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LETTER from the EDITOR

A New APOSTOLIC DAWN

*A*fter the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. – Matthew 28:1

The dawn of a new day can be one of the most spiritual experiences of life. I remember the sunrise services at 5 a.m. during youth camp when I was a teenager. We would find the best place in the forest to watch the sunrise while we worshiped God. Watching the flaming sun blaze, flooding the heavens and announcing the new day is a miracle that inspires us every time we see a sunrise.

Now that we have just celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, Apostolics everywhere read the story of the women going to Jesus' tomb at dawn. They walked in the dark, wrapped in the pain of mourning the crucifixion of the Master. However, dawn did not just come and surround them with light and warmth. Dawn was the prelude to the miracle of miracles, the resurrection of Jesus.

Poetically speaking, we use the word "dawn" to describe the beginning of a new cycle, a life; a new journey. We also use "dawn" to talk about the beginning of a new administration or phase. With this new issue of The Apostolic Herald, presented to you with the theme "A New

Apostolic Dawn," we are emphasizing the beginning of a new phase in the Apostolic Assembly's mission and the start of the tasks of a new General Board of Directors.

Dawn is not a judgement about the past; it is not a claim that the past was inferior. Dawn is a statement about where God is: the present. It is a call to the Church; to focus on the mission that God gives in the present: the new dawn.

While the earth's nations see the prophetic words of Isaiah 60:2 fulfilled, Apostolic believers also see the promise of God fulfilled and therefore, in this new stage, we trust in the Lord:

"See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

In this new dawn (2010-2014), we welcome Associate Editor Timothy Valverde and his team as they work on The Apostolic Herald, the official periodical of the Apostolic Assembly. In 2011, our magazine will be published two times.

To comment or offer suggestions, please feel free to email ismaelmdc@aol.com.

Bishop Ismael Martín del Campo
Editor





Presidential Message

“MY FATHER’S BUSINESS”

“And He said to them, ‘Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?’ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.”

Luke 2:49-50

Dear Apostolic Assembly:

I’m elated to be able to greet you in the first issue of this administration’s The Herald. We are blessed to have an excellent editor along with a professional and highly skilled editorial staff. I’m sure you will enjoy the content of this issue with its variety of articles, highlights and Apostolic Assembly news from afar.

In these first seven months, the Board of Directors along with our teams, commissions and support staff have been praying and planning, in that order. The General Board has met every month to focus the vision, attend to present matters and plan for the future; in essence, we have been about our Father’s Business.



I. APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY MISSION STATEMENT

We continue to advance our declaration: Exalt Christ, Equip the Church and Evangelize the World. In one of our vision casting meetings, the General Board of Directors installed a description, a gear, or if you will, a “Biblical engine” to each of the theme’s three phrases that will enable these concepts to advance in our minds and ministries.

A. Exalt Christ –The fullness of the exaltation of Christ is the crucifixion.

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given him a name which is above every name...”

Philippians 2:5, 8, 10^a

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I know live in the flesh I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20

Exalting Christ goes beyond the good and necessary exalting of our Lord through praise and worship in a church service setting. The true exaltation of Christ requires a lifestyle of daily dying. This humbling of self will allow leaders, ministers and members alike to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and to hear God's constant whispers of direction. It allows us to die to ourselves and lose our lives so that we may find it in another dimension. What would happen if every member of the Apostolic Assembly would take up our cross and "live, yet not I" on a daily basis? Following Christ's process, we would experience the power of the Resurrection – just as Christ resurrected, with power, glory and splendor, the church would experience the restoration of our power – real power – to do wonders and exploits in Jesus' name.

B. Equip the Church – The fullness of equipping is the execution of our mission.

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:11-13

In our case, our mission is to love God and love people. As we have come to find out in these last years, one of the best ways to accomplish this in a most natural way is through home or cell (friendship) groups. We have called this *The Jesus Strategy*. Christ fulfilled part of His mission by sharing, breaking bread, praying and loving people in the intimate setting of a home. The apostles followed His example and continued the lifestyle in the temple and “from house to house.” Thus,

we have connected the purpose statement phrase “Equip the Church” to the *Strategy of Jesus* – it is one and the same.

Following the Ephesians 4 mandate, the five-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelist and pastors and teachers is for the “*equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry.*” Pastors then have a Biblical and institutional mandate to equip the saints so that the saints will do the work of the ministry, not just the pastors. This ministry is not necessarily one of an ordained minister with pulpit and sacramental privilege, but a ministry of opening a home once a week and sharing God's love and Word to a circle of eight to ten people. All of a sudden, laypeople can take what the pastor and a handful of ministers have been expected to do, and now can distribute it throughout the congregation. This “ministry of the saints,” as Paul called it, causes explosive growth. Of course, there are concerns and questions about ministerial privileges and member limitations, all of these will be dealt with in another setting. In summary, the fullness of Equipping the Church is the Strategy of Jesus.

C. Evangelize the World – the fullness of evangelism is to reach the uttermost parts of the earth.

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost 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

In order for the Apostolic Assembly to reach the whole world, we must first each reach our world. Although there are many good concentric circle models of Acts 1:8, perhaps we can agree to the following:

Jerusalem – Heart, Family, and Extended Family:

We must bear witness of Christ's power in our hearts, families and homes first. This includes the necessity of maintaining a healthy marriage and family relations with our married and unmarried children. How can we expect to fulfill the ministry of reconciliation, if, for example, we can't reconcile with our spouse or son?

