ANNUAL REPORT 2023





2023 Annual Pastor's Report Pastor Josh Kleinfeld Lead Pastor—Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene

Dear Stillmeadow Family,

Here we are, the Family of God, "coworkers in God's service!" (1 Corinthians 3:9). I thank God for you and His faithfulness shown through you in 2023. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." And God brought Stillmeadow through a variety of seasons in 2023. With His help, we planted springtime seeds, cultivated summer growth, and reaped fall time harvest. To reframe what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3: "neither the one who plants in the spring nor the one who cultivates in the summer nor the one who harvests in the fall is anything, but only God, who makes things grow..."

So, let's praise God...for the seeds planted in our first "Just Mercy Month" when we began new partnerships with Keystone Family Alliance and Good News Jail and Prison Ministries, in the dedication of 13 children, in the start of our Care Team and in our all-generation choirs.

And let's praise God...for the cultivation of new leaders with the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality and Relationship curriculum, for the cultivation of our Christmas blessing into gifts and over 100 carolers at local nursing homes, for the first communion event in our spiritual growth plan, for the 10 children who went through the passage blessing, for the cultivation of teens at NYC and YES, and for the cultivation of our graduation milestone to include a parents class.

And let's praise God...for the stories of harvest with 12 new believers received in baptism and 11 new members received, for the new families incorporated into our foster care

initiative and new children incorporated by adoption into our church family, for the new volunteers all over the church and volunteers maturing into leaders, for the small groups that partnered with ministries to serve (including Celebrate Recovery writing letters to prison, the GriefShare class helping with funeral meals, the prayer shawl ministry making blankets for baby dedications).

We do mourn the loss of Pastor Chris and Emily from youth and young adult ministry and grieve the loss of the 17 folks who passed away, but we thank God for the hope of the resurrection that we have in Jesus Christ and the promise to meet them again with all the saints who have put their faith in Christ.

THANK YOU AND THANK GOD!

I personally want to thank the support staff, Karon, Patsy, Esther, Seth, Trudy, and our facilities crew, the pastoral staff Isabell, John, Rachel, Ronnie, Kent, Jade, Chas, Kathy, Tabitha, Casey, and Brad, for your faithfulness in God's work this year. Thanks to the board who gave prayerful wisdom and guidance. Thanks to the small group leaders, kids' workers, youth workers, greeters, ushers, cafe workers, worship team members, anybody who shined through giving of their tithes, their time, their treasure. And to my family, Aubrey, Cadence, Eden and Jayne, I love walking this road with you. Ultimately, I thank God for the gift of each and everyone of you. It is He who made us, and it is He who saves us, and it is He who leads us into the future.

TWO INVITATIONS FOR 2024: GET RADICAL AND REST FOR RENEWAL

This year, let's get radical. "Radical" comes from the Latin term "Radix" which means root. Did you ever notice the 6 roots in our logo? Each root represents a value to help us live out our mantra: "Jesus to All Generations."

Will you proclaim Jesus? Who is one person who needs Jesus?

Will you <u>pray relentlessly?</u> What is one habit you can do to increase your prayer life?

Will you <u>cultivate growth?</u> What is one practice to make space for personal growth?

Will you <u>embrace unity?</u> What is one way to build relationship across age or racial lines?

Will you <u>equip servants?</u> Who is one person you can mentor to help them grow?

Will you <u>love sacrificially?</u> What is one way you can sacrificially give this year?

Did you ever notice that the branches of the logo make the shape of a bird, a common image for the Holy Spirit? By doing these 6 practices in cooperation with the Spirit, we join in the work God is doing in the world! Let's get radical.

REST FOR RENEWAL

And this year, let's rest and be renewed. Psalm 116:7 says, "Return to your rest, my soul; for the Lord has been good to you." In the midst of the celebrations of partnership with the Black Minister's Association, Keystone Family Alliance, our annual Easter Surprise, the Baptisms on Easter, Vacation Bible School, the youth (and all church) Mission Week, Summer Camps, Welcome Bash, Fall events, and preparing for another trip to Jamaica next year, God is inviting us into a season of Rest and Renewal. For the summer months of June, July and August, I will take a Sabbatical Rest for Renewal. The Lord has been so good to me and the Stillmeadow family for the last 22 years, and this will be an opportunity to reflect on the past and look ahead to His future in the next season of partnership with Stillmeadow. I am hopeful that you too will be able to carve out space for rest and renewal in this season. I am confident that the grace of God will surprise us this year, that the peace of Jesus will lead us, and that the comfort of the Spirit will fill us as we get radical and rest in Him in 2024.

