

1 LONG BEACH, CA FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL Hyatt Regency

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3 **THURSDAY JANUARY 26, 2012**

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5 PRESENT: Bob Fetterhoff(Moderator 11-13), Tom Avey(Fellowship Coordinator), Bob Wagner(E-12),
6 Doug Courter(E-13), Dan Jackson(E-14), Dave Kennedy(E-15), Dan Thornton(E-16), Jonathan Carey(C-
7 12), Nathan Bryant(C-13), Bruce Barlow(C-14), Clancy Cruise(C-15), Jason Carmean(C-16) Chris Ball(W-
8 12), Roy Halberg(W-14), Michael Saldivar(W-15), Richard Todd(W-16), & Greg Howell(Recording
9 Secretary)

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11 GUESTS: Janet Minnix, Liz Gates, Larry Chamberlain, Ken Seyfert, Ed Lewis, Dave Guiles, Ron
12 Manahan, Tim Boals, & Joel Richards

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14 Moderator Fetterhoff—showed a short video of his recent Thailand trip & orphans & widows ministry. A
15 businessman visiting with Bob asked “what would be the future success rate for all this?”, Answer—Jesus
16 cares for others, the power of the Gospel, & should have added “look after orphans & widows” He met 2
17 little girls in 09 and showed their pictures Niricha, Penae, rescued. Gordon McDonald shared that Steve
18 Jobs rejected Christianity because his pastor couldn’t adequately explain why there are starving children.
19 We need to be aware that every encounter we have with others (especially the impressionable) may turn
20 them toward or away from belief.

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23 MOTION TO approve minutes of July 2011 meeting 2/p

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25 **National Ministries Reports**

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27 **Grace Schools**—Dr. Manahan told of his friendship with Matt Dalton owner of Daltons Foundry in
28 Warsaw, IN who was unsaved. Ron tried to witness, but Matt always refused. This Christmas the
29 Manahans received a card from his widow with a note on the back stating that she had become a
30 believer. It was well worth the friendship with Matt for her sake. And both her new neighbor & personal
31 trainer are active evangelists. The fruit of befriending folks outside our normal circles of contact may not
32 be seen in this life, but God will use us if we will be used.

33 With regard to the College, the three-year system is beginning well. The Seminary continues growing,
34 and becoming more strategic. The MA in ministry is also going well. Grace recently signed an
35 agreement with Radio Bible Class to partner together on the online Christian Global Network. The
36 Korean program and missiology are both going well. Ron was privileged to testify before Congress
37 regarding the affordability of the three-year program. GHowell prayed for Ron & Grace

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39 **BMH**—Liz Gates distributed a handout of stories. She also gave each FC member a copy of God of
40 Hope and study guide. FGBC periodicals are now fully digitally archived. Because of this several
41 widows & National Organizations have asked BMH to have their papers digitally archived along with
42 Grace’s Brethren history Library which needs to be organized and archived. Jesse DeLoe will be the
43 archiver. Dan T prayed for Liz & BMH

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45 **CE NATIONAL**—Ed Lewis started by saying he loves where the Fellowship is going. He feels that we
46 are on the cusp of great things—but now is seeing it happening. He handed out brochures about ONE
47 and CE National Opportunities. He pointed out that there is a lot of networking together. He considers
48 Youth Conference (Momentum), an “FGBC-plus” ministry because CE is working together with other
49 groups—more and more are being attracted because of our stance on Bible & truth, and it is a conference
50 with ministry experience. He handed out brand new (not all folded correctly) brochures about an Israel
51 tour—ministry experience w/Randy Smith guiding. This will be a first. The Israel tour will be combined
52 with a ministry trip—participants will interact with locals not just sight-see. The Momentum Theme for
53 2012 is: James 1:26 *Recognize the Unseen*.

