



Maine State Advent Christian Conference

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Greetings in Jesus' precious name! What a privilege we have to work together with the Eastern Regional Association of Advent Christian Churches and Superintendent Twitchell.

Here are some highlights from our conference:

The Maine State Advent Christian Conference remains committed to the vision of healthy pastors and churches. Therefore, the delegate body voted for the conference pastor position to continue through 2018. Rev. Clayton Blackstone, from the Bangor Advent Christian Church, will remain in this role.

I am pleased to report that the Maine State Advent Christian Conference Ministerial Committee continues to work with seven ministerial candidates. We praise God for His provision of leadership for our Advent Christian churches and ministries!

At our annual conference meetings, we held a round table discussion around the following questions: Is there one fundamental theological belief, philosophy of ministry, mission, or person that unites us as Advent Christians? If you were in a position of responsibility in our denomination and could address the most important issue facing us, what would that issue be? How do you perceive the conference supports the local church? How would you like the conference to support the local church? If there is a desire for relationship outside the local church, what would that ideally look like? How has the electronic explosion impacted relationships in your church? After reviewing the input from the conference meetings and directly from the churches that responded, the officers realized that stronger relationships need to be built between all constituents of the MSACC, and information about the conference and what it does as well as timely happenings within the conference need to be better communicated to our people, thus we have committed to publishing and distributing a conference newsletter twice a year.

Our board has begun using Google Drive to share important documents with each other, our pastoral candidates and churches, as well as any other supporting Advent Christian ministry. This versatile technology will open numerous ways for us to communicate and collaborate as a conference. Our Google Drive will also keep our digital paperwork in one place, and it will be available anytime and anywhere there is an Internet connection—and on any device (desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile device).

Our officers are already looking ahead, should the Lord tarry, to the 2018 Maine State Advent Christian Conference. We have discussed the importance of including the tweens and teens of the Maine State Advent Christian Conference into the annual conference meetings. Mr. Kent Davis, Maine State Advent Christian Conference Vice President, has agreed to oversee this important ministry. Mrs. Michelle Eaton, Director of the Junior and Senior camps at Washington Second Advent Christian Campground has also agreed to serve with Kent in the planning process. The officers believe we

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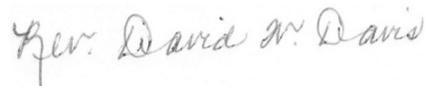
Rev. Clayton Blackstone, Conference Pastor

need an awakening of our youth and children's ministries within the conference, and we hope this is the first step toward meeting this goal. We are also looking into incorporating a missions' emphasis in the upcoming meetings as well.

Currently our Middle Simonds, NB, as well as Dunntown and State Road churches are seeking pastoral leadership; and Superintendent Twitchell has continued the church revitalization work at the Mechanic Falls Advent Christian Church.

May God richly bless our collective work together.

Blessings and with Christian love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. David W. Davis".

Rev. David W. Davis, President