Judea – Church, Congregation, Community:

The characteristics and virtues of healthy families will naturally produce healthy churches, because the church is an extension of the home. We live in a time where the church must reach a new level of maturity. Solomon's Song of Songs describes the young Shulamite as a physically and fully mature woman. It describes her most intimate parts -- her reproductive organs and nurturing parts with detail and without shame. However, near the end of this series of poetic inspirations, we find a sad note:

"We have a little sister, and she has no breasts. What shall we do for our sister in the day when she is spoken for?" Songs of Solomon 8:8

Who is this underdeveloped young lady? What does she represent? Although there are many interpretations to this allegory, one of them can certainly be that she represents an abnormal, immature sister who, because of her lack of breasts, cannot procreate, nurture or give. She can represent a segment of the church that has not developed to the point where she gives instead of receives. How many of our churches fall under this little sister's condition? Stagnant churches will remain so until someone tires of the situation, dies to self and begins to disciple others. We need to create a shift and shake the boat until our people wake up to the fact that God called them to nurse and nurture others. ,

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye

have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." Hebrews 5:12

If they were being reprimanded for being at the "milk and not meat" level, what would he say to a church that has not even matured enough to have breasts that give milk?

CHURCH, it is time to mature, to grow, to expand exponentially. We need to understand that it is of no use to continue doing things the same way, without fruit or results. We must begin to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry and then send out an army of trained, passionate soldiers to conquer the communities that surround us with love and the Gospel of peace.

"...Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine..." Ephesians 4:13-14

Samaria – National Missions: These healthy churches will, in turn, promote strong support for the Apostolic Assembly's presence in every state. What would happen if at least 100 churches would plant another church in the next two years? What do you suppose God would do if we "let go a little," gave up a minister or two and a few families, and planted a church officially and under spiritual authority? This does not speak of the common schisms and division where a minister manipulates a few families and disappears from one day to the next, only to appear in a rented storefront and a keyboard, expecting to be called a church. This plan does speak of strategizing, planning with time,

fasting and prayer, and then launching them with blessings, finances and prayer. How do you suppose that God would bless a local church that births another, all because the church is a “mature woman” able and capable of reproducing?

Uttermost parts of the earth – Global Missions:

A strong national church will make for a strong international church. A church with a mission will have a heart for missions. Money is not the problem; it never has been, and it never will be. Vision, or better yet, the lack of vision is the problem. Even in today’s economy, people have money. Restaurants, vacations spots, cruise liners, resorts, Disneyland, Disneyworld, and ball games are full of people, including our people in many cases. Good for them. We need to and are beginning to see that for the Apostolic Assembly, “go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” is not limited to Central and South America or to Hispanics. We love these continents and people, and will continue to work and support our missions effort there; however, “all nations” means all nations on all seven continents – Asia, Europe, Africa, India, Australia, Greenland – just to name a few. Who is supposed to reach these countries with the Oneness message and baptism in Jesus’ name? Only larger Oneness organizations? Are we satisfied that the evangelicals are sending missionaries by the thousands? I was amazed a few years ago when I attended a seminar at Bethany World Center. The aforementioned church has opened over 3,000 missions in 114 countries! One local church! Apostolics, it is time to awaken; it is time to believe God; it is time to believe that it is our time! Let us not give reasons why we can’t do it, let us believe the Lord that we can, with the Almighty’s help.

II. 2011 OPERATIONAL YEARLY AND CONVENTION THEME

ABOUT MY FATHER’S BUSINESS

Luke 2:49

Mary complained to Jesus because she thought he had been lost for three days. Someone could say that it was Joseph and Mary who were lost since verse 44, where they, “supposing him to have been in the company, they went a days journey.” The church can no longer *suppose* that Jesus is with us, we must *know* for a fact He is with us. We cannot think that we can make our plans and then ask Him to bless them. On the contrary, *we* need to seek Him so that he can direct, teach and guide us.

Paul warns us that we are not to be slothful in business (Romans 12:11). In Spanish “business” can be translated as “negocio” which literally means, “Negate idleness.” An idle church, minister, or member is a sad commentary. That situation can be compared to a field of fallow ground: fertile but useless until the plow digs deep and the ground is cultivated.

“Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up the fallow ground, For it is time to seek the Lord, Till he comes and rains righteousness on you.” Hosea 10:12

I encourage every member of the Apostolic Assembly to enthusiastically become involved in our Father’s Business. Whether it is preaching to multitudes around the world or supporting a small local church, it is all our Father’s Business.

Respectfully,



Bishop Samuel Valverde, President

Arthur Espinosa

Bishop Arthur Espinosa
Secretary of Foreign Missions



Until the Whole **WORLD** **HEARS**

APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY | INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS



Proclaiming the Gospel until the whole world hears

The Apostolic Assembly is continuing to follow God's command to reach the world with His Gospel, and the Assembly has exciting plans and strategies for 2011 and beyond, which will allow for His Word to reach the ends of the earth.

The International Missions' projection for 2011 to 2014 is to open and support missions in India, Pakistan, Cambodia, Belize and Uganda, as well as to send Missionary Domingo Carlos to India at the end of 2011 or January 2012.

