



Stewards Foundation Board of Trustees

Part Two

The last edition of our Newsletter was devoted to informing you about the five most senior SF Trustees. The three newest Trustees are highlighted in this edition.

If an organization is only as good as its leadership, then careful leadership succession is vital to avoid drifting from the original mission of the organization.

The Lord has brought along these new Board members to fill in the ranks for those that have retired, and happily, these new Trustees have exhibited the same desire as those before them to maintain the founder's vision for SF.

If you have wondered about those who lead SF, I hope you will take the time to go back and read the previous edition of our Newsletter and this one.

Trustee

Mr. Richie Benitez



Richie has been a Trustee of Stewards Foundation since February of 2020. He currently serves as Chairman of the Health Care Committee, and on the Public Relations and

Loan Policy Committees.

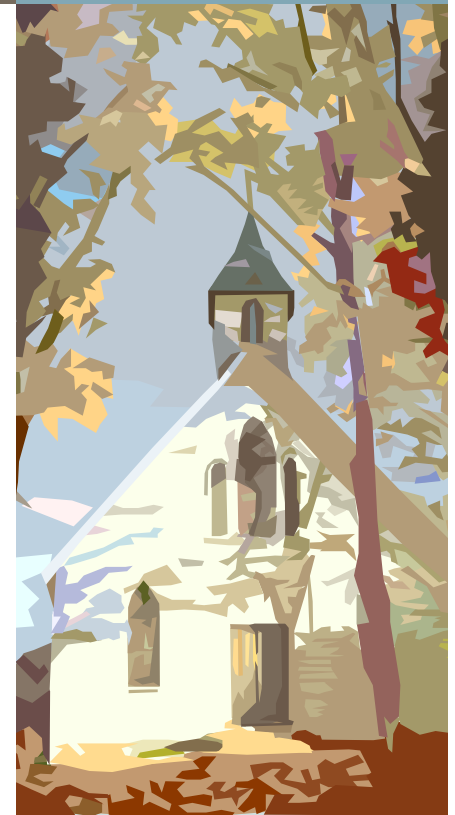
Richie was born in 1968, in New York City, and currently resides in Greenwood Lake, New York. He came to know Christ at the age of 28 through a brother that refused to quit talking about his wonderful Savior. Richie's new life in Christ was the end of a life of crime and drugs. Early in his walk with the Lord, Richie was in-

involved with many different denominations. Through the study of God's word and the intervention of the Lord Jesus, Richie found himself with likeminded believers who gather in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and observe cherished Christ-exalting principles.

After graduating from DeVry University, Richie worked as a Bio Medical Engineer for Saint Vincent's Hospital located in New York City from 1988 to 2008. He is currently employed as a Field Service Technician by Smith and Nephew, Inc., a global sports medicine company. Richie's job involves travel across the U.S. to assist surgical centers with patient care by ensuring technologies for arthroscopic surgeries are current and working to manufacturer's specifications. He oversees 5 US based technicians and created and maintains a preventative maintenance program that is currently used in his field.

Richie has served on camp boards for the last 13 years. He serves as a host and conference logistician for the Men's Intensive Bible Study with the late Randy Amos and now various assembly speakers. Richie is also actively engaged in a preaching ministry that includes conferences, local assemblies and other opportunities as the Lord allows.

In 1992, Richie married Lisa Otiz. They were both unsaved at the time of their marriage, but can testify to the miraculous transformation of a marriage centered on the Lord Jesus Christ. As the Lord leads, Richie and Lisa counsel couples on the biblical principles of Christian marriage. Richie and Lisa are in happy fellowship at Grace Gospel Chapel Jersey City, New Jersey. They have three wonderful, God-fearing daughters, Krista, Brianna and Sarah, all who are in happy fellowship with a New Testament patterned assembly.



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*Trustee
Mr. Robert Rankin*



Robert has been a Trustee of Stewards Foundation since September of 2021. He currently serves as Chairman of the Finance / Investments / Compensation Committee, and on the Public Relations and Health Care Committees.

Robert was born on October 10, 1957 in St. Louis, Missouri to believing parents who were in fellowship at Maplewood Bible Chapel where his father served as elder for over 30 years. At the age of 9, he came to know Christ as his Savior during a series of gospel meetings with

Welcome Detweiler at his home assembly. At the age of 13, he was baptized and came into fellowship in the meeting.

After finishing High School, he attended a one-year Bible School in California, California Center for Biblical Studies, during the school year of 1976-1977. He returned to Missouri to pursue a degree in Chemistry and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Missouri University of Science and Technology in May of 1985. Between 1988 and 2000, he worked as an Analytical Chemist at several environmental laboratories.

Since 2000, he has been employed with scientific instrumentation companies as both a Field Technical Support Specialist and as a Field Service Engineer. Robert is currently employed by Perkin Elmer Health Sciences, where he works as a Senior Customer Support Engineer in the Diagnostics division where he services genetic testing equipment used in state laboratories for the screening of genetic abnormalities in newborn babies.

In December of 1982, Robert attended a Missions conference in Chicago, Illinois. It was there that he met Wendy Rockhold of Ponca City, Oklahoma, who 2 years later would become his wife. In August of 1984, Wendy and Robert were married and took up residence in Rolla, Missouri where they lived for 17 years. In June of 2000, he accepted employment in Indianapolis, Indiana, where they have continued to reside. They immediately came into fellowship at Bethany Bible Chapel (since renamed Bethany Christian Fellowship) where they remain in fellowship.

