

Assistant to the District Superintendent/District Secretary Report

September-October 2025

To the District Advisory Board:

I submit to you a combined report as your District Secretary and Assistant to the District Superintendent this month.

As your District Secretary, this is the first time in nearly three years in this role that there are no official transfers or deceased ministers to report to you. We have some that are in process of transfer, and we have been notified of several of our churches that have granted Local Licenses, but none that we are ready to present as in process of transfer.

Church Visits

I have recently visited the following churches: Countryside, West Union, and Washington Court House.

Pastoral Reviews

It was an honor to conduct pastoral reviews for the following churches and ministers:

--Fairfax, Rev. Stephen Merritt

--Crossroads, Rev. Brian Deaton

--Wilmington, Rev. Donis Williams

A review that is coming will be for Rev. Nelson Escobar at our Bethesda COTN. As the primary language is Spanish, we are working on a way to translate and utilize the survey document that is used in an English-language context. This is not without its challenges!

District Assembly 2026

As you are aware, we will be electing a new DS in July 2026 at our District Assembly. In addition, the balloting portion of the Assembly will be heavier because we will be electing General Assembly delegates. To this end, Paul Lail and I have been working on obtaining an electronic balloting platform which we hope will help streamline this process. At the DAB meeting on November 4, we intend on putting forward a funding request for this initiative.

As always, it is an honor to serve you, the servants of the King! Thank you for allowing me this sacred privilege. As always, I am open to your questions, concerns, comments, and suggestions as to how I may serve you better!

Dave Crofford