In 2011, there will be two revival crusades that will be held in Arusha, Tanzania and Rome, Italy. Youth Groups and missionaries will also be sent on trips, lasting one to three months to our missions throughout Central and South America.



The International Missions Department is aware that the Apostolic Assembly's missions have many needs, especially as the mission field expands. Purchases of property are required in Cuba, Ecuador, Haiti, Kenya and Tanzania, totaling approximately \$160,000. In addition, vehicles are needed for missions in Peru, Spain, Tanzania and Kenya, which will cost \$90,000.





To establish a work in India, \$85,000 is needed to rent properties, educate workers, and relocate and pay for missionaries.

This year, the International Missions Department and the Apostolic Assembly have launched “Until the Whole World Hears” as the new promotional campaign for International Missions. The

Assembly has asked the entire church to join in this worthy cause through Flor Azul – the annual Women’s Auxiliary missionary project. This year, the Flor Azul has a set goal of \$1,500,000 to send to international missions.

In addition, the “Faith Promise” campaign is an opportunity for churches to help plant a seed in the missionary field. In October, the funds from Flor Azul and the pledges from the Faith Promise will be joined together in a single fund, “Flor Azul.” With God’s help, the Flor

Azul and the Faith Promise campaigns will help the Assembly achieve and surpass its goals to help missionaries across the globe.

The Assembly is being pushed to give, following God’s example: “For God so loved the world that he gave...”
John 3:16a

God loved the world. This can be said of no other being. The Creator of the universe, the high and lofty One whose name is Holy and dwells in the heavens, loved the world, He was the initiator of the relationship, all life and love proceed from Him.

God loved the world so much that He gave. His offering was Himself, God manifested in the flesh, called the Son of God. He gave it all on the Cross.

Now it is the Apostolic Assembly’s turn to join God’s passion and purpose. Every church can join the International Missions’ effort of preaching, sending and giving Until the Whole World Hears. It is the department’s goal to reach the same world that Christ loved. This is the same world that needs to hear how much God loved them. He did his part; now he left the rest in His church’s hands.

It is essential that members of the Apostolic Assembly continue to pray for International Missions and the missionaries. Presently it is especially important to pray for Haiti, where the church has grown to 75 members with the hard work of missionary Ramon Herrera and his family.

For more information on Foreign Missions, visit www.aaintlmissions.org.

District Conventions 2011

June 17-18, 2011 / North Central California	September 1-3, 2011 / Colorado
June 23-25, 2011 / South Central California	September 9-10, 2011 / Interior California
June 30 - July 2, 2011 / Arizona & Midwest	September 16-17, 2011 / Northern Golden Valley
July 1-2, 2011 / Central Texas & NW Washington	September 23-24, 2011 / Florida
July 8-9, 2011 / Great Lakes & Los Angeles	September 29-30, 2011 / North Texas
July 14-16, 2011 / Central East Coast	October 6-8, 2011 / South Texas
August 4-5, 2011 / Northern Pacific Coast	October 7-8, 2011 / West & Northwest Texas
August 5-6, 2011 / East Los Angeles & Oregon	October 28-29, 2011 / Mid-America & So. California

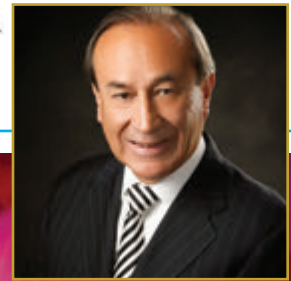
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America with the Gospel

National Missions Mid America North Region

Greetings in the name of Jesus from the Mid-America North Region!

We are working to enlarge the Kingdom of God and we are experiencing God's tremendous blessings. Here are some of our recent victories:

Minneapolis, MN

God has opened doors for the church of Minneapolis to acquire its own facility. After seeking direction from God and searching for a suitable facility, Pastor Faustino Corral has negotiated and signed a purchase agreement for a church building with a capacity of 350 people. The church of Minneapolis moved to its new facility in April 2011. The hand of God was seen in this purchase, since timing and pricing were beneficial. Minneapolis is home to the largest Hispanic population in the state of Minnesota, and Pastor Corral is looking forward to reaching out to the community and enlarging the Kingdom of God with a larger Apostolic presence. We congratulate Pastor Faustino Corral and the church of Minneapolis for this blessing as they continue to labor in Mid-America.

Brooklyn Park, MN

On December 17, 2011, a new work was launched in Brooklyn Park, MN. The church held its first service in a leased building during one of the coldest days in Minnesota, but God still moved mightily. Pastor David Rangel, who was visiting at the time, had the honor to bring the first message. The work began with a cell group, has now had the first baptisms in the area. Brooklyn Park is located in Hennepin County, and was named as one of the most diverse cities in Minnesota during the last census reports, with the largest concentration of Hispanics in the state. The mission is expected to grow significantly. The new work is currently under the direction of Elder Elias Elizondo, and will be until a pastor is named. These missions are evidence that the Assembly continues to move forward in the call to enlarge the Kingdom of God.





