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TUESDAY's Events at the General Assembly

International General Council Session
8:30am–12:00pm; 2:00pm–4:30pm;
7:00pm–9:30pm; Orange County Convention Center (OCCC)

Chaplains Commission: Wives Breakfast
(invitation only) 9:00am–11:00am;
The Peabody Orlando, Orlando III

General Assembly Music Committee Meeting
11:30am–1:30pm; OCCC, Room S230A

Western Europe/Mediterranean/Middle East Reception (invitation only) 9:00pm–11:00pm;
The Peabody Orlando, Plaza C

Center for Pentecostal Leadership and Care Pastoral Covenant Group Reception
(for PCG participating pastors) 9:45pm;
OCCC, Room S230G-H

Church of God in Canada Reception
9:45pm; OCCC, Room S230D

Alumni of Patten University/Western Schools
9:45pm–12:00am; OCCC, Room S230C

Agenda Features Variety of Issues

By Cameron Fisher

The General Council gets underway this morning and the agenda of items to be considered at the 73rd Church of God General Assembly represents the culmination of months of research and preparation by committees, the Executive Committee and Executive Council.

The General Council consists of all ordained bishops present and registered for the gathering. A pre-release of the agenda in June allowed all ordained bishops to examine the document and its accompanying explanatory notes.

The first order of business at GA2010 is the nomination of church leaders, beginning with the International Executive Committee. Positions on the executive committee include general overseer, first, second and third assistant general overseers and secretary general. This will be followed by the nomination of department leaders in Evangelism, Youth and Christian Education and World Missions.

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GA2010 Theme: Engaging the Missional Mandate

By Raymond F. Culpepper

The world is not what we have known, and the church is not like what we grew up in. Traditional models of family and community are breaking down. The past is attractive because that's where we felt safe, family was important, and stability prevailed. People were good, hard-working, and trustworthy. But change is forcing us to abandon some of the mainstays of the past and to grasp hold of the new realities facing us as individuals and as the church.

With the rapid advances in technology and communication, change today is now global rather than merely local. In the past, if a person didn't like what was going on in his community, he simply moved away. But now, changes affect all communities. Not only is change global, but the rate of change is at supersonic speeds compared to the speed of change in the past.

Mike Regele in *The Death of the Church* says, "Any organization or institution that continues to behave as if we had all the time in the world to reflectively consider the full implications of modern change will be trampled by change and cease to exist."

Our missional mandate remains Jesus' words to his disciples prior to his ascension into heaven found in Matthew 28:19-20:

¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ 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 (NKJV).

To engage the missional mandate of the Great Commission, we need to be aware of the changes that are reshaping our world and the church, and to respond to those changes rather than try to isolate ourselves from them. However, this is easier said than done. What complicates our response is that the pace of change is so fast that there is little or no time to reflect on the appropriate action that should be taken. The complexity of change and its many ramifications are also difficult to understand. The comprehensiveness of change affects every area of life. Finally, change is becoming more and more unpredictable, making it harder

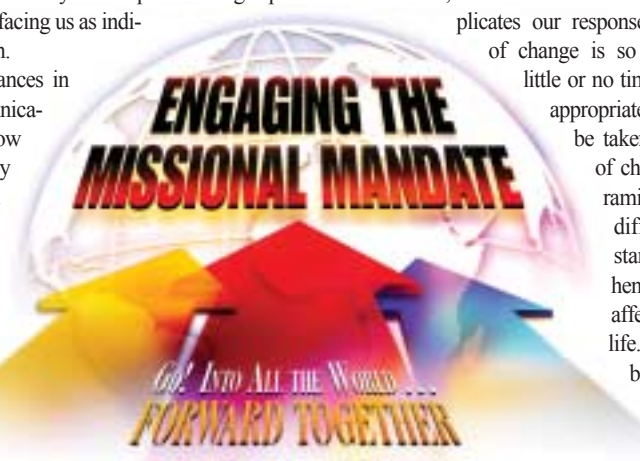
and perhaps even impossible to anticipate the changes we will face even in the near future.

In these end times and in this chaotic pace of change, we need to settle on exactly who we are as a church. As a part of this process, we must ask several strategic questions.

What is God Saying?

In this climate of rapid change, it is most important that we take time to hear from God. Hebrews 12:25 warns us, "See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if

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Assembly Venues Offer Convenient Access

As most delegates have already discovered, one of the most attractive features when deciding on the location of the 73rd Church of God International General

Assembly was the ease of movement and proximity of the locations for events and sessions.

Located on International Drive, the Orange County Convention Center (OCCC) is a massive facility capable of accommodating tens of thousands of people. It consists of four distinct sections—north, south, east and west—with the north/south section divided from the east/west by International Drive. For the Assembly, the Church of God is using the north/south concourse, just a portion of the more than 1 million square feet of convention space available in one of the largest convention sites in the nation.

The lower level of the South Concourse of the OCCC is the site of the Assembly business sessions,

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they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven..." (NKJV). But sometimes we get so busy that we just go with the flow, and the rush of life catches us up in a motive, method, and end that we did not really plan or intend. Sometimes we are like a small piece of wood being carried about in the torrents of a fast stream. We lose control of self and become captives to what is pushing and shoving us.

