



EC LEADER

MAY-JUNE 2019

From the Bishop:

The 1950s were the start of significant changes that would change our nation over the next two decades. Historians tell us that for most people the great depression was becoming a faint memory, GIs were home from the world war and families began to relocate to the growing suburbs. More women were going to work outside the home and everyone was watching black and white television. It was during that time that the Evangelical Congregational Church determined to develop camping ministries to reach the young people of the church.

On May 25 I am scheduled to participate in the 60th Anniversary celebration and re-dedication of Camp ECCO located in Carrollton, Ohio. The camp was dedicated to the glory of God by the Bishop of the EC Church, Dr. H.

H. Scanlin and Rev. Paul Dunn, District Superintendent, on May 30, 1959. History tells us 425 people attended that joyous occasion which was followed by a celebra-

tion picnic. Camp ECCO was the second EC camp; preceded by Rock River Bible Camp, located along the Rock River, north of Dixon, Illinois

in 1956. Twin Pines Camp, located west of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, was purchased in 1964.

Over the years many people have been involved in our camping ministries. Both pastors and lay leaders have poured countless hours in planning and leading weeks of summer camps as well as retreats and other events which are offered throughout the year. Even more important than what has been put into keeping our camps healthy and vital places of ministry are the countless individuals



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whose lives have been impacted by the ministry of the Gospel while at camp. Many people are in the Kingdom of God today because they accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord at camp. I remember attending a conference when pastors were asked to raise their hand if they were called into ministry while attending one of our camps. Many, many hands went up (including me.)

So as we specifically celebrate what the Lord has done, is doing, and will do through the ministry of Camp ECCO in Ohio, let us all be thankful for the deep spiritual impact our camps have had on our lives. Keep praying for them, volunteer as you are able, and financially support these ministries. Sixty years later—God is still transforming lives!

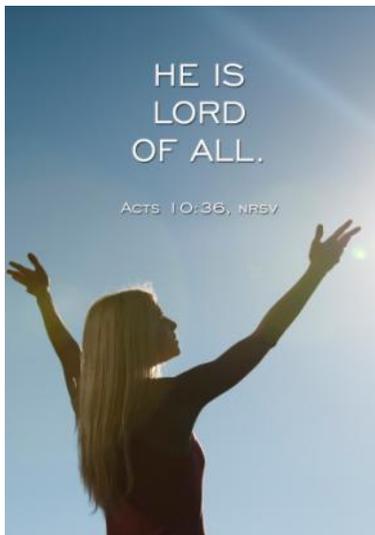
In Christ's service,



Rev. Bruce D. Hill
Bishop



Bishop's Top Ten Prayer & Praise List



1. Continue to pray for the work of the Stationing Committee, pastors, their families, and congregations impacted by new assignments.
2. Ask the Lord to bless the work of our National Conference which meets May 29-31.
3. Pray for our camps (ECCO, Rock River & Twin Pines) as they begin a new summer camping season.
4. Ask the Lord to bless the graduates of Evangelical Seminary as they continue to follow the Lord in ministry.
5. As we celebrate Memorial Day, thank the Lord for the men and women who have given their lives for our freedom.
6. Praise the Lord for the various workshops being offered at National Conference as we continue to learn and grow together.
7. Praise God for the wonderful reports of significant ministry taking place during the recent Easter season.
8. Praise the Lord, we can publically gather with other believers for the National Day of Prayer, May 2 and pray for those in federal, state, and local government.
9. In May we celebrate Mother's Day and in June, Father's Day; praise the Lord for parents who gave us birth and have shaped our lives.
10. Praise the Lord for opportunities to engage our neighbors in conversation as we emerge from our winter hibernation, get outside in the yard, and take neighborhood walks.

News from the Executive Director

We are waiting on additional information to complete the **worker's compensation** billing to Pennsylvania and New Jersey churches. Hopefully the missing information will be received soon and the invoices can be sent to the churches. Early indications are for a slight increase.

