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TUESDAY | JULY 26, 2022

Tuesday Events

Registration – HBGCC Main Lobby

Tuesday, July 26 – 8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Wednesday, July 27 – 8:00 – 5:00 pm
Thursday, July 28 – 8:00 – 5:00 pm
Friday, July 29 – 8:00 – 2:00 pm

Priority Prayer

8:00 – 8:30 am • Hall 2, HBGCC

International General Council

8:30 – 10:00 am; 1:30 – 4:30 pm
Hall 2, HBGCC

International General Assembly

10:30 – 11:30 am
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International Educators Luncheon

11:45 am • 301AB, HBGCC

International Junior Talent—Bible

10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Teach/Preach/Testimony
Lila Cockrell Theater, Rooms 006 A-D

International Junior Talent—Drama

1:00 – 6:00 pm • Sessions 1&2
Lila Cockrell Theater

International Junior Talent—Art/Writing

1:00 – 5:00 pm • Sessions 1&2
Lila Cockrell Theater, Rooms 007 A-B

Kid's Day Camp

1:00 – 5:00 pm
221 A-D, HBGCC

Next Gen Gathering

5:30 pm • Room 004, HBGCC

Children's Church (Ages 3-6)

(Iglesia de Ninos)
6:30 – 9:30 pm
221 A-D, HBGCC

Kid's Church (Ages 7-12)

(Iglesia de Ninos)
6:30 – 9:30 pm
221 A-D, HBGCC

New York State Office

9:00 pm
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An Agenda for a 'Church on Mission'

By Art Rhodes

San Antonio, TX: The Church of God General Assembly means different things to different people. To some, it is a time to determine who will lead our denomination into the future. For others, it is a wonderful time of praise and worship. For many, it is a great time of fellowship and reconnecting with other like-minded believers. However, according to the Bylaws of the Church of God, "The purpose of the International General Assembly is to advance the mission, vision, and commitments of the Church of God as stated in the *International General Assembly Minutes*."

With the postponement of the biennial meeting that was scheduled for 2020, the agenda facing the 2022 International General Council, and ultimately the General Assembly, is extensive with many substantive issues to be addressed.

Before elections can be held, the General Council session will kick off with a discussion about the tenure of elected officials as the first order of business on Tuesday morning. This discussion is necessitated because of the extended terms granted to current church officials as a part of the "continuance

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World Missions Announces Partnership Awards



Winners of church and state awards for World Missions were announced at a banquet held Monday, July 25, 2022, at the Grand Hyatt Lone Star Ballroom.

Historically one of the highlights of General Assembly week, the banquet attendees enjoyed Geron and Becky Davis and Voices of Lee from Lee University. The featured speaker for the evening was Dr. Mark Rutland, founder and director of the National Institute of Leadership and Global Servants, a missions

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Luncheon to Honor Distinguished Educators

By Cameron Fisher

The Church of God Division of Education is sponsoring an Educators Luncheon today where the highlight will be honoring two Church of God education leaders who have been named with Distinguished Educator Awards.

Since 1976, the Church of God Division of Education has conferred the Distinguished Educator Award to worthy individuals who have made a unique contribution to education in the Church of God. In 1996, the General Board of Education added a Leadership Award to the existing Faculty Award. Honorees are chosen from among the more than 100 educational institutions that operate around the globe.

In June, the panel of judges for the Distinguished Educator Awards met to receive the nominating ballots and to discuss the qualities of the educators. The two individuals

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Distinguished Educators

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were selected and will be formally honored at the luncheon being held today in the Gonzalez Convention Center.



Dr. Rickie Moore



Dr. Miguel Álvarez

Chosen to receive the 2022 Distinguished Educator Award for Faculty is Dr. Rickie Moore, associate dean of the School of Religion and chair of the Department of Theology for Lee University. Dr. Moore served as professor at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary for 25 years, and 10 years as professor at Lee University. His teaching specialty is the Old Testament prophets and he is a founding editor of the *Journal of Pentecostal Theology*.