God wants each of us to slow down enough to listen to him and to commit ourselves to a life that lines up with his will. When we look closely at the ministry of Jesus, we are astonished at how much Jesus prayed. He had his private place to which he constantly withdrew for prayer. It might be the wilderness or a desert place or a mountaintop or a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Sometimes he withdrew alone, sometimes he took with him a few intimate friends, and sometimes he took all twelve disciples.

He spent a night in prayer before choosing the twelve disciples (Luke 6:12-16). He withdrew to his place of prayer before every great decision and at the height of every crisis. His whole ministry had a rhythm to it like the rhythm of sleeping and waking, rest and work—a constant pattern of withdrawal and return. Every encounter with men was balanced by an encounter with God, and every period spent with God was followed by a period of involvement in the affairs of men. Like the swing of a pendulum his ministry moved back and forth between prayer and service, between direct communication with

God and direct communication with men. He struck a balance between prayer and service. He seemed to spend as much time with God as he spent with man. If it was important for Christ to spend so much time listening to God, how much more important is it for us to make sure we take the time to hear what God is saying?

What Is God Calling Us to Do?

This is the second strategic question we need to consider. According to Paul, we have been called to be ambassadors for Christ and have been given the ministry of reconciliation. Notice what he says in the following Scriptures:

2 Corinthians 4:1-2—*Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.*

2 Corinthians 5:18-20—*And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (KJV)*

Jesus summed up what God is calling us to do in two simple words, "Follow me." This challenge has not changed and will not change no matter what happens in our world. We are to win the world, but on God's terms (Matthew 28:19, 20). God is still calling us to be ambassadors of reconciliation—to engage the missional mandate.

Where Are We Going?

This is the third strategic question we need to answer as we seek to engage the missional mandate. His mission is our mission. His goal is our goal. God is calling us to be

a missionary people and His church a missionary church. The church will only fulfill its purpose by a great commitment to the Great Commission. The most important thing we can do is to follow where Christ leads.

Who Is Going With Us?

This is the fourth strategic question we need to ask as we seek to engage the missional mandate. It is important that we share the vision of following Christ to win our world. Even though our conversion and calling are personal experiences, we are not to live in isolation from other believers. Paul in Ephesians 4:16 reminds us:

Under His control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love (TEV).

Jesus chose as his method to intensively train a small group of hand-picked men who would share his ministry and carry it on after his death. Jesus surrounded himself with a few men and poured himself into them and literally turned the world upside down.

You've probably heard the saying, "Give a hungry man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach him to fish, you feed him for a lifetime." If we are going to be successful in these last days of reaching our world for Christ, we must join together to follow Christ and multiply our ministry by pouring ourselves into training others.

How Will We Know We Have Arrived?

This final question is important in keeping our goal in mind. Our goal is not to have the largest denomination in the world. Our goal is not to inflate our statistics. Our goal is not to beat our competition. Our goal is to so engage our missional mandate as to hear Him say, "Well done." We cannot win the world as a denomination on our own. We can, however, do our part to fulfill the mission and vision God has for the Church of God. We must engage the missional mandate!

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Heritage Exhibit Celebrates World Missions Centennial

By David G. Roebuck

Excitement swelled the hearts of Robert M. Evans and his missionary team as they first spied the sandy beaches of New Providence Island on January 4, 1910. Evans, his wife Ida, their adopted son Robert, and the young Carl M. Padgett were about to begin their missionary ministry in the Bahamas. Their journey from Miami to Nassau had taken just over four days on a schooner appropriately named *Fearless*.

When Evans' team arrived in Nassau, they immediately sought out Edmund and Rebecca Barr. The Barrs were Church of God ministers who had returned home to the Bahamas the previous November and were already preaching in Nassau. Together they began the international ministry of the Church of God as we have endeavored to obey Christ's Great Commission to go "Into All the World."

Their stories and many others are being told this week in the Heritage Exhibit in the exhibit hall. "Into All the World" utilizes photographs, artifacts and video to tell how Church of God men and women have taken the Gospel to 180 countries and territories outside the

United States and Canada during the past century. The exhibit continues the year-long centennial celebration of World Missions. Along with our first international ministry in the Bahamas, the exhibit features the sacrifices of numerous men and women who have left their homes to travel to foreign soil, testimonies of persecution and provision, the role of youth in spreading the gospel, the importance of education in making disciples, the explosive growth of the Church of God around the world, the exciting development of mission fields becoming mission forces, and a tribute to leaders who have emphasized the ministry of missions.

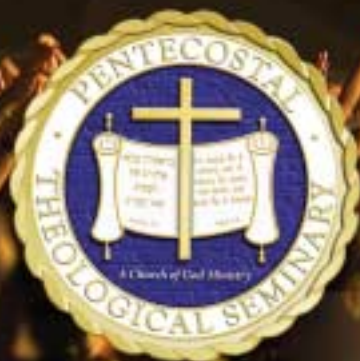
Visitors may tour the exhibit anytime during the hours the exhibit hall is open. The Church of God Historical Commission and the Dixon Pentecostal Research Center have produced "Into All the World" with the support of the International Executive Committee and the Department of World Missions.



