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# NEW IO DIVISION LAUNCHED:

## TWO TO TRANSITION



The Office of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God of Prophecy announced the appointment of two International Offices staff members to new positions, Reverend Joy Hensley and Bishop Dr. Shaun McKinley.

Dr. McKinley will pioneer the position of executive director for the newly created division of Global Communications. The announcement came at the conclusion of the 102<sup>nd</sup> International Assembly in Orlando, Florida. The division of Global Communications is the first major restructuring of the International Offices since 1996.

“Communication is central to the work and ministry of the church and requires Spirit-empowered strategic thinking and thoughtful organization,” said Presiding Bishop Tim Coalter in his annual address. He announced his intention to unite Editorial, Art, World Language, Information Technology, media services, web design, and social media with Dr. McKinley at the helm.

Dr. McKinley previously served as director of Accredited Ministries Development, international director of Children’s Ministries, and administrative liaison to the Office of the Presiding Bishop for 17 years.

“This Church has a story worth telling,” Dr. McKinley said in the International Presbytery meeting held prior to the recent 102<sup>nd</sup> Assembly. “Of all the aspects of this new Global Communications department, perhaps the one I am most excited about is that we will be the chief storytellers for this movement.”

Dr. McKinley is a graduate of the University of the Cumberlands, where he earned a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies with a concentration in Ministry and Missions (2021). He also holds a Master of Business

Administration in Marketing (Bryan College, 2014) and a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations (Montana State University, 2000). He serves as an adjunct undergraduate and graduate instructor with six major universities. Belhaven University (Jackson, Mississippi) recognized McKinley in 2019 with its Faculty Excellence Award.

In addition to his executive director responsibilities, the presiding bishop also appointed Dr. McKinley to the Church of God of Prophecy Corporate Board of Directors, Spirit and Life Seminary Board of Directors, International Assembly Task Force, and the International Assembly Expense Committee.

The presiding bishop appointed International Children’s Ministries English-language training specialist, Reverend Joy Hensley, as director of Children’s Ministries.

Joy has actively served in churches, camps, and various ministry environments. She has ministered throughout the United States and in Bulgaria, Romania, Czech Republic, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. Joy is an ordained Church of God of Prophecy minister and has served as an associate pastor (Children’s Ministry pastor) for eight years at Spring Place Church in Cleveland, Tennessee. She supervised a recent remodel of the children’s ministry facilities at Spring Place, ensuring there would be a safe and sacred place for kids to attend church.

Joy completed her Master of Arts degree in Ministry Studies at Lee University. For more than 12 years, she has served the Lord and the Church of God of Prophecy in International Children’s Ministries, training and developing resources. Joy says, “I am most passionate about helping both children and adults see the value of sound theology in ministry to children.”



# WHITE WING MESSENGER

**WE BELIEVE** in the Holy Trinity—one God, eternally existing in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe in one God, the Father, creator of heaven and earth, of all things seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. All things were made through Him and for Him. He is true God and true man. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered, died, was buried, and on the third day He rose from the dead. He ascended to the right hand of the Father, and He will return to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who eternally proceeds from the Father. He is Teacher, Comforter, Helper, and Giver of spiritual gifts. Through Him the saving and sanctifying works of Jesus Christ are applied to the life of believers. He is the empowering presence of God in the life of the Christian and the church. The Father has sent His Son to baptize with the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues and bearing the fruit of the Spirit are New Testament signs of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

We believe that salvation is by grace through faith in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross and that He died in our place. The believer's sins are forgiven by the shedding of His blood. We believe that healing of mind, body, soul, and spirit is available to the believer through the blood of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe in one baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the grace of God brings forgiveness and reconciliation to those who repent, as well as transformation in holiness, enabling them to live a Christ-like life. Sanctification is both a definite work of grace and a lifelong process of change in the believer brought by the blood of Jesus, the Word of God, and the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in one holy, universal church, composed of all true believers in Jesus Christ, offering fellowship and calling for service to men and women of all races, nations, cultures, and languages. We believe in the spiritual and ultimate visible unity of the church.

We believe that the Bible—both Old and New Testaments—is the inspired Word of God. The Bible is God's revelation of Himself and His will to humankind, sufficient for instruction in salvation and daily Christian living. The Bible is the Christian's rule of faith and practice.

We believe that God will ultimately reconcile all things in heaven and earth in Christ. Therefore, we look forward to new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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The Church of God of Prophecy is a vibrant, worldwide body of believers, united in worship, working hand-in-hand to share God's love and a message of hope to the brokenhearted. The organization has more than a million members and more than 10,000 ministers, worshipping in more than 10,000 churches or missions in 135 nations of the world.

## Church of God of Prophecy Core Values

- Prayer
- The Harvest
- Leadership Development
- Biblical Stewardship
- Service

## Vision Statement

Reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit

## Mission Statement

The Church of God of Prophecy is a Christ-exalting, holiness, Spirit-filled, all-nations, disciple-making, church-planting movement with passion for Christian union.

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Benjamin Feliz: Mexico/Central America/  
Spanish-Speaking Caribbean  
Clayton Martin: Caribbean/Atlantic  
Ocean Islands  
James Kolawole: Africa  
Tim McCaleb: Asia/Australia/Oceania  
Gabriel E. Vidal: South America

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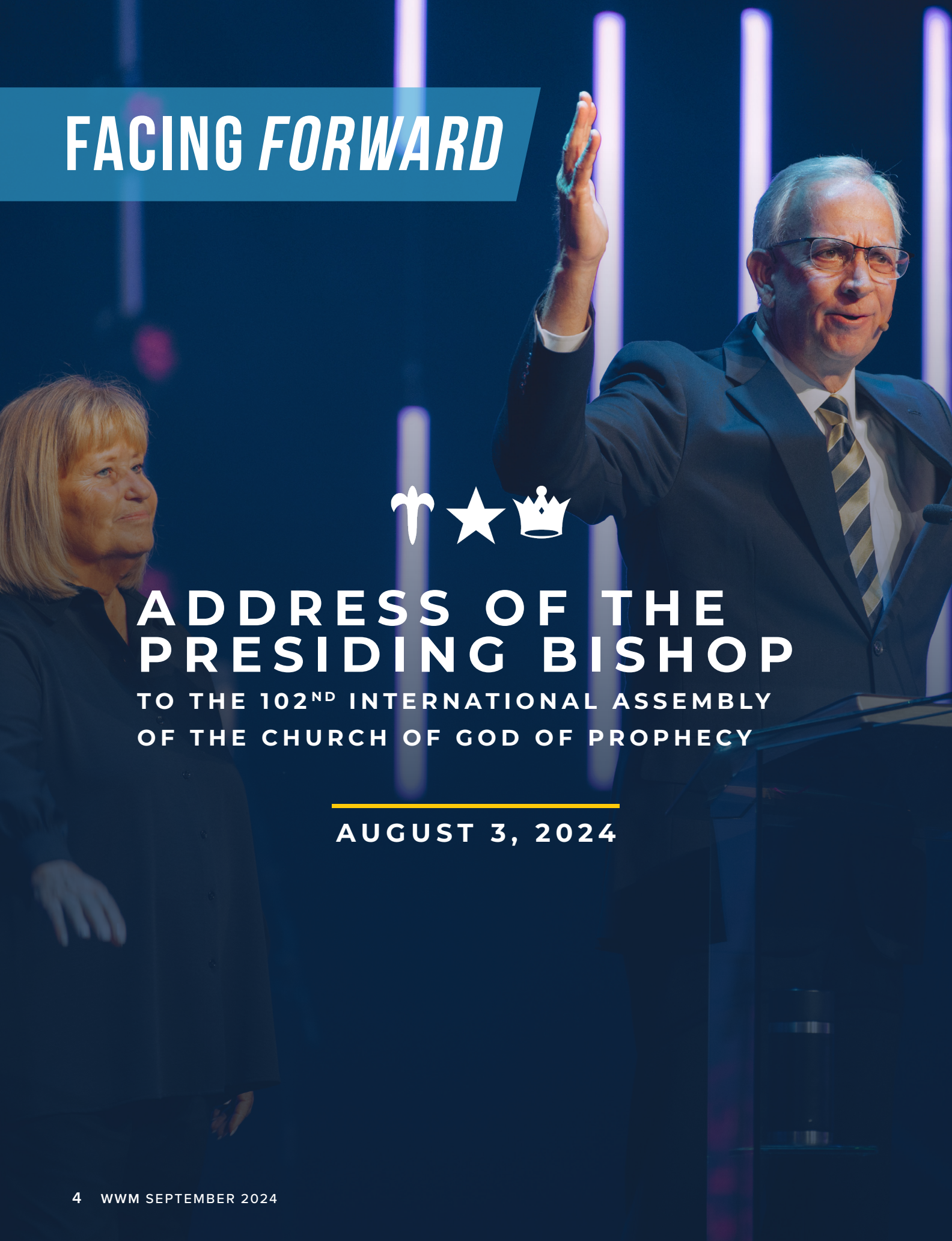
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# FACING *FORWARD*



## ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

TO THE 102<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

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AUGUST 3, 2024

In 2022, the International Assembly marked the launch of a fresh vision for our global Church: Reconciling the World to Christ through the Power of the Holy Spirit. While traveling the globe these past two years, I have been pleased to see this vision lifted up in nations all around the world. The vision of reconciliation is getting traction, it is gaining momentum, and it is aligning our ministry efforts with the heart of God who has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

In planning for this Assembly, the Inspirational Leadership Team felt led by the Spirit to maintain our focus on this vision, under the theme: On Mission: Reconciling the World to Christ.