EDUCATION FOR THE *MISSION*



Recently one of the 500 most influential journalists of the world and winner of the prestigious Pulitzer Prize wrote a book challenging politician's world wide to stop wasting time and money constructing monuments and holding parties celebrating the past. This same journalist dedicated many of his travels to discover what was held in common by the nations that have a better standard of living, a higher economic status, and greater stability. His conclusion was one: Education is the key to the prosperity of nations.

Applying this same concept to the Church, the most experienced experts in Church Growth have also come to the same conclusion: a fundamental factor to the growth of the local church is a better education for her leaders.

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us this lesson two thousand years ago, when he had the fundamental task, in his three years of ministry, to prepare with excellence 12 apostles and to educate 120 disciples. As we read the Gospels, we see how Jesus gradually dedicates more and more time in the formation of his apostles, until at the end, he is almost completely dedicated to them.

Because of this, when he ascended into the heavens,

the remaining 11 apostles, with all their defects and limitations were able to fulfill the work of taking the gospel to England and to India and to Spain and all the way into the heart of Africa. The reason for this is simple; they were educated for the Mission that was assigned to them.

Our department works under the conviction that every material and program produced by us, should exclusively serve to help our Apostolic Assembly fulfill the Mission that Jesus assigns to her in the XXI century.

THE LOCAL CHURCH

The Department of Christian Education labors so that pastors way have the best possible materials for their local churches every three months:

- The Biblical Apostolic Expositor, for adults.
- And the Youth Biblical Expositor.

Number after number, we keep giving each new edition a focus more centered converting our expositor into a complete course of 13 lessons, centered on a relevant theme. We have published "New Families in Christ", which will serve as a good manual for themes related to the family.

EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL

1. In these first months we have produced five new manuals for Bible Colleges:

- a) Etiquette for Ministers.
- b) Panorama of the Bible I.
- c) Panorama of the Bible II.
- d) Integral Healing I.
- e) Integral Healing II.

And being prepared are:

- Manual for Christian Counseling.
- Manual for Prison Ministry.

2. We continue in the process of accrediting our International Apostolic Bible College, as a university level institution. This will take us a couple of years, but our Church has the aptitude to accomplish this.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

1. In the United States of America, we currently have operating:

- a) A Master's program in Leadership with Fuller Theological Seminary, with a group of 10 students in the General Headquarters.
- b) A Master of Arts program with the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, with a group of 15 students in the General Headquarters in Rancho Cucamonga and in Miami, Florida with a group of 18 students.



Students during a masters class with Dr. Justo Gonzalez

- c) A Master of Arts program with McCormick Theological Seminary, which has begun with a group of 15 students in Chicago, Illinois.
- d) The Nava Master's program in Christian Leadership, accredited by our Church, with a group of 12 students

in the Golden Valley District.

2. In Latin America, we currently have operating:

- a) COSTA RICA: A postgraduate program with the Evangelical University of the Americas (UNELA), with 25 pastors and leaders.
- b) ARGENTINA: A postgraduate program with the Baptist Theological International Seminary (SITB), with 37 pastors and leaders.



Dr. Pablo Deiros teaching a cell church seminar for pastors and leaders

- c) PARAGUAY: A postgraduate program with the Baptist Theological International Seminary (SITB), with 19 pastors and leaders.
- d) BOLIVIA: A postgraduate program with the Baptist Theological International Seminary (SITB), with 28 pastors and leaders.

“That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” 2 Timothy 3:17



David Bernard, General Superintendent of UPCI teaching the seminar The Oneness of God



THE SEASON OF SINGING HAS COME

It is important to note that the Apostolic Assembly has entered a new stage in its history. Our 2010 General Convention was a link that connected us to a stage of healing and restoration that will guide us until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The writer of the Song of Songs clearly describes this prophetic time:

“My beloved spoke and said to me, ‘Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.’ My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.” – (Song of Songs 2:10-14)

The season for singing has come once again to the Apostolic Assembly. It’s a new day! The winter has passed and the rain is gone! One can see flowers blossom throughout the countryside, indicating that a large harvest approaches in our evangelistic fields. We must celebrate! God wants to hear the voice of his beloved Church singing the songs of Zion to Him in harmony.

God has directed the Department of Social Assistance in producing the second edition of “Our Song.” This edition is entitled “NC II,” which will be recorded live at our next Ministerial Convention in Anaheim, Calif., on Nov. 17, 2011. This will be a historic

NC II NUESTRO CANTO

event for our church. At this event, we will be making a historical reflection of

the different stages that our Church has gone through and we will be singing the songs that God has given to our Apostolic composers through inspiration. We will be singing songs that the first edition of “Our Song” did not cover for the abundance of songs that God has given us. We will also reflect modern times through new songs that God gave us after the recording of the first edition of “Our Song.”

This will be a historic event that will be recorded on DVD to mark our Apostolic history and to leave a legacy for future generations. Make plans to attend this historic event and join the voices of thousands who will be gathered at the Anaheim Marriott, singing the songs of Zion and celebrating our Apostolic musical heritage. The season of singing has come!