R. M. Evans (left) and Ida Evans (fourth from left) converse with citizens of the Bahamas.



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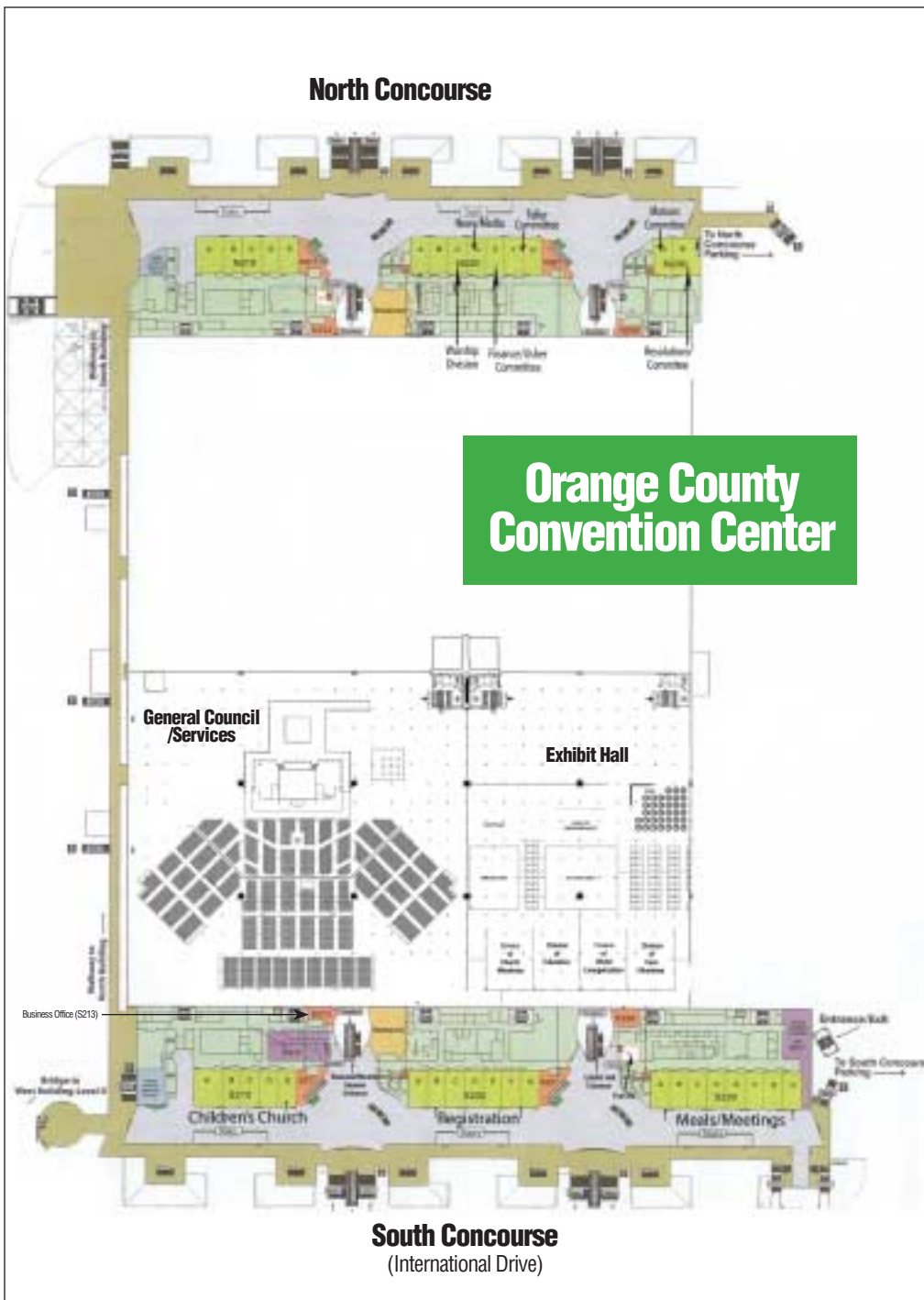
worship and exhibit venues. The concourse is so large that dividing it in half allows for ample space to accommodate the worship and business sessions on one side and exhibits on the other allowing each to operate independently, yet just a few steps away. Entering the South Concourse from International Drive, Assembly delegates come upon the registration area, flanked by the Children's Church area to the left and meal and meeting areas to the right. Escalators to the left of registration descend down to the site of the general sessions and worship services, while another escalator to the right takes delegates to the exhibit hall which also includes the Hall of Remembrance, the Heritage Display, Pathway Bookstore and a café.

The North Concourse is the location of logistical functions and committees such as the business office, resolutions, teller and news/media. It will be accessible,

but will generally be closed to regular Assembly traffic. Another feature of the OCCC location is its proximity to the three major host hotels. The Peabody and Hilton are connected a walkway, while the Rosen Centre is directly across from the south concourse. Other hotels are within a short walking distance of the OCCC. While most of the auxiliary functions will be held in rooms A-H in the south concourse, some will be located in adjoining hotels.

A critical element of the success of the General Assembly is prayer. Daily prayer will be taking place on the third level of the OCCC in the S310 section. Anyone interested in seeking the Lord's guidance over the events and proceedings of the 73rd General Assembly is invited to participate.

A complete schedule of events during the week is available at the registration desk located on the main level of the south concourse. Registration hours are Monday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



2010 General Assembly Booths

101 & 129	People for Care and Learning
102	Walking with the Prophets
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105	Stewardship Ministries
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109 & 110	American Bible Society
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114	Pre-Paid Legal
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Nominations by the General Council, as well as action taken on agenda items are all subject to ratification by the General Assembly which meets this Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Before the agenda items are presented, the General Council will vote for their representatives on the International Executive Council. Votes for the 18 members of the Council are decided by their fellow ministers and not up for debate by the General Assembly.