What does it mean to be “On Mission”? It comes from an old Latin term *missio Dei*, meaning, “the mission of God” or the “sending of God.” Jesus said to his disciples in John 20:21–22 (ESV), “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”

The church has been commissioned and empowered to continue his same mission, with his same authority, in his same power—reconciling people to Christ around the world.

We are a church on mission, yet we are perhaps more familiar with the word missions, which has often been presented as the work of a few. Perhaps you have heard it said, “Not everyone can go, but everyone can give.” This concept of missions is restricted to just two options, going and giving. Both are important and are still vital to the church’s efforts to carry the gospel into all of the world.

However, to be on mission is something much different. Henry Blackaby, in his book *On Mission with God*, makes this distinction, and I quote: “God isn’t interested in just giving Christians a missions experience; he is interested in Christians being on mission with him. The distinction is more than subtle. It is earth-shattering! Fully comprehended, this concept has the potential to radically alter and revitalize the church today.”

Being on mission always begins with the question, what is God doing in the world? In John 5, when the Jews sought to kill Jesus after he healed a blind man on the Sabbath day, his only answer to them was, “My Father worketh hitherto, and I work” (v. 17). He explained further, saying, “The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does” (John 5:19 NIV).

This is what it means to be on mission: to discern what the Father is doing all around the world—in your country, your city, your neighborhood, and in your own family—then joining him in doing it. This is much different than chiseling out time in your busy schedule to go on a brief missionary journey or giving a donation to missions as the offering plate passes you on a Sunday morning. It is about functioning as the body of Christ—walking where he would walk, touching those he would touch, speaking what he would say, doing those things he would do, forgiving, serving, loving, showing compassion, extending grace, reconciling the world back to the Father. Mission is not something to step into and out of. It is something to be lived every moment of every day.

The Church of God of Prophecy is “On Mission—Reconciling the World to Christ.” Would you say amen?

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# INTERNATIONAL PRESBYTERY MEETING

JULY 28-30, 2024

The International Presbytery (IP) meets prior to each Assembly and consists of the presiding bishop, general presbyters, national/regional/state bishops under appointment, and those International Offices trans-locals with a preaching/teaching ministry whom the presiding bishop has approved. The 2024 IP meeting was a time of fervent prayer, inspiration, discussion, and celebration.













# WEDNESDAY

## JULY 31, 2024

Wednesday morning of the 102<sup>nd</sup> International Assembly was full to the brim with worship, prayer, the Word, and the business of the Church. The Assembly Worship Team sang, and Presiding Bishop Tim Coalter (hereafter referred to as the “Moderator”) welcomed attendees and officially opened the Assembly. He invited the general presbyters to join him on the platform and pray in Spanish, an African language, German, and English. Southeast Hispanic Regional Bishop Ebli de la Rosa, host bishop of the Assembly, welcomed everyone. North America General Presbyter Bishop Dr. Brian Sutton preached the opening challenge. Afterward, there was special prayer for the Assembly business sessions and committees.

The sound of the Moderator’s gavel signaled the opening of business. The Finance Director’s Report, Audit Report, and Financial Position Report were read, followed by comments and questions. The Assembly accepted the reports.

Bishop Daniel Felipe read the Corporate Board Report, and the Moderator gave opportunity for questions. Delegates did not ask any questions.

Members of the Finance and Stewardship (F&S) Committee read synopses of the sections of their report which discussed the Decline Compensation Form, budgets, Assembly Expense Offering, and church planting initiatives (to see the report in its entirety, go to [cogop.org](http://cogop.org)). The Moderator announced the end of the session, encouraging unity and a focus on the Assembly’s “On Mission” theme.

The afternoon saw the continuation of business. The Moderator opened the session, reminding everyone that he would play the instructional video concerning business procedures before each business session. He prayed for the afternoon’s business.

The Committee discussed Section 4 of their document—which was concerning the reporting and sending of funds by newly established local churches and the only section requiring action. The Moderator asked for expressions (approve, disapprove, abstain). The section passed with overwhelming consensus.

The Moderator invited the Biblical Doctrine and Polity (BDP) Committee to the platform.

Bishop Dr. Phil Pruitt, chair of the BDP Committee, introduced new committee members and acknowledged the contributions of Dr. Sonia Martin, who served from 2016 to 2022.

The Assembly heard and discussed recommendations about leadership succession and the potential for term limits for the presiding bishop and general presbyters. The motion to implement proposed term limits did not pass.

Wednesday evening service began with a rousing concert by the world-famous Bahama Brass Band. There was a time of celebration for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the All-Nations Flag. A video played scenes from our history and spoke of the solemn responsibility to lay down a path for others to follow. The Parade of Nations’ flags entered the hall joyously to the song, “I Can See the Future.” The Church of God of Prophecy welcomed the Slavic Republic as its newest member nation.

The Worship Team sang, and Assembly host bishop, Florida State Bishop Scott Gillum, welcomed the Assembly to Florida. There was special music by the Florida Sunshine Band and the United Kingdom National Choir. General Presbyter Bishop Dr. Gabriel Vidal preached, “God’s Mission and the Challenges of the Contemporary Church.”





# THURSDAY

## AUGUST 1, 2024

Business continued for part of the Thursday morning session. The Moderator, Presiding Bishop Tim Coalter, called the Assembly to order for “the business that should properly come before it.”

Bishop Dr. Phil Pruitt, Biblical Doctrine and Polity (BDP) chair, came to podium and asked the secretary of the Committee, Bishop Dr. Tim Harper, to read a statement concerning Section 2 of their report (see the full statement in the final Business Acts document at [cogop.org](http://cogop.org)).

Bishop Pruitt read the highlights of Section 3 of the report concerning the Lord’s Supper. There was discussion and the section passed.

The BDP recommended publishing Section 4, “Race, Relations, and Reconciliation,” in the Ministry Policy Manual. The Moderator called for discussion and then expressions. The first vote did not reach consensus,

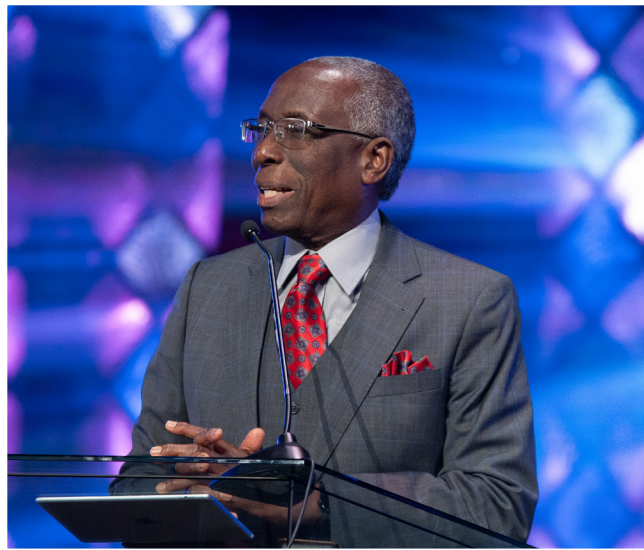
and the Moderator asked for submissions. He called for a second round of expressions and the motion passed. The Moderator closed the Assembly business, and there was a time of honoring deceased ministers with tributes and a moment of silence.

The presiding bishop, general presbyters, as well as national/regional/state bishops performed the ordination of new bishops. Bishop Dr. Clayton Martin gave the challenge to the newly appointed bishops.

Thursday evening brought another joyful concert by the Bahama Brass Band. The presiding bishop introduced the fraternal guests and invited the general overseer of the Church of God to greet the Assembly. The Bahama National Children’s Choir blessed everyone with five songs. Pastor Jentezen Franklin preached an exhilarating message entitled, “Better is Coming.”













# FRIDAY

## AUGUST 2, 2024



General Presbyter of Wider Europe and the Middle East Bishop Clayton Endecott directed morning prayer. He chose national bishops from his area to offer specific prayers: Germany National Bishop Christian Fricke, United Kingdom and Netherlands National Bishop Tedroy Powell, Belarus and Ukraine National Bishop Gena Kernazhytski, Russia National Bishop Misha Murza, Bulgaria National Bishop Darin Ivanov, and France National Bishop Michael Wilson. Bishop Endecott called the Assembly to prayer for the presiding bishop and his family.

The Assembly Worship Team sang, and Friday's moderator, Bishop Dr. Ben Feliz, introduced Leadership Development and Discipleship Ministries (LDD) Executive Director Bishop Jeffery Davis, who introduced his ministry directors: Bishop Dr. Michael Hernandez, Bishop Dr. Shaun McKinley, Bishop Kirk Rising, and Bishop Dr. Elias Rodriguez.

Spirit and Life Seminary gave a presentation, as did Youth and Children's Ministries. Following this was a panel discussion on discipleship with Bishop Darrel Clark, Douglas van Haur, Jonathan Olavarria, and Alejandra Guajardo-Hodge.

In acknowledgement of five decades of faithful service to the COGOP, Western Theological Seminary awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree to Bishop Adrian Varlack, Sr.

Heartland America (Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma) Regional Bishop Gary Smith preached a timely message entitled, "Leadership Alignment." Dr. John Wagenveld from Multiplication Network preached a sermon entitled,

"Being on Mission through the Power of the Holy Spirit."

Friday afternoon was the joyous, almost frenzied phenomenon known as Mission Encounter. See page 41 for pictures and a message from Global Missions.

