2026 Annual Assembly Report
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Fund Development Worker

I began working as a Fund Development Worker for WDC in November 2025, after serving on the Stewardship Commission for three years. The purpose of my role has been primarily to help inform member congregations about our movement towards a member-owned model of sustaining our shared mission, and facilitating the launch of a WDC advocate program. I have averaged about 13 hours a month during this time. My role will be complete after our first advocate training in late August 2026, and I will return to the Stewardship Commission in a volunteer capacity.

Through meetings with those in our member congregations and WDC Commission Leaders, I continue to hear encouragement and support for the important work and mission of WDC. While all congregations are navigating changes and responding to challenging times, I continue to see progress and movement that gives me hope for the future. I am thankful that this role has allowed me to share about that hope and vision with so many others!

My activities since November 2025 have included (in no particular order)

• One-on-one zoom meetings with 16 WDC constituents from 11 different congregations.

• Presentations to WDC's Church Planting, Ministerial, and Resource Commissions to help inform them of Stewardship Commission's vision and help align all WDC Commissions with this vision.

• Sunday morning visits to 6 churches to share important WDC updates, discuss our new vision for sustaining our shared mission, and provide a report about what their contributions to WDC are being used for. I also often stayed to answer questions and connect with members one-on-one.

• Completed fall letter with a giving appeal and explanation of shift towards member-owned fundraising model (with collaboration from Stewardship Commission & WDC staff)

• Wrote three articles for the WDC newsletter

• Attendance at meetings of the Stewardship Commission as a WDC staff person