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55 Clancy expressed thanks from the Fellowship Council on behalf of the FGBC: “Thank God for Ed Lewis,
56 for his faithfulness and innovation. Ed is on to something with the CE National Israel Ministry

Experience.” Tom Avey pointed out that CE is leading the charge for the Saturday seminars at National Conference this year. Ed continued his report by telling about the Urban Hope Church plant: 125 all new believers from rough background—training from square one. Bruce B commented that the ONE emphasis is wonderful. Are you just doing ministry or are you pouring your life into ONE. We are not after decisions we are after disciples. Dave K prayed for Ed

GO2 Ministries—Tim Boal --our biggest need is not money, but men. He has been all over the country looking for young men. He announced that they now have the technology to run the prayer map. Want 100 sponsor churches. Mobile app is up and running (for iPhones & androids). GO2 is partnering with groups that are connecting resources with church planting situations, not just GBCs. 500 churches needed to adopt a circle. Major challenges: 1) expand the number of churches adopting circles, 2) building out New York City plant 100 churches with 3 partners. NY appellate court ruled that schools can no longer house churches. Pray that Mayor Blumberg will make an executive reprieve. The Supreme Court has already ruled to not hear the appeal. 3) Create good works—coffee company “Grounds 4 Good”. The one thing that pleases God is faith. We dishonor God when our vision isn’t big. The Logos spoke the world into being in a moment. Currently there are 17 churches developing. There won’t probably be any ready for membership until next summer. Bob W prayed for Tim and GO2

Women of Grace—Janet Minnix gave 3 gifts: *Spectrum Mag*, *Partners with You* brochure, & *Released* folder. Then she gave a glimpse of what is going through the minds of women and girls in churches today: perfect figure/makeup/life. Wife/mother feels the need to be in control of their children & husbands; equal to what men can do maybe better, see TV putting men down so she can too, looking for love—often in wrong places. If she is a middle-school student, she is afraid to go to the restroom at school because of bullying. And she is struggling with her abilities. Even those who lead or are faithful in Bible studies and ministries are wrestling with many of these. WOG want to encourage these women not to be superficial and give the a right understanding of true submission and obedience. Our purpose is to equip and give firm grounding in truth. Pastors have a responsibility to shepherd women and girls – primary responsibility to help them use and grow in their giftings. Identify those who are strong biblically to encourage those who could strengthen others. She directed attention to *Partners with You* brochure pointing out the “What we Offer” panel. Women’s Leadership Summits and Studies in cooperation with Grace. Mentoring and other resources are on the website www.wgusa.org. Doug prayed for Janet & Women of Grace

AGBM—Joel Richards pastors are working towards excellence in ministry, in addition to the three annual awards—another one now--for Tim Boal who is published (cartoon in *Leadership*). Breakfast for pastors & wives was received well last two conferences. Mark Saunders overseeing district liaisons – going to add more to assist reps who have larger groups (D White over 100). Dealing with Blue Ridge and others who need to feel a part of the Fellowship. Personal note: I have an MRI scheduled for 2/6 for calcification in brain and I’m claustrophobic. Roy H prayed for AGBM and Joel

Encompass—Dave Guiles---we are RE-focusing on disciple-making, RE-Branding –name change GraceTrust dba Encompass. Dave said he is impressed that a lot of older folks are expressing approval for the name change. RE-cruitment –younger and older RE-tooling our staff, world changed even if they were properly trained for the world they graduated into. RE-Locating --Board has authorized a move to Atlanta. RE-Formating --Statement of Faith ways in which our belief structure speaks to younger generations. RE-thinking --funding mechanisms, our financial support structures to fund cross-cultural ministries. Need to find other money streams Such as GO2’s coffee company. RE-structuring our US outreach 30 million not born in USA We have an initiative to try to identify where ethnic minority churches & congregations within existing churches are located --45 FGBC ethnic church leaders are meeting together. GBIF has helped fund these meetings together—next one will be in Atlanta Dave has decided to retire in 2020, so he plans to spend the next eight years preparing Encompass to best go beyond 2020. Planning to have National Conference in Atlanta 2013. Clancy prayed for Dave and Encompass.

