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Dear Fellowship Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to allow our organizations to share how we cooperatively desire to advance the objectives of the FGBC. CE National is the Church Effectiveness arm of the FGBC. Although we are a separate corporate organization we voluntarily submit this information to the Fellowship Council because of our desire to cooperate fully with FGBC vision and growth. Naturally we work to assist local churches to be healthy. Our purpose is *to impact the church by serving as a catalyst for biblically accurate and culturally relevant ministries to children, youth and adults*. Our objectives are the following seven statements:

1. Through training youth and adults
2. Through youth and adult ministry experiences
3. Through networking with church leaders
4. Through Recruiting and Training CE National Staff, Cabinets and Board Relations
5. Through Effective and Efficient Administration of CE National
6. Through providing ministry resources
7. Through networking with church leaders

See [www.cenational.org](http://www.cenational.org) for a list of our core values.

The following is a list of some of the things that coincide with the FGBC goals.

**I. Grow by Conversion**

- A. All of the Operation Barnabas teams are trained in evangelism and are equipped to build relationships in order to share their faith with other people. This past year is no exception. We had three domestic teams ministering in West and mid-West, doing training at Norwalk, California. All of the teams visited both Grace Brethren Churches and non-FGBC churches and participated in Momentum West's cutting-edge conference, working with WOW Jam and other outreach opportunities.

This year the domestic teams will travel in the mid-West and orientation will be in Powell, Ohio. The Operation Barnabas International team will go to South Africa!

- B. Tag-You're It! is a special program available to any church from CE National. This is especially designed to equip churches not only to minister to children but through children. This material, which is put together by the children's cabinet and others, is a great opportunity to revolutionize the children's ministries of our

churches. Please pray for its effective. The cabinet is currently working on a shortened version of the Tag-You're It program.

New videos included liability videos for churches and a four-part series of videos called "Got It!" for follow-up of children who received Christ.

- C. Momentum always has an emphasis on helping young people be equipped to share their faith with non-believers. This year we offered two conferences, one on the West Coast and one at Cedarville University near Dayton, Ohio. The group in California had challenges to help the poor and those of other faiths. For three days they worked with organizations such as WOW JAM to reach out to the poor in the Los Angeles area (Skid Row). They also visited a Hindu temple and were trained in what Muslims believe. They talked to international students at a local university. Momentum East presented the "We Care—Dayton" day where the students and adults were placed with organizations that needed assistance whether physical labor or person-to-person interaction and we showered the love of Christ on that city. Each day many youth groups went into the city and did evangelism as well. They gave gifts to the poor totaling \$94,000. We now have two Momentum Orphanages in Cambodia.
- D. The Urban Hope Training Center in Philadelphia celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this October. It is not only a place where there is an emphasis on children and youth and growing up leaders for the church plant, but also there are hundreds of people being trained in evangelism. Every month during the year there are weekend training opportunities available. There are also other times throughout the year when individual churches and groups use the sleeping accommodations for over 50 people and each group has the opportunity to learn how to build friendships and how to reach out to the lost. A team of 13 people led house churches and reach out to the families and youth of the area. Team members "pastor" one entire block of people and visit people weekly. Brent Saba is the Director of Training there working with Jason Holt, Director of Church Planting. The Urban Hope Community Church has regular Sunday services. They are also offering the BILD program and the Antioch School twice a week. 30 people are participating in this program to build biblical leadership in the people of Urban Hope.
- E. All of our ministries have some component of ministry and evangelism; that is a Core Value of ours. We are an office that provides ministry training in whatever we do.

## II. **Go (on Mission)**

- A. The Cabinets of CE National are taking on a new look this year. We are aiming to serve the small to mid-sized churches through the help of those from larger churches. This will enable those churches who do not have the time, financial ability, or talent to draw help from those who have been blessed with these.
  - i. We will have a once-a-year meeting for those who are willing to share their knowledge with others on an ongoing basis. These meetings would be called CELS (CE Leadership Summit).
  - ii. We will provide cutting-edge information, ideas and speakers in a discussion format. In return we would ask that participants go back home and share the information with churches (FGBC and non-FGBC) in their area.
- B. Momentum
  - i. Program Planning Committees especially focuses on details of Momentum to make it most effective in seeing that our mission is accomplished. We are reaching out to non-FGBC groups as well. We plan to reach out to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at this year's conference. The overwhelming desire of youth to help others in need is something that we want to tap into and use to open doors for sharing our faith.
  - ii. A new developing initiative is for young adults. In addition to the Post-High Division that we have at Youth Conference (Fusion), another young adult forum was held recently.
  - iii. We are continuing the one-week ministry experiences to follow up on Momentum. These Momentum Applied groups (MAP teams) are designed to help small churches do "ministries" during the school year. Teams this year are going to Cambodia (the orphanages—Asia's Hope), Philadelphia (Urban Hope), Chicago, Kentucky, and more. CE National does not oversee the teams but recruits those who are willing to adhere to the recommendations we give.
  - iv. NAC and Bible Quizzing are being established to strengthen the roles of ministry skills and Bible memorization to see that students are involved in serving the Lord. A Bible Quiz Invitational is planned for 2009.
  - v. A new Scripture memory program was designed for churches.
- C. The Russell Center continues to be used for The National Institute classes as well as continued expansion of the Fireside Dialogue Collection. These are recorded session on different topics of interest to the local church and individuals.

- D. A new aspect of our ministry for this coming year is the Ambassadors. The ministry is to encourage local churches and those who have been on Operation Barnabas, at Momentum. Two young women, Sarah Knepper and Stacie Fay, will be on the road three weeks of each month beginning in January. They will travel to both FGBC and non-FGBC churches encouraging discipleship, giving accountability to those who have been part of CE National programs and offering outreach opportunities in the community.

### III. **Lead**

- A. We are endorsing the Antioch School that is being presented in several of our local Grace Brethren Churches as well as at Urban Hope. It is a leadership development program as well as an in depth Bible study with projects and practical requirements.
- B. The National Institute is the Youth Ministry program at Grace College, which helps to develop leadership. Each of the students who major in the program will do an internship. It is growing and impacting students greatly.
- C. Resumes for those seeking associate pastors are available from CE National. We offer this free service and have given churches many names to consider.
- D. Young adults are trained by serving as Operation Barnabas leaders. There are over 20 young adults that are trained each summer through serving as leaders on Operation Barnabas teams.
- E. The CE National Lending Library is especially designed to help churches to have resources and materials that can help them in their growth and leadership development. We have over \$60,000 worth of great materials for churches and individuals to borrow.
- F. The Philemon Center is designed to be a place of spiritual renewal for pastors and church elders and church leaders.

If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at [edlewis@cenational.org](mailto:edlewis@cenational.org). I look forward to having the opportunity to share with you at the Fellowship Council meetings in just a few weeks.

In His Work,

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