

WELCOMING Our New Fellowship Coordinator

A word from Tom Avey



In January 1998, at 44 years old, I was asked to serve as Fellowship Coordinator of the Charis Fellowship (a.k.a. the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches). It has been my great honor to serve in this role. I have met many amazing pastors, pastor's wives, church staff, and ministry leaders on this 23+ year journey. It is time for a new generation of leaders to help move the Charis Fellowship forward. In recent years, we have seen new leadership in many of our key ministries with more coming soon. I am extremely encouraged by this new generation of leaders.



Tim Hodge started serving the Charis Fellowship in November 2020 as the new Fellowship Coordinator. We are now in a transition period, but I will finish up my current ministry this summer, after Access2021. If you haven't gotten to know Tim yet, here is a little information about him.

Born and raised "Down Under" in the city of Adelaide, South Australia, Tim trained and worked as a

tradesman for General Motors for 6 years before pursuing ministry training in the US. Tim is a graduate of Grace College ('01) and Grace Theological Seminary ('03). He has been married to Heidi for 19 years and they have 4 children - Noah (16), Luke (13), Abigail (10) and Benaiah (6). For over 16 years, Tim faithfully served as pastor of Grace Family Church in New Holland, PA, in the lead role for 14 years.

Having served as a leader in the Northern Atlantic District for 13 years, as well as being a member of the Inspire Board of Directors, Tim also recently served on the Fellowship Council helping lead and guide various initiatives including the Fellowship Rebrand. Nine years ago, Tim initiated and helped establish a cohort team of what is now seven Charis churches in south-east Pennsylvania who intentionally collaborate on a weekly basis.

More recently serving along-side Phil Sparling in the role of Assistant Executive Director, Tim was also part of the team of three leaders tasked with planning and orchestrating the 2020 Charis Fellowship We-Are-One event. Having a deep love and appreciation for the Charis Fellowship, Tim is excited about what God is doing through Charis churches and ministries and looks forward to what God is going to do in and through the Fellowship in the coming years as we all serve Jesus together.

FAMILY FINANCES

Budgeting to support planting churches, training leaders, and doing good for the sake of the gospel.

The Charis Fellowship is a network of churches, districts, and National and Cooperating Ministries. That network thrives when it is supported by a hub for communication and relationship building.

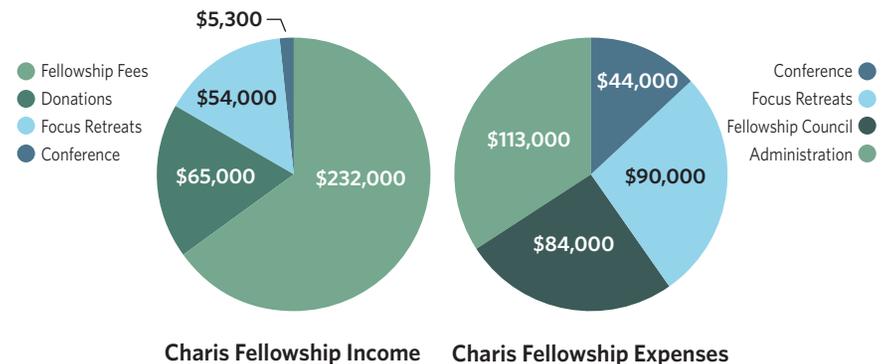
An annual budget is approved each year by the delegates at our national conference. That budget supports:

- Our national office made up of a full-time Charis Fellowship Coordinator and a part-time Operations Manager.
- The work of the Fellowship Council (meets once each year)
- Honoraria and expenses for the Executive Director (who is approved by the delegates) and the Assistant Executive Director.
- Our annual conference and regional focus retreats.
- Communications in the Charis Fellowship

Our income sources are:

- Fellowship Fees
- Donations from National Ministries and other corporate donations
- Registration fees for our national conference and regional focus retreats

The financial records of the Charis Fellowship (a.k.a. The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches) are reviewed annually by a certified public accountant. This review is available from the national office by calling (574) 269-1269. Delegates at the 2020 conference approved a \$6.85 per attendee annual fellowship fee that each member church pays. Due to the unique challenges of determining attendance averages for 2020, the membership fee for 2021 will be based on 2019 attendance. You can see the complete delegates report including a budget at charisfellowship.us/page/delegates2020.





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LIVING WORDS

July 27-29, 2021

Grace Community Church
Goshen, Indiana
(new location!)



Access2021 is the National Conference
of the Charis Fellowship in 2021

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