May Ephesians 3:16-20 be true in you. To God be the Glory! Jesus to All Generations!

JOHN FARLEY

Worship & Engagement Pastor



All-Generations Choir

Dear Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene:

2023 was a year of *Embracing Unity* in worship and engagement ministries. We had multiple family services ranging from kids and families reading scriptures and praying, having some games and skits, and celebrating Christmas with the #JTAG choir. Our #JTAG choir also included an impromptu dancing duo. We are looking forward to another #JTAG experience at Easter. In 2024, the teens, under the leadership of Mike Caufield, will lead the first week of every other month in our morning services.

While it may seem that Worship Ministries *Proclaims Jesus* on Sunday morning, its team members are encouraged to live a lifestyle of worship the other six days a week. We pray and hope that all of Stillmeadow embraces this lifestyle of worship. Living a lifestyle of worship in public draws others to Jesus.

In our weekly rehearsals, your worship ministry teams are *Relentlessly Praying* for each other in devotional times and morning huddles. Some of our team members carry heavy burdens like many in our congregation. It is during this devotional time that the teams are *Cultivating Growth*. New worship leaders have stepped up and will be leading more in 2024. The band members are stretching their musical legs with new music regularly. Growing musically and spiritually is how we *Equip Servants* in worship and engagement ministries.

Week in and week out, there are greeters, ushers, and café workers to ensure everyone feels welcome. They are *Loving Sacrificially* by giving their time, talents, and resources to Stillmeadow. 2023 launched the Care Team. They do a great job keeping their eyes and ears open to assist anyone with any issue. This year, we have launched the Next Steps team, which is helping people find their way to avenues of growth and service.

I want to thank my wife and favorite person, Cynthia, for all her love and support. I also want to thank my team leaders: Mike C., Wayne, the Mummerts, Brad, Raymond, Lisa, Kimber, and Seth. I am excited to see what the new year brings. If you would like to be a part of worship and engagement ministries, please get in touch with me at pastorjohn@stillnaz.com.

Respectfully submitted,

John Farley

Pastor Kathy Foltz

God's Work from 2023

As I think back over 2023, I would have to say, God is still working on me, as He has grown my circle of influence. As I have continued to serve on staff as a volunteer, I am blessed in too many ways to mention, however here is a summary of how God has grown me in 2023.

I would have to say that the GriefShare ministry that I share with my husband Mark, has been so heartwarming, as it has brought people from our church as well as the community to find hope after the loss of a loved one. This ministry provides a safe place for people to heal, at the same time, share with others who are experiencing a similar journey. One of the greatest testimonies of this ministry is people wanting to go through the program many times to help those who are just starting their journey of grief. While it is not a requirement to attend our church to be part of GriefShare, several people have found Stillmeadow a place to worship.

I continue to learn and grow from my Ladies Thursday morning Bible Study. This is a caring, loving, group of ladies that look out for one another and are continually praying for each other. We have great discussions and share laughter that is good for the soul while really trying to glean what scripture says to us, and how to apply it to our lives in a world that seems confusing to us. This group of women continues to bless one another and me as well. I praise God for those that come. Mark and I host a NOMA group every other Thursday evening. This year we have added two new couples to our circle which has been such a blessing. We share concerns, study scripture, eat pie and other delicious desserts, but most importantly pray together. We are growing together personally as well as spiritually. It has been a wonderful growing experience.

Mark and I continue to serve on the greeting team, praise team and funeral meal team. In addition, we have the blessing to visit those who are in the golden years of their lives. With the New Year it is our desire to increase those we minister to in this way. I am once again, grateful for the love and support that I have received from my husband Mark, fellow Stillmeadow Pastors, other staff members, and friends as well. God is good and not finished with me yet.