There are 17 items on the agenda beginning with a Mission and Vision on fulfilling the Great Commission and church planting. Other items which will be discussed and debated include a measure on the further advancement of women in ministry. The International Council of the Church of God, consisting of representatives from around the world, met in September 2009 and recommended to the International Executive Council that the issue of women becoming ordained bishops be placed on the 2010 General Council Agenda. During the Regional Listening Tours conducted by the International Executive Committee in early 2009, several requests for consideration of this item were also voiced. The motions reflect these calls from the field.

At the 2008 Assembly a motion was presented to reinstate the mandatory pastoral preference vote every four years. The motion was referred to the Executive Council to study the development of a possible Pastoral Review System. A report from the committee will be presented.

The General Council will also consider adopting a quadrennial International General Assembly period. Research will be presented which would show that the Church of God “Could accomplish our mission more effectively, provide a sense of momentum, embrace positive change, and help realize a mission-focused future” if the measure is adopted.

Because of the restructuring process of the International Offices, the International Executive Committee recommended to the International Executive Council that the title of the Youth and Christian Education department, director and assistant director be changed to reflect Youth and Discipleship. There will also be a recommendation to delete the offices of the director and assistant director of Evangelism and Home Missions. Many of the previous functions of this department have become separate ministries leaving Senior Adult Ministry, Jail Ministry and the Southwest Indian Ministry as the primary functions of this department.



Ordnained bishops pick up their registration materials in preparation for General Council sessions which begin today.

General Council members will discuss the restructuring of the International Offices. Several positions identified in the *Minutes* for various departments were recommended to be unfunded positions in the budget for 2010–2011. Proposed amendments to the *Minutes* to reflect these changes are outlined in the informational document titled *Proposed Changes Necessary in the Minutes to Reflect the Restructure Proposals*. These documents are not open to debate or amendment, but are for informational purposes only.

Other highlights of the agenda include the purpose of the general assembly, vacancies of executive committee offices and eligibility for an appointed office. Item #17 on the agenda deals with affiliation with the Church of God. The motion seeks to redefine what it means to be affiliated with the Church of God. If adopted, it creates associate church status for non-Church of God churches. The associate church retains ownership of its property and subscribes to the doctrine and polity of the Church of God. In the event a pastoral change is needed, the governing board of the associate church works in conjunction with the administrative bishop in the selection of a pastor.

Ease and expediency of voting for the General Council has been improved this year with the introduction of electronic voting keypads for every ordained bishop. In years past keypads were shared between two or more members. Results of voting will be almost instantaneous.

The complete agenda as well as explanatory notes about each agenda was mailed to pre-registered delegates. It is also available at www.churchofgod.org under the GA2010 link.



General Council, Worship Services Online


All General Council sessions, as well as the evening worship services on Wednesday and Thursday, General Assembly on Friday afternoon and the Commissioning Service on Friday evening will all be streamed live on the internet.

The Church of God Web site has hosted all General Assembly information including registration and housing since a special GA2010 page was launched on January 4. Hundreds of delegates took advantage of the ease of online services.

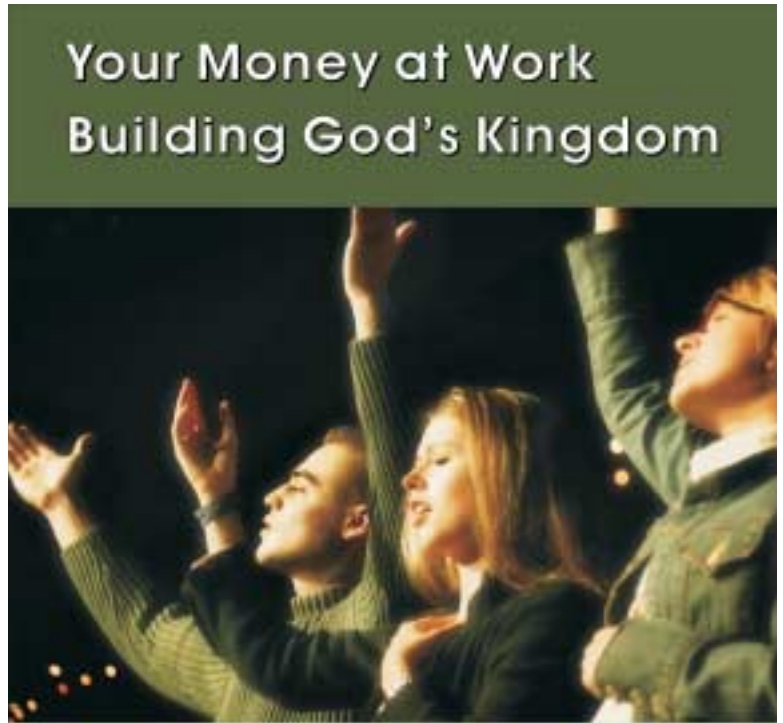
The GA2010 web link will be upgraded this week to include the latest news and information, special on-site videos entitled GA Now and other pertinent information to this week's events. The site will remain active for months after the General Assembly for access to post-news stories, appointments and other items of interest.