Friday evening began with a third marvelous concert by the world-famous Bahama Brass Band. A 100-Year Celebration of the *White Wing Messenger* began with a video on the history of A. J. Tomlinson's vision to take the Pentecostal message around the world. Bishop Coalter also called attention to the present *Messenger* staff and their work to make the significant transition to the new digital format a success: Marsha Robinson, Sixto Ramirez, Charlie Scruggs, and Katherine Osborn. He asked that the congregation show their appreciation with a round of applause. Bishop Coalter also spent time talking about giving for the Assembly.

Bishop Dr. Franklin Ferguson greeted all the Assembly delegates and encouraged everyone to open their hearts and give. He said, "We can leave here debt free. Our time, our talents, our treasures all belong to God. Giving reflects the attitude of the heart and our respect to the One to whom we give." Elias Lynn, eight years old, prayed for the offering.

The Assembly Mass Choir sang three songs. Bishop Dr. Tim McCaleb introduced the evening speaker, Reverend Gia Roberts. The Worship Team sang, and Reverend Roberts came to the podium to preach, "On Mission to Serve."





# SATURDAY

## AUGUST 3, 2024

The general presbyter of the Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands, Bishop Dr. Clayton Martin, led Saturday morning prayer. Bishop Martin introduced Bishop Dr. Winston Leith who read Scripture and welcomed everyone on behalf of the nation of Jamaica. Bishop Leith introduced Bishop Dr. Junior Headlam, national assistant to the national bishop of Jamaica, who led in prayer with the Assembly Worship Team singing intermittently.

Bishop Coalter introduced the United Kingdom National Choir, who sang three songs, followed by the Assembly Worship Team. Bishop Coalter delivered his Biennial Address.

Saturday afternoon was a lively Caribbean Celebration. Presiding Bishop Tim Coalter opened this special service celebrating the members and churches of the Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands. The general presbyter of the area, Bishop Martin, greeted the people after which a worship team led the audience in worshipful singing. The Bahama Brass Band gave a small concert and a second worship team from the Leeward Islands came and blessed the congregation. Bishop Winston Leith, the national bishop of Jamaica, greeted the Assembly.

The general presbyter of Mexico, Central America, and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, Bishop Dr. Ben Feliz, shared with those in attendance that the first Central American church was a Jamaican church in Costa Rica. He called on Costa Rica National Bishop Jose Romero Diaz to read the history of the COGOP in Central America.

Bishop Romero said, "The Caribbean has a seasoning, a color, a passion for everything we do. We say, 'Pura vida'—everything is well." He told of a Jamaican family who went to live in Costa Rica in 1928, the William Bumble family. They went to work in the "poor mile," Cinco Millas de Cairo, Limon. Sister Brumbley became the first female ordained COGOP minister in Costa Rica. Bishop Romero said he is a result of that migration. Bishop Feliz shared that by the next Assembly, the goal is to have 4,000 churches in Central America. Through one small seed, God multiplied.

The service continued with choral speaking by members from Turks and Caicos, steel pan playing by Trinidad and Tobago, dance by the Paragon region, and other areas ministered as well. Bishop Timothy Johnson preached, and the Bahama Children's Choir sang. It was a wonderful time of ministry that blessed everyone.

Saturday evening, Bishop Tim Coalter made a presentation to the Bahama Brass Band in recognition of 100 years of ministry. General Presbyter Bishop Martin joined Bishop Coalter during the presentation. The United Kingdom National Choir blessed the congregation with four songs. Africa General Presbyter Bishop James Kolawole introduced Revered Dr. Cathy Payne as the evening speaker. Dr. Payne presented a video highlighting one of four dynamic healing testimonies facilitated by Bishop Bill and Donna Vines. Dr. Payne preached, "On Mission to Heal," which was followed by a powerful time of healing prayer for hundreds who came forward.









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# CARIBBEAN CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024













# SUNDAY

## AUGUST 4, 2024



General presbyter of Africa, Bishop James Kolawole, directed morning prayer. The Africa national bishops joined him on the platform to pray.

Dr. Cathy Payne presented the Mission Church Awards and Recognition. For the full list, see the *2024 Assembly Journal*.

Bishop Nathaniel Beneby, Jr., boosted the morning offering, and the Assembly Mass Choir sang three songs. The Worship Team sang, after which Bishop Coalter recognized them for their anointed worship during the Assembly. He also thanked Chad Lambert for his work with the Assembly Mass Choir.

Bishop Coalter preached his closing challenge, “More Is in You.”

After the closing of his message, Bishop Coalter invited the Fred Fisher family to the platform. Bishop Coalter read a brief biography and offered a moment of honor for former General Overseer Bishop Fred

S. Fisher, who passed away this year.

Bishop Coalter made special recognition for those who had transitioned out of leadership in the IO, the Assembly Task Force, and John Payne. He also asked the general presbyters to recognize those who were retiring or had passed away from their areas.

Executive Director of Finance and Administration Bishop Daniel Felipe announced the Assembly was “paid-in-full.” He also acknowledged the apostolic leadership of Presiding Bishop Tim Coalter and presented a gift of appreciation from the Assembly.

Bishop Coalter expressed his appreciation and announced the Assembly would return to the Rosen Shingle Creek in 2026. The presiding bishop and general presbyters announced the 2024–2026 appointments. For a full list of appointments, see pages 42-43 and/or the *2024 Assembly Journal*.







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## Section I: Call To Repentance

### Romans 2:4 (KJV), “The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance”

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Holy Spirit’s “Call to Repentance” in the 1984 International Assembly. This call came during a business session as the Questions and Subjects Committee, now the Biblical Doctrine and Polity Committee, was sharing their report with the Assembly. Don’t overlook the fact that there was a strong spiritual dynamic in the business session. I sensed that this year in our business, as well.

Assembly business consists primarily of committee reports, discussion, and casting of expressions, yet above all, we are to be a listening and discerning body—listening for the voice of God and discerning the will of God together. To each of the seven churches in Revelation, there was a consistent message: “He that has an ear, **let him hear** what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

The Holy Spirit spoke to the Church during the 1984 Assembly, calling us as a collective body to repentance. After reading a passage from Joel 2:15–17, the committee said,

[We know] of no greater need to bring [to] this Assembly’s attention than the need for repentance—the need to fall on our faces before God, confessing that we have drifted in many ways from a vital relationship with the Holy Ghost, confessing a self-centeredness lacking in deep compassion for a world of people who are living now under the judgment of God to eternal damnation, rededicating ourselves to being the Church of God of the Bible. God’s message to the Church in this Assembly has been a call to repent, and we must not ignore His voice. We cannot afford to continue the pursuit of our mission without convincing evidence of His presence and approval. There is no acceptable substitute for repentance when that is what God is calling us to do.

The report continued,

With the moderator’s permission, we suggest that this portion of our report be accepted, not by a motion and a second to the motion, but by those present in this Assembly falling down before the Lord, thus setting the pace for a Church-wide repentance.”

The Church was called:

1. **To confess that we have drifted in many ways from a vital relationship with the Holy Ghost**
2. **To confess a self-centeredness lacking in deep compassion for a world of people who are living now under the judgment of God to eternal damnation**

I was in that Assembly and experienced the heavy conviction that fell upon all of us. God meant business. We meant business. Strong men and women fell to their knees and wept tears of repentance as we collectively obeyed the call of God.

**The psalmist declared, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise” (Psalm 51:17).**

The Church continued to ride this wave of repentance throughout the next decade, at which time General Overseer Billy Murray said to the 1994 Assembly, “It is now time for God’s church to **turn to the harvest**, to turn to the harvesting of these souls who are going to be lost forever unless somebody reaches them. There is hope to be offered to them; it’s a glorious hope.”

The Church was ready to make this turn. We had repented of a self-centeredness lacking in deep compassion for a world of people who were without a Savior and were now ready to “Turn to the Harvest.”

While reflecting on the 1984 “Call to Repentance” and giving thought to this Assembly, I was drawn to one particular statement in the committee’s report that said, “We cannot afford to continue the pursuit of **our mission** without convincing evidence of His presence and approval.”





I was apprehended with those words. Does the Church today have convincing evidence of God's presence and approval? Forty years have passed since that memorable call to repentance. We would do well to pause and assess the state of the Church once again. The writer of Hebrews reminds us that **"we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away" (Hebrews 2:1 NIV)**. It is all too easy to drift away from a vital relationship with the Holy Ghost and from our mission.

Suppose you are on a mission to prepare a delicious meal for your friends that are coming to your home for dinner. When you get into the kitchen to begin preparation, you happen to open the junk drawer next to the refrigerator—we all have one—and suddenly there is this urgent compulsion to clean it out before getting started with the cooking. Then, while you are going through your catalog of recipes for the dish you are planning to prepare, another tasty treat grabs your attention. You don't have all the ingredients for the new recipe, so you decide to make a quick run to the grocery store. On the way there, it occurs to you that you are riding in a filthy car that has not been washed for a month, so you decide to make a quick turn into the carwash. Then, it is on to the grocery store. You hurry in to get the few items that are needed, and you head home. And while heading home, you pass the local florist, and you remember that you need a centerpiece for the table that night. So, you do a quick U-turn to pick up some fresh flowers. When you finally make it back to the house, you look at the clock only to realize that there is no longer enough time

to prepare the dinner before your guests arrive. At this point, you are left with no other option but to pick up the phone and order carryout.