To the Church of God at Stillmeadow, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:2),

We are grateful to present our 4th Annual Report from York City Campus! At Stillmeadow our mission is: Jesus to All Generations. God allows us to Proclaim Jesus, Pray Relentlessly, Cultivate Growth, Equip Servants, and Love Sacrificially. Galatians 5:24-25: "God expects us to surrender in every part of our life, walking in the Spirit in everything we do," because of the many surrendered lives we share this hopefilled report. In 2023, we celebrated the dedication of 3 children, 5 baptisms, more than 12 recommitments to Christ, and 3 new members. We celebrated the lives and heaven-goings of: Ted Brown, Cameron Joseph Bullock, Cynthia Ferguson, Nancy Maria Ramos, Bryan Webb, and mourned with many congregants who experienced loss of family and friends.

Eager describes God's people in 2023. Eager to hear the Word, serve, love, pray, grow, and be together. Small groups grew: Celebrate Recovery (CR) Men's & Women's, Clay, NOMA, On Guard, Strings & Things, and Family 5th Sunday. There were desperate prayer huddles each week in the prayer closet, Celebration Place for CR kiddos, and IMPACT Nursery, Kids, & Youth. There were outreach and mission events that sought more to serve than be served: Feeding the Need, Xtreme Xpress Bus Ministry (celebrating year #30!), Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Missions' Moments, Porch de Salomon, Family Fall Fest, 30-hour famine, Work & Witness, prayer crosses, and family meals. There was unity and fun at the Youth Beach Bash, Happy Birthday Jesus Parties, baby showers, birthday parties, Crazy Sock Day, and the launch of the Celebrate Recovery Softball team. We provided space and care to community partners by continuing active involvement in the Northeast Neighborhood Association, Community Forums, Neighborhood Block Party, 2 National Night Out Events, Group Violence Initiative, and WellSpan heart health and breast cancer awareness events. There were leadership trainings and many a meeting bathed in prayer. There were the unsung heroes in the background who fed 1000s of meals, welcomed new and old friends, drove vans, provided sound, media, and IT assistance, entertained and taught kiddos, took the offering, cleaned up, set up, and prayed over each space. There were deep moments of praise, prayer and reflection as the worship team led us to the throne, during 2 minutes of contemplative silence, at retreats, and as we were moved by the repeated recovery testimonies that showcased God's amazing grace. We shared in candlelight services, Black Minister's Association choir services, hosted Mountain Grove Chapel Church of the Nazarene's Hispanic congregation weekly, New Life for Girls, LivingSong, the YWCA Temple Guard, and watched God move mightily at Celebrate Recovery.

With the spiritual growth, we also experienced an increase in numerical growth over 2022 with Worship (Sunday morning worship, Wednesday CR, and Saturday Xtreme Xpress) increasing by 13.5%, Family Ministries (IMPACT Nursery, Kids, Youth, & Celebration Place) increasing by 53.6% and small groups increasing by a miraculous 102%. Praise God. Praise God. Praise God.

We believe that EVERYONE in the Church has a place to serve. If you are not sure how to get started, are worried about the what and where, we want to help you. We remind the team at YCC, that we "don't step over people to serve people." Thank you to those who have served & are serving!

We are thankful for you!

One of our favorite recurring stories in 2023 was hearing people describe church as "home," or "family," even asking to "stay," because they felt such peace. May we never ignore that comfort of the Holy Spirit or our eagerness to be in the presence of God.

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Pastor Isabell Clark



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Tabitha Martin, Pastor of Youth and Adult Discipleship