GBIF—Ken & Larry Ken announced that they just this morning received the annual audit results--totally clean bill of health!!! 90mil+ total assets. Able to pay investors and share proceeds to church planters.

Prayer that GBIF can keep investors with low rates. Investors have entrusted funds and asked GBIF to put it to work. We've never had a problem of having enough money to loan—too much for FGBC. Is it time to expand to brothers in other groups? GBIF board has spent extended time of prayer and seeking God's will. There is a Christian banker in each bank with which GBIF invests. Pastors need to help investors in local churches to consider when investing—not interest rate, but how their money is used to make disciples. Ken then put on his other hat: Retirement Planning Committee and Promise of Honor Chair, explaining that Linda Leonard administers as a GBIF employee with FGBC reimbursing GBIF. Richard Todd prayed for GBIF & Ken.

Larry explained that we need to change the working agreement concerning the Eagle Commission so that GBIF is serving as the manager but with the FGBC as the entity soliciting funds. He also recommended transferring endorsing agent duties to Mark Penfold since he will retire from the Army in about a year and Col. John Schumacher getting is ready to step down.

MOTION: That we approve the amended Policy and Procedure of the Chaplaincy Ministry, provided to the Fellowship Council this meeting. 2/p

MOTION: That we approve the opening of a checking account at Lake City Bank for the Eagle Commission, per the Deposit Account Business Resolution provided to the Fellowship Council this meeting, and further authorize the following signers for this account: (any two) – Larry Chamberlain, Kenneth Seyfert, Susanne Kessler, Carol Soto, Linda Leonard, and Tom Avey. 2/p

MOTION: That we approve the appointment of Grace Brethren Chaplain Lt Col Mark Penfold (US Army) as the FGBC Chaplain Endorsing Agent, to become effective upon the retirement of Col John Schumacher, tentatively scheduled for mid-2013. Mark Penfold to begin mid 2013. 2/p

Two new chaplains—James Murray, youth pastor at Aiken, SC and a man from Seal Beach
There will be a Chaplains training day in connection with National Conference Sat July 28, based on the need recognized by Jerry Young for a national examining board.
Prayer by Dan J for Larry and the Eagle Commission

REPORT OF Structures Commission—Dan Thornton Noted long and short form for the proposed changes.

Three tiers—1 our evangelical core [doctrine--fundamentals], 2) Grace Brethren heritage—convictions on ordinances, 3) Cultural Application place for continuing resolutions D Guiles added that this form will greatly help global missionaries in explaining and demonstrating who we are to nationals and other evangelicals. He added that it speaks to the next generation in the USA because it connects our heritage to contemporary life. The layers will help make a proper relationship between the gospel and practice. A 4th tier might be “self-theologizing”. Missionaries need to be freed up of the package delivered by the West from God.

Discussion—DG: this is not completely filled out, but gives the 3 tracks to run on
TB the tiers will help with in & out involvement, trying to build relationships, they don't have to buy in full right away. “yeah, we come from a certain family line that has these traits” will help get a guy before he has to totally commit, gets past the ordinance barrier. Cf Seminary process—didn't drop brethren beliefs class on us the first year—3 years of building relationships and incorporating in other classes along the way. “Tier” is very important wording as opposed to section. At what point do you get into the family? At tier 1 or do you still have to swallow the whole thing?

Q: is “Evangelical” going to be harmful? Not just Gospel

Grace Brethren Doctrinal Interpretation

Wondering if we have one document or two

Minor question—should it be a core belief that the church was “born on the day of Pentecost”

Look at top

1 Put "return.." under to Lord Jesus Christ
2 What else really HAS TO BE ADDED—use DG's Example of 7 that other evangelicals then second
3 section would be what FGBC adds for distinctives
4 AGBM exam is based on systematic theology not just Statement of Faith
5 Level 1—can come in at Christian level (to local church) , but if you are going into ministry have to pass
6 both/(all?) tiers—even if provisional .
7 Needs to be beautiful
8 Don't have to destroy Statement of Faith (this may naturally replace it in the future)
9 Q to DG what have you learned in name change process? A: Lived it very publically, communicate, and
10 the turning point was the emotional switch/flip what matters most—sending kids into ministry. Why the
11 change is needed and what we risk if we don't

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13 Q: will this set up or require membership levels?