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Chaplains Hold Pre-Assembly Conference

By Wayne Roberson, Chaplains Commission

Over 150 Church of God chaplains and family members gathered at the Peabody Hotel for their traditional pre-Assembly conference. Institutional and military chaplains from around the world attended the conference, which began on Saturday and concluded last night with a formal banquet at the Peabody. Chaplains arrived from across the U.S., Europe, the Far East, Caribbean, and South America. Three military chaplains arrived just days after completing tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The pre-Assembly conference brings together Church of God chaplains who hold the formal ecclesiastical endorsement of our denomination. They serve in over 40 different disciplines—among these: counseling ministries, correctional chaplaincy in state and federal systems, clinical chaplains serving in hospitals, nursing homes, hospice associations, rehabilitation centers, military chaplains serving on Active Duty, in the National Guard and the Reserves, law enforcement agencies, various governmental departments, business and industry, college campuses, and countless other settings.

It is also a time to renew friendships and strengthen the special bonds that connect those whose ministry takes them “outside the gates” of the traditional church ... out where the people are. It is a time to share and to recharge those batteries that keep chaplains reaching out to a lost, lonely and hurting world. It is a time to encourage one another as all go through the ups-and-downs of ministry and an enjoyable time to catch up on the comings-and-goings of each family.

The chaplains and their families arrived on Saturday and an opening worship service was held that evening, led by Dr. Robert Crick, Chaplains Commission director. Special music and singing for the worship service and the remainder of the chaplains conference events was provided by Regency Church (Jacksonville, FL) and Senior Pastor John Morgan, who also serves on the Chaplains Commission Board of Directors.

During the morning and afternoon hours of the conference, business sessions were conducted. These



Dr. R. Lamar Vest speaks at the Chaplains' Conference

sessions provide a time for chaplains to gather for professional discussions on vital issues that have a direct effect upon these special ministries—new federal laws and guidelines, issues regarding legal and security concerns, the impact of our nationwide economic downturn and resources available for chaplaincy ministries, ministering in the pluralistic environment, discussions

on confidentiality, ethics and clergy/client privilege and open forums that cover a multitude of issues. Breakout sessions provide an opportunity to focus on issues related to civilian or military chaplaincy concerns. The special guest speaker for the final session was Dr. R Lamar Vest, former Church of God general overseer and now president of the American Bible Society.

Sunday evening was a time for the final worship service, with Dr. Donnie Smith, director of the Division of Care Ministries, as the main speaker. It was also a time for the presentation of special awards, as several chaplains were recognized and honored for their service. Four military chaplains recently retired from active duty: Army Chaplain (MAJ) Robert Sinnett, Air Force Chaplain, Major, Eddie Jones, Army Chaplain (LTC) Calvin Eastham, and Army Chaplain (COL) Richard Pace. Exemplary Service Awards were presented to Dr. Jerry E. McNabb and Dr. R. Doc Williams. The Community Service Chaplaincy Awards recipients were: Chaplain David Redden, Iowa, Chaplain Donald Williams, England, and Chaplain Robert (Bob) Gibson, Maryland.

The chaplains conference concluded on Monday with the Honors Night dinner. This formal event was moderated by Dr. Darrell Waller, chairman of the Chaplains Commission Board of Directors. The evening was devoted as a special tribute to Dr. Robert D. and Jeanette Crick. Dr. Crick, with Jeannette, his life-long partner in ministry, will be stepping down as Director of the Chaplains Commission, having served as director since the establishment of the Commission in 1978, after 32-years of service directing Church of God chaplaincy ministries.

The Chaplains Commission is part of the Division of Care Ministries. Visit their booth in the exhibit hall to learn more about chaplaincy ministries.