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."- Ephesians 5:13

What a year of awakening! Awakening to the presence of God and His call in our ministry. Awakening us so that Christ may shine on us and through us. In this year of awakening, I am reminded of all of the stories of the Spirit's prompting in the life of our teens and adults...the teen who decided to come to youth group for the first time at 17 years old; the adult seeking out Jesus through reading and friendship; the inclusion of foster children into NOMA families; the transitions of leadership and roles. Where there is transition, there is often awakening. Where we are being called to change; we are being awakened to the Spirit's voice. Where there is change; there is greater dependency. So we praise God together for the transitions and changes this year as He leads us into greater dependency. We praise God for 24 students and 6 adults who attended NYC in Tampa Bay and embraced unity with one another and Jesus. We praise God for the 4 juniors who proclaimed Jesus by saying Yes! to Jesus and His call! We praise God for how He has equipped servants to serve together in prison ministry and prayer shawls and Thanksgiving feasts. We thank Him for the way the teens served at 30 hour famine and raised \$7,709 to fight against the injustice of world hunger! We praise God for the way He has cultivated growth through our small groups, IF: conference, men's retreat, fall retreat, teen camp and excursion. We have seen people pray relentlessly for one another in groups as they struggle and praise. We have seen a sacrificial love from our leaders and amongst our groups as they care for one another. We have embraced new leaders, people and the systems that helps us relate and communicate to others. Thank you to all of the workers who have gone to this harvest! I praise God for Wayne Rumsey and Natalie Wagner, our NDI and NYI president. I praise God for our adult discipleship committee and youth leader team who have a heart for discipleship. As we go into the next year, we remember we have been awakened to His change, so let's share our stories! Let's build our church and ministry around relationships and stories of how God is moving. Let us not be ashamed to share His work; let us run toward vulnerability and openness and unity. Let us plant together knowing that we will harvest what we plant (Galatians 6:7) but God is the only one who makes the seed grow (1 Cor 3:6).

In His Hope!

Pastor Tabitha



Brad Shaffer, Associate Pastor

2023 Annual Report

To Pastor Josh, the Church Board, and the Stillmeadow Family,

Reflecting on this past year of ministry, I recall a familiar worship chorus with the lyrics:

"In moments like these I sing out a song, I sing out a love song to Jesus.

In moments like these I lift up my hands, I lift up my hands to the Lord.

Singing I love You, Lord. Singing I love You, Lord. Singing I love You, Lord, I love You."

My attention is drawn to the word "moments." Much can transpire in a moment. There are expressions such as: "in the blink of an eye," or "in a flash." In a moment a heart can be warmed, a burden lifted, a weary soul encouraged. In a moment we're rescued from darkness to light and transformed by God's grace. Reflecting on 2023 I'm grateful for the moments of grace.

In the ministry of greeting, I continue to serve as Hospitality & Engagement Leader, under Pastor John Farley. A huge thankyou to Karissa Mummert for an outstanding job of scheduling. New people were added to the greeters rolls in 2023. Please contact Pastor John Farley, Karissa Mummert or myself if you wish to serve as a greeter. Much appreciation to the wonderful team of greeters who in "moments" of engagement share sincere and warm hellos, handshakes, and hugs. "For moments like these I sing out a song, I sing out a love song to Jesus."

Lea Ann and I were blessed to host two EH Discipleship sessions in 2023. For the first time Emotionally Healthy Relationships was offered with eleven completing the course. In the fall, eleven also graduated from the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality course. Please contact me if you wish to participate in EH Spirituality course starting March 10. For "moments" of learning, sharing, tears, emotional healing, and spiritual transformation "I lift up my hands, I lift up my hands to the Lord."

For "moments" of rich fellowship in co-hosting NOMA along with Lea Ann, Justin & Jess Dedrick, and Pastor Jade & Chasity Frederick; for the opportunities to serve through Discipleship Ministry Team, Mens Conference, EJAM, Rise to Hunger, VBS, Lenten Devotional, Welcome Bash, and shut-in visitation I'm "Singing I Love You, Lord."

I pray to remain faithful in 2024 because in a "moment, in the twinkling of an eye" Jesus may return. Until then let us "sing out a song, lift up a hand, saying I Love You, Lord"

For Moment-by-Moment Followers of Jesus, Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Shaffer, Associate Pastor

Pastor Ronnie and I were privileged to have a part in new members joining Stillmeadow and Cultivating Growth in peoples lives and the church seeing 13 join our church family in 2023. Sign up now for the Intro to Stillmeadow class starting Sunday, February 25, 2024 @ 9:00.

