



### THURSDAY | JULY 11, 2024

### **Thursday Events**

### **Registration – ICC Main Lobby**

Thursday, July 11 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 12 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### International General Council – Halls H-J

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 am — Priority Prayer 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### **World Missions Parade of Nations Breakfast**

Time: 7:30 a.m. Location: ICC – Room 201–203

#### International Junior Talent - Art/Creative Writing **Check-in and Gallery**

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Location: ICC – 500 Reception Room

### International Junior Talent—Bible Quizzing Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Location: ICC – Room 105–106

### International Junior Talent—Drama

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Location: ICC - 500 Baliroom

### 365 Kids Club—Passport to Adventure

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m Location: ICC - Room 116-117

### **Latin America Fest/Hispanic Ministries Luncheon**

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Location: Sagamore Ballroom

### Jamaica—New Testament COG Meet and Greet

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Location: ICC - Room 134-136

#### World Missions Europe, CIS-Russia, and Middle East Field Area Luncheon

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Location: ICC - Room 201-203

### **Kentucky State Council Luncheon**

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Location: ICC Room 133

### 365 Kids Club—Passport to Adventure

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Location: ICC – Room 116–117

### Children's Church (Ages 3-6 Potty Trained)

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Location: ICC - Room 142

### Kid's Church (Ages 7-12)

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Location: ICC – Room 143–145

### **World Missions Director's Reception**

Time: 9:00 p.m. Location: Wabash Ballroom

### Lee University Alumni Reception

Time: 9:00 p.m. Location: Sagamore Ballroom

#### Youth Director's Banquet (For all State/Regional YD Directors) Time: 9:00 p.m.

Location: ICC - Rooms 107-108

### **Ministry to the Military Reception**

Time: 9:30 p.m.

Location: ICC - Rooms 134-136

### 2024-26 Council of Eighteen Elected

By Cameron Fisher



Front (I-r): Kip Box, Joe Dobbins, Anthony Pelt, William Lee, Angel Marcial E., Kevin McGlamery. Back (I-r): Ken Hill, Stafford Petersen (S. Africa), Rick Whitter, Julio Melendez, David Cooper, Lennox Walker, Nick Park, Kelvin Page, Ishmael Charles, R.C. Hugh Nelson, Toby Morgan. Not pictured: Jerry Madden, Niko Njotorahardjo

Three new members were added to the Council of Eighteen on Wednesday during elections conducted by the General Council. The group of ordained bishops will serve with the five members of the Executive Committee to comprise the International Executive Council.

All 18 of the current members of the Council of Eighteen were elected in 2022 and were eligible for reelection to a second twoyear term. The historically diverse Council

remained primarily intact apart from the addition of three new members. Therefore, the tenures of fifteen of the eighteen elected this year will be completed in 2026. The new Council convenes for their first meeting this September.

Voting for the Council members began on Wednesday morning. According to the Minutes of the Church of God, the General Council must include specified representation by groups of ministers,

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### **Ministry of Evangelism Reinstated**

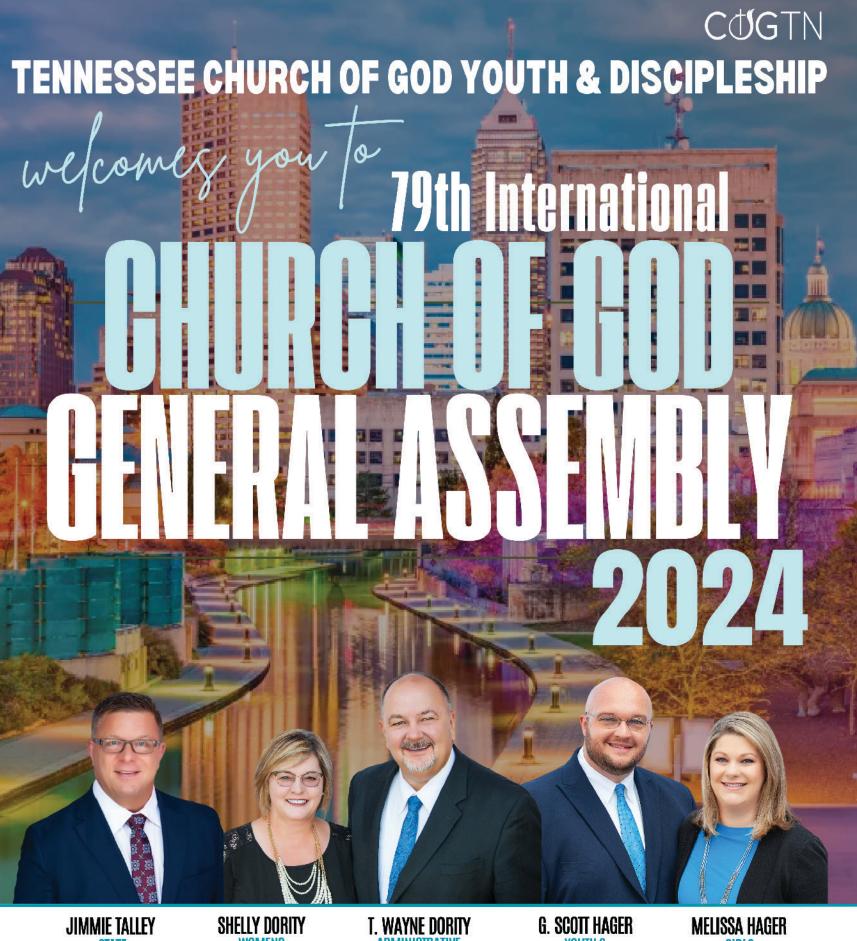






Sheppard

an overwhelming majority, the International General Council passed a motion to restore the office of Ministry of Evangelism and two elected leaders, bringing the ministries of U.S. home missions, church planting, and church health and revitalization under one departmental umbrella Wednesday at the 79th International General Assembly. -continued on page 5



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### 2024-26 Council of Eighteen . . .

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specifically at least twelve pastors, three living outside the United States, and three "at-large."

By the end of the afternoon on Tuesday, members of the General Council had chosen the first ten members, starting with the minister receiving the highest number of votes, Kevin McGlamery. By virtue of his election, McGlamery, who pastors Life Church in Huntsville, Alabama, will serve as chairman. Also elected on Tuesday afternoon was Angel Marcial E., Latin American field representative for Church of God World Missions; Robert Scott Sheppard, senior pastor of Cornerstone Church in Athens, Ga.; William Lee, pastor Victorious Life Church in Convers, Ga.; Anthony Pelt, overseer for the Florida-Cocoa region and pastor of Radiant Living Worship Center; Joe Dobbins, pastor of Twin Rivers Worship Center in St. Louis, Missouri; Kip Box, state overseer of Michigan; Kenneth Hill, regional overseer of Southern New England; R.C. Hugh Nelson, pastor of the Church of God of East Flatbush in Brooklyn, New York; and Rick Whitter, state overseer of Illinois.

In the next round of voting that took place at the start of business on Wednesday

morning, the remaining members were elected and included Ishmael Charles, Field Director of the Caribbean; Kelvin Page, senior pastor of Westmore Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee; David Cooper, senior pastor of the Mount Paran Church of God in Atlanta; Nick Park, overseer of Ireland; Niko Njotorahardjo, pastor of Gereja Bethel Church in Jakarta, Indonesia; Lennox Walker, pastor/overseer in Ontario, Canada; Jerry Madden, senior pastor of Praise Cathedral in Greer, S.C.; and Julio Cesar Melendez, pastor of Iglesia De Dios Central in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

Satisfying the international requirements of the Council were Marcial, Charles, Park, Njotorahardjo, Walker, and Melendez.

In a turn of events taking place on Wednesday afternoon during the General Council session, the body voted to reinstate the Department of Evangelism (see article this issue). Elected to serve as assistant director of evangelism was Robert Scott Sheppard, necessitating his stepping down from the Council of Eighteen. The body voted to call into play the procedure for filling a vacancy outside of the General Assembly, which was to elevate the minister with the next highest number of votes at the time of election. Qualifying for the final spot on the Council was Toby Morgan, state overseer of Virginia. ◆



**Gary Sean Mullings:** It blessed me greatly today to see the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop Sheard, standing at a Church of God podium address us at our 79th International General Assembly #COGGA24 #Cogfamily #COGIC

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### **Donnie Swaggart**

I want to thank Bishop Tim Hill for inviting me to be his guest at the Church of God General Assembly 2024. We have tremendous respect for his dedication to the work of God and to the Church of God. We are believing the Lord to continue to bless his Ministry as he transitions from General Overseer into the next step the Lord has for him. #COGGA24





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# CHURCH OF GOD 79TH INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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# Ministry of Evangelism . . .

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With the motion passed, the General Council nominated Dr. Sean S. O'Neal to serve as Director of Evangelism and Pastor Robert Scott Sheppard to serve as Assistant Director of Evangelism. Both nominees must be confirmed by the body of the 79th International General Assembly on Friday.

The body also voted to restore the office of the State/Regional Evangelism Director, and changed the name of the related state board to State/Regional Evangelism Board.

The elected positions of Director and Assistant were eliminated in 2010 at that summer's International General Assembly. Wednesday's vote would amend the bylaws of the Minutes to allow for the ministry to fall back under the leadership of its elected leaders.

For Dr. O'Neal, it marks the next step in a journey defined by personal witness, urban evangelism and church planting. After his nomination, Dr. O'Neal thought back to when he planted his first church with his young wife Shyrel and young son Sean Michael in the middle of Chicago almost 30 years ago.

Without knowing ten words of Spanish, the O'Neals planted a Spanish church. The first service included his family of three, a friend who translated and led worship, and a single Catholic couple who responded to his neighborhood flyers and attended his first 3:00 p.m. service.

"My whole life has been committed to communicating the Gospel..."

—Sean O'Neal

"Within a year we had over 30 brandnew baby converts and that church is still there today," Dr. O'Neal said. "My whole life has been committed to communicating the Gospel. I believe this is a very dynamic time, a critical moment. We must march forward and preach the Gospel in every street, in the market place, from the school house to the White House. We must do all we can do to empty hell and fill heaven before Jesus comes."

Dr. O'Neal has served as Administrative Bishop of the California/Nevada Church of God since 2018, and served in the same role in Arizona before that. He played a critical role in the development of the Church of God's Church Planting Network, and has a long history as an urban and global missionary and pastor.

"This church has been an incredible blessing to my life, and in the life of my family," Dr. O'Neal said. "I was born again in a revival at the Buffalo Avenue Church of God in Tampa and filled with the holy ghost at a Florida youth camp."

"I commit to do everything I can with every ounce of energy I've got to serve you and to build healthy, strong systems, to plant churches and revitalize churches, and win people to Jesus."

It was growing up in Tampa where Dr. O'Neal became friends with another young teenager who would be nominated to be his Assistant Director in Pastor Scott Sheppard.

Sheppard has pastored the Cornerstone Church in Athens, Ga., with his congregation being recognized as one of the country's 100 fastest-growing churches by *Outreach* magazine. He was re-elected to the Council of 18 on Tuesday, but vacated his seat once nominated to the Assistant Director's position.

"I am the son of the church, born in the Church of God, raised in the Church of God, educated in the Church of God, and I love this church dearly," Sheppard said. "I believe in evangelism, I believe in the local church, and I believe the harvest is reaped in the local church." ◆







World Missions Service

# CELEBRATE THENSONS

Thursday Night at 7













### **SMCH Announces Assembly** Awards By Patty Higgenbottom

The Smoky Mountain Children's Home sponsored their general assembly awards brunch at the JW Marriott on Monday, July 8 to kick off their GA24 activities.

Co-Executive Director Tammie Mauldin recognized the support of Paula Hill, First Lady of the Church of God, along with the International Women's Council members: Peggy Culpepper, Kaci Stewart and Fernanda Ramirez. Lori Lewis was present to represent the council.

Executive Director Dr. Walt Mauldin introduced Executive Committee members Dr. Raymond Culpepper and Dr. Tony Stewart. The Mauldins introduced the Care Board, Dr. Gerald McGinnis (chair), as well as the current Division of Care leadership.

The Mauldins presented praise reports which included over \$970,000 being raised for the Cottage Renovation Project, \$88,000 raised to install 22 lantern-style lights throughout the campus, renovation of the Moffett Dining Hall, and the completion of three renovations projects for the DelMarVa-DC, Ohio, and Kentucky cottages.

The 2022-2024 General Assembly Award recipients were as follows: The B-E State Category, second place-Rocky Mountain Region, Charissa Smith; first place-Minnesota, Linda Scott. The A State Category, second place-New Mexico, Diann Binion; first place-Arizona, Abigail Hughes. The AA State Category, second place-Missouri, Marcia Stigile; first place-Arkansas, Joy Claypoole. The AAA State Category, second place-Indiana, Kimberly Clardy; first place-Mississippi, Jean Perkins. The Four Star State Category, second place-Kentucky, Kathy Cooper; first place-South Georgia, Lorna Gosnell. The Five and Six Star State Category, second place-Alabama, Ora Hart; first place-Tennessee, Shelly Dority.

The overall state that raised the most money for the Smoky Mountain Children's Home during this General Assembly term was Tennessee, Shelly Dority. Tennessee set an all-time record of \$1,217,254.32!

Eleven state cottage sponsors were recognized: Texas, Dr. Charles & Alice Fischer; Ohio, Ron & Roshelle Martin; Tennessee, Dr. Wayne & Shelly Dority; Missouri, Michael & Marcia Stigile; Illinois, David & Sonja Kemp; Alabama, Terry & Ora Hart; South Georgia, Dr. David & Lorna Gosnell; DelMarVa-DC, Stan & Teresa Holder; Indiana, Barry & Kimberly Clardy; Virginia, Toby & Diane Morgan; and Kentucky, Dr. Tony & Kathy Cooper.

Recognition was given to the four denominational children's homes: Heart of Florida Youth Ranch, Director Dr. John Sweet; North Carolina Home for Children, Director Ken Hudson; South Carolina Home for Children, Director Tim Kerns; West Virginia New River Ranch, Director Dr. Carla Phillips.

The Mother's Day Offering Award resulted in a tie for second place going to the Celina-Redemption Church of God, Celina, TX, Pastor Buddy Cole and the Summer City Church of God, Dayton, TN Pastor Fred Marler. First place went to Price Chapel Church of God, Pastor Tony Franks, Lavonia, GA (for the third general assembly term).

A Christmas Offering Award was presented to second place winner Mount Juliet Church of God, Pastor Brian Varnell, Mt. Juliet, TN. The firstplace winner (for the fourth General Assembly in a row) was presented to the Ministry Center, Pastor Drew Eastes, Lebanon, TN.

A Cottage Renovation Offering Award went to second place winner Hayden Church of God, Pastor Denny Armstrong, Hayden, AL, while the first place was awarded to The Word @ Lakeside Church of God, Pastor Brandon Bohannon, Lakeside, TX. This church has raised over \$40,000 for

In conclusion, Dr. Gerald McGinnis prayed for the SMCH leadership, all of the children's home supporters and prayer partners.

We hope you will join the Smoky Mountain Children's Home this week at the Exhibit Hall, Booth 113. ◆





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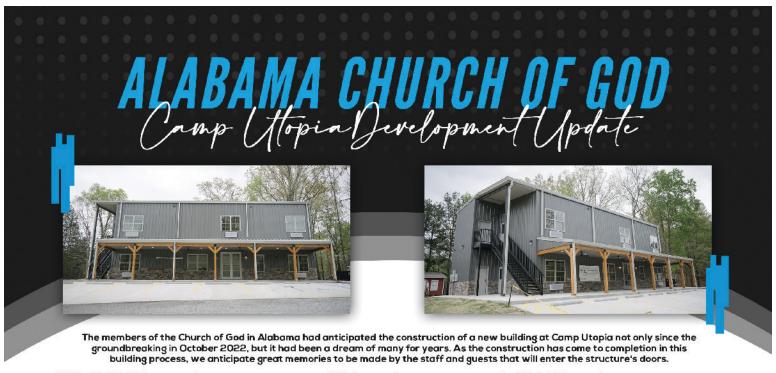
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A dedication ceremony took place on May 4, 2024 to allow the people of Alabama to see the final touches as we looked forward to an amazing camp season. This also included a dinner to honor the sponsors of the building. This is not the end of the vision for Camp Utopia, but it is only the beginning.

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### Women's Ministries Celebrates Nearly \$2.5M Raised for Projects

By McKayla Jacob



n Wednesday, July 10, the Church of God ladies gathered in the Sagamore Ballroom in the Indiana Convention Center for the International Women's Ministries Service.

Jonathan Sawyer led the room in a powerful song, followed by a warm welcome by First Lady Paula Hill. She expressed her love and appreciation for all the ladies in the room and the women in the Church of God. WWAM (Women with a Mission) awards were presented, followed by a special presentation to Sis. Hill from the Executive Women's Advisory Board. Peggy Culpepper, Lori Lewis, Kaci Stewart, and Fernanda Ramirez presented her with a gift. They honored her for her years of

faithful dedication and unwavering service to the women of the Church of God.

Virginia Beaty, Cuba Culpepper Henderson, Jo-Ann Carlton Blair, ShirleyAnn Scott, and Suhalia Khoury were the five new inductees added to the Hall of Honor for their remarkable contributions to Women's Ministries around the world.

A financial report was given, acknowledging the incredible monetary support received. Between 2016 through 2024, funds raised for WWAM Projects "Hope Released" – Cota Colombia, "House of Cherith" – Atlanta Georgia, and "Ukraine, The Journey Home" amounted to an impressive \$2,494,765.82. Specifically for *Ukraine*, *A Journey Home*,

a substantial \$774,830.06 was raised. The Women's Advisory Board is deeply grateful for the unwavering support, generosity, and dedication of the women of the Church of God to bettering the lives of families in need.

Shelly Dority, Sandra Kay Williams, and Charla Madden were welcomed on as the new Women's Ministries Executive Council members. An offering was taken up to go towards the Ada Pagan Scholarship Fund to aid students who desire to further their education. Sis. Lori Lewis paid honor to the life of Sis. Ada and her husband, Dr. Victor Pagan, who both dedicated their lives to the work of the Lord, inspiring us all with their unwavering commitment. Sister Ada departed for her Heavenly home on Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

Musical selections were performed by Jonathan Sawyer, Angela Primm, Geron Davis & Kindred Souls, and Kelly Crabb and the Bowling Sisters. As keynote speaker Kelly Crabb Jeffrey spoke a powerful word to the ladies of the room, she powerfully proclaimed, "No pain is wasted in the hands of the Lord." As the message resonated with many women in the room, they came together, flooding the altars with the new Women's Advisory Council, to seek the Lord and His healing power. This unity and support shown by the women is a testament to the strength of the Church of God tribe. Hearts are full and blessed by the fellowship, music, and word today. •





### Ministry Center Dedicated in New York

**September 28, 2023—Brooklyn, NY**—Ebenezer Urban Ministry Center (EUMC) is now open after 12 years in the making. It was dedicated on September 16, 2023, with church and community leaders on hand to cut the ribbon.



In 2011 EUMC, formerly the Church of God of East Flatbush under the leadership of Bishop R.C. Hugh Nelson, took a leap of faith and purchased the two city blocks of Ebenezer Plaza for \$8.1 million dollars. After rezoning the property, its value rose to \$12.5 million.

Ebenezer Plaza is a three-phased, \$364 million project, which is slated to develop 523 affordable housing units while creating a 43,000 square foot ministry space where families could receive spiritual and social services, a new home for the Church as well as close to 25,000 square feet of commercial retail space.

### Milestone 90,000th Credential Presented

October 16, 2023—Cleveland, TN—An historic moment took place last week as Ashlyn Taylor Sanford became the 90,000th minister to receive credentials in the Church of God.

Sanford was welcomed by all five members of the Executive Committee on October 10, 2023 during a special ceremony taking place in the General Overseer's office at the International Offices. She and her husband, Cody, serve in ministry at the New Life Church of God in Harriman, Tennessee, where her father, Jeffrey Blackburn, is senior pastor. Blackburn also serves as district overseer and had the privilege of officially signing his daughter's historic exhorter certificate during the ceremony, along with Tennessee State Overseer T. Wayne Dority.

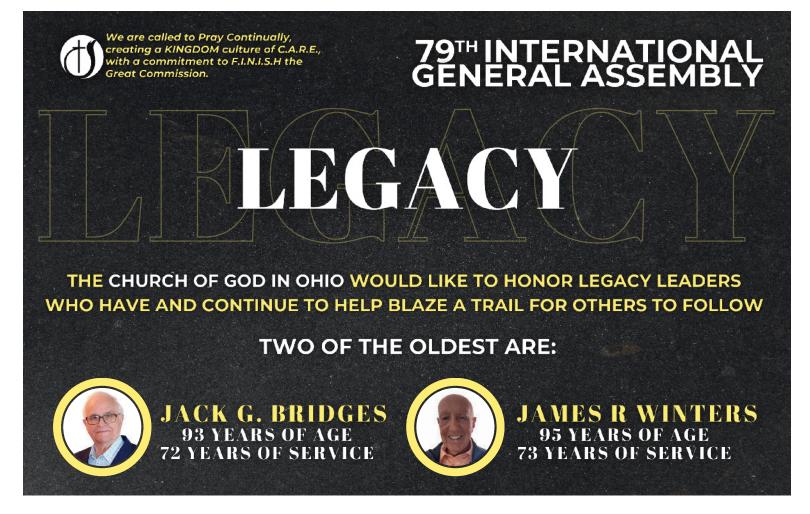
"I am so honored by the covering and blessing of the Church of God," Ashlyn said in response to the presentation. "I am so looking forward to what God has in store for my ministry and the Church of God." ◆

# World Missions Inaugural Emerging Leaders Conference

March 6, 2024—Cleveland, TN—In a move that marks a new chapter for global evangelism, World Missions held its first-ever Emerging Leaders Conference, casting vision for the global harvest and giving a platform for young adults and students from across the nation to voice their heart for the global missions field.

The conference brought a diverse group of young leaders from more than 24 states and regions to the World Evangelization Center at the International Offices. Coordinators aimed to inspire and equip the next generation of Christian leaders with the necessary tools, knowledge, and spiritual guidance to become effective agents of change in the global harvest.

The event featured a series of workshops, keynote speakers, and breakout sessions designed to provoke thought and action among the attendees. Topics ranged from cross-cultural communication and sustainable development to spiritual resilience and innovative evangelism strategies. •





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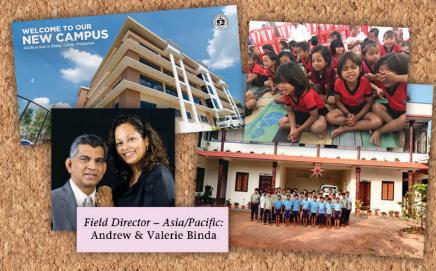








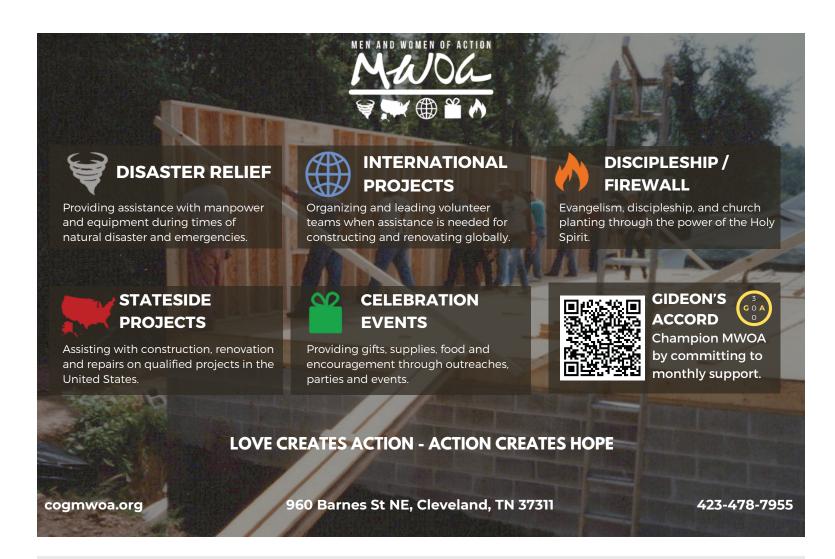


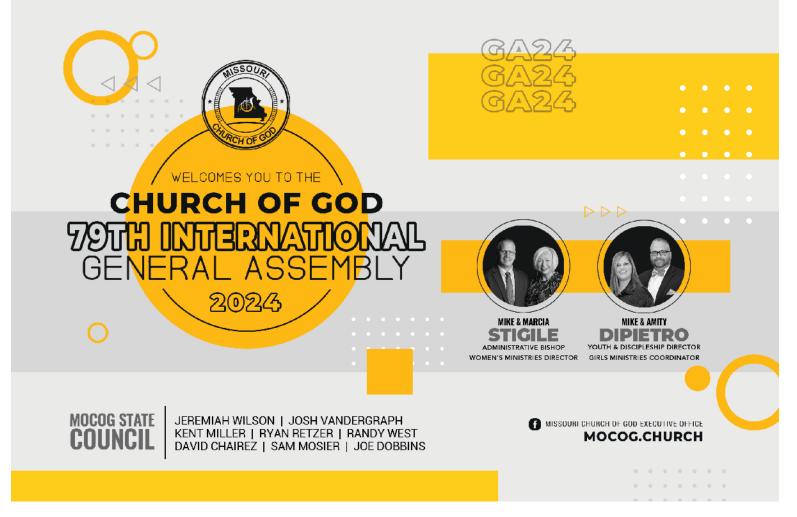














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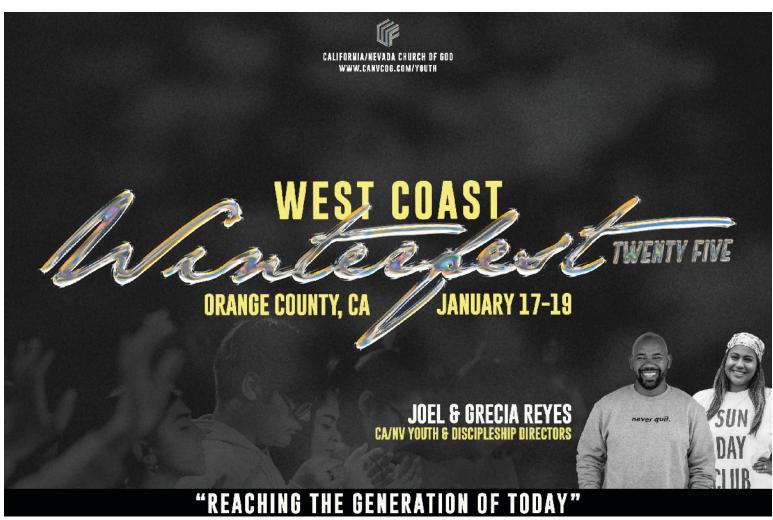


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### Ramírez como Director Asistente de Misiones Mundiales Por David White

n un acontecimiento que fue a la vez inesperado e histórico, el Dr. David E. Ramírez fue nominado para servir como director asistente de Misiones Mundiales durante la sesión del Concilio General del martes. El Dr. Ramírez estaba concluyendo su mandato de ocho años como tercer asistente al supervisor general, el tiempo más largo que un líder ha ocupado esa posición en la historia de la Iglesia de Dios.

La votación se produjo cuando el actual director asistente, el Dr. John D. Childers, demitió a su cargo para aceptar una asignación del recién nombrado supervisor general Gary Lewis como director ejecutivo de Comunicaciones Globales de la Iglesia de Dios.

La decisión del Dr. Childers, anunciada al Consejo General como una declaración privilegiada, abrió la posición de director asistente para una votación y permitió a Ramírez hacer historia como el primer latinoamericano en ser elegido para el cargo de Misiones Mundiales desde el Dr. Víctor Pagán.



"Gloria a Dios", dijo el Dr. Ramírez, agradeciendo a Dios en su lengua nativa, el español, cuando subió al podio por primera vez. "Esta maravillosa iglesia a la que pertenecemos me ha dado todas las oportunidades en mi vida para hacer cualquier tipo de ministerio que sintiera que Dios me estaba llamando a hacer", dijo Ramírez. "Me siento tan humilde porque no hay limitación, no importa de dónde sea o qué idioma hable, a las puertas que Dios pueda abrirle".

Ramírez aporta una gran experiencia en el ministerio global al Departamento

de Misiones Mundiales, que está dirigido por el director M. Thomas Propes. El Dr. Ramírez nació en Chile, ha sido fundador y presidente de seminarios en Argentina y Ecuador, director de campo para Suramérica y director para Latinoamérica de Misiones Mundiales de la Iglesia de Dios.

Fue el primer latino elegido para el Comité Ejecutivo Internacional, asumiendo el cargo en 2016.

El Dr. Childers fue elegido director asistente de Misiones Mundiales en 2022. Entre 2016 y 2022 fue secretario general del Comité Ejecutivo Internacional.

"Nuestro recién nombrado supervisor general me ha pedido que sirva a la Iglesia en una nueva capacidad", el Dr. Childers dijo al Consejo General con relación al Dr. Lewis, "he escuchado su visión y sus esperanzas para el futuro de esta gran iglesia que ahora tiene miembros en más de 192 países de todo el mundo".

"He tenido el honor de servir con el Dr. Propes y sé quién sea elegido continuará el gran trabajo en todo el mundo de las Misiones Mundiales de la Iglesia de Dios", concluyó Childers. "Gracias por la oportunidad de continuar sirviendo a esta gran iglesia". ◆

### Juventud Y Discipulado Tienen Nuevos Líderes Por Justin Holbrook



urante la 79ª Asamblea General Internacional, celebrada el martes, se nombró un nuevo equipo de Juventud y Discipulado. El obispo Brian Yaun fue elegido de la función de asistente a la de director de Juventud y Discipulado. El obispo Yaun se desempeñó como asistente director durante los últimos cuatro años. El obispo Max Reyes fue elegido director asistente de Juventud y Discipulado.

El obispo Yaun y su esposa Cathy, esperan seguir construyendo sobre los cimientos establecidos por el director saliente, el obispo Rob y Christal Bailey.

"En esencia, la Juventud y Discipulado de la Iglesia de Dios existe para garantizar que los estudiantes conozcan su fe, estén equipados para crecer en su fe y vivan para mostrar su fe. Debemos hacer discípulos".—dijo Yaun—. "Para estar cerca de la Gran Comisión, debemos "Invertir lo mejor".

Se unirán al obispo Yaun, el director asistente de Juventud, el obispo Reyes y su esposa, Rebeca. Los Reyes no son ajenos al Departamento de Juventud, ya que se han desempeñado como directores de Jóvenes en Ohio y Michigan.

"Es uno de los mayores honores, es difícil incluso imaginarlo", dijo Reyes. "Poder servir en un puesto y un departamento que me ha bendecido tanto, es increíble. También es un honor poder servir con el obispo Brian y Cathy Yaun. ◆

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Ministerios Educacionales Hispanos (USAMEH), liderizado por el Dr. Héctor De Ycaza, celebró su almuerzo el pasado lunes, 8 de julio, en el restaurante Fogo de Chao en Indianápolis, con el propósito de reconocer y agradecer a los obispos administradores, quienes conforman la junta, y a los directores de educación regionales.

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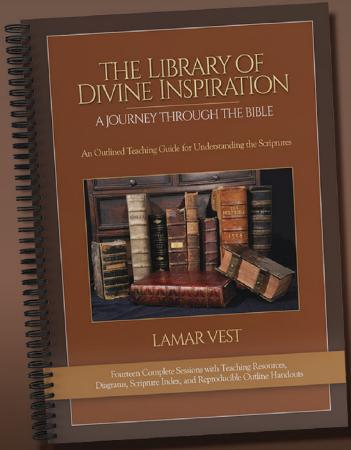
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