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15 Comments about GB Heritage or Doctrinal Interpretation
16 Start with Relationship, Bible, mission (CCM?)
17 Start out with a stronger point than autonomy.
18 Line 166 coop in fellowship and ministry replace "work"

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20 Constitution clean up:
21 Take all committee recommendations unless a FC rep objects and discussion changes then recommend.

22 Objections to 1969

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25 P48 29 doctrines

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27 92-96 redundant (all ready in Statement of Faith)
28 102-105 dismissal for all, not just stats & fees
29 P 50
30 164-165 make FC rep sign that they believe SoF (or Declaration of Common Identity)

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32 Change moderator and V-m to Executive Director and Assistant Director

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34 P56 481

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36 P 59 DAN rework 643-647 what constitutes satisfaction This requirement is satisfied if a majority
37FGBC

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39 p 60 671 help keep churches from having to pay dues/allow districts to have non-FGBC churches as
40 members

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42 p 51 218 members OF
43 p 56 423 in an advisory CAPICITY

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45 MOTION TO recommend to the delegates at National Conference the adoption of the un-objected-to-
46 changes to the Constitution and Manual of Procedure. 2/p

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49 SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE—Don Shoemaker
50 Chairman will report at Palm Springs this summer that the Fellowship Council approved adding Jesus
51 Munoz and Rich Schneiders to committee. Don intends to step down as chair after National Conference.
52 New chair is not determined yet. Don will continue to provide Social Concerns email updates subject to
53 the wishes of the new chairman.

MOTION TO approve new members of the Social Concerns Committee Jesus Munoz & Rich Schneiders.
2/p (and also Remove inactive members)

Don was Minister of the Year in Seal Beach and even road on a float. His report on the massacre at Seal Beach is very insightful. He compared it to Jeremiah –Sovereignty & human effort

MOTION TO recommend to National Conference delegates this summer that each of these churches to be admitted into the membership of the FGBC 2/p:

Grasslands GBC, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, Oliver Edwards, Pastor
Village Community Church, Milton, Ontario, Canada, Rob Stanley, lead pastor
White Stone, Johnstown, OH Tony Webb, church planter/pastor
GBC of Jacksontown, Jacksontown, OH, Tony Webb, church planter/pastor
Eastgate Mansfield, Ashland, OH, Andy Shank, Pastor
Eastgate Bible Church, Ashland, OH, Nathan Wells, Pastor

The Membership committee recommends that the application be changed to reflect the relationship aspect of membership of churches in the FGBC and their endorsement of the Commitment to Common Ministry (cf Calvary Chapel system) Emphasis on family—how are you related already. Tell us about your commitment to the Bible—this opens the dialogue,

Do we have any churches needing to be removed—Tom A will check and let committee know.

Adjourned for Commission meetings

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012

Jason & Clancy shared about their recent teaching (Aquila) trip to the CAR
Jason taught Revelation, Clancy taught Galatians. They described the thrill of watching the light go on as they interacted with the students. The food and accommodations are as comfy as home w/o soft bed, air-conditioning, and consistent electricity. 45min commute was like traveling through a county fair x10 as fast as you can go children and animals unsupervised.

Prayer Requests: Michael shared his visit with brother-in-law Casey, heart surgery because of drug addiction. –God's timing that he would be having meetings so close. Doug Courtier shared that his son Ben is in Afghanistan w/Marines. Colby (1yr old dwarf) in Clancy's church—just got cast off, but having seizures. Greg just came from Purple Heart Ceremony for his son, Cameron, who was wounded in the elbow while serving with the Marines in Afghanistan.

