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Wednesday Events

Registration – HBGCC Main Lobby

Wednesday, July 27 - 8:00 - 5:00 pm Thursday, July 28 - 8:00 - 5:00 pm Friday, July 29 - 8:00 - 2:00 pm

International General Council - Hall 2

8:00 -8:30 am - Priority Prayer 8:30 -11:30 am; 1:30-4:30 pm

Canada National Office

7:00 am, Marriott Rivercenter, Salon E

International Women's Ministries Service

9:00 am • Stars at Night Ballroom, HBGCC

Publications Board and Leadership

12:00 Noon • Marriott Rivercenter, Salon D

Kid's Day Camp

1:00 - 5:00 pm • 221 A-D, HBGCC

PK Gathering Gathering (PK teens)

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

Lee University Alumni Reception

8:30 pm • Grand Hyatt, Lone Star Ballroom

WCBC/NWBC/ECBC Reception

9:00 pm • HBGCC, Stars at Night Ballroom

International Junior Talent

Bible

8:30 am – 6:00 pm

Lila Cockrell Theater, Rooms 006 A-D

Art/Creative Writing

9:00 am- 1:30 pm

Lila Cockrell Theater, Rooms 007 A-B

Drama

9:00 – 11:30 am • Lila Cockrell Theater

Music

1:00 - 6:00 pm • Lila Cockrell Theater

Artists Meet & Greet

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Lila Cockrell Theater, Rooms 007 A-B

Council, Assembly Confirm Two-Year Options By Cameron Fisher

an Antonio, TX—In their opening session, members of the Ordained Bishops General Council (GC) voted for the two-year option of continued eligibility for the members of the Executive Committee elected in 2016. The same was decided for the leadership of the Youth and Discipleship Department.

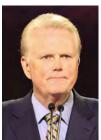
The votes were confirmed by a special called General Assembly at 10:30 am.

The postponement from 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic triggered the first official order of business for the Council: how to deal with the tenure of church leaders who were scheduled to be voted on in 2020. Ordained bishops heard a lengthy explanation, as well as a preamble from research and decisions made by the International Executive Council in light of the postponement to keep in place a "continuance of governance" from 2020 to 2022.

In a third item, the GC – as well as the General Assembly - voted to confirm the completion of terms for the Council of Eighteen. The action means an entirely new body of members will be elected and presented to the General Assembly this Friday. ◆

Executive Committee Nominated

By Cameron Fisher









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Hill Culpepper Ste espite an equipment failure that

caused a delay of over an hour, the

General Council was able to nominate

Stewart

Ramírez,

that determined the nominations taking place would be for two years rather than four (see article this issue).

The process was accelerated this year as each voting delegate was able to use a voting device. In past years, devices had to be shared, lengthening the voting process.

Joining Hill in being renominated to their current positions on —continued on page 7

the International Executive Committee.

The action by the Council came as the first order of business in an afternoon session that began at 1:30 following a special called session

Timothy M. Hill to a second term as general

overseer and the four remaining members of

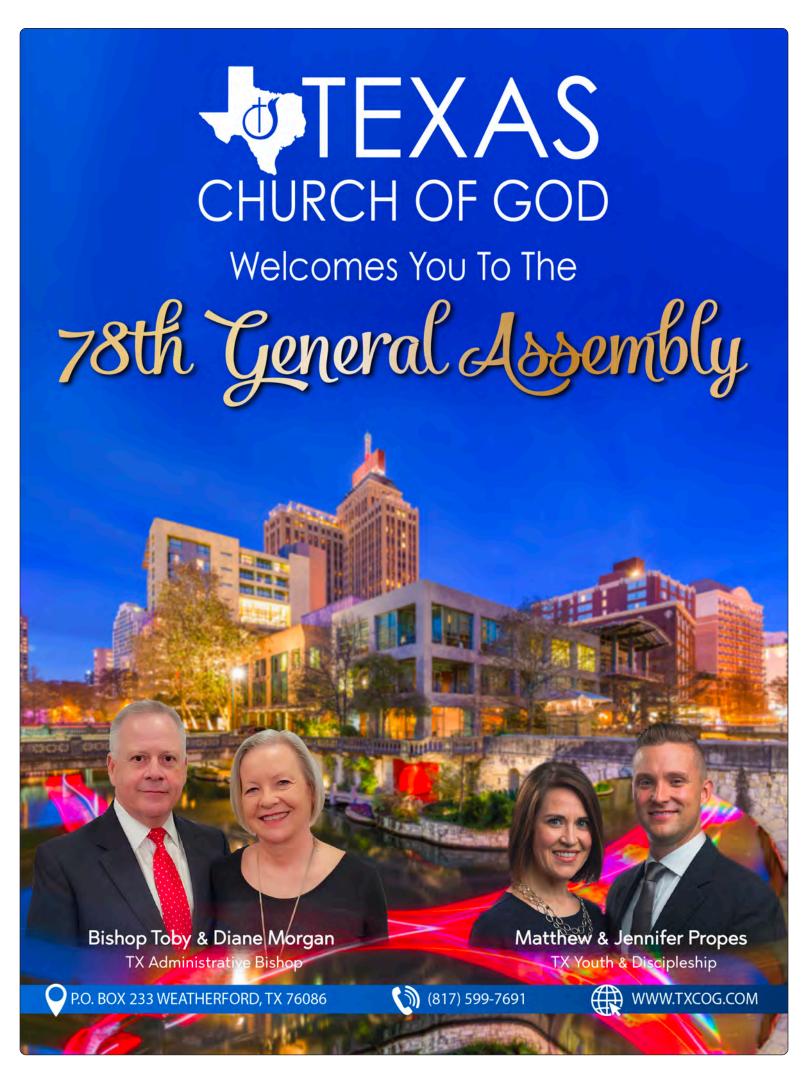
Bailey, Yaun to Carry on Family Heritage By David S. White

Rob Bailey thought about his parents, who went on to their heavenly reward. Brian Yaun remembered his grandmother, still praying at age 92.

