

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8.

MISSION

Voted by the Ohio Association, 4/30/2015

The Barnabas Ministry Pastor of the Ohio Association of Conservative Congregational Christian Churches will enhance the ministry of Christian missionaries, church planters, and pastors by offering Biblically based, Spirit-empowered **prayer, encouragement, and support**, to them in their ministry context (Acts 4:36).

This will further the mission of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference by promoting healthy church multiplication and healthy pastors from a context of believing prayer and intercession.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work with the Officers of the Ohio Association of Conservative Congregational Christian Churches to formulate short and long term goals.
- In addition to prayer, encouragement, and support, offer professional coaching in accord with the standards of the International Coaching Federation to Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (4C’s) pastors at the suggestion of an Ohio 4C’s Community Pastor, a 4C’s Area Representative, or the national 4C’s Minister of Conference Care.
- Raise support to subsidize salary and expenses in a manner authorized, overseen and administered by the Officers of the Ohio Association of Conservative Congregational Christian Churches.
May-December 2025 Barnabas Ministry special appeal goal: \$10,000. Response: \$12,950
- Prepare an annual report for the spring business meeting of the Ohio Association of Conservative Congregational Christian Churches previously reviewed and approved by its Officers. This report will include a reviewed financial report.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

- The Barnabas Ministry Pastor of the Ohio Association of Conservative Congregational Christian Churches shall be accountable to the Association through its Officers as defined in Article VI:1 of the Association’s constitution.
- The service of the Barnabas Ministry Pastor will conclude upon written 3 months’ notice by the Barnabas Ministry Pastor to the Officers, or written 3 months’ notice signed by 3 of the 4 Officers.

VISION

Approved by the Ohio Association, 4/27/2021

The vision of the Ohio Association Barnabas Ministry is to provide a desired space where missionaries, church planters, and pastors can be their true self and seek to walk in the paths that the Holy Spirit is praying for them - Romans 8:26-27, Ephesians 2:10.

In the next 4-5 years the Barnabas Ministry will seek to replicate this priority in a manner approved by the Ohio Association, in support of and in collaboration with the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.

**Barnabas Acts 18:3 “tentmaking”
Approved by the Officers, 5/27/2026**

The Officers of the Ohio Association authorize the creation of a web site, SynerGServe.com, utilizing the Barnabas Ministry online donation tab (www.ccccohio.org/barnabas-ministry) to deposit Christian coaching & consulting fees into the OA Barnabas Ministry account.

The OA web site is not to be used to publicize SynerGServe. The SynerGServe web site and publicity materials will include the phrase: SynerGServe is the International Coaching Federation credentialed coaching service of the OA Barnabas Ministry, www.ccccohio.org/barnabas-ministry.

Coaching Overview

4C's Nineveh Network Mentor Coach. Creating & developing a training and support system for Nineveh Network coaches. "Beta" cohort II first retreat 1/21-22 in Rincon, GA w/ Marc Gauthier also. **Next retreat 6/2 via zoom. 15 cohort members.**

Self-Awareness Cohort, Mission of Grace Church, Westborough, MA, first retreat 2/27-28 2026. Second retreat 6/12-13. (Note: 2 "drop-ins", 6 coachees total)

New OA cohort, first retreat 8/28-26, Camp YNoah. (currently 3 coachees)

Annual Retreat, Wisconsin Conference, 10/10-13

Current total ICF coaching hours: 408.5

Current active coaching contracts – (11) and cohorts – (3).

Projected total ICF coaching hours 12/26: 430. [500 required for PCC credentialing.]

ICF ACC recertifying CEU's completed -

Coaching the Whole Person (Creative Results Management, 15 CEUs)

Coaching Excellence w/ Mentor-Coaching, (CRM, 15 CEU's, 10 mentor-coaching, paid for by the Nineveh Network.)

Coaching Leaders (CRM, 15)

Our Brains and Change: Using Neuroscience to Produce Better Outcomes (Wisconsin, 1.5)

➤ **Enrolled: Certificate in Lifestyle and Wellness Coaching, Harvard Medical School Executive Education.**

Next round ICF recertifying: 2027. **Goal - PCC.**

Articles & Research

"Expanding Clergy Awareness Through Leadership Coaching: Insights and Lessons from 96 In-Person Interviews."

Published in *Christian Coaching Magazine*, Winter 2025.

In process: "Colossians 1:24: 'I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body.' – A Proposed Understanding"

- The Annual Gathering of ABC-Ohio, October 2023, Columbus, OH
- The Annual Meeting of the Northeast Region of the Evangelical Theological Society, March 2024, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA
- The Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Region of the Evangelical Society, Cedarville University, March 22, 2025 Cedarville, OH. Will next submit to the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*.

Note: research included visiting St. Tikon's Orthodox Theological Seminary Library, June 2, 2024, South Canaan, PA

Applying for grant: "Pastor's Wives: Their Stories, by Them," qualitative research project.

4C's Annual Gathering Seminars

From Surviving to Thriving: Or, How to Beat the Burnout Blues

- 2023 Annual Gathering of the 4C's, St. Cloud, MN [also offered at the 2019 & 2022 AG's]

Self-Awareness and Service: How Aware Are You?

- 2024 Annual Gathering of the 4C's, Providence, RI

From Burnout to Flourishing

- 2025 Annual Gathering of the 4C's, Orlando, FL

Being and Doing, in Covenant

- 2026 Annual Gathering of the 4C's. Orlando, FL

Conferences

Nehemiah Network National Gathering, Amesbury, MA, April 27-29, 2025

Exponential/Stetzer Church Planting Leadership Fellowship, July 21-23, 2025, Naperville, IL

4C's Annual Gathering, Orlando, FL, Aug. 4-7, 2025, seminar presentation (see above)

Nineveh Network National Gathering, Jan 22-24, 2026, Rincon, GA

4C's Annual Gathering, Orlando, FL, Aug. 3-6, 2026, seminar presentation (see above)

Exponential/Stetzer Church Planting Leadership Fellowship, Nov. 17-19, 2026, Naperville, IL