

Report of the Area Chair
September 13 2014

Since the last assembly I have attended the East Central Regional Conference, The State Conference and a State Conference Policy Committee Meeting. I have been involved in helping "tweak" several motions that are being presented today and have spoken to a couple of other people about motions that they wanted to present that are not being presented today.

During the East Central Regional Conference, I participated in a round table discussion with other Area Chairs and Alternate Delegates and learned that not all the areas in our region do things the same way. I was surprised to learn that in some of the areas the delegate becomes the chair person after serving as delegate. In some the Alternate Delegate is the area chairperson. Not surprising is that we are the only ones doing financing the way we do, both Kelly and I got a lot of questions about Primary Purpose Financing.

At the State Conference I participated in a panel on singleness of purpose along with Past Delegate Larry S. and PI Chair Jim W. from our area. I also met with the Delegates and Area Chairs from Areas 19 and 21 along with Cheryl to discuss State Conference Policy Committee business. Cheryl and I will be traveling to Springfield, in November, to participate in a walk through at the hotel where the 2015 State Conference will be held and to discuss our oversight of the event.

We are still looking for a district to host a Big Book Conference in 2015 and I am waiting for districts to volunteer to host our area meetings in 2015. I have a 2015 Calendar Worksheet with me today with dates that have been approved by Lord of Life Church so any district that wants to host and use Lord of Life have that option. Of course Lord of Life is only an option, districts are encouraged to host meetings in their district in order to involve as many of their members as possible. As Cheryl likes to say "Service Woo Hoo."

We need districts to start thinking about hosting the State Conference in 2016. We will also have the responsibility to host the East Central Regional Conference in conjunction with the State Conference so it would be advantageous to involve several districts.

We have lost our Treatment Committee Chair person due to her moving out of the area, so anyone interested in that position should be prepared to stand for it at the next assembly in December.

Hope you have / had a good day.

Robert S.