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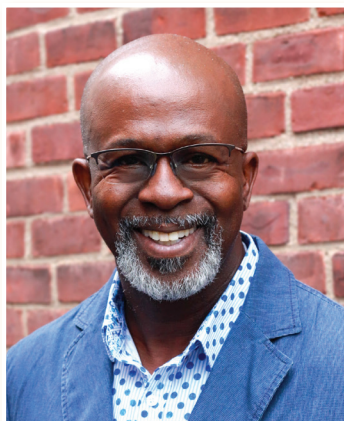
# Seasons

Winter 2025 Edition



## WITH GOD...

The Director's Message | Pastor Wellesley A. Broomfield



From a young age, I have been a bit of a Lone Ranger. I used to keep to myself and had an independent spirit. I wore that mindset like a badge of honor in everything from speech to

fashion. I would do the opposite if everyone seemed to do the same thing. The latest fad? Count me out!

That mindset continued well into adulthood. Carrying that “badge” brought me some successes and colossal failures. The achievements were all my doing; however, I thought the failures resulted from circumstances I couldn't control.

Good behaviors and good habits, and destructive behaviors and bad habits do not instantly leave us when we say “Yes” to Jesus. When we say, “Jesus, come into my life and be my Lord and Savior,” we bring our baggage into our relationship with Christ. It takes our willingness, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, for Jesus'

redemptive nature to start cleansing us from dead works. “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” was not initially my credo. But gradually, by God's immeasurable grace, I have learned through experience that God's way is best.

Matthew 19:26 says, **“But Jesus looked at them and said to them, ‘With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’**” What is this, you ask? Anything that you are doing in your own strength. John 15:5 reads, “I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing.” **“But with God, all things are possible.”**

God is eternal and looking to partner with us in eternal things. The Lord wants to return to the relationship He had when He walked with man in the cool of the day. We are unstoppable when our plans align with God's plan for our lives.

Brothers and Sisters let the Lone Ranger attitudes ride off into the sunset. Instead, let's partner with God and set our hearts and minds on the Eternal things!

## Meet THE STAFF:



## Paulina Cruz

Growing up in Queens, New York, has shaped my life in many ways. Despite being from New York, I still love to explore the city as a tourist, enjoying its endless sights and experiences. New York never gets old! One of my favorite pastimes is going to Yankee games—there's something special about the stadium's energy that never fades.

When I'm not soaking in the city, my favorite hobby is hiking. My husband and I go on hiking trips every weekend. It's a time to bond, enjoy nature, and strengthen our marriage. Hiking is more than just a hobby; it's a practice that helps keep our relationship grounded and flourishing.

I'm also incredibly proud of my journey as a first-generation child of immigrant parents. Despite the challenges, I graduated from college, and over the past 22 years, I've been blessed with opportunities that allowed me to purchase a home in the suburbs. But above all, the thing I am most proud of is the family and home my husband and I have created together.

I started working at Fellowship Deaconry Ministries in September 2024, almost four months ago. My current role is Senior Accountant and HR Administrator, and it is the perfect blend of my interests and skills. I've always loved math and business, but it was through a corporate HR experience that I discovered my passion for working with people. Although I have never had the chance to work in HR until now, I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to grow in this field at Fellowship Deaconry Ministries. I believe that God led me to this position. After spending a year in my previous job, I decided it was time to look for a new opportunity, but it wasn't until I found Fellowship Deaconry Ministries that the right fit seemed to appear. It's clear that this is where I am meant to be.

The most enjoyable part of my job is balancing accounting and human resources. I've always loved working in accounting, but now I have the chance to learn and develop in HR, which is exciting and fulfilling. The mission of Fellowship Deaconry Ministries

resonates deeply with me, especially knowing that all our work is in service to God and His Kingdom. Supporting the many ministries and outreaches in the name of our Lord and Savior is a blessing.

One of the things that makes me most proud to work here is the focus on doing everything for Him and His glory. It's refreshing to work in an environment where the heart of the work is aligned with such a noble purpose.