Together, both pledged to draw on their Church of God roots and family trees to give Jesus to a new generation of believers.

Bishop Rob Bailey was nominated by the International General Council to serve as the International Youth and Discipleship Director from 2022-24, just over a year after the Tennessee native was elevated to the top office during the pandemic.

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Ukrainian Overseer Awarded 'Order of the Towel' By Cameron Fisher

uring a special time of pre-Assembly prayer on Sunday, July 24, a traditional servant award, The Order of the Towel, was presented to Bishop Alexie Demodovach, Church of God overseer in war-torn Ukraine.

Doug Small, coordinator of Church of God Prayer Ministries who helped present the award says, "The Order of the Towel reminds us that if we accomplish our mission, but do so in a manner that violates the spirit of the mission, we have failed. Deep dependence on God and simplicity marked early Pentecostals."

The award has been a unique honor at previous General Assemblies. Past recipients have included Peter Thomas, African Field Director; the late Margaret Gaines and Ed Heil, both missionaries; John Ashcroft, former United States Attorney General; Dr. Robert Fisher, former assistant general overseer; and Pastor Carter Conlon of Times Square Church.

"Bishop Demodovach has served the flock there, literally under fire, without a certain and sure outcome," stated Small. "His life has been at risk, as well as the pastors who might have fled, but have followed his steady example of calm under fire."



General Overseer Tim Hill recently made a surreptitious visit to the European nation to be with the Bishop and other leaders and assure them of international prayer support and concern. Hill was also on hand to present the award to Demodovach, along with Dr. Steve Darnell, Field Director for Europe, and Dr. Tom Rosson, Educational Director.

"It is fitting," Hill noted, "to call attention, with this award, to those who are in harm's way." •



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Steve Molton: This was the best of the best of all Lead Conferences.

Scott-Sharon Wiggins: Such an anointed conference and speakers. My wife and I were blessed by the ministries and spoken Word today!

Hailev Hendrix:

It's been an amazing day at our very first ever general assembly! We've been waiting a lot of years for this day to come, and are so, so thankful to be here! walking into the convention center today made me feel overwhelmingly proud to be a part of such an incredible, globally-reaching denomination. I'm excited for the rest of this week! #COGGA22

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Cafeteria Menu • Wednesday, July 27

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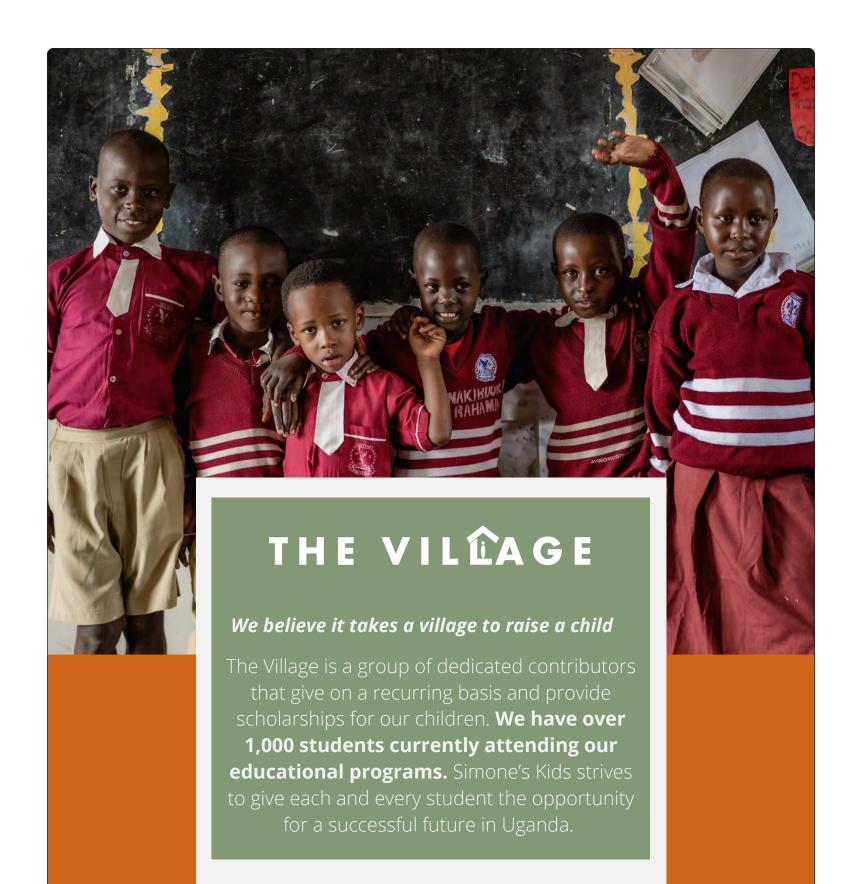
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International Jr. Talent Spotlights Diversified Youth

By Justin Holbrook

If anyone is concerned about the future of the Church of God, simply make your way over to the Lila Cockrell Theatre and check out the second biennial International Junior Talent competition. What you will find is that the Church of God is in good hands for years to come.

