GLOBAL WESELYAN ALLIANCE

Annual Meeting

World Ministries Center

Free Methodist Church--USA

Indianapolis, Indiana

5-6 December 2014

The fourth meeting of the Global Wesleyan Alliance convened on Friday, December 5, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the World Ministries Center of the Free Methodist Church--USA.

President David Graves called the meeting to order. Members present introduced themselves, their church, and where they live.

around the table. They were as follows (13):

Association of Independent Methodists, Gary Briden, Executive Director, and Roman Miller.

Church of Christ Holiness USA, Vernon E. Kinnebrew, National President

Church of God Anderson: Jim Lyon,

Church of the Nazarene: David Busic, Gustavo Crocker, Eugenio Duarte, David Graves.

Churches of Christ in Christian Union: Tom Hermiz

Evangelical Methodist Church: Ed Williamson, Jim Coulson

Free Methodist Church USA: David Kendall, David Roller, Matt Thomas

Methodist Protestant Church: LaDon Dawson

Salvation Army: David E. Kelly, National Secretary for Program

The Evangelical Church of North America: Brian Eckhardt

The Wesleyan Church: David Drury. Representing JoAnne Lyon

Executive Director Dr. Ron Duncan

Devotions:

Bishop David Kendall shared reflections on celebrating the coming of Immanuel in 2014.

The Minutes for the 2013 meeting of the GWA were reviewed and approved.

Executive Director Dr. Ron Duncan reported on the work of GWA over the last year. (See written report)

Brian Eckhardt, Treasurer, reported. (See report) A Proposed 2015 budget was presented and approved by the Body.

On motion the GWA took action to file for 501c(3) status with the IRS.

Other matters discussed by the Body included: how to facilitate on the ground collaboration among GWA members; immigration; publishing concerns; how to learn more about our covenant member communions; and how best to address issues relating to human sexuality for our schools and churches.

Break 3:00 p.m.

Reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Election of 2015 Executive Committee: Executive Ron Duncan led the Body in electing its officers for the coming year, as follows:

David Graves, Chair

JoAnne Lyon, Vice Chair

David Kendall, Secretary

Brian Eckhardt, Treasurer

Vernon Kinnebrew, Member at Large

In response to the working document on sharing credentials among GWA members, various groups reported on their responses and how they are cooperating.

Once the GWA has a website, it will be possible to share info about churches that are open and credentialed persons who are looking for ministry opportunities.

A report was given concerning materials available in the Wesleyan-Holiness Digital Library. www.WHDL.org

David Drury from the Wesleyan Church shared on Immigration, especially about the theImmigrationalliance.org

GWA members shared what they do in relation to ordaining undocumented persons.

An extended discussion followed on what members have done in relation to human sexuality. Papers on websites. Policy positions with respect to use of property.

We agreed to research what has been developed by our varied communions (Wesleyan, F.M.C., and Nazarene among others), discuss how to achieve a pool of resources and helps to assist GWA members. Our Executive Director will oversee this process.

President David Graves gave an update on the Nazarene Publishing House. The reports that NPH has closed operations is mistaken. They have ceased to operate on the business model they had been using. So all employees were notified of their termination as of November 1. But the next day 30 of them were rehired and will now operate on a different model. They have a 4-6 million a year business plan going forward with no current debt. Pray for the Church as it works out the details of the reorganization to work the business plan, and the effort to renegotiate several important contracts.

Executive Committee recommended and the Body approved that Dr. Ron Duncan continue to serve as Executive Director, and he has agreed to serve.

Future meetings of the GWA will occur as follows: December 4-5, 2015 meeting (Wesley Headquarters); December 2-3, 2016 (Nazarene Headquarters); December 1-2, 2017\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Director Duncan asked the Body to submit information on the Worksheet.

At 5:30 p.m. we recessed for the evening meal.

After dinner the members of GWA shared news from their respective communions.

Adjourned for the evening at 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday 6, 2014**

The Global Wesleyan Alliance reconvened on Saturday December 6, at 9:00 a.m.

Bishop Vernon Kennebrew led the Body in focusing on God’s Word reading 1 Timothy 6:12 and commenting on “Fighting the Good Fight.”

Executive Director Ron Duncan introduced several special guests to present what their organizations are doing.

Christina Santos, One Mission Society, shared. Jay Santos, church multiplication facilitator. Randy Spacht is Director.

Hubert Harriman, World Gospel Mission, shared about how WGM does its work.

Andrew Miller, represented SEED BED. Created by ATS, but not controlled there.

Maxie Dunnam, Wesleyan Covenant Network, shared concerning the divisions within the United Methodist Church. Human sexuality is the presenting issue, but deeper than this is our commitment to Scripture and the Apostolic tradition of the church universal.

Break at 11:05

GWA members spent time in prayer, after which the Body adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Kendall, Secretary