ST. LOUIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

James Bullard (center), president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, meets with guests following a presentation by him.

LITTLE ROCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Robert Hopkins (left), senior vice president and regional executive of the Little Rock Branch, talks with University of Arkansas-Fort Smith Chancellor Paul Beran following a speech there by St. Louis Fed President James Bullard.
On Dec. 3, 1917, the first branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis was opened in Louisville. The city’s regional importance as an industrial base and leading banking center made it nearly certain that the Federal Reserve would open a branch there.

Nearly a century later, the Louisville Branch still serves the communities of southern Indiana and central and western Kentucky. Its early role as an operations center for check and cash processing has shifted to one of public outreach, notably in the areas of community development and economic education.

In 2016 alone, Louisville’s public outreach efforts included more than 130 meetings with local business leaders, more than 20 speeches, nearly a dozen economic-outlook events and roughly 40 visits with bank CEOs. Public outreach also brought economic literacy resources to schools, from pre-K through college, and supported a pilot program to introduce children’s savings accounts to local elementary schools. The Louisville Branch also collaborated with our Center for Household Financial Stability on events aimed at strengthening the balance sheets of families—and the list goes on.

To learn more about the Louisville Branch, visit www.stlouisfed.org/louisville.

When the Branch’s new building was opened in 1958 (above), the 158th Army Band from nearby Fort Knox provided music, while the color guard from the University of Louisville Navy ROTC raised the flag. In 1947 (left), the Fed’s outreach was a literal endeavor as bankers and others climbed over fences on a farm near Princeton, Ky., to hear a St. Louis Fed economist talk about pastures. In the Branch’s new location today (above left), the board of directors meets.
THE EIGHTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT—8H

The Eighth Federal Reserve District is composed of four zones, each of which is centered around one of the four cities where our offices are located: St. Louis (headquarters), Little Rock, Louisville and Memphis. Nearly 15 million people live in the Eighth Federal Reserve District.