Children gifted in singing, drama, poetry and so much more (even ventriloquist) are filling the stage throughout the week. Not only is Junior Talent showing off an array of talent but also allowing the youth of today to experience all that is General Assembly.

Church of God Youth and Discipleship Assistant Director Brian Yaun believes that Junior Talent being at General Assembly is a true reflection of the vision of the Church of God Youth and Discipleship department.

"The second biennial International Junior Talent competition has enriched the General Assembly experience for students and families, reflecting the multigenerational emphasis of the Church of God and the mission of Youth and Discipleship to cultivate our students' gifts and talents for Kingdom ministry." Yaun stated.



Junior Talent is also a change of pace throughout the day. While the General Council is all business throughout the day, the Cockrell Theatre is lively with cheers and excitement, from the parents and youth leaders throughout the world.

Possibly the most impressive thing is the nerves or lack thereof, with the students competing. Junior Talent includes kids 12 and under but while performing, they show a maturity that is well beyond their years.

Performing or speaking at anything related to General Assembly would work up nerves and anxiety for even the most seasoned of speakers or performers. But the students competing in Junior Talent, they hide the nerves and perform on the highest of levels. The ones showing the most nerves is not the students competing. The nerves are coming from the parents nervously squirming in the seats; the Pastor, the Youth Pastor, the siblings and all the family that accompanied each student to Texas; that is where you will find the nerves.

The competition will continue through Thursday, with an award ceremony scheduled for Friday at 10 AM. ◆

Executive Committee Nominated

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the committee were Raymond F. Culpepper to first assistant general overseer and David Ramirez, nominated for a second term as third assistant general overseer. Hill, Culpepper, and Ramirez will complete their terms in 2024 for a total of eight years in office.

Dr. J. David Stephens was the only ordained bishop ineligible to be nominated to the Executive Committee as his eight-year tenure was technically completed in 2020. Originally elected in 2012, his tenure was lengthened to a record-breaking ten years due to the postponement of the Assembly in 2020. He is the longest-serving Second Assistant General Overseer in the history of the Church

Hill, first elected in 2016, has served the last six years. He was nominated on Tuesday by the General Council in the first round of voting, termed the "nominating ballot." Culpepper, a former general overseer for the Church of God from 2008-2012, was also elected to his current post in 2016. Ramirez, the first person of Hispanic origin to serve on the Executive Committee, will serve a second term if confirmed by the General Assembly that convenes this Friday, July 29.

Two new faces will be added to the Executive Committee if nominations are confirmed by the General Assembly. Tony Stewart, pastor of Citylife Church in Tampa, Florida, became the nominee for second assistant general overseer and will serve a four-year term if elected on Friday. Stewart's nomination was followed two votes later by Gary Lewis, who was picked by the Council to serve as Secretary General. Lewis has most recently served as state overseer in South Georgia and is a past director of Youth and Discipleship. Both will be eligible to be elected to a second four year term, or for a total of eight years on the International Executive Committee.

The afternoon session of the General Council concluded with the nominations of leaders for the Department of Youth and Discipleship (see article this issue). Business will resume on Wednesday morning, July 27, with nominations for leaders of Church of God World Missions. Before the agenda is taken up, the General Council will also elect members of the Council of Eighteen on Wednesday. ◆





Bailey, Yaun to Carry on Family Heritage

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Bishop Brian Yaun was then nominated to continue as the Assistant Director of the Youth and Discipleship Director to close out the opening-day business session of the International General Assembly of the Church of God on Tuesday in San Antonio.

"The Church of God is my tribe and is truly all I've ever known," Bailey said. "I'm so grateful for the church fathers who have poured into me."

Then, there is the enduring inspiration of his parents - Robert "Bob" Bailey Sr. and Connie - who both have passed on since the last General Assembly in 2018.

"It's my father who entrusted me with my first ministry position and instilled in me a love for the Church of God. I'm deeply committed to the heritage that they left me, and to passing that heritage on to an emerging generation."

Bailey and his wife Christal, who met at a Church of God youth camp at Signal Mountain in 1990, have served together in youth ministry for almost 30 years. The Cleveland High graduate served as a youth director in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and South Carolina until his election as the Assistant International Youth and Discipleship Director in 2016.

Bailey was promoted to International Youth and Discipleship Director in 2021 after the unexpected passing of Bishop David Blair.

Yaun was then elected to replace Bailey as the assistant after serving as youth director in Tennessee. It was his roots in the Langley Church of God in South Carolina that have been foundational to a lifetime spent in youth ministry alongside his wife, Cathy.