Time of prayer

Structures Commissions

Five Decisions—

Titles will need to be carefully selected

Our Core Beliefs—almost exactly from NAE (National Association of Evangelicals)

Our Shared Interpretations (other words considered: Contributions, include Grace Brethren?, Convictions, Current Consensus, Corollary, Common,) Thought it would be good to have a forum to get input from others. It is very important how we frame the presentation of this. It has been over 40 years since the last update of "our current expression". It will be helpful to number the lines. There should be an open forum for a large invited group of pastors.

Left out references, might change headings to "We believe" like the core. Tried to leave out things common to most evangelicals, and emphasize things FGBC's would specifically add to NAE statement Committed to Jesus, His Truth, His Mission

1 Our Cultural Applications
2 Suggested open sentence—work of Charis group as the catalyst for this upgrade. Connecting us with
3 that group is positive and accurate. Some statement that indicates we are following their initiative.
4 Our International family of GBC are self-governing.
5 Julien—Statement of Faith should not be a Bridge or Barrier but a base of belief (Guiles respectfully
6 disagrees)
7 The Tiers will Not necessarily be replacing the State of Faith,—needs to be stated in introductory promo.
8 RE-statement of our current identity-- declaration of our working agreement with other groups
9 BB—I would use this with new folks to my church.
10 Anything else that needs to be included that would describe who we are? Historically, Biblically,
11 Doctrinal—rest should be in Cultural Application like egalitarian/complementarian (woman in leadership)
12 Things that might be in Ordination exams. Israel is new item from what is in Statement of Faith—this will
13 help in the future when political takes over and when biblical is diminished. This says what our
14 Fellowship has held since its inception (dispensationalism—McClain's Greatness of the Kingdom)
15 Theological, political, social background out of which our Fellowship was born.
16 May need another document that has the references, if Statement of Faith gets replaced
17 The Intro letter needs to clearly state that this does not replace the Statement of Faith
18 Context for use so we can build relationships as we are recruiting. Helpful for people as they are coming
19 in to know what/who we are before deciding to be part of us.
20 This will be disseminated to a group of 100 to react to

21 22 CONSTITUTION

23 Remove 1969 and current to "This"... "the expression"
24 P49 87 leave until finished with Declaration document
25 P50 considered Chairman, President, He-Who-Drew-the-Short-Straw, etc, but landed on Executive
26 Director and Assistant Director lots of discussion
27 P56 481 don't need term Parliamentary Chairman—change to moderator (not capitalized)
28 P59 629-31 Change to "Recognize national ministries. While FGBC requests an annual report as a
29 courtesy, it does not control..." point of information---Encompass asked to consider relationship with
30 National Organizations and requested that requirement be eliminated "not creations of the Fellowship
31 not integral part of its organizations"
32 Need to get legal counsel—should ask Encompass to foot the bill since they are requesting
33 671 Strike line Cooperating Districts—take out "must be in good-standing with FGBC" otherwise it
34 creates a trap, can't be in national w/o being in district, but can't be in district w/o being in fellowship. TA
35 fear of churches opting out of FGBC and not paying dues. But allows district more freedom to embrace
36 churches that are planning to join.

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38 SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO recommend to delegates all changes as presented by the Structures
39 Committee concerning the Constitution and Manual of Procedure 2/p

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41 Dan asked for Consensus to allow editorial changes in numbering, etc before presenting without further
42 approval of full Fellowship Council. Consensus granted.