The EJAM Partnership continued with folks from Orbisonia COTN and City on a Hill COTN joining Stillmeadow Nazarenes to Proclaim Jesus in international spaces. The planning was done in 2023 and the trip with 29 participants took place in the first weeks of 2024. We are planning for a trip in 2025 with details in the days ahead.

Through your faithful tithe and offering giving, Sacrificially Love was demonstrated. Stillmeadow continues to minister in York and around the world supporting our World Evangelism Fund contribution, missionaries Jonthan Phillps, Jerry and Toni Porter, Dr. Erin Meier, EJAM, Fawn Grove Compassion Center, Extreme Express Bus Ministry, Rise Against Hunger and many other giving opportunities, and continues to support our local ministries on two campuses in York.

During the Fall I had the opportunity to teach at Man Cave, leading discussions of some of life's hard questions and **Equipping Servants** and developed men to be leaders in their personal lives. In the year ahead learn about your Strengths in Strengths 101 on Saturday, May 11, 2024. Signup now!

Thank you to the many servants who serve our Church . Some as money counters 13 times per year: Pat , Sue, Barry, Debbie, Illona, Lynn, Todd, Debbie, Jeff, Kathie, and Les. The Finance Team members, who give us guidance: Scott, Sue, Emily, Lynn, Todd, and Brad. The servants on our facilities team Greg, Harry, Jonathan, Brady, Mark, Dan, Craig, and Nate. And the office team lead by Karon, Patsy and Esther who all keep me straight. Pastor Josh and our Pastoral Staff that I am blessed to serve with Pastors John, Jade, Rachel, Chris, Isabell, Kathy, Brad, and Tabitha.

I was privilege again to represent Stillmeadow in several community activities that promoted our continued **Embracing Unity** with others in the body of Christ. Participating in the BMA. Being a part of the on going Police Chiefs and Clergy conversation planning for and making a difference in York City and the surrounding county.

As I look ahead to 2024 I am excited to see how God works in our EJAM partnership, who will come joining the Stillmeadow family and adding to the Stillmeadow story. Continuing to bring Jesus to All Generations.

On a personal note this year I witnessed Pastor Ronnie, my wife and life long ministry partner be ordained as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene and celebrated 25 years of service at Stillmeadow. All of this is possible because of Relentless Prayer, Jesus changing my life and His calling on my life.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Kent Vandervort

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve here at Stillmeadow!! What a blessing this past year has been!! God has enriched my life with many people I have gotten to know through the Introduction to Stillmeadow class. What an encouragement to my spirit to hear how God is working in your life, has worked in your individual lives, and your family's lives. I am grateful for you sharing your heart and interest in becoming members of the Stillmeadow Family.



Introduction to Stillmeadow Classes will begin again on February 25. If you want to learn more about the church, please sign up to join Pastor Kent and I in room 201 at 9:00 AM.

I was privileged to participate in the EJAM Work and Witness trip in January 2024, with preparations beginning in 2023. Now is the time to consider joining the team for our next trip in 2025. God will make a way. He is waiting for you to say yes to his calling.

I thank God for His ever-present pursuit of his calling on my life, and with humbleness, I was Ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in the Spring of 2023. God is faithful.

Our NOMA group has had an enriching time exploring the scriptures, applying the word of God to our individual lives, and, as a group, praying for one another. This is a time of fellowship and getting to know one another.

Should you not be a part of a NOMA group, please join us on the second floor in the large conference room at the Sprenkle House on Sunday Evenings at 5:00 PM.

Extreme Bus Ministry, which began in the Spring of the year and goes to the middle of December, is a lively, exciting time on Saturday mornings. Loving on the children in Parkway, presenting Bible Stories, Hugs, Praying, and Hot Dogs!! What a Blessing!! Come and join us in serving in this outreach to the city.

Another ministry involvement is visiting Shut-Ins and Nursing Homes to visit those who need a listening ear, a hug, a prayer, encouragement, and purpose. What a blessing to my heart. Those who need to know they are being remembered, loved, and cared for by their church Family. Many have volunteered to send cards as a tangible way of saying you are loved and being prayed for. There is a need for others to serve in this ministry. Please get in touch with Pastor Kathy or myself for details.