Honored with the 2022 Distinguished Educator Award for Leadership is Dr. Miguel

Álvarez, president of Seminario Bíblico Pentecostal Centroamericano (SEBIPCA—Quetzaltenango, Guatemala) and Director of Alianza para Educación de América Latina (ALEAL). Since 1992, Dr. Álvarez has served in many educational ministries, including president of Asian Seminary of Christian Ministries (ASCM—Manila, Philippines), president of Seminario Ministerial Sudamericano (SEMISUD—Quito, Ecuador), and now president of SEBIPCA and director of ALEAL.

“These two dedicated lifelong educators have trained thousands of ministers for service and are worthy of these honors bestowed upon them,” stated Dr. David Ramírez, director of the Division of Education for the Church of God. “Through the years, the Distinguished Educator Awards have recognized the finest individuals in the Church of God who have dedicated their lives and ministries to students around the world. They are shining examples of individuals who practice and deliver Christ-centered teaching and preparation.”

In addition to the award presentations, attendees to the luncheon will hear a presentation from Chad Causey, vice president and chief strategy officer for OneHope who will speak on the topic, “Taking God’s Word to Children Around the World.” ♦



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Y’all. After months of committee meetings, revisions, notebooks, revisions, more notebooks and infinity more revisions, I feel like I’ve given birth. Feel free to send flowers and casseroles. #cogga22 @coghq

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#cogga22 Here we come! Thank you to our amazing congregation for giving us this opportunity to represent you!

Pastor Rae Orozco

@pastor_rae Excited to be headed to the @COGHQ General Assembly today. My new book, He Had to go There; The Multicultural Mandate will be at the @PathwayPress booth in the exhibit hall #COGGA22



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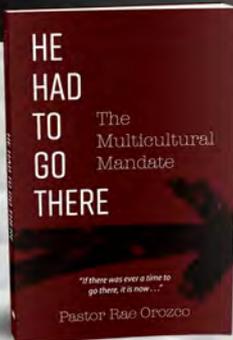
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Rae Orozco
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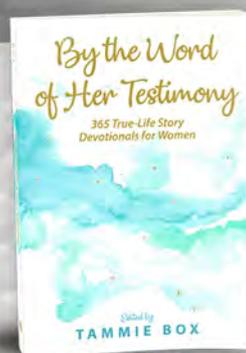
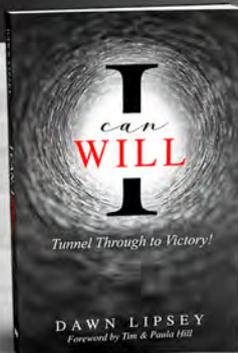


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Wednesday, July 27



Dawn Lipsey
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of governance” provision used to maintain continuity during the COVID pandemic when elections could not be held. While the Council will make recommendations on the tenure issues, a special session of the International General Assembly is scheduled for 10:30 am on Tuesday morning to adopt or modify those suggestions.

Once a decision is made in the General Assembly session concerning tenure, the elections of all international officials will be the next order of business. When the elections are completed, most likely on Tuesday afternoon, the General Council will move to the heart of the *Church on Mission* agenda.

While there are a multitude of new items that will be presented to the Council for consideration, a host of items are returning from the previous Assembly. Four items on the agenda were referred to “open Ministry Forums” for discussion following the 2018 General Assembly. Those items (1) importance and understanding of ministry ranks, (2) qualifications and requirements for ministers, (3) women in leadership, and (4) the meaning and usage of the title “Bishop” were not only subject to discussion in the open ministry forums but were also part of a 2019 ministry survey. As mandated by the 2018 General Assembly, all these items will be dealt with in the *Church on Mission* agenda. An executive summary, as well as the full statistical analysis, of the survey results has been provided to each Ordained Bishop.