Wendy and Robert have been involved in teaching Sunday School and Robert has taught various small group Bible studies. In 2014, he began serving as an elder and continues in that role. He is also involved in discipling and as a couple they have been involved in marriage counseling. They have raised 6 children (5 daughters and a son) and are the grandparents of 4.

*Trustee
Mr. Sherman Fray*



Sherman has been a Trustee of Stewards Foundation since September of 2022. He currently serves on the Health Care and Finance / Investments / Compensation Committees. Sherman is also a Board Member and Chairman of the Programs Committee for HIS CAMPS, INC., which operates Camp Iroquoia, a Christ-centered camp in Hallstead, Pennsylvania.

Sherman was born in New York City on October 2, 1956 to believing parents who were in the process of establishing Shiloh Gospel Chapel (SGC) in White Plains, New York. His father served as elder at SGC for over 61 years. At the age of seven Sherman trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at a Sunday night gospel meeting.

At the age of five Sherman knew he wanted to fly airplanes. After graduation from high school, Sherman attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and in 1978 graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Science, and his Commercial Pilot and Instructor Pilot licenses and ratings. In September of 1981 Sherman joined the United States Air Force and the following fall completed Undergraduate Pilot Training, being named Distinguished Graduate.

Sherman piloted the Lockheed C-141 transport on worldwide military missions for 6 years in active-duty status and 18 years as a reservist. After completing his active-duty commitment Sherman was hired by Northwest Airlines, who later merged with Delta Airlines, and flew worldwide passenger and cargo flights for 31 years. Sherman's pilot career concluded when he retired from Delta in November of 2020, completing 46 years of civilian, military and commercial flying.

In 1974, Sherman first met Marianne Abigail South of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her father ran a Rescue Mission in Philadelphia and when he came to speak at SGC the Frays hosted the South family for lunch. In 1983, nine years later, he and "Abby" re-met and from their shared love for the Lord and similar backgrounds knew each one was the person the other was looking for. They married and raised three sons.

Abby and Sherman are actively involved at Community Gospel Chapel in Voorhees, New Jersey, and joyfully continue the Fray practice of hospitality, extending their home to saints far and near.

IN STEWARDS THAT A MAN BE FOUND FAITHFUL”

What is a Member Assembly?

“Membership” is a word not generally used among assemblies of the Lord’s people. However, it is the designation used in our founding Articles of Incorporation to identify those assemblies that we serve.

“Membership in this corporation shall be open to all of those autonomous churches or assemblies, which are:

- (1) located in the United States,
- (2) composed of individual Christians gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ alone, and,
- (3) are organized and operated in accordance with Biblical Principles.”

March 26, 1945

Membership in Stewards Foundation is legal in nature. Member assemblies have the opportunity to elect Trustees to the Stewards Foundation Board, receive the Annual Audited Financial Report, and transact such other business as may be properly brought before the Annual Member’s Meeting.

The unique ministry of Stewards Foundation is for those assemblies described by our Statement of Faith and Service Guidelines. The ongoing relationship between Stewards Foundation and member assemblies is based upon these common beliefs.

Each year the elders of member assemblies are asked to sign our Statement of Faith and Service Guidelines. This practice affirms the elders’ agreement with Stewards Foundation in holding to these tenets of the faith and practice of New Testament principals.

Stewards Foundation’s purpose is to serve the Lord’s people in carrying out the ministries to which He has called them. Our objective is to live up to our name as being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by the Lord (*1 Corinthians 4:2*). Our desire is that the Lord Jesus Christ will receive the glory for anything that may be accomplished through Stewards Foundation (*Psalms 115:1*).

2023 Annual Members Meeting

The 2023 Annual Members Meeting is scheduled for September 23rd at Bethany Christian Fellowship in Indianapolis, Indiana. This meeting is held in different parts of the country to give the greatest opportunity for as many as possible to attend and be informed about Stewards Foundation.

One purpose for the Annual Meeting is the election of Trustees to the Board of Stewards Foundation. These men bear the responsibility of ensuring that the corporation does not drift from the mission established by the founders in 1945. They direct Stewards Foundation through policies instituted to stay the course. Consequently, this meeting should be of interest to every Member Assembly.

Our Bylaws require that each Member Assembly designate a Delegate to act on its behalf, either in person or by proxy, at this annual meeting of the corporation. Unfortunately, many Delegates do not take advantage of this opportunity.

Some feel that they cannot participate due to a lack of knowledge about the Trustees in general, and in particular those up for election. We encourage you to inform yourself about these men by taking the time to read their biographies in the previous Newsletter and this one. You can also find their biographies on the Stewards Foundation website, www.stewardsfoundation.org.

In particular, we urge Delegates to take the time to read about these men, and then attend the meeting in person, or return your assembly’s Proxy. This will be a great encouragement to the Trustees and a show of support for the work of Stewards Foundation.

This meeting of the corporation is open to anyone interested in attending. In addition to the election of Trustees, our Bylaws state that the meeting is, “to allow the Board to present their Annual Report to the Member Assemblies, and to transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.”

Following the corporate meeting, presentations will be made by Stewards Foundation, Legacy Ministry Services and Christian Missions in Many Lands. Representatives of these three assembly service organizations will talk about their history, and the services they offer to assemblies of the Lord’s people and their commended workers.

Everyone in attendance is invited to join us for lunch following the presentations.

Psalms 126:3, “The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad”

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