The junk drawer had accumulated a lot of unnecessary clutter, so it needed to be reorganized. Trying out a new recipe was a great idea. The car really was dirty and needed a good cleaning both inside and out. Grocery shopping was one of those necessary evils, and the thought of fresh flowers on the table was sure to be a nice touch. There is just one problem—the mission was never accomplished. Churches, there are a lot of things, good things, that will distract our attention—things that are good by themselves—but we must be careful that we don't busy ourselves doing all of those good things that we fail to do the mission of God that he has called us to.

As the church, we must confess our tendency to drift. **C.S. Lewis said, "There exists in every church something that sooner or later works against the very purpose for which it came into existence."** We are prone to drift.

In aviation there is something known as the "1-in-60 rule" which states that for every one degree of error when you are traveling 60 miles, you will be off course one mile. So, if a flight is traveling 600 miles, and you are off by just one degree, it means you would miss your landing by 10 miles. This means the lake you thought you were going to fly over could become a mountain. This happened in 1979. A sightseeing flight crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 279 people





on board because the pilot had drifted just two degrees from his flight plan.

This 1-in-60 rule is not just a rule of navigation. It is a wake-up call to the Church of God. Even the slightest drift from our mission can have catastrophic consequences. It is critical that we regularly assess our alignment and make the necessary corrections as needed. A lot of drifting can happen in 40 years.

Ministers, have you drifted from **your calling**? Is the call of God that was once without repentance now optional?

Have we drifted from the passion that once was like fire shut up in our bones? It was the wise man Solomon who said, **“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Ecclesiastes 9:10)**. Nelson Mandela said, “There is no passion to be found playing small, in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.” We will accomplish more with passion than we will with position. We will accomplish more with passion than we will with pension.

At the International Offices, I will hire passion over education and talent every day of the week. Do not drift into a passionless pursuit of ministry. Someone once said, **“A different world cannot be built by indifferent people,”** so strike the match of Holy Spirit, get a fresh anointing, rekindle the fire of the mission of God, and be consumed with passion. I am concerned about that in this Church. Too often I see passionless expressions of ministry. Oh, God, restore the passion! Holy

Ghost, ignite it in us. This mission will not be accomplished unless we are passionate about the mission.

Have we drifted from our **first love**? The Spirit commended the church at Ephesus for their hard work and their refusal to quit. The church was acknowledged for their stand against evil and weeding out apostolic pretenders. They were recognized for their persistence and their courage under fire. They never grew weary. Perhaps the church of Ephesus would have been highlighted in the Assembly as the leading church in this movement. However, in spite of all the good, the Spirit called them out for drifting, saying, **“Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love” (Revelation 2:4 KJV)**. Are you still head over heels in love with Jesus?

Have we drifted from the **pursuit of holiness**? You know, in many of our churches it’s all about worship, but let me tell you, worship is more than a song. We have been called by Scripture to **“worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!” (1 Chronicles 16:29)**. Pentecostals love to shout and rejoice, but don’t forget that he is the “Holy” Spirit. Paul identifies him in **Romans 1:4** as the **“Spirit of Holiness.”**

Scripture even makes the correlation between our holiness and our faithfulness, saying, **“for in their faithfulness they sanctified themselves in holiness” (2 Chronicles 31:18 NKJV)**. The writer of Hebrews admonishes us to be **“partakers of His holiness” (12:10)**; to **“Pursue peace with all**



**people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord” (12:14).** I believe that this is more than seeing the Lord in the sweet by and by. Don’t you want to see him in your church when you return home? Don’t you want to see him in the remainder of this Assembly? Don’t you want to see him in the journey of your life? Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord. Oh, that it might be said of this Church, **“Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever” (Psalm 93:5).**

We cannot afford to continue the pursuit of our mission without convincing evidence of his presence and approval. To drift even one degree from being on mission will have eternal consequences for souls in need of a Savior.

So, let me encourage all of us, before this Assembly comes to a close, find a place to kneel again as we did 40 years ago and confess our tendency to drift, and to yield ourselves once again to the work of the Holy Spirit to see that we are in alignment with him and with his divine mission.

## **Section II: Communications**

### **A. Division of Global Communications**

**Acts 2:5–8, 11 (NKJV):**

**And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? . . . [We] hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”**

This passage tells of a spiritual phenomenon. After witnessing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the question was asked, “Are not all these who speak Galileans?” The Galilean dialect was a form of Jewish Aramaic. The 120 in the upper room were not known to be multilingual; yet, when the Holy Spirit sat upon

each of them, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. This utterance given by the Spirit was heard by devout men, from every nation under heaven, who heard **in their own language** the wonderful works of God.

This particular phenomenon was never replicated in this fashion again in any other New Testament passage. In fact, in his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul said, **“For he that speak[s] in an unknown tongue speak[s] not unto men, but unto God: for no man understand[s] him; howbeit in the spirit he speak[s] mysteries” (1 Corinthians 14:2 KJV).** Now this is not to diminish the gift of tongues, for Paul continued in this same passage saying, **“I thank my God, I speak in tongues more than all of you” (1 Corinthians 14:18 MEV).**

Perhaps the most significant takeaway from that first outpouring was not only the **miracle of speaking**, but it was the **miracle of hearing**, as every man heard in their own language the wonderful works of God.

As a Spirit-empowered movement, I rejoice when the rushing mighty wind ushers in the manifestation of speaking [in an unknown tongue], but greater still is the miracle of hearing—when we effectively communicate the wonderful works of God in such a way that is heard and understood both culturally and linguistically in every nation around the world.

Our forefathers and mothers were driven to utilize every tool available to communicate the gospel and advance the mission of God. They fully embraced the commission of our Lord to share the good news of the gospel in all the world. To accomplish this mission, they embraced the most current mediums of communication in their era—newsprint, door-to-door tract distribution, they even dropped tracts from the air. We had something called the White Angel Fleet, our own fleet of airplanes and pilots, and they would fly across the country dropping tracts. Today, we would be fined for littering. They produced magazines, film, radio, and television programs—all were “cutting edge” methods used throughout our history.



More recently, the way in which we communicate has continued to evolve and reshape how we connect, how we interact and share information with one another. From the creation of the Internet in the 1990s to the more recent explosion of social media platforms, we are living in an interconnected world.

Those forefathers of our movement who built studios, contracted satellites, and operated presses the size of small houses could never have imagined the limitless possibilities that you and I have to connect with people around the world using the devices we carry in our pockets.

In a short period of time, churches have adopted the use of various tools and platforms to engage with their local congregations and communities, to create interactive worship experiences, and extend their reach beyond their physical buildings. Now we are doing livestreams, online giving, blogs, podcasts, webinars, and a myriad of church apps are all part of our culture.

Our young people are fed a steady stream of digital communication. They hear it, understand it, are influenced by it, and speak the digital language fluently.

To be on mission, reconciling this generation to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, we must embrace the passion our movement once had to use every available means to communicate the message of the gospel so that everyone can hear it in their own language and in the context of their own culture.

Since entering this office, I have been considering how best to respond to this challenge. After much dialog and prayer, I believe now it is time to expand our communication efforts so that we can be better equipped to utilize every available means of communication and provide resources and training to all levels of leadership on how best to navigate these opportunities.

Communication is central to the work and ministry of the church and requires Spirit-empowered, strategic thinking and thoughtful organization. Therefore, following this Assembly, the various communication [entities] of the International







Offices will be restructured. As we unite our Editorial and Art Departments, World Language, Information Technology, Media Services, Web Design, and Social Media Platforms under one leadership umbrella, this will provide the environment for greater collaboration, cohesion, strategic planning, and accountability.

This ministry expansion at the International Offices will serve our global church body and will require a significant step of faith, but I'm confident that if we lead with vision, God will meet vision with his provision.

The decades ahead promise to be some of the most exciting in the history of the world. [I do believe "better" is coming.] Our vision for this unique day should be filled with anticipation for the future. The division of Global Communications will help us become fluent in the languages of today and tomorrow so that every man, woman, boy, and girl will hear in their own language, as it was in Acts 2, the wonderful works of God.

### **B. *White Wing Messenger***

More than 100 years ago, a visionary saw the future. He envisioned a church built on Jesus, the

Bible, and God's people—full of the Holy Spirit—doing the work of the kingdom. A. J. Tomlinson saw the young church moving triumphantly toward a day when multitudes around the world would come to Jesus. One way he communicated this vision was to write it. Through the medium of books, journals, newspapers, and magazines, he showed that he believed the scriptural instruction to **write the vision and make it plain, so they may run with it who read it (Habakkuk 2:2)**.

In these latter days, God has used the diligent work of his people to expand the COGOP to more than 130 nations. With deep regret, many in these nations [around the world] have not been afforded access to our official Church publication, the *White Wing Messenger*, due to governmental restrictions, prohibitive postal costs, the challenges of translation, and economic hardship. As the Scripture says, **"Brethren, these things ought not to be!"** Our brother in Cuba, our sister in Venezuela, our congregations in Pakistan, our pastor in Indonesia, the leader in the mountains of Guatemala or in the distant land of Africa all deserve equal connection opportunities along with the rest of the Church.



This was recently made possible as our official Church publication transitioned from print to digital. The *White Wing Messenger* is now offered at no cost to everyone, everywhere. You say, how can this be? Because there are more than 10 billion digital devices all around the world. We have stepped into the future by producing a high-quality, informative, interactive digital publication.