In addition, numerous other reports were mandated by the 2018 General Assembly to be brought back to this General Council for consideration. Reports on Spiritual Acceleration, Visional Actualization, Ministerial Activation, and Generational Assimilation, as well as a report on a Lee University/Pentecostal Theological Seminary scholarship fund, are included

in a booklet made available to General Council participants. It is expected that most of the reports will be discussed in summary form during the voting sessions.

To address some of the current cultural issues facing our nation, the General Council will take up a resolution on gender identity. Further, a motion will be considered to prohibit ministers from verbally affirming or using the self-selected gender identity of a person where that gender identity is incongruent with the person's biological sex. As with all items on the agenda, these cultural motions and resolutions will be subject to debate and amendment.

While the Church of God *Minutes* have expanded and changed over the years, there are several items on the agenda to address a shortened General Assembly format that has been in use for well over a decade. Prior to the current format, the General Council met on Monday through Friday and then the General Assembly session occurred on Saturday. Now, the General Council meets Tuesday through Friday morning, with the General Assembly session held on Friday afternoon, a greatly shortened format. The process of submitting motions and the time when the motions must be submitted will be subject to debate and vote, with both proposals seeking to change the Church of God Bylaws.

A change to the Bylaws requires a 2/3rd vote of the General Council and the General Assembly, while regular business only requires a majority vote. Prior notice has been given concerning the possibility of four Bylaw changes during this General Assembly: a measure to allow women to participate in the General Council, a change of how motions are submitted for General Council consideration, the timing of when motions to the General Council must be submitted, and a provision that requires the General Council to meet in conjunction with the International General Assembly (something that has always been practiced but not required by the church's Bylaws).

As would be expected following a time when the General Assembly had to be postponed for the first time in more than 75 years, there are a multitude of provisions in the agenda that provide for procedures in filling vacancies under extenuating and unusual circumstances. Should the church face another time where conducting business would not be safe from a health or welfare standpoint, the offered motions seek to provide guidance on how the church could continue operating until the General Council and General Assembly were able to convene.

As with every General Council, the formal agenda will conclude with a series of appreciation resolutions. The resolutions will be read and voted on as the final step in completing all 30 items on the *Church on Mission* agenda. Once all matters on the agenda are complete, the General Council will then turn its attention to any motions or resolutions that are filed during the course of the meeting. All “new” business will be taken up and addressed, if time permits, through the conclusion of the General Council session on Friday morning.

Outside of the election of the International Executive Council, often called the Council of 18, all other persons elected by the General Council, as well as all motions and resolutions adopted by the General Council, must go to the International General Assembly for final disposition. The Assembly session is scheduled for Friday afternoon. For any matter to be added to the Church of God *Minutes*, it must be approved by the General Assembly. Items that are not approved by the General Assembly “fall to the floor.”

With the *Church on Mission* agenda, the International General Council and the International General Assembly are expected to have a full slate of items to discuss during their 78th meeting.

Art Rhodes is president and CEO of the Church of God Benefits Board and serves as consultant the General Council Agenda Committee. ♦

Church of God 78th International General Assembly • STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19

As planning for the 78th International General Assembly has taken place, there has been vigilance in preparing for COVID-19. The convention center and City of San Antonio have worked with and advised us in this capacity.

In adjusting to a new normal, let's continue to be mindful in light of the pandemic. We urge respect of anyone's desire to be cautious with distancing, sanitizing hands, or other precautions that one feels may need to be taken. Frequent hand washing and other protective steps that we have learned to accept over the past two years are encouraged. In addition, please take note of any signs on COVID protocols that may be posted at the convention center, restaurants, or hotels during the Assembly.

Should anyone feel ill this week, please respect the health of others and avoid interaction. For your convenience, the Information Booth, located near the front of the Exhibit Hall, will have a list of COVID-testing locations in close proximity to the Convention Center.



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How We Got Here

A four-year journey from GA18 to GA22

By Cameron Fisher

This is a historic General Assembly. Before the gavel drops on the opening session of the General Council this morning, Church of God history has already been made. This is the longest period between two General Assemblies ever, since before we called ourselves the Church of God and only the second time an Assembly has been postponed.