Churches not included in the denominational workers compensation group policy; Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky churches, your individual state mandates workers compensation coverage. Please confirm that all employees of the church are covered by workers compensation insurance. Per EC Benefits Corporation policy H.3.b, churches not covered by the denomination group workers compensation policy shall submit proof of workers compensation coverage by July 1 of each year. Please submit proof of your workers compensation coverage to:

EC Benefits
100 West Park Avenue
Myerstown, PA 17067

Or fax 717-866-7553 or email dking@eccenter.com

Retirement: As in years past Jennifer Buehler, Wells Fargo Advisors, had the most visitors during National Conference but please remember she is available for retirement planning assistance year round. Jennifer may be reached at 1-855-603-8146. We hope all our pastors are actively planning for their retirement; make consistent contributions to your 403(b) or Roth account (in addition to your church's contributions) and at a minimum spend an hour or two annually with a financial professional reviewing your investments. Please don't delay in becoming personally involved in your retirement planning.

EC Benefits Corporation has five open lay trustee positions. Trustees represent the members of the Benefits Corporation who are the EC National Conference churches and pastors. Trustees provide insight and direction to the benefit plans offered to EC active and retired pastors, the benefit plans include: health insurance, pension, workers compensation, short term disability and the Manna Fund. Trustees are expected to attend three Board of Trustee meetings per year with the slight possibility of additional meetings if an unexpected situation arises that requires trustee action. A commitment of about 10-15 hours per year would be required. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an EC Benefits Trustee please contact Jodi Earhart at the EC Church Center, jeahart@eccenter.com or 717-866-7581 to request a trustee application.

Please contact Dave King, Benefit Administrator, or Kevin Henry, Executive Director, with any questions or problems, dking@eccenter.com; khenry@eccenter.com or 717-866-7581.

Pre-Conference Meetings

May 7	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Christ EC, Allentown
May 9	Thursday	7:00 pm	Trinity EC, Lititz
May 11	Saturday	9:00 am	Trinity EC, Boyertown
May 14	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Zion EC, Pitman
May 18	Saturday	9:00 am (Central) 10:00am (Eastern)	Bethel EC, Dixon, IL Lakeside, Transfer, PA



More News from the Executive Director

I do not care for the ostentatious misleading headlines from media outlets that are designed to generate clicks that in turn generate advertising revenue however I must pass along the following “IRS highlights importance of payroll tax compliance in two-week campaign focused on legal actions, education visits” IR-2019-71, April 11, 2019, <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-highlights-importance-of-payroll-tax-compliance-in-two-week-campaign-focused-on-legal-actions-education-visits>. You may read the full article by following the link above. Please do not ignore a churches responsibility as an employer to properly follow all payroll tax withholding and remittance rules for federal, state and local taxes. The penalties and interest that will be charged for non compliance are going to be more costly than utilizing the services of an outside payroll service. Below is a reprint of information on payroll companies that some EC churches use from the September 2018 EC LEADER.

Jet Pay
Gerhart & Associates
Covenant CPA
Paychex
Lettich & Zipay, CPAs
The Waltz Group
Sonrise Paymaster\$
Ministry Works
Leid, Lorah & Company }
Quickbooks
Paytime

The denominational offices have not researched any of these payroll service providers nor are we making a recommendation for a specific provider. Each of these payroll service providers was suggested by the church utilizing their services. Please do your own research. If you are interested in one of the providers listed above I can pass along the church contact information that is currently using one of these payroll providers as I am sure the church will be able to provide an opinion on their service. I did not ask for cost information but a few of the recommendations provided an estimate of their costs which averaged from about \$75-\$125/month.

Please contact me with any questions or problems, khenry@eccenter.com or 717-628-2171.

Kevin Henry
Executive Director

34th Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 16, 2019 • 6:45 a.m.

Fairview Golf Course
2399 Quentin Rd
Lebanon, PA 17042
Cost: \$95/golfer OR \$380/foursome



The tournament is limited to 36 foursomes. Sign up early so you are not turned away! The tournament will be held rain or shine. In case of rain, the golf portion will be replaced with skills competitions and prizes, and the buffet will proceed as planned. Rain-out vouchers are given to golfers to play another day.

This annual tournament supports our Fund for Students, enabling Evangelical students to fulfill their callings.

Highlights:

- \$30,000 hole-in-one prize! (That's \$15,000 for you and \$15,000 for Evangelical Seminary)
- Individual challenge-hole prizes
- Foursome prizes & **church team prizes**
- Mouth-watering lunch buffet immediately following (catered by Quentin Tavern)

Go to Evangelical website to
register:
www.evangelical.edu/events/golf-tournament

Who We Are

“... you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”

1 PETER 2:9



2019 National Conference

May 29-31

Messiah College, Grantham, PA

National Conference Registration

Thanks to all of the punctual pastors and lay delegates that have completed their National Conference registrations. For those that need extra motivation to register there will be a \$25 late registration fee added to registrations received after May 1, 2019. It is essential that we provide Messiah College with accurate counts for food and lodging in early May. Please complete your conference registration as soon as possible.