We all know that change can be a bit unsettling. In 1954, general overseer at that time, Bishop M. A. Tomlinson announced a new look for the *White Wing Messenger*, saying, **“Our subscribers may not recognize the first issue of the new year. . . . Those who have been subscribers for years may miss the paper in the old style and will probably feel a little lost without it for a while, but when we get accustomed to the new style, I believe we will like it.”** He described this change in style as **“the *White Wing* in its new dress.”**

Once again, the *White Wing Messenger* is putting on a new dress. The Messenger, which was, for the most part, limited to English, Spanish, and French in the printed format had fewer than 4,000 subscribers, which is approximately one half of one percent of our membership. By contrast, in the last year and a half, the digital magazine has been accessed more than 200,000 times in multiple languages, and we’re just getting started.

When I was a kid, Etch A Sketch was “the thing.” It was first sold in the United States in 1960, the year I was born. Etch A Sketch was a plastic rectangle with a translucent screen in the middle and two knobs below the screen—one for horizontal and one for vertical—which controlled the direction of an uninterrupted line that appeared on the screen; this was called “drawing.” Then you could erase it by simply shaking the device.

The Etch A Sketch was big in my day, but we no longer live in an Etch-A-Sketch world. Kids now speak a different language. It’s all about technology. Again, one of the great takeaways of the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost is that every man heard them speak **in his own language.**

If this change can help us communicate the wonderful works of God to our children and our grandchildren, I am all in!

The digital *White Wing Messenger* can be printed anywhere in the world. If some of you want something to hold—individuals, local churches, even states, regions, or nations—you are welcome to print it at no cost. For those who want a slick magazine such as we have had, it is still available through a third party, at a little higher price.

Did I say that the magazine is now FREE; NO MORE PAID SUBSCRIPTIONS? For those of you who are interested in good stewardship: The *White Wing Messenger* had been operating at a loss in excess of \$160,000 annually, so this move to a digital platform will result in a savings of approximately \$1.6 million over the next ten years.

The future of our Church magazine has never looked brighter. This “new dress,” as M. A. Tomlinson described it, is looking good and will position the magazine to continue for another 100 years, should the Lord tarry.

## C. World Language

Imagine waking up in a land that doesn’t speak your language. You talk, but no one understands. You listen but have no idea what is being said. You pick up a book, magazine, or newspaper but cannot read it.

There are approximately 7,000 languages spoken in the world. Most of us speak one or maybe two. Within the Church of God of Prophecy, approximately 138 languages are spoken in our local churches all around the world—138—yet we only translate in primarily 5 languages and roughly a little more than 12 languages.

Bishop Endecott, our general presbyter for Wider Europe and the Middle East, has noted that the Church has been translating into Spanish for several decades. The Minister’s Development Program (MDP), statement of faith, lesson material from our Center for Biblical Leadership (CBL), departmental material, the *White Wing Messenger*—almost everything that has been produced in English has been translated into Spanish. As a result, our membership in South and Central America is deeply grounded in the Church and is flourishing. Bishop Endecott makes a good



argument that nations which speak languages other than Spanish may not be as grounded in Church doctrine and polity because our significant documents have not been as readily available in their languages.

Perhaps those of us who speak English or Spanish have not given this much thought because it does not affect us personally. But we are not exclusively an English or a Spanish church. We are a global body. Our Lord commissioned us to go into all the world—a world in which many cannot speak, talk, or understand our dominant languages.

Yes, we have a wonderful team of translators at the International Offices led by Hillary Ojeda, but as I look at the limited size of this department compared to the great task of sharing the wonderful works of God in the languages of the world, I find myself asking the same question that Andrew and Peter posed to Jesus when more than 5,000 hungry people were waiting to be fed. They assessed their meager means of five barley loaves and two small fish and said, “But what are these among so many?” (John 6:9 ASV).

As we consider the enormous challenge of speaking the languages of the world, the high cost of translation is undeniable, and it has always been costly.

Let me take you again back to the 1984 Assembly regarding World Literature Outreach. In the Assembly Minutes (page 82) of the 1984 Assembly

it said that

The General Assembly of 1980 set a goal to raise one million dollars for World [Language] Literature Outreach to mature in five years. [They said in 1984] It is becoming a reality and the total from all sources is \$945,959.76.

What a miracle! The man sharing this report said, “I told this to a Church businessman and he said we cannot leave this Assembly without having one million dollars.” So this businessman donated \$54,040.00. So they were able to go to the Assembly and say, “We have one million dollars for the glory of God” for World Language. God is doing a miracle.

That five-year goal of one million dollars was met in just four years. Now keep in mind that during that Assembly of 1984, the Bahama Brass Band played as 59 ladies carried 59 flags in the parade of nations where the Church of God of Prophecy was established, and we reported a total of 216,787 members worldwide.

Fast forward 40 years to this Assembly. Over 130 nations were represented in the parade of nations on the opening night—wasn’t it beautiful?—and our membership is now four times what it was. Yet, in spite of this growth, the current budget for World Language is less than \$360,000 a year.

I fear that many of our churches are becoming myopic in their vision, focusing almost exclusively on their local ministries, while giving little thought to a global reach. Having served myself as a





pastor for 28 years, I understand the attention that is needed for the immediate needs and opportunities within the context of local ministry. I am not offering a rebuke today, but I feel compelled to remind us of the words of Jesus who said, **“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”**

World language needs financial partners who can give a million dollars [some of you can do that], who can give a thousand dollars, a hundred dollars, or even a single dollar. About 3,000 people believed in Christ and were added to the fellowship of believers on the day of Pentecost because they heard them speaking in their own tongues the wonderful works of God.

## D. A Call for Bilingual Ministers

Acts 21 records Paul’s arrest while ministering in Jerusalem. As he was being led away, he leveraged his fluency in a number of different languages, saying to the chief captain, **“May I say something to you?” The commander said, “Do you speak Greek? Are you not that Egyptian?” Paul said to him, “Allow me to speak to the people.” And when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and beckoned with the hand to the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew tongue (Acts 21:37–40 paraphrased).**

I must confess that I am a bit envious of those who speak multiple languages. Some of you are

as fluent in a second language as you are in your first language. Regrettably, I was never required to take a language in high school or college, and at that time, I did not have the foresight to learn a second language.

So, I want to say to every young person listening today, learn a second language, and if you’re so inclined, a third or fourth. Learn to speak fluently so that you can teach, preach, sing, and communicate without the need of a translator. There will be opportunities for young bilingual ministers in the Church of God of Prophecy. You don’t need to travel abroad necessarily to have need of a second language. Right here in the United States, at least 430 languages are spoken; in Peru, 72 languages are spoken; in South Africa, 11 languages; and India, 122 major languages, along with almost 1,600 lesser spoken languages and dialects.

No one can master every language, but—young ministers, I wish I had someone say this to me when I was young—your opportunities will increase significantly if you will prioritize your calling, keep your heart right, apply yourself to study, develop your gifting, and learn another language.

Former South African president Nelson Mandela said: **“If you talk to a man . . . in his language, that goes to his heart.”**

They heard in their own language the wonderful works of God.







## Section III: Discipleship

**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen (Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV).**

Most everyone is a disciple of something or someone.

For example, one of the phenomenons of pop culture is the surging popularity of **Taylor Swift**. She is a global icon with followers all over the world. Several million attended her most recent global tour. In one of the Latin American countries, more than 200 fans camped outside the stadium for five months to get the best seats. (Can you imagine COGOP fans doing that before an Assembly?) She has over 500 million followers on social media. It has been estimated that there are perhaps 100 million dedicated “Swifties” (*Taylor Swift disciples*). Tickets for her most recent tour ranged from \$49 to \$499. Some bought them and resold them. Those resales went from anywhere from \$500 to \$7,000 for one concert. Taylor Swift disciples know the words to all of her songs. They want to sing like her, dress like her, move like her, be like her.

Back in my younger years, we often sang the song that said, “To Be Like Jesus.” Imagine what it would look like for a world of Christ-followers to have such a craving for Jesus that we would follow his every move, know everything about him, to know him intimately, to learn of him, connect with him, be transformed by him, loving what he loves, despising what he despises. Imagine a world of Christ-followers taking up their crosses daily, dying out to everything but Jesus, following him wherever he leads, being imitators of him.

Being a disciple of Jesus is not for the faint of heart. It is more than a decision to escape hell. It is a lifelong pursuit to be like our Lord. All too often, discipleship has been reduced to knowing certain information about the Bible—the stories of David and Goliath; Noah and the Ark; Zacchaeus



and the Sycamore Tree; Peter, James, and John (and the sailboat). Perhaps we should rethink the questions we are asking our children when they come away from children's church. Rather than just asking them—God forbid that we a just asking, “Did you have fun?”—But rather than just asking them, “What did you learn today?” maybe a better question would be, “How did you encounter the Holy Spirit today? How did it help you become more like Jesus?”

Dave Ferguson said, and I quote, **“Discipleship in the church today has more to do with consuming and absorbing cognitive content than it has anything to do with missional action. Being a disciple is more about an individual and his/her ability to get a passing grade on the subject matter, and less about being a follower of Jesus who lives in community with others for the sake of Christ’s mission.”**

If I had to define what it means to be a disciple of Christ using only three words—to make it easy, I’d start all of them with the letter B—**Believe, Behave, Belong.**

- **Believe – What’s the information we are getting?** That’s important. We need to know about David and Goliath and Zacchaeus. We need to know these stories in the Bible. We need to put Scripture to memorization. We need to know what we believe to articulate it well.
- But if all we have is head knowledge, and it’s never made its way to our hearts, we are not a disciple of Jesus because his **information brings transformation**—how we **behave**—so that we are **being made into the image of him**.
- And then it’s about **belonging—a shared fellowship with other believers. Church is important.** I heard someone say recently—Dr. Ortiz, if you are here—he said the Lone Ranger died a long time ago. It is God’s intent for the church not to forsake its gathering together.