The first General Assembly was held on a snowy January in 1906 as members of the Christian Union gathered near the Tennessee-North Carolina border. The venue was the home of one of the delegates. Twenty-one people attended the meeting of the group that would adopt the name “Church of God” two years later. These gatherings were held at least once a year until the late 1940s when a biennial schedule was adopted. The meetings went uninterrupted except in 1918 when the Assembly was canceled due to a nationwide flu epidemic, and during one year of World War II where only members of the General Council gathered.

Five months before the July 2020 event, planning for the 78th International General Assembly was on schedule. The site was Indianapolis. The convention center was secured. Hotel rooms were being reserved. Events were already scheduled. The website ga20.org had been launched and online registrations were coming in. Logistical plans were well underway.

From March 1-10, 2020, members of the Executive Committee were joined by a group of pilgrims for a long-anticipated journey to the Holy Land. Concentration during those ten days was on receiving the most out of what was a once-in-a-lifetime trip.

When the plane landed, so did reality as General Overseer Tim Hill and the Committee were immediately faced with a decision on whether or not to cancel Smoky Mountain Winterfest, set for March 13-15. The University of Tennessee essentially made the decision when they shut the doors of the Winterfest venue as Covid numbers were rising rapidly.

The Winterfest cancellation was “the first shoe to drop” in a series of Church of God events over the next several months. Out of an abundance of caution – a phrase that has



Zoom conferences with the Executive Council, church, and state leaders became the norm for several months as planning toward the General Assembly shifted from 2020 to 2022.

become all too familiar the last two years – most camp meetings and youth camps were either canceled or held virtually that summer. At the April 2020 Executive Council session, a decision about the 2020 Assembly could not be ignored. Ultimately, restrictions on large events and travel, and cancellation of contractual agreements forced the unprecedented postponement of the Assembly.

Arriving where we are today was not a simple “fast-forward” of the plans already underway back in 2020. The aftermath of Covid created a new dynamic as virtually all aspects of Assembly planning were affected:

Executive Council – What would have been the meeting to finalize the 2020 General Council Agenda, that April 2020 session was held entirely by Zoom and focused solely on the Assembly’s postponement. Any GA reports that were to be submitted were put on hold until 2022 and future Council gatherings dealt with Covid-related challenges.

Venue – The severity of the 2020 Covid outbreak essentially forced the hand of Indianapolis to negotiate the Church of God’s contract for that year to 2024. Without their cooperation, the Church could have been on the hook for more than \$2 million in breakage fees. The choice of San Antonio for the 2022 rescheduling of the 78th Assembly arose from negotiations that were already underway for what would have been the 79th General Assembly this week.

Hotels and Restaurants – As we are all aware, the pandemic affected the service industry, resulting in substantial shifts of expectations. Daily maid and on-demand room service at most hotels has been drastically altered. Due to a shortage of servers, even some of the more prominent restaurants have

experienced closures, or cut-backs in table availability.

Printing – those manuals, magazines, and other printed materials included in your Assembly packets this week have come at a higher premium, not just in cost, but in quantity due to worldwide paper shortages. And on-time delivery of resources can no longer be taken for granted, as orders must be submitted weeks ahead of time.

Agenda – Reports that were prepared in the 2018-2020 period for presentation in 2020 were reevaluated by the General Council Agenda Committee (GCAC) and presented back to the Council. The same for agenda items that arose from the Global Forums conducted in 2019. Items that have arisen in the 2020-2022 period have been included this week, most notably the Tenure of Leadership decision.

Personnel – perhaps the most important element—people—have also been affected in this planning process. Even veteran planners of the Assembly process have been challenged by all of the above and the “reacquaintance” of duties, simply from the passage of four years instead of two. Not to mention those who are no longer with us due to Covid, including Dr. David Blair, who passed away in March 2021, and was a critical member of the General Assembly cabinet, the primary planning body for the event.