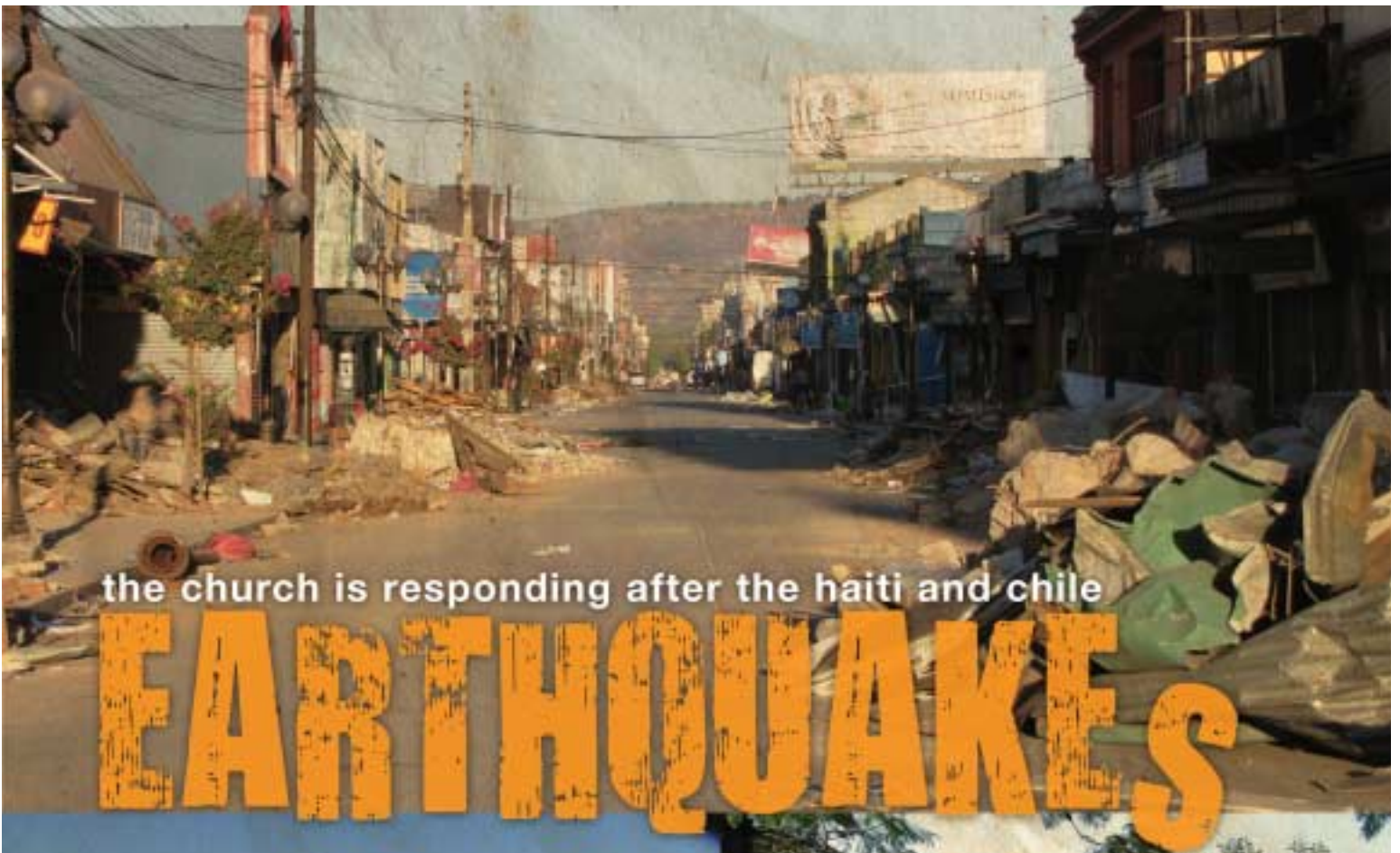
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Aultman, Bowdle Recognized as Distinguished Educators

By Cameron Fisher

Two veteran educators were recognized yesterday for their lifetime achievements in the area of Church of God education.

Since 1976, the Church of God has bestowed the Distinguished Educators Award to recipients who have made a unique contribution to education in the Church of God. The award is presented biennially at the Church of God Educators Seminar during the General Assembly. This year the event took place yesterday, July 26 at the Hilton.

In 1996, the General Board of Education expanded the award to two recipients. One award is to represent a faculty educator and the other is designated as a leadership administration award. The recipients of these awards are selected from a list of nominees which may be submitted by church officials, national and territorial leaders from around the world, faculty and administration from educational institutions internationally, missionary educators, and ministerial development board members.

The 2010 Distinguished Educator Leadership Administration Award was presented to Dr. Donald S. Aultman, while the Faculty Educator Award was given to Dr. Donald N. Bowdle.

Aultman is a pioneer in the Church of God when it comes to youth and education. His achievements are many “firsts” and stem from his passion for youth which began back when he conducted the first youth camp for the Church of God in Texas at the age of 21. His focus as an educator grew over the years as he was appointed to various positions which allowed him to develop programs and initiatives. He is credited with writing the first Church of God Christian education publication, *Does Your Church Need a Christian Education Director?* in 1957. He was active in the early years of the Lee College (now Lee University) Alumni Association and was involved with several firsts there as well, including the first student loan fund (1959), a charter for local and state Lee College alumni chapters (1959), and the initiation of the Distinguished Alumni Award (1960). He was also the first editor of *The Lee Alumnus*, the first Lee alumni publication, which is today called, *Torch*.



General Overseer Raymond Culpepper (left) congratulates Dr. Don Aultman, this year's recipient of the Distinguished Administrator Award, as Aultman's wife, Winona, looks on.

Aultman's “firsts” continued when he was elected to lead the Youth and Christian education Department as assistant director (1960-64) and then as director from 1964-68. During those years some of the firsts included the inaugural *Youth World Evangelism Appeal (YWEA)*, *Church of God Teen Talent Parade*, Youth Music Competition, *Church of God Family Training Hour*, and

the National Youth Congress, held in Natural Bridge, Virginia. It was the first national gathering of Church of God young people and forerunner to Winterfest.

Aultman's endeavors in education continued when he was appointed vice president and dean of Lee College in 1968. He led the reorganization of Lee as a liberal arts college with three divisions: Arts and Sciences, Education, and Religion. He led the initial accreditation of Lee College by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and created the *College Council*, the first body to involve students on administration and faculty committees in the college academic decision-making processes.

Following two decades of endeavors in private business which included leadership of the Psychological Studies Institute, Aultman returned to his love of education in 1998 when he was tapped to create and implement the *School of Ministry*, a distance learning program for ministers. At the same time the *Division of Education* was formulated to create a unified structure for Church of God educational institutions. Aultman was named vice chancellor of the division in 1999. During the next decade, Aultman would assist in creating and leading the *Certificate In Ministerial Studies (CIMS)*, *Denominational Standards and Certification* for Church of God educational institutions, and the *Calling And Ministry Studies (CAMS)*. He was also the founder of the Patten University *Internet Degree Program*. In 2006 he led the unification of the *Ministerial Development and School of Ministry* into a single unit in the Division of Education.