An ongoing ministry is texting approximately 200 plus individuals most days, sending written prayers to those needing prayer on a particular day, and sending songs of praise, meditation, and worship to those who may need a melody to hold onto for that particular day.

What an exciting year of ministry. Thank you to ALL who have served in these areas this past year. You said YES to God's leading. I encourage you to pray about these ministries and ask God to show you where to participate. Just say YES!

JTAG, Pastor Ronnie



"We love Jesus. Yes, we do! We love Jesus. How about YOU?" Is a cheer that is shouted and echoed at Kid and Preteen Camp each year. As I think of 2023, this cheer comes to my mind. Stillnaz Kidz, both the kids and volunteers, love Jesus and are learning what it means to know Him, follow Him, and serve Him. What an amazing year of spiritual growth 2023 was. Praise God!

We were privileged to partner with 11 families and dedicate 13 children to the Lord this year. We also baptized 2 children in August and had many others give their heart to Jesus at our Vacation Bible School in June. Praise God!

We continued introducing our Spiritual Growth Plan and Milestone Events and had our first

Communion Event during the Sunday Morning worship services. This event taught us what Communion

means and how to partake of this sacrament. Praise God!

We chose a SNK ministry verse and will be teaching it to the kids this coming year: Ephesians 5:1-2a NiRV, "You are the children that God dearly loves. So follow His example. Lead a life of love, just as Christ did."

Thank you to Ben and my kids for being my support and safe place. Thank you to Trudy and Patsy for all the amazing work you both do to make this ministry run smoothly. Thank you to our Leadership Team and to all our volunteers for how you pour Jesus' love into these kids each month.

From Easter Surprise, Passage Blessing, VBS, Camp, Kindergarten Event, Dedications, Trunk or Treat, Communion Event, Family Advent Experience, Advent PJ party, Christmas caroling at the nursing homes, baptisms, and so much more, 2023 was a year to Praise God for how He is working in SNK! In 2024, we are looking to change some of our big events to help engage our community even more. We plan on continuing to Praise God throughout this year as we follow His plan for Stillnaz Kidz. Praise God!







Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene Annual Income Statement Actual Compared with Budget For Church Year January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

		Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Variance
Giving				
	Church Tithes and Offerings	1,258,423.77	1,250,000.00	8,423.77
	Additional Small Group Off. and Interest	13,108.37	1,025.00	12,083.37
	Designated Missions Giving	53,504.31	75,188.24	(21,683.93)
	Facility Use Income	170,335.73	154,200.00	16,135.73
		\$	\$	
	Total Income	1,495,372.18	1,480,413.24	14,958.94
Expense	•			
	Stillmeadow Lane Ministry Expenses	124,608.73	114,388.90	10,219.83
	Stillmeadow Lane Facilities Expenses	315,143.05	311,656.00	3,487.05
	York City Campus Expense	327,500.49	328,620.70	(1,120.21)
	Stillmeadow Lane HR Expense	549,489.15	601,941.53	(52,452.38)
	Giving to Others* (See Below)	163,824.97	118,876.48	44,948.49
	Total Expenses	1,480,566.39	1,475,483.61	5,082.78
		\$	\$	
	Net Income	14,805.79	4,929.63	9,876.16

* Giving to Others Includes - Local Partners, World Mission, District, Pensions, and ENC

Stillmeadow Church of the Nazarene 2024 Approved Church Budget

		2024 Budget	
Giving			
J	Church Tithes and Offerings	1,299,996.00	
	Additional Small Group Off. and Interest	12,756.00	
	Designated Missions Giving	80,004.00	
	Facility Use Income	169,296.00	
		\$	
	Total Income	1,562,052.00	
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Expense			
	Stillmeadow Lane Ministry Expenses	125,088.00	
	Stillmeadow Lane Facilities Expenses	325,056.00	
	York City Campus Expense	370,488.00	
	Stillmeadow Lane HR Expense	613,608.00	
	Giving to Others* (See Below)	124,428.00	
	Total Expenses	1,558,668.00	
		\$	
	Net Income	3,384.00	
* Giving to	Others Includes - Local Partners, World Mission, District, Pensions, and ENC		