"It's amazing to me how a boy from South Carolina, from a church that has invested so much energy and time into raising up young men and women of God . . . to know the prayers of a 92-year-old grandmother, not just for her grandson. but for her entire family, are still being fulfilled to this day." ◆



Bishop Brian Yaun (L), Bishop Rob Bailey







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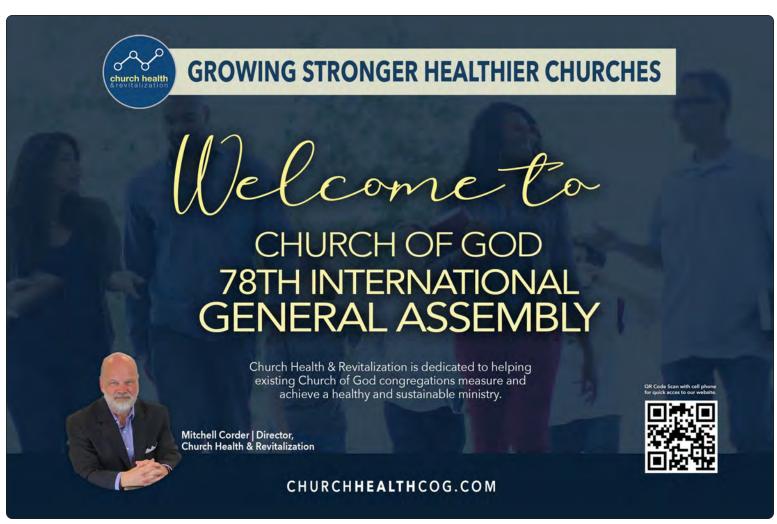


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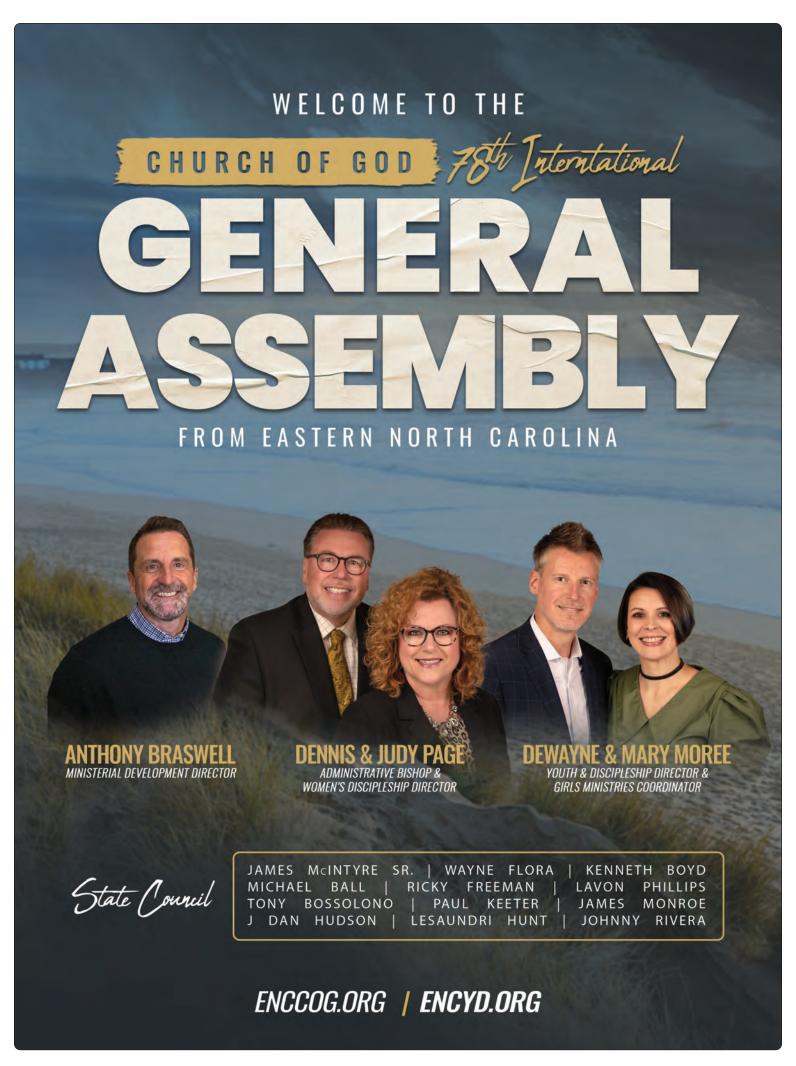
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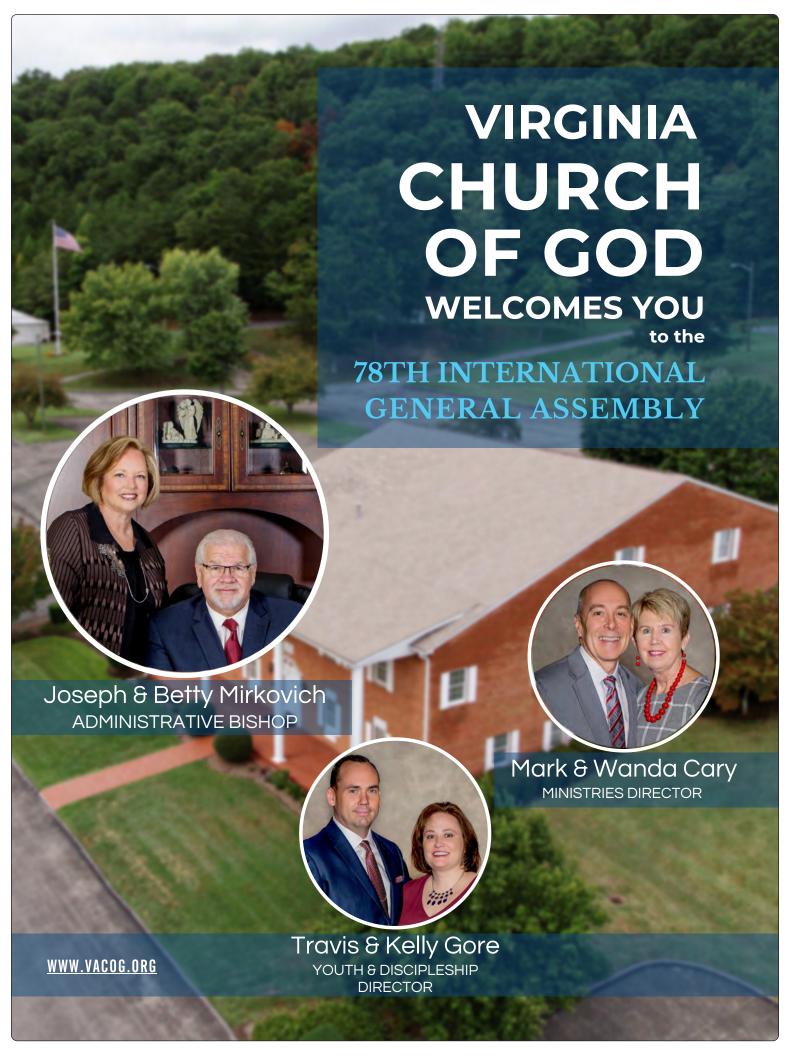