Read more about our programs: **Strive for Wellness / Embracing Hope >**
www.acnavafoundation.com

JESUS Strategy

My name is Fausto Meza and I am an ordained minister from the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus. I serve the Lord under the leadership of Pastor Misael Zaragoza at Christian Center



in National City. I was converted at a friendship group which Sister Reynalda Meza began. She would come to San Diego from Temecula every Saturday. After my conversion, the Bible studies continued until I was mature enough to take charge of a friendship group. For three years we had only one cell group and we reached more than 30 members. When the Strategy of Jesus was introduced it became easier since we now had a work

plan and the necessary material. During this time we have seen God's powerful hand in the countless people who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Among the healings we have seen there are back pain, tooth aches, migraines and infertility. There have also been liberations from alcoholism, drugs, anxiety, gambling, smoking and other manifestations. Approximately 30 people have been baptized through this ministry. These people are now actively involved in different church ministries and continue with the Friendship Groups.

The need to save souls has opened doors in different places. Today we have three cell groups in Mexicali, one in Tijuana and six in San Diego. Approximately forty visitors are part of our weekly cell groups. At the same time we are developing new leaders to expand our evangelism opportunities. I am sure that this year we will obtain better results and God will give us victory after victory.

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:14.

MAZATLAN MEXICO - Friendship Day

"Over 40 baptisms"



"Over 3,000 in attendance"



USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO EXPAND THE APOSTOLIC MESSAGE



HOW FAR
SHOULD YOUR
CHURCH
LAUNCH ITSELF
TO FACEBOOK
AND TWITTER?

AS MANDATED BY GOD, the Apostolic Assembly uses any opportunity possible to interact with its members, and fulfills its goal to share the Gospel and support believers. For some churches, this means using the newest technology possible, including sites such as Facebook and Twitter to share the Word.

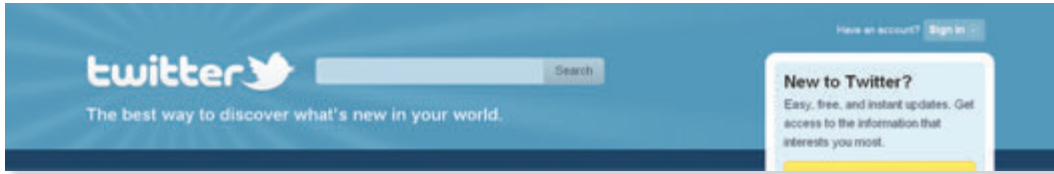
However, some churches are concerned about how to approach social media sites, and are left wondering why they should even bother using these online media tools at all.

Many of the church members are jumping online because of the easy access the Internet provides to stay in touch with family, friends and other community members. Some spend hours a day on their computers, chatting with long lost friends, posting photos and merely seeing what everyone is up to.

These social media sites are an easy and free way to reach out to younger generations of the church in a medium that they are familiar with, while expanding to individuals who are simply browsing online.

Some individuals may negate the effectiveness of using online strategies to reach out to the world, but with millions of users online every day, the practice of sharing God's Word online may be necessary to reach certain people.

TWITTER: SPREADING THE WORD IN A REAL WORLD FEED



When individuals cannot be at their computers, they share where they are at and what they are doing via Twitter or Foursquare. Currently, Twitter has over 175 million users sharing their thoughts with friends, family and strangers, with 95 million posts being sent to the site each day.



By simply joining on Twitter, a church could share its message, a Bible verse, reminders or updates to individuals within their community, while providing followers the chance to offer up real time feedback.

Twitter provides followers the chance to offer up real time feedback

FACEBOOK: KEEPING ON TOP OF DAILY HAPPENINGS



Facebook is gaining more and more users by the day. It's not just a simple few who use the site avidly. In July 2010, Facebook boasted over 500 million active users, which is about one person for every 14 in the world, according to Facebook's statistics.

With so many users online, cyber communicating with their friends, ex-partners, co-workers and former college roommates, it's no surprise that businesses across the world have developed fan pages and begun offering their fare to their friends and fans.

There has been some concern with Facebook because of its easy access to various individuals. In recent months, it has been reported that social networking sites such as Facebook have caused one in five marriages. In addition, young users run the risk of pursuing relationships with predators who look to sexually exploit them. It can also be easy to post inappropriate photos and updates, which can negatively impact their reputations.

There is no way to determine for certain all of the negative aspects Facebook has, so pastors and leaders must warn church members of the risks that come with using these sites. Parents must be vigilant in who their children talk to and what they post online, and spouses must be completely honest with whom they talk to.

Having a fan

Facebook has benefits as well, and is especially useful for the church in sharing its message. Pastors, preachers and teachers can share news with multiple people, fast. Pictures and links to special services, revivals and camps can be posted for the world to see.

page is a way to socially

Creating a "fan page" for a church is not difficult; all that is needed is someone who can moderate the site and make sure only positive, uplifting comments are posted. In addition, making sure that only church sanctioned information is shared is crucial.

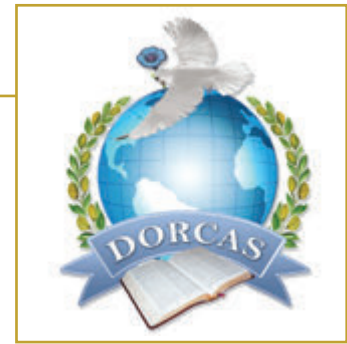
interact

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For the church, having a fan page isn't about making money, or trying to sell a subscription. It's a way to socially interact with technologically advanced church member, and a way to reach out to others who are looking online for an answer they weren't even aware existed.

savvy church members

Women's Auxiliary



The women leading our women

The Leadership for the National Ladies' Auxiliary



President Linda Montes

Linda S. Montes, from Fresno, Calif., serves as National Ladies Auxiliary President. Linda is the wife of Pedro Montes, minister of the First Apostolic Church in Fresno. Just seven weeks after joining the Dorcas in 1972 at the age of 21, she was elected as local treasurer. In 1977, she began to serve at the federation level, seventeen years of which she served as president. It was in 2005 that she began to serve on a National level four years as Secretary and two as Vice President.