But with God’s guiding hand we have arrived in San Antonio this week. While some Covid protocols remain in place, its overriding influence has been diminished and we can thank the Lord above for His protection and favor as we – finally – gather for the 78th International General Assembly. ♦

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La Iglesia en Misión

Por Timothy Hill, supervisor general



No tengo que convencerle de que la Iglesia está en medio de una guerra espiritual intensa. Basta con las crisis que están afectando a nuestra nación (la pandemia, el racismo, la situación económica y el malestar social) para que entienda que estamos en tiempos extraordinarios.

Cierto que los Estados Unidos y el mundo han vivido otras temporadas difíciles y tensas. Sin embargo, ¿cuándo habíamos visto una secuencia de catástrofes como desde principios de 2020?

Las divisiones políticas, raciales y sociales en los Estados Unidos mantienen a la nación en vilo en cuanto a «qué vendrá después». Por ende, los titulares no deben ocultar las viejas atrocidades de nuestra nación, incluyendo sus múltiples perversiones: el robo de la vida de los no nacidos y la pobreza que encarcela los sueños y las esperanzas de los hijos e hijas de cada raza y generación.

Otra complicación de nuestras realidades actuales es la amenaza que se cierne sobre el derecho a la libertad de culto en casi todos los ámbitos. Por el bienestar de la nación de repente quedamos atrapados entre la tensión de la cooperación y lo que algunos consideraron era un exceso autoritario.

Hermanos y hermanas, la palabra «crisis» no basta como adjetivo de nuestra situación actual. Sin embargo, en medio de la crisis convergen la emergencia y la oportunidad.

Una Iglesia Presente

De hecho, la Iglesia de Dios como parte del cuerpo de Cristo está llamada a ser un canal de la sanidad y restauración del Espíritu Santo para este mundo que está desesperado por la redención. El mundo trata de restarle importancia a la Iglesia, pero seguimos adelante y dedicados a la misión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo; esta misión es acerca de la verdad y el amor. La desesperación mundial renueva la carga evangelista de la Iglesia de Dios.

La Iglesia está siendo juzgada hoy. Estamos en el banquillo de los acusados de una generación que no aceptará las excusas de antes. Nuestros ministerios deben pasar la prueba de la legitimidad evangélica, nuestros valores deben reflejar la «vida de Cristo». De lo contrario no seremos válidos.

La Iglesia de Dios debe mantenerse enfocada en la Finalización de la Gran Comisión y procurar por todos los medios posibles y con toda el alma «seguir en misión».

Debemos...

- ENCONTRAR a los no alcanzados
- INTERCEDER en oración
- ORGANIZAR alianzas
- INVERTIR en la siembra de iglesias
- ENVIAR misioneros y misioneras
- COSECHAR vidas para el Reino de Dios.

Nuestra misión no ha cambiado en estos tiempos difíciles; creyentes como usted, el ministerio y los miembros de la Iglesia de Dios han continuado llevando esperanza a la mies por todo el mundo.

Una Iglesia en Tiempos Cruciales

El 2020 pasará a la historia. El mundo ha sufrido cambios de estilos de vida, rutinas y la manera en que adoramos. Algunos ministerios han luchado por mantenerse a flote. Jamás me había sentido tan orgulloso del ministerio y los miembros de la Iglesia de Dios. Ustedes encontraron la manera de «hacer que sucediera». Sin duda nunca les habíamos predicado a tanta gente.

Determinación

Dicen que «*La Iglesia salió a la calle*» y es cierto. Sus testimonios e informes revelan que durante los meses de la COVID-19 hemos visto un aumento sustancial en la cantidad de nuevos convertidos y personas restauradas.

Una Iglesia Movilizada hacia un Nuevo Día

La pregunta que debemos hacernos es ¿y ahora qué? Seguimos la misión. Ajustamos nuestra mentalidad misionera. ¿Qué significa? En palabras simples, misionamos en todo lo que vivimos y hacemos. Nuestras acciones definen nuestro pentecostalismo. Es un asunto de empoderamiento como creyentes «misioneros» en el siglo XXI comprometidos a ¡Finalizar la Gran Comisión!