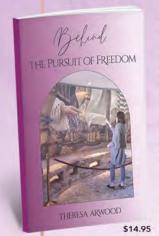


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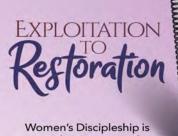
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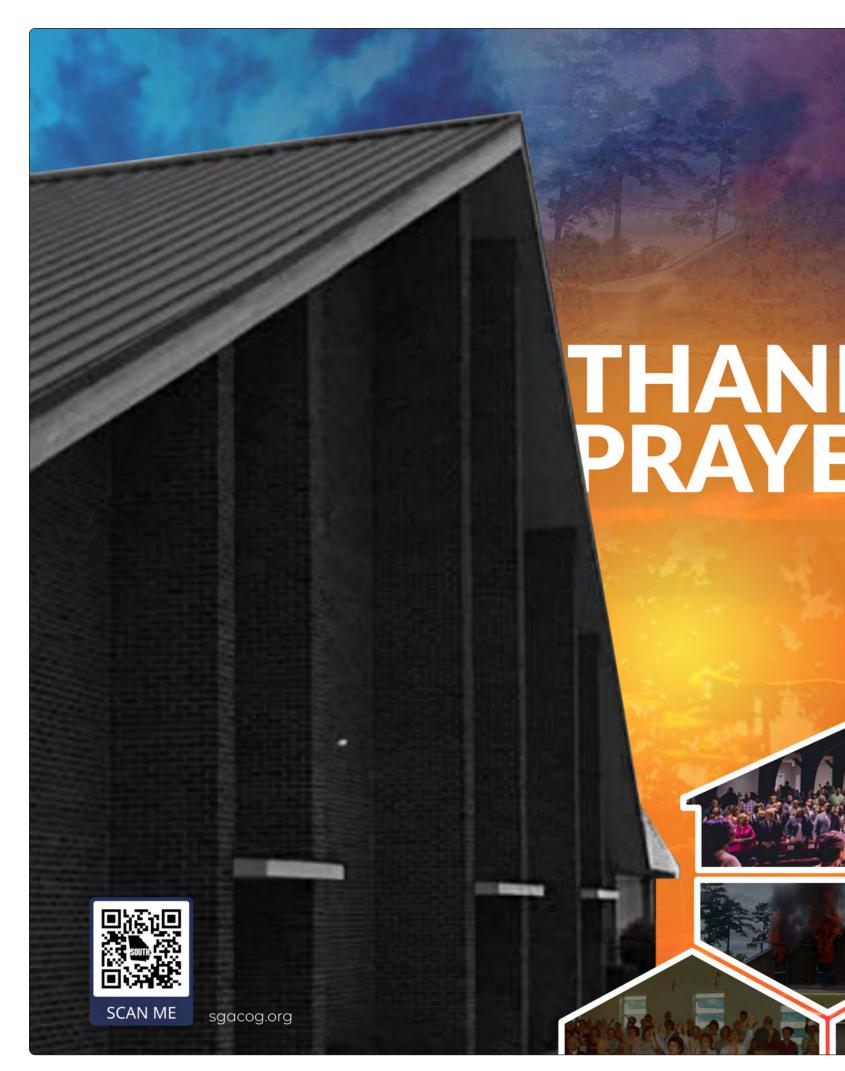


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El Concilio General y la Asamblea confirman la opción de dos años por Cameron Fisher

an Antonio, TX—En su sesión de apertura, los miembros del Concilio General de Obispos Ordenados votaron por la opción de dos años de elegibilidad continua para los miembros del Comité Ejecutivo Internacional que fueron electos en el 2016. Asimismo, votaron el liderazgo del Departamento de Juventud y Discipulado sea elegible a reelección por otros dos años.

Las votaciones fueron confirmadas por una sesión extraordinaria de la Asamblea General Internacional a las 10:30 a.m.

El que la asamblea de 2020 fuera aplazada hasta el 2022, debido a la pandemia de COVID-19, desencadenó el primer orden del día oficial del Concilio: cómo lidiar con los términos de los líderes que expiraban en el 2020. Los obispos ordenados escucharon una larga explicación, así como un preámbulo sobre el estudio y las decisiones tomadas por el Concilio Ejecutivo Internacional para darle continuidad al sistema de gobierno durante la pandemia.