In addition to this latest award, Aultman has been recognized for his educational achievements by other organizations and societies including *Who's Who in American College and University Administration*, *Crowell-Collier Educational Corporation*, *Outstanding Educators of America* and earlier this year he was honored with placement in the Pentecostal Theological Seminary Hall of Prophets. Aultman's education includes the Ed.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Tennessee.

Making the presentation of the award to Aultman was General Overseer Dr. Raymond Culpepper who admonished the roomful of educators in the room. “I am thankful for all of you and who you represent...the ministry of teaching.” In recognizing the accomplishments of Dr. Aultman, Culpepper stated, “leadership like yours just doesn't just happen.”

Dr. Donald Bowdle has spent a virtual lifetime teaching generations of students enrolled at Lee University. For 48 years he has been a member of the faculty at Lee teaching religion studies in a wide variety of emphases. Beginning his career at Lee in 1962, Bowdle arrived as a young faculty member already imminently qualified with four degrees in hand: a B.A.

in Biblical Education and History from Lee; M.A. and Ph.D. in New Testament Text and Theology from Bob Jones University and a Th.M. in Ancient and Medieval Studies from Princeton Theological Seminary. He was arguably the most educated faculty member at Lee at the time. But he would not be content with the degrees he had for he earned a Th.D. in American Christianity from Union Theological Seminary in 1970. In the 1980s he was awarded two Postdoctoral Fellowships, one from Yale University and another from the University of Edinburgh.

An ordained minister in the Church of God and native of Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Bowdle's gift of his life to Lee University is unprecedented. He has served as a full time faculty member longer than anyone in the history of Lee. Over the course of his career he has



Dr. Paul Conn (right) reads a tribute to Dr. Donald Bowdle at the presentation of the Distinguished Teaching Award, presented yesterday at the Distinguished Educators luncheon.

served three times as the chairperson of various religion department structures, such as Bible and Christian Ministries and Dean of the Division of Religion. He has been recognized for his excellence with two awards at Lee including the first Excellence in Scholarship Award in 1986 and the highly coveted Excellence in Teaching Award in 1973. In 2002 he was honored with the naming of a three story Lee dormitory in his name and in 2004 he was given the highest faculty rank of Distinguished Professor. He is only the second faculty member at Lee to ever received the recognition.

Dr. Bowdle's academic contributions go beyond Lee as well where he has been a member of the adjunct faculty of the Church of God Theological Seminary, Georgia State University, Virginia Commonwealth and University of New Haven. He has also served as a visiting lecturer at Berea College, University of Edinburgh, Yale University and Han Young Theological University in Korea. His research has been published in numerous academic publications and through the years he has presented papers at seminars and association meetings.

Making the presentation to Dr. Bowdle was Lee University president Dr. Paul Conn, who spoke fondly of learning under the ministry of the Lee professor. “I was not his best student, but he was my best teacher,” Conn said. “There is a rich life to celebrate in Don Bowdle...he is the model of the Christ-centered and Spirit-filled life.”

The Distinguished Educator Awards were chosen by a distinguished panel of 12 judges consisting of university professors, church leaders and past recipients. Special appreciation is expressed from the General Board of Education to Dr. H. Lynn Stone for his coordination of the nomination and selection process.

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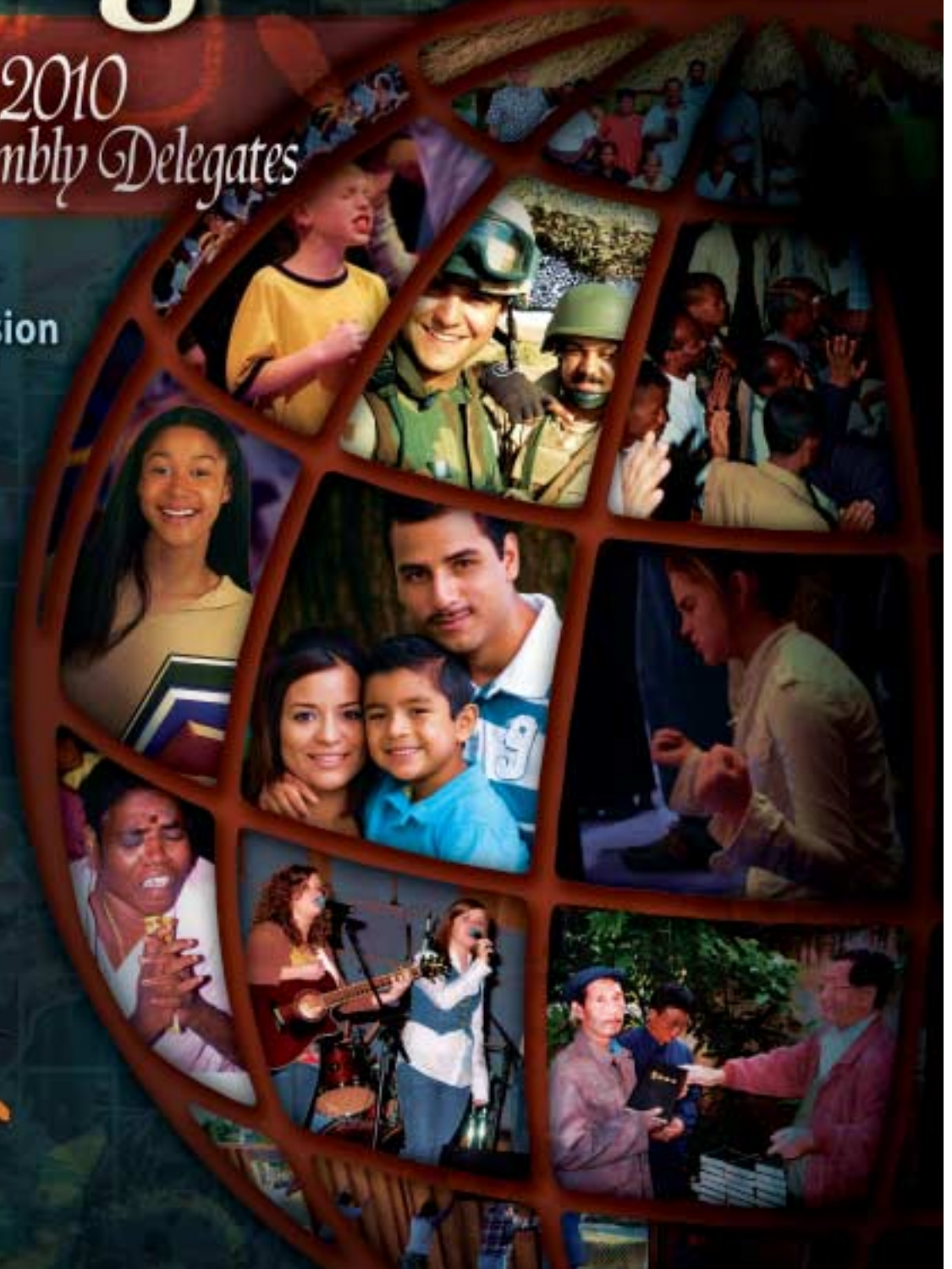
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Women's Ministry, Children's Home Hold Joint Luncheon