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44 The Declaration needs to be more public than Constitutional changes. Maybe we need to take another
45 year for the Declaration. The Constitution can be done in one motion. Who presents the Declaration?
46 We'll wait for feedback from the 100, they will give a feel of how much discussion is needed.
47 MS—Suggested putting the Constitutional changes into one document and presenting it without red-line
48 at Conference

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50 Return the Declaration back to the committee of 4 (Keith Shearer, Keith Minier, Tom Julien, and Jim
51 Custer) and let them see it as a courtesy and then week later give to 100 (and let them also be part of the
52 100?) Then hold a forum at Conference—craft the wording of "forum" 100 could post comments and
53 the Structures Committee will answer
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1 Intro letter should inform that the Declaration is following the Charis initiative in an attempt to connect with
2 the international Brethren and impact next USA generations (ala Encompass)
3 Fresh, Fuller statement (not finished) TA will craft the letter. The Declaration is designed to include our
4 children, and grandchildren in historic Brethrenism while reaching the unreached and not alienating other
5 Christians interested in joining us.
6 Great to have Dave G there saying "This is why..., This is why---Generational We need to put the
7 church planting guys of ELVC in forum room as champions/question fielders
8 How about no public forum for the Declaration this year, just online?
9 Very important—needs to be celebrated. Lets see how it hits the fan with the 100. Bob will refere to
10 Declaration in his address and state "Oh, yeah there's a meeting for Constitutional cleanup."

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12 Need visionaries to present Constitutional changes also (need 2 separate sessions to read and pass)
13 Send red-line Constitution by email with column comments about changes (not what is being taken out)?
14 Summary cover page also
15 There should probably be a Constitution forum in advance of conference. Give ideas of how to present
16 to Tom A. For sure the Declaration gets published online

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18 Constitution will be distributed at a different time and requires 2 business sessions (if approve this year)
19 Applause to Dan and committee

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21 Don S thought it wise to incorporate a carefully worded statement on immigration and will bring it to
22 National Conference.

23 24 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

25 Bruce—we need to add a template of questions to follow-up on phone with a new church after receipt of
26 their application. It should include their embracing of the CCM, tell of dreams, relationship to FGBC, if
27 not yet connected, will keep some contact going to build relationship and fill the gap between application
28 and conference at least. Suggested to Larry to earmark some of \$7500 gift for transportation so
29 reception and relationship can happen. He is very open and will adjust in future years for all new
30 churches. Plus encourage church to kick in some for conference in succeeding years. Committee will
31 convey info when communicating acceptance and strongly encourage attendance.

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33 List of potential Asst Directors (formerly vice-moderator). Bartley Sawatsky, Mike Yoder, Dan Gregory,
34 Phil Sparling, Keith Minier
35 Send your order of preference and especially if object to any. Guidelines—vision & administration,
36 commitment, relationship, not grey hairs. TA will compile and Bob will email in order and bring his choice
37 Lord willing to July meeting.

38 39 FINANCE COMMITTEE

40 Deferred to TA to walk through Statement of Activities. Tom pointed out the loss in Change of
41 Unrestricted Net Assets reflects a prorated use of \$40,000 gift from GBIF in beginning of new moderator
42 change

43 Bob excused himself so we could discuss his package. Need to continue sending a thank you to GBIF
44 which gives us the ability to empower a moderator to devote time & energy to the Fellowship.
45 Budget includes \$7500 for assistant which would be travel expenses no honorarium until he becomes
46 Exec Director. Exec choses his assistant. Need to get more money in for Assistant. Refer back to
47 Finance Committee before July meeting and before publishing budget for Conference.

48 TA left and brought Bob back in for interaction

49 Asked Bob about his future interests. What is your position as you look ahead as Executive Director for
50 another year (need to talk with Roxanne first—traveled a lot w/o her—she doesn't travel well). Very much
51 believe in keeping the ball moving in the same direction, EVLC and the momentum it has generated. At
52 stage where children are grown—though no grandchildren yet. FC Expressed unanimous approval of job
53 so far. Love idea of having Assistant to mentor and be ready. Would like to put a ballot for Executive
54 Director & Assistant (pubah & little -Yogi & Booboo) for 2013 to be voted on this year. FC expressed that
55 we want to add some more money for Assistant in 2013 budget. Bob—some of things we have been
56 working on come from Jeff's ideas, appreciate FC's encouragement.

