



# the Steel Valley Baptist Association COMMUNICATOR

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## Exec Board Meeting

**Your voice counts.** The main event at the January 22 meeting will be your opportunity to voice what God has put on your heart regarding our next associational missionary. For more information about the search process please see the article to the right.

Other highlights will include the following: the early announcement about our next Walk Thru the Bible seminar covering the New Testament, hopefully the voting in of another church into our association, a possible mission trip sponsored by SVBA, a day of workshops designed to help each of our churches, a pastor prayer gathering, and missions opportunities in our area. Do you recall what a World Missions Conference was? It has changed its name to On Mission. More on this coming. Believe it or not, this is only the start of things to come. We hope to see all of you at the meeting. May we reach all of northeast Ohio for Jesus Christ.

## The Search for the Associational Missionary

The search for the next AM allows participation from all within the Steel Valley Association. Therefore, all of you are encouraged to submit your thoughts, recommendations, or convictions to the team responsible for this process.

To start the ball rolling, the Administrative Team has put together a profile of the next AM. (It is easier to adjust something that already exists than to create something from nothing.)

The paragraph in the next column is the first draft of the profile.

Please evaluate the paragraph prayerfully and submit your comments to anyone serving on the team: Rafael Cruz, David Gray, Randy Langham, Mark and Sandra Parks, Lawrence Poling, Steve Spurlock, and Ron Thompson.

The next executive Board meeting, Jan 22 at Howland Glen BC will include time for recommendations and for question and answering. Thanks very much for the input you will give.

The successful A. M. candidate will be a man of godly character who has strong relational ability in order to be able to communicate well with pastors, lay people, and the lost. He will be able to articulate why he feels Baptist associations are viable and what service they can provide both to local churches and larger society. This person will also be well acquainted with a wide variety of church styles and how to make them more effective. He will value urban, rural, and suburban church work. The candidate will demonstrate the ability to work and communicate across ethnic, economic, and cultural lines with a willingness to continue to grow in these areas. He will have and be able to express a balanced theology in line with the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message. This energetic person will be a reconciler who is a lifelong learner and has the ability to understand the unique challenges faced by those in vocational ministry.

## Charles Mulli

Charles Mulli was abandoned by his parents when he was 6 years old. and lived as a begging child for years. Through God's intervention he was able

to work his way up to being a millionaire. Then God called him to abandon his wealth and his jobs to live by faith adopting thousands of orphans. Hear this man of faith give his testimony in Dublin, Ohio at the SCBO Engage Conference,

February 3, 2018, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. For more info on the conference click here [www.scbo.org/event/engage-mrrt](http://www.scbo.org/event/engage-mrrt). For more info on Mr. Mulli you can click: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfsRZEHAggA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfsRZEHAggA). Check for other speakers and cost.

## Missions & Ministry

We will be presenting the following activities at our next Executive Board Meeting: On Mission Day in the fall when missionaries are brought and speak at participating churches Have a training day for doing block party outreach with our trailer either April 14th or 21st. We will be doing repairs and replacing broken equipment, as well as upgrading our association block party trailer, hoping that it will be used by our

associational churches Have an associational conference day with breakout sessions headed by pastors who are gifted in specific areas. Date TBD Grace Place Church needs help with Thursday evening children's ministry from 6-7 pm The next Missions and Ministry Team meeting will be Thursday, February 8th at 7 pm. All are invited and encouraged to attend. God bless you all.

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## Meetings

Jan 8, Admin. Team Meeting, 6 pm.  
Jan 11, Missions and Ministry, 7 pm.  
Jan 22, Executive Board Meeting at Howland Glen Baptist Church, 6 pm dinner, 7 pm business.  
TBD, Pastor prayer time,  
Feb 5, Admin. Team Meeting, 6 pm.  
Feb 8, Missions and Ministry, 7 pm.  
Apr 9, 6 & 7 pm Semiannual Meeting at Grace Baptist Church, Preacher Ron Thompson.