The Church of God Smoky Mountain Children's Home and International Women's Ministry Awards were presented in a meeting held yesterday at the Hilton.

"There has been no greater collaboration within the Church of God than that of the partnership between the Women's Ministries and the Church of God Smoky Mountain Children's Home," stated Dr. John Sweet of the Smoky Mountain Children's Home. "By any standard it was an amazing event to highlight and honor those who have made outreach to hurting children, widows, the poor and many other mission projects possible." At the luncheon, a video highlighted the desperate need of ministries to hurting children. Presiding Bishop Raymond Culpepper greeted the guest and spoke of his genuine pride and deep appreciation for the ministries represented.

The International Women's Ministry Coordinator Jan Timmerman recognized the efforts of board members and staff, and gave special honor to Sister Peggy Culpepper and others of the International Advisory board. Sister Culpepper made a moving presentation to Sister Timmerman recognizing her tremendous work that culminated in reaching their goal of \$400,000 for the Seminary in Brazil and many other projects. Sister Sonia Ribeiro represented the seminary and shared words of gratitude for making the ministry possible. She reported on the great work of the seminary that has taught over 1,000 students. Sister Lori Lewis and Sister Timmerman honored winners for girl's ministry and Women With a Mission (WWAM) projects in each category. Sister Gayle Spivey from Eastern North Carolina was the overall winner for the WWAM project.

Dr. John and Jo Ann Sweet presented awards to state women's ministry presidents in each category. Sister Joyce Stephens was the overall winner for the Children's Home. Dr. Sweet noted, "There is an unmistakable progression within the lives of children and others when the trauma and pain of their past is so great that it has erased any expectation of anything positive in their future. Then there arises the spark of hope. everything changes - The Phenomenon of Hope." The International and State Women's ministry make this possible. They give children a chance for HOPE.

Sister Kaci Stewart shared a profound song of thankfulness and Stephanie Foster from Mission Florida set the tone with a powerful dramatic performance.

Rev. Tim Nuckles shared reflections of his journey from being a pastor for over 30 years to working at The Home. It gave everyone a glimpse at the reality of what ministry to hurting children is all about. He recounted an

early event when he was called to assist and came upon Dr. Sweet intervening with some boys. He stood with his nose broken, bleeding profusely, with his arms around the boy who had inadvertently struck him and other boy involved in the altercation. Instead of hearing words of anger or rebuke, he heard Dr. Sweet sharing with those boys about making this a redemptive moment. A moment of hope. He shared about his first meeting with intake cottages. When a boy who was angry and belligerent told of losing his mother early in life, the death of his father from a prison brawl, and being raised by grandmother who had died four months earlier. He spoke about a young girl who was threatening to run away to be with an older man who would pimp her out, because that was all that she had ever known. He spoke of watching these and others testify of how God and The Children's Home had changed their life. It all begins when hope arrives.

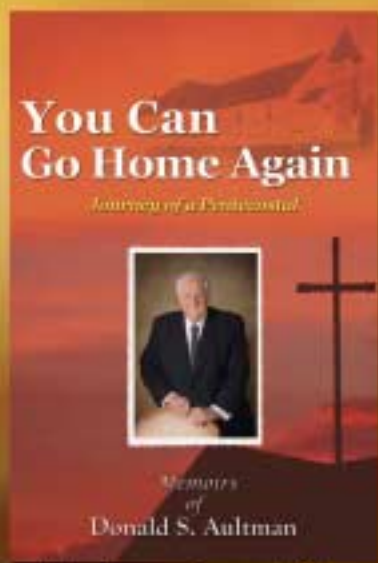


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