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jay Risner was not in attendance and shared a video about what was happening in Children's Ministries.

GIRLS MINISTRIES

Linda Bottoms expressed how good it was to serve the Rocky Mountain Network and being in the middle of what God has called her to do. The leadership structure is changing with Girls Ministries and Linda is currently developing directors in the areas of training, camp, and the Loft. Trainings are being offered all around the Network. Camp is in July at Camp Cedaredge.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Linda expressed that if you did not get your mugs at retreat she has some and would love to get them to you and your church. She introduced a new Resource Center to help share Bible studies and invited all the women to the Ladies Connect during the Leadership Resource Summit.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Lee Terry began talking about the goldenrod sheet for all ministers to fill out for a chance to win a gift card. The sheet helps the department leads to know who is leading in their churches. Lee shared about his and Renae's sabbatical and expressed appreciation for the time given. He is focusing on three things this year; mentorship, leadership training and pastoral care. At Fine Arts the RMMN youth raised enough money for Austin and Heather Schauer to get a STL car!

CAMP CEDAREEDGE

Lee introduced the new Camp Cedaredge Director, Glenn Jones. The camp has received a lot of new business which has given them about \$100,000 in new contracts over the last year. The extra money will be used to update and to invest in the staff. Lee promoted the need for interns for this coming summer.

REPORT ON SECOND ELECTORAL BALLOT FOR EAST SLOPE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

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| Votes Cast..... | 151 |
| Needed to elect..... | 101 |
| Joe Berry..... | 4 |
| Jerry Cassell..... | 16 |

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| Steve Curry..... | 1 |
| James Naron..... | 54 |
| Gene Roncone..... | 62 |
| Zac Wilkinson..... | 14 |

There was not an election on the second electoral ballot. The third ballot was distributed, and votes cast.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Superintendent Steiger briefly spoke of the Men's Ministries leaders; Darryl Johnson, Matt Miller and Paul Church.

EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

Phil Steiger spoke about the upcoming pastor's conference for Every Thought Captive – Human Sexuality and Gender Identity. This year's ETC is a conference for all trying to navigate through issues surrounding human sexuality. Focus on the Family will be sponsoring the event this year. The website to register is www.etc2018.org.

URBAN ISLANDS PROJECT

Steve Pike shared that he is excited to be in the Network again and living in Denver. Steve gave an invitation to join and learn about what is happening in the city. Urban Islands offers small conferences for those interested in having the Urban Island experience.

REPORT ON THIRD ELECTORAL BALLOT FOR EAST SLOPE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

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| Votes Cast..... | 153 |
| Needed to elect..... | 102 |
| Joe Berry..... | 1 |
| Jerry Cassell..... | 3 |
| Steve Curry..... | 1 |
| James Naron..... | 55 |
| Gene Roncone..... | 89 |
| Zac Wilkinson..... | 4 |

There was not an election on the third electoral ballot. The fourth ballot was distributed, and votes cast.

SAGU OF THE ROCKIES

Dale Wolyniak talked about the new SAGU of the Rockies being launched this fall. Radiant Church will serve as the host church. Dale has been attending many RMMN events to promote the opportunity for students wanting to attend a Bible school. Dale asked pastors to present SAGU of the Rockies to their churches. Thus far, 12 students are enrolled for 2018 fall classes.

SAGU

Eddie Davis greeted the ministers and expressed his gratitude for being at council and the partnership with the students and our Network. He is excited to be a part of the launching of SAGU of the Rockies and believes it is great to have the Biblical training that is affordable and accessible to the students.

COMPA CARE

Janet Rowland shared a video highlighting the ministry to orphans, adoption and foster care.

CHI ALPHA

Nate Banke serves as the Colorado Director. Duncan and Lori Chance are at UNC and are 98% funded. He is grateful for the incredible community and the staff is growing. Chi Alpha has increased by 5 directors. He encouraged everyone to empower the young people to become disciple makers.

Daran Lemon serves as the Utah Director. XAUTAH.com is the website to help connect to a campus ministry in Utah. Daran just finished his second year at the University of Utah. He plans to relaunch in the fall and raise up a full team and is asking for prayer for the students and a great awakening on our Utah campuses.

REPORT ON FOURTH ELECTORAL BALLOT FOR EAST SLOPE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

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| Votes Cast..... | 144 |
| Needed to elect | 96 |
| Joe Berry..... | 1 |
| Jerry Cassell..... | 1 |
| Steve Curry..... | 0 |
| James Naron..... | 39 |
| Gene Roncone..... | 102 |
| Zac Wilkinson..... | 1 |

Superintendent Steiger declared Gene Roncone elected as the new East Slope Executive Presbyter. Gene thanked everyone for the confidence in him and he is excited to serve.

DRAWING FOR GIFT CARDS BY LEE TERRY AND LINDA BOTTOMS

Bradley Williamson Lee Ponder, and Josh Cook were each awarded \$100 gift cards.

SECOND HALF MINISTRIES

Lloyd Hoskins gave an endorsement of Wes Wick's book "Half Two". He spoke about the conference in Branson for 55 years and older and how it is growing and had to move locations. They are currently putting together a manual to help churches minister to the seniors. The General Council is helping with this as well. He is looking forward to the seminar "If you pass your baton take it back" with Chuck Stecker on June 9 at Praise Assembly of God in Pueblo.

RATIFICATION OF SECTIONAL PRESBYTERS

The ratification ballot was passed out for the four Sectional Presbyters being voted on. Ballots were distributed and cast.