En un tercer punto, tanto el Concilio General como la Asamblea General Internacional, votaron para confirmar el cumplimiento de los términos de los miembros del Concilio de los Dieciocho. Esto significa que el Concilio nominará a un nuevo cuerpo de miembros a las votaciones de la Asamblea General Internacional pautadas para este viernes. •

Nominaciones al Comité Ejecutivo Internacional

por Cameron Fisher

pesar de una falla técnica que retrasó los trabajos del Concilio General Internacional por una hora, al final de la tarde Timothy M. Hill fue nominado a un segundo término supervisor general.

El Concilio llevó a cabo las nominaciones como el primer punto de la agenda de la sesión de negocios que comenzó a la 1:30 de la tarde, tras haberse celebrado una sesión extraordinaria en la mañana para decidir la duración de los términos.

El proceso de nominaciones fue rápido gracias a que los obispos no tuvieron que compartir los aparatos de votación.

Junto con Hill fueron renominados Raymond F. Culpepper a segundo asistente y David S. Ramírez al tercer asistente al supervisor general. Hill, Culpepper y Ramírez completarán sus términos en el 2024 para un total de ocho años en el cargo.

El Dr. J. D. Stephens fue el único obispo ordenado que había cumplido el máximo de











Hill

Culpepper

Stewart

Ramírez

Lewis

términos consecutivos de servicio en el Comité Ejecutivo Internacional (técnicamente fue en el 2020). Electo en el 2012, el aplazamiento de la Asamblea de 2020 extendió su servicio por un récord de diez años en el Comité Ejecutivo Internacional. Ahora pasa a la historia como el segundo asistente al supervisor general más longevo de la Iglesia de Dios.

Hill, electo por primera vez en 2016, ha servido por seis años y resultó nominado en la primera ronda de votos. Culpepper, exsupervisor general de la Iglesia de Dios (2008 a 2012), también fue electo a su puesto actual en 2016. Ramírez, el primer hispano que ha servido en el Comité Ejecutivo Internacional, cumplirá un segundo mandato si es confirmado por la Asamblea General Internacional del viernes, 29 de julio.

La votación del viernes también determinará si dos caras son añadidas al

Comité Ejecutivo Internacional. Tony Stewart, pastor de la Iglesia Citylife en Tampa, Florida, fue nominado al puesto de segundo asistente al supervisor general y de ser electo cumpliría un término de cuatro años. La nominación de Stewart fue seguida dos votos más tarde por Gary Lewis, quien fue nominado al puesto de secretario general. Lewis ha ocupado las posiciones de director de Juventud y Discipulado y actualmente es el supervisor estatal de Georgia del Sur.

La sesión del Concilio General concluyó con las nominaciones de los líderes para el Departamento de Juventud y Discipulado (véase el artículo en este número). El Concilio reanudará sus negocios mañana miércoles con las nominaciones de los líderes de Misiones Mundiales de la Iglesia de Dios. Antes de que se tome el orden del día, el Concilio General Internacional votará por los nominados al Concilio de los Dieciocho. ◆



Il Rev. Gabriel Salguero es el pastor de *The Gathering Place*, una congregación Latina y multiétnica de las Asambleas de Dios, en la ciudad de Orlando, Florida. Salguero es el presidente y fundador de la Coalición Latina Evangélica Nacional (NALEC), la cual agrupa miles de congregaciones en los Estados Unidos. Ha escrito muchísimo acerca de los latinos evangélicos, la inmigración, el racismo y las congregaciones multiculturales.

El Rev. Salguero ha servido en el Consejo Asesor de Iniciativas de Fe de la Casablanca, la Asociación Nacional de Evangélicos y el Consejo Asesor Nacional de My Brother's Keeper Alliance. También es parte de la junta de La Asociación Evangélica Latina (AEL), coalición de las asociaciones evangélicas latinoamericanas. Salguero obtuvo su bachillerato en Español e Historia de la Universidad Rutgers, su maestría en Divinidad del Seminario Teológico de New Brunswick y su Doctorado en Divinidad del Colegio Nazareno del Este.

El Rev. Salguero vive junto a su esposa, la Rev. Jeanette Salguero y sus dos hijos en Orlando, Florida.

Behind the Scenes of GA22 By Cameron Fisher

hile planning for the General Assembly has taken place for the last four years, the intricate details and physical setup for the event came together in the four days leading up to July 25-29.

The International Offices and Pathway Press in Cleveland are virtual ghost towns this week as most employees of the departments and ministries of the Church made the journey to Texas, each with specific duties assigned. While a small percentage of contract labor is required or necessary, the majority of personnel running the Assembly involves talented folks whose jobs have shifted to San Antonio this week. The Communications team is producing on-site videos and running the Anchor Desk. Business and Records has set up a small bank to handle the multitude of transactions that take place on-site. And the administrative assistants of the Executive Committee are tasked with keeping intricate minutes and the details of the Agenda. Into the late hours of Monday night, more than 50 people were on hand to rehearse a runthrough of the first day's activities.



Bags containing registration materials await to be stuffed by volunteers

In addition to International Offices personnel, hundreds of volunteers have traveled to the Assembly to assist as well, from those serving on numerous committees, such as transportation, motions, resolutions, translation, sergeants-at-arms and more. Then there are the friendly faces greeting delegates at the registration tables in the main lobby. In addition to their duties this week, all will be full delegates to the Assembly as well.

