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PREFATORY NOTES

It was all new. For only the second time in the rich history of the General Assembly was it held outside of Tennessee—the first being in 1906. The format of morning business, afternoon workshops, and evening camp meetings gave greater access to ministering. But even with all the physical changes that were evident in the 87th Assembly the unchanging God moved mightily among His people.

His Spirit interceded in the morning prayer time; taught in the Bible studies; enlightened in business; inspired in workshops and blessed in the messages. And who could forget the spontaneous, Spirit-led offering for the work in Russia. Truly, God met with His people!

I wish to express much thanks to all those who worked many hours in preparation for this Assembly. We were told by professionals that an event of this magnitude could not be arranged in less than a year's time, but what is impossible with man is possible with God. We are thankful that He brought it all together for His glory.

Because of the vastness of the auditorium and the number of volunteers that were secured in Louisville, it would be impossible to recognize each one individually, but be assured that the work done by all was sincerely appreciated. Additionally, the courtesy and love displayed in the new location was especially appreciated.

It is my prayer that the inspiration to *Reach Forth*, launched in this Assembly, will continue to move around the world until we gather again, the Lord willing, July 12-18, 1994, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Billy Murray
General Overseer

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Food Service
Shuttle Service

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Stage, Microphones
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Care
Furnishings/Set-up
Signage
Equipment Storage

Division 7
Jose Reyes

Space Assignment
Stage Set-up
Reserved Seating

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Evening

6:30 The Bahama Brass Band marched from the outdoor plaza into the auditorium and gave a musical prelude to the opening of the General Assembly. A praise of handkerchief waving was offered during the last number, *When We All Get To Heaven*.

7:05 Led by the General Overseer, the congregation prayed inviting the Holy Ghost to direct all of the Assembly. Additional prayer for those still traveling to the General Assembly was voiced.

7:13 The General Overseer began the Assembly with the reading of Philippians 3:7-13, emphasizing verse 13, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." With this scripture and the sound of the gavel, the Assembly officially opened.

Announcement of Committees:

QUESTIONS AND SUBJECTS COMMITTEE: Jose Jimenez, Jr. (Chairman), John Pace (Secretary), Charles Winchester, Clive Jared, Richard Davis, Larry Wilson, Jesus Yanez

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE: L. V. Jones, Jr. (Chairman), David Green, Donald R. Newlun, Sam Carrasco, Henry O'Neal, Michael Farien, William Cunningham

COUNSELING COMMITTEE: James Adkins, Terry Blair, J. E. Elliott, Bobby R. Snow, James Stone, Jr., Robert Murkerson, Floyd Collins

Brice Thompson, overseer of Bahamas, prayed for the committeemen; followed by the congregation extending their hands in prayer for the brethren.

Brother Murray introduced the Assembly Task Force and each member gave information concerning his specific responsibilities.

Perry Gillum, chairman, shared from the Bible, Hebrews 4:12, Acts 17:28, Psalm 122:1 and greeted the delegates with Psalm 95:6, "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." He reiterated that we [the committee] are here to serve the General Assembly.

Joe Bathe gave information concerning ushers, security, health/emergency, handicap services, and workshop monitors.

Ray Payne gave information concerning hotels/motels, parking, food service, shuttle service.

Adrian Varlack shared information concerning registration, translation, and the message center.

Hugh Edwards provided information concerning audio/visual matters.

E. L. Jones spoke concerning nursery/child-care, furnishings/stage set-up, and reserved seating.

Henry O'Neal, Assembly Move Coordinator, shared information concerning the Assembly move to Kentucky.

8:15 Ray Payne, overseer of Kentucky, welcomed the delegates.

8:23 Praise and Worship led by Duke and Shirlene Stone and Tim Coalter. The congregation sang *I Sing Because I Am Happy, He Watches Me, Cast All Your Cares Upon Him, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, and I Know Whom I Have Believed*.

8:40 L. V. Jones Jr. directed the congregation to worship as an expense offering was received. Brother Murray prayed the Lord's blessing on the offering. Musicians played *Let There Be Praise* under the direction of Ron Scotton.

8:45 **Jesus Took Charge—Testimonies.** All those who during the past year had Jesus to take charge of a situation beyond their control stood to their feet as a testimony.

Songs by the Jackson Family, *He's Doing Great Things for Me*, and *I Love to Call My Jesus' Name*.

9:10 **Reaching Forth—To Know Jesus**—Message by Bruce Scotton.

(This message printed in the October 24, 1992 issue of the *White Wing Messenger* is available from the White Wing Publishing House and on video tape from the Voice of Salvation.)

Everybody ought to know who Jesus is. The Bible records: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

Peter continued this premise, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Paul said, "That I might know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." In essence, he was saying, "I want to die with Him that I might be resurrected with Him." You can't be resurrected until you die. And since there is no other name by which diseased bodies can be saved or healed we must stick with the name of Jesus.

The name Jesus glorifies the divine character of God. It magnifies the divine lordship of God. It verifies the divine Word of God. It is the first and last; it is as close to creation as it is to judgment. It is the declining point between time and eternity.

It is a high name. ". . . and given unto him is a name which is above every name" (Philippians 2:9). It is a wonderful name. Isaiah said, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

9:45 Altar invitation with Brother Scotton asking all pastors and bishops to lead the way in seeking to know Jesus better.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Morning

7:30 Unstructured prayer time.

8:30 Bible Study by Melvin Hyatt (Ephesians 1:1-23).

9:30 Praise and worship directed by John and Cathy Payne (California).
Songs: *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise, Oh Magnify the Lord, How Great Thou Art, Thank You Lord For Saving My Soul, I Am Thine Oh Lord.* The devotion closed with congregational prayer.

9:50 Brother Murray shared some of his travels during the Church year and thanked God for His presence and blessings on these trips. It was his special privilege to be invited to preach in Jerusalem. He was the first General Overseer since James to have preached there. He thanked the Assembly for their support during the year.

M. A. Tomlinson, General Overseer Emeritus, greeted the Assembly from an audio cassette:

“Greetings to all of the delegates to the 87th Annual General Assembly in Louisville!

“I have greeted you many times in the General Assemblies in Cleveland and Chattanooga, Tennessee, and I want you to know I am still serving the same Lord I served for forty-six years as your General Overseer.

“As General Overseer Emeritus, I want you to feel as welcome in the Louisville Assembly as you have felt in all past Assemblies. I want to encourage you to work together to make this Assembly as **successful** as our past Assemblies. It takes everyone working together to get the work done.

“We want to pray much for our Church leadership. They have responsible positions and need the help of the Lord. They also need our support.

“We thank the Lord for each faithful worker through the years. Many have worked when they didn’t feel able, to help plant the Church of God in many nations of the world.

“We rejoice with you over the many good reports that will be made in this Kentucky Assembly.

“I want to commend all overseers of states and other nations that have served this year, all of the headquarters staff and faithful pastors. We want to see each local church grow and progress in every community because they are winning the lost for the Lord.

“The time is getting short! We want to be ready when Jesus comes or calls. My desire is to be ready when it is my time to go. If it’s sooner or later, I want to be in the rapture!

“It was my pleasure to serve the Church and give the best part of my life for the sake of the gospel and to advance the work of the last days’ Church. I’m very sorry I’m not able to be with you in this Assembly. This is the first Assembly I’ve missed since 1917!

“I want to take this opportunity to thank each one who cooperated with me for so many years. We need to continue this spirit of cooperation.

“I also want to thank those of you who have been sending cards, letters and flowers. I haven’t been able to acknowledge them, but Ina Mae and I pray for you every day.

“Everyone has been so kind and I thank everyone for the love you’ve shown through the years. We need to show the same love for our leaders in charge now. Let’s all get right into the work and help promote the gospel of Jesus Christ in every nation, state and community.

“You’ve been so good. I wish I could be with you in this 87th General Assembly. But if I don’t see you again in this life, meet me in heaven!

“God bless you in your local churches—LET’S DO GREAT THINGS FOR GOD!”

The congregation stood and thanked Brother Tomlinson for taking time to greet the Assembly. His invitation to meet him in heaven was accepted, and love and appreciation was shown in applause.

The General Overseer asked his family to come to the platform for an introduction. Sister Murray prayed for the message.

10:10 General Overseer’s Assembly presentation.

The Battle Is the Lord’s

“Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand . . . that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord’s” (1 Samuel 17:45-47).

All of us, including our children, know the outcome of this battle. With his sling, David released a stone, but it was God who directed the stone to its mark and caused it to sink deep into the forehead of this Philistine giant. David’s assertion was correct for that particular day which is imprinted in Israel’s history, and it is also correct for the Church of God in 1992, as we stand upon the battlefield where a far more important battle is being decided, that assertion being, “for the battle is the Lord’s.”

Our enemy is Satan. He is not a mythological character. He is real, and he opposes everything that is good, pure and wholesome—everything that is decent, everything that is of God. Except for this Deceiver, we would not know sin, trouble, sorrow or grief. We would all be at peace with God and with one another. There would be no divisions and no strife. We can be comforted by the fact that one day he will be banished forever into the darkness of eternity.

At the present moment, he is alive on this earth to enslave and to destroy

all God's creatures, as much as it is in his power to do so. Our victories over this vile enemy are assured not by any human strategies, but by the victory that was won over him by Jesus Christ when He triumphed over him through His death and resurrection. Jesus descended from heaven into Satan's domain and on his own territory won the victory over him for every one of us.

What Satan must have thought was a sure victory over the Son of God, as he beheld Him being nailed to the cross, was God's means of providing for every man the way of release from this Deceiver's power. Then when within three days Jesus arose from Joseph's tomb, our victory over the devil was guaranteed. Jesus assures to everyone who trusts Him complete deliverance, glorious liberty forevermore from all the power of this enemy.

What a perfect victory, indeed, that Jesus won for us. There is no victory over Satan's power for anyone apart from Jesus Christ. We literally enter into this victory by entering into Christ's death and resurrection. It was Paul who wrote, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20). Paul realized he had virtually entered into Christ's death at Calvary, but he also knew that he was alive from the dead because Christ arose. It is this life in Jesus that brings such great rejoicing for a child of God.

It is this vital relationship with Jesus that Satan is continually attempting to sever. He seeks to pull us away from true life in the Spirit by offering substitutes. His kingdoms are not threatened by forms of godliness which are void of power and life. This spiritual warfare will not be waged successfully by employing fleshly weapons or techniques. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal (fleshly).

Yet, on this great battlefield, the constant struggle is between the flesh and the Spirit. The only means of doing battle with which some seem comfortable is through the strength of the flesh. They plot, they scheme, they strategize—all the while working against what the Spirit is wanting to do. "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other" (Galatians 5:17).

The Church is engaged in a war of liberation. Millions are still being held captive and we have been sent to rescue them. We sometimes view this world as a harvest field, but the harvest field is in reality a battlefield. This is a battle that will not be won by fleshly ingenuity. The battle is the Lord's.

Satan's strategy is to divert our attention from the purpose of this war, which is to liberate millions of captives; he would distract us by causing us to focus upon ourselves. He would have us fighting among ourselves, "biting and devouring one another" while millions remain enslaved with no hope. May God help us to recognize our enemies! May we be able to recognize his tactics of diversion, diverting our attention from what is primary, which is rescuing souls from Satan's grasp by the power of the gospel.

This gospel which has been committed to us is described in the Bible as

the glorious gospel, the gospel of peace, the gospel of your salvation, the gospel of the grace of God. What a blessed gospel it is! It is a gospel to be delivered not in word only but in power. It was never intended to be a source of debating and strife—it is God’s good news for fallen man, that there is hope for him, that in Jesus he has a Savior. Each of us at one time received that good news. Each of us was begotten by the power of the gospel and each of us who maintains a growing relationship with Jesus will do so through the nurture of the gospel’s power.

Paul’s letter to the Galatians was written to correct an attempt by some false teachers to pervert this glorious gospel of grace. He wrote, “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ” (Galatians 1:6, 7).

The good news of all time is that Jesus came into the world to save sinners, to save us from ourselves, to save us from the lusts of the flesh and to one day present us blameless to His Father. Any other gospel is not **the** gospel.

Paul realized the enemy had been at work among the Galatians and he longed for their restoration to life in the Spirit. He was willing to “travail in birth again” for their reformation in Christ. Paul knew the folly of trusting in the flesh, of relying upon anything less than the amazing grace of God, and he stood firm for this gospel of grace. This apostle to the Gentiles felt so strongly about this that he wrote, “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that we have preached unto you, let him be accursed” (Galatians 1:8). Then, as if to bring emphasis to his statement he went on to say, “As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed” (v. 9).

This is the gospel the Church has been commissioned to carry, the gospel which offers freedom, life and power. This gospel is that of which Jesus spoke when He said, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” (Matthew 24:14).

It is for us now to question the effectiveness with which we are communicating this blessed gospel. I believe most of us would confess our disappointment with the degree of our effectiveness. It is proper that we seek to understand what the reason for this is. What made the ministry of Jesus so powerful? I believe this may be discovered by listening to Him in the synagogue at Nazareth after He had just returned from His wilderness temptation, where for forty days He had eaten nothing. There in that Jewish synagogue where lifeless religion prevailed, Jesus read, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because **he hath anointed me** to preach the gospel to the poor . . .” (Luke 4:18), and He declared, “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears” (v. 21). Was not this the key to Jesus’ effectiveness—His anointing?

At Cornelius' house, Peter preached, "How God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed by the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38). It was in Jerusalem at the pool of Bethesda, where He had just healed a man who had been sick for 38 years, that Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work . . . I can of mine own self do nothing" (John 5:17, 30). If Jesus could of Himself do nothing apart from divine anointing, how much more should we recognize our insufficiency apart from this supernatural power?

Attempts to minister without heavenly anointing are going on in far too many of our churches. If Jesus couldn't do it, neither can we. Only God knows the sermons that have been preached which received men's applause, sermons which appealed to their minds but which, being void of divine anointing, failed to effect any changes in these people's lives. Emotions can be stirred while hearts remain unaffected to any degree of changing the lives of listeners. Entertainment can stir emotions, some of which is done in the name of worship. There are singing groups who can bring an audience to their feet in thunderous applause, where no one can deny that emotions have been raised to a high pitch. At the same time, it may not mean any change in lives. We need anointed preaching and anointed singing, through which God's Spirit speaks to the human spirit in such a way that people will know they have been in the presence of God.

Jesus possessed such anointing and those He commissioned, about whom we read in the New Testament, had this empowering. When Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost, was it his eloquence or was it the divine empowering flowing through him that pricked the hearts of the multitude? The answer is obvious. What made Paul's ministry so effective? An explanation may be found in his letter to the Thessalonians: "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance" (1 Thessalonians 1:5).

If we should listen to Paul's explanation of the gospel's power through his ministry to the church at Corinth we would hear him say, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God . . . I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:1, 3-5). "For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power" (4:20).

Paul's confidence was not in his training at the feet of Gamaliel. He wrote, "I have no confidence in the flesh . . . if any man thinks he has reason to trust in the flesh, I have greater reason" (cf. Philippians 3:3, 4). He had a list of credentials of which he could have boasted, but he knew these were not to be depended upon. Paul knew the effectiveness of his ministry

depended upon one thing—divine anointing, to which he referred as “his working, which worketh in me mightily” (Colossians 1:29).

Paul did not get to spend time with Jesus while He walked on earth in Galilee, Judea or Samaria, but he had the privilege of being gloriously transported into His presence for a special time of communion with his Savior whom he had met earlier on the road to Damascus. We do not know everything Jesus shared with Paul while he was there with Him in the “third heaven.” If Paul had asked Jesus on this occasion what the key was to His ministry’s success while He walked on earth, Jesus might have said, “It was the anointing I received from my Father.”

Anointed ministries—that is the key! Anointed with Holy Ghost power! Anointed with Holy Ghost fire! The Church must have men and women who have heard from Heaven, men and women who have spent time with Jesus. Our experiences may not match exactly that of Paul’s when he was “caught up into the third heaven,” but somehow we will be provided the means of being with Jesus, of communicating with Him. Only then will our ministries have freshness and power.

Our local churches need to hear the prophet’s voice among them and not just that of the scribe. The prophet tells what he has seen and heard from Heaven; the scribe tells what he has read. Scribes most often become parrots of other men’s revelation and anointing. Their words are without power and effect. Not so with the prophet! The effect of the prophet’s message will be attested to in much the same way as was that of Jesus’ words by the two men on the road to Emmaus who said, “Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?” (Luke 24:32).

Our churches need to hear “burning words” from our pulpits. Sunday School classes need to hear “burning words” from their teachers. We need to hear “burning songs” from our choirs and from others who are truly anointed to sing. Nothing less will start the fire that is needed in our churches right now, and keep it burning.

Matthew wrote of Jesus, “For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (Matthew 7:29). There was such a contrast! Why? Jesus would say, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me . . .” The scribes were correct with their words; they could hand down faithfully what had been written, but they lacked anointing and power. They could not say, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.” The scribes were said by Jesus to have shut up the kingdom of heaven against men. “For ye neither go in yourselves,” He said, “neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in” (Matthew 23:13).

Within Christ’s kingdom there is freshness, there is joy—unlike the staleness offered by the scribes. It is sad that so many ministers, who were called by God to lead people into kingdom righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, have apathetically become little more than scribes who

themselves will not go on into kingdom power and blessings, and who literally block the way for those who would go forward.

In a meeting I attended recently with nine other leaders of the largest Pentecostal groups in the United States, I listened to one of these brothers describe the condition of his group. He said, "If I could compare our local churches with patients in a hospital, most of them right now would be in intensive care. And while they lie there dying, our leadership is walking around like men with their white coats on, talking about how they might redecorate the rooms." I could not help but make some comparison to many of our local churches.

This must change! And it will change! I believe God is raising up a generation who will not settle for anything less than a heavenly anointing! There is a price to be paid, but they are willing to pay it. For Jesus, it included forty days of fasting during His wilderness temptation. For Paul, it was the Arabian desert. For all of us, it is crucifixion of the flesh.

Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Sometimes people refer to some particular burden they must bear as their cross, but these people to whom Jesus was speaking knew full well what taking up a cross meant. The Romans had introduced it as an instrument of death. And that is precisely what it meant for those Christians. To take up the cross meant to take it up and go with Him to Calvary, and to there be crucified with Him.

Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20). The flesh must die, and crucifixion with Christ is the only way. "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would" (Galatians 5:17). "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God" (Romans 8:8).

The power of Christ's crucifixion must precede the power of His resurrection. To experience resurrection power, we first must be crucified with Him. I am convinced that too much of the flesh is still alive among us. This must die! Only then can we go forth to minister in the power of His resurrection. Only those who are crucified with Him can experience this power. Only these can say, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me."

Only by divine power will this great battle be won. The battle is the Lord's, and He is not a loser. He will have a people who are crucified with Him and who are walking in the power of His resurrection, assaulting the strongholds of Satan. Holy Ghost power, Holy Ghost fire, Holy Ghost anointing—this is the key to victory!

Reaching Forth

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of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14).

There was no greater apostle than Paul. He had had experiences none of the others had known. His conversion experience was powerful. Being caught up into the third heaven to hear words unlawful to utter was something experienced uniquely by this apostle to the Gentiles. We are thrilled by the account of his deliverance from a Philippian jail, of the story of his shipwreck and of his shaking a venomous serpent into the fire, suffering no harm from his poisonous bite. Our imaginations soar as to what it was like when an angel stood beside him on a ship, assuring him that he would arrive safely at Rome with all those who were travelling with him. We read the account of his plans being changed when the Spirit forbade his going to Bithynia and a man appeared in a vision praying him to come to Macedonia. All of us have longed at times for such direct guidance by God.

Now this man, writing from prison in Rome, with such a remarkable history of powerful ministry, who might have rested in the reminiscences of a full and eventful life, had no disposition for spending his time in such reflections. We see him rather saying, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Paul was not content with the present measures of God's grace. He was not content to dwell in a familiar spiritual place; he felt in his spirit that there was more for him to know, more for him to experience.

The term "reaching forth" indicates a "stretching forward." It is expressive of a vehement desire. His spirit was akin to David's as he wrote, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:1, 2).

To rest on any plateau of spiritual attainment is to insure the setting in of Laodicean lukewarmness, a state which God despises. It is His desire to reveal Himself to His creatures, and the provision for this revelation has been so wondrously wrought in Jesus. And now the Holy Ghost is active in giving illumination to this glorious revelation to all who will respond to Him as He visits them.

Paul knew and appreciated the ministry of the Holy Ghost. He knew what it was to pray with the spirit, and to pray with the understanding also. He knew from experience the Spirit's praying for him with groanings that could not be uttered (cf. Romans 8:26). In short, Paul knew the meaning of life in the Spirit. It was this vibrant relationship with the Holy Ghost that caused him to be continually reaching forth for a yet fuller knowledge of his Lord. He was totally captivated by God's revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ, and his vehement desire to know this incomprehensible God forbade his resting at any plateau of spiritual growth. He rather was always "reaching forth."

For Paul, this was a personal matter. Notice his use of the personal pronoun, “**I**.” “**I** count all things but loss . . . that **I** may win Christ . . . That **I** may know him . . . **I** follow after . . . that **I** may apprehend that for which also **I** am apprehended . . . reaching forth unto those things which are before, **I** press toward the mark” (Philippians 3:8-14). He did not hide himself within a local church, somehow waiting for the church’s response to the Spirit to somehow pull him along with it.

His initial encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus was a very personal one which he recounted many times: “. . . suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about **me**. And **I** fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying unto **me**, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou **me**? And they that were with **me** saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to **me**. And **I** said, What shall **I** do, Lord? And the Lord said unto **me**, Arise, and go into Damascus” (Acts 22:6-10).

His call into the ministry was personal: “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord . . . for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry” (1 Timothy 1:12). His recounting of this experience to the Galatians was like this: “But when it pleased God, who separated **me** from my mother’s womb, and called **me** by his grace, To reveal his Son in **me**, that **I** might preach him among the heathen [Gentiles]; immediately **I** conferred not with flesh and blood: Neither went **I** up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but **I** went into Arabia . . .” (Galatians 1:15-17).

Yes, Paul’s conversion was very personal; his call to preach was very personal; and now, as he nears the end of his life in prison at Rome, his commitment of reaching forth, of pressing toward a mark that was yet higher, was a personal one. Even so it must be a personal matter with each of us. No one can do your spiritual growing for you.

Then he suddenly turns his attention toward the Church, as he writes, “Let **us** therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded . . . Nevertheless, whereto **we** have already attained, let **us** walk . . .” (Philippians 3:15-16). The local church at Philippi needed to catch that same spirit which Paul had personally, the spirit of *reaching forth*. This apostle was captivated by a heavenly vision of what was possible for him to apprehend, of what he, by God’s grace, could attain, and this local church needed to be “thus minded.”

Our local churches today need to be captivated by a vision, a vision as to just what God’s purposes for them are, and then to be *reaching forth* to become what God has designed that they be. The success of the universal Church depends upon the success of our local churches. It is of God’s design to place within the local church divinely gifted ministries to create the functioning Body of Christ in that church’s locality. Why should not all the gifts of the Spirit be manifested in each local church? This would include not only the manifestations listed in 1 Corinthians 12, but the grace gifts of Romans 12, as well as the gifted ministries of Ephesians 4. Each local church needs to be a microcosm of the whole Church, functioning to show

forth God's glory, bringing men and women, boys and girls to the only Saviour they can ever know.

Our local churches must come alive in the Spirit! They must be ministering bodies which offer help to hurting people, people whose lives have been devastated by Satan. If people cannot find help in our local churches, where will they find it? O for pastors with vision, teachers with vision, leaders with vision, members with vision! We must have a local church leadership which sees that which is now invisible, a leadership that is reaching forth to bring that vision to reality through strong local churches. We cannot be satisfied with things as they are.

Then these local churches are not to be totally autonomous, independent of one another. They are a part of the whole which we call the Body of Christ. This is the Church which Jesus began in Galilee and which John described in Revelation 19 as the Lamb's wife which had made herself ready for the marriage. This Assembly is representative of that larger Body of Christ of which each of our local churches is a part. Here in this Assembly there must prevail the spirit of *reaching forth*. We are firmly committed to being the Church of God of the Bible, that Church which we see functioning embryonically in the Gospels, then with great power in the Book of Acts, the Church whose doctrine is further set forth in the epistles.

Other groups may feel free to embrace only those things which would be acceptable or palatable to their constituency, but God's Church cannot do so. It must be faithful to Him. Christ is its Head and we must make certain that we submit to the exercise of His headship among us at all times. We must not limit ourselves to a certain list of prominent teachings, we must be reaching forth as a body to understand and observe every principle contained in this New Testament which comes to us through His blood.

Not only must we stand firm against the divorce and remarriage evil, we must know that to look on another person with lustful desire is to commit adultery in the heart. The principles of the New Testament are fully observable only by sanctified hearts. Let us know that Church doctrine is more than a list of what could be construed as creedal statements. Christ's Church must take the New Testament as its rule of faith [doctrine], and within this blessed gospel of grace, we must search to understand all its principles.

Not even Paul seemed able to spell out everything in detail. In his letter to the Galatians when he was enumerating the works of the flesh, after naming adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness and revellings, he concluded the list by saying "and such like" (Galatians 5:21). The "such like" will be recognizable by people who are sanctified.

Grace never seeks to justify any wrongdoing simply because a certain word to describe that wrongdoing may not be found in the Bible. Grace has

its strength in relationship with Jesus, and the principles which meet His approval are clearly set forth in the Scriptures. Let us not get caught up in creedal living. Some seem to feel they must give their support only to what may be included in a list of teachings or advice. This could cause a person to be lost.

Is not the commandment to love one another, for example, Church of God doctrine? I believe it is. A commandment of Jesus is a teaching of Jesus, and the teachings of Jesus are the doctrines of Jesus, and His doctrine and Church doctrine should be one and the same. There is no greater doctrine than to love God and to love one another. In John 13:34, Jesus said, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”

There are members of the Church who would not dare use tobacco, drink alcoholic beverages, join a lodge or swear in court, because these things are all included in a list of prohibitions. These same people have little reticence to join in a smear campaign of gossip or rumormongering against a brother or sister. Such actions must surely be deplorable to the God of all grace. These people obviously know little about the grace of God which teaches us to live godly in this present world.

Those people who are possessed by a spirit of reaching forth to know Jesus are not going to get caught up in critical attitudes where they will try to destroy a fellow-Christian’s credibility through rumormongering and gossip. That spirit belongs to the “accuser of the brethren” as John described Satan (cf. Revelation 12:10).

The people who are reaching forth to know Jesus—stretching forward with vehement desire—are the people who will one day arrive at the knowledge of the Son of God. They will have come into the unity of the faith, they will have become a glorious church, holy and without blemish.

A complacent, legalistic church will never qualify for the Rapture. It is the people who do know their God. This glorious knowledge is the product of a fervent spirit of *reaching forth* to what is yet ahead.

The congregation stood and reached forth to touch God in prayer.

Leadership Development

Inspired, spiritual leadership is in great demand for God’s Church in these challenging days. The Church is not likely to rise above its leadership—“able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness”—these are basic qualities that spiritual leaders must possess. Whatever other virtues may be developed or enhanced they must be in addition to these basics for those men and women who are to lead God’s people.

At this time we are in the process of restructuring our educational ministries with a view toward ministerial leadership development. Such development will include both spiritual and academic growth. As Jesus increased

in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and man, so must the Church's leadership. It is important that we be equipped to minister effectively to a society of diverse cultures and intellectual backgrounds. We are involved in the greatest work on earth, laboring together with the God of all creation who deserves the best we can become for His glory and honor.

He deserves better than what is now being offered Him in many places of leadership. Consecrated ignorance is not enough to offer our God if we are capable of improvement through learning, and most of us are. Leadership preparation requires time, marked by an earnest desire to please the One by whom you have been chosen. For Moses it required forty years of desert refining. For Paul, years of desert solitude with his Savior which enabled him to put his years of learning at the feet of Gamaliel in proper perspective. Being chosen by God for leadership does not automatically qualify a person to lead, but there is help for the man or woman who truly wants help.

The suspension of Tomlinson College classes and of Bible Training Institute was not to signal a lessening of the Church's emphasis upon the importance of teaching and learning. It is my hope that the financial crisis through which we have been passing at our General Headquarters will be the means not for a diminishing of but for a new emphasis upon leadership preparedness. For this to materialize will require the support of the entire Church. These times demand a more able ministry, and I feel that we must be willing to devote resources as may be required for an intensive approach toward upgrading our ministerial leadership all around the world.

In addition to our campus in Cleveland, it will be necessary to establish centers of learning on the field, in many nations. There will be some who are not ready to pursue a degree program and courses of study must be prepared and made available to them. For others a degree program will be the appropriate course to follow and we want to offer them an environment of academic excellence whereby they will be able to mark their academic progress. But I want to emphasize the importance of affecting more than the minds of those who will be studying. We must have learning centers where genuine spiritual fervor is nurtured.

I have repeated many times that on the campus in Cleveland I would like to see "prayer paths" going into the woods on the backside of the campus. We must develop a leadership who knows how to pray, who has a vibrant relationship with the Holy Ghost. We have no desire to glorify ignorance, but neither do we want to glorify academic knowledge that is void of spiritual life and power.

I envision a campus and centers of learning where evangelistic fervor is hot, blazing with Holy Ghost fire. A vision of the great Commission must be kept before the students at all times. A vision of the lost for whom Jesus died must live within them, creating a burden which they cannot dismiss. I see no reason why intellectual excellence cannot coexist with spiritual excellence. We can have refined intellects that are also sanctified intellects,

intellects which do not interfere with the Spirit's speaking through these vessels of clay.

I am calling upon our churches to get behind this endeavor of ministerial leadership development. We need you to stand behind it with your moral and financial support. It must have a degree of support which Tomlinson College never received. It will not be possible at the present time for those availing themselves of these educational opportunities to receive financial aid from government-funded programs. This means a greater financial involvement by the entire Church. National and state offices must rally with their support. I am calling upon the Ways and Means Committee to give this their attention.

Then, it will also be necessary for our churches to encourage their pastor's desire, plus that of other young ministers in their number, to take advantage of the opportunity to enrich their ministerial preparedness. This must be a concentrated endeavor. We are facing the greatest opportunities the Church has ever known. Our churches must become set on fire with evangelistic zeal, reaching the lost, ministering to people in their needs. It is time for a new thrust of getting this gospel to the world, starting in our communities. Our churches are needing leaders who can lead. If we all are willing to pay the price, I believe God is ready to help us.

Proper leadership development will require teachers who are prepared to teach, prepared not only intellectually, but who are full of the Holy Ghost. What they impart must not be mere theory, but a sharing of what is real and vital, what they themselves have experienced. Spiritual teaching is pouring one's life, a life that is under the Spirit's control, into another. In the truest sense we do not share Jesus with others; we share with them our relationship with Jesus, allowing Him to express Himself, His power, His love through us. Experiential knowledge is the kind that can be shared from the heart and not just from the head.

The new school of ministry must be a joint venture between the local church, national, regional or state headquarters and General Headquarters. We must see it as our school, belonging to all the churches. Otherwise, I see no chance for its success. But it must succeed! The need for qualified leadership is urgent, a leadership which can lead members in the exercise of their spiritual giftedness. Churches must be awakened to a vibrant, effective body ministry. They must understand what that means. It is time for total mobilization of all the resources Christ has placed in His Church. God has the power to communicate without our help, but He has chosen to speak to the world through His Church.

We must be more effective in reaching people. People are the only thing going up in the rapture—not beautiful buildings, not attractive landscaping, but people. Let's concentrate upon what is primary! Let's keep the main thing the main thing! O God, give us leaders who can lead! O God, help us to understand our responsibility in leadership development! We

must understand our limits in this matter. We dare not intrude into areas which God reserves for Himself in dealing with a man or woman's heart. At the same time, we want to foster a climate which encourages ministers to seek God and to listen to God, to cultivate a vital relationship with Him.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for all of those who have worked in Bible Training Institute and in Tomlinson College. Years of dedicated service by devoted men and women have gone into each of these departments, and many can testify along with me of the blessings received through their labors.