Secretary Estella Perez

Estella Perez, from Indio, Calif., serves as National Ladies Auxiliary Secretary. Estella is the wife of Albert Perez, the pastor of the Apostolic Church of Coachella. She has been working continuously in leadership with the Dorcas since 1981, and has served in various positions in the local, sector and district levels, including serving as Federation President for 8 years.



Treasurer Rita Gail Cedillo

Rita Gail Cedillo from Mercedes, Texas, serves as National Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer. Rita is the wife of Rufino Cedillo, Jr., minister of Mercedes Apostolic Church in Mercedes. She has been working continuously with the Dorcas in leadership since 2003, serving in various positions. Presently she also serves as Federation President of the South Texas District.

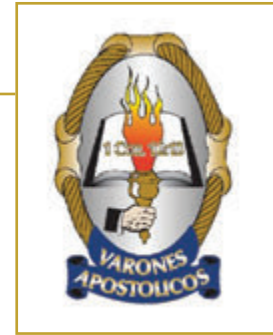
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Men's Auxiliary



THE MEN LEADING OUR MEN

The Leadership for the National Men's Department



President Juan Serrano

Minister Juan Serrano, from Clovis Calif., was elected President of the National Men's Auxiliary in September 2010. Brother Serrano is the assistant pastor at the Clovis Apostolic Church, and is husband to Margarita and father of three boys: Juan Jr., Miguel and Nathaniel. Brother Serrano has been working with the men's department in the local, sector, district and national levels since 1997.



Secretary Marcelo Jimenez

Pastor Marcelo Jimenez has been working as Secretary for the CNVA since 2010. He was elected to work as Secretary of the National Men's Auxiliary in September 2010. Pastor Jimenez currently works at the San Clemente Church as pastor, alongside his wife Sandra and daughter Isabella, and has considered it to be a privilege to work for the Lord all this time.



Treasurer Daniel Pacheco

Daniel C. Pacheco works as the National Treasurer for the Men's Department. Pacheco is husband to Irene and father to Benjamin and Gladia Pacheco and Lydia and Mizael Payan. Approximately 2 years ago, Brother Pacheco was blessed with granddaughter Sophia Victoria Pacheco. Brother Pacheco has served the men's department on the local level since 1972, and has served in leadership on the local, sector, district and national level. Brother Pacheco lives in Corona, Calif., and congregates at Strong Tower Apostolic Community Church.

National Messengers of Peace - Youth



CONNECT!

“I looked for someone to stand up for me against all this, to repair the defenses of the city, to take a stand for

me and stand in the gap to protect this land so I wouldn't have to destroy it. I couldn't find anyone. Not one.”

Ezekiel 22:30

We are living in the greatest day of the Church. Never before have we experienced doors open up in other countries, or the miracles, signs, and wonders as we have in this day and age. Yes, the enemy is still on the loose. Corruption is running rampant. Sin is abounding in great strides; however, Romans 5:20 tells us that where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. There has never been a better time to reach our world! The theme of the National Messengers of Peace is “Connected: Love God, Love People, Connected to the great commandment.”

WHAT ARE THE TOOLS WE ARE USING?

This year, we have planned seven National Youth Advances, which will allow us to connect with our youth in the different parts of this country. The goal is simple; let's create an avenue for youth to rekindle a passion for God – a burden for their local church and a passion for soul winning. In these Regional Youth Advances, we are introducing three programs: “Next Level Leader,” “Campus Generation,” and “Youth Missions Revolution.”

Next Level Leader

Minister Jacob Rodriguez is the coordinator the Lord has placed in our heart to help us carry out the vision

for leadership. Rodriguez' teachings are challenging the young people of today to think outside of the box and even challenging them to believe that there is no box.

Campus Generation (C-G)

Minister Willie Cardenas is the coordinator who has taken on the burden to help youth that are currently in or about to enter college/university living. The field has great need because we have seen young people disconnect from the church upon attending college or university. The goal is to equip Apostolic youth with knowledge and empower them to open an Apostolic Campus Ministry in every University.

Youth Missions Revolution

With Minister Jesse Mendoza as our coordinator and in collaboration with International Missions, we are working to realize two international crusades. The first will be in Tanzania, Africa, in June 2011; the other will be in Italy at the end of the year. The purpose of this program is to stir up the passion for young people to launch out into the mission field.

National Youth Convention: November 14-18

Convention has been a landmark for many Apostolics. This is where burdens are received for missions and many aspirations to the ministry are birthed.

The vision has been cast, and the people are in place. Let us act and take back what the enemy has stolen from us. The time for the Messengers of Peace to arise from slumber and reach this world is now. For those who have been waiting on God to move, God is really waiting on us. Let's go!