Preparation of the primary venue (Halls 1&2) of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center (HBGCC) began last week with the load-in of chairs, staging, projection, lights, and sound, as well as construction of the important backstage area where details and preparation of General Council and worship services takes place. Trucks from the International Offices and Pathway arrived over the weekend with registration materials, exhibits, equipment, furniture, and other resources.

With the departure from the HBGCC of a Texas band and choral directors' convention last Saturday, the Church of God gained access to the rest of the convention center and the all-important exhibit space in Hall 3. Sunday morning at 10:00, departments and ministries arrived to begin exhibit setup. The Hall was a beehive of activity until the exhibit space officially opened on Monday at noon. Additional Monday pre-Assembly activities at the HBGCC included the LEAD Conference and multiple committee meetings preceding the drop of the gavel at the opening General Council session Tuesday morning.





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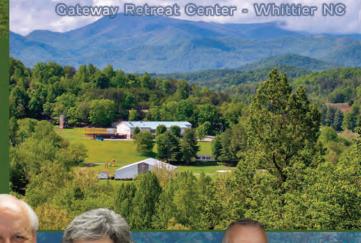
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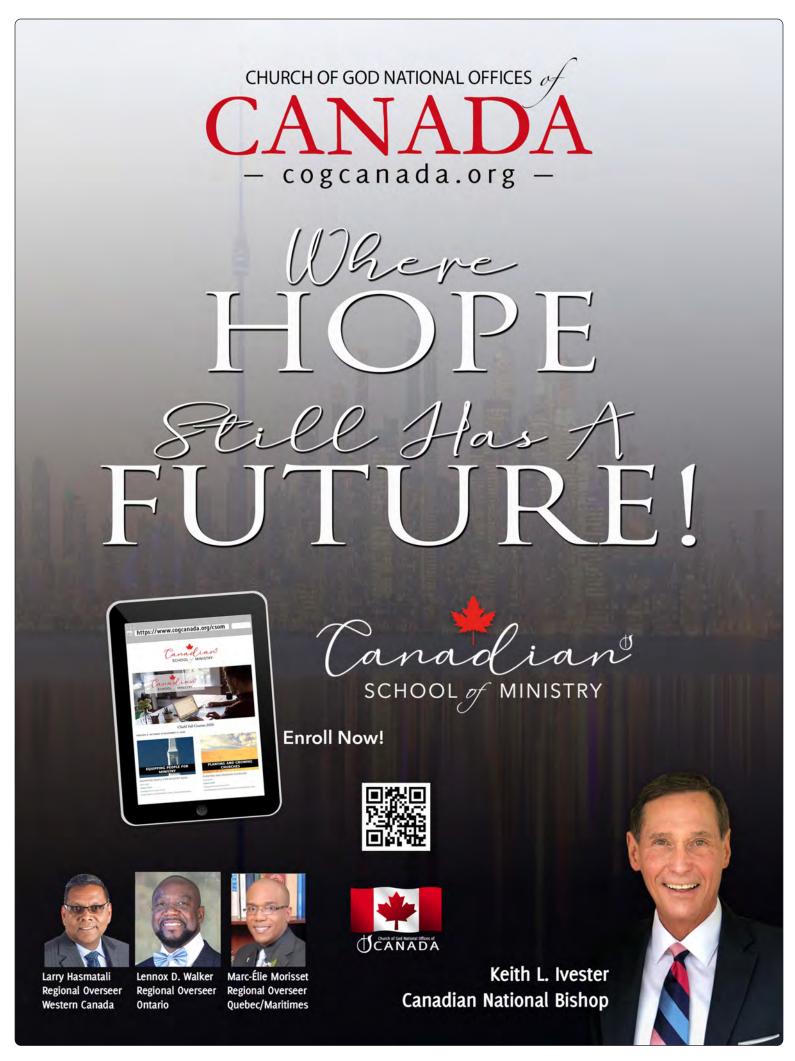