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| Joe Berry..... | Northeast |
| Sam Scalf..... | Denver Metro North |
| Travis Lowell..... | Northwest |
| Lonnie Campbell..... | Utah North |

Darryl Johnson, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read the Courtesy Resolution:

WHEREAS, the ministers and delegates of the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God have convened for the 101th Network Council, April 24 – 26, Fruita, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, this Network Council has been served by the spacious facilities and gracious hospitality of Victory Life Church; and

WHEREAS, many persons have contributed much to the success of this Council; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Council body in session express its deep appreciation to Pastor Josh Cook, the staff and congregation of Victory Life Church. And be it further

RESOLVED, that appreciation be expressed to Superintendent Don Steiger, the Network office staff, our guest speakers, workshop leaders and those who have served on various committees.

Respectfully Submitted,
Resolutions Committee

A motion prevailed to accept the Courtesy Resolution.

Superintendent Steiger announced that the tellers were still counting the four Presbyterian ratification ballots and that the results would be given later in the evening service.

A motion prevailed to adjourn the business meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Network Council Evening Service – Tuesday, April 24 – 7:00pm

Josh Cook opened the service in prayer. Lyle Bernard and the VLC worship team led with a time of worship. Assistant Superintendent Alex Lucero led a prayer over Colorado and Utah. Superintendent Don Steiger shared the evening message titled, "Serving Christ In This Way" and ended with worship and prayer.

Memorial/Communion Service – Wednesday, April 25, 2017 – 9:00 AM

Greg Farmer and Loretta Steiger began the service with a time of worship. Special tribute was given to those ministers who had met their eternal reward since the last Network Council. A PowerPoint presentation was shown with pictures of the deceased and Randy Popineau shared a brief history of their lives and gave a brief message that was concluded with Holy Communion.

In Memory of Those Who Have Completed Their Work

Gladys Lovina Knowles Finkinbinder (US Missionary).....May 21, 2017
Paul Scholtz (Ordained).....June 17, 2017
Kenneth Egbert (Ordained).....December 23, 2017

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| Carol J. Rudnik (wife to Delman Rudnik)..... | January 9, 2018 |
| Paul Ferrin (Licensed)..... | February 23, 2018 |
| Wesley Dean Davis (Licensed)..... | March 1, 2018 |
| Maxine Elliot (Licensed)..... | March 28, 2018 |

Leadership Resource Summit – Plenary Session – 10:00am

Rick Allen presented a plenary session where he introduced the Acts 2 Journey. 100 books titled: A Spirit-Empowered Church, An Acts 2 Ministry Model were distributed. 22 pastors expressed interested in leading their church through the Acts 2 Journey.

Following the Plenary Session, Superintendent Steiger announced the Leadership Resource Summit Breakouts as follows:

LRS Breakouts – 11:00 AM

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| Ladies Connect..... | Linda Bottoms, Renae Terry, Melanie Aragon |
| Leading a Church Into Health..... | Bob and Josh Cook |
| Marriage as a Moral Advance..... | Phil Steiger |
| Small Church, Big Ministry; Restoring Dignity to Small Rural Communities..... | Charlie Stoumbaugh |
| Ministry Survival Kit..... | Dr. John Gowins |

Missions Luncheon – Wednesday, April 15, 2018

Jerry Cassell, Missions Director, hosted a luncheon featuring Missions updates and honoring all the RMMN missionaries present and in the field. Luncheon supplied by Famous Dave's and sponsored by Church Extension Plan (CEP).

LRS Breakouts – 2:00pm

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| Building a Bullet Proof Team..... | Lee Terry |
| Everything You Need to Know About Starting a New Church..... | Steve Pike |
| Planning for Retirement and Beyond..... | Darren Mullinex, CEP Representative |
| RMDSOM Teachers and Prospective Teachers..... | Randy Popineau |
| iSingWorship..... | Aaron Zielinske |

Ordination Service – Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – 7:00 PM

As the VLC worship team began the opening song, the District Presbytery, followed by the processional of credential candidates, entered the service. Dane Wead prayed the invocation. Praise and worship was led by the VLC worship team. Secretary-Treasurer Randy Popineau recognized the Certified candidates: Todd Bellamy, Amanda Cleveland, Andrew Davenport, Matthew Herschberg, Grayson Tyler Plunk, Tyler Selves and Paul Speicher. Randy then recognized the Ministry License candidates: Sarah Bui, Johanna Bartsch, David Chapin, Cindy Dudley, Timothy Dudley, Raymond Fillis, Julie Gantt, Carolyn Garrett, Joshua Jiminez, Wilma Lee, William McGinity, Basil Nwokolo, Tyler Peterson, Shane Prentice, Janet Rowland, Heather Schauer, Mary Schulte, Eva Sitinjak, Nathanael Ward and Abigail Whitmore. Rev. Samuel Scalf led in prayer over the Certified and Licensed candidates. Don Steiger introduced Rev. Gene Roncone from Highpoint Church in Aurora, CO. Gene delivered a powerful ordination message.

After the message, Randy shared the importance and scriptural basis of Ordination. He then introduced each Ordination candidate: William Beagley, Kendall Bryan, Robert George IV, Anthony K. Krueger, Jonathan Lewis, Roger Reed, Larry Selman, Mebratu Shibabaw, Randy Stanko and David Winterelle (not in attendance) along with their spouses. Each candidate came forward to receive their credentials presented by Superintendent Don Steiger and Assistant Superintendent Alex Lucero. Superintendent Steiger led the vows and the charge to the Ordination class. The candidates were prayed over with the laying on of hands by the Presbytery and others who had been invited to pray with them. Bob Cook offered the Ordination prayer; and the VLC worship team continued with worship. Superintendent Don Steiger prayed the benediction.