Debemos ser *La Iglesia en Misión* que:

- Articula claramente su propósito y organiza sus recursos.
- Está concentrada en las prioridades bíblicas.
- Alrededor del mundo sus congregaciones, regiones y naciones
- colaboran juntas en la Gran Comisión.
- Dirige todos sus esfuerzos hacia la misión.
- Vive para El Compromiso Final.

Debemos actuar con prontitud antes de que Cristo vuelva. Él nos ha ungido y comisionado para que lo logremos. Tenemos el poder para que cumplamos la misión de «Predicar el evangelio completo de Jesucristo en el Espíritu y poder de Pentecostés». Podemos y debemos evangelizar al mundo entero con el mensaje de Jesucristo. Somos *La Iglesia en Misión*. ♦

78a Asamblea General Internacional de la Iglesia de Dios Notificación sobre el COVID-19

Durante la planificación de la 78a Asamblea General Internacional de la Iglesia de Dios hemos tomado en cuenta el COVID-19A. El Centro de Convenciones y la ciudad de San Antonio nos han asesorado en esta capacidad.

Al adaptarnos a una nueva normalidad seamos precavidos en vista de la pandemia. Les instamos a que respeten los deseos de cualquier persona que prefiera el distanciamiento, la desinfección de manos u otras precauciones sugeridas. Se recomienda el lavado frecuente de las manos y otras de las medidas de protección que hemos aprendido a aceptar en los últimos dos años. Además, manténgase atento a cualquier letrero que aparezca en el centro, los restaurantes u hoteles acerca de los protocolos del COVID-19.

Si durante la semana se sintiera afectado de salud, tenga el cuidado de evitar las interacciones personales y respete la salud de los demás. El Puesto de Información, ubicado frente a la Sala de Exposiciones, tendrá una lista de los lugares cercanos en los que podrá hacerse la prueba de la COVID-19.

La Iglesia y la Migración: Una Visión Teológica para el Pueblo de Dios

En una era de migración global y desplazamiento masivo, ¿cuál es la responsabilidad de la Iglesia con las necesidades y realidades de las comunidades migrantes y desplazadas? Ahora que nos encontramos reunidos en la 78ª Asamblea General Internacional en San Antonio, TX, tomemos un momento para reflexionar sobre este asunto a la luz de la reciente tragedia de los 53 migrantes que perdieron la vida en un semirremolque abandonado muy cerca de donde celebramos nuestra asamblea. Tragedias humanitarias como estas deberían llevarnos a reflexionar sobre cómo la Iglesia puede responder de manera positiva y proactiva a la crisis migratoria en nuestro mundo.

En los últimos dos años, Ministerios Hispánicos de la Iglesia de Dios, bajo el liderazgo del Dr. Carlos S. Morán, ha trabajado diligentemente para abordar las necesidades y realidades de las comunidades migrantes y desplazadas. A principios de enero de 2020, la oficina de Ministerios Hispánicos estableció la Iniciativa para la Crisis Migratoria de la Iglesia de Dios, un ministerio que busca capacitar a los

líderes con las herramientas bíblicas, legales, pastorales y ministeriales para que sirvan a sus comunidades inmigrantes locales. El ministerio está presente en las ocho regiones hispanas de la Iglesia de Dios en los Estados Unidos y continúa expandiendo su misión de capacitar a pastores y líderes de la Iglesia de Dios en todo el mundo.