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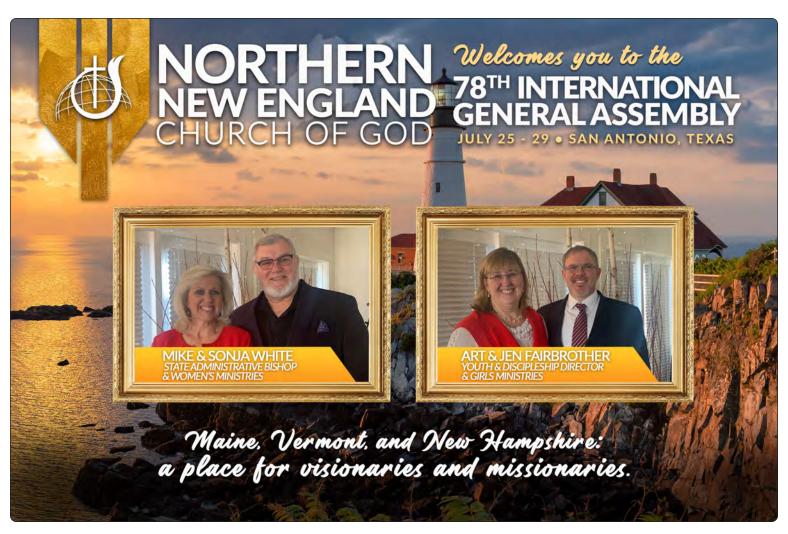
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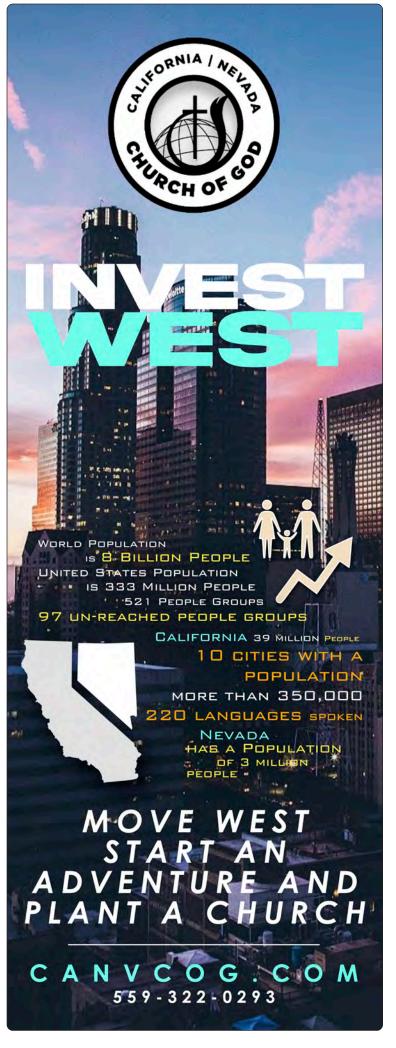
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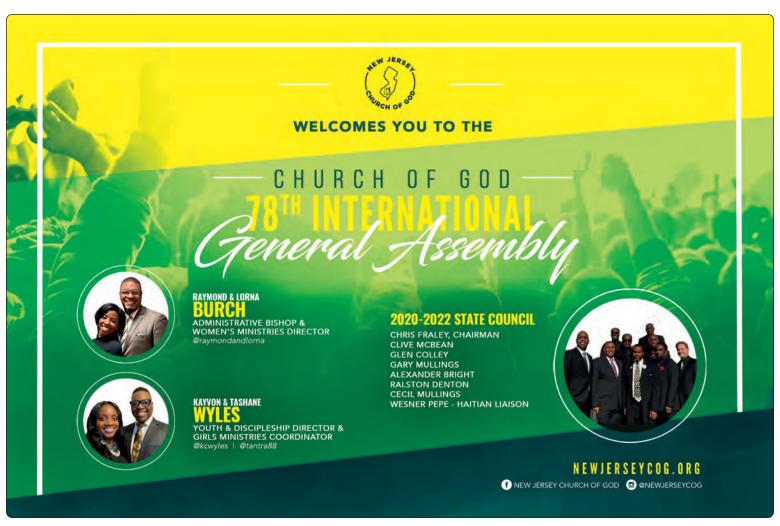
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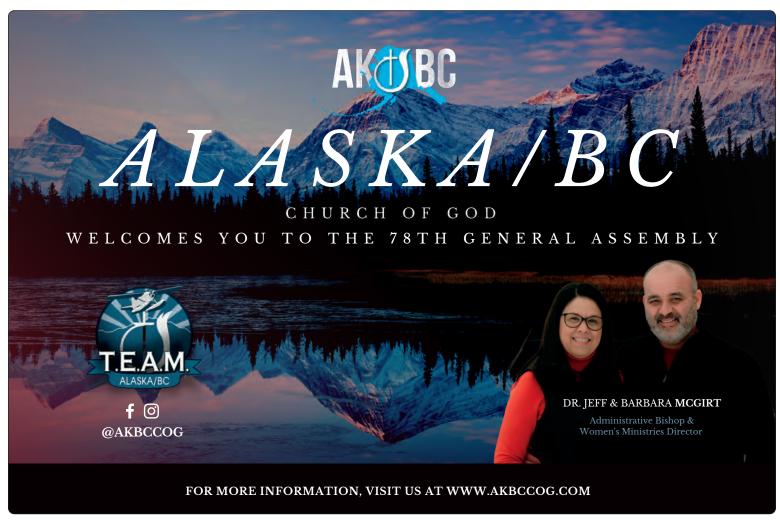
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Youth Missions Golf Classic



REGISTRATION | COST

\$600 Per Team (Includes green fees, range, and lunch)

Mulligan/Red Tee Pass: \$75 per team

Each player will have two mulligans for the round and will be able to tee off from the red tee on hole 6. This is a par 5 and will make the hole165 yards shorter. This pass will also include door prize tickets for numerous prizes at the conclusion of the tournament.

FORMAT

Four Person Scramble, Best Ball White Tees: Ages 13-59 Green Tees: Ages 12 & Under, 60 & Up, Ladies

AUGUST 12TH 2022
SHOTGUN START-9AM
FLAGSTONE GOLF CLUB | CLEVELAND, TN

COMPETITIONS | PRIZES Two Flights- First & Second place in each

Two Flights- First & Second place in each Closest to the Pin Competition Long Drive Competition Putting Competition

Trophies | Awards | Gift Cards | Door Prizes

SPONSORS

<u>Tournament Sponsor: \$1,000</u>

Sponsor receives a full-page ad in the tournament ad book, advertisement sign at registration, social media advertisement, opportunity to have promotional items in each golfer's gift bag, and the opportunity to greet golfers.

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