With the merging of these two departments into one new entity, we want to identify the weaknesses of each and seek to eliminate these. At the same time, we desire to identify the strengths of each and build upon these strengths.

When I announced the suspension of the operations of these two departments this past May, while effecting a merger of the two into one, some questioned the reason for including Bible Training Institute in this suspension. The idea seemed to exist that BTI was more or less financially self-sufficient. Perhaps this was because they saw in the Assembly Minutes the listing of a substantial reserve in Bible Training Institute funds. Actually, this fund reserve consists of monies that have been raised for conducting Bible Training Institute in countries outside the United States. This includes the convention offerings raised by our churches. These funds have been set aside to bring students together in these countries, principally what we term "third-world countries," providing food, lodging, books, etc., for those who otherwise could not have afforded this training.

These funds have not been used to finance the operation of the department such as staffing the offices, paying the travel expenses of the BTI Superintendent and Representatives, etc. These expenses are borne by the General Tithe Fund. For the past year, this amounted to some \$266,000.

So, when we became aware of the financial crisis back in May, we had to look at what was being required from our Tithe Fund to support both Tomlinson College and Bible Training Institute, and the decision was made to bring them together in one new school. It is our hope that this will be a more effective means of equipping ministerial leadership.

Financial limitations will forbid our staffing enough teachers in this department to have schools going on in every state and nation around the world. Yet, we believe this to be the necessary approach. Many will not be able to leave their homes for extended periods of time to live on a campus. So, we must establish centers of learning in a close enough proximity to their homes to where they can avail themselves of learning opportunities.

Inasmuch as our staff working out of Headquarters in this new school of ministry will be limited in number, we will have to rely upon overseers and other capable teachers in the states and nations to join us in a cooperative effort. It may be necessary for overseers to alter some of the routines they

have traditionally followed in their “calendar of events,” in order to give their time specifically to this ministerial leadership development. We must have leadership, spiritual leadership—able men such as fear God. Whatever is required for this, we must establish as a priority.

Initially, the principal emphasis will be on the field. We hope to have something to offer our ministers which they can see to be of immediate benefit to them. In some cases, it is going to be necessary to overcome the apprehensions that exist about their abilities to achieve in a study program. No one should have fears of learning. Each one of us is ignorant in varying degrees, and all of us need a greater personal knowledge of Jesus Christ and of the blessed Book which God has given to us.

As was the case with Bible Training Institute, the General Overseer will be president of this school of ministry. I do not propose to be a mere figurehead. It is my intention to be personally involved, to demonstrate how strongly I feel about the development of truly spiritual leadership.

I am inviting the state overseers, as well as other national overseers who are nearby to Cleveland in January where they will be staying in a dorm on campus for a week of intensive study and preparation for schools in their states and nations. We also have plans to take this to other areas of the world. We want all our overseers to catch the vision and to get under the burden of spiritual, ministerial leadership development.

We must accelerate our efforts to reach and impact this world with the greatest message they will ever hear.

Headquarters and the Local Churches

Within the past few months, we have been forced to review the role and function of our General Headquarters. Through the years we have advocated a strong central government with a view to maintaining unity of faith and purpose. The mandate for unity within Christ’s Church is clearly set forth in the Scriptures, and we do not want to do anything to prevent its realization. In fact, we want to do all we can through the power of God’s grace to expedite the true biblical unity of our churches and among all the family of God. At the same time, we must recognize and acknowledge that this is truly a work of the Spirit, a work which human strategies can never accomplish. Some of our plans and projections of the past, we are now able to see were evidently of our own thinking, rather than being the product of Holy Ghost direction—not all, but some. Misguided zeal without knowledge can take us away from the course that God’s will dictates.

Now we are having to determine where we have followed God and where human wisdom may have been accepted as being divine. Theocratic government is a “must” for God’s Church. Of that fact, there is no room for argument. That does not mean, however, that all direction must proceed from a General Headquarters. Theocracy literally means, “God-rule.” God can speak to sincere and searching hearts everywhere and exercise His rule in

their lives. We do know that He never contradicts Himself, because in His wisdom and knowledge He is absolutely perfect; so, there is the need for spiritual organization to resolve the differences between what actually proceeded from God and what was incorrectly presumed to have proceeded from God. The New Testament is very plain in its teaching of order and government for Christ's Church and of submitting one to another.

In our emphasis upon a strong central government, we may not have placed enough emphasis upon the development of strong local churches. We must acknowledge that this is the emphasis of the New Testament. It was local churches to which Paul's letters were written. In the Book of Revelation, it was seven local churches to which Christ addressed His concerns through John. When God would send Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey, He visited their local church to initiate this action. Within that local church at Antioch, there was strong leadership referred to as prophets and teachers. Luke records it like this: "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers . . . As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus" (Acts 13:2-4). Thus, we see the Holy Ghost at work in a local church to initiate a missionary ministry that has been without parallel.

Today, I believe there is a need for a central headquarters. There are some things we can do better collectively than we can do individually, such as translating and publishing literature, initiating and supervising global missions, involving ourselves in mass communications and in ministerial leadership development. Even in some of these things, I see the function of our general headquarters as being to serve the local churches. Then, for sure, such Headquarters' ministries as Sunday School, Pastoral Care, Children's Ministries, etc., definitely are to support the local churches' ministries.

It is my feeling that the General Headquarters should be a resource center for many of the ministries in which our churches are engaged, but with growth and enlargement, more of these eventually can be shifted to the national and regional levels. It is there that the specific needs of the various areas will be better understood and from there they can be serviced more effectively.

Pastors must assume a more aggressive leadership role in pursuing ministries for reaching and discipling people in their communities. The local community is where growth will occur. It cannot be taken for granted any longer that just to have regular services faithfully will assure that new people will be reached. We must have in place inspirational ministries. The dynamics of small group ministries, for example, has not yet taken hold in most of our churches, although this has been promoted from General Headquarters since 1916. It was first called Watchers Over Tens, then Assembly Band Movement and now Pastoral Care.

Maintaining a department for the promotion of this concept from General Headquarters, through the years, has cost the Church millions of dollars, yet for the most part, it still has not taken hold where it counts—that is, in our local churches. And until our pastors catch the vision, until they sense the benefit of this ministry, our churches will continue to suffer from the lack of its implementation. I see this ministry as necessary for developing strong local churches. Pastoral vision is essential for this ministry to flourish. They must see it as more than just an auxiliary promotion from General Headquarters, but as a means for true fellowship in reaching out through body ministry to penetrate our communities.

So long as pastors feel their activities are being planned for them from the General, National or State offices, they will not take the initiative of true inspirational leadership which God intended. The time has come for these offices to become resource centers for pastors and local churches, with the initiative for accessing these resources coming from aggressive pastors who have a vision of what their churches can become. Perhaps it is time for us to listen to our pastors and churches tell us what services they need that we can provide. It has been over twenty-five years since I pastored a local church and I know that times have changed. As for me, I'm willing to listen and then to respond to what can be done from my office to help build strong local churches. When we see ourselves as being support ministries, we will no longer hold a view that we are directing the work. This direction will come from God to our local churches, and we will make ourselves available and accessible to provide certain valuable services of assistance.

Discipleship ministering is necessary—which I take to mean assisting people toward their Christian development and maturity. We need sound spiritual teaching ministries in all our churches. It is of God's design that every member be a worker. In respect to the ministering that every church is to be involved in we may have made too great a separation between the responsibilities of clergy and laity. I believe it is God's will that each local church be a ministering body, with every member functioning according to his particular giftedness which he has received from God. We must ask whether pastoral leadership has been sensitive enough to the Spirit in equipping all the members to be able to fulfill their personal ministries for which God has uniquely set each of them in the body.

Pastors must take a new look at what is being done toward this end. It is time for a new emphasis on teaching, nurturing and equipping members to minister. Sunday School can be a wasted hour or it can be a productive ministry. Real progress for nurturing and equipping through this arm of the church will not just happen. It will come about through teachers who have a vision of discipling, who are willing to pour their lives into the lives of others. Sunday morning can be one of the times for this to occur but it must not be the only time.

In some places, we are seeing a decreasing interest in Sunday School, with the morning worship hour drawing more people than are in attendance for Sunday School. This has caused some churches to consider abandoning Sunday School in lieu of Wednesday evening Bible studies, thus having an extended worship time on Sunday morning. Worship is very important, but we must make certain that teaching and discipling is being pursued. We do know that Sunday School offers a means of use for the gifted ministries of many individuals. Let me reiterate, however, that these ministries must not be limited to one hour on Sunday morning. Instead of abandoning that time on Sunday morning, perhaps we should consider extending this teaching and discipling ministry through some midweek sessions. Aggressive pastors with vision will be able to see what possibilities exist. May we all be directed by God's grace!

The Ladies Retreats that have been supervised from General Headquarters have blessed many people. I foresee the time when these functions will be directed more from the national, regional or state offices. In fact, with the development of large, strong churches such activities can be carried out by local churches, as could be Men's Retreats, Couples or Family Retreats. There are resources currently available for local churches to become involved in family ministries from some excellent para-church organizations. With the family institution under such strong attack by satanic forces, there is a pressing need for our churches to pursue more aggressive ministries to their families.

I had considered appointing someone to head a department of family ministries in this Assembly, but this might be simply perpetuating a system of our trying to provide from here what could be done at the local church level. We must ask why at General Headquarters we should try to produce and duplicate materials that are accessible from other sources that are based on sound biblical principles. Our national, regional and state offices can be resourceful in directing pastors to the availability of helpful video, audio and printed materials. We must minister to the family, God's primary institution.

National, Regional and State Overseers should take stock of the local churches under their supervision, and where there are churches having successful ministries, they can encourage the sharing by these pastors with other pastors who are needing some help. Things may not work exactly the same way in every church and pastors should be given liberty to be resourceful in making adaptations for what is most suitable in their respective churches. Everything cannot be dictated or administrated from the general, national, regional or state offices. God's design is to communicate personally to individuals and to local churches. It was so in the days of the Apostles and it is still so today. The ministries of our administrative offices are limited. It is in local churches that people come to the Lord. There they are baptized and nurtured as fellow members in a local body.

Your General Headquarters, as I view it, must become more of a resource facility, providing video, audio and printed materials for helping to develop leadership for strong, growing churches—for youth and children’s ministries, women’s ministries, small group ministries, for Sunday School and Bible Studies, and other needs our churches may require. As we redirect our Headquarters operations, we must admit that in the past we have tried to do too much from here. Local churches have been made to feel that their direction should be received from the administrative offices. This is neither proper nor biblical. The New Testament does not support this principle.

True, there was a council at Jerusalem to deal with the questions of Jewish law and traditions being imposed upon the Gentiles, but the decrees handed down were for assuring freedom for a Spirit-led Church. And now we must emphasize a greater responsibility of the pastors and the local church to look to God for guidance and direction. Pastors need to provide inspirational leadership as they feed with knowledge and understanding, and gifted members must function with divine anointing. Local churches must make their presence felt in their communities. It is of God’s design that they be *salt* and *light*. People are lost and hurting and we must recognize that we have been commissioned and sent by God to minister to them.

It was never intended that a state, national or General Headquarters should dictate the ministering to your communities. The Holy Ghost can still break in upon a local congregation to give direction and guidance as He did to the church at Antioch. It is most likely to occur as that church assumes the posture held by the Antioch church, which was “as they ministered to the Lord and fasted.”

Nothing can take the place of spiritual life and power. Each member’s personal relationship with Jesus Christ must be given top priority. We cannot share what we do not have. God waits to work through yielded instruments, and He will do it in your city, your town, your community. May His grace abound in every life to give richness to the testimony of our local churches.

Brother Murray asked the pastors to stand while the congregation prayed that God would give them inspiration and direction.

He addressed some of the rumors that have circulated throughout the Church. He spoke concerning the Tabernacle, explaining why this Assembly was not held in the Tabernacle in Cleveland, Tennessee and that there were no plans to sell it—this could not be done without the Assembly’s permission.

He explained the failed investment, assuring the Church that the tax sheltered annuity provided for the ministry was still in place. General Headquarters is trying to recover the funds. The company seemed to be very reputable. He apologized to those affected by the investment, stating that it was made in an effort to continue helping the Ministerial Aid recipients.

He also mentioned about the reduction in the General Headquarters staff, which he felt was in God’s plan for the Church.

He encouraged those upset by the rumors or changes to visit him. He remarked that he had been urged to take action against those [brethren] who have brought suit against us, but he refrained because he felt sorry for them. "They can come and talk to me anytime. We are trying to run an open organization. It is yours, it is not ours. Come and look at it anytime."

The 4-part presentation and the Concluding Challenge is available on cassette tape from the White Wing Publishing House and on video tape from the Voice of Salvation.

He concluded with the congregational song, *I Will Praise Him*.

12:20 Closing prayer by Tim McCaleb.

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 "Trumpet Sounds" by Dave Brown (Eastern Canada). Two songs: *I Exalt Thee, We Shall Behold Him*.

1:50 Workshops Orientation with D. Frank Hughes, Coordinator. Instructions and locations were given for workshops.

2:15 Workshops

Pastors and Overseers Seminar moderated by Billy Murray.

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Evelyn Adams

Love's Power
Judy Schall

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Sing With The Spirit and With The Understanding
Carmen Casey

The Underlying Principle of 1 Thessalonians 5:18
Elva Howard

3:15 Break

3:45 Workshops

REACHING FORTH . . . To Face Contemporary Issues*Humanism and The New Age* (Part 2)

Clayton E. Endecott, Jr.

Gifts of the Spirit (Part 2)

Tony Charalambou

Authority and Submission—A Biblical Understanding

Eva Morrison

REACHING OUT . . . To Strengthen the Family*Family Devotions: Here's How*

Rick and Theresa Lee

So You Want To Get Married?

Jackie Bailey

Committed To Fatherhood

Dan Ramsey

REACHING FORTH . . . To Understand the Bible*A New and Better Way* (Part 2)

Darrell Creel

The New Testament Church Expands

James Wallace

Fruit of the Spirit

Ruben Morales R.

REACHING FORTH . . . To Reach Today's World*Mission Markers*

J. Wendell Lowe

Youth Secretary's Luncheon and Seminar (Part 2)

William Wilson

Possessing the Land Through Excellence In Ministry

Kathryn Creasy

REACHING FORTH . . . As a Ministering Body*A Ministering Body* (Part 2)

Duke Stone

Ministering In Hospitals and To Shut-ins
Londa Richardson

Super-Superintending for Growth
Fred Fisher, Jr.

REACHING FORTH . . . To Build Spiritual Strength
A Praying Church
Earl McKay

Recognizing the Enemy
Henry Griffin

Commitment
Jeff Hunt

REACHING FORTH . . . In Glorious Praise
Creative Worship for Your Local Church
Galen and Peggy Bell

The Story Behind the Song
Larry Duncan

Tuesday Evening

7:00 The Bahama Brass Band opened the session with nine selections.

7:38 Brother Murray greeted those watching by satellite.

7:42 Worship in giving. The expense offering was prayed for by Mike Farien and was received to the music of *Glory to His Name*, directed by Ron Scotton.

7:46 Praise and Worship directed by Ron and Diane Hamm (Louisiana). Songs: *Glory and Honor to Jesus, To God Be the Glory, Higher Ground, What a Mighty God We Serve, God Is God*. With uplifted hands, the congregation praised God and then gave Him a handclap of praise.

8:10 Jesus Took Charge—Testimonies

Annette Taylor shared that through an illness suffered for five years (disease of the muscle tissue), she learned patience, compassion, and to trust God and His timing. She cited Romans 12:12, “Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer” as an encouragement. God healed her at a Ladies Retreat in Kentucky, November 1991. At her next doctor’s appointment she was able to testify to him that the reason her once-tight muscles were now soft and normal was because God had healed her.

Richard Morrow said that an injury to his back resulted in two ruptured disks. He had back surgery and was up the following morning walking around and traveled 140 miles due to the power of God. Later, he re-injured

his back and was disabled for three days. Brother Orlies Shroyer from Gillette, Wyoming got up from his death bed, prayed for Brother Morrow and God instantly healed him. Three weeks later, Brother Shroyer went home to be with God. Brother Morrow also testified to the goodness of God exhibited in the Northwest Territory.

Brother Murray asked the congregation to stand and praise the Lord for the testimonies of Jesus' taking charge in these situations.

8:35 The Assembly Mass Choir sang, *We Need a Word from the Lord*, Ron Scotton directing.

8:43 **Reaching Forth—To Meet the Challenge of a Changing World**—Message by Jerry Schall, South Carolina.

(This message printed in the October 24 and November 7, 1992 issues of the *White Wing Messenger* is available on cassette tape from the White Wing Publishing House and on video tape from the Voice of Salvation.)

Surely the Twentieth Century will go down in history as one of the most incredible of all centuries.

We beheld the breaking up and dissolving of communism. We've seen the restructuring of the Soviet Union. A few years ago, we, through television, beheld the Berlin Wall as it came crumbling down. It seems that every week all around the world earthshaking events are taking place. I think we must acknowledge that the hand of God is working in this. He is making all things ready for the soon-coming of His Son, Jesus Christ.

It is true that the enemy has relinquished a few strongholds in lessening his grip on those one-time communist countries; however, he has tightened his grip in our communities, in our cities and in our families.

I believe the greatest challenge facing God's people is to go forth into our communities, in the power and the spirit of Jesus Christ and turn the world upside down to be the Church of God of the Bible. This world needs a church that will be a spiritual port from the storm of sin, a spiritual oasis that will provide shade and comfort for the faint and weary traveler, a spiritual well of living water that shall never become stagnant nor run dry.

Regardless what the world may say, I do not believe that the Church is a dying dinosaur; nor do I believe that the Church is a thing of the past; I believe that the Church offers the hope of the world—Jesus Christ. Therefore, we must have God's Spirit and power in our midst.

I believe the number one goal of the Church is to lift up Jesus to a confused and lost world. This is not time for us to be weakened by confusion and rendered powerless by indecision. Because of the lateness of the hour, we must rise above the unstable elements of the world and be the Church of God the Bible declares we should be.

Isaiah very aptly penned the words, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee" (60:1). In the midst of a world that is covered with darkness, in the midst of a people whose eyes are blinded by sin and evil of every sort, the Church must have the Spirit and

the power of Jesus Christ working through us. For it's only through Him that we can effectively minister to those who are in trouble.

Jesus said "neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be [divided, that they all may do their own thing, that they all may go in their own direction]" (John 17:20, 21). No, my friend, He said "that they all may be one." Jesus was not only praying for the Twelve to have unity, but He was praying also for them that would believe on Him through their words. He prayed that that same love, that same spirit, that same power and that same patience might ignite their lives and they all together might unite for the cause of winning the lost to Jesus.

Just as the Berlin Wall was broken down, so must the Church return to her purpose and begin to break down these man-made barriers. These obstacles have served only to separate us, weaken us, and hinder us in our efforts to reach the lost. Social barriers, cultural barriers, economic barriers, and denominational barriers must come down. It is time that God's people come together for the sole purpose of lifting up Jesus to a lost and dying world.

I believe that same calling that went out to Israel in Isaiah's day is knocking on the heart's door of the Church today. In Isaiah 1:18, God issued a message unto Israel, "Come now, and let us reason together." The Lord himself was calling Israel unto Him. He said, "Israel, you have strayed from Me, you've got problems, there are troubles, you are not where you need to be." He advised, "Don't go to Isaiah and talk it over, but come to Me." Let us go to our prayer closets, pray together in our altars and work out our problems. I believe if God's people, "which are called by His name," will humble themselves and talk to Him about our walls He will reveal unto the honest-hearted knowledge, wisdom and light.

When Jesus commissioned those early followers to go into all nations, it was His words that they were to share, teach, preach, and live by, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). Our greatest challenge in these turbulent and confusing days, as gross darkness blankets the last-days generation, is to go forth in the power of the Holy Ghost declaring the truth of God's Word. Yes, it is our responsibility, just as it was in the early Church, to lift Jesus up to a lost and dying world.

It was the early Church's uniqueness, their *saltiness*, that identified them in their day. If they had been only a replica of the religious sects of that day, then they would have served no greater purpose during that era.

The Church message in the Book of Acts was not simply a message they preached on Sunday; it was an experience they lived. They committed themselves to being vessels that the Holy Ghost could work, preach and teach through. Greatest of all, they committed themselves to being vessels through which the Holy Ghost could love a lost and dying world.

It was this same Spirit working through willing vessels that caused the early Church to prosper and experience rapid growth. It was this same Spirit and

power that made God's house and His people salty and distinct from everything and everyone else in that day. It was in the Church that confused and troubled men and women could find answers. They found a refuge, a harbor, an oasis. They found a place where the sick were healed, the lost were saved, the troubled found peace, the miserable found joy, the hurting found comfort.

As we go forth breaking down walls, we will encounter some problems. We will meet people who have never been exposed to this way, and it will be new to them. It will seem a little strange to them. It is at that point that we should show love and patience, as exemplified by Jacob.

"And he [Esau] said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee. And he [Jacob] said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die. Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir" (Genesis 33:12-14).

Jacob and Esau had been reconciled, their differences had been resolved and they had made peace. Esau said, "Let us go home; I will lead the way and you come with me." But Jacob said, "I fear that I can't do that." Esau asked, "Why not?" And Jacob responded "The men that are with you are mounted troops; they are men of war, men of valor. They are strong, they are capable of moving at a fast pace. These are women, children, flocks and herds with young; I cannot travel at the same pace, for they would be overdriven. They would become exhausted and many would not be able to make the journey." What was the solution? Jacob said, "I will lead softly."

We will not win the world overnight, neither will we disciple people quickly. Babies in Christ will not understand everything we have wrestled with for a lifetime, but if we will exhibit love and patience, leading softly, they will progress—just as we do.

Personal standards have nothing to do with the way we treat the lost. We must preach the Word with love and be patient with the lost and dying world. That is why the Church is here. Are we ready to meet this challenge? Where are the people that will be that stable, dependable fortress that this world so desperately needs?

Altar call, music by Ron Scotton.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 **Morning**

7:30 Unstructured prayer time.

8:30 Bible Study directed by Melvin Hyatt (Ephesians 2:1-22).

9:25 Brother Murray led the congregation in prayer with special requests for Harper Hunter and others needing healing. Benjamin Lawrence came

to the platform with instructions concerning the prayer room location for those desiring special prayer each evening. Information was also given concerning the new educational facilities.

9:35 Worship in Song directed by Steve Puckett (Alabama).

Songs: *I'm Living in Canaan, I Want To See Jesus, I Can Still Go Free, When He Reached Down His Hand For Me, Reach Out And Touch The Lord.*

10:00 The General Overseer encouraged everyone to attend the morning prayer times and pray for each session of the Assembly and the needs in our local churches.

10:05 Let's Hear From Our Overseers. Ronald Scotton provided music as the overseers were escorted to the platform. An announcement was made by the General Overseer instructing the delegates where to find the report by the Committee to Study the Office of the General Overseer. Each overseer presented his report to Brother Murray and he asked the Assembly to stand in display of their appreciation of the overseers.

Overseers' Testimonies

Jose Rivera, Arizona/Nevada (North), shared that they have organized twelve new missions—eight in Spanish and four in English.

A. J. Coalter, Florida, shared blessings in their state camp meeting, where there were approximately 150 experiences, 45 of which were Spirit baptisms.

Erasmus Fabian, Peru, testified that 500 people were saved during their state convention.

Chris Stathis, Greece and Bulgaria, spoke concerning the blessings of the Lord in their Youth Camp, Ladies' Ministry and Children's Ministry. They are not only reaching their own group, but they are having an impact on the entire country.

Rufus Rogers, Leeward and Virgin Islands, French West Indies and Netherlands Antilles, organized a new church in November with 165 members. Since that time, they have added 34 more members.

Charles Lanter, Hawaii, shared blessings of the special service a few months ago in which all the churches in Hawaii came together. During this time, they received a new congregation into the Church.

Jean E. Vital-Herne, Haiti, told of the oppression the Church faces there. They could not have ministers' or district conventions because of the unrest; however, in spite of the trouble, 750 members were added to the Church this year. They have also organized three new churches. About a week ago, he met with a group of ministers who wanted to join the Church along with 800 members. Also, a group of about 20,000 are wanting to join the Church. They are looking forward to having at least 40,000 members in Haiti this year.

Miguel A. Garcia, El Salvador, said that they are adding members to the Church and organizing new churches. Though they have experienced difficulties in their areas, they are still trusting God. He said that the people of El Salvador have tender hearts toward the Lord because of the trouble they have experienced there.

Arnulfo Cediell, Colombia, testified that he and his countrymen are expecting God to do great things in their area.

Brother Murray asked the overseers to march around the auditorium in order for the people to see them and give a cheer of appreciation.

11:10 Report of the Questions and Subjects Committee

The committee chairman, Jose A. Jimenez, Jr., thanked the General Overseer for the opportunity of serving as chairman. He also thanked his committeemen for their support. The committee secretary, John Pace, read the report. Following a request by the Moderator for a motion of acceptance, Eugene Tranthem, West Virginia, made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Juan Valera Basora, Dominican Republic.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Tim Winters, Mississippi, seconded by Hollis Nichols, Alabama, to adjourn the meeting until Saturday morning, allowing for those who could not accept the report additional time for meeting with the committee. The adjournment was accepted by all.

1:30 Brother Murray concluded the session with everyone saying "Praise the Lord."

Wednesday Afternoon

Due to the length of the business in the morning, the scheduled music and orientation were canceled. The delegates were instructed to reconvene at their respective seminars or workshops. The scheduled musicians would be asked to play in the evening session.

2:15 Workshops

Pastors and Overseers Seminar moderated by the General Overseer.

Reaching Forth . . . To Face Contemporary Issues

The Sanctity of Life

Tim McCaleb

Christian Unity and the Church of God of Prophecy

Lesmon Graham

Baby Boomers and How They Think

Marvin Eskew

Reaching Forth . . . To Strengthen the Family

Communication: Key to a Lasting Marriage

J. Wendell Lowe

Divorce: The Devastating Evil

Mike Willingham

Family Structure in East Africa

Eudel (Bonnie) Martin

Reaching Forth . . . To Understand the Bible

Bible Study Helps

Norman Fontana

Periods of Restoration (Part 1)

Wade H. Phillips

God's Word to You

Lollie Madison

Reaching Forth . . . To Reach Today's World

Church Growth

Coordinated by: Hugh Edwards

Russia Printing Project / Central America

Coordinated by: Henry O'Neal

The Growing Church and Personal Evangelism

Dan Palmer

Reaching Forth . . . As a Ministering Body

Ministering in the Workplace

Collete Hanna

Ministering through the Dynamics of Care Groups

E. L. Jones

Teaching for Discipleship (Part 1)

Randy Howard

Reaching Forth . . . To Build Spiritual Strength

Spiritual Warfare: Learning to Fight

Juan Agosto

Faith Faces the Enemy

Genelle Mounce

Fasting: God's Way

Bill Marion

Reaching Forth . . . In Glorious Praise

Music in the Church

Ron Scotton

Psalms of David: When and Where
Palma Hutchinson

3:15 Break

3:45 Workshops

Pastors and Overseers Seminar moderated by the General Overseer.

Reaching Forth . . . To Face Contemporary Issues

When the Dark Clouds Hang Low

Jenna Allen

The Pentecostal Phenomena

Jose Reyes, Sr.

The AIDS Crisis: A Biblical Response

Dan Kurbis

Reaching Forth . . . To Strengthen the Family

Biblical Foundations for Your Home

Dan Knoblich

Grandparenting in the 90s

Laura and Bill Gillum

Christian Parenting in the Latin Culture

Eva Campos

Reaching Forth . . . To Understand the Bible

A Guide to Happiness

Sheila Murphree

Periods of Restoration (Part 2)

Wade H. Phillips

The Bible Covenant (Part 1)

J. C. Cagle

Reaching Forth . . . To Reach Today's World

Reaching the Muslims for Christ

Sherman Allen

Outreach Through Literature

World Language Department Staff

Possessing the Land our Feet Tread Upon
Deborah Lewis

Reaching Forth . . . As a Ministering Body
Ministering in the Prison
Curtis and Pat Flippo

Ministering as a Friend
JoAnn Donnafield

Teaching for Discipleship (Part 2)
Randy Howard

Reaching Forth . . . To Build Spiritual Strength
The Veil of Self
Janice Couch

A Call to Intercession
Steve Stafford

Stewardship of Time
Larry Biggers

Reaching Forth . . . In Glorious Praise
Singing a New Song
Greg Stephens

How to Have a Worshipping Church
Kerry Murphy

Wednesday Evening

7:00 Musical prelude by Bahama Brass Band.

7:35 William Cunningham, Ways and Means Committeeman, encouraged the congregation to give and asked God's blessing on the offering. Brother Murray requested Dave Brown, Toronto, Canada to worship in song. Brother Brown rendered a vocal and trumpet combination of *We Shall Behold Him* and *Hosanna*.

Special prayer for Roy Prather's son, who was just in an automobile accident and hospitalized in critical condition here in Louisville. Prayer was offered for all those who need a physical healing. The congregation then praised the Lord.

7:55 Praise and Worship, Confessor and Elsa Batista (New Jersey).

Brother Batista read Psalm 100:4, 5 and led the congregation in *I Will Enter His Gates*. He then read Isaiah 6:1-3 and the songs, *The Whole Earth is Full of His Glory* and *I Really Love the Lord* followed. Brother Batista shared a testimony followed by the song *Power in the Blood*. Genesis 28:16 and 1 Kings 8:29 were read prior to a congregational prayer. The Lord was worshiped with the sound of a trumpet and the song *God is Here Right Now*. Prayer by all concluded the devotional.

8:38 **JESUS TOOK CHARGE—Testimonies**

Marie Siler was diagnosed with cancer in 1989 with eight months to live. In 1990 after prayer, she underwent an operation and in April of this year doctors pronounced her well. She also shared the results of the Raleigh, (State Street Church), North Carolina youth lock-in. During this time, teens were slain under the power of God. Seven were saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost. The following day during choir practice, one soul was saved as a result of the testimonies of the new converts from the lock-in. The next morning (Sunday), the eight new converts were called to the front for prayer for their Christian walk, and one by one the Holy Ghost moved. Results that day were 43 saved, 29 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost. Total experiences for the weekend were 90.

Victor Rodriguez, Mexico, testified of the revival fires in Mexico. It began with VLB leaders training seminars. A crusade was conducted in which, every night, the 1000-seat auditorium was filled with at least 1500 people. On Saturday of the crusade, they prayed for over 500 people to receive the Holy Ghost and 135 were baptized in the Spirit. Thirty-five people were also saved on Saturday and 90 sanctified. At the week's end, over 50 people were saved, over 75 sanctified, and over 170 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Jesus took charge!

9:00 King's Messengers from Virginia worshiped the Lord in music, singing: *He's In the Midst*, *We Shall Wear a Robe and Crown*, and *The Land Where Milk and Honey Flows*.

9:20 **Reaching Forth—With a Renewed Vision**—Message by Flavio Rosario, Dominican Republic.

(This message printed in the November 7, 1992 issue of the *White Wing Messenger* is available on cassette tape from the White Wing Publishing House and on video tape from the Voice of Salvation.)

The title presents the need to go forth at a level that we do not currently possess—the need to extend ourselves.

But there is something else that accompanies *reaching forth*—the need of a *renewed vision*. When someone wants to go to war, operate, or administer with a *renewed vision*, he is going to have problems. He is going to have to be confronted with the old ways. He is going to have the pressure of the old rules. And this is exactly where we are right now. But thank God what we need to do, let's do it now.