1. Select three (3) Education Experiences one in each session on Thursday afternoon. The online registration form has three Breakout Session options to choose one Education Experience for each session.
2. Paper copies of reports must be requested. Under Conference details on the online registration form is the option for selecting paper reports. The reports will again be available on the EC website by mid May.
3. Registration is closed and all registrations are final as of May 15. No refunds on registration fees after May 15. Refunds are available for lodging and meal costs due to a pastoral emergency.

If you need to add an item to your conference registration, such as another meal or request paper copies of the reports that may be completed via the online registration form, select the new item and complete the checkout process. If you need to delete or remove or replace an item from your registration please contact the EC Church Center for assistance.

We look forward to seeing everyone at National Conference 2019.

Kevin Henry
Executive Director



Global Ministries Community

- **Our VBS project** this year is to aid the EC Church of Japan in their children's ministries outreach. This will include providing children's materials to all the EC churches in Japan, buying Bibles for the children, helping with transportation costs to Kids Camp, etc. Our goal is \$10,000. Rev. Yoriyoshi Abe will be providing the information for the 5-minute VBS missions portion of the program. Watch for it to be posted to our website.

- **Rev. Ron Anderson** was in Egypt at the end of March, to meet with many Christian church leaders in that country. Pray that God's will is discerned and acted on for that area of the world.

- **Jim and Joan Farr** will be retiring as of the end of June.

Their new home will be in Orlando, FL, near son Jamie and his family. Don't forget that their email is now jim_farr@sil.org. (There is an underline between 'jim' and 'farr'.) This email is good for both Jim and Joan.

- A number of our missionaries will be in the USA during the latter half of this year. Please keep this in mind if you mail birthday cards or other items. The following missionaries will be stateside:

- Brian & Missy Wagner—August 2019 to July 2020
- Chris & Deb Bowers—late July 2019 to December 2019
- David & Conce Roof—mid-May 2019 to July 2019
- Ken Sears—July 2019 to December 2019
- BJ & Rachel Whitaker—June 2019 to August 2019



Contact the GMC office for addresses for these folks while in the USA.

- Please note: Jonathan and Kathy Wilson have new email addresses. They are Jonathan_Wilson@sil.org and Kathy_Wilson@sil.org. The other emails have been discontinued, so please update your records. Thank you.

- Congratulations to **Jamie Farr**, who has been promoted. His title is now Vice President of Human Resources, and he is over three departments: Workforce Planning & Recruitment, Staffing, Development "Orientation" Training. Jamie serves at Wycliffe Bible Translators headquarters in Orlando, FL but spends a lot of time on the road.

- Congratulations to **Jonita Wilson** who is graduating this month from Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids. Congratulations also to **Rachel Wagner**, who graduates from Millersville University this month with a master's degree. Please keep her in prayer that she might find a job in her field. Congratulations to **Andrew Roof**, who will be graduating from Messiah College this year. His parents, David and Conce, are coming from Brazil for the momentous occasion.
- **Joe Toy** is doing open air ministry at the Kentucky Derby in the beginning of this month, May 2-5. He would appreciate prayer for safe travels and open hearts to the message of Christ. He is still considering going to the Indianapolis 500 at the end of this month, so keep that decision in prayer as well.

Kingdom Extension Community

Partners Newsletter

The KEC is currently looking for items to be included in future Partners Newsletters. If you have anything that fits the following needs descriptions, please forward your ideas and/or resources to Les Cool (717-951-8433 or revcool@ptd.net).

- Favorite Books on Missional (outreach) Ministry (and a brief statement why the book is valuable)
- Favorite Resources for Missional (outreach) Ministry (and a brief statement why the resource is valuable)
- Stories of Current or Recent Missional Ministries (or the name and contact info for us to interview the person in charge).

Preparing the Church for Mission

Peers in Ministry,

These six sessions are on Vimeo for your use. Please make use of them. Use the whole series. Pick the one or two sessions that fit your need. Let me know how I, or the KEC, might be of assistance as you seek to become more for Jesus' Kingdom. We can also plan a live event for your church or district.