Hace poco, la Iniciativa para la Crisis Migratoria llegó a un acuerdo de colaboración con el Centro de Estudios Latinos del Seminario Teológico Pentecostal para producir un nuevo recurso en inglés, "The Church and Migration: A Theological Vision for the People of God" (*La Iglesia y la Migración: Una Visión Teológica para el Pueblo de Dios*). Coeditado por Daniel Montañez y el Dr. Wilmer Estrada Carraquillo, el libro está disponible a través de Amazon y en la mesa del Centro para Estudios Latinos, en la sala de exhibiciones de la 78ª Asamblea General Internacional. Si desea más información sobre el trabajo de la Iniciativa para la Crisis Migratoria de la Iglesia de Dios, envíe un correo electrónico a cogmigrationcrisisinitiative@gmail.com. ♦

Latinoamérica Presente: Pre-Asamblea en Vida Abundante



en San Antonio, Texas, pastoreada por Eliezer y Dorcas Bonilla. El Dr. Ángel y la Rev. Betzaida Marcial, directores de campo de Latinoamérica, organizaron el evento al que asistieron representantes de diecinueve países y España.

A tenor con el lema de "La Iglesia en misión", hubo confraternización, santa cena, discusión de temas relevantes a la región y adoración. El Dr. Timothy M. Hill, supervisor general de la Iglesia de Dios, predicó en la noche del viernes. Estuvo acompañado por varios de los miembros del Comité Ejecutivo Internacional. Damos gracias a Dios por esta gloriosa oportunidad para celebrar la unidad en Cristo y acompañarse mutuamente en el ministerio. ♦

Este pasado fin de semana la Iglesia de Dios Latinoamericana llevó a cabo su tradicional encuentro antesala a la 78ª Asamblea General Internacional en las instalaciones de la Iglesia Vida Abundante,

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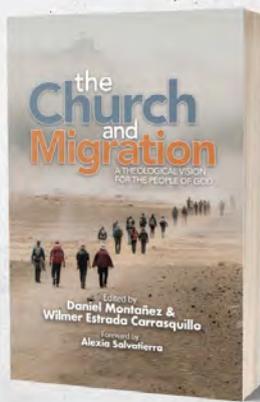

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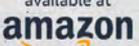

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6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Habitaciones 221 A-D

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6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
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World Missions . . .

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organization with focused efforts in Ghana, and Thailand.

One of the many highlights of the evening was the time set aside to honor the General Director, David M. Griffis, and Assistant Director, M. Thomas Propes, for their six years of service to Church of God World Missions. Their charge to “Send the Light to the Cities” has made a lasting impact on the dissemination of the gospel around the globe.

Church of God World Missions Partnership Award Winners for 2020 – 2022:

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First: Romanian Territory/Chicago-Philadelphia—*Florin Cimpean*

Category 1 – 50 in Membership

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First: South Carolina/Huggin Oak—*Edgar Foster*
Runner-Up: W. North Carolina/Wagram—*Richard Brewer*

Category 101 – 200 in Membership

First: Florida-Tampa/Ocoee—*Lloyd Odom*
Runner-Up: E. North Carolina/Alligood—*Gary Bateman*

Category 201 – 300 in Membership

First: N. Georgia/Cleveland-The Bridge—*Patrick Ballington*
Runner-Up: Pennsylvania/Greencastle—*Floyd Myers*

Category 301 – 400 in Membership

First: Tennessee/Bristol-Grace Point—*Brandon Smith*
Runner-Up: Florida-Tampa/Restoration—*John Morgan*

Category 401 – 500 in Membership

First: Florida-Tampa/Williston—*Wes Smith*
Runner-Up: South Carolina/Palmetto Pointe—*Jamie Barfield*

Category 501 – 750 in Membership

First: Florida-Tampa/Gainesville—*Edward “Chris” Chrisopulos*
Runner-Up: Florida-Tampa/Gulf Coast—*Randal Morris*

Category 751 – 1000 in Membership

First: W. North Carolina/Kannapolis-West A—*Greg Sloop*
Runner-Up: Virginia/Azalea Garden—*Rodney Vickers*

Category 1001 – 1,500 in Membership

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Runner-Up: Florida-Tampa/Cooper City—*Victor Massey*

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Runner-Up: South Carolina/Fort Mill—*Mark Leonhardt*

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First: S. Carolina/Praise Cathedral—*Jerry Madden*
Runner-Up: Tennessee/North Cleveland—*Mark Williams*

