

# Maranatha Advent Christian Conference

*Serving The Body Of Christ To The Honor And Glory Of God*

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In reflection over the past year as conference president I find myself humbled by the greatness of the God we serve and encouraged at the work He is doing within the Maranatha Conference. Though not without challenges but by God's grace, the Lord is using His church to proclaim the Gospel for the building of His Kingdom. It is my prayer that the work would continue to call for faithful preaching, the building up of the local church, and the making and growing of many disciples.

I am grateful to serve alongside Pastor Dave Aseltine, Rev. Chris Barton, Rev. Josh Brown, Rev. Steve Ludwick, and Pastor Josh Rice. Their commitment to the work of God through His local church, their prayerful consideration on decisions, and the wisdom and insight they offer is one of the many joys in serving our conference. As a conference board, we meet monthly to pray together, discuss current matters within the Maranatha Conference, and to seek the Lord's guidance to how we can best serve, strengthen, and encourage pastors and churches.

Over the history of our conference we have been blessed to have various individuals serving in the role of Minister of Church and Pastoral Health, most recent being Rev. Randy Detrude. In following the Lord's leading to invest his time in local church planting and work, Randy has stepped down from serving the conference in this position. We are grateful for his kingdom labor and the investment he has made in the many lives and churches within the Maranatha Conference and beyond. The Conference board is in the process of seeking the Lord's leading as to how best to move forward with this position and the meeting the needs within our conference.

Like many of our conferences, the Maranatha has it places where the Lord is accomplishing great things, lives are being changed by the hope of Christ, and the community is seeing the love of Christ displayed. We too have churches where the work is hard, the ground seems as solid as concrete, and the buildings are in rough shape (literally). However, in both of these areas we believe that it is the Word of God that has the power to save and the Lord is at work when we remain faithful to Him and to His call to make disciples. We are hopeful that as we continue to be a Conference that is committed to encouraging Kingdom work, sharing resources, and equipping individuals and churches that the Lord will be glorified and lives would be changed by the hope found in Christ.

May we remain steadfast and faithful as the Lord leads His people for our good and His glory.

Respectfully Submitted,

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*On behalf of the Maranatha Conference*