One of the divisions at the International Offices is Leadership Development and Discipleship. We often refer to it as LDD. In recent years, this division (at the request of Church leadership) has given its attention, almost exclusively, to the

development of leaders, with very little emphasis being given to discipleship. The time has come for us to realign with the mission of our Lord to go into all the world and make disciples. So, from the International Offices to every nation, region, and state, and into every local church, I am calling each of us to rethink our approach to discipleship. It must be more than just a class. It must be more than just another program. Everything we do should feed into discipleship for *information, transformation, and community—believing, behaving, and belonging*. If what we do doesn’t support this commission of our Lord to make disciples, then we need to stop those things we are doing, quit drifting, and realign with the mission of God. Still in Discipleship—Church Membership. It’s about belonging.

## A. Church Membership

**“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” (Acts 2:47 KJV)**

Immediately following the outpouring of the Spirit, Peter preached Jesus. When the crowd that had gathered heard this, **“They were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:37–38).**

If you continue down to verse 41, they gladly received his word, and they were added to Christ. Then something else of significance happened; Scripture tells us, “The same day there were **added unto them** about three thousand souls. First, they were **added to “him”**; then they were **added to “them.”** Discipleship includes both reconciling the world to Christ and then nurturing them in the church, the community of faith, providing for them a place to belong.

The book of Acts records Paul’s three missionary journeys. Some point to a fourth journey that is alluded to in his letters. During these missionary journeys, many received the message and became followers of Christ. But it is noteworthy that Paul did not leave these new believers to





survive on their own. Almost everywhere he went, he planted a church. We know from Scripture that he organized churches in Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Philippi, Thessalonica, and Troas, and most likely was involved in the start of many other churches.

You cannot read the book of Acts at the exclusion of the church. There are 23 occurrences of the church being mentioned in this one book.

No wonder Paul said, **“Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen” (Ephesians 3:21 KJV).**

Our Creator designed us to live in fellowship with one another. **“So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another” (Romans 12:5).**

Church is where we join with other believers in worship and fellowship. It is where we bear one another's burdens; we encourage one another; we admonish one another; we edify one another. It is in the context of church that we discover and develop our God-given talents and spiritual gifts. The church provides spiritual covering and accountability to guard our souls and to shield us from every wind of doctrine. This is where we are disciplined, equipped for service, and released for

ministry. This is where souls are planted, watered, and fed so they can grow and mature.

I'm grateful for the Church. I'm grateful for this Church. This is where God placed me. I joined the Church by covenant when I was nine years old. So, this has been my covenant church for 54 years. But really, it has been my church all my life. I have deep roots in this fellowship. I have been around long enough to see its flaws, its warts, and its blemishes. But can I let you in on a little secret? I rub shoulders with many of the other denominational leaders, and I can tell you that every other movement, without exception, also has flaws and warts and blemishes. Sometimes we want to think it is better somewhere else, but God has planted you here. Make up your mind!

It is here in this Church that I have been nurtured. It is here in this Church that God has given me a place to serve and minister. It is here in this Church that I have found my dearest friends. It is here in this Church that I found my wife and raised my family. It is here in this Church that God has kept me on the potter's wheel and worked on my life to make me holy like him. I have no plans to go anywhere else. I count myself privileged to be a member of the Church of God of Prophecy. We still take the Bible as the Word of God. We still believe and practice its teachings rightly



divided, the New Testament as our rule of faith and practice, government and discipline. And we still walk in the light to the best of our knowledge and ability. I am not worshipping the Church. We lift up Jesus. Everything in our flag points to Jesus. But don't underestimate the Church of God of Prophecy. God is here. He's doing something with this body. We are moving forward in the mission of our Lord. Hallelujah!

If you are a believer in Christ and attend a local congregation of the Church of God of Prophecy but are not a member, why not? I want you to go home and express to your pastor your desire to become a covenant member of this body. Pastors, let me encourage you to aggressively open the doors of membership. Give your people an opportunity to join. We especially should be engaging a new generation in Church membership.

Life requires the regeneration of new cells. About 330 billion cells in your body are replaced daily, which means every 80 to 100 days, 30 trillion cells are replenished. That is the equivalent of a new you. Imagine what would happen to your physical body if billions of cells were lost and there were none to replace them. Death would be imminent.

The Bible describes us as the body of Christ, one body with many members (or many cells). Some of these cells move away, some die, some become diseased. If this continues without the addition of new cells or new members, the body will grow unhealthy and will eventually succumb to death.

I have the tremendous pleasure of modeling what I am preaching today by adding cells to the body of Christ. I want to extend on this platform, if you don't mind, the covenant of membership to two of my grandchildren. [Bishop Coalter had Grace and Jacob to come forward, along with Pastor Darren Schalk and Youth Pastor Josh Brown.]

Grace and Jacob love the Lord. They are sitting on the first and second row of church every Sunday, engaged in worship. They have completed the new member course, *Membership Matters*. It is available online at [cogop.org](http://cogop.org). With the permission of their pastor, Grace and Jacob will be added as members to the local church where they faithfully

attend and serve in Cleveland, Tennessee, at the Peerless Road Church.

I have asked their pastor and their youth pastor who pour into them continually to be with me on this platform. Grace and Jacob, will you place your right hand on the Bible. This is the same covenant that these have taken. This is the same covenant that I took when I was nine years old.

[Bishop Coalter administered the covenant to his grandchildren:]

Will you sincerely promise in the presence of God and these witnesses that you will accept this Bible as the Word of God, will you believe and practice its teachings rightly divided, the New Testament as your rule of faith and practice, government and discipline, and will you walk in the light to the best of your knowledge and ability? The answer is, "I will."

[Both Grace and Jacob responded with "I will." Bishop Coalter thanked the pastor and youth pastor and said that we would forgo is the right hand of fellowship.] I would love to see this replicated on platforms everywhere throughout the Church of God.

## B. Church Planting

There is a reason that more than 38,000 Starbucks stores are in more than 80 countries around the world. There is a reason they have almost doubled in size in the last decade and continue to open thousands of new stores each year. Their mission statement drives them to inspire and nurture the human spirit—one person, one cup, one neighborhood at a time.

Oh, that we would be just as driven to be on mission—reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit—one person, one divine encounter, one neighborhood, one community at a time.

The Church of God of Prophecy emerged from a humble beginning in the Appalachian Mountains with just 21 original members as delegates at the first Assembly. Soon, churches



were planted throughout the mountain areas of Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, West Virginia, and North Carolina. By 1910, a little more than 1,000 members were reported in 27 local congregations. Within the next ten years, those figures had grown to almost 15,000 members in 389 congregations, many of them in other parts of the world.

In 1990, under the leadership of General Overseer Billy Murray, the Church's passion to "Turn to the Harvest" was reignited. In just 10 years, the Church doubled its worldwide membership. Since that time, the Church's membership has continued to increase and has now expanded to 11,000 local church congregations worldwide.

A new passion has once again been rekindled in this church for church planting. [Bishop Alvino was invited to the platform along with his wife and the South America general presbyter.]

Ten years ago, Peru had 500 churches. In the last decade, the last 10 years, they have been aggressively reconciling Peru to Christ and planting churches. I was privileged to be in attendance at their most recent national convention where over 10,000 people were gathered. In that convention it was announced that Peru had exceeded 1,000 churches in that one nation. These are solid, identifiable churches. They are the first country outside the United States to reach this benchmark. In honor of that, take your attention to the screens. [A video was shown recognizing the work of the Holy Spirit in helping to plant churches to reach the benchmark of 1,000 churches for the glory of God in Peru, and a plaque was presented to Bishop Alvino.]

"The Church of God of Prophecy recognizes the nation of Peru under the leadership of Bishop Dr. Rafael Alvino Vargas for becoming the first nation outside the United States to reach over 1,000 organized churches. 'But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth' (Acts 1:8). Awarded in Orlando, Florida, August 4, 2024, the 102nd International Assembly.

Their goal between the year now and 2030 is to reach 2,000 churches. Two or three other nations are on their heels and will soon be reporting 1,000 churches as well. I want to recognize General Presbyters Bishop Feliz and Bishop Vidal for their zeal and leadership that has resulted, in just the last 10 years, they have planted 2,121 churches in Central and South America.

Here in North America, a new passion for planting churches is stirring. Our North America general presbyter, Bishop Sutton, is leading the charge to plant 500 new churches in the United States and Canada by 2030. Amen.

I pray that the spirit of Rachel will grip every pastor and every local church so that we cry out, **"Give us children, give us churches, lest we die."** She was desperate to rid herself of the reproach of barrenness. What if we saw it as a reproach if our churches were not reproducing, mothering new churches?

Scripture says that **"God remembered Rachel, and God harkened to her, and opened her womb" (Genesis 30:22–23)**. He will do the same for the Church of God of Prophecy. Give us children!

I believe that some here today are feeling the prompting of the Holy Spirit to plant or mother a church. You are hearing the voice of God. You may not have it all figured out just yet, but you know that something is stirring inside you. [I want to say] that that which is being stirred in you is being conceived of the Holy Ghost. Don't disregard it. Don't push it aside when you leave this Assembly. Become a church planter!