State Awards & Recognitions

Multicultural

First: Romanian Territory—*Florin Cimpean*

Category C

First: Hawaii—*Fred A Abbott*
Runner-Up: Rocky Mountain Region—*David B. Smith*

Category B

First: North Central Region—*David L. Kemp*
Runner-Up: Minnesota—*Clayton Watson*

Category A

First: Alaska—*Jeffery McGirt*
Runner-Up: Arizona—*J. Shea Hughes*

Category AA

First: Pacific Northwest—*J. Pat Wright*
Runner-Up: Illinois—*Rick Whitter*

Category AAA

First: Pennsylvania—*Tony D. Cooper*
Runner-Up: Mississippi—*Melvin R. Shuler*

Category 4 Star

First: Western North Carolina—*Kenneth R. Bell*
Runner-Up: Eastern N. Carolina—*L. Dennis Page*

Category 5 Star

First: Tennessee—*T. Wayne Dority*
Runner-Up: South Carolina—*Bruce Rabon*

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LEAD Speakers Deliver Inspiration

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Thousands of pastors and lay leaders filled the Lila Cockrell Theatre on Monday, ready for an encouraging word and spiritual lift on the eve of the first Assembly in four years.

A powerful lineup of LEAD Conference guest speakers did not disappoint, delivering one inspiring word after the next ahead of the 78th International General Assembly of the Church of God.

From start to finish, “Leading Through Uncharted Territory” was not your average church training conference about church growth or sermon prep.

This six-session gathering at the Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio was about facing the real-life challenges of recovering from a global pandemic: how to pastor a church through crisis, how to minister to your family, how to maintain spiritual, mental and personal health.

“We were in the middle of the fire before we knew what we signed up for,” said guest speaker Tod Bolsinger, as the crowd nodded in

understanding. “No one has ever led a church through what you’re going through right now.”

Leadership development specialist Maury Davis began by daring the audience to look back less and dream big forward. “The three most critical things that you have in your life and offer to those you lead are hope, dreams and vision,” Davis said. “Are you spiritually, mentally, and emotionally healthy enough to develop the dream God has given you?”

Musical artist and pastor Amanda Crabb emphasized a ministry that begins in the home. “Family is one of the most important parts of culture,” Crabb said. “Family came first, before government, before the marketplace, before it all . . . Our families must shape culture!”

Author and pastor Larry Stockstill focused on a restoration of personal and mental health as a pastor or minister. “Our minds are out of alignment: insecurity, offenses, depression. Whatever you do, keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and off the things that will lead you astray. Alignment!”



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Three dynamic ministry leaders will be guest speakers for successive “Special Orders of the Day,” starting tomorrow at 10:00 am during General Council.

On Wednesday, July 27, Dr. Mark Rutland, well-known church leader, pastor, and former president of Southern University and Oral Roberts University, will address the topic, “Preaching in the Power and the Spirit of Pentecost.” Currently, Rutland is director of the National Institute of Christian Leadership and Global Servants, a missions organization with focused efforts in Ghana and Thailand. He is also a *New York Times* best-selling author.

On Thursday, July 28, Rev. Larry Stockstill, author, pastor, and founder of Pastors University, will speak on “Five Blessings in 2022.” In 2001, Stockstill began the Surge Project, a church planting model based on mentoring and multiplication. By 2015, over 22,000 small, rural churches had been planted in twelve world zones. Pastors University, founded in 2020, features Stockstill’s top “50 lessons from 50 years.”

A final address will be delivered on Friday, July 29 by Dr. R. C. Hugh Nelson on, “The Urban Harvest.” A member of multiple ministry and medical boards, Bishop Nelson serves as senior pastor for the Church of God of East Flatbush in Brooklyn, N.Y., a church he evolved from a single-cell church model into a vibrant Urban Ministry Center that is home to more than 1,700 members and ministers to more than 2,500 on a weekly basis. ♦

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