

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURER

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Welcome to Orlando, Florida, and General Council 2019!

Two years ago in California when I was elected to replace Doug Clay as the general treasurer, it was with mixed emotions that Rita and I accepted the assignment. We soon found ourselves saying goodbye to North Texas and moving to Springfield, Missouri where I have spent the last number of months getting acquainted with the people, culture, and systems of the National Office. I am glad to report that the people and systems of the National Office are well suited for the task at hand. And, we are well served by our employees.

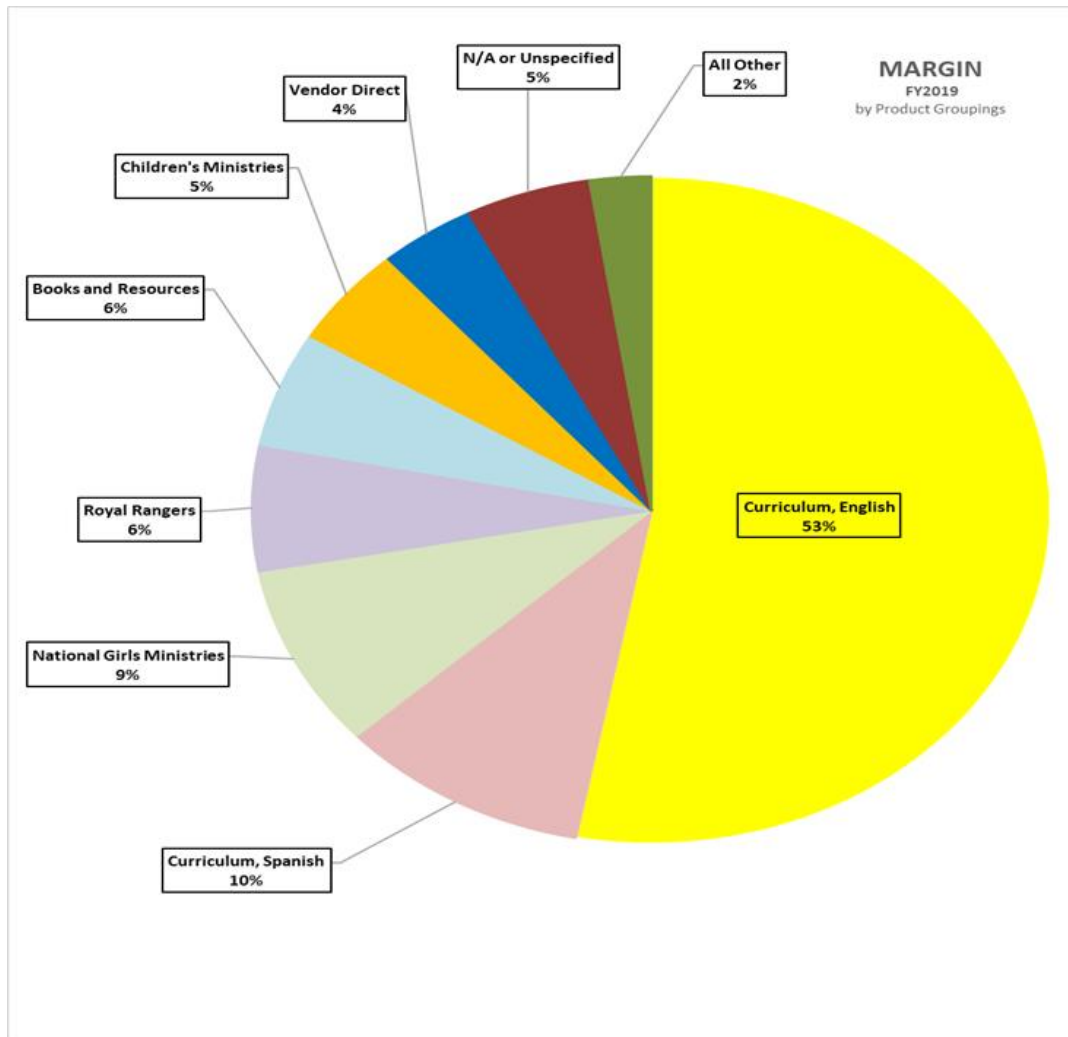
Thanks to the very capable team and healthy systems that were put in place under Doug's leadership, the financial management responsibilities of the general treasurer make it a very manageable task. Our CFO, Gary Rhoades, has great skills and the right heart. He not only fits the financial requirements, but also has a clear call to the AG purpose and ministry. Gary and I work together to present a recommended budget to the ELT. Once approved, it is presented to the Executive Presbytery and finally the General Presbytery. Rollie Dimos oversees and helps to manage the audit review in cooperation with BKD. Both Gary and Rollie as well as their teams serve our Fellowship well. The upcoming financial reports and audits are products of these leaders and their very capable staffs. Thank you to Doug for developing such a great team and to the team for doing a great job.

Other Assignments

Publishing

Publishing includes product development from idea to completion, marketing, sales, and distribution. This area has been in decline for several years and needs a complete revitalization. We started with and have completed an exhaustive study of our printing process, personnel, systems, and connection to vision and purpose. We have begun the partial elimination of in-house printing and are realigning staff to positions of strength. We are focusing our efforts on products that clearly support Bible Engagement, ministries, Acts 2, missions, and church multiplication. Our goal is to develop quality, useful tools that have a clear purpose and are simple to use. This process will take a while, but it will be worth the wait!

The following graph serves as an overview of which resources brought in the most income during the fiscal year 2019. It clearly shows the need to focus our energy toward church related resources. Please pray for us as we continue to recalibrate for the future.



Bible Engagement Project

The need for a more effective way to help our pastors lead their congregants to a deeper level of Bible engagement seemed obvious. However, we still felt the need to engage Barna Research to help us conduct a study of the Assemblies of God and Bible engagement. The report will be delivered at this General Council and, as anticipated will be very informative. It proves that we are not only on the right track, but must act with a sense of urgency. Therefore, we have built a team and developed a clear process and delivery system. The team leader is Jon Catron.

Jon has effective leadership experience in district ministries, especially youth, but is also a team builder with a passion for the Bible. He has helped us connect with Faithlife/Logos and the American Bible Society, as well as collaborating with a team of developers from across the Movement. In the end, BEP (Bible Engagement Project) will be a digitally based, church-wide, phase by phase Bible Engagement process that is both transformational and educational.

Aged Ministers Assistance (AMA)

This year, January 1–July 10, 2019, we have been able to assist seventeen ministers or spouses with their medical expenses for a total of \$14,672.81. Five of these seventeen were helped more than once with medical expenses since January 1, 2019. Additionally, 216 pastors or spouses have been helped with their monthly expenses for a total of \$464,588.48. These numbers reflect AMA gifts from January 1–July 10, 2019. This would not have been possible without the ongoing generosity of our donors and churches. These wonderful ministers are the fathers and mothers of this generation's present leaders. When we honor them, God honors us! Thank you for not forgetting AMA!

Buildings and Properties

If you come to visit the National Office, you will find a completely remodeled auditorium and third floor (executive offices and conference room) that says, "*Welcome to the future!*" The complete remodel of the property will take place as budgets allow over the next few years, but we are well on our way to creating the right environment and work flow to accommodate big ideas and excellent results.

Conclusion

One of our greatest joys and honors is the opportunity to minister in the districts and churches of this Fellowship. Rita and I have met so many of you and preached in too many places to list. And I promise you that the pastors and leaders we have met are ready to lead the United States in the greatest revival it has ever experienced!

Humbly submitted,

Rick DuBose
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