## Conclusion

In conclusion, there has never been a brighter day for Pentecostal believers. Don't lend your ear to the doom and gloom that Christianity is on the decline and churches will soon be extinct.

According to Lifeway Research, religious faith is growing faster than the irreligious. There are fewer atheists—they might be louder than they used to be, but there are fewer atheists today around the world than there were in 1970.





Today 2.6 billion people identify as Christian. By 2050 that number is expected to exceed 3.3 billion. Growth is happening most rapidly in the global south. Christianity is growing faster in Africa than any other region of the world. More Christians are on that continent than anywhere else. *(Bishop Kolawole, you have your work cut out for you!)*

In 1900, less than 1 million people around the world identified as Pentecostal/Charismatic. Today there are approximately 700 million. According to the Pulitzer Center, 35,000 are being added to the ranks of Pentecostalism every day around the world. The *2022 Status of Global Christianity* estimates that the number of Pentecostals/Charismatics will top 1 billion by 2050, making Pentecostalism the fastest growing segment of religious Christian faith in the world.

So, the Church of God of Prophecy can either sit on the bench and watch from the sidelines as Christianity grows globally and Pentecostalism surges, or we can get in the game and participate in the mission of God.

God's church does not have a mission; God's mission has the church. He is calling us to be a

church "On Mission—Reconciling the World to Christ Through the Power of the Holy Spirit." The time is short. The gospel is good news only if it gets there on time. So, let's zealously seize the day!

As the prophet Isaiah said, **may we be consumed with the zeal of the Lord**. What would that look like for you?

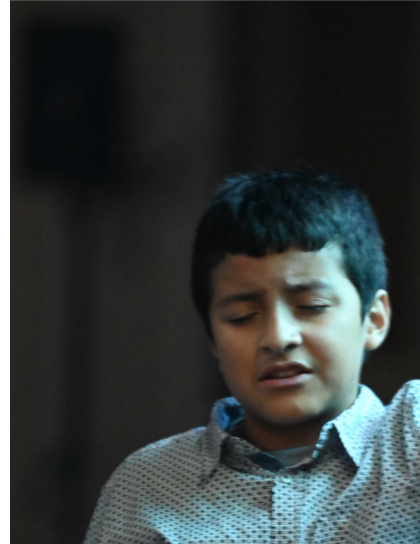
Jehu took Jehonadab by the hand and lifted him into his chariot, saying, **"Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord" (2 Kings 10:16)**. Oh, that we could say that to young ministers, to young people, "Come with me. Don't hear my criticisms. Don't hear my sarcasm. Don't hear my doubts. Don't hear my complaints. But come with me and see my zeal for the Lord!" Hallelujah! The prophet Isaiah described the Lord as **wrapping himself in zeal as a cloak (Isaiah 59:17)**.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul said, **"Never be lacking in zeal" (Romans 12:11 NIV)**.

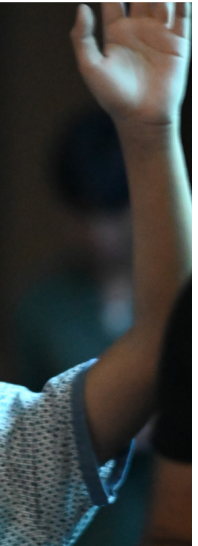
I declare to you today that the Church of God of Prophecy is **ON MISSION reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit**.



# YOUNG HARVEST









# SIGHTS & SOUNDS









# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16–17 NIV).

Thursday afternoon breakout sessions were opportunities for impartation, improvement, and inspiration. There were 32 breakout sessions offered and attended by 811 Assembly delegates.





# MISSION ENCOUNTER

Every Assembly, Mission Encounter flourishes with vivid sights and happy sounds. Assembly 2024 was no exception! This Assembly's global family celebration hosted 76 booths teeming with international church leaders. National bishops and volunteers filled the booths with creative, colorful displays and cultural items from their nations. Attendees were able to journey around the world and experience the diversity of this all-nations Church. Global Missions Ministries is thankful for those who helped make the event successful—those who invested their entire Friday afternoon sharing what God is doing in the nations.





# CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

## 2024-2026 APPOINTMENTS, SELECTIONS, AND AREAS OF SERVICE

### CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY BOARDS

#### Corporate Board (Board of Directors)

Tim Coalter, *Chairman*

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Jeffery Davis    | Clayton Martin |
| Clayton Endecott | Tim McCaleb    |
| Daniel Felipe    | Shaun McKinley |
| Benjamin Feliz   | Maria Ruano    |
| Branson Gibson   | Gary Smith     |
| James Kolawole   | Brian Sutton   |
| Joshua Lynn      | Gabriel Vidal  |

#### Audit Committee (Sub-Committee of the Corporate Board)

Llewellyn Graham, *Chairman*

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Nathaniel Beneby | Rupert Neblett    |
| Joshua Lynn      | Paulette Wilbanks |

#### General Trustees

Church of God of Prophecy Corporate Board  
Daniel Felipe, *Chief Clerk*

#### Spirit and Life Seminary Board of Directors

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Tim Coalter, <i>Chairman</i> | Angela Lawson  |
| Cherry Daniels               | Shaun McKinley |
| Jeffery Davis                | Carlos Perez   |
| Daniel Felipe                | Tedroy Powell  |
| Benjamin Feliz               | Brian Sutton   |

### CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY COMMITTEES

#### Assembly Task Force

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Daniel Felipe, <i>Chairman</i> | Shaun McKinley |
| Todd Bagley                    | Mike Morgan    |
| Gene Browning                  | Hillary Ojeda  |
| Michael Luithle                | Tony Orona     |

**Advisor(s):** Host National/Regional/State Bishop(s) of Assembly Site

#### Biblical Doctrine and Polity Committee

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Philip Pruitt, <i>Chairman</i> | Rahadames Matos |
| Daryl R. Clark                 | Elias Rodriguez |
| Timothy Harper                 | Sophia Pringle  |
| Doreen Makaya                  | Nelson Torres   |

#### Finance and Stewardship Committee

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Scott Gillum, <i>Chairman</i> | Ryan Napalo       |
| Nathaniel Beneby              | Rupert Neblett    |
| Clint Knowles                 | Paulette Wilbanks |
| Cynthia Lawrence              |                   |

#### Global Missions Committee

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Daniel Felipe, <i>Chairman</i> | Chris Uti                    |
| Sergio Cedeño                  | Ernesto Velasco              |
| Dan Chatham                    | Bill Vines                   |
| Christian Fricke               | Maribel Zacapa               |
| Cathy Payne                    | General Presbyter (Rotating) |

#### International Assembly Expense Committee

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Nathaniel Beneby, <i>Chairman</i> | James Ntezimana |
| Michelle Brooks-Young             | Rupert Neblett  |
| Daniel Gann                       | Nonito Que      |
| Llewellyn Graham                  | Andrew Stone    |
| Michael Luithle                   | Gabriel Vidal   |
| Shaun McKinley                    |                 |

### CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY INTERNATIONAL OFFICES

#### Finance and Administrative Services

|                                                                                                     |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Finance and Administration Executive Director &<br>International Director of Stewardship Ministries | Daniel Felipe |
| Global Missions Coordinator                                                                         | Cathy Payne   |

#### Global Communications

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Communications Executive Director | Shaun McKinley |
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#### Inspirational Leadership

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| *Chief Clerk | Marsha Robinson |
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#### Leadership Development and Discipleship Ministries

|                                                                                                                          |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Leadership Development and Discipleship Executive Director &<br>International Director of Center for Biblical Leadership | Jeffery Davis     |
| Center for Biblical Leadership Instructor                                                                                | Elias Rodriguez   |
| International Director of Accredited Ministry<br>Development & President of Spirit and Life Seminary                     | Michael Hernandez |
| International Director of Children's Ministries                                                                          | Joy Hensley       |
| International Director of Youth Ministries                                                                               | Kirk Rising       |

\*Not an International Presbytery Appointment

### NATIONAL/REGIONAL/STATE BISHOPS & AREA APPOINTMENTS

#### Africa

##### General Presbyter: E. James Kolawole

|                             |                                                    |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Angola, Zambia              | Alfred Kanjuye                                     |
| Benin, Togo                 | Kadato Richard                                     |
| Botswana                    | Edison Mooketsane                                  |
| Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea | Ekpai Mayeke James                                 |
| Cape Verde, Namibia, Niger  | <i>Africa Finance and Administrative Committee</i> |

|                                              |                     |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Chad, Nigeria                                | Enis James Kolawole |
| Congo (Brazzaville), Central Africa Republic | Jean Israel Mukendi |

|                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | Bitchy               |
| Eswatini                         | Francois Mbengayi    |
| Ethiopia                         | Benjamin Lamon Mnisi |
| The Gambia, Senegal              | Fekadu Ayele Shone   |
| Guinea, Guinea Bissau            | Chris Uti            |
| Ghana                            | Peter Koyea          |
| Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso        | Sammuel Addy         |
| Kenya                            | Koissi Antoine       |
| Liberia                          | Cyril Odendo         |
| Rwanda                           | Ferdinand Weah       |
| Sierra Leone                     | Redias Nkundabera    |
| South Africa (East), Lesotho     | Issa Lamin Bangura   |
|                                  | Ernest Phumeleni     |

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| South Africa (West) | Namntu          |
| South Sudan, Uganda | Nathaniel Botha |
| Tanzania            | James Ntezimana |
|                     | Eric Mwambigija |