Juggling accounting and HR can be challenging sometimes, and it's a bit like having two jobs rolled into one. But it's also rewarding because I learn new things every day. My biggest goal for this year is to continue learning as much as possible about HR policies and laws so that I can truly grow into the HR role.

I feel so blessed to be here, and the people at Fellowship Deaconry Ministries have made me feel incredibly welcome. It's been a journey to adapt to new systems and workflows, especially without established procedures in place at first. But things are slowly falling into place, and I feel much more organized now than I did just three months ago. I'm grateful for the opportunity to contribute here, and I'm excited to continue building relationships with the amazing people on staff. The fellowship and support I've received have made this transition even more rewarding.

I'm thankful for this new chapter in my career and for being a part of an organization that is making an eternal impact on people's lives.

# The Commons Carpet Campaign



Friends of Fellowship Deaconry Ministries!  
We need your HELP!!!

More activity goes on in The Commons, the building that was formerly known as The Bookstore, than anywhere else on the grounds of Fellowship Deaconry Ministries. Besides housing the Main Offices of our Conference & Retreat Center and Day Camp Sunshine, this large Conference Room is occupied every day of the week, all year. Depending on the day and season, The Commons accommodates homeschoolers working on projects, church, and Bible study groups in prayer and worship, celebrations, or Day Camp Sunshine activities and training sessions.

For 91 years, the Deaconry has sought to be a place where people feel welcome, can sense the Lord's presence, and come to know Him better. In a word, we want our staff and our facilities to be as hospitable and welcoming as possible.

Frankly, with all the activity and events in the Commons over the decades, the carpet has become worn, stained, not very inviting to look at anymore, and in dire need of replacement. This is where we need your financial help to make this possible. We have received a quote of \$17,000 to remove the old carpeting and install new 18" X 18" carpet tile squares. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can partner with us to complete The Commons Carpet Campaign by the end of February 2025 with your gifts in any amount. Through your prayers and donations, you can help keep FELLOWSHIP DEACONRY MINISTRIES a hospitable place for our guests. Our prayer is that in response, they will invite Christ to "make *His* home in their hearts as they trust in Him..." (Ephesians 3:17)

In His Service,  
Wellesley A. Broomfield  
Executive Director, Fellowship Deaconry Ministries



# HEROES APPRECIATION BREAKFAST RECAP

In November 2024, Fellowship Deaconry Ministries had the great privilege and joy of hosting our Heroes Appreciation Breakfast to honor the dedicated service of our first responders and veterans. We are deeply grateful for these heroes, who selflessly risk their lives to protect and serve our community.

As our special guests, we were honored to have with us Somerset County Commissioner Director Shanel Robinson and Bernards Township Deputy Mayor Janice Fields. Our gratitude was given to the many veterans present, and to Bernards Township Police Department, Liberty Corner & Basking Ridge Fire Companies, Bernardsville Fire Company and First Aid Squad, and to Far Hills Bedminster First Aid Squad for their invaluable service. Their dedication and selflessness has not gone unnoticed.

Every day, countless men and women in uniform put their lives on the line to safeguard their communities, their country, and their fellow citizens. Veterans and first responders are the backbone of our safety, security, and well-being. Their courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment deserve not only our admiration, but also our deepest respect and acknowledgement.

As we continue to honor our veterans and first responders, let us remember that their courage and sacrifice are essential to the safety and well-being of our communities. We are greatly indebted to them as they put our protection above their own welfare. We are forever grateful for the service they provide and the unwavering dedication they show every single day.



*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

# XO MARRIAGE CONFERENCE 2025



I have found the one  
whom my soul loves

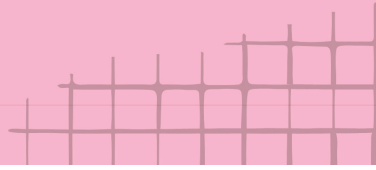
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