Les Cool

Kingdom Extension Associate

Preparing the Church for Mission

NC 2018 Learning Experience

Six sessions regarding self-identity and self-care, corporate identity and ministry strengths, and mission and community awareness. The goal is to identify what we have to offer that matches what the community needs so we might build relational bridges into the community.

Vimeo Link... <https://vimeo.com/album/5783648>

#1... You Are Who You Are <https://vimeo.com/315374696>

Missional ministry begins with a healthy level of self-awareness. Knowing who we are and what we bring to the table is helpful. Session includes an overview of helpful tools to improve self-awareness.

#2... Selfcare <https://vimeo.com/315377722>

A closer look at selfcare...body, mind and soul. Selfcare is an intentional investment in self to be at the top of our game. Includes a closer look at specific approaches to selfcare.

#3... We Are Who We Are <https://vimeo.com/315383632>

Thinking "we" instead of "me" moves us to consider our corporate identity. Recognizing that we are saved into the Body helps us own the joint ministry entrusted to the church.

#4... Corporate Identity <https://vimeo.com/315385720>

An introduction to an assortment of tools helpful for identifying the strengths and weaknesses, gifts and skills of a team or congregation. Includes a simple tool to survey a congregation.

#5... On Mission With God <https://vimeo.com/315388289>

A brief introduction to the mission the church was created to serve. A discussion regarding the nature of our work as church, from stating conversations to joining in the harvest.

#6...Bridges to the Community <https://vimeo.com/317392164>

The final step in our missional adventure is building bridges to our communities. A simple survey helps us identify community needs that could be at the end of the bridges.

Kingdom and Ministry Conversations

sponsored by the Kingdom Extension Community

You are invited to join your peers in ministry (**and NOT just pastors!**) for short missional conversations. These are being held by Zoom (you don't have to travel, we'll come to you—sort of). The conversations will help all of us learn as we share our experiences.

An assortment of Kingdom and mission topics and dates-times are described below. All you need to do is sign up by the due dates. We will send you a link for the Zoom session, as well as any materials we think you might want in hand before the session.

Attend one or two or all of them. Questions? Contact Les Cool (717-951-8433 or revcool@ptd.net).

Food on Mission (Les Cool) Same session offered twice.

Sunday, May 5, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

It is possible to make Kingdom use of a common daily activity—eating. Les and Carol Cool used small group gatherings (men, women and couples) to build a new church. This conversation will help you flesh out ideas that might be effective for your congregation and community. Please RSVP to revcool@ptd.net by May 1 to receive a link to join the Zoom conversation.

Discipleship as Mission (Al Giles) Same session offered twice.

Monday, May 6, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

We can disciple in the church or in our homes. So, why can't we disciple at work, in our communities, or any other place we go? Consider a conversation about how to disciple and sensitively live out the Jesus' lifestyle anywhere. Please RSVP to revcool@ptd.net by May 2 to receive a link to join the Zoom conversation.

Evangelism Starts with a Conversation (Les Cool) Same session offered twice.

Tuesday, May 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Join a conversation about conversations. There is an art to making space for conversations. Les will share resources and ideas as we brainstorm venues for missional conversations. Ideas will include starting conversations, redirecting conversations, and leaving space for future conversations. Please RSVP to revcool@ptd.net by May 3 to receive a link to join the Zoom conversation.

Discipling for Mission (Al Giles) Same session offered twice.

Wednesday, May 8, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Bricks need to be baked before your build. Believers need to be disciplined before they effectively impact others for Christ. Consider a conversation that will help you grasp basic discipleship principles that can be used in any gathering. Please RSVP to revcool@ptd.net by May 4 to receive a link to join the Zoom conversation.

Evangelism Starts with a Conversation (Les Cool)

Monday, May 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Join a conversation about conversations. There is an art to making space for conversations. Les will share resources and ideas as we brainstorm venues for missional conversations. Ideas will include starting conversations, redirecting conversations, and leaving space for future conversations. Please RSVP to revcool@ptd.net by May 16 to receive a link to join the Zoom conversation.

Food on Mission (Les Cool)

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

It is possible to make Kingdom use of a common daily activity—eating. Les and Carol Cool used small group gatherings (men, women and couples) to build a new church. This conversation will help you flesh out ideas that might be effective for your congregation and community. Please RSVP to revcool@ptd.net by May 17 to receive a link to join the Zoom conversation.

Discipleship as Mission (Al Giles)

Thursday, May 23, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

We can disciple in the church or in our homes. So, why can't we disciple at work, in our communities, or any other place we go? Consider a conversation about how to disciple and sensitively live out the Jesus' lifestyle anywhere. Please RSVP to revcool@ptd.net by May 19 to receive a link to join the Zoom conversation.

Discipling for Mission (Al Giles)

Wednesday, May 23, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Bricks need to be baked before your build. Believers need to be disciplined before they effectively impact others for Christ. Consider a conversation that will help you grasp basic discipleship principles that can be used in any gathering. Please RSVP to revcool@ptd.net by May 24 to receive a link to join the Zoom conversation.



What's happening at Twin Pines Camp During the May & June 2019?

Spring Spruce Up—May 7-9, 2019



Get away for relaxation, relationship building, enjoying nature, and spend time with God. Housing, breakfast and spiritual guidance materials are provided in the weekend rate. Gather your friends together and enjoy a few days at camp.

Bit.ly/19SpruceUp

Downloadable Promotional Resources

Twin Pines has both posters and a slide image to help promote Summer Camp at your church. The poster can be posted in the foyer, Sunday School rooms, Youth Room, etc. The slide is for use in the church's presentation software to be included with other church announcements.

Bit.ly/2019CampPromo

For Ladies Only Retreat—May 14-16, 2019



Are exciting mid-week retreat "for ladies only." Come enjoy fellowship, worship, and in-depth Bible learning as the retreat looks at what it means to be a woman of God. Back by popular demand, musician & speaker, Sue Duffield.

Bit.ly/2019ladies-retreat

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Camp Blacktop, Bethlehem, PA



Register for Summer Camp by April 30, 2019 and **\$SAVE!**



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2020 Pastoral Assessment Center Enrollment

The deadline for registering for the 2020 Pastoral Assessment Center is June 1, 2019. The applicant will immediately be enrolled to participate throughout the Summer and Fall in pre-PAC huddles that will prepare them for the PAC experience. The date and location for the PAC are January 15-18, 2020 at the campus of Evangelical Seminary. There is no cost to those who are seeking credentials in the EC Church. Because ministry requires more of the family than other typical vocations, the wife of each applicant is asked to attend the event in January. Please work out arrangements in adequate time for both of your attendance to participate.

Please enroll by requesting an entrance application from jgbyerly@eccenter.com

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG  #LOVE1ANOTHER

May 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Evangelical Seminary Board Mtg.	3 <i>Day of Prayer for the E.C. Church</i>	4
5 <i>Day of Prayer for Kingdom Extension</i>	6	7 Pre-Conf Mtg. Christ, Allentown 7:00 pm	8	9 Pre-Conf Mtg. Trinity, Lititz 7:00 pm	10 Evangelical Seminary Commencement	11 Pre-Conf Mtg. Trinity, Boyertown 9:00 am
12 MOTHER'S DAY Mother's Day Offering	13 Prayer Mobilization Team Mtg.	14 Pre-Conf Mtg. Zion, Pitm an 7:00 pm	15 Health Insurance Due National Conference Registration Closed	16 Evangelical Seminary Praise Dinner	17 Fresh Expressions Vision Day	18 Pre-Conf Mtg. Lakeside, Transfer 10:00 am Bethel, Dixon 9:00 am
19	20	21	22	23	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Camp ECCO 60th Anniversary</div>	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY Church Center Closed	28	29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">NATIONAL CONFERENCE</div>	30	31 ASCENSION DAY	

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June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Day of Prayer for Kingdom Extension</i>				Heritage Comm Mtg. Faith & Doctrine Comm Mtg.	<i>Day of Prayer for the E.C. Church</i>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
PENTECOST Student Aid Offering	Prayer Mobilization Team Mtg.				Health Insurance Due	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
FATHER'S DAY	Info for July-August Leader Due	Loan & Investment Comm Mtg.				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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July 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Church Center Closed	5 Church Center Closed <i>Day of Prayer for the E.C. Church</i>	6
7 <i>Day of Prayer for Kingdom Extension</i>	8	9	10	11	12 Church Center Closed	13
14	15 Health Insurance Due	16 Benefits Corp. Mtg.	17	18	19 Church Center Closed HERNDON CAMPMEETING	20
21	22	23	24 HERNDON CAMPMEETING	25	26 Church Center Closed	27
28 HERNDON CAMPMEETING	29	30	31			

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