National Administrative Assistants to the General Presbyter:

|                                                                                                                                                  |                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| *Burundi                                                                                                                                         | Jean Bosco Subire      |
| *Gabon                                                                                                                                           | Jean Calvin Nguene III |
| *Malawi, Zimbabwe                                                                                                                                | Phillip Segadika       |
| *Mali                                                                                                                                            | Joseph Moussianne      |
| *Mozambique                                                                                                                                      | Quembo Albino          |
| <i>(The Africa Finance and Administrative Committee includes Enis James Kolawole, Mayeke James, Cyril Odendo, Kadato Richard, and Chris Uti)</i> |                        |

#### Asia, Australia, and Oceania

##### General Presbyter: Tim McCaleb

|                                        |              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Australia, Sri Lanka                   | Dennis Casey |
| Fiji Islands, New Zealand, Rabi Island | Daniel Gann  |
| Hawaii & Pacific Island Nations        | Gary Langley |
| <i>Kiribati, Nauru, Tuvalu</i>         |              |

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|-----------|--------------------|
| India     | Joshua Wijonamai   |
| Indonesia | Fasa Aro Zandrato  |
| Korea     | Jung-hoon Lee      |
| Malaysia  | Bathinathan        |
|           | Anthonisamy        |
| Myanmar   | Chin Kang Mon      |
| Nepal     | Gopal Lama         |
| Pakistan  | Asher Munawar Khan |



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| Philippine Islands                                                                                         | Rogelio Justiniano      | Northeast Region (English)                                                                                                                                                       | Leroy Greenaway                                     |
| Samoan Islands                                                                                             | Nonito Que              | Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts,<br>New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island,<br>Vermont, Bermuda                                                                                 |                                                     |
| American Samoa, Samoa                                                                                      |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Singapore                                                                                                  | Dennis Huang            | Northeast Region (Spanish)                                                                                                                                                       | Rahadames Matos                                     |
|                                                                                                            |                         | Connecticut, D.C., Delaware, Maryland,<br>Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York,<br>Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia                                                           |                                                     |
| <b>Caribbean &amp; Atlantic Ocean Islands</b>                                                              |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| <b>General Presbyter: Clayton Martin</b>                                                                   |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| The Bahamas                                                                                                | Woodley Thompson        | Northwest Territory                                                                                                                                                              | Scott Lee                                           |
| Barbados & Windward Islands                                                                                | Chris Joseph            | Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming                                                                                                                                     |                                                     |
| Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines                                                         |                         | Ohio, West Virginia                                                                                                                                                              | Mike Morgan                                         |
| Cayman Islands, French Guiana                                                                              | Clayton Martin          | Pennsylvania                                                                                                                                                                     | Mark Menke                                          |
| Guyana, Suriname                                                                                           | Phillip James           | South Carolina                                                                                                                                                                   | J. Richard Martin                                   |
| Haiti                                                                                                      | Jean Claude Dorlean     | Southeast Region (Spanish)                                                                                                                                                       | Ebli de la Rosa                                     |
| Jamaica                                                                                                    | Winston Leith           | Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana,<br>Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee                                                                        |                                                     |
| Leeward Islands                                                                                            | Samuel Daniel           | Tennessee                                                                                                                                                                        | Paul Holt                                           |
| Anguilla, Antigua, Barbuda, Dominica, Guadeloupe,<br>Montserrat, St. Kitts, Nevis, St. Maarten, St. Martin |                         | Texas                                                                                                                                                                            | Fernando Jimenez                                    |
| Paragon Region                                                                                             | Carswell Leonard        | Virginia                                                                                                                                                                         | Joshua Lynn                                         |
| Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, British Virgin Islands,<br>United States Virgin Islands                           |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Trinidad & Tobago                                                                                          | Elvis Williams          | <b>South America</b>                                                                                                                                                             |                                                     |
| Turks & Caicos Islands                                                                                     | Andrew Stone            | <b>General Presbyter: Gabriel Vidal</b>                                                                                                                                          |                                                     |
|                                                                                                            |                         | Argentina                                                                                                                                                                        | David Ramon<br>Ceballos                             |
| <b>Central America, Mexico, Spanish Speaking Caribbean</b>                                                 |                         | Bolivia                                                                                                                                                                          | David Orozco Chino                                  |
| <b>General Presbyter: Benjamin Feliz</b>                                                                   |                         | Brazil                                                                                                                                                                           | Hernandes<br>Fernandes Filho                        |
| Belize                                                                                                     | Pedro Nolasco Diaz      | Chile                                                                                                                                                                            | Sergio Cedeño                                       |
| Costa Rica                                                                                                 | Jose Romero Diaz        | Colombia                                                                                                                                                                         | Gonzalez<br>Juan Carlos Correa                      |
| Cuba                                                                                                       | Genni Pupo              | Ecuador                                                                                                                                                                          | Fuentes<br>Benjamin Aldana                          |
| Dominican Republic                                                                                         | Flavio Rosario R.       | Paraguay                                                                                                                                                                         | Perez<br>Ricardo Hinsbis                            |
| El Salvador                                                                                                | Ismael Ticas            | Peru                                                                                                                                                                             | Espinoza<br>Rafael Alvino Vargas                    |
|                                                                                                            | Manzanares              | Uruguay                                                                                                                                                                          | Marco Benavides<br>Delgado                          |
| Guatemala                                                                                                  | Alcides Lorenzana       | Venezuela                                                                                                                                                                        | Luis Gomez Suarez                                   |
| Honduras                                                                                                   | Najarro                 | *Harvest Continental Coordinator                                                                                                                                                 | Francisco Lopez Paz                                 |
| Mexico                                                                                                     | Tony Medina Perez       |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Nicaragua                                                                                                  | Ramiro Orozco Luna      |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
|                                                                                                            | Jose Esteban Somoza     |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Panama                                                                                                     | Leonel Frias Rivera     |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Puerto Rico                                                                                                | Martin Romero<br>Romero |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
|                                                                                                            | Joel Banegas            |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| *Church Planting Coordinator                                                                               | Rupert Neblett          |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| *Leadership Development Coordinator                                                                        |                         | <b>Wider Europe and Middle East</b>                                                                                                                                              |                                                     |
| *Not an International Presbytery Appointment                                                               |                         | <b>General Presbyter: Clayton Endecott</b>                                                                                                                                       |                                                     |
|                                                                                                            |                         | Azerbaijan, Georgia, Greece, Israel, Romania                                                                                                                                     | Clayton Endecott<br>with Shared<br>Leadership Team  |
| <b>North America</b>                                                                                       |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| <b>General Presbyter: Brian Sutton</b>                                                                     |                         | Belarus, Ukraine                                                                                                                                                                 | Bishop Gena                                         |
| Alabama                                                                                                    | Richard Ramsey          | Belgium, Netherlands, United Kingdom                                                                                                                                             | Tedroy Powell                                       |
| Alaska, Washington                                                                                         | José Orona              | Bulgaria                                                                                                                                                                         | Darin Ivanov                                        |
| Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico                                                                                | José Rivera             | Cyprus                                                                                                                                                                           | Clayton Endecott                                    |
| California                                                                                                 | Philip Pruitt           |                                                                                                                                                                                  | *Antonios Pastos<br>serving as National<br>Chairman |
| Canada (East)                                                                                              | Shelton Beneby          |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Canada (West)                                                                                              | David Brown             | Czech Republic, Poland, Slovak Republic                                                                                                                                          | Petr Szlaur                                         |
| Florida                                                                                                    | Scott Gillum            | Egypt                                                                                                                                                                            | Bashir Dawood                                       |
| Georgia                                                                                                    | Billy Adams             | Finland                                                                                                                                                                          | Clayton Endecott                                    |
| Great Lakes Region                                                                                         | Timothy Harper          |                                                                                                                                                                                  | *Simo Tuominen<br>serving as National<br>Chairman   |
| Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin                                                                     |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Heartland America                                                                                          | Gary Smith              |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma                                                                       |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| IOU Region                                                                                                 | Wallace Pratt           |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Navajo Nation                                                                         |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Kentucky                                                                                                   | Jeffrey White           | France                                                                                                                                                                           | Michael Wilson                                      |
| Magnolia Region                                                                                            | Clint Knowles           | Germany, Hungary                                                                                                                                                                 | Christian Fricke                                    |
| Louisiana, Mississippi                                                                                     |                         | Italy, Portugal, Spain                                                                                                                                                           | Edgar Rossini Ortiz<br>Salguero                     |
| Mid-Atlantic Region                                                                                        | Woodroe Thompson        | Russia                                                                                                                                                                           | Bishop Misha                                        |
| Delaware, D.C., Maryland, New Jersey,                                                                      |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Delmarva Peninsula                                                                                         |                         | (The Shared Leadership Team assists the General Presbyter to serve as the<br>National Bishop in some nations due to finance, size, structure and/or current<br>security issues.) |                                                     |
| Midwest/Rocky Mountain Region                                                                              | Jesse Yañez             |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska                                                                        |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
| North Carolina                                                                                             | Duke Stone              |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                     |
|                                                                                                            |                         | *Not an International Presbytery Appointment                                                                                                                                     |                                                     |



The background image shows a large indoor assembly hall, likely the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, FL. The stage is filled with numerous flags from various countries, and a large audience is seated in the foreground, facing the stage. The lighting is dim, with spotlights illuminating the stage area. A large, faint watermark of the Church of God of Prophecy logo is visible in the center of the image.

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