Richard H. Galaviz

September 20, 1947 - March 31, 2011

“...they knew he was a loyal and trustworthy man.”

Surrounded by his family, congregation, and close friends, Pastor Richard H. Galaviz went home to be with the Lord on March 31, 2011 at the age of 63.

Bishop Galaviz was a longtime pastor of the Oxnard Revival Center Apostolic Church where he started serving as a minister in 1967 at the young age of 19. He was elevated to Co-Pastor in 1970 and then the sole Pastor in 1987. The church was originally located on Cooper Road in the Colonia area of Oxnard. During his ministry, Pastor Galaviz spearheaded the construction of the church's new building located in El Rio and the first service was held there in June of 1990. In addition to being a pastor of his local church, Pastor Galaviz also held the position of Sector Elder for four years and then District Bishop for eight years. Richard Galaviz was born on Sept. 20, 1947 in Phoenix, Ariz.

He was the third of four children born to Alejandro and Veronica Galaviz. Pastor Galaviz moved to Oxnard in 1960. On July 9, 1961 he was baptized in

the Name of Jesus and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. He graduated from Oxnard High School in 1966, attended Ventura Community College and then obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from Colegio Biblico Apostolico Nacional in 2003. Pastor Galaviz wed Esther Valdez in 1966 and enjoyed a long marriage filled with a great deal of love and happiness. He was employed by the City of Oxnard Parks and Recreation department for 23 years prior to resigning so that he may commit to the ministry on a full-time basis. Bishop Galaviz served as pastor of his church for almost 24 years.

Pastor Galaviz touched the lives of many in his community as well as people that he met throughout his ministry. He had a compassion for people and was always willing to help others. His inviting personality and persistent smile endeared him to friends and strangers alike. Many would seek Pastor Galaviz's assistance and counsel because they knew he was a loyal and trustworthy man.

I'm transferring churches: *now what?*



Change is a natural part of life, and this may mean that church members may need to transfer churches to fulfill whatever God's plan for their lives may be. Whether a member is leaving their home church for economical, family, or other reasons, there are certain steps that a member should follow to successfully transfer churches with God's blessing.

Communication with your pastor is key

Before beginning the process of transferring churches, members need to communicate with their pastors about their intentions.

"This will make the transition as smooth as possible. Many times, members do not tell their pastors that they are looking for a new church. They may miss a Sunday or two, then tell their pastors their plans without leaving them

any options. At times, members leave over things that could have been handled differently," said Pastor Samuel Rojas, who has been pastor of the Glendale, Arizona church, for two years.

"Being up front and honest is very important when a member is looking for another place to congregate," continued Rojas. "The pastor can make

recommendations to where they can visit.”

For pastors, the process of letting a member transfer can be difficult.

“There have been problems in the past where pastors try to hold on to members whose hearts are not there anymore,” explained Rojas. “They give the member a title, and the member may stay at the church for another year or two, but their heart is no longer there. When someone does not want to be at the church, let them go, even if they are a key leader.”

Finding a new church that fits you

After letting their pastor know about their plans, members can begin seeking a new church that will fit what they are looking for.

“The most important thing is to visit churches,” said Rojas. “By visiting, members can find a church that will take them on the path God is leading them on. The only way to know is by visiting a church and experiencing a worship service and ministry.”

It is recommended for members to make a decision about becoming a member of a church after about a month of visiting.

“If you only go to one service, you may not connect, the pastor may not be there, or it may not be a special service,” said Rojas. “It can even be helpful to go to an activity during the middle of the week, such as a small group meeting.”



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Leaving the church with a blessing from God and your pastor

After finding the right church, praying about the decision and receiving confirmation, the member can be dismissed from his church and transfer with God’s blessing.

“This is when a pastor can draft a letter of recommendation, have a dismissal prayer and honor the member, allowing everyone

to look back on the event and not feel like they had a bad experience,” said Rojas. “When people leave the church for whatever reason, pastors should leave the door open to come back, because we do not know if they might come back.”

Above all, both the member transferring churches and the

pastor should remember that they are to honor each other as children of Christ.

“We must all remember to be cordial and professional,” said Rojas. “We should be able to remember that we must be kind in spirit as Christians.”



Alfred Rodriguez

*A man of worship
and evangelism*

Feb. 27, 1938- Aug. 23, 2010



When young Apostolic pastors begin their ministry, it is typical for them to look for a great man of God who has truly impacted the world to emulate as they develop their own pastorship.

One such man whose legacy is an inspiration to many was Alfred Rodriguez, the pastor of Canoga Park when he passed away on August 23, 2010. Throughout his life, Bishop Rodriguez also served as a pastor in Lennox from 1975-1977, the treasurer and assistant pastor of the Hayward Apostolic Church, an Elder for Sector 2 in the Los Angeles District, Bishop for the district and director of National Evangelism.

As a man of God, Bishop Rodriguez was known for being a living

example of God's love, which he shared through spreading the Word of God to the lost. Bishop Alfred's passion to follow Christ was evident in every part of his ministry as pastor, leader and father.

According to daughter Liz Vasquez, Bishop Rodriguez would see the opportunity to reach out to the lost in every moment.

"We would go to baseball games or the park, and my dad would say, 'Look at these people who don't know about God,'" she said, adding that her father had a simple strategy to help new Christians become evangelists. "When asked about how to evangelize, he would say to stand in the corner of a street and look up at the sky. Someone will approach you and ask what you are staring



at, and you can simply say, 'I am waiting for Jesus.' That would open the door to share your faith."

However, nothing showed Bishop Rodriguez' love for evangelism like the crusades that occurred in the 1980s.

According to Liz Rodriguez, the bishop's wife of over 50 years, the crusades began as a vision the Bishop received from God. Driven by the need to reach the world, Bishop Rodriguez approached the various pastors in his district, asking them for offerings to help fund the crusades.

"The crusades were completely paid for in cash, before the event took place," said Sis. Rodriguez. To promote the events to the community, there were announcements on the radio, television, magazines and newspapers. In addition, a parade of the Apostolic churches within the district marched through the streets of the city, allowing for each church to receive exposure to the community.

Thousands – including LA mayor Tom Bradley – attended the event, and heard the Gospel preached. Entire families were saved at the event, and felt the calling of God on their lives.

After the event, thousands of visitors' cards were distributed to the LA district churches, allowing the ministry to continue the work started in the crusade.

Bishop Rodriguez made a point to support the small churches in his district and sector throughout his time as bishop and elder.

"The Bishop would try to visit each of the small churches in his sector, and when he was the director for National Evangelism, he would travel to the small churches around the country to show his support."

The history beyond Bishop Rodriguez' life is endless; however, it is essential to relate that the Bishop's love was to worship Christ through song and praise. His booming voice was filled with passion, and one could not help but sing along as the Bishop lifted praises to God.

"He loved to sing, and our services at Canoga Park were always filled with worship," said Sis. Rodriguez. "Even at the end, he had shortness of breath to speak, but he never had a problem when it came time to sing."

A man driven by his purpose and ministry, Bishop Rodriguez did not allow anything or anyone deter him from what he believed to be God's will.

In 2000, the Bishop dedicated Canoga Park's church as the Templo La Hermosa – the Beautiful Temple. Despite times when there did not seem to be funds; despite discouragement coming from all sides; the church's gleaming white walls were erected, with a beautiful stained glass window prominently featured. This building still stands today.

It is no wonder that Bishop Alfred Rodriguez' impact is still felt today. The dedication and purpose of this individual has truly impacted the Apostolic Assembly, and may continue to do so for generations to come.



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II Chronicles 7:14

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PURPOSE: Pray for your pastor

[To all members of the Apostolic Assembly worldwide]

C.O.S.T. - Calling Out of the Sons

TRAINING for FUTURE PASTORS

The Apostolic Assembly is very interested in “calling out” both its natural and spiritual sons from ministers to pastors. This refers to the natural sons of Pastors who are not waiting in the wings, but working at our side in the local church. It is the Aaronic handing down of the mantle of the priestly lineage to our sons. It also refers to “sons of the church”, men who are serving under a Pastor who is their spiritual, not natural Father. These too, can be and are called by God to lead his church in pastoral capacity.

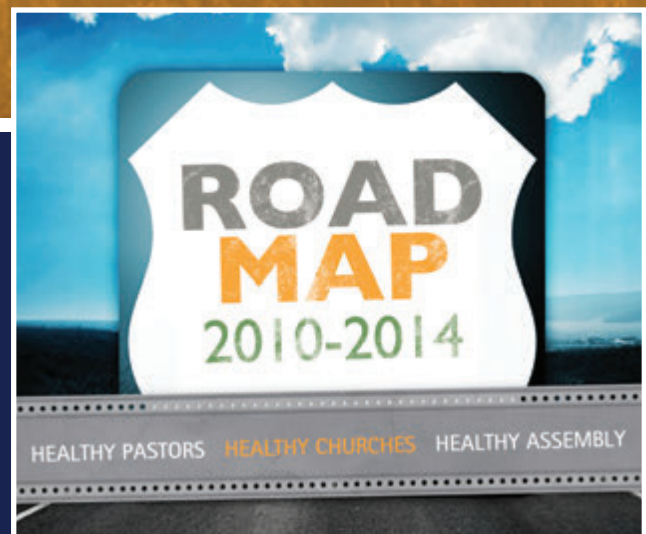
As beloved pastors who have faithfully served for decades are passing on to be with the Lord or retiring due to illness, a new generation of Apostolic young men need to step up and take the mantle. However, these men must be called by God *and trained* and certified by their elders. Pastors, I invite you join me in this effort. We

must be willing to “give up and let go” of some of our ministers in order to prepare them for the future.

The Calling Out of the Sons (C.O.S.T.) is a six-weekend training program (two weekends in 2011 and four weekends in 2012) that will prepare those who qualify to be ready to assume the pastoral charge when the time comes. We need to identify the genuine call of God on their life, examine the fruit they have produced, and train them in all areas from spiritual authority to organizational administration.

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Luke 2:49

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Small Groups - A Proven Strategy

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WEDNESDAY

A Commitment To Small Groups Using The Jesus Strategy

DAY 2

CHURCH GROWTH

Avoiding The Roadblocks To Explosive Church Growth

11.17

THURSDAY

The Challenges Of Being A Pastor In 2011 - Live Recording For Nuestro Canto II

DAY 3

CELEBRATION in UNITY

The Apostolic Body In One Mind And One Accord

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