1 Need to address TA—

2 DJ We want to bless and raise his salary. Can't increase money but can give 2 weeks extra vacation
3 (from 20 to 30 business days)—this is his request. Any Ideas of ways to fund next year? Best is
4 increased attendance. 1000-2000 will cause enough to fund
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6 MOTION to increase TA's vacation days from 20-30 business days (4wks to 6wks) for duration of his
7 contract 2/p.

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9 Need to do something to encourage those who feel they need to leave because FGBC doesn't provide all
10 they are wanting.

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12 Guys like Jeff need opportunities to collaborate not just awards. (private notes, emails also) maybe more
13 platform time. If their gift is leading, best way we can gift them is to let them use their gifts. Bob gave Jeff
14 go-ahead to develop GoNet.

15 DJ what is Jeff's relationship to FC? Since he was almost poised to lead us for 10 yrs –Bob said he
16 offered to help Bob anyway he could.

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18 Bruce expressed that there is coming a time soon when BMH can't afford to continue doing all that they
19 do, because they are eating away at the principle. Bob asked him to go back to BMH board and compile
20 a list of preferred methods of communication that board can provide for FC to help prioritize or cut. BMH
21 is committed to serve and there is not yet a crisis situation.

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23 2012 conference schedule. One of the fun things is CE dinner will be up in the Mountains
24 Because of heat, sessions will meet in the middle of the day. List of area restaurants will be provided
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26 2013 target is Atlanta Marriot's & Crown Plaza 15mins from Encompass new offices. NE corner of
27 Atlanta. May have Momentum there also. For joint session(s)
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29 What's best airport? Palm Springs then Ontario John Wayne is farther, but often cheaper San Diego
30 also close enough.
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32 MOTION On behalf of the FGBC family the Fellowship Council wants to acknowledge the faithfulness, passion
33 and innovation of Brother Ed Lewis. He has set an example over many years for all of us in discipleship and
34 leadership training. Therefore, the Fellowship Council wants to say; Thank God for Ed Lewis.2/p

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36 BMH Archive Resolution

37 The Fellowship Council, the governing board of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, recognizes
38 the history of the FGBC informs our heritage and there are documents, photos, and other such material
39 that should be protected for future generations. There is valuable information in the minutes and other
40 papers of our member organizations that would be valuable resources for theologians, historians, and
41 genealogists and this material should be preserved.

42 Therefore, the Council asks the Brethren Missionary Herald Company to pursue the development of an
43 archive on behalf of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Furthermore, we encourage Grace
44 Brethren people, congregations, and organizations to support the effort to develop a Grace Brethren
45 Archive through prayer, volunteer service, or financial donations. Such action will ensure that while our
46 heritage has formed our present, we do not ignore it in projecting our future.
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48 MOTION to authorize BMH to be historical archver for FGBC 2/p

49 To be determined where archives will be located Grace or BMH Jesse Deloe will be the curator.

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51 EVLC report – rough minutes of proceeding ATTACHED

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53 Blue Ridge update on communication—D Jackson

1 Went to their November Ministerium and took Dan White (secretary of AGBM) Both felt they felt hurt,
2 wanting to be heard. Most National Organizations had communicated with them. It was worth it to make
3 a relational comment. Emailed Zach right before coming to this meeting.
4 BF any lingering concern? Wanted to be heard. Don't have any real involvement. Lack of
5 understanding of how to be heard. It seems to help to know they could communicate electronically and
6 encouraged them to be involved (beyond having to have someone of them on a national board). Liz
7 mentioned 2 of their guys were at the GO2 thing in Florida. How else could they have initiated contact?
8 May need to mention FC rep/liaison list connections. Okay to contact FC, but hard when they send
9 blanket letters to all Nat orgs and it doesn't really involve the others. Looks like most is now cared for by
10 these relational touches.

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13 MOTION Adjourned to photo by Liz and video thanks to Ed(12:50) 2/p

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15 Respectfully submitted.
16 Gregory M. Howell
17 Recording Secretary
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