The young church at Philippi had reached a high level of spirituality and apparently were content with their present state. But the Apostle Paul encouraged them, "Let us go forth to perfection; you are not where you need to stop, but let's go forward" (cf. Philippians 3:2).

We need to have the vision and compassion that Nehemiah had. We realize that Nehemiah was the cupbearer of the royalty. He entered into the presence of the king, he had the wine in his hand, and the king said unto him, ". . . Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. . . And [Nehemiah] said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?" (Nehemiah 2:2, 3). Please don't misinterpret me. I'm not saying that the Church is desolate, neither is it being destroyed, but there was a man (Nehemiah) who separated himself from his position with his feelings for Jerusalem. Likewise, we need compassion for the Church of God.

In *reaching forth with renewed vision*, we also need to examine the first chapter of Ruth. "So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest" (v. 22). Naomi had lost both her husband and her sons, so she and her daughters-in-law were returning to Bethlehem. On their journey Naomi said, ". . . Go, return each to her mother's house: the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. The Lord grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept" (vv. 8, 9).

The Bible shows me that both women wanted to go to Bethlehem. But a little farther down the way, Naomi stops and speaks more seriously, "Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons; Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the Lord is gone out against me" (vv. 11-13).

This time, Orpha was listening very closely to what Naomi said. She realized what "mother" was saying, kissed her and returned home, but Ruth *reached forth* and extended herself. When Naomi questioned that vision, Ruth responded, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me" (vv. 16, 17).

Let us extend ourselves as did Ruth. Let us go ahead with *renewed vision* to await the King of kings and Lord of lords. Church of God, there are better

days awaiting us. Let us *reach forth* through the rivers and mountains until we reach “Bethlehem.” Let us put ourselves under the waters of holiness, just as Naaman did in the Jordan river, and permit Jesus to wash the Body clean!

In God’s Church, there shall be light, there shall be the Spirit of God, there shall be divine healing, there shall be holiness. Extend yourself with the *renewed vision!*

I see a Church for the world. Let us not lose our time, but extend ourselves with *renewed vision.*

10:15 Altar call.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 **Morning**

7:30 Unstructured prayer time.

8:30 Bible Study directed by Melvin Hyatt (Ephesians 3:1-21).

9:25 The Assembly stood and praised the Lord. Brother Murray gave announcements concerning the activities for the day.

9:27 Praise and worship directed by Mike Mangrum (Alabama).

Songs: *There’s A Healer in the House Today, His Blood Still Sets Men Free.*

9:33 Brother Murray asked the Assembly to stand for a concert prayer prior to giving of reports.

9:37 Report of Financial Director, Jerlena Riley.

Sister Riley gave thanks to God for His help and guidance in serving in this capacity. She introduced her office staff to the Assembly: Phyllis Watson, secretary; Jane Van Deventer, International Accountant; Bill Stockham, Computer Operations Director. Sister Riley read her report and shared the footnote included in the auditors’ report about the failed investment. She expressed her regret for the loss incurred by the Church because of the investment. She stated that she assumed the responsibility for the investigating of the company that was to be done and felt that she did all the required checking that was necessary. She asked the Assembly for forgiveness concerning her part in the investment. The Assembly responded in giving Sister Riley a standing ovation following her report.

Brother Murray called for questions concerning the report and gave Sister Riley permission to answer the questions.

Ernest McKinley, Tennessee, made a motion that the report be accepted as read. Charles Hawkins, Tennessee, seconded the motion. He also suggested that the term “Foreign Accounts” be changed to “International Accounts.”

A. J. Coalter, Florida, stated that anyone who has ever tried to do something for God has made at least one mistake. He encouraged us to let this be a stepping stone and go forward in the Church of God. He stated that he has a heavy heart because of the grumbling he has heard against different

people. Brother Coalter stated that he feels that Jesus is still the Head of the Church and that He is not the author of confusion—God is coming soon and there is no time for fussing and fighting. We need to move on toward victory. The Assembly responded with applause and a standing ovation.

Questions by E. A. McDonald, Tennessee. After asking several questions about the financial matters, including the investments, he stated that there is more at stake than money—there are souls to be saved.

E. E. Van Deventer, Germany, stated that we must be careful in making judgments, and that he forgives these incidents and is willing to take money from his own pocket to help the Administrative Committee recoup the loss if necessary. He felt that the entire Assembly should forgive the mistake and go on with the work of the Church.

The Assembly responded with applause.

Question by Russell Sullivan, Indiana.

Statement by Billy Patterson, Tennessee.

Amos Creel, Georgia, stated that he appreciated the spirit that had been exemplified in this Assembly, and wanted it to go on record that we accept this report by acclamation.

Brother Murray asked the Assembly to show their acceptance of the report by saying “Aye.” None opposed.

Financial Director's Financial Report

THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY WORLD HEADQUARTERS—DOMESTIC ACCOUNTS CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ended May 31, 1992

ASSETS

	Total All Funds
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash—Checking	\$ 1,066,651.00
Savings and Investments	2,612,699.00
Accounts Receivable	132,930.00
Inventory	148,582.00
Interest Receivable	9,434.00
Prepaid Assets.....	<u>18,685.00</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ <u>3,988,981.00</u>
OTHER ASSETS	
Cash Surrender Value—Life Insurance	\$ 110,402.00
Church of Prophecy Marker Association Markers	301,525.00
Deposits	<u>1,875.00</u>
Total Other Assets	\$ <u>413,802.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS (Note 1)	\$ <u><u>4,402,783.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

	Total All Fund
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable—Trade	\$ 318,073.00
Accounts Payable—White Wing Publishing House	249,074.00
Accrued Wages and Payroll Items	<u>23,234.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities (Note 1)	<u>590,381.00</u>
FUND BALANCES	
Non-restricted Funds:	
Tithes (general operating)	\$ 283,224.00
Restricted Funds:	
World Missions	2,396,621.00
Assembly Expense	0
Emergency Fund	360,183.00
Ministerial Aid	(1,134,348.00)
Heritage Care	116,624.00
Bible Training Institute	1,096,789.00
Church of Prophecy Marker Association	379,126.00
General Properties	96,734.00
World Harvest	47,394.00
Broadcast Distributors	116,744.00
Church Benefit Association	<u>53,311.00</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>3,812,402.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (NOTE 1)	<u>4,402,783.00</u>

Note 1—**PLANT FUND**

The total assets per the condensed financial statements do not include the assets held in the Plant Fund which contains the fixed assets of the Church of God of Prophecy which are located within the United States. These assets and related accumulated depreciation are as follows:

Land	\$ 455,040.00
Buildings	6,023,081.00
Furniture and Equipment	<u>1,688,813.00</u>
	\$ 8,166,934.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>4,086,613.00</u>
Total Assets—Plant Fund	<u>4,080,321.00</u>

Also not included in the condensed financial statements are accounts payable on fixed assets of \$1,618 and transfers from other funds of \$109,893. The fund balance of the Plant Fund at May 31, 1992 is \$4,078,703.

**THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
WORLD HEADQUARTERS—INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET**

For the Year Ended May 31, 1992

ASSETS

	Total All Funds
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash—Checking and savings	\$ 1,461,595.00
Cash—Certificates of deposit	\$ 619,436.00
Advances receivable	<u>227,200.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,308,231.00</u>
OTHER ASSETS	
Deposits	\$ <u>10,833.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS (Note 1)	\$ <u>2,319,064.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

	Total All Fund
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable—Trade	\$ <u>4,245.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities (Note 1)	<u>4,245.00</u>
FUND BALANCES	
Non-restricted Funds:	
Tithes (general operating)	\$ 1,493,581.00
Restricted Funds:	
World Missions	(147,727.00)
Assembly Expense	7,144.00
Emergency Fund	108,761.00
Ministerial Aid	426,920.00
Heritage Care	152,068.00
Bible Training Institute	48,051.00
Church of Prophecy Marker Association	49,204.00
General Properties	50,942.00
Tomlinson College	52,900.00
White Wing Publishing House	92,003.00
Helping Hand/World Mission Corp	<u>(19,028.00)</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,314,819.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES (NOTE 1)	<u>2,319,064.00</u>

Note 1—INTERNATIONAL PLANT FUND

The total assets per the condensed financial statements do not include the assets held in the International Plant Fund which contains the fixed assets of the Church of God of Prophecy which are located outside the United States. These assets and related accumulated depreciation are as follows:

Land and Buildings—International Property	\$ 3,590,164.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>1,223,974.00</u>
Total Assets—International Plant Fund	<u>2,366,190.00</u>

Also not included in the condensed financial statements are mortgages payable on fixed assets of \$121,051 and transfers from World Missions fund of \$68,461. The fund balance of the International Plant Fund at May 31, 1992 is \$2,245,139.

WORLD HEADQUARTERS—DOMESTIC ACCOUNTS
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE,
EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the Year Ended May 31, 1992

	Member and Church Contributions	Other Receipts	Total Support, Revenue and Other Receipts	Expenses	Transfers Among Funds	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	Fund Balance End of Year
Tithe (General)							
Operating)	\$ 7,009,022	\$ 79,216	\$ 7,088,238	\$ 6,217,848	\$ (1,408,939)	\$ 821,773	\$ 283,224
World Missions	1,085,539	19,678	1,105,217	1,080,150	337,741	2,033,813	2,396,621
Assembly Expense	32,145	7,065	39,210	153,037	118,337	(4,510)	0
Emergency Fund	44,223	7,429	51,652	35,750	(4,422)	348,703	360,183
Ministerial Aid	75,618	59,716	135,334	1,619,419	888,425	(538,688)	(1,134,348)
Heritage Care							
Fund	91,221	6,217	97,438	80,520	(1,345)	101,051	116,624
Bible Training							
Institute	183,735	58,620	242,355	215,469	(688)	1,070,591	1,096,789
Church of Prophecy							
Marker Association ..	265,543	29,290	294,833	150,223	(128,728)	363,244	379,126
General Properties							
Fund	11,193	0	11,193	16,436	103,602	(1,625)	96,794
World Harvest	127,203	2,695	129,898	144,643	0	62,139	47,394
Broadcast							
Distributors	14,143	138,065	152,208	187,419	34,990	116,965	116,744
Church Benefit							
Association	115,914	2,475	118,389	105,474	(48,866)	89,262	53,311
TOTAL ALL	<u>\$ 9,055,499</u>	<u>\$ 410,466</u>	<u>\$ 9,465,965</u>	<u>\$ 10,006,388</u>	<u>\$ (109,893)</u>	<u>\$ 4,462,718</u>	<u>\$ 3,812,402</u>
FUNDS (Note 1)							

WORLD HEADQUARTERS—INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE,
EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the Year Ended May 31, 1992

	Member and Church Contributions	Other Receipts	Total Support, Revenue and Other Receipts	Expenses	Transfers Among Funds	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	Fund Balance End of Year
Tithes (General							
Operating)	\$ 1,061,825	\$ 0	\$ 1,061,825	\$ 713,905	\$ 0	\$ 1,145,661	\$ 1,493,581
World Missions.....	279,372	445,197	724,569	987,923	(68,461)	184,088	(147,727)
Assembly Expense	3,970	0	3,970	376	0	3,550	7,144
Emergency Fund	4,146	0	4,146	4,300	0	108,915	108,761
Ministerial Aid	149,267	65,457	214,724	79,737	0	291,933	426,920
Heritage Care							
Fund.....	18,542	0	18,542	7,815	0	141,341	152,068
Bible Training							
Institute.....	23,006	93	23,099	31,536	0	56,488	48,051
Church of Prophecy							
Marker Association..	17,420	0	17,420	4,277	0	36,061	49,204
General Properties							
Fund.....	7,475	0	7,475	199	0	43,666	50,942
Tomlinson College.....	18,583	0	18,583	23,000	0	57,317	52,900
White Wing							
Publishing House....	22,694	0	22,694	28,251	0	97,560	92,003
Helping Hand/World							
Missions Corp.....	6,706	0	6,706	5,685	0	(20,049)	(19,028)
TOTAL ALL	\$ 1,613,006	\$ 510,747	\$ 2,123,753	\$ 1,887,004	\$ (68,461)	\$ 2,146,531	\$ 2,314,819
FUNDS (Note 1)							

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS—DOMESTIC ACCOUNTS

The savings accounts and investments are stated at cost, which approximates market value. The amounts held by each of the funds at May 31, 1992 are as follows:

Bank	Type	Amount
TITHE FUND		
Citizens Bank	Certificate of deposit	\$ 164,122.00
Citizens Bank	Certificate of deposit	200,000.00
AT&T Divisional Companies	Stock	1,106.00
Bank of Cleveland	Certificate of deposit	112,907.00
Bank of Cleveland	Money market	5,743.00
Bank of Cleveland	Certificate of deposit	121,000.00
Citizens Bank	Certificate of deposit	316,098.00
Shearson Lehman Hutton	Certificate of deposit	2,800.00
Shearson Lehman Hutton	Money market	<u>228,575.00</u>
Total		\$ <u>1,152,351.00</u>
WORLD MISSION FUND		
Bank of Cleveland	Certificate of deposit	\$ 13,424.00
Cleveland Bank and Trust Co.	Certificate of deposit	101,657.00
Oppenheimer Fund, Inc.	Mutual fund	18,792.00
Dreyfus Leverage Fund, Inc.	Mutual fund	47,504.00
American National Bank	Passbook	<u>510.00</u>
Total		<u>181,887.00</u>
EMERGENCY FUND		
Citizens Bank	Certificate of deposit	\$ <u>125,523.00</u>
Total		\$ <u>125,523.00</u>
HERITAGE CARE FUND		
American National Bank	Certificate of deposit	\$ 72,988.00
Cleveland Bank and Trust Co.	Certificate of deposit	<u>32,792.00</u>
Total		\$ <u>105,780.00</u>
BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE FUND		
American National Bank	Certificate of deposit	\$ 100,693.00
Bank of Cleveland	Certificate of deposit	483,845.00
Bank of Cleveland	Money market	25,055.00
Bank of Cleveland	Certificate of deposit	121,165.00
Bank of Cleveland	Money Market	8,481.00
Cleveland Bank & Trust Co.	Certificate of deposit	131,617.00
Citizens Bank	Certificate of deposit	<u>130,170.00</u>
Total		\$ <u>1,001,026.00</u>
CHURCH OF PROPHECY MARKER ASSOCIATION FUND		
Cleveland Bank and Trust Co.	Certificate of deposit	\$ 10,005.00
Citizens Bank	Certificate of deposit	20,513.00
Bank of Cleveland	Certificate of deposit	<u>5,578.00</u>
Total		\$ <u>36,096.00</u>

WORLD HARVEST FUND

Cleveland Bank and Trust Co.	Certificate of deposit	\$ <u>10,036.00</u>
Total		\$ <u>10,036.00</u>

TOTAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS \$ 2,612,699.00

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS—INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Certificates of Deposit at May 31, 1992 are as follows:

Bank	Type	Amount
Bank of Nova Scotia, Bahamas	Certificate of deposit	217,039.00
Bank of Nova Scotia, Canada	Certificate of deposit	158,838.00
Banco Del Comercio Dominican Republic	Certificate of deposit	53,846.00
Banco Cuscatlan, El Salvador	Certificate of deposit	33,635.00
Banco Atlantida, Honduras	Certificate of deposit	36,765.00
Bank of Nova Scotia, Jamaica	Certificate of deposit	29,156.00
Banco International, Mexico	Certificate of deposit	<u>90,157.00</u>
Total Certificates of Deposit		<u><u>619,436.00</u></u>

The International deposits are quoted at the rate of exchange at May 31, 1992. Therefore, the amounts may differ some according to the rate of exchange for that day.

Respectfully submitted,
JERLENA F. RILEY,
Financial Director

11:35 Report of White Wing Publishing House Manager, Henry O'Neal. Joe Cannon, Tennessee, made a motion that the report be accepted as read. Larry Barnes, Virginia, seconded the motion. Brother Murray asked that all approving say "Aye." None opposed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE
WHITE WING PUBLISHING HOUSE AND PRESS**

This White Wing Publishing House and Press financial report is compiled from our fiscal year audit, ending May 31, 1992. This audit is prepared by Kersey, Arnett & Kirksey, Certified Public Accountants.

**WHITE WING PUBLISHING HOUSE & PRESS
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET**

For Year Ending May 31, 1992

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash on hand	\$ 730.00	
Cash in bank—checking	797,552.00	
Cash in bank—savings & certificates of deposit	1,064,769.00	
Publications loss receivable	65,512.00	
Accounts receivable—trade	183,591.00	
Accounts receivable—General Church	183,562.00	
Inventories	1,035,065.00	
Investments—current	930,407.00	
Prepaid expenses	10,178.00	
Notes receivable—current	<u>382,224.00</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$ 4,653,590.00

FIXED ASSETS:

Including buildings & improvements, machinery & equipment, furniture & fixtures	\$ 2,702,805.00	
Less accumulated depreciation	1,894,879.00	
Total Fixed Assets		807,926.00

OTHER ASSETS:

Non-current notes receivable	\$ 709,620.00	
Non-current investments	<u>277,723.00</u>	
Total Other Assets		<u>987,343.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 6,448,859.00</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable—trade	\$ 41,437.00	
Refund vouchers outstanding	595.00	
Sales tax payable	2,580.00	
Accrued Payroll	11,910.00	
Payroll taxes payable	2,737.00	
Federal income tax payable	<u>20,073.00</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 79,332.00

EQUITY

Designated:		
Free Literature fund	\$ 278,005.00	
World Language fund	<u>183,920.00</u>	
Total Designated		\$ 461,925.00
Undesignated:		
Contributed capital	\$ 54,845.00	
Additional paid in capital	178,564.00	
Additional paid in capital building fund	481,534.00	
Retained earnings	<u>5,192,659.00</u>	
Total Undesignated		<u>5,907,602.00</u>
Total Equity		<u>\$ 6,369,527.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		<u>\$ 6,448,859.00</u>

CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT

For Year Ending May 31, 1992

NET INCOME

Net income before building & general administration expense	\$ 388,916.00	
Less general administration expense	<u>196,099.00</u>	
Net income from operation		\$ 192,817.00
OTHER INCOME		
Interest income, discounts earned, sundry income, gain/loss on sale of assets, investment income, gain/loss on currency conversions		\$ 269,203.00
OTHER EXPENSES		
Bad debt expense	\$ 8,719.00	
Contributions to The Church of God of Prophecy	39,399.00	
Interest Expense	735.00	
Loss on currency conversion	7,956.00	
Loss on sale of investments	<u>50,000.00</u>	
Total Other Expenses		<u>106,809.00</u>
NET INCOME		<u>\$ 355,211.00</u>

REPORT OF FREE LITERATURE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For Year Ending May 31, 1992

RECEIPTS:

Free Literature offerings	\$ 65,578.00	
State conventions	210,101.00	
General church treasurer	3,000.00	
Interest income	<u>494.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$ 279,173.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Miscellaneous	\$ 2,410.00
Office supplies and expense	257.00
Repairs & maintenance	191.00
Salaries	17,854.00
Operating supplies	2,027.00
Payroll taxes	1,361.00
Happy Harvester	15,938.00
Spanish White Wing Messenger	10,526.00
French White Wing Messenger	7,020.00
Sunday school literature—foreign	25,497.00
Postage & mailing	35,778.00
Miscellaneous printing	1,800.00
Tracts	49,045.00
Employee benefits	3,162.00
Telephone	254.00
Purchases	5,216.00
Overseas printing expenses	71,339.00

Freight	7,257.00	
Bad debts	1,819.00	
Building expenses	<u>8,435.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 267,186.00
Total Receipts Over Disbursements		11,987.00
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year		<u>266,018.00</u>
FUND BALANCE, End of Year		<u><u>\$ 278,005.00</u></u>

CHURCH LITERATURE PUBLISHING ACCOUNT
(World Literature Fund)
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
 For Year Ending May 31, 1992

RECEIPTS:		
World Language fund offerings		\$ 233,391.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Printing expense		\$ 202,593.00
Total Receipts Over Disbursements		30,798.00
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year		<u>153,122.00</u>
FUND BALANCE, End of Year		<u><u>\$ 183,920.00</u></u>

FREE LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION REPORT
 June 1, 1991 - May 31, 1992

The following are the approximate amounts of literature distributed to workers through the Free Literature Department:

Assorted Tracts	3,350,000
Bibles and Testaments	3,500
White Wing Messenger—English	22,500
White Wing Messenger—Other Languages	162,000
White Wing Messenger—Self-Denial	35,000
Happy Harvesters	97,200
Sunday School Literature—English	27,500
Sunday School Literature—Other Languages	301,600
Books	6,000
Total approximate number of pieces of free literature distributed this year from the Free Literature Department.....	4,005,300

NEW FIELD INFORMATION
 June 1, 1991 - May 31, 1992

Total number of countries and states beginning New Field Sunday Schools and receiving first quarter's Sunday school literature through the Free Literature Department:

Countries		Kentucky	2
Canada	2	Louisiana	4
France	1	Missouri	2
Turks Islands	1	Minnesota	1
Virgin Islands	1	North Carolina	3

West Indies	9	Nebraska	1
States		New Mexico	3
Alabama	9	Nevada	1
Arkansas	1	Ohio	7
Arizona	4	Oklahoma	5
California	26	Oregon	2
Connecticut	1	South Carolina	4
Florida	7	Tennessee	1
Georgia	13	Texas	1
Hawaii	1	Virginia	2
Idaho	1	Wisconsin	1
		West Virginia	1
Total new fields receiving free Sunday school literature		118	

11:45 Report of the Ways and Means Committee.

Michael Farien, Secretary, read the report. Eugene Tranthem, West Virginia, made the motion to accept the report as read. Richard Mirando, Ohio, seconded the motion.

Questions by George Sadler, West Virginia; Ray Ammons, Kentucky; Harry Shipley, Ohio.

Statements of support by Jerry Smith, Illinois; Tom Black, Georgia; Larry Barnes, Virginia; John Frank, California.

Questions by George Sadler, West Virginia.

Statement of support by L. B. Baggett, Florida.

Because of the time limit, Brother Murray asked for those in favor of accepting the report as read to please stand; then for those opposing to please stand.

Brother Murray remarked that there were just a few who stood in opposition to the report and asked them if they would be willing to submit—none stood again. Report accepted.

REPORT OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

PREAMBLE

“If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?” Luke 16:11

We, your Ways and Means Committee, wish to extend our thanks to those who were in prayer for us during the many hours of deliberation and discussion.

First, we feel that the financial difficulties faced by the Church are partially spiritual in nature. This has contributed to a clouding of our vision that the primary mission of the Church is to reach a lost world. However, in this study we have found great hope in the leadership of Jesus Christ. Our faith is in Him.

Second, we embarked on this intense study of our present financial system in response to the mandates of recent past General Assemblies. While the proposals contained herein are by no means exhaustive, they are as comprehensive in extent and scope as we felt led to go. We believe they represent a good beginning in our step by step approach to realigning and revitalizing our financial system. And our prayer is that God will continue to guide us.

We wish to say that we did not undertake this project nor offer these recommendations with the feeling that we were dealing with “secular” matters. To the contrary, it was and continues to be the conviction of this committee that the handling of matters pertaining to finances is “sacred” in the extreme. We are convinced that God tests us in the handling of finances (unrighteous mammon) to see if we can be trusted with the “greater riches” of His Storehouse.

With this awareness, and with a sincere desire to be responsible stewards both to God and to the Church of God, we prayerfully submit the following report for your consideration:

Financial System

We recommend the following changes to the current financial system. These changes are to be effective for the beginning of the current convention year.

Each of the following sections replaces the corresponding section of the current financial systems.

A. Mission Fund: One hundred percent of the second Sunday mission offering, and mission money raised by other means, except in March and October World Mission drives, remains in the local church treasury and is fully turned in at the state, regional or national convention or at the close of the fiscal year of each state, region or nation. The state, regional or national convention offerings are distributed according to the amount raised per the following chart:

Amount Raised by State, Region or Nation	Amount to Remain in State, Regional or National Treasury*
0 - \$ 5,000	100%
\$ 5,000 - \$ 8,000	5,000 + 70% of the amount over 5,000
\$ 8,000 - \$ 10,000	7,100 + 60% of the amount over 8,000
\$ 10,000 - \$ 15,000	8,300 + 50% of the amount over 10,000
\$ 15,000 - \$ 20,000	10,800 + 40% of the amount over 15,000
\$ 20,000 - \$ 27,500	12,800 + 35% of the amount over 20,000
\$ 27,500 - \$ 35,000	15,425 + 30% of the amount over 27,500
\$ 35,000 - \$ 45,000	17,675 + 27% of the amount over 35,000
\$ 45,000 - \$ 55,000	20,375 + 24% of the amount over 45,000
\$ 55,000 - \$ 67,500	22,775 + 22% of the amount over 55,000
\$ 67,500 - \$ 80,000	25,525 + 20% of the amount over 67,500
\$ 80,000 - \$ 95,000	28,025 + 18% of the amount over 80,000
\$ 95,000 - \$110,000	30,725 + 16% of the amount over 95,000
\$110,000 - \$130,000	33,125 + 15% of the amount over 110,000

\$130,000 - \$150,000	36,125 + 14% of the amount over	130,000
\$150,000 - \$175,000	38,925 + 13% of the amount over	150,000
\$175,000 above	42,175 + 12% of the amount over	175,000

- Revised for clarity; does not affect calculation.

Example:	
Amount Raised:	\$12,000
Amount to remain in state, regional or national treasury:	8,300
Plus 50% of amount over \$10,000 (\$12,000 - 10,000 = \$2,000; \$2,000 x 50%)	<u>1,000</u>
Total to remain in state, regional or national treasury	\$9,300

The amount, as determined by the above schedule, is to remain in the state, regional, or national treasury for the operation of the ministries in the state, region or nation at the discretion of the state, regional or national Finance and Appropriations Committee. The remaining amount is to be sent to the General Treasurer/Financial Director of the Church.

One hundred percent of the money collected in the March and October drives for World Missions are sent to the General Treasurer /Financial Director immediately upon completion of each of these drives.

The World Mission funds received by the General Treasurer/Financial Director are to be used to support the World Missions effort of the Church and homes for children.

B. Evangelism Fund: Evangelism is defined as those ministries of the Church which include evangelism in communication (such as Voice of Salvation television and radio ministries), evangelism in literature (formerly Free Literature) and such other evangelistic efforts as developed by the Administrative Committee. The youth ministries of the Church (Victory Leaders) will have the responsibility for fund raising to support these efforts.

All monies raised by the Victory Leaders are turned in at the state, regional or national convention. One hundred percent of those convention offerings are to be sent to the General Treasurer/Financial Director. The Administrative Committee will allocate these offerings as needed to the areas listed above.

C. Maintenance and Assembly Expense Fund: Membership in the Church of Prophecy Marker Association (C.P.M.A.) is \$10.00 per year and may be paid by each person to the local church treasurer any time during the year. The local church treasurer should send these membership funds to the General Treasurer/Financial Director as expeditiously as possible.

In nations other than the United States, the membership fee is set by the National Overseer and the appropriate committee.

C.P.M.A. memberships are used for the maintenance of Fields of the Wood and other markers, General Headquarters buildings and for Assembly expense. We recommend that C.P.M.A. offerings beyond the membership be discontinued. The increase to \$10 is effective October 1, 1992. This Maintenance and Assembly Expense Fund replaces the General Properties Fund.

D. Education Fund: It is absolutely critical that *all* members of the Church be knowledgeable in Biblical doctrine and practices of the Church and especially important for Church leadership. The Education Fund is to be used to support the education of the ministry and leadership through various methods including classes to be developed for use at the local church, classes and extension classes from the General Headquarters educational facilities, ministry/leadership conferences, etc.

Local pastors are responsible for appropriate classes and Bible studies to be taught at the local church. Funds received as a result of these classes and Bible studies and other Educational Fund offerings given by the local church, in concert with the fund raising drives of the general church, are to be turned in to the state, regional or national convention.

One hundred percent of these offerings will be sent to the Financial Director and used to support education efforts of the Church.

In order to support the new effort of the Church to train its ministry as proposed by the General Overseer and to insure the financial health of the new education entity, the Ways and Means Committee suggests each local church establish a goal for annual offerings for the Education Fund.

NOTE: The above does not include Sunday School offerings.

E. Heritage Care Fund: We recommend the Heritage Care offerings be discontinued. Monies needed for homes for children are to be allocated by the World Missions Committee from the missions offerings.

F. Ministerial Aid Fund: Monies needed to fund the Ministerial Aid program as designated by the Ministerial Aid and Administrative Committees will be allocated from the tithe fund as monies are available.

This replaces all prior General Assembly rulings on the funding of the Ministerial Aid and deferred compensation plans.

G. Emergency Fund: We recommend the \$1.00 per member fee be discontinued. Any emergency money needed is to be funded from the tithe fund as monies are available.

H. Assembly Expense: We recommend that Assembly expense contributions by the Sunday School, Victory Leaders Band, Women's Missionary Band and ministers be discontinued. The Assembly expense is to be paid from available C.P.M.A. membership funds and offerings received at the Assembly.

I. Tithes Fund: All tithes including surplus tithes received at General Headquarters are disbursed at the discretion of the Administrative Committee. All tithes received by General Headquarters will be used for the ministries and operation of that office including the funding of Ministerial Aid and to supplement offerings such as Missions, Evangelism, Education, and the Maintenance and Assembly Expense Funds.

J. The 10% retention of auxiliary funds is discontinued effective with the date of the above changes to the financial structure.

K. Should state, regional or national conventions be less frequent than annual, the above offerings should be turned in to the state, regional or national treasurer immediately after the close of the local church fiscal year.

L. In order to develop consistency in timing of fund raising, including auxiliary offerings and surplus tithes, it is suggested that the church fiscal year be June 1 through May 31 where possible.

M. Finally, the purpose of the above proposal is to return finances to the local church through:

1. Simplifying the financial system structure.
2. Reducing the number of offerings for outside ministries (non-local church).
3. Increasing the amount retained by the local church.

However, it is very important that the local church still be responsive to outside needs such as Helping Hand, Mission Markers, World Harvest, etc.

ALLOCATION OF EXISTING DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS

As a result of the restructuring of the financial system and the combining of departments through the office of the General Overseer, certain fund balances remain under the old structure. In order to utilize those funds properly we recommend they be redesigned based on their ministry purpose.

B.T.I. Fund Use

The Church of God of Prophecy Business Guide, Revised in 1988, page 101 states; **“Financing BTI in Other Countries:** The 49th Assembly in 1954 approved weekly classes to be conducted in the local churches to better acquaint our people with the doctrine and business of the Church. In these classes freewill offerings were to be received to assist in conducting Bible Training Institute in other countries.”

The Ways and Means Committee recommends the phrase “other countries,” wherever it appears, be replaced with “in needed areas for leadership training.”

FUNDS SENT TO GENERAL, NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND STATE TREASURIES FROM TITHES

Effective October 1, 1992, the local church treasurer will send 9% of the tithes received each month to the national, regional or state treasurer, and 9% to the General Treasurer/Financial Director.

The pastor’s allotment, not to exceed the limit as established by the Administrative Committee or World Missions Committee, is paid from the balance remaining in the local church treasury. Any excess at the end of the church year is then distributed as surplus tithes in accordance with the surplus tithes formula.

The percentage of tithes sent to the national, regional or state treasurer and General Treasurer/Financial Director is to follow the following schedule:

Percent to go to national, regional or state treasury	Percent to go to Financial Director	Effective Date
9%	9%	October 1, 1992 to May 31, 1994
8%	8%	June 1, 1994 to May 31, 1996

It is the intent of this Committee to review the timing of the above schedule, based on the financial health of the Church as a whole, and to continue the reduction in the percentage sent to general, national, regional or state treasuries.

SURPLUS TITHES

In the interest of reemphasizing the importance of the local church, the Ways and Means Committee recommends the following for the distribution of surplus tithes beginning in 1993:

NATION, REGION LOCAL CHURCH	STATE	GENERAL
70%	20%	10%

The Ways and Means Committee feels the issue of surplus tithes allocation will continue to be a top priority and will continue to seek increases in the amount to be retained by the local church.

STATE, REGIONAL OR NATIONAL FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The state, regional or national overseer shall appoint a Finance and Appropriations Committee. There shall be at least two meetings each year, except where it is economically or geographically impractical.

This committee is responsible to set up the state, regional or national budget, set guidelines for state, regional or national overseer's expense, and see that all state, regional or national funds are disbursed properly as outlined by the General Assembly and state, regional or national convention. The committee should give an annual report of its work to the state, regional or national convention. This report should include the budget for the current convention year and a comparison of the actual income and expenditures of the immediate past convention year as compared to the budget for that same convention year with an explanation of the differences. This comparison may alternatively be given as part of the state, regional or national treasurer's report for the past convention year.

In order to broaden the involvement of local church membership and to provide our leadership the opportunity to utilize those with a variety of experience, the Ways and Means Committee recommends that the Finance and Appropriations Committee as appointed by the state, regional or national overseer be made up of a majority of deacons not under salaried appointment by the state, regional or national overseer, where possible.

Where not possible because of extenuating circumstances, other qualified lay members may be appointed while the number of committee members under salaried appointment, where possible, should be minimal. The above does not preclude the state, regional or national overseer from being a member of that committee.

This resolution replaces the prior resolution regarding the State/National Finance and Appropriations Committee in the Church Business Guide. That resolution was as follows:

“The state/national overseer shall appoint a Finance and Appropriations Committee (formerly the Home Mission Board) which shall include at least one deacon and/or a lay-person in the membership. The state/national overseer is to serve as chairman and shall call at least two meetings each year, except where it is economically or geographically impractical.

“This committee is responsible to set up the state/national budget, set guidelines for state/national overseer’s expense, and see that all state/national funds are disbursed properly as outlined by the General Assembly and state/[national] convention. The committee should give an annual report of its work to the state/national convention (83rd AM, 1988, p. 49, QSC)”. (Reference; Church Business Guide - Revised through 1988, Section IV, page 67, printed 1989.)

Setting General Workers Salaries and Benefits

The Ways and Means Committee (with the exception of any General Appointee which serves on this committee) has accepted, at the request of the Administrative Committee, the responsibility of reviewing and establishing the salary and benefits of all General Headquarters Appointees. These salaries and benefits will be reviewed annually. All others will continue to be set by the Administrative Committee.

Investment Policy Development

The Ways and Means Committee expresses its concern over the recent investment problem at General Headquarters, as does the Church in general. However, we believe the Administrative Committee had the best interests of the long term welfare of the Church at heart and that the investment decision does not overshadow their long history of prudent management decisions.

As a result of the aforementioned, the Ways and Means Committee has accepted, at the request of the Administrative Committee, the responsibility for developing an investment policy for General Headquarters funds. This policy is being developed with the basic premise of protecting the assets of the Church from loss, to the extent possible, while being good stewards in accordance with Matthew 25:14-30. This policy will be presented to the General Overseer and Administrative Committee within 90 days and will be prepared using outside expertise as required.

Further, we recommend that each state, region or nation develop an investment policy to manage its funds. The investment policy developed by the Ways and Means Committee will be available as a guideline.

Fund-Raising Campaigns

It is absolutely necessary that God direct our giving through individual inspiration. In

order to allow God to work through individual inspiration we must remove those restrictions which may have hindered our giving in the past. The following allows that while providing direction through courtesy and counsel.

Fund-raising campaigns conducted by General Workers require the approval of the General Overseer. The General Worker should consult with the national, regional or state overseer regarding his/her intent to raise funds in that nation, region or state.

Fund-raising campaigns conducted by other than General Workers require the approval of the national, regional or state overseers and the pastors of the local churches.

All funds raised in the above campaigns should be given to the local church treasurers with the information as to its intended use. This recommendation does not include love offerings given to these workers for their use. The above recommendations replace the following:

Personal Fund-Raising—Business Guide Page 131

“In the past, missionaries and other workers have conducted fund-raising campaigns among the various states, raising money for the country to which they have been assigned, or for other projects. We recommend that all campaigns of this nature be approved by the General Overseer and by the State Overseer of the state in which they expect to work. All funds raised in such campaigns should be given to the local church treasurer who will send it along with his monthly report to the Financial Director with the information as to its intended use. This recommendation does not include love offerings given to these workers for their use (80th AM, 1985, p. 148, WMC).”

Fund-Raising Campaigns/Projects—Business Guide Page 131

“We recommend that no fund-raising programs or projects be initiated from the General Offices without General Assembly approval. This will not affect fund-raising projects or programs now in operation (82nd AM, 1987, p. 138, WMC).

“We also call attention to what was passed in the 80th Assembly, 1985, page 148 of the Ways and Means Committee report, under the heading of ‘Personal Fund-Raising’ . . . (82nd AM, 1987, p. 138, WMC).”

New Field Assistance

The Ways and Means Committee recommends the following regarding new field funding from general funds to be added as item number 7 under “New Field Allocation Guidelines,” page 129, Church of God of Prophecy Business Guide, Revised through 1988:

Prior to funding from general funds, the regional or state overseer must present a new field planting plan to the General Headquarters department responsible for this activity. Upon approval, these funds will be distributed in accordance with the guidelines as previously stated in the Church Business Guide.

Respectfully submitted,

L. V. JONES, JR., CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM

DONALD NEWLUN

SAM CARRASCO

DAVID GREEN

HENRY O'NEAL

1:18 Adjourned.

Thursday Afternoon

Since the Business session went overtime, there was no *Worship In Song* with Alma Randolph; also, no *Workshop Orientation* by D. Frank Hughes.

2:15 Workshops

Pastors and Overseers Seminar moderated by the General Overseer.

REACHING FORTH . . . To Face Contemporary Issues

The Lost Link (Part 1)

Richard Davis

Christian Movements In History—Lessons To Be Learned (Part 1)

Levi Clarke

Understanding Divine Healing

Raymond Pruitt

REACHING FORTH . . . To Strengthen the Family

It's A Small World

Kay Horner

101 Ways for Married Couples To Say I Love You

M. E. Barnett

Strength for the Single Parent

Marjorie Hopkins

REACHING FORTH . . . To Understand the Bible

The Volume of the Book: Person of Jesus Christ

Lanis Lewis

An Exercise In Ephesians (Part 1)

H. E. (Bubba) Cardin

The Ministry of the Holy Ghost

Jerry Smith

REACHING FORTH . . . To Reach Today's World

Short Wave

Elwood Matthews

Mission Encounter (All Day)

Elva Howard

Administering A Living Church In A Changing World (Part 1)

Adrian Varlack, Sr.

REACHING FORTH . . . As a Ministering Body*Ministering to the Suicidal*

Guy Lindsey

Family Issues (Part 1)

J. Wendell Lowe

Special Days for Growth

Caroline Ledbetter

REACHING FORTH . . . To Build Spiritual Strength*A Call to Intercession*

Steve Stafford

Growing Strong Through Temptation

Duke Stone

The Law of Kindness

Gary Linkous

REACHING FORTH . . . In Glorious Praise*Worship (Part 1)*

Rick Creasy

How To Have A Worshipping Church

Kerry Murphy

3:15 Break

3:45 Workshops

REACHING FORTH . . . To Face Contemporary Issues*The Lost Link (Part 2)*

Richard Davis

Christian Movements In History—Lessons To Be Learned (Part 2)

Levi Clarke

God's Word On Human Sexuality

Doug Stephenson

REACHING FORTH . . . To Strengthen the Family*Parenting Teenagers*

David and Barbara Riggs

Breaking the Generational Bondage
Janice Couch

Divorce: The Devastating Evil
Mike Willingham

REACHING FORTH . . . To Understand the Bible
Inductive Bible Study: A Method of Choice
Jerry Swenson

An Exercise In Ephesians (Part 2)
H. E. (Bubba) Cardin

The Bible Covenant Order (Part 2)
J. C. Cagle (BTI Workshop)

REACHING FORTH . . . To Reach Today's World
Involving the Local Church In Radio/TV
Elwood Matthews

Mission Encounter (All Day)
Elva Howard

Administering A Living Church In A Changing World (Part 2)
Adrian Varlack, Sr.

Ministering Your Gift
Jim Spivey

Family Issues (Part 2)
J. Wendell Lowe

Relevant Teaching for Growth
Larry Lowry

REACHING FORTH . . . To Build Spiritual Strength
A Praying Church
Earl McKay

Pleasant and Lasting Relationships
Patricia Fisher

The Fatherhood of God
Paul Sorrell

REACHING FORTH . . . In Glorious Praise*Worship* (Part 2)

Rick Creasy

Sharing Your Song

Ruth House

Thursday Evening

7:00 Musical prelude by Bahama Brass Band.

7:30 Brother Murray stated that the deficit in Assembly expense was as follows: 1985—\$55,000; 1986—\$69,000; 1987—\$107,000; 1988—\$93,000; 1989—\$92,000; 1990—\$98,000; 1991—\$86,000. L.V. Jones, Jr. prayed for the offering received and the musicians played under the direction of Ron Scotton.

Brother Murray asked the congregation to stand and pray specifically for Harper Hunter, then for all others who had needs.

7:43 Praise and worship directed by Floyd and Barbara Collins (North Carolina). Song, *Bless the Lord O My Soul*, and prayer was offered by all. Second Corinthians 8:1, 2 was read, song, *Amazing Grace*. Exhortations on the three principles of worship found in 2 Corinthians 8: 1) Surrender Ourselves (vv. 3, 5), songs, *I Am Thine, O Lord* and *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*; 2) Service (vv. 7, 10, 11) songs, *Where He Leads Me, I Feel Like Traveling On*; 3) Substance (v. 12, Psalm 24:1) song, *Victory Today Is Mine, Doxology*.

Brother Murray commented on the Lord's presence and quoted Psalm 103:2, 3: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." He asked for those who needed healing to move out into the aisles for prayer. The congregation extended their hands, as prompted by the Lord, to touch someone and pray for their healing.

8:33 JESUS TOOK CHARGE—Testimonies of Russia

William M. Wilson spoke concerning his visit to Russia where he found a vibrant Pentecostal movement. He preached at a high school where 80 came forward to accept Jesus. In another meeting, 175 people stood to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. These were people who had NEVER heard the gospel. At a water baptism service, with the Good News Church, 1500 came out on a rainy day.

Henry O'Neal shared how Russia needed printing equipment to print the gospel in their language—and God provided. To the best of our knowledge, it is the first gospel printing in that country.

John Doroshuk relayed that the cry of God's people in Russia and that area of the world had been heard. God has delivered them from all that oppression, and with that deliverance came a great hunger for the knowledge of God. While in Moscow, they stopped at the first school they came to and were welcomed openly. One history teacher was to teach on religious history that day but she did not know about Jesus to teach the children, so she prayed that God would help her in this situation. Brother Doroshuk and those with him were God's answer to her prayer. They started with John 3:16 and lead them in the sinner's prayer. All the children and the teachers responded except for one older woman. They returned at 10:00 p.m. to share more about Jesus with the teachers. Toward the end of this meeting, the one older lady testified that she had been a communist, but she renounced it that night and embraced Jesus Christ. Brother Doroshuk asked the congregation to stand and pray that God would give us grace to walk through the doors that are opened for the Church of God to share the gospel in these countries. He also made a plea to help with funds as the Lord leads. There was immediate response from the congregation as offerings were brought to the front and laid on the altar. Brother Murray read a note from a lady that donated \$10,000 for this effort.

9:18 The Assembly Mass Choir sang as the congregation continued to bring their offerings. Songs: *He Will Deliver*, Ruth Ann Brooks, soloist; *The Name of the Lord is a Strong Tower*; *Peace Speaker*, Tameka Scotton and Charmaine Varlack, duet.

9:39 **Reaching Forth—With Holy Violence**—Message by Leroy Greenaway, Eastern Canada.

(This message printed in the November 7 and 21, 1992 issues of the *White Wing Messenger* is available on cassette tape from the White Wing Publishing House and on video tape from the Voice of Salvation.)

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Peter, like all the other New Testament writers, informed the Church that she has an enemy. Our enemy must neither be underestimated, ignored nor denied. He is a real devil and he is our adversary.

When there are problems in the Church, when the meetings are dead, no one is being saved and the offerings are down, the problem is not always the pastor or a cold congregation—it is satanic.

One of the chief objectives of the devil is to make the Church extinct. He despises it because the Church stands in his way of having complete dominion over the whole earth. The Church reminds him perpetually of his crushing defeat and final overthrow: the devil shall be bound. Innumerable demons and fallen angels described as principalities and powers, rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness have been sent out to destroy the Church, but she remains resilient and invincible. Jesus said,

“the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). The Church cannot be made extinct. She is the extension of the Lord Jesus.

The ministry of the Church is a continuation of the Lord’s ministry. The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is here to stay. We are not going anywhere until Jesus comes for us and then we will only be gone a little while. We are coming back to reign and rule with Christ as kings and priests!

Just like the devil gives us trouble we need to trouble his kingdom. Our response to the devil is open resistance and armed rebellion. We will not be intimidated. The devil says he is not leaving but he must know that we are not giving up either. We are prepared to fight for what we have. I like Job’s spirit, “Though he slay me [or allows me to be slain], yet will I trust in him” (Job 13:15). Job was not a weak man accepting trash from the devil. His mind was made up. Let the spirit of Job pervade the Church of God today.

Down through the ages men of God have always possessed a spirit of holy violence. It is a realized truth that the blessings do not come easy. When a man has to fight for what he has, he’ll fight to keep it. I feel this truth is illustrated in Genesis 32 where Jacob wrestles with the angel. Here Jacob declares, in wrestling with the angel throughout the darkness of the night (which also mirrored the inner darkness of his soul, the darkness he was now facing in the circumstances of his life), “I will not let thee go, except thou bless me” (v. 26).

Blessings come by exercising holy violence; they come through all-night wrestling—sometimes for many months, even years. The day must break. Darkness must be rolled back. Jacob said, “I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved” (v. 30). Church of God, life must be preserved.

We need to hear from Him. “And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day” (v. 24). All alone we put everything aside, every weight and sin, and seek the face of God again. We must refuse to accept a denial.

The prince of the power of the air continues his program of planned aggression against the Church. But Paul, in describing the Christian in complete armor, finally says, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication . . .” (Ephesians 6:18). The weapon of “all prayer” is given as one which will stand when all else fails.

The devil is so deceived he still thinks he can win. I don’t know but I believe the devil has read Revelation 20:1, 2, “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.” The devil has read the Scriptures, but he refuses to believe them. He has read Revelation 21 and 22, but he is so deceived he still thinks he can win the war. He is paralyzed, wounded in the head and still pretends that he is all right.

He chooses to forget that one day almost 2,000 years ago when Jesus shook down the gates of hell, walked over and grabbed him, threw him

down, bruised him in the head, pulled out his fangs, drained him of his poison and completely stripped him. The devil is now on death row as it were, awaiting sentencing. The only place the devil is going is down, down from the heavenlies, into the earth, down beneath our feet, down into the bottomless pit and into the lake of fire and brimstone. Anybody who leaves God can only go down. Paul said "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly" (Romans 16:20).

Our Jesus is not as docile as some people are making Him to be. The prophet Isaiah saw Him with His garments dipped in blood, glorious in His apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save (cf. Isaiah 63:1, 2). He was in battle before His incarnation, during His incarnation, and now in ascended glory. He is a man of war. He is still the mighty warrior.

David, in a prophetic psalm, saw Him as the King of glory, The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle (cf. Psalm 24:7-10). It is reaffirmed that the Lord of hosts (the Lord of an innumerable company of angels) is the King of glory. He now conducts His campaign from glory. He has informed the Church that we are in battle.

This concept of holy violence was originated by the Lord. The insistent implication is that to receive the kingdom of God or to have kingdom benefits one must press, push, fight his way through. I press, I push, I fight, I reach forth, I go forward, I must get hold of Jesus. Sure there are obstacles, but they tell me the harder the battle, the greater the victory.

We will have to change our mentality. Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate . . ." (Luke 13:24). The violent take it by force. Strength and vigor, fervency and zeal must all come into play. We must understand that every time we make a move toward God the devil stands up to oppose.

He will resist and oppose anyone, but I tell you there is somebody in the heavenly court, the Angel of the Lord, the Captain of the host, and we had better know what we are up against.

Our duty then is to know the enemy and to grasp what we have at our disposal. We brace ourselves in the assurance that the Captain of the host goes with us. He has assured the Church of His divine presence. He said "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go into all the world and preach this gospel!" (cf. Matthew 28:18-20). Go and declare war in Satan's territory.

Devils are not to be reasoned with, argued with or entertained, but devils are to be "cast out." We have become too nice with the demons and devils we encounter around the Church today. Jesus said, "Cast them out." Bind the strong man! Resist him. Rebuke him. Let the devil know that we operate in consciousness of higher power. The devil, with all his schemes, is no match for Jesus.

Paul said "I fought with beasts at Ephesus" (1 Corinthians 15:32). Whether the devil comes as an angel of light or as a bull of Bashan, let the

Church be ready. “When the enemy [comes] in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19). When the enemy comes in, it is no time to retreat and draw back, but resist him. Stand firm. Hold your ground. Puff up your Holy Ghost-filled chest and say “I fear no evil.”

“When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell” (Psalm 27:2). “The Lord is my habitation, there shall no evil befall me, neither shall any plague come nigh my dwelling.” It is true, “He shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone” (cf. Psalm 91).

If after you have prayed and the forces of darkness are still acting up, then, Church, you need to enter into praise and worship warfare. The Holy Spirit came to enliven our praise. He came to help us in this battle. The devil can’t stand our praises. He hates lively singing and heartfelt worship. He hates to hear us clap—clapping reminds him of Jesus *clapping* on his head.

We must remember that before the devil was the devil his name was Lucifer, “son of the morning.” He was choir leader in the heavenlies. Ezekiel documents in reference to him, “The workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth . . .” (Ezekiel 28:13, 14).

So he hates to hear the Church in praise to the majesty of God, but we reserve the highest praise for God and God alone. The devil hates praise. Praise is a part of our warfare strategy. We cannot become too sophisticated to raise our hands and give God worship and praise. When a people become lifted up they stop praising, worshipping and adoring. The services become dry and dead. But somebody ought to walk into the temple leaping, singing and praising God. The early Church was full of life and excitement.

Jehoshaphat had a vision to appoint singers to lead the army, and to say “Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for his mercy endureth for ever” (2 Chronicles 16:34). As they sang, God confounded the enemy and they turned on themselves.

The devil couldn’t defeat Job because Job had learned the secret. In spite of bad news, he fell down and worshipped. He said, “Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord” (Job 1:21). Job prepared himself for battle through praise and worship.

The early Church used the Psalms in their worship. This was their hymn book. The Book of Psalms ends with a crescendo of praise: “Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord” (150:6). Let this house reverberate with the high praises of God. Let the house rock and resonate with praises to God. *Reaching forth with Holy violence!*

10:30 Altar service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Morning

7:30 Unstructured prayer time.

8:30 Bible study directed by Melvin Hyatt (Ephesians 4:1-32). At the conclusion of the Bible study the Assembly stood for a concert prayer.

9:30 Worship in Song with the Williamson Trio (Tennessee).

Songs: *Other Side of Jordan, I Will Praise Thee, I've Got A Right to Praise the Lord, O Magnify the Lord, In Times Like These.*

9:50 Ordination Service—Brother Murray asked the Bishops and their wives to come forward. As the Bishops came to the platform, Ronald Scotton played, *Make Me A Servant*. The overseers of Bishops being ordained were also asked to come to the platform for prayer. The General Overseer read Titus 1:6-9. The Bishops knelt while the General Overseer and State/National Overseers laid hands on them and prayed.

Following the ordination of the Bishops, Brother Murray asked the Deacons to come to the platform with their wives. He commended the Deacons for their loyalty and faithfulness and then asked them to kneel while their State/National Overseers laid hands on them and prayed.

After the Deacon ordination Ronald Scotton sang *Find Us Faithful*. Brother Murray asked the congregation to stand, and after the Bishops and Deacons were requested to join hands with their wives, the Assembly prayed for them. As those ordained registered, the Assembly offered applause.

BISHOPS—Estel E. Ashworth, Douglas Cruz, Michael Dempsey, Antony (Tony) denBok, Vic Emerson, Marvin Eskew, Leroy Greenaway, Jimmy W. Hagy, Sr., Albert W. Long, Jr., William Thomas Looper, Basil Gregory Martin, Robert J. Miller, Howard G. Morris, Jack Murray, Gary A. Smith, R. Randall Snead, Jimmy D. Woodard, David Michael Woodward

DEACONS—Robert L. Baxter, Codwick Capron, E. Wilburn Clark, Keith Dennis, Clyde W. Griffiths, Arvin Hunter, Daniel C. Jones, Billy Ray King, Lon Keith Lambert, Herbert H. McMorris, Charles Wayne Mills, Sr., Milton Anthony Stewart

10:27 Report of General Properties Committee. John Pace, secretary, read the report. Robert Mirando, Ohio, made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Willie R. Boone, Southern New England. Brother Murray asked for all accepting the report to say “Aye.” No one opposed.

REPORT OF THE
GENERAL PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

We are thankful for all the prayers offered in behalf of this committee. We certainly count it a privilege to serve you in matters relative to our Church properties at General Headquarters and Tomlinson College.

General maintenance continued on the properties with minor improvements in the Spanish Voice of Salvation recording room (remodeling), Tomlinson College Northeast Dormitory (repaired roofing), and the General Overseer's residence (landscaping).

Property was conveyed to both the Keith Street Church of God of Prophecy and the Union Grove Church of God of Prophecy.

Following the completion of the video, *The Hallelujah House*, the Tomlinson house was put on the market.

We appreciate the kindness displayed as we sincerely endeavor to be good stewards of what God has given.

Respectfully submitted,

BILLY MURRAY, Chairman

JOHN PACE, Secretary

E. L. JONES

HENRY O'NEAL

JOSE REYES, SR.

HUGH EDWARDS

10:30 Report of the World Mission Committee. Adrian Varlack, Sr. read the report. John Barrone, Ohio, moved that the report be accepted. W. R. Nunnery, Maryland, seconded the motion.

Brother Murray asked for all in agreement to say "Aye." No one opposed.

WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

June 1, 1991-May 31, 1992

The World Mission Committee greets the 87th General Assembly in the precious name of Jesus. We are grateful to God for the safety and protection He has provided for all our people this year during the many miles traveled and the hazards faced in the work. We continue to see His hand at work among the nations, bringing all things in subjection to himself and giving us our final opportunity to bring the Gospel to the world and the world its final opportunity to hear the Gospel and respond. The time is urgent and we recommit ourselves to the work and service of the Great Commission.

The Church's work continues to grow as a result of the labors of our Overseers, Missionaries, Pastors, Evangelists, Corpsmen and local leaders. Preliminary reports show 132 new churches organized and an increase in membership of 15,347. Churches were organized in 2 new countries this year; French Guyana, organized November 3, 1991 with 160 members, and Surinam, organized May 7, 1992 with 45 members. We wish to recognize and commend Bishops Rufus Rogers, and Arthur C. Moss, whose consistent efforts and unflagging zeal, resulted in the organization of these new works. This brings to 95 the number of countries where the Church is organized and operating.

Four International Leadership Conferences were sponsored by the World Mission Department this year in Singapore (Asian/Pacific Area), Dominican Republic (Caribbean Area), Zimbabwe (African Area), and United Kingdom (Europe and Middle East). Over 400 leaders from all levels of work, attended and shared in fellowship, study and planning for the work in each region. The Host Overseers and Mission Representatives are to be commended for their hard work and preparations for these events. The General Overseer was able to participate in three of these conferences and to address the leadership of the Church.

We have worked directly and through the Representatives to build relationships and encourage the unity of God's people around the world. We have cooperated with other Departments of the Church, notably, Youth, Tomlinson College, and Bible Training Institute in undergirding and sharing the costs of training and educational efforts in several areas. Enormous goodwill is being built for the Lord's work by the generous, cooperative, and unselfish spirit in which our brethren have been assisting believers in Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Pastor Larry Johns of Georgia is to be commended for his work with our Haitian

brethren residing in the United States, and the contacts established in Haiti as a result of the work. Definite plans are being made with Overseer Jean E. Vital-Herne to follow up on these contacts as well as to conclude talks with Pastor Remus Arbrout and his group. Together these groups represent over 20,000 believers in 300 congregations. We want to do all we can to encourage and reflect the unity of God's people, especially in the saving of the lost.

New World Mission Corps workers have been approved and are now in place or are being placed in three countries. A survey of service opportunities on the Mission Field has been conducted by our staff, and we have identified possible placements for 29 couples and 34 individual workers. We are encouraging the volunteer spirit among our people as we believe this is one of God's end time means of getting the work all done.

We continue to assist with the support of about 290 children in our Mission Homes overseas. We expect to do some additional work this year on the home in Haiti, circumstances and funds permitting. We are grateful for all the special projects and services funded through volunteer giving such as Helping Hand (WMB), Mission Markers (CPMA) and a number of individuals.

World Mission Drive totals for the 1991/92 fiscal year was \$843,552; \$266,179 was raised by the countries and \$577,373 by the states. We are thankful that despite all the international problems and setbacks this year, the decrease in World Mission Drive funding was only 1.3% over all, compared to 6% the year before.

Total expenditure for the year from both international tithes, and missions was \$2,774,210.72. The following figures show the breakdown by country and area, and includes capital projects, parsonage and office expenses, furniture and equipment, personal and work allotments, travel, training programs, new field outreach, World Mission Corps, Youth Mission Teams, Mission Representatives Office operations and travel, transportation purchases, registration and legal fees, insurances, relocation of personnel, etc.

ASIA, AUSTRALIA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS

American & Western Samoa	\$ 28,913.32	Korea, Taiwan & Pakistan	\$ 22,900.02
Australia & New Zealand	33,582.83	Philippines	13,312.72
India	22,534.75	Singapore	34,525.06
Indonesia	2,065.66	Thailand	<u>19,099.61</u>
Japan	45,005.89	TOTAL	<u>\$ 221,939.86</u>

AFRICA AREA

Botswana	\$ 6,567.95	Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe	\$ 27,279.68
Benin, Burkina Faso, Togo	22,030.00	South Africa (Botha)	9,817.61
Cameroon & Zaire	88,677.02	South Africa (Kota)	4,881.65
Ivory Coast and Liberia	51,793.19	South Africa (Mawela)	4,474.99
Ghana and Nigeria	61,269.25	Swaziland	<u>4,573.29</u>
Sierra Leone	20,995.78	TOTAL	<u>\$ 359,874.06</u>
Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda	57,513.65		

CARIBBEAN AND ATLANTIC OCEAN ISLANDS

Bermuda	\$ 14,620.00	Jamaica & Cayman Islands ...	\$ 29,551.16
Cuba	7,500.00	Puerto Rico	17,571.16
Dominican Republic	7,397.26	Trinidad/Tobago & Guyana ...	25,098.98
Haiti	25,563.65	Turks Islands	27,663.74
Leeward & Virgin Islands, French West Indies & Netherlands Antilles	183,852.76	Windward Islands	<u>33,314.91</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$ 372,133.62</u>

MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina.....	\$ 26,650.53	Honduras.....	\$ 21,421.93
Belize.....	31,365.17	Mexico.....	21,282.31
Bolivia.....	23,769.91	Nicaragua.....	11,308.00
Brazil.....	57,361.53	Panama.....	24,316.33
Chile.....	17,260.92	Paraguay.....	22,144.88
Colombia.....	20,255.22	Peru.....	11,282.35
Costa Rica.....	8,873.65	Uruguay.....	15,763.68
Ecuador.....	12,263.73	Venezuela.....	<u>27,801.75</u>
El Salvador.....	16,481.00		
Guatemala.....	7,790.09	TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 377,392.98</u>

NORTH AMERICA

Canada (East).....	\$ 11,804.70
Canada (West).....	<u>36,290.75</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 48,095.45</u>

EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST

Cyprus.....	\$ 20,038.39	Belgium & France.....	\$ 62,435.69
Finland.....	10,576.87	Egypt.....	11,093.03
Germany & Holland.....	95,029.92	England.....	27,137.26
Greece.....	44,319.55	Portugal & Spain.....	39,231.83
Israel.....	6,600.00	Russia.....	<u>1,000.00</u>
		TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 317,462.54</u>

Ten percent of Mission Fund Receipts to Ministerial Aid.....	\$ 158,092.70
Ten percent of Assembly Offerings Returned to State Treasurers.....	3,313.65
World Mission Corps Appropriation.....	34,849.11
Overseers Travel and Relocation Costs.....	140,525.20
Assembly Expenses (Travel Included).....	123,179.46
Caribbean Mission Office Operations.....	97,958.00
European Mission Office Operations.....	50,813.41
African Mission Office Operations.....	58,304.92
Asian Mission Office Operations.....	68,218.28
Refunds & offerings returned.....	172.44
Advances.....	49,789.66
Gratuity.....	3,944.15
Office Expense.....	17,592.22
New Field Assistance.....	84,379.95
Mission Scholarships.....	3,330.70
Leadership Conferences.....	146,746.05
Disaster and Emergency Assistance.....	<u>35,743.31</u>
Total.....	<u>\$1,077,312.21</u>
GRAND TOTAL.....	<u>\$2,774,210.72</u>

HERITAGE CARE FUND**Mission Homes for Children**

Haiti.....	\$ 12,163.00
India.....	29,380.00
Indonesia.....	5,250.00
Mexico.....	22,445.00
Sierra Leone.....	8,784.00

Ten percent of Heritage Care Fund Assembly Offerings to General Property Fund	1,345.00
Ten percent of Heritage Care Fund Assembly Offerings Returned to State Treasurer.....	1,318.00
Forty percent of Heritage Care Fund Assembly Offerings to Tomlinson College	5,380.00
Currency Exchange.....	<u>6,600.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 92,665.00</u>

WORLD HARVEST

Amount brought forward	\$ 51,890.62
Total funds received this year	<u>\$ 135,471.37</u>
TOTAL	\$ 187,361.99
Total funds disbursed and refunded this year.....	\$ 150,251.85
Balance in Fund	<u>\$ 37,110.14</u>
Respectfully submitted,	
BILLY MURRAY	JOSE REYES
D. ELWOOD MATTHEWS	E. L. JONES
ADRIAN L. VARLACK, SR.	FELIX SANTIAGO
RAY C. WYNN	H. L. O'NEAL

10:55 Report of the Ministerial Aid Committee. Jerlena Riley introduced the secretary for the Ministerial Aid Department, Donna Summerlin, and commended her for her faithful service to the department. Sister Riley then had the families of the deceased ministers to stand. She asked the Assembly to stand for a moment of silent meditation in honor of these ministers and then read a poem to the retired ministers expressing the Church's appreciation for them. Sister Riley read her report. A motion to accept the report was made by Billy Matthis, Kansas, and seconded by Tommy Baxter, Michigan.

Bobby Minter, Georgia, question.

Wallace Pratt, Colorado, statement.

E. A. McDonald, Tennessee, explanation and commendation.

Brother Murray asked for all in agreement to say "Aye." No one opposed.

MINISTERIAL AID COMMITTEE REPORT

June 1, 1991-May 31, 1992

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves" (1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13).

Since our last Assembly, the Lord has called home eighty-seven of our faithful and precious ministers and five ministers' widows. Sometimes it seems that words are an inadequate way to express our deep appreciation and love for our Senior ministers and their companions. They have suffered many hardships and trials that we today will never experience, and because of their labor of love for the Lord many souls have been won, and the path made easier for the Christians of today.

We would like to take time for this Assembly to express their love and appreciation to the families of our deceased ministers and companions. Let us stand in a moment of silent prayer in honor of our deceased brothers and sisters.

On behalf of our retired ministers that are still among us, we would like to offer this poem to express our gratitude to you and your families for what you have done and are still doing for the Lord.

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came in the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim:
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

“Old man,” said a fellow-pilgrim near,
“You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way,
You’ve crossed the chasm, deep and wide;
Why build you this bridge at eventide?”

The builder lifted his old gray head,
“Good friend, in the path I’ve come,” he said,
“There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way;
This chasm that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.”

Author Unknown

Our Senior ministers have done this for us today. They have built bridges over a lot of gaps and crevasses in their service for the Lord. Because of their love and concern for the ones that would be following, they have made our way much easier. As we, the active ministers of today, continue our work for the Lord, we also want to do as they have done, and make this way easier for those that will follow.

This has been a very active year for the Ministerial Aid Department. In addition to its usual monthly meetings, the committee also met on several other occasions to transact Ministerial Aid business.

The committee approved **84** applications during the year as follows:

49 retirements
12 disabilities
23 widows/widowers

As of May 31, 1992, a total of **1,010** were receiving benefits as follows:

	USA	COUNTRIES
Retirement	481	110
Disability	156	40
Widows/Widowers	<u>162</u>	<u>61</u>
Total	799	211

The total amount of benefits distributed for the 1991-92 Church year from the domestic account was **\$1,619,419.00** and **\$79,737.00** from the international accounts for a total of **\$1,699,156.00**.

The committee approved **86** death benefits in the total amount of **\$94,669.00**. This included **84** ministers, of which **37** were Ministerial Aid recipients, **47** were active ministers and **2** were companions of deceased ministers.

The Ministerial Aid Committee is very concerned about the needs of our worthy ministers and widows/widowers. We have endeavored to assist each applicant on the basis of faithfulness and the number of years actively engaged in the ministry.

In view of the financial crisis and growing deficit of the Ministerial Aid fund, the committee was faced with taking further action than the phase out which was announced in the 86th General Assembly held August 1991.

The committee went through an extremely difficult process in an effort to determine need. As a result of this process the monthly outlay was reduced by **\$48,125.00**. Extensive review of files and research of exchange rates, cost of living, employment rates, and pastor allotment limits have been completed for each country.

The results of the surveys processed to date reflect the following:

	Number
Willing to surrender	113
Percentage Reductions	333
Incomplete/No response	36
No Change	317

Deferred Compensation benefits of **\$197,685.00** were paid from the general tithe fund for **340** participants who met the requirements in 1991-92. This deposit was made to United of Omaha in the usual manner, and makes a total of **\$2,877,084.00** held by United of Omaha.

The Ministerial Aid Committee is looking at a retirement plan that will include every active minister that pays tithes to headquarters. More information about this plan will be forthcoming once the new financial plan being considered by this Assembly is evaluated.

MINISTERIAL AID FUND STATUS

The current status of Ministerial Aid funds in the domestic account reveals a negative fund balance of **\$1,134,348.00**. The deficit spending for the current year was **\$595,660.00**. With the liquidation of the savings of **\$428,722.00** during the year, we were able to keep the deficit from escalating further.

CHURCH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

A group life insurance plan has been administered by the Church Benefit Association and Life Insurance Company of North America.

LINA is carrying **2,288** policies on Church members and families, and from June 1, 1991 through May 31, 1992, has processed **75** death claims for a total of **\$131,000.00** in benefits being paid to beneficiaries. We are very thankful that we have been able to upgrade our coverage and can offer some of the best rates available for quality group life insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

BILLY MURRAY, Chairman

WENDELL LOWE

HUGH EDWARDS

JOSE REYES

JERLENA RILEY, Director

ADRIAN L. VARLACK

E. L. JONES

HENRY O'NEAL

11:20 Brother Murray gave announcements concerning the afternoon workshops. William Wilson shared information concerning the afternoon session for the pastors and local youth directors. A. J. Coalter gave an introduction of the speaker, Frank Carl of Oasis Ministries, for the session as well.

11:35 Dismissed with prayer.

Friday Afternoon

2:15 Workshops

REACHING FORTH . . . To Face Contemporary Issues

Where Does This Rib Fit? Women's Role in the Church

Diane Wudel

Gifts of the Spirit (Part 1)

Tony Charalambou

Defining Legalism: Its Effects, Its Cures (Part 1)

James E. Stone

REACHING FORTH . . . To Strengthen The Family

Communication: Key To A Lasting Marriage

J. Wendell Lowe

Raising Smart Children In a Foolish World

Cathy Payne

Families In the Inner City

Carla and Maxie Fahie

REACHING FORTH . . . To Understand the Bible

A New and Better Way (Part 1)

Darrell Creel

God's Word Preserved (Part 1)

Hector Ortiz

The Bible Covenant Order (Part 3)

J. C. Cagle

REACHING FORTH . . . To Reach Today's World

Eastern Europe After Communism's Fall (Part 1)

Chris Stathis

Christian Writers' Workshop (Part 1)

Veronica Venable

Volunteerism In Missions—The Biblical Pattern

Adrian Varlack, Sr.

Possessing the Land in Which We Dwell

Beverly Goforth-Brooks

REACHING FORTH . . . As A Ministering Body

Ministry For and By the Elderly

Fred Lawson

Ministering On the Street

Jeff Davis

Teaching for Discipleship (Part 1)

Randy Howard

REACHING FORTH . . . To Build Spiritual Strength

Gifts for Growth (Part 1)

Larry Lowry

Forgiveness: The Power To Release

Doris Thompson

The Breaking Process

Ingrid Hutchinson

REACHING FORTH . . . In Glorious Praise

A History of Praise (Part 1)

Larry Duncan

Creative Worship for the Local Church

Galen and Peggy Bell

Igniting To Reach Today's Youth

(For Pastors and Local Youth Directors)

3:15 Break

3:45 Workshops

REACHING FORTH . . . To Face Contemporary Issues

Authority and Submission—A Biblical Understanding

Eva Morrison

Gifts of the Spirit (Part 2)

Tony Charalambou

Defining Legalism: Its Effects, Its Cures (Part 2)

James E. Stone

REACHING FORTH . . . To Strengthen the Family

Parenting Teenagers

David and Barbara Riggs

Biblical Foundations for Your Home
Don Knoblich

101 Ways for Married Couples To Say I Love You
M. E. Barnett

REACHING FORTH . . . To Understand the Bible
A New and Better Way (Part 2)
Darrell Creel

God's Word Preserved (Part 2)
Hector Ortiz

A Guide to Happiness
Sheila Murphree

REACHING FORTH . . . To Reach Today's World
Eastern Europe After Communism's Fall (Part 2)
Chris Stathis

Christian Writers' Workshop (Part 2)
Veronica Venable

The Role of the Holy Spirit In Our Mission to the World
Adrian Varlack, Sr.

Possessing the Land Our Feet Tread Upon
June Metaxas

REACHING FORTH . . . As A Ministering Body
Ministering Through the Chaplaincy
Elwood Matthews

Ministering to the Suicidal
Guy Lindsey

Teaching for Discipleship (Part 2)
Randy Howard

REACHING FORTH . . . To Build Spiritual Strength
Gifts for Growth (Part 2)
Larry Lowry

Pain: The Gift No One Wants
Evelyn Adams

Recognizing the Enemy
Henry Griffin

REACHING FORTH . . . In Glorious Praise
A History of Praise (Part 2)
Larry Duncan

Following the Spirit In Worship
David Baroni

Friday Evening

7:00 Musical prelude (30 minutes) by the Bahama Brass Band.

Mike Farien and L. V. Jones directed the offering. Brother Jones prayed a blessing on our giving and the musicians played under the direction of Ron Scotton.

7:51 The General Overseer welcomed Leon Petree from the Mountain Assembly Church of God.

7:54 **KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING *With a Yellow Ribbon on the Mantel***, Family Program directed by Elva Howard.

Sound of the trumpet saluted our families. Kathy Creasy made announcements regarding the children's activities. Musical, "The Family Tree," directed by Peggy Bell. Sister Howard welcomed all those watching by satellite. She then asked all the families to hold hands and pray for each family member.

The A. J. Coalter family sang, *As For Me and My House and Everybody will be Happy Over There*.

Family Echoes—Sister Howard had all the families around the tabernacle to stand (in different sections) and say "Praise the Lord," "Praise the Lord," "Hallelujah," and "Glory to God."

Praise and Worship led by Greg Stevens, Monica Alexander, and Londa Richardson. Each of them led one of the three sections in the auditorium. Chorus, *In My Life Be Glorified* led by Brother Stevens; *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* led by Sister Richardson. Sister Alexander read Psalm 103:17, 18 and then led the chorus, *I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord*. Other choruses: *Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb; Bless the Name of Jesus; Majesty; Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb*, reprise; *How Great Thou Art*.

The congregation prayed for the people's safety in Hawaii as a hurricane was headed their way.

9:03 Families sent up shouts of victory—J. Wendell Lowe in charge. Brother Lowe quoted 1 Peter 5:8 and exhorted on the family and the institution of marriage. Hands went up all over the auditorium giving witness

of God's taking charge in their families in some form or another. Brother Lowe shared his personal testimony, and asked those who had a member of their family return to God this year to come forward and tie a yellow ribbon on the trees standing on the platform. Randy and Bess Howard led the congregation in praise choruses as the people came forward.

Brother Lowe then asked all those who could not hang a ribbon representative of a family member coming home to come forward and hang one in faith believing that God is going to save them. There was an overwhelming response as a steady stream of delegates came to tie yellow ribbons in faith covering the evergreen trees in yellow.

Sister Howard asked Scott Gillum to lead a victory march representative of the rest of the families. The need to shout was uttered—for God has given us our families. The auditorium was filled with praise as families sent up shouts of victory!

9:55 Winds That Extinguish the Fire—Message by Elva Howard, Cleveland, Tennessee

(This message printed in the November 21, 1992 issue of the *White Wing Messenger* is available on cassette tape from the White Wing Publishing House and on video tape from the Voice of Salvation.)

The devil and his forces have defied the family unit and especially the Church family. Day and night he blasts forth much as Goliath did against the armies of Israel. There, no one was fighting. Everyone was fearful: fearful of the present circumstance, fearful for their lives and most fearful of the outcome. Then David arrives. He doesn't understand the commotion and he doesn't understand the fear. Why would an entire army of God stand trembling while a giant, with his imposing physique and his impregnable armor, thundered his threats? David's simple question, "Is there not a cause?" (1 Samuel 17:29). This man is defying the God of the armies of Israel. David declares that is cause to fight. When the living God is defied no matter the size of the man or the impregnable surroundings, it is time to fight. The family, yours and mine, is the cause. It is time for us to forget our materialistic crusade, forget our dream of being some known individual, forget the importance of always being engaged in activity, and fight for this cause.

Nehemiah, the one who went back to Jerusalem to build the wall, explained to the people their present predicament. There was debris all around as well as enemy forces to hinder them.

"And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses" (v. 14).

There is a cause: our sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, wives, husbands, mothers and fathers.

There is a never failing principle: Following God's way brings God's favor.

This doesn't mean that if you and your household are living for God that

storms won't come. They will come and beat on the house. There will be floods, the waters will rise and beat against it, but the house will stand . . . not on its own strength but because it is on the Rock (cf. Matthew 7:24, 25).

Home is the *heartbeat* of the family. It is in the home where life makes up its mind. Because of this, there is a storm raging. True, some earthquakes have destroyed houses, but that is irrelevant to the tremors of the enemy that are now battling the very foundations of almost every home. Only those whose faith is in the Lord Jesus Christ and who have dug deep into His sayings (the Word) will be able to withstand the storm.

There are some battle tactics that we need to learn: First and foremost, we must be (as the military would say) "in shape" . . . We must be exercised in The Word and in prayer.

Remember David killed a lion and a bear before volunteering to fight a giant. Until the lions and bears have been defeated in your personal life, you are not ready to fight the giant.

Second, complete detachment. Let go of the world—your desires, your hopes, your dreams—so you can draw closer to God.

God is not coming over on your side to fight for you and your cause. You are moving over to God's side—to stand still and see His mighty hand move. It is then God's battle, and victory comes through Him and for His glory.

Our attitude can be "I am His child . . . He loves me. I will obey Him. He will give me grace for every need. His Word will direct my course of action and I will claim His promises." In that setting and with that heart set, the forces of the enemy can be defeated.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 Morning

7:30 Unstructured prayer time.

8:30 Bible study directed by Melvin Hyatt (Ephesians 5:1-33). The Assembly stood for concert prayer to conclude the study.

9:35 Brother Murray gave a special prayer request for Randy Holmes and led the delegates in prayer.

9:40 Praise and worship directed by Jerry and Rhonda Stevens (Missouri). Songs: *At Calvary* (Scripture reading: Psalm 148); *I Will Praise Him* (Scripture reading: 1 Peter 1:19, 20); *Nothing But The Blood, Are You Washed In The Blood*.

10:00 Accepting the Challenge of Reaching Forth to Build Strong Local Churches (messages from pastors).

Tim Coalter (Virginia). In Acts, chapter 11, we can see the early stages of development in what would become one of the strongest, most exciting local churches in the New Testament, the church at Antioch.

“Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus” (vv. 19, 20). One of the first stages of development for the church at Antioch and for local churches today in becoming strong is that we must preach the right message. Our strength is not in our buildings, money, or talent—our strength is our message. Paul said to the Corinthians, “We preach Christ.” According to Acts 5:42, the Apostles could be found daily in the Temple and in every house preaching the Lord Jesus. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul reminds us that if Christ be not risen, our preaching is in vain. Apart from Him, we have no message.

Secondly, strong churches are innovative. Many of our churches today are at a crossroads, debating whether to retreat to the past or to reach out in new, innovative ways to a world that is ever-changing. Strong local churches are not afraid to try something new. They’re not afraid of new approaches, new methods, new ideas.

When I look in the Bible, I see innovative things happening all the time. It was innovative for Jesus to feed 5,000 with just five loaves and two fish. It was innovative for Him to eat with sinners and publicans. It had never been done that way before. It was innovative for Moses to build a serpent of brass and put it on a pole and lift it up. This innovative idea was inspired of God, but it was something new. It was a method, but the problem was that Israel began to worship the method insomuch so that Hezekiah did what was right in the sight of the Lord when he came and broke down the brazen serpent because they had been burning incense unto it (cf. 2 Kings 18:4). Church, we must recognize that it is not our method that is sacred; it is our message. We must allow our message to keep up with an ever-changing world. In Acts 11, many turned to the Lord because a few men were willing to break away from the established, traditional way of doing things and were willing to try something new. According to verse 19, the Jews had been scattered as a result of Stephen’s persecution. And everywhere they went, they were preaching the Word, but the Bible says “unto the Jews only” until a few men became innovative. They decided to break away from the “we’ve never done it that way before” syndrome. They went to Antioch and began to preach the Lord Jesus among the Gentiles. That was something new. Yes, it was different. They were breaking new ground, they were charting a new course, but it worked. People were saved.

The third stage of developing a strong local church has to do with our attitude. “Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord” (Acts 11:22, 23).

Putting this into a familiar setting, apparently, general headquarters heard that something different was happening at Antioch, so they sent Barnabas, a headquarters representative, to check it out. And, after he saw what was happening, Barnabas did not rebuke these few men for their innovative idea of going to the Gentiles. General headquarters did not frown on them for following their local inspiration. The Bible says that Barnabas was glad. I have found from my own experience that a strong church can be innovative and, at the same time, be in good standing with state and general headquarters.

Remember that strong churches are made, not born. We must develop our strength by keeping our message focused on Jesus, by keeping an open mind to new, innovative thinking and by maintaining a proper attitude.

Cervin McKinnon (North Carolina). In Philippians 3, the Apostle Paul declared that he had received a glimpse of heaven's glory, and for the rest of his life, he would spend in sincere and determined effort to make heaven his home, and in so doing would point others heavenward. Having had a heavenly encounter, I also accept the challenge of reaching forth to build a strong local church.

I accept the challenge as God's man in these times to seek Him, for the Bible declares, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

The Lord said, ". . . ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13), and the prophet accepted the challenge.

I accept the challenge to trust Him, fellowship Him and walk with Him as the wise man Solomon. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

I accept the challenge to do His bidding in a sin-cursed world, rebuffing the fear to build the Church of God. Paul wrote Timothy that "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). Let the power in the Holy Ghost, love that covers a multitude of sins, and the mind that is in Christ Jesus also be in us.

I accept the challenge to reach forth to build, "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9). We must labor and build according to the grace of God that is given unto each of us, taking heed how we build.

I accept the challenge to learn of Him. Jesus said "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:29, 30).

I accept the challenge to minister to the ever-pressing needs of our present day society—the need of salvation for the soul, the need of healing for the body, the need to find a true and a vibrant worship before the Almighty God.

The Psalmist reminds us, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (Psalm 127:1). I know that this is God's business. I accept the challenge, but I seek Him, and I rest in Him.

I accept the challenge to build with a cultural sensitivity in this diverse world, and to minister to all people that I might win some.

The truth is the anchor that stabilizes our lives. In confidence we can build strong local churches. The song encourages us, "Be not dismay'd whate'er betide, God will take care of you."

Mike Creasy (Tennessee). "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13, 14).

Bible principles never change, they are eternal. Culture, on the other hand, is forever changing. Our culture is like a speeding car, racing toward the future, and the question is asked, Will the Church keep pace, or will she be left behind? While Bible principles never change, the way we apply these principles to different cultures do change. Leaders are learners; therefore, we must learn the eternal laws of change and be able to produce it in others. Because culture changes, our methods of reaching people must change or we will become religious traditionalists and gradually die for the lack of ministering to the needs of the world around us. Growth equals change. You cannot grow unless you change. The very word "growth" equals change.

Second, we must have a change in mindset about God's will for strong local churches. I believe it's God's will that the Church of God have strong, growing, local churches. For a local church to be strong and grow, it must have the freedom to pray down God-inspired and uncriticized methods that may be very different from a local church down the road. Our local churches must not be rubber stamps created from General Headquarters. While the local church must have identity with headquarters and similarities to its sister churches, at the same time, it must have its own special identity and ministry in the place or location where it is established. Each local church in its different locality, must have inspiration for growth from God for its unique location. If we teach like the early Church, then we are going to have to believe in quick growth.

There are two aspects that must be realized if we are to have strong, growing local churches. Number one, anointed praise and worship must be a priority. People currently choose a church by the style of worship, the quality of ministry, and the doctrine or belief that influences lifestyle. While there are varied styles of worship, God accepts different styles as long as they are biblical. Somehow our mindset must be changed. We all worship in our own way and just because someone worships a little different than we do does not mean they are not Church of God.

Another aspect of a strong, growing local church will be a ministering church. We must be mature enough in Christ that we do not depend on someone else to always minister to us. I used to hear it said, "I want to go to church and get a blessing." If that is all we go to church for, it is very selfish and we miss the whole point. We go to worship and glorify God who blessed us with salvation and delivered us from the life of sin; and, in the process of worship and praise, we will receive the blessings of God. Christ has called us to minister. Christ's last command to His disciples was to go minister to all nations (cf. Matthew 28:19). Jesus' entire mission on earth was to minister, and He taught the disciples to do likewise by His example. "And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them" (Luke 5:29). I believe this is our key.

When you say, "God, to whomever You send me, I'm going to minister," you had better be prepared to minister. You had better lay down traditions and all these things that hinder the ministry and begin touching people's needs. We're living in a hurting society, a hurting world, and they need to be ministered to.

In closing, Bible principles never change, but we are in one of the most changing cultures that's ever been. If we want strong local churches, we must reach this generation with methods that will minister to the needs of an ever-changing world. The choice is ours. We can ignore these changes and fall back on our religious cushions as this generation passes us by, or we can accept the challenge of reaching forth to minister to this generation, and thereby see strong, growing local churches.

Earl McKay (New York). I'd like to thank God, first of all, for a local church that I believe is willing to accept the challenge to be a strong, growing local church. I believe the issue here is accepting the challenge. I believe God has been challenging us. He has spoken to us clearly this year, but I believe He has challenged us in the past. So the issue is accepting the challenge.

Lately, I was going through some of my books and I came across the A.B.M. book that was put out by the A.B.M. department, "A Challenge for the Decade of the 80s" and I saw this not only as a challenge for the decade of the 80s, but a challenge for the 90s. God is still challenging us. And I'm convinced that what God needs is not so much better methods but better men. God's method is always men.

Paul said, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13, 14).

First of all, Paul accepted the challenge. God met him on the road to Damascus, challenged and transformed him, and his life was spent seeking to apprehend that for which Christ had apprehended him. I believe building strong local churches begins with us as individuals. It begins with my

seeking God, finding His will, His plan, His purpose for my life, for my church or His church that He has given us to pastor. Paul received a vision of God's purpose for his life, and he testified, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." He was always pressing forward to fulfill that vision, to grasp that for which he had been grasped by God.

To accept this challenge fully, we must first acknowledge that we are not where the Lord wants us to be. Paul said, "I count not myself to have apprehended." We must accept the fact that we are not where God wants us to be as leaders of local churches. Secondly, according to that verse, we must be courageous enough to turn our backs on the methods and even the achievements of the past which are not conducive to future progress. We cannot put new wine into old wineskins. For us to have strong local churches, some of us will have to be willing to step aside and let God have His way. If we fail to work according to God's plan, we put ourselves in jeopardy. If we are to build strong local churches, we must be honest with ourselves and God.

Thirdly, we must be willing to stretch ourselves. Paul said, "Reaching forth . . . I press." The wineskin must be able to stretch if it's going to accept the new wine and therefore be a blessing. A man's reach must exceed his grasp.

I believe our local churches have all it takes to be strong, and I believe they will be. I've accepted the challenge.

Enrique Kelly (Pennsylvania). "And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. And if thou offer a meat offering of thy firstfruits unto the Lord, thou shalt offer for the meat offering of thy firstfruits green ears of corn dried by the fire, even corn beaten out of full ears" (Leviticus 2:13, 14).

The God of Israel always wanted His people to serve Him with salt and seasoning and flavor. He wanted their service to be with great esteem. In order for a local church to grow, salt is needed. When we serve Him, He wants us to have good flavor. When we praise Him, we are seasoning with good taste, a good attitude.

When a worship service is seasoned with salt, God works. When we serve Him with a good attitude, in a good spirit, there is no contradiction within the church.

When I arrived in Philadelphia, the first thing I did was go to a retreat for six days, day and night. My wife attended a retreat for seven days, day and night, without eating, looking for seasoning. When I was four days into the retreat, a young man came to my room. He began to pray with me. On the second day that he prayed with me, he began to say, "Here He comes. Here He comes." I stood back and looked at him to see what was coming. Then he repeated it, and when he said, "He's here!" he began to speak in tongues. The Holy Ghost had arrived.

Sometimes contradictions occur in our churches because we are not very well seasoned. Well-seasoned people hear the good, see the good and even walk better.

In local church conferences, there are always some in the group who have soft hearts filled with the grace of God. They are willing to submit, but in contrast, there are always hard hearts who refuse to submit.

One time my wife looked at the church and said, “Everyone is beautiful. There is no one here that does anything wrong. Everything they do is right.” A sister said, “It seems to me that you need to buy yourself some glasses.” When we are well seasoned with salt, we are constantly looking for the blessing and the grace of God. We don’t cause problems. Problems decrease when we accept the challenge to please God. What I am trying to say is, if you submit, the Church is the Church; if you don’t submit, the Church is the Church.

11:29 The Assembly stood and applauded in appreciation to the pastors for their messages.

11:30 Questions and Subjects Committee

The Questions and Subjects Committee returned to the floor as moved on Wednesday. The secretary read the following:

Points of Explanation

We acknowledge that our report is unique in that it is informational only. We also recognize the unprecedented result to the report in that those who could not submit were allowed group access to the committee for dialogue. Because of this rare scenario, we feel it is both appropriate and needful to offer this explanation to the Assembly proper.

A total of three and one-half hours were spent in discussion with 33 formal presentations, not including sporadic questions from the group. We wish to commend those whose spirits reflected that of our Lord in their presentations. Unfortunately, there were others whose spirits were not so gracious. We were also saddened by the display of disrespect by a few toward our General Overseer.

A common theme of “give us direction” relative to the 26th teaching was heard. Without doubt, we all anticipated a concrete resolution to offer this Assembly based on the 26th Teaching Committee’s report.

However, we do see in their report what the Spirit desired. It is our conviction that a humble, contrite—repentant—spirit that began in Thursday’s initial business report and then escalated into the spirit of love and respect for one another need not be limited to those few hours of business, but be cultivated and matured from that day forward as we search the Scriptures together.

Brother Moderator, we humbly request that our report be accepted or refused, as it was finalized Wednesday, without further dialogue and so noted in Assembly records.

The Questions and Subjects Committee report was considered accepted by the Assembly after the General Overseer asked for all those who could not accept the report to stand—and he saw none.

Note: At 2:04 Brother Murray stated that he thought no one was in opposition to the Questions and Subjects Committee report; however, someone said (during the lunch break) that some stood in opposition.

He wanted the Assembly report to stand as “not approved” and that is how it was to be recorded.

Brother Murray addressed the question as to whether or not the 26th teaching is still in effect, stating that the 26th teaching is still in effect and that the only subject addressed in the Questions and Subjects Committee report of the 86th Assembly was the “wedding band.” He stated that the Lord is teaching us that we will have to tolerate one another in things that we do not immediately agree upon. He asked the Assembly to be tolerant of one another as we are being directed by the Lord. His desire is to understand what God wants during this time of great harvest. He asked the Assembly to be sensitive to our brothers’ and sisters’ feelings. He stated that our most important business is to reach a world that is lost and needs to be saved, encouraging us to spend more time in prayer than in discussion of things that only cause confusion. In his assertion of his love for us, he stated that he wants us to love one another. The Lord does not intend for us to be a Body of dismembered parts, but rather one Body in Him.

Brother Murray asked everyone to stand in agreement that we are determined to be the Church of God and led the Assembly in a concert prayer of thanks for God’s help and direction.

11:55 Adjournment

(The Questions and Subjects Report as finalized Wednesday, printed for the record and acknowledged as “not accepted.”)

Report of the Questions and Subjects Committee

“O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people” (Psalm 105:1). It is with a deep sense of gratitude that we thank the membership of the Church of God throughout the world for your prayers and letters demonstrating your appreciation and support on behalf of the committee.

The Questions and Subjects Committee serves the General Assembly. The men appointed to the committee come from diverse cultural backgrounds and hold different personal views, yet sit together as brethren to formulate Assembly recommendations. We are thankful for God’s grace and love shown among brethren and we thank you for expressing your gratitude.

It is appropriate to give honor to whom honor is due, “Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine” (1 Timothy 5:17). During this time of transition in

the Church of God, a tremendous responsibility was thrust upon our General Overseer, Bishop Billy D. Murray. It is evident that God's grace has been his sustaining source of strength from the inception of his installation. Although much prayer has been made on behalf of both the General Overseer and his wife, we, the committee, feel an outward show of our love and support by this august body should be expressed at this time. Let this Assembly give a standing ovation to our General Overseer and his wife.

Introduction

The following sections are for informational purposes only and include both clarifications and projections to the 87th General Assembly. We acknowledge the unique purpose of this report—that of information only. However, we envision future reports that are expanded in scope and distributed with ample time for personal study and possible correspondence. Thus, this report bridges the gap between the customary practice of the Questions and Subjects Committee Report and its foresighted future.

Section 1 Clarifications

A. Deacons

Section 1 part C of the Questions and Subjects Committee report to the 86th General Assembly entitled "Deacon Ordination" was discussed and subsequently tabled for further study. We offer no recommendation at this time.

B. Abortion

Following the acceptance of the Church's previous stand on abortion in the 86th General Assembly, we are continuing to study this subject as requested.

C. New Entity For Leadership Development

In accordance with the Assembly approved recommendation for restructuring:

"At the present time, we have thirty General Headquarters appointees. We recommend that this number be reduced by the combining of several departments, such combining is to be left to the decision of the General Overseer, in consultation with the Administrative Committee (based on a biblical review of the function of each department)" (Page 44, Section 5, QSC, 85th AM).

We acknowledge the General Overseer's authority in the combining of BTI and Tomlinson College. We further endorse the section of his address, "Leadership Development."

We strongly encourage each state/nation to give their support, both prayerfully and financially, to the continued development of our ministers. The educational entity's field-based approach will allow for greater participation in all areas of leadership.

Section 2 Projections

A. Office of the General Overseer

The International Committee to Study the Office of General Overseer has completed their work. The committee put hundreds of hours of prayer, research, and writing into this study, which is now available to the Assembly. We wish to sincerely commend these brethren for their exhaustive work and desire that all will prayerfully receive and familiarize themselves with this material. The Questions and Subjects Committee will use this report for reference in future recommendations to the General Assembly.

B. Business Procedure

In light of the prior experiences in the business sessions of the General Assembly, the order of procedure, and continued correspondence from concerned members and ministers, this committee is preparing to present an appropriate order of business for consideration to the 88th General Assembly.

C. Questions and Subjects Committee Report

In an effort to assist our people in Assembly business preparation, we intend to distribute a preliminary Questions and Subjects Committee report several months prior to each General Assembly.

D. The 26th Teaching

We “. . . beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:1-3).

In the 86th General Assembly the General Overseer stated that he would appoint a committee to study the 26th teaching. The committee was appointed and spent many hours in prayer and study on this subject. A historical report of the teaching, as well as an exegesis of its accompanying scriptures, has been submitted. We would encourage the membership to obtain a copy and study the committee’s findings prayerfully.

The study report was presented to the Questions and Subjects Committee in our Pre-Assembly meeting. We feel it would be unwise to prepare a recommendation without giving opportunity for the report to be studied by the Church constituency. In this time of study we further direct you to the Questions and Subjects Committee report to the 85th General Assembly, recorded on page 45 of that Minute which says:

“Over the years some correspondence and verbal input have come to this committee questioning the established doctrine and practices of the Church. This committee has prayerfully considered all materials received. We would like to go on record that we support the Church and its Bible-based teachings. God’s Word is inerrant and infallible and has not changed; neither has the Church’s position changed with regard to taking the whole Bible rightly divided. Therefore, we would encourage all of our ministry and laity to dedicate our lives to the godly principles of the Bible, being ensamples to the flock and to this world in which we live by willingly complying with these principles.

“In light of the Holy Scriptures that admonishes the ministry to edify (which means to build up) the Body of Christ, we feel it unwise to destroy the Church we are commissioned to build. Therefore, we recommend that divisive words and letters of nonedifying content be discouraged, but rather strive for the unity of the faith in the bond of peace, lest we run the risk of offending weak brothers and hinder the glorious Church of God we are committed to build.

“We do not wish to convey the idea of stifling freshness and inspiration from God. There must always be room for openness and dialogue among those who have the highest regard for truth and pleasing God.”

In the meantime, we call on each member of the Church to “. . . have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear” (Hebrews 12:28).

And in the words of Paul to the Ephesian saints, “. . . be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

“Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.

“Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:23-32).

Respectfully submitted,
 J. A. JIMENEZ JR., Chairman
 CHARLES C. WINCHESTER
 CLIVE JARED
 RICHARD E. DAVIS

JOHN PACE
 LARRY WILSON
 JESUS YANEZ

Saturday Afternoon

1:30 Praise and worship directed by Jerry and Joyce Smith (Illinois).
 Songs: *My God Is Real*; *The God of the Mountain*; *Whose Report Do You Believe?*; Scripture reading: 2 Chronicles 7:14, Revelation 19:7, 8; *I’ve Got A Feeling*. (An extended time of rejoicing.)

2:04 Brother Murray’s announcement relative to the Questions and Subjects Committee report. (See Note page 90.)

2:10 Inspirational Flashes

Christian Education Projections—Randy Howard

**Projection
for the
Center For Biblical Leadership**

(Since this projection was given the school of ministry has been titled, “Center For Biblical Leadership.” At the time of the report the terms school of ministry and new educational entity were being used to describe this ministry.)

Education should make us live life with zest, with gusto, with exuberance. But so much that passes for education takes away the wonder of life. So much that passes for education is only the smoke of a futile fire that has done nothing but consume life. The reason is that so much which passes for education lacks the most important element—the spiritual concept that has room for God and calls us from apathies that benumb and deaden the soul.

Thus [faith] is the vital element in full-orbed education. It pioneers for education, adding a sense of responsibility to academic freedom. It breathes a spirit of reverence into the quest of truth. It establishes a center of moral authority in the individual’s life. It gives a sense of values. It glorifies hum-drum drudgeries. It brings fulfillment to life with dynamic peace!

Get all the education you can, but with all your getting get wisdom. Remember always that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.¹

Know history and experience the history of redemption.

Study geography, and learn the way to the River of Life and the City whose Builder and Maker is God.

Study geology and plant your feet upon the Rock of Ages.

Study zoology and bow in reverence before the majesty of the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

Study biology and begin now the Life Eternal.

Study botany and yield your soul to the sweet influence of the Rose of Sharon and Lily of the Valley.

Study psychology and sit at the feet of Him who knew what was in man.

Study art and practice the art of fine living.²

“Our mission is to provide Bible-based inspirational educational services in positive learning environments by becoming aware of the needs of the field and by designing learning processes and methods suitable to meet those needs, thereby enhancing the work of the Great Commission of our Lord, and encouraging the biblical unity of His people in fulfilling that commission.”³

It has been the desire of the General Overseer from his first instructional meeting with the school of ministry planning group that the education of this ministry would be such that imparts the inspiration of God. We are reminded of the angel’s well-known proclamation in the Book of Zechariah, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”⁴

This is the challenge for the school of ministry, to deliver leadership development that is sound in academics certainly, but of equal importance is that it be permeated with the illumination of God himself by His Spirit.

We understand that in every outpost of this ministry's work this challenge will only be fulfilled by men and women who meet with ready learners only after they have met with the divine Teacher. It was that quality the Council perceived in the disciples of Christ which impacted them so deeply—they saw that they had been with Jesus.⁵

Because of this, the school of ministry must attempt what secular schools do not even consider—that of conveying an awareness that we must minister in the anointing of God. If we are to carry forward the ministry of Christ then we must begin with His pronouncement which He read in the synagogue at the beginning of His ministry, “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.”⁶

“Our approach is based on the biblical principle of equipping God's people for the work of ministering to the building up of the Body of Christ, and is summed up in these words: **Decentralization**—allows us to provide educational services to our complex network of churches by keeping in touch with their real needs. **Concentration**—focuses services and resources on those educational needs, thereby enhancing preparation for gospel service. **Innovation**—allows us to initiate and tailor services that effectively meet our educational needs, avoids duplications, and complements and encourages existing field oriented programs.”⁷

This ministry will attempt to rise to the challenge of using a variety of structures and methods to deliver leadership development to the ministers of the Church. The possibilities are many to shape an equipping ministry that meets the needs of churches specific to the regions. We are challenged to use all available resources, technologies and inspirations for our leaders to be the best they can be for the glory of God. Much discussion has been given to satellite schooling, video classes, utilizing space for classes in regions with camp ground facilities, tapping into experts in various specific fields of ministry for input, use of local churches, hotel conference rooms, area campuses, retreat sites, or any location that can be utilized for the best and most efficient equipping of the ministers of the Church of God. “College without Walls” is a contemporary phrase in educational delivery which could have beneficial application to the development of this ministry.

The school of ministry is interested in initiating a multi-track curriculum which would meet the immediate needs pastors and lay leaders feel for practical ministry courses as well as provide curriculum for the minister that would like to study courses to obtain a certificate of ministry and ultimately a degree in ministry. With multi-tracks immediate needs, certificate curriculum, as well as other goals for instruction could all be administered effectively.

One of the great concerns of the school will be to see ministers in the Church of God acquire the attitude of “life-long learning.” This attitude will express itself in men and women that understand there is no real graduation when it comes to knowing God or learning how to minister more effectively to people. They will be ministers constantly seeking out ways to enhance their efforts and gain new tools for the building up of their churches and saints. The school is committed to providing these with quality resources and guidance.

Ultimately the school is convinced that this educational equipping ministry will serve the needs of the Church for many years to come. Because we understand that ministry leadership development in the Church around the world is extremely complex, we pledge our willingness to further explore and develop the detailed implications necessary. We know that many things remain to be worked out, the ground work must be laid, and we certainly do not feel that this proposal is complete. It is our conviction that education is not meant to compete with mission, broadcasting, youth ministries, evangelism, pastoral care, or any other ministry. Rather we believe that a strong educational ministry will provide a solid base of support and energy for these and all other ministries of the Church.

There are precious few moments in history when bold and imaginative decisions will significantly effect the Church. We are entering an era when we must seize the opportunities before us. The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects that it will change, the realist adjusts his sails. As the winds of the Spirit begin to blow, we must be willing to follow.

The remaining years of the 1990s spread before us like a new book upon whose pages nothing has yet been printed. However, God’s plan, invisible to our natural eyes, is already engraved on the volume of this decade. It is incumbent on us to seek His face until we can clearly read His directions for the Church of God in these last days.⁸

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Projections for the Youth of the Church—William Wilson

YOUTH PROJECTIONS 1992-93

All of us could say that things were different in many ways when we were teenagers from the way they are today. However, we can also be assured that just as the power of the gospel reached us it can, will and is reaching this generation. In fact, we must release the gospel to youth all around us if they are going to be saved. Around two-thirds of the world's population is under the age of thirty-five—approximately three billion people. This means that the largest mission field of our time is not China, India, Russia, or Eastern Europe but it is the youth and children of this generation. Also, we know that historically 80-85% of those who are now committed Christians accepted Jesus Christ before the age of 21. Potentially, there could be more youth and children at the marriage supper of the Lamb from among the youth and children of this day than from all previous generations put together. When young people find Christ there is not only a soul saved for eternity but a life is saved for God's purpose on earth.

D. L. Moody reported the results of one of his meetings thus: "Two and a half conversions!" Someone asked him if he meant two adults and a child? Moody said: "No, two children and an adult. The children gave their whole lives to the Lord but the adult only had half a life to give."

God's Word is clear that people are to remember their Creator in the days of their youth and that the young are both called and anointed in Christian service. In certain passages, such as 1 John, youth are singled out and spoken to directly. Young people like Saul, David, Solomon, Jeremiah, Timothy, Mark and Josiah along with many others have proven time and again that a person doesn't have to be old to be used by God. God is mindful of young people, His heart is open to them, and He desires to use them.

The Lord has given me the privilege and responsibility for the last twelve years to minister on a full time basis to young people. Amazingly during the last few years I have seen a spiritual hunger in this generation in every corner of the globe. Today's youth are hungry for the reality of Jesus and whenever the gospel is presented in the power of the Spirit and in creative ways today's young person will respond. The greatest obstacle I have observed in reaching out to youth has not been from among the youth themselves but is simply the lack of those who are willing to give them-

selves to reach out to today's young person. If we are going to reap the harvest God has for us we need people who will dedicate themselves to loving, shepherding and evangelizing youth on a long term basis—people who will intercede for this generation, fight the enemy for them and win them at all costs. Each of us sitting in this building are called of God to communicate the good news of the Lord to this generation of youth. We must not fail in our mission.

In 1928 the General Assembly agreed to begin a youth ministry arm of the Church called Victory Leaders. The primary function of this ministry arm was to raise funds for the printing of literature. Over the years, the Victory Leaders of the church have had an exciting ministry. There has been considerable growth and expansion of this department to include camping, mission teams, youth conferences and a youth magazine. In the present reorganizational plan going on at General Headquarters it has been decided that the Children's Ministries Department would be combined with what has traditionally been called the Victory Leaders Department. In last year's Questions and Subjects Report the General Overseer was given the authority to rename departments and combine them as the need arose. After discussions with the General Overseer it is felt that the name Youth Ministries better reflects the scope of ministry presently being done in this department and that which will be done in the future. For now it is suggested that the local youth group name could remain Victory Leaders with the local church being free to exercise individual inspiration for their locale.

Not only are the youth of this generation our greatest Harvest Field they are also the potentially greatest Harvesters for the Kingdom of God. This year in our promotions and events sponsored from the General level we hope to harvest and raise up harvesters for the kingdom of God within the Church.

Last year we had over 7,000 young people saved through our local outreach efforts. This year we are launching our two-year YoutHarvest Drive with the theme of Youth On Fire.

Young people On Fire for God—every youth director's and pastor's dream! Imagine it—a local church with young people who are excited about Jesus, who are reading their Bibles, worshipping enthusiastically, witnessing to their friends, involved in the work of the church, and maintaining a consistent prayer life before the Lord. Young people who are consumed with the cause of Christ and who soon find that they cannot be stopped.

It doesn't have to be a dream! On Fire can be a description of your young people. Our Youth On Fire drive is designed to help your local youth group experience God's power for themselves and become involved in rescuing other young people from eternal fire.

Every local church will be getting a sample packet of material which can be used in conducting your drive for the Fire.

YOUTHFIRE—A Fire Is Burning Near You!

This year will mark the seventh year since our first-ever youth conference and we are excited about the outpouring of God's Fire on our today's youth at a YouthFire near you. In all, there will be five YouthFires during this church year. Four are planned in the U.S. and one is planned for the Carribean area. I look forward to seeing youth and youthworkers at your regional YouthFire.

Youth Camping Ministry—This year we had over 9,000 spiritual experiences reported in our state and national camps. Seventeen summers ago I went to my first Church of God of Prophecy youth camp just outside of Louisville. On the first night after a message by Don Estep I made my way forward and received the Holy Ghost. That camp was a turning point in my life. Every year youth around the world experience the power for the very first time at one of our church camps. We are thankful for all the sacrifices made for over twenty-eight thousand campers we minister to annually.

Victory Magazine—In 1992, we have covered the topics of running away from home, hope and despair, abuse, deliverance, work in the Ukraine, dealing with parents, living in a violent world, the call of God, youth on Fire, social responsibility and prayer, and the power of television. This coming year we are looking at addressing subjects ranging from racism to witchcraft and from Christian liberty to youth culture today. Mothers and fathers, pastors and youthworkers, we need your help in getting the message of Victory out to your young people. Why don't you sign someone up today?

Conclusion—It is our commitment as a General Department to help your local church as much as possible, in any way possible. We want to see your youth and children harvested for Christ and become the harvesters God wants them to be. I pray that we will be a young (in spirit), thriving, growing church reaching today's youth.

Our Ladies Look Ahead—Elva Howard

OUR LADIES LOOK AHEAD

The cry of the ages has been "ONWARD." During the Crusades it was onward to the Holy Land. In other times and for other reasons it was the challenging word to forge ahead into new vistas and claim new lands. Here in these United States it was "Westward Ho." In Canada, it was "move northward."

The Lord explained to Joshua that they were going into unfamiliar territory. They had never been that way before. It was important in fulfilling the plan of God that they leave the known. It is not easy to leave the known—it is fearful. It takes more prayer and more faith to begin something new. It is more comfortable to remain with the old, but God wants us to step out into new areas of service, to reach beyond ourselves. It is when we extend ourselves beyond ourselves that we grow and expand. May I

challenge you—the women of this Church—to move Northward. By and large, we have been doing the same things year after year. That is not bad. In fact much good has been done, but this is the day of the coming of the Lord. It is a different day and we must prepare ourselves to meet the challenge of this day. Seek God for wisdom—learn of him, trust Him and He will lead you into a ministry beyond yourself.

Today for us it is a challenging word—Onward—to face the challenge of this day. Onward to a deeper knowledge of the Word, onward to fulfill ourselves in a ministry to which we have been chosen by God.

We, the women of this Church, must personally hear that challenge. In every individual, God has placed special gifts aside from the nine spiritual gifts. The spiritual gifts are the outflow of a deeply Spirit-filled life, but the natural gifts were given by God to you. What is your gift? May I challenge you this year if you are not aware of that gift or gifts, then ask God to reveal it to you and when He does, begin to use it, and in the using, it will enlarge itself and in the enlarging you will find a fulfillment which you have heretofore never known. And, pastors, when the above takes place you will begin to see these individuals performing many duties in their homes, in their communities and in their churches. They will grow and blossom before your very eyes. Don't stifle that! They will be no threat to you if you will stand ready to encourage and nurture that growing and maturing person. If you, as the pastor, can do that you will soon see a growing and reaching out in your church. It is extremely important for every individual to be encouraged to exercise the gift or gifts which God has given them.

The Department of Women's Ministry stands ready to assist you in means and plans to better minister to our women. I want to encourage you to find ways of not only ministering to our church families but to the world about you. We can no longer be just the Women's Missionary Band endeavoring to raise funds. We must become a vibrant ministering group within the local church and we can do this as women seek to use the gifts which God has given.

This is a department of many facets. The most familiar is the raising of mission funds. No doubt we will always be doing that. Here in this Assembly we gave a great demonstration of how to present missions to a local church through the system of a Mission Encounter. If you are interested in your local church participating in such there is a Mission Encounter packet which can be obtained at the Women's Ministry booth. May I personally say thanks to all the sponsors who worked to make the Mission Encounter here attractive as well as informational. Thanks to Barbara Miracle, a local leader, who directed this activity. Thanks, too, to the Missionaries who came and spoke to the people concerning their countries. I believe that Thursday of this week was truly a Mission Encounter for many and will live on in your memory. Some have expressed a desire to help those on the Mission field. If you are interested in helping a certain field for a certain need you may send it through the Helping Hand Ministry.

Ladies Retreats is another facet of this ministry. Each year I direct Regional Ladies Retreats. There are times when a retreat site might be unreachable for some. There are other times when the cost is prohibitive for some. I believe the second could be overcome by encouraging the local church to work together on fund raising projects to assist their women to attend. It will be money well spent. They need the time of fellowship outside the local church circle. They need to experience the value of worshiping together. Much has been accomplished through this medium. I challenge you this year to appropriate some type of program to help the women in your area to attend a Regional Retreat.

State retreats are also benefiting our women. The efforts put forth in these are rewarding and many are touched, strengthened and encouraged. I appreciate the women in the states and countries who have directed these programs.

Neither Regional nor State Retreats can do it all. There is another facet to this ministry that needs strengthening and that is the ministry to women on the local level. Leaders in the local churches must become aware of their responsibility in ministering to the women. They must be women who have a broader vision than the local church service. They must see the ministry as a whole: ministry to individuals be they members or non-members. And equally important is a ministry to the community. We must remember we are no longer an isolated entity but we are responsible to be all things to all men. It is time to break with the traditions of the past and become the ministering force of the here and now.

Yes, it is onward—onward into new fields of labor, onward and upward into being that people God desires for himself.

And in this onward move there will be changes. There are some plans being developed now that will effect this department, causing it to enlarge its border of thought. I do not feel I have the authority to divulge some of my thought and inspiration concerning these changes until it has been officially announced through the General Assembly. I do feel that we can say with Caleb of old, “We are well able. . .” and “give me that mountain.” Changes loom before us as formidable barriers. For some this is seen as a great challenge and even before the summons die on the lips they are climbing into their shoes ready to move forward. So it is with us. Onward to meet the challenges of our day and begin conquering the unconquerable.

All stood as a show of concern for their local churches and prayer was offered for them.

World Missions Projections—Adrian Varlack

MISSION PROJECTIONS

We live in a needy world, a world divided and apart, a world lost without God. The disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ are themselves divided, but in

my opinion, not hopelessly so. In fact, it is my conviction that we are called to lead the way in modeling the New Testament both by how we structure and operate the Church (as a whole and churches in particular) and the way in which we pursue our mission. In helping toward these goals, Missions will serve unselfishly, be open in its attitude, cultivate a sincere willingness to learn, courageously reorganize and restructure as needed, be studious about the Word, and faithfully do such other things as are compatible with the biblical purposes and mission to which we are called.

Specifically, we see the need to bring together our efforts around the world in a more concerted way, giving greater emphasis to those areas of strength that can be a blessing to God's people as a whole: internationalization, organizational efficiency, racial and cultural harmony in diversity, and our commitment to biblical unity. We feel that some interaction with ongoing biblically based ministries is one way to bring our saltiness to the rest of Christianity. This cannot be done in isolation and must be done with a degree of boldness, and with some expectation of rejection by our peers.

Further, we believe that our efforts at expansion must be among the unchurched and unreached nations (peoples) without necessarily neglecting those who claim to be Christian but have need of spiritual renewal. We believe also that the time has come to openly, and in tangible ways, begin to demonstrate our love for the Jews, God's chosen people according to the flesh, by assisting where we can in the new exodus towards Israel. This will be a new aspect of ministering to those who are God's (but are in need of God), one that we feel is a vital endtime ministry. The Muslim world and other major religions must also have a credible gospel witness and we must work diligently, deliberately toward this end. We intend to develop better ways of responding to the pain and suffering of lost humanity and of our brothers and sisters in distressful situations.

We see a need to help redefine and redirect the focus of the Church's ministry from a purely internal orientation to one capable of influencing true disciples of Christ toward biblical unity for the sake of effective mission. The realities of Christianity at the international level makes us aware that while we are much further along than many, we still have a long way to go in admitting what God is doing, and in recognizing the gifted men and women He is using from literally every ethno-linguistic group under heaven. We must find effective, legitimate ways to further internationalize the decision-making process of the Church at the global level, always with an eye toward the fulfillment of our mission. We believe that the Lord has given us some ideas and areas of emphasis that can be developed into helpful means:

- (1) The recognition, development, and recruitment of World level leadership.
- (2) The continued development and refinement of leadership forums and structures (such as International Leadership Conferences) suitable for effective global communication.

(3) The formal division of the whole Church world into its natural world-regions (or as close to these as possible) with world-regional centers for representation and administration located in strategic areas.

(4) The deliberate building of bridges of understanding to and with other serious, bible-believing Christians.

(5) The continuation of our church-planting efforts with emphasis on true New Testament means and models.

We are irrevocably committed (both by precept [what we teach] and practice [what we do]) to be the Church of God of the Bible, and to continue to become what the New Testament shows the Church to be in spirit, in love, in holiness, in fellowship, in service, in Mission (Acts 2:42-47).

We commit ourselves to the task of the Great Commission of our Lord and it is our intention to cooperate with all those who sincerely and faithfully serve our Lord in getting the true Gospel to all the world's unreached.

We also commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among true believers, joining them in a prayerful and sincere effort to narrow our differences and to minimize (and ultimately overcome) all administrative, national, cultural, racial, theological and other hindrances to biblical unity, so that our witness to the world will be effective for the Gospel.

In pursuit of the above, as guided by the Spirit, and instructed by the Word, we are willing to go anywhere, do anything, make any sacrifice, meet anyone, be instrumental in every possible way, to serve the purposes to which we are committed.

The Mission Department is committed to the principle that men are God's method to accomplish His purposes in the earth instead of systems. We feel it is therefore right and proper to submit to and assist those who have a clear demonstration of God's hand in their leadership. As such, we do not believe that the forms and structures with which we are familiar should predominate, but that the new wine should be put into new wineskins. We believe we should not so much decry the past as we should embrace the future. Reflections can be helpful, but we cannot lead simply based on the past. A new spiritual dynamic must be allowed to express itself in appropriate, adaptable structures that are best suited to its own dimension.

We hope within the next two years to conduct two Leadership Conferences in Latin America (circumstances and funds permitting) and to cooperate with the new educational entity to develop adequate teaching programs in as many regions as resources would allow. We hope also to begin the further development of World-Regional Centers where our Mission Representatives serve, so that the work-load can be distributed in a more decentralized, efficient, and we hope, effective manner.

Voice of Salvation Projections—Elwood Matthews and Jose A. Reyes

VOICE OF SALVATION PROJECTIONS

Praise God for His blessings on the VOS this past year and through the eyes of faith I see great things in store in the future. Our projections for this ministry include:

1. To continue to cover North America with television via satellite and air on as many independent stations and cable systems as the budget will allow.

To assist pastors and local churches with production and scheduling of radio and TV programs to represent the local church.

We have the equipment and personnel. We have some expertise that can help churches to produce quality programs. The local pastor and church can be much more effective in ministering to their community than a minister in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Example: The VOS is in your town . . . You have qualified ministry, talent and finance. The VOS will assist you in getting on the air in place of VOS, which will move to another area. See me for details.

2. To present the gospel to as many people throughout the world as possible through radio. Some short wave networks cover areas where billions of souls are starving for the gospel.

Obviously not all of these people listen to short wave radios, and of course not everyone that has a radio will be listening to the VOS—but perhaps hundreds of thousands will listen and the gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

Our task is to get the gospel to them, it is God's task to convict and save. We will provide materials for the mission representatives in the areas of broadcast to be sent to those requesting items offered on the broadcast. This will give contact with the church in the area.

The VOS will continue to be a service and resource ministry to the Church. Plans are underway to produce teaching videos that can be used for local church Bible studies. Some subjects that are to be recorded in the near future are: Discipleship, Suicide, How to Conduct a Bible Study, Family Relationships, and various departmental videos.

Our purpose is to assist the local church as well as the Church in general. We see great possibilities for this arm of the Church!

SPANISH COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY PROJECTIONS

The Spanish-speaking people hear and respond to the Gospel preached through radio and television.

The great commission that Christ gave to the Church was to evangelize all nations as well as to “teach them to observe all things . . .” that He has commanded us.

So with this in mind it's our vision and projection among the Hispanics, and through the communications ministry, to fulfill both purposes as given by the Lord.

In the purpose of evangelization we will continue conducting evangelistic crusades, as well as broadcasting evangelistic messages through radio and television. This year we had three successful city-wide crusades with hundreds of people saved.

In the teaching aspect of this Great Commission the expository teaching of books of the Bible have proven to be a blessing to our membership and to the Christian community as well. Since television is a visual means it is more suitable for teaching. So we are using it as much as possible, as well as reproducing these Bible studies on video so it will be accessible to more people in Latin America and in Hispanic areas in the United States. We have done several Bible studies on the Holy Land and also some study trips to Israel.

We are now engaged in the production of the book of Revelation. This Bible study along with the study on the book of Daniel, which has already been produced, will be great tools for the understanding of the prophecies in the Scriptures. These video Bible studies have been used in two Bible Institutes. In Cuba the Methodist church has taken several of the Bible studies on video and duplicated them to be used throughout the island.

A more comprehensive outreach, given by the Lord to us this year, is the use of the “short wave” stations to reach even more people with the Gospel. For the first time in history Radio Moscow, in Russia has opened its doors to broadcast Christian programs. The Spanish Voice of Salvation was the first one to broadcast the Gospel message through the twenty five radio frequencies of Radio Moscow, reaching Spanish-speaking people throughout the world. We praise God for this blessing!

With God’s help we will be using even more of the communications media this year to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Hispanic communities throughout the world.

World Language Projections—Henry O’Neal

WORLD LANGUAGE PROJECTIONS

I represent the ministries of the World Language Department and Literature publishing.

This General Assembly has been a blessing and has offered varied information to those of us who have attended for our personal spiritual help or help for our ministries. We have been blessed by being here.

The projections that we make for World Literature today are being made for those who aren’t here and may never be able to attend a General Assembly to be blessed, inspired and instructed. We must go to them in their own language. **There is no other way.**

Now let us share with you some of our activities during this past year but which are ongoing into the coming year.

GUATEMALA

Central America is one of the fastest growing membership areas for the Church in the world. Literature needs are enormous.

To address these needs World Literature monies have been used to help construct the first floor of a four-story building in Guatemala City. Literature funds will continue to help underwrite the future costs of literature production such as the *White Wing Messenger*, Sunday school literature, tracts and other literature. However, the membership in the region also helps with literature production costs by their purchase of literature and their literature gifts.

We also have begun to distribute musical instruments and to do some printing for others to help cover publishing expenses and to help with local evangelistic efforts.

We hope to eventually have a large Christian print shop in the region. Our investment for literature there has just begun.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Dominican Republic has the largest number of members of the Church of God of Prophecy in the Latin world.

For several years we have had Sunday school literature printed in Santo Domingo by a commercial printer. This year we have sent printing equipment to the Dominican Republic and the next quarter of Sunday school literature, along with other literature, will be printed under the direction of the National Overseer, Juan Valera, on our own equipment!

Your help is still needed. We have only begun with literature in the Dominican Republic.

PERU

Peru has the largest Church of God of Prophecy membership in South America. They enjoy literature and promote its use to help evangelize their country.

We print Sunday school literature and tracts with a commercial company in Lima. Their hope is to have their own print shop. We can realize this dream only by your help. Peru is a ripe harvest field for the Church of God of Prophecy!

PHILIPPINES

Located on approximately seven acres of land overlooking the huge city of Manila is our print shop. Jointly with the World Missions Department, World Literature funds were used to purchase these seven acres of land.

Following this purchase of land at a cost of \$75,000 a two-story building was built at a cost of nearly \$65,000. The lower floor is the translation, printing department and national office. The upper floor is used for local and national meetings.

An investment was then made in printing machinery to be used to print Sunday school literature, tracts, and other literature in several languages in the country.

The needs for literature in the Philippines can't fully be estimated. We surely need a vision of those of the Philippines who need the gospel.

RUSSIA/COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (C.I.S.)

"To Russia With Love," a fund-raising effort sponsored by the Victory Leaders Department in 1990, became a reality this summer by the installation of probably the first Christian print shop in C.I.S. located in Rovno, Ukraine. This was done in an effort to be a blessing and develop our acquaintance and potential interaction with our brothers who were behind the Iron Curtain so long.

About \$80,000 was invested in the equipment sent there along with expenses of supporting personnel. These members of the Church have given their time and skills in visits there to get the project operational: Mack Coile, Gary Glover and Clayton Endecott. Also, John Doroshuk's language ability has been of absolute necessity.

Mack Coile, White Wing Publishing House printer, has just returned from a month's visit to the print shop in Rovnom, Ukraine where he directed efforts to put into operation the machinery that you have provided by your giving. The first printed pieces were finished while he was there.

Only our Lord knows how He will use this effort for His glory.

These are just a few of the things we have done this year. Most of them aren't complete, but with God's help they will be some day.

Finally, I would like to mention a couple of the current projections we have under consideration. These are in Africa.

NIGERIA/GHANA

Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa and Ghana to its west have both had the Church of God of Prophecy present for many years. Bishop T. A. McCalla was appointed overseer of these two countries at the last General Assembly. Brother McCalla has told us that he must have a print shop in these countries in order to spread the Gospel to the millions who need to hear it in their own language.

This is a goal we have for the next year.

KENYA

This year we published our first Sunday school quarterly in the Swahili language. But this is just the beginning in answering the need of literature in eastern Africa. The needs are indescribable.

We need your prayers. We need your expressions of support financially.

4:06 Prior to adjournment, there was a concert prayer for the work and for the evening service.

Adjournment

Saturday Evening

6:30 Musical prelude by Bahama Brass Band.

6:59 Brother Murray requested the band to play one more selection and asked the congregation to give a handkerchief wave-offering.

7:05 Announcements and prayer for all the requests.

7:14 **Youth on Fire!** William Wilson

Firing up With Young Talent: Heston Dean, organ solo, *O Magnify the Lord*; Jeff Davis, testimony; Bruce Hudson, solo, *Hunger for Holiness*; Vaughn Fahie, saxophone solo, *Amazing Grace*; Nick Vertucci, testimony; Joel Heredia and Velvet Lyles, trumpet solo and duet, *More Than Wonderful*.

Fire On Display: The lights in the auditorium were lowered and a tape of *Battle Hymn of Republic* was played. Starting at the back of the auditorium, two youths (one carrying a Bible and the other a torch) came and lit the large torch on stage. The delegates were encouraged to stand to their feet and give honor and glory to God.

Brother Wilson asked the congregation to make a covenant with God that the truth will march on.

Thanks for the Fire (A Tribute): A “thank you” was given to our retired ministers for every sermon preached, for every hour in study to make sure it was right, for every meal fasted, for every time they went without wants—and sometimes without needs—for every time criticism was taken joyfully, and for every hospital visit. Brother Wilson asked the retired ministers to stand and a standing ovation was given them by the youth. Some of the young people went out to our retired ministers and embraced in a display of appreciation. A standing ovation was given by the remaining congregation.

Brother Wilson read an excerpt from the Ways and Means Committee Report regarding evangelism and 1 Corinthians 9:20-22; then prayed for the offering. The Praise Team (directed by Kevin Seaton) sang the song *Reaching Forth* during the offering. Written by the Youth Department’s Jonathan Dukes, it was dedicated to Brother Murray.

As An Incense to the Throne: Kevin Seaton and the Praise Team led the choruses *Going Up to the High Places*, *Whose Report Will You Believe*, *He’s More Than Enough*, *We Exalt Thee*, *All Honor To You*.

(The Spirit was manifested during the praise.)

8:57 **Youth on Fire!**—message by William Wilson

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All was in place. An animal-skin-covered portable worship center called a Tabernacle had been constructed exactly as God commanded. Aaron and his sons had been chosen as ministers and consecrated to the Lord. The sacrificial system representing Christ's coming sacrifice was beginning. A burnt offering lay smoldering on a brazen altar in the courtyard. The first day of this new way of doing things had begun, when suddenly, supernaturally, a fire came from the throne of God and consumed the sacrifice. This was divine approval in action. God was involving himself in that which He had ordained (cf. Leviticus 9:24).

Years later, in the city of Jerusalem, a young king knelt before God's people in prayer. All was in place—a permanent seat, a gold-lined structure called the Temple was built, the priests had been sanctified, the Ark of the Covenant was properly placed, and God's glory already seen. The first day of this new temple way of doing things had begun when suddenly, supernaturally, at the end of Solomon's prayer a fire came from the throne of God and consumed the sacrifice. Once again, God was giving His approval by divine action (cf. 2 Chronicles 7:1).

Years later the scene was again Jerusalem. All was in place—one hundred twenty of God's new priesthood were gathered in an upper room. They had been tested and consecrated. They would be a part of God's new way of doing things. This flesh and blood temple of believers in Jesus, called the Church, were offering themselves as living sacrifices, holy, acceptable unto God when suddenly, supernaturally, a fire from God's throne came to consume their lives! God's divine approval was again in action (cf. Acts 2:1-4).

When we look at the early Church and its movement across the world, we see a people on fire. The Book of Acts gives accounts of divine approval in action.

It has been said that the Book of Acts of the Apostles could actually be called the Acts of the Holy Ghost or a recording of divine approval in action. Hearts, prejudice, satanic defenses, and political leaders were all melted by the pressure and heat of God's Spirit working through the early Christians.

Throughout this Book of Acts, the Acts of the Holy Spirit, young people are found. At first you don't see many young people, but they're there. I will give three instances of how I believe God is calling us *back* to Pentecostal fire, going from the back of the Book of Acts toward the front and move toward Pentecost.

If you're going to be on fire for God, you've got to get out of the window. In Acts 20:7-10 an account is given of a young man named Eutychus. It was Sunday night church service at the town of Troas and the special speaker was the Apostle Paul. Paul came to town as a man on fire, and young Eutychus came to church that night. The Bible tells us that Eutychus took his seat—not on the front pew, not in the middle of the house, not on the back row—but in the window. He was not all the way in, he was not all the way out.

While he was in the window, he went to sleep. Window Christianity—when you're not really in, and you're not really out, when you can't make up your mind if you want the world or if you want Jesus—sure is boring.

Here was probably the greatest man in the whole New Testament, the apostle Paul, preaching his heart out, preaching until midnight, and Eutychus is sleeping. And the longer Paul preached, the deeper Eutychus slept until he fell out the window. I don't think you can blame Paul just because he preached until midnight. His heart was on fire, he was excited about Jesus! When we really get excited about Him, time doesn't make much difference to us. The difference is His Presence, His glory and His victory in our hearts!

Secondly, on our way back to Pentecost in this generation, God is calling us to get in the fight. Get out of the window and get in the fight! In Acts 16 we read about a young man named Timothy, who lived at Derbe and Lystra. He had a legacy of faith from his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. Though he lived in an obscure area, was timid, and often sick, God had something great in mind for him. On another visit to Derbe, Paul asked Timothy to join him in the fight against sin. Timothy probably knew what the life of a missionary meant because the last time Paul was in town, he was stoned and left for dead. But Timothy said, "Yes, sir. I'll get involved in the fight." He was even willing to be circumcised and to suffer. Why? Because the man he would submit to was following the Lord and willing to lay his life on the line for the truth.

Paul proved time and again that untruth or half-truth was not his way of life. He was the thread that kept the Gentiles from circumcision. In Paul, Timothy found a spiritual father he could trust, a man who did not rely on positional authority, but on true spiritual authority.

If we are going to get back to Pentecost as a Church in this generation, we must get out of the window and get in the fight.

In Acts chapter 5, we read that a great revival was going on in the early Church. God was blessing, Holy Ghost power had shaken the place, but in the midst of that we see God's judgment fall. We also see the first mention of youth ministry in the early Church. The fire of Pentecost was blazing in so much that some of the early followers of Jesus, of their own free will, sold their property in order to meet the needs of the less fortunate. Distribution was made as every man had need. Barnabas sold land and brought the money to the apostles. The fire of God's love was burning; however, in the midst of it all, Satan entered into the hearts of Ananias and Sapphira. They sold some property and brought part of the price to the apostles, pretending it to be the full amount. They did this hypocritical, political maneuver to obtain the approval of men (this practice was not required). If this hypocrisy and half-heartedness had been left unchecked, this action would have been, in effect, like releasing a hydrant of water on the fire of God's Spirit in the early Church. But God will defend what He has ordained. Ananias and Sapphira thought they were getting by, but when he brought his gift and laid it at Peter's feet, and as Ananias heard Peter's words of discernment, he fell dead. The Bible says, "The young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him" (v. 6). The youth acted as pallbearers and gravediggers.

In order for God's fire to burn, we must get the dead buried. As a Church, it is time to bury all of our hurt, all of our anger, all of our divisiveness, and let the blood of Jesus cover it all. God has already judged it as wrong; God has already judged it as sin. Let's bury it in this youth service! Let's go out in victory, power and glory in the authority of the ministry of Jesus.

How do you get back to Pentecost? You get out of the window, get in the fight, and you get death out. Then it will be said of us, "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy" (Acts 2:16-18). And then it will also be said, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting" (v. 2).

9:28 Altar invitation was given with music provided by Kevin Seaton and the Praise Team.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Morning

7:30 Unstructured prayer time.

8:30 Bible study directed by Melvin Hyatt (Ephesians 6:1-24). Assembly gave Brother Hyatt an applause for the excellent Bible studies.

9:30 Announcements by the General Overseer and prayer requests. Delegates stood with joined hands and offered prayer.

9:35 Praise and worship directed by Eddie and Genelle Mounce (Alabama). Songs: *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*, *Be Not Afraid, It Is I; I Can't Even Walk Without Holding Your Hand*, *As Soon As I Get To Calvary*. Scripture reading: Galatians 6:9. Song: *Heading Home*; Scripture reading: Revelation 21:1, 2.

10:05 Brother Murray asked the Assembly to stand and pray for the victims of the hurricanes in Hawaii, Florida, and Louisiana.

He also thanked the Assembly for their generous giving. The total amount of offerings raised during the week was approximately \$102,000.

10:10 **The Challenge of Reaching Forth—With Unselfish Commitment**—Message by Sylvia Staten (South Carolina).

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For Scripture reference, see Philippians 3:13-15. The Book of Philippians was a thank-you note from Paul to the church at Philippi. The church had sent gifts of food to Paul while he was under house arrest in Rome. He compliments them in the text for their unselfish sacrifice and reminds them that the things which had happened to him was for the furtherance of the

gospel. He reminded them that each was not to look on his own things, but every man was to look on the things of others. He reminded them that the saints should not only *believe* on Jesus but be willing also to *suffer* for His sake. Paul continued, “Philippians, I want to leave three things with you. First of all, you can’t trust the flesh. The flesh will tell you how good you are, how to take care of yourself, and just how far to go.”

Paul said the most important thing in life is to know Christ (cf. v. 8)—not by proxy, not by what you have heard or seen, but by what has happened in your life. He said, “I must know him and the power of his resurrection” (v. 10). He wanted to know all about the fellowship of His suffering. He had a relationship with Someone who had suffered! Since Jesus learned obedience through the things that He suffered, Paul said, “Since I’m going to serve Him, live for Him, and preach for Him, I better follow my perfect Example” (cf. vv. 12-14).

Paul said, “Now it’s good that you did all those things. You sent me clothes when I was in jail and food when I was in prison, but now it is time to forget the good things of the past and go forward. Let us reach even farther to those things which are before. God wants to do a new thing among us. For those who are willing to change, for those who are not afraid to step out, for those who are not afraid to reach forward, God is going to do a new thing. The half has never yet been told!

Paul also said, “I count not myself to have apprehended” (Philippians 3:18). Some of us think we have made it, that we have arrived. Some of us think the Assembly can’t go on without us. We could start all over; the first one started with twelve. Fill up this place with hurting folks, with people who want to be delivered, with those who will appreciate Jesus Christ! To fill our churches we must *reach forth!* We want to leave when folks move in that don’t look like us, but that’s where we are needed. We want to go to the outskirts, out in the pasture where we can relax and graze. But stay in the eye of the storm where it is calm. There’s a storm coming, Church, and it’s blowing all kind of things in it. Are we going to stay or are we going to evacuate? Are we going to run somewhere and hide? Are we going to look for safety? We’ve been preaching that this is the Old Ship of Zion, the place of safety. Can the lost and needy come and find safety?

In our challenge to reach the lost for Christ, we must track the storm. Jesus said, “For the Spirit of the Lord is upon me” (Luke 4:18). Isaiah said it, Jesus said it, and I believe He wants us to say, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.” We’ve been taught to be humble and we took it to mean weakness, but God needs somebody to step out and say, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me!” Are you aware of your purpose? of your time? If you are, He has anointed you.

Paul said, “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage” (Galatians 5:1). Paul was saying there’s another bondage other than the sin of bondage. Bondage is living for yourself, trying to get everything for yourself

in the name of Jesus. Lord, save us from the bondage of trying to lay up treasures for ourselves. Selfishness, fear, and prejudice won't let you be yourself. They keep you holding and protecting things that are not yours from the beginning. When we get rid of all these things and accept the challenge, God is going to bring our sons and daughters from afar.

10:45 Worship in song by Broken Arrow Ensemble (Oklahoma). Songs: *None But Jesus Deserves My Praise, Take The Time To Love Somebody*.

10:56 E. L. Jones directed the congregation in a time of thanks and praise to God for His blessings during the Assembly. He then spoke about the purpose of Pastoral Care—the necessity to be sensitive to the needs of others. In response to Brother Jones' expression of love and appreciation for our General Overseer and his wife, the Assembly gave them a standing ovation. Brother Jones then directed a tribute to the General Overseer and his wife. A banner was unrolled from the Headquarters staff expressing their love for the Murrays. Brother Jones read Acts 9:15-16, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, 1 Timothy 5:17-18. A card, gifts and Assembly prayers were given to Brother and Sister Murray. Brother Jones concluded with thanking the State/National Overseers for their love offering.

11:30 Peerless Road Singers (Tennessee) sang *Day Star*.

11:35 Concluding challenge by the General Overseer.

THE ARISE OF THE DAY STAR

“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6).

In this verse of scripture, Paul likens the illumination which comes to human hearts through the revelation of Jesus Christ to the creation which is recorded in Genesis, chapter one. In the second verse of this chapter, we read, “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.” It was God's creation, yet it lay in darkness. Where there is no light there is no discernible form. Light is required to give visible form to that which exists. So, God said, “Let there be light: and there was light” (v. 3).

This light is mysterious to us, in that it was manifest on the first day, while the sun was not created until the fourth day of that first week. But when God said, “Let there be light,” there had to be light. May it not be said that this light was of His own immanence? John wrote, “God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). Of Him Paul wrote, “. . . dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen” (1 Timothy 6:16).

David wrote, “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork” (Psalm 19:1). To me, it is wondrous to sense that

God was declaring His glory in the creation of the heavens. First, there was this light of Genesis one, verse two, light which gave form to His creation. Perhaps this light of His immanence, of His eternal being, the light of His presence, would have been far too brilliant for the mortals whom He would create on the sixth day. So, on the fourth day, God made the sun and the stars, all of which have light in themselves and they are sources of light. This is not true of the moon or the planets in this solar system, each of which from a distance appears to be a light, but which shines with a reflected light from the sun.

While we make distinction between the sun and the stars—and the Bible makes this distinction, we are told by those who study the heavens that the sun is a star also. This presents no problem for me, since I can refer to it as the “day star.” I admire all the stars of the night, but I know it is this “day star” which is the source of light and life for this planet.

Peter referred to Jesus as the “day star” as he wrote, “. . . until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19). In Luke chapter one, we hear Zacharias prophesying of Him as the “dayspring from on high.” He said, “Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace” (vv. 78, 79).

As I meditate upon the heavens declaring the glory of God, I like to think upon this great, pervasive light of Genesis one, verse two, which might have been far too brilliant for mortals. Then, I think of God setting the sun in place to give us precisely the light we needed. And now the God who dwells in a light that no man can approach unto has “shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,” the One whom Malachi called the “Sun of righteousness [risen] with healing in his wings” (Malachi 4:2). That measure of himself which God would allow us to understand, He has revealed to us in Jesus. Though dwelling in a light no man can approach unto, He chose to give us light—glorious illumination through Jesus.

Jesus Christ—the day star from on high—is for us the Source of all spiritual light and life. John wrote, “In him was life; and the life was the light of men . . . the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world” (John 1:4, 9). Isaiah prophesied of Jesus like this, “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined” (Isaiah 9:2). Jesus referred to himself as “the bright and morning star” (Revelation 22:16).

The powers of darkness had prevailed for such a long time, but suddenly there was a dawning. As the Sun of righteousness appeared on the horizon darkness had to flee. The angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest,” as the “dayspring from on high” sprang forth. Darkness has no power over light. Light dispels darkness always. It is only when light is withdrawn that

darkness can exist. O what great hope this glorious dawning held for all mankind. Such light for the whole earth had never been known.

Thousands bound by darkness rejoiced in the freedom brought to them by Heaven's light. The fear in which they were held as they stumbled in the darkness was dispelled as they began walking in the light of life. Light—what a blessed thing! And it came by this “day star” who called himself “the light of the world.”

Thank God that our darkness has passed! It is true that the Church Jesus established eventually rejected His headship, His authority over her, and that He withdrew himself from her to let her learn a hard lesson of being “on her own,” having scorned His love. For awhile He hid himself from her. The ensuing period of darkness was terrible. The constancy of His love did not fail, however, and Jesus returned to make His presence known to her once more.

Being drawn by His love, she came forth out of this awful darkness to be joined to Him again, to walk with Him in the glorious light of His presence. In Solomon's Song we hear the question, “Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?” (6:10) As the morning emerges out of the night's darkness, so the Church, being drawn by her Redeemer's love, emerged from the prevailing darkness, *looking forth as the morning*.

She that looketh forth as the morning—this is a significant phrase. From the haziness of the morning's dawning to its zenith at noonday, there is growing brightness and clarity. For the Church to remain in the haziness of the morning's dawning is to fail to walk with the Day Star from on high. In the Book of Proverbs we read, “But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day” (4:18). Perfect day—perfect brightness—the noonday zenith—are not these expressions synonymous? And would not this zenith of brightness be marked by the rapture, when Jesus could say of His bride, “Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee” (Song of Solomon 4:7). I believe so!

In Peter's second epistle he wrote, “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19). Here Peter speaks of the certainty of God's Word, compared to the experience he had undergone on the Mount of Transfiguration when a voice from heaven had identified Jesus as the Son of God. Then he says of God's Word, “. . . whereunto ye do well that ye take heed . . . until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.”

Obviously, he is not saying there comes a time when one no longer is to take heed to God's Word. Instead he points to the moment when there is a blessed illumination in the heart, and not just an academic knowing of what is written. Peter says, “. . . until the day dawn,” or until the Sun arises, until “the day star arises **in your hearts.**”

This is the key to walking with Jesus in a growing illumination that will peak at the rapture. It is in a relationship with Him that has its roots in the heart. It is a love relationship and love is not merely academic or intellectual. It is felt when the Day Star arises **in your heart**. We speak often of our responsibility to people who are lost. We speak of compassion, of needing a greater burden for the lost, and this is indeed a great need among us. We can recognize this need, and talk about it from now on, which means it is in our minds, in our heads. This burden will become real, however, only as the Day Star arises **in our hearts**. That is where the burden will be felt.

We have a sure word of prophecy, all right—the written Word. This is something to be treasured. We have been blessed to hear it preached and taught. At the same time, we must question the degree to which it is working **in our hearts**. In other words, to what degree has the Day Star arisen **in our hearts**? This is a vital question.

Some among us have been preaching and teaching for 30 or 40 years or more. The “sure word of prophecy” is in their heads, but it is obvious that the Day Star has not yet risen in their hearts. This seems so sad. These people do not hesitate to gossip, slander, criticize, attack, accuse—all the while knowing the Bible forbids the kind of behavior they are exercising. Something is sadly missing in their hearts. They proclaim loudly their loyalty to the Church, boasting of how they will never compromise, but something is missing in their hearts. Sure, we need to be loyal, and certainly we have no right to compromise God’s Word, but where is the respect, the kindness, the love, the care for fellow Christians? Where is the burden for reaching the lost? Knowledge is not enough. Paul wrote, “Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. But if any man love God, the same is known of him” (1 Corinthians 8:1-3). This love comes as the Day Star arises in your heart. You can then love with His love.

The judgment of Jesus Christ is not a harsh, uncaring judgment. The judgment of Moses’ law was unto condemnation, but of Jesus it is written, “. . . till he send forth judgment unto victory” (Matthew 12:20). When the Day Star has arisen in one’s heart, he will not take delight in condemning, and hoping for a vindication of his “judgment” message. He will be more concerned with a judgment that leads to victory. When Jonah preached a message of judgment against Nineveh he was disappointed by their repentance which caused them to be spared. His reaction was one of wishing he could die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live” (Jonah 4:8).

Jonah evidently did not love people. He desired to see his message vindicated. That would have made him look better, but God loves people, and He spared Nineveh. When the Day Star arises in your heart you, too, will love people. Jesus came not to condemn the world, “but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:17).

As this Day Star arises in our hearts, we will proceed with a heart-burden to carry out the Great Commission. Generally speaking, the Church knows what Jesus said. We know He said, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). But why are we so slow about going? How is it that God’s people can be so apathetic when they know souls are dropping into hell every day? Do we not know this? Do we not have as one of our teachings made prominent, “Eternal Punishment for the Wicked”—with no liberation or annihilation?

Yes, we know this important Bible truth—we know it in our heads. And we are willing to fight to defend our teachings, even to the point of destroying one another with our debating, while souls continue every hour to depart this life unprepared to meet God—lost forever.

As the Day Star, this Sun of righteousness, arises within us, we will have a brighter and brighter illumination of spiritual truth. We will see more clearly, we will know better, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened. And it will be the kind of knowing that surpasses intellectual knowledge. It simply brings us into a greater unity with Jesus, and the more perfect our unity becomes with Him, the more perfect it will be with one another.

A. W. Tozer pointed out in his book, **The Pursuit of God**, that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same tuning fork are automatically tuned to each other. He emphasized that they are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. What a wonderful thing will be wrought among us as the Day Star arises in our hearts to bring us to the perfect knowledge of, and in perfect unity with, the Son of God!

Thank God for the “more sure word of prophecy”—God’s eternal Word, settled forever in heaven. We must hold fast to it—as Peter wrote, “whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.” O for a deep compassion to arise in our hearts! But this will not happen as long as we major in knowing and defending doctrine just from our heads—knowing with a knowledge that “puffeth up.”

We must pray for something to happen in our hearts, indeed, for the Day Star to arise in our hearts. This will move us from simply *knowing* to *doing*. We will then truly become one with Him. His burden will become our burden. Jesus could have spent all His time debating with the Pharisees, and He would have won the debates every time. Whenever He did take the time to reply to their attempts to engage Him in argument, they always lost. He knew what He was talking about.

Jesus had more important things to do. He loved people, and as He looked at the multitudes, He saw them as people who had been victimized by Satan, people who were hurting, suffering, lost—and His heart was moved with compassion toward them.

I pray that as we leave this Assembly we will go with this blessed gospel, not just in our heads but burning in our hearts. Every local church is surrounded by people who need the good news of their Savior’s redeeming love. They are lost. Jesus cares that they are lost. He suffered, He died that they might be saved. His heart toward them is still one of compassion.

Will we allow Him, with His love, to arise in our hearts? I pray that we will!

12:05 Brother Murray closed the message with a reprise of *Day Star* by the Peerless Road Singers prior to a consecration prayer by the Assembly.

12:15 Brother Murray thanked everyone who worked so hard to make the Assembly a success.

12:45 Announcements and appointments (See page 170).

12:55 Brother Murray challenged those under general appointment to reach the people in their fields of labor and then he prayed for the general appointees.

1:05 Dismissed the 87th General Assembly with a total registration of 11,154. Spiritual experiences for the week in Children’s Ministries services included 42 saved, 16 sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost, two healed, and 69 made commitments to mission service; evening altar services: 32 saved, 23 sanctified and 26 baptized in the Spirit.

**1992 INTERESTING INFORMATION
DATA FROM MINISTERS' REPORTS**

	LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR		
Sermons	596,795	534,036	Decrease	(62,709)
Converted	92,237	77,857	Decrease	(14,380)
Sanctified	49,120	34,845	Decrease	(14,275)
Holy Ghost	22,222	20,523	Decrease	(1,699)
Baptized in Water	34,427	24,896	Decrease	(9,531)
Added to Church	22,156	19,149	Decrease	(3,007)

**NUMBER OF MINISTERS
LAST YEAR THIS YEAR**

Bishops	1,365	1,358	Decrease	(7)
Deacons	1,771	1,753	Decrease	(18)
Male Evangelists	4,301	4,263	Decrease	(38)
Female Evangelists	<u>1,665</u>	<u>1,639</u>	Decrease	(26)
Total	9,102	9,013	Decrease	(89)
Lay Ministers	1,116	1,036	Decrease	(80)

ATTENDANCE AT STATE/NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

STATE/NATION	NUMBER LAST YEAR	NUMBER THIS YEAR		
Jamaica/Cayman Islands	16,050	14,553	Decrease	(1,497)
India	9,760	11,128	Increase	1,368

Peru.....	8,025	9,500	Increase	1,475
Bahamas/Bermuda.....	8,118	8,119	Increase	1
England.....	4,975	6,750	Increase	1,775
Haiti.....	7,589	5,736	Decrease	(1,853)
Nicaragua.....	9,826	4,390	Decrease	(5,436)
Mexico.....	3,935	3,888	Decrease	(47)
Zimbabwe.....	3,091	3,190	Increase	99
North Carolina.....	3,771	2,933	Decrease	(838)
Malawi.....	1,091	2,668	Increase	1,577
Florida.....	2,537	2,500	Decrease	(37)
Honduras.....	2,633	2,340	Decrease	(293)
S. Africa (Mawela).....	2,093	2,249	Increase	156
California (Spanish).....	2,083	2,235	Increase	152
South Carolina.....	2,906	2,101	Decrease	(805)
Guatemala.....	3,432	2,000	Decrease	(1,432)
Tennessee.....	2,589	1,965	Decrease	(624)
El Salvador.....	3,332	1,866	Decrease	(1,466)
Canada (East).....	2,079	1,841	Decrease	(238)
Virginia.....	2,500	1,700	Decrease	(800)
New York.....	1,694	1,490	Decrease	(204)
S. Africa (Botha).....	1,523	1,472	Decrease	(51)
Kentucky.....	2,025	1,464	Decrease	(561)
Bolivia.....	1,500	1,420	Decrease	(80)
Georgia.....	2,144	1,318	Decrease	(826)
Panama.....	1,357	1,303	Decrease	(54)
Chile.....	983	1,260	Increase	277
Alabama.....	2,150	1,190	Decrease	(960)
Mississippi.....	1,388	1,069	Decrease	(319)
Brazil.....	no report	1,006	Increase	1,006
Pennsylvania.....	901	991	Increase	90
Argentina.....	793	933	Increase	140
Texas (East).....	1,092	933	Decrease	(159)
Oklahoma.....	1,281	912	Decrease	(369)
Virgin/Leeward Islands.....	927	878	Decrease	(49)
Ohio.....	1,098	848	Decrease	(250)
California/Nevada (North).....	948	801	Decrease	(147)
Sierra Leone.....	651	800	Increase	149
Conn./Mass./RI.....	1,000	790	Decrease	(210)
Louisiana.....	575	750	Increase	175
Puerto Rico.....	932	738	Decrease	(194)
Venezuela.....	968	700	Decrease	(268)
Kenya.....	613	684	Increase	71
Arkansas.....	704	658	Decrease	(46)
Turks/Caicos Is.....	500	650	Increase	150
Swaziland.....	380	611	Increase	231
Cameroon.....	360	607	Increase	247
Michigan.....	646	602	Decrease	(44)
California (South).....	673	590	Decrease	(83)
Delaware/NJ.....	594	565	Decrease	(29)
Oregon.....	444	508	Increase	64
Costa Rica.....	490	485	Decrease	(5)

Maryland/DC	641	473	Decrease	(168)
Indiana	875	464	Decrease	(411)
Ecuador	459	458	Decrease	(1)
Windward Islands	450	450	Same	
Egypt	450	450	Same	
West Virginia	315	447	Increase	132
Uganda	331	446	Increase	115
Washington	no report	435	Increase	435
Illinois	550	425	Decrease	(125)
Missouri	686	425	Decrease	(261)
Zambia	203	403	Increase	200
Northwest Territory	319	401	Increase	82
Hawaii	163	400	Increase	237
Arizona/Nevada (South)	224	381	Increase	157
New Mexico/Texas West	516	346	Decrease	(170)
Paraguay	290	318	Increase	28
Colorado	360	317	Decrease	(43)
Kansas	300	300	Same	
Canada (West)	313	289	Decrease	(24)
Iowa/Nebraska	287	274	Decrease	(13)
Uruguay	224	262	Increase	38
Cyprus	311	252	Decrease	(59)
Wisconsin	no report	235	Increase	235
Tanzania	218	234	Increase	16
Idaho	291	226	Decrease	(65)
Rwanda	340	226	Decrease	(114)
The Samoas	combined	189	Increase	189
Minnesota	225	180	Decrease	(45)
Korea	88	177	Increase	89
Maine/NH/VT	195	175	Decrease	(20)
Philippine Is.	238	165	Decrease	(73)
Alaska	160	162	Increase	2
Greece	230	150	Decrease	(80)
Utah	125	120	Decrease	(5)
Belize	177	100	Decrease	(77)
Malaysia/Singapore	52	84	Increase	32
Belgium	69	81	Increase	12
Portugal	75	71	Decrease	(4)
Spain	50	60	Increase	10
Japan	53	30	Decrease	(23)
Finland	28	23	Decrease	(5)
France	141	23	Decrease	(118)
Benin/Burkina Faso	706	no report	Decrease	(706)
Trinidad/Tobago/Guyana	555	no report	Decrease	(555)
Cuba	218	no report	Decrease	(218)
Zaire	550	no report	Decrease	(550)
Ivory Coast	335	no report	Decrease	(335)
Mozambique	849	no report	Decrease	(849)
Nigeria	224	no report	Decrease	(224)
Australia	139	no report	Decrease	(139)
Botswana	320	no report	Decrease	(320)

Dominican Republic	10,325	*	Decrease	(10,325)
Colombia	299	*	Decrease	(299)
Germany/Holland	68	*	Decrease	(68)
Ghana	<u>319</u>	*	Decrease	<u>(319)</u>
TOTALS	159,678	133,805	Decrease	(25,873)

*Attendance amount not given on report

BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE CONVENTION OFFERINGS

STATE/NATION	AMOUNT			
	LAST YEAR	THIS YEAR		
North Carolina	\$ 14,315.86	\$ 13,906.64	Decrease	\$ (409.22)
South Carolina	10,437.68	9,595.68	Decrease	(842.00)
Tennessee	8,607.68	8,401.71	Decrease	(205.97)
Virginia	8,070.34	7,773.91	Decrease	(296.43)
Alabama	6,170.75	4,966.31	Decrease	(1,204.44)
Florida	5,373.46	4,682.18	Decrease	(691.28)
Mississippi	4,494.95	4,342.51	Decrease	(152.44)
Kentucky	4,255.73	3,984.04	Decrease	(271.69)
Ohio	3,401.32	2,999.53	Decrease	(401.79)
Georgia	2,993.98	2,551.82	Decrease	(442.16)
England	3,076.98	2,507.91	Decrease	(569.07)
Oklahoma	2,382.99	2,265.85	Decrease	(117.14)
Pennsylvania	2,705.00	2,216.09	Decrease	(488.91)
Arkansas	1,942.17	1,710.29	Decrease	(231.88)
California/North	2,071.51	1,686.65	Decrease	(384.86)
California/South	1,644.29	1,450.83	Decrease	(193.46)
Guatemala	1,092.62	1,444.65	Increase	352.03
Indiana	1,866.57	1,415.51	Decrease	(451.06)
Delaware/N.Jersey	1,354.63	1,396.18	Increase	41.55
Missouri	1,588.19	1,351.48	Decrease	(236.71)
California (Sp)	5,867.71	1,345.23	Decrease	(4,522.48)
West Virginia	1,460.96	1,165.78	Decrease	(295.18)
Virgin Islands	1,454.31	1,144.04	Decrease	(310.27)
Washington	1,399.27	1,099.82	Decrease	(299.45)
New York	2,793.23	1,095.89	Decrease	(1,697.34)
Oregon	929.10	1,084.95	Increase	155.85
Dominican Republic	800.00	896.00	Increase	96.00
Peru	587.26	862.92	Increase	275.66
Honduras	683.94	767.08	Increase	83.14
New Mexico/Texas (W)	586.07	760.40	Increase	174.33
Louisiana	926.71	752.11	Decrease	(174.60)
Iowa/Nebraska	758.59	738.35	Decrease	(20.24)
Leeward Islands	298.43	733.86	Increase	435.43
Michigan	761.55	659.09	Decrease	(102.46)
Colorado	535.87	642.68	Increase	106.81
Arizona/Nevada	452.84	629.52	Increase	176.68
Northwest Territory	619.80	576.24	Decrease	(43.56)
Venezuela	352.69	561.46	Increase	208.77
Panama	514.63	550.55	Increase	35.92
Illinois	634.40	538.38	Decrease	(96.02)
Wisconsin	643.01	433.25	Decrease	(209.76)
Alaska	484.80	405.07	Decrease	(79.73)

Canada (West)	209.24	368.53	Increase	159.29
El Salvador	352.59	366.64	Increase	14.05
Nicaragua	18.94	273.28	Increase	254.34
Bahamas	342.00	250.00	Decrease	(92.00)
Chile	83.74	211.10	Increase	127.36
Argentina	101.68	209.47	Increase	107.79
Costa Rica	247.97	207.15	Decrease	(40.82)
Brazil	239.02	202.42	Decrease	(36.60)
Bermuda	250.00	180.00	Decrease	(70.00)
Netherlands Antilles	155.46	176.06	Increase	20.60
Bolivia	136.12	153.40	Increase	17.28
Mexico	3,488.27	145.41	Decrease	(3,342.86)
Spain	52.01	122.88	Increase	70.87
Minnesota	220.79	121.57	Decrease	(99.22)
Japan	501.00	111.49	Decrease	(389.51)
Utah	76.91	108.76	Increase	31.85
Portugal	68.20	103.40	Increase	35.20
Ecuador	75.89	91.17	Increase	15.28
Belize	308.70	88.07	Decrease	(220.63)
Turks/Caicos Islands	75.25	85.75	Increase	10.50
Paraguay	25.92	75.72	Increase	49.80
Philippines	51.20	74.30	Increase	23.10
Uruguay	64.75	69.64	Increase	4.89
South Africa (Afrk)	73.26	69.52	Decrease	(3.74)
Northern New England	156.41	69.50	Decrease	(86.91)
Finland	53.46	62.29	Increase	8.83
Canada/East	231.11	62.00	Decrease	(169.11)
Puerto Rico	200.00	60.00	Decrease	(140.00)
America Samoa .....	.00	55.10	Increase	55.10
Greece	59.06	49.37	Decrease	(9.69)
Colombia	89.71	43.59	Decrease	(46.12)
Cyprus	83.51	43.01	Decrease	(40.50)
Hawaii/So. Pacific .....	.00	39.39	Increase	39.39
Germany/Holland	38.01	31.35	Decrease	(6.66)
Egypt	30.98	28.56	Decrease	(2.42)
Haiti	23.34	20.00	Decrease	(3.34)
Idaho	125.40	19.84	Decrease	(105.56)
Cameroon	17.23	14.43	Decrease	(2.80)
Kenya	9.04	11.57	Increase	2.53
Zimbabwe	25.99	7.12	Decrease	(18.87)
Malawi	12.67	5.19	Decrease	(7.48)
Uganda .....	.00	.22	Increase	.22
Mozambique .....	.00	.01	Increase	.01
Texas (East)	3,069.33	.00	Decrease	(3,069.33)
Maryland/DC	2,135.21	.00	Decrease	(2,135.21)
Southern New England	1,502.09	.00	Decrease	(1,502.09)
Windward Islands	465.78	.00	Decrease	(465.78)
St. Vincent	360.02	.00	Decrease	(360.02)
Kansas	273.85	.00	Decrease	(273.85)
Jamaica	245.70	.00	Decrease	(245.70)
Trinidad/Tobago	195.05	.00	Decrease	(195.05)
Cuba	131.83	.00	Decrease	(131.83)
Barbados	105.76	.00	Decrease	(105.76)
Australia	75.87	.00	Decrease	(75.87)

Ivory Coast.....	41.35	.00	Decrease	(41.35)
Korea	27.65	.00	Decrease	(27.65)
Zaire	19.68	.00	Decrease	(19.68)
Zambia	8.78	.00	Decrease	(8.78)
Botswana	7.92	.00	Decrease	(7.92)
Sierra Leone	4.55	.00	Decrease	(4.55)
Ghana.....	3.31	.00	Decrease	(3.31)
Nigeria	1.59	.00	Decrease	(1.59)
Guyana	<u>.95</u>	<u>.00</u>	Decrease	<u>(.95)</u>
TOTALS	\$ 128,442.97	\$ 102,580.71	Decrease	\$ (25,862.26)

FREE LITERATURE CONVENTION OFFERINGS

STATE/NATION	AMOUNT LAST YEAR	AMOUNT THIS YEAR		
North Carolina	\$ 51,327.55	\$45,614.16	Decrease	(5,713.39)
Virginia	22,575.86	21,497.05	Decrease	(1,078.81)
South Carolina.....	24,015.39	21,432.74	Decrease	(2,582.65)
Tennessee.....	20,545.10	18,353.55	Decrease	(2,191.55)
Florida	18,584.59	17,134.49	Decrease	(1,450.10)
England.....	16,174.26	16,434.43	Increase	260.17
Georgia.....	20,371.78	16,303.28	Decrease	(4,068.50)
California (Spanish).....	15,965.70	16,296.01	Increase	330.31
Kentucky	16,529.24	15,393.33	Decrease	(1,135.91)
Alabama	14,471.17	11,972.74	Decrease	(2,498.43)
New York	11,912.83	11,900.74	Decrease	(12.09)
Mississippi	11,909.97	11,004.67	Decrease	(905.30)
Oklahoma.....	8,605.45	7,780.67	Decrease	(824.78)
Bahamas	8,618.32	7,500.00	Decrease	(1,118.32)
Pennsylvania	7,712.78	7,058.53	Decrease	(654.25)
Ohio.....	8,613.08	6,976.58	Decrease	(1,636.50)
Texas (East).....	7,413.88	6,733.32	Decrease	(680.56)
Mexico	5,077.82	5,170.13	Increase	92.31
Indiana.....	5,679.01	4,877.70	Decrease	(801.31)
California (South).....	4,695.80	4,699.95	Increase	4.15
Conn./Mass./RI	4,797.56	4,661.15	Decrease	(136.41)
Missouri	3,797.23	4,312.59	Increase	515.36
Puerto Rico.....	5,011.74	4,290.98	Decrease	(720.76)
Maryland/DC	3,926.39	4,068.93	Increase	142.54
Dominican Republic	3,407.69	3,816.62	Increase	408.93
Arkansas	4,630.77	3,552.89	Decrease	(1,077.88)
California/Nevada (North).....	4,258.23	3,412.66	Decrease	(845.57)
Washington	2,680.50	3,410.70	Increase	730.20
Delaware/NJ	3,002.50	3,266.99	Increase	264.49
Canada (East).....	4,305.12	3,068.50	Decrease	(1,236.62)
West Virginia.....	3,034.62	2,878.30	Decrease	(156.32)
Virgin Islands	4,546.97	2,578.73	Decrease	(1,968.24)
Michigan	2,275.24	2,573.76	Increase	298.52
Cyprus.....	2,354.74	2,318.11	Decrease	(36.63)
Louisiana	2,925.13	2,200.10	Decrease	(725.03)

New Mexico/Texas West	2,316.52	2,015.10	Decrease	(301.42)
Leeward Islands	836.53	1,846.91	Increase	1,010.38
Jamaica	3,561.73	1,735.39	Decrease	(1,826.34)
Iowa/Nebraska	2,125.54	1,633.20	Decrease	(492.34)
Windward Islands	1,284.78	1,619.10	Increase	334.32
Guatemala	1,245.60	1,604.24	Increase	358.64
Oregon	1,833.71	1,565.98	Decrease	(267.73)
Minnesota	1,669.15	1,488.92	Decrease	(180.23)
Kansas	1,250.28	1,427.80	Increase	177.52
Colorado	954.76	1,328.28	Increase	373.52
Illinois	1,422.69	1,162.30	Decrease	(260.39)
Northwest Territory	1,566.00	1,150.58	Decrease	(415.42)
Turks/Caicos Is.	1,045.27	1,097.53	Increase	52.26
Peru	542.43	918.30	Increase	375.87
Arizona/Nevada (South)	780.17	780.26	Increase	0.09
Wisconsin	1,037.59	772.99	Decrease	(264.60)
Canada (West)	916.05	703.21	Decrease	(212.84)
Panama	617.17	673.09	Increase	55.92
Alaska	875.02	608.96	Decrease	(266.06)
Chile	197.75	566.82	Increase	369.07
Venezuela	429.64	521.84	Increase	92.20
Honduras	519.27	504.53	Decrease	(14.74)
Netherlands Antilles	255.83	490.82	Increase	234.99
Idaho	551.25	452.21	Decrease	(99.04)
Argentina	101.68	428.06	Increase	326.38
Costa Rica	242.40	378.83	Increase	136.43
Nicaragua	17.67	376.20	Increase	358.53
Bermuda	356.00	350.00	Decrease	(6.00)
Utah	395.78	340.48	Decrease	(55.30)
Hawaii	167.32	294.92	Increase	127.60
Greece	145.26	288.94	Increase	143.68
El Salvador	287.95	281.10	Decrease	(6.85)
Haiti	240.84	269.59	Increase	28.75
Philippine Is.	212.12	261.78	Increase	49.66
Brazil	528.53	260.33	Decrease	(268.20)
Portugal	71.20	211.48	Increase	140.28
Spain	197.26	154.81	Decrease	(42.45)
Finland	125.48	149.76	Increase	24.28
Samoa	combined	146.25	Increase	146.25
Japan	189.33	138.87	Decrease	(50.46)
Bolivia	86.63	114.57	Increase	27.94
Colombia	143.96	114.43	Decrease	(29.53)
Paraguay	50.99	110.84	Increase	59.85
Maine/NH/VT	507.13	106.36	Decrease	(400.77)
Belize	72.86	82.88	Increase	10.02
Uruguay	31.43	76.80	Increase	45.37
S. Africa (Botha)	54.95	56.66	Increase	1.71
France	34.48	52.12	Increase	17.64
Ecuador	54.24	51.34	Decrease	(2.90)
Kenya	36.57	42.48	Increase	5.91
Germany/Holland	213.70	38.02	Decrease	(175.68)

Zimbabwe.....	123.47	33.83	Decrease	(89.64)
Belgium.....	11.57	27.98	Increase	16.41
S. Africa (Mawela).....	31.08	26.28	Decrease	(4.80)
Malawi.....	12.66	24.65	Increase	11.99
Egypt.....	17.55	22.01	Increase	4.46
Korea.....	77.43	20.12	Decrease	(57.31)
Swaziland.....	15.82	19.34	Increase	3.52
Cameroon.....	24.12	18.03	Decrease	(6.09)
Sierra Leone.....	2.27	4.57	Increase	2.30
Ghana.....	3.31	4.36	Increase	1.05
Rwanda.....	7.47	2.55	Decrease	(4.92)
Uganda.....	2.72	1.36	Decrease	(1.36)
Tanzania.....	1.04	0.93	Decrease	(0.11)
Zambia.....	8.78	0.27	Decrease	(8.51)
Mozambique.....	0.00	0.02	Increase	0.02
India.....				
Malaysia/Singapore.....				
Botswana.....	14.85	no report	Decrease	(14.85)
Guyana.....	5.76	no report	Decrease	(5.76)
Burkina Faso.....	15.51	no report	Decrease	(15.51)
Zaire.....	11.25	no report	Decrease	(11.25)
Trinidad/Tobago.....	529.88	no report	Decrease	(529.88)
Benin.....	21.54	no report	Decrease	(21.54)
Nigeria.....	2.54	no report	Decrease	(2.54)
Australia.....	136.24	no report	Decrease	(136.24)
Cuba.....	683.00	no report	Decrease	(683.00)
Ivory Coast.....	54.46	no report	Decrease	(54.46)
Cayman Islands.....	669.60	<u>combined</u>	Decrease	<u>(669.60)</u>
TOTALS.....	\$390,638.42	\$356,597.64	Decrease	(\$34,060.78)

HERITAGE CARE FUND CONVENTION OFFERINGS

STATE/NATION	AMOUNT LAST YEAR	AMOUNT THIS YEAR		
North Carolina.....	\$31,578.34	\$29,755.00	Decrease	(1,823.34)
Virginia.....	18,457.08	17,851.60	Decrease	(605.48)
England.....	17,093.79	17,371.44	Increase	277.65
Florida.....	14,646.79	13,766.24	Decrease	(880.55)
South Carolina.....	14,248.46	12,603.38	Decrease	(1,645.08)
Tennessee.....	12,589.30	12,360.44	Decrease	(228.86)
New York.....	10,632.25	10,622.31	Decrease	(9.94)
Bahamas.....	9,456.00	9,500.00	Increase	44.00
Kentucky.....	10,180.13	9,498.57	Decrease	(681.56)
Alabama.....	10,825.61	8,913.38	Decrease	(1,912.23)
Mississippi.....	7,566.66	7,629.03	Increase	62.37
Georgia.....	8,267.84	7,140.62	Decrease	(1,127.22)
California (Spanish).....	5,917.38	6,063.40	Increase	146.02
Pennsylvania.....	6,076.94	5,817.09	Decrease	(259.85)
Mexico.....	4,625.47	4,847.00	Increase	221.53
Ohio.....	4,549.48	4,231.70	Decrease	(317.78)
Puerto Rico.....	4,508.47	4,040.15	Decrease	(468.32)

Missouri	3,391.95	3,812.37	Increase	420.42
Oklahoma.....	3,439.88	3,429.64	Decrease	(10.24)
Delaware/NJ.....	3,317.30	3,377.53	Increase	60.23
Dominican Republic	2,992.31	3,357.54	Increase	365.23
Indiana.....	3,744.95	3,348.07	Decrease	(396.88)
Texas (East).....	3,811.73	3,211.39	Decrease	(600.34)
Louisiana.....	4,339.27	3,182.96	Decrease	(1,156.31)
Maryland/DC.....	3,023.59	3,162.92	Increase	139.33
West Virginia.....	3,457.30	2,965.43	Decrease	(491.87)
Conn./Mass./RI.....	2,633.51	2,940.27	Increase	306.76
California/Nevada (North).....	3,416.36	2,862.16	Decrease	(554.20)
California (South).....	2,330.44	2,807.69	Increase	477.25
Virgin Islands	2,103.51	2,325.20	Increase	221.69
Canada (East).....	2,471.16	2,196.72	Decrease	(274.44)
Michigan	2,678.14	2,104.47	Decrease	(573.67)
Washington.....	1,878.58	1,998.24	Increase	119.66
Jamaica.....	4,006.97	1,948.88	Decrease	(2,058.09)
Haiti	1,974.04	1,911.40	Decrease	(62.64)
Iowa/Nebraska.....	2,242.09	1,899.70	Decrease	(342.39)
Arkansas.....	2,230.97	1,654.10	Decrease	(576.87)
New Mexico/Texas West	1,415.62	1,571.07	Increase	155.45
Minnesota	1,628.04	1,557.56	Decrease	(70.48)
Canada (West).....	1,247.14	1,551.92	Increase	304.78
Northwest Territory.....	1,824.14	1,489.63	Decrease	(334.51)
Colorado.....	1,327.52	1,393.09	Increase	65.57
Guatemala	1,001.54	1,356.28	Increase	354.74
Wisconsin.....	1,674.50	1,292.92	Decrease	(381.58)
Turks/Caicos Is.....	1,155.00	1,270.50	Increase	115.50
Oregon.....	1,229.27	1,260.11	Increase	30.84
Kansas.....	1,264.13	1,249.79	Decrease	(14.34)
Illinois	1,038.90	986.66	Decrease	(52.24)
Leeward Islands	340.23	960.90	Increase	620.67
Peru.....	469.01	814.67	Increase	345.66
Venezuela.....	615.01	775.42	Increase	160.41
Idaho	719.89	667.18	Decrease	(52.71)
Windward Islands	545.62	574.27	Increase	28.65
Cyprus.....	339.77	544.52	Increase	204.75
Nicaragua	20.20	516.00	Increase	495.80
Costa Rica	431.11	423.96	Decrease	(7.15)
Panama	365.36	415.56	Increase	50.20
Arizona/Nevada (South).....	402.33	406.58	Increase	4.25
Alaska	441.66	374.35	Decrease	(67.31)
Bermuda	390.00	360.00	Decrease	(30.00)
Bolivia.....	329.58	355.56	Increase	25.98
Chile.....	132.71	350.37	Increase	217.66
El Salvador	277.93	318.12	Increase	40.19
Argentina.....	50.84	306.02	Increase	255.18
Utah	281.82	285.56	Increase	3.74
Honduras	253.94	277.45	Increase	23.51

Netherlands Antilles	164.70	267.40	Increase	102.70
Japan	243.64	253.83	Increase	10.19
Greece	74.60	245.54	Increase	170.94
Brazil	449.08	233.91	Decrease	(215.17)
Maine/NH/VT	874.85	208.20	Decrease	(666.65)
Uruguay	40.29	185.19	Increase	144.90
Spain	118.89	154.81	Increase	35.92
Kenya	86.70	152.78	Increase	66.08
Portugal	127.67	124.75	Decrease	(2.92)
Hawaii	0.00	117.92	Increase	117.92
Finland	108.67	95.27	Decrease	(13.40)
Belize	41.09	92.59	Increase	51.50
Germany/Holland	288.68	80.75	Decrease	(207.93)
Paraguay	31.71	80.35	Increase	48.64
Ecuador	95.06	65.62	Decrease	(29.44)
Philippine Islands	44.27	61.69	Increase	17.42
France	102.59	52.12	Decrease	(50.47)
Colombia	85.58	40.87	Decrease	(44.71)
S. Africa (Botha)	36.63	38.93	Increase	2.30
S. Africa (Mawela)	28.49	27.53	Decrease	(0.96)
Cameroon	13.78	18.03	Increase	4.25
Egypt	19.67	13.71	Decrease	(5.96)
Malawi	12.66	12.98	Increase	0.32
Zimbabwe	36.10	9.89	Decrease	(26.21)
Belgium	31.40	7.76	Decrease	(23.64)
Ghana	4.96	5.90	Increase	0.94
Uganda	0.00	5.15	Increase	5.15
Rwanda	9.33	5.11	Decrease	(4.22)
Samoas	combined	3.68	Increase	3.68
Sierra Leone	4.45	3.66	Decrease	(0.79)
Zambia	8.78	0.08	Decrease	(8.70)
Mozambique	0.00	0.01	Increase	0.01
Tanzania	8.04	0.00	Decrease	(8.04)
Swaziland	0.00	0.00		
India	0.00	0.00		
Korea	60.84	0.00	Decrease	(60.84)
Malaysia/Singapore	no report			
Botswana	12.87	no report	Decrease	(12.87)
Zaire	11.25	no report	Decrease	(11.25)
Australia	165.26	no report	Decrease	(165.26)
Burkina Faso	0.00	no report		
Cuba	60.04	no report	Decrease	(60.04)
Ivory Coast	68.92	no report	Decrease	(68.92)
Guyana	6.59	no report	Decrease	(6.59)
Benin	0.00	no report		
Nigeria	2.12	no report	Decrease	(2.12)
Trinidad/Tobago	456.48	no report	Decrease	(456.48)
Cayman Islands	<u>882.48</u>	<u>combined</u>	Decrease	<u>(882.48)</u>
TOTALS	\$276,836.06	\$262,880.06	Decrease	(\$13,708.77)

CONVENTION MISSION OFFERINGS

STATE/NATION	AMOUNT LAST YEAR	AMOUNT THIS YEAR		
North Carolina	\$ 117,724.76	\$109,941.29	Decrease	(7,783.47)
Tennessee.....	85,848.74	83,955.98	Decrease	(1,892.76)
Florida.....	75,532.32	69,382.87	Decrease	(6,149.45)
Virginia.....	74,040.37	69,012.11	Decrease	(5,028.26)
South Carolina.....	70,546.25	61,455.86	Decrease	(9,090.39)
Georgia.....	72,340.34	60,056.42	Decrease	(12,283.92)
Kentucky.....	50,974.30	49,033.35	Decrease	(1,940.95)
Alabama.....	55,397.21	47,527.64	Decrease	(7,869.57)
England.....	45,033.48	45,766.53	Increase	733.05
Bahamas.....	37,250.00	36,000.00	Decrease	(1,250.00)
Mississippi.....	34,098.46	33,386.54	Decrease	(711.92)
New York.....	30,062.74	30,372.95	Increase	310.21
Ohio.....	32,148.23	27,693.76	Decrease	(4,454.47)
Pennsylvania.....	29,198.17	27,462.66	Decrease	(1,735.51)
Maryland/DC.....	26,561.71	26,347.95	Decrease	(213.76)
Texas (East).....	24,116.09	22,291.68	Decrease	(1,824.41)
California (Spanish).....	22,568.13	17,932.43	Decrease	(4,635.70)
Conn./Mass./RI.....	20,382.42	17,610.96	Decrease	(2,771.46)
Oklahoma.....	17,279.77	17,519.84	Increase	240.07
Indiana.....	19,440.31	16,064.50	Decrease	(3,375.81)
Missouri.....	14,484.63	15,445.06	Increase	960.43
Virgin Islands.....	14,684.14	13,046.09	Decrease	(1,638.05)
Arkansas.....	14,270.30	12,181.54	Decrease	(2,088.76)
California (South).....	12,590.99	11,743.76	Decrease	(847.23)
Michigan.....	11,610.58	10,915.94	Decrease	(694.64)
Delaware/NJ.....	10,485.80	10,605.63	Increase	119.83
Mexico.....	9,332.08	9,693.99	Increase	361.91
Colorado.....	9,282.05	9,070.40	Decrease	(211.65)
California/Nevada (North).....	11,032.16	8,846.09	Decrease	(2,186.07)
Washington.....	8,292.66	8,771.99	Increase	479.33
Louisiana.....	11,591.87	8,096.86	Decrease	(3,495.01)
West Virginia.....	10,368.10	8,066.94	Decrease	(2,301.16)
Illinois.....	8,905.04	7,867.72	Decrease	(1,037.32)
Canada (West).....	7,588.60	7,494.01	Decrease	(94.59)
Northwest Territory.....	11,887.61	7,237.24	Decrease	(4,650.37)
Canada (East).....	11,126.09	6,675.06	Decrease	(4,451.03)
Kansas.....	5,783.78	6,248.68	Increase	464.90
Iowa/Nebraska.....	8,294.62	6,134.82	Decrease	(2,159.80)
Puerto Rico.....	7,022.71	6,058.83	Decrease	(963.88)
Oregon.....	5,855.12	5,592.10	Decrease	(263.02)
New Mexico/Texas West.....	7,055.74	5,254.86	Decrease	(1,800.88)
Minnesota.....	6,188.25	4,958.66	Decrease	(1,229.59)
Maine/NH/VT.....	4,935.74	4,775.98	Decrease	(159.76)
Dominican Republic.....	3,992.31	4,471.38	Increase	479.07
Arizona/Nevada (South).....	4,091.46	4,092.58	Increase	1.12
Windward Islands.....	3,328.53	4,072.79	Increase	744.26
Leeward Islands.....	1,862.01	3,672.25	Increase	1,810.24

Jamaica	7,672.35	3,593.95	Decrease	(4,078.40)
Cyprus	2,893.15	3,261.42	Increase	368.27
Wisconsin	4,215.53	2,925.44	Decrease	(1,290.09)
Turks/Caicos Is.	2,420.00	2,541.00	Increase	121.00
Guatemala	1,809.23	2,312.66	Increase	503.43
Idaho	2,712.21	2,258.65	Decrease	(453.56)
Utah	1,417.07	1,455.06	Increase	37.99
Alaska	1,630.14	1,440.60	Decrease	(189.54)
Hawaii	75.29	1,396.34	Increase	1,321.05
Haiti	1,251.03	1,205.82	Decrease	(45.21)
Peru	643.36	1,048.22	Increase	404.86
Honduras	944.42	1,027.73	Increase	83.31
Venezuela	749.34	932.22	Increase	182.88
Japan	991.23	928.60	Decrease	(62.63)
Bermuda	1,000.00	900.00	Decrease	(100.00)
El Salvador	745.78	845.30	Increase	99.52
Chile	260.95	816.91	Increase	555.96
Panama	715.66	724.14	Increase	8.48
S. Africa (Botha)	493.41	537.02	Increase	43.61
Greece	329.08	531.80	Increase	202.72
Netherlands Antilles	413.73	491.59	Increase	77.86
Nicaragua	38.26	440.00	Increase	401.74
Costa Rica	411.45	420.27	Increase	8.82
Argentina	133.71	419.75	Increase	286.04
Brazil	550.32	381.10	Decrease	(169.22)
Bolivia	242.99	293.94	Increase	50.95
Germany/Holland	767.98	282.45	Decrease	(485.53)
Philippine Islands	221.67	267.24	Increase	45.57
Zimbabwe	970.54	265.92	Decrease	(704.62)
Paraguay	84.76	234.40	Increase	149.64
Korea	66.37	223.55	Increase	157.18
Portugal	178.24	205.28	Increase	27.04
Malawi	125.17	193.81	Increase	68.64
Finland	129.32	189.36	Increase	60.04
Belize	171.00	165.53	Decrease	(5.47)
Uruguay	120.71	158.62	Increase	37.91
Spain	226.21	154.81	Decrease	(71.40)
Colombia	166.08	122.61	Decrease	(43.47)
Kenya	92.88	108.79	Increase	15.91
Belgium	59.25	87.30	Increase	28.05
Ecuador	82.21	87.06	Increase	4.85
S. Africa (Mawela)	36.26	82.59	Increase	46.33
Samoa	combined	57.15	Increase	57.15
Swaziland	0.00	46.30	Increase	46.30
Egypt	84.61	35.78	Decrease	(48.83)
France	68.00	32.58	Decrease	(35.42)
Cameroon	24.12	28.85	Increase	4.73
Uganda	0.00	8.32	Increase	8.32
Tanzania	8.22	8.12	Decrease	(0.10)
Ghana	7.71	6.41	Decrease	(1.30)
Sierra Leone	11.36	5.71	Decrease	(5.65)

Rwanda	6.85	3.83	Decrease	(3.02)
Zambia	119.73	2.09	Decrease	(117.64)
Mozambique.....	0.00	0.19	Increase	0.19
India				
Malaysia/Singapore.....				
Australia	693.63		Decrease	(693.63)
Cuba	1,609.72	no report	Decrease	(1,609.72)
Guyana.....	39.29	no report	Decrease	(39.29)
Zaire	14.06	no report	Decrease	(14.06)
Trinidad/Tobago	3,615.01	no report	Decrease	(3,615.01)
Botswana	32.67	no report	Decrease	(32.67)
Nigeria	6.77	no report	Decrease	(6.77)
Ivory Coast.....	55.13	no report	Decrease	(55.13)
Burkina Faso	12.06	no report	Decrease	(12.06)
Cayman Islands.....	<u>1,136.12</u>	<u>combined</u>	Decrease	<u>(1,136.12)</u>
TOTALS	\$1,222,290.17	\$1,116,100.75	Decrease	(\$106,189.42)

CHURCH OF PROPHECY MARKER ASSOCIATION—MEMBERSHIP

STATE/NATION	NUMBER LAST YEAR	NUMBER THIS YEAR		
Dominican Republic	11,066	9,502	Decrease	(1,564)
Nicaragua	9,960	5,981	Decrease	(3,979)
North Carolina	3,980	5,418	Increase	1,438
Guatemala.....	no report	4,319	Increase	4,319
South Carolina.....	3,241	3,076	Decrease	(165)
Virginia	3,331	3,075	Decrease	(256)
Bahamas	3,024	3,062	Increase	38
Alabama	3,140	2,979	Decrease	(161)
Tennessee.....	3,155	2,885	Decrease	(270)
Georgia.....	3,116	2,561	Decrease	(555)
Florida.....	2,829	2,416	Decrease	(968)
Mississippi	2,026	1,986	Decrease	(40)
California Spanish.....	1,119	1,729	Increase	610
Kentucky	1,484	1,581	Increase	97
Oklahoma.....	1,484	1,234	Decrease	(250)
Venezuela.....	no report	1,204	Increase	1,204
Kenya	321	1,114	Increase	793
Pennsylvania	761	1,053	Increase	292
Texas East	1,318	897	Decrease	(421)
Puerto Rico.....	652	888	Increase	236
Tanzania	no report	854	Increase	854
Ohio	649	777	Increase	128
New York	1,157	776	Decrease	(381)
Uganda.....	no report	718	Increase	718
Arkansas.....	838	850	Increase	39
Philippines	535	550	Increase	15
Maryland/D.C.	499	488	Decrease	(11)
Missouri	713	468	Decrease	(245)
Delaware/New Jersey.....	462	461	Decrease	(1)
Indiana.....	637	458	Decrease	(179)
Brazil.....	no report	402	Increase	402

California S.....	451	399	Decrease	(52)
California N./Nevada N.	477	352	Decrease	(125)
Conn./Mass./R.I.	528	342	Decrease	(186)
Louisiana	413	319	Decrease	(94)
Michigan	357	316	Decrease	(41)
Oregon.....	252	311	Increase	59
Illinois.....	138	307	Increase	169
West Virginia.....	362	265	Decrease	(97)
Washington.....	212	262	Increase	50
Turks & Caicos Is.	no report	227	Increase	227
Montana/Wyoming	131	189	Increase	58
Iowa/Nebraska.....	201	173	Decrease	(28)
Uruguay	140	158	Increase	18
New Mexico/SW Texas	133	155	Increase	22
Canada West.....	221	133	Decrease	(88)
Minnesota	64	123	Increase	59
Kansas.....	126	115	Decrease	(11)
Arizona/Nevada S.	160	160	Decrease	(54)
Colorado	187	213	Increase	26
Idaho	117	106	Decrease	(11)
Sierra Leone	no report	83	Increase	83
Maine/N.H./Vermont.....	80	78	Decrease	(2)
Wisconsin.....	90	75	Decrease	(15)
Alaska	107	80	Decrease	(27)
Utah	106	70	Decrease	(36)
Paraguay.....	no report	65	Increase	65
Texas West.....	92	54	Decrease	(38)
North Dakota	33	26	Decrease	(7)
Portugal	24	26	Increase	2
South Dakota	44	16	Decrease	(28)
Rwanda	no report	15	Increase	15
Hawaii/S. Pacific Is.	25	8	Decrease	(17)
Cameroon.....	no report	6	Increase	6
Lifetime Members	68	42	Decrease	(26)
Ministerial Aid Recipients	<u>76</u>	<u>72</u>	Decrease	<u>(4)</u>
	66,912	69,049	Increase	2,137

As of reports received by August 1, 1991.

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
AND DIRECTOR OF EVANGELISM/CHURCH PLANTING**

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

Sermons	48	Homes visited	155
Saved	4	Funerals conducted	4

As an appointee of General Overseer Billy D. Murray, I began the Church year as General Field Secretary, serving in this capacity through the 86th General Assembly. At its close, the position title was changed to Administrative Assistant, a more descriptive title, and responsibilities were broadened. At the 1991 Assembly, the responsibilities of Director of Evangelism and Church Planting were added, as well.

Shortly after the Assembly, as a member of the General Administrative Committee, I was appointed to serve on the Assembly Task Force to help select the site of the 87th Assembly and designated a member of the inner committee.

It is difficult, in most cases, to separate the activities of my various assignments, denoting what bore directly on the results of any given area of work; however, I can report that all was done in the spirit of advancement of the Church, the Body of Christ.

Throughout the Church year I served on the following headquarters committees: Administrative; General Properties; Ministerial Aid; Editorial Committee on Church History, Polity and Doctrine; and the Evangelism and Church Planting Committee. Also, I was a General Trustee and officer of the corporate board for White Wing Publishing House and Press, serving as secretary.

Due to the restructuring of the General Headquarters operation and Ministerial Aid program this year, many hours were spent in committee meetings, trying to find the appropriate direction for the Church to pursue.

Additionally, since the 87th Assembly would mark the first time this gathering would be held outside the Cleveland/Chattanooga, TN, area in recent years, much time had to be spent not only in finding an appropriate site, but also in negotiating contracts and locating vendors and services needed for a gathering of this magnitude.

After visiting several potential Assembly sites as a member of the inner committee, including San Antonio, TX; Fort Worth, TX; Kansas City, KS; and Louisville, KY; the latter was selected. It was necessary to return there a number of times during the year to make final preparations for the Assembly to be held September 7 - 13, 1992.

Included in my work this year was serving the General Overseer both in the office and on the field. I participated in three state ministers conventions/meetings; four Overseers Leadership Conferences held in Denver, CO; Sacramento, CA; Cleveland, TN; and Columbus, OH, and directed by Overseer Murray using all Administrative Assistants; and the General Workers Retreat in mid-winter. I also attended the Regional Youth Conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Also, during the year we were called on to represent the General Church and Ministerial Aid Committee at four funerals of faithful ministers or their family member.

As Director of Evangelism/Church Planting, we assisted the National Evangelists, visited several in revivals and endeavored to reach out to all evangelists everywhere. It is impossible to know the total number of souls touched by these evangelistic efforts as many did not report directly to this department. (They report to their state/national overseers.) But we appreciate each one who worked to win the lost and lead converts to a deeper walk with the Lord.

In an effort to become as effective as possible in our evangelism efforts, we attended a TEAM Evangelism seminar in Atlanta, GA, and followed closely a new field endeavor in Jackson, TN. There a program, "The Phones for You," resulted in the organizing of a new church within a few weeks of the first meeting which we were privileged to attend. We also endeavored to keep in touch with various church planting activities in several states and want to thank each one who worked to establish missions and/or organize new churches this year.

At the request of the General Overseer, I traveled to a number of areas to conduct General Church business and, while in the office, worked on assigned projects such as the New Licensure Procedure and was called for consultation in numerous other operational matters.

It is difficult to put in a report such as this the total results of a ministry that takes place, for the most part, out of a pulpit and outside the church house. However, my personal report includes: Visited a number of local churches as speaker for homecomings, special services and to conduct special meetings of ministers and members. In the month of May, I was privileged to teach in Bible Training Institute in Cleveland, TN, and represent General Headquarters at two July state conventions held in East Texas and Louisiana.

I want to thank all who supported this ministry with your cooperation, encouragement and prayers during this most busy year. To God be the glory for everything accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,
HUGH R. EDWARDS

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

Sermons preached	53	Received Holy Ghost	5
Saved	16	Homes visited	27
Revivals conducted	6	Sanctified	11
		State/District Conventions	2

Taught in Cleveland Bible Training Institute; participated in the Youth Mission Corps orientation at Ft. Worth, Texas as evangelist; also, attended the same at Los Angeles, California.

Served on committees: Administrative, Ministerial Aid, World Mission, Youth Mission Corps, General Properties; Church History, Polity and Doctrine; Chairman to the committee to Study the 26th Teaching.

I was available to the office of the General Overseer at all times, and have responded to all appeals of assistance made by General Overseer Billy Murray.

I enjoyed working in the Pastoral Care Department, seeing the need to revitalize the small care group ministry. I had a article in each *White Wing Messenger* called, "The Good Shepherd Series," addressing the physical and spiritual needs among our people.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. JONES

REPORT OF GENERAL DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

Due to serving in two appointed positions this year, this report will reflect only the activities associated solely with the pastoral care ministry; other activities will be reported as a part of the Administrative Assistant duties.

Represented the Pastoral Care Department at a California (Spanish) Auxiliary Focus; ministered in seven rallies for the California (English) delegation; accompanied the General Overseer to four regional conferences; preached at a district rally in Hoboken, New Jersey; served on the Board of Directors for Operation Home (the Department also assisted with their printing costs).

States Visited: California, Colorado, New Jersey, Ohio, and Tennessee.

Other Activities: Corresponded regularly with State/National Pastoral Care Directors and State/National Overseers, handled day to day correspondence, and submitted monthly articles to the *White Wing Messenger*.

PASTORAL CARE STATISTICAL REPORT

(The following information was taken from the State/National Directors' annual reports.)

Churches in the states	1,562
Churches in other nations	<u>1,770</u>
Total	3,332
Churches operating Pastoral Care in the states	1,343
Churches operating Pastoral Care in other nations	<u>1,481</u>
Total	2,824
Care groups in the states	4,498
Care groups in other nations	<u>5,790</u>
Total	10,288

Home care group meetings held in the states	19,853
Home care group meetings held in other nations	<u>77,955</u>
Total	97,808

Experiences in care group meetings in the states:

Saved	495	Sanctified	<u>230</u>
Filled with Holy Ghost	118	Total US Experiences.....	843

Experiences in care group meetings in other nations:

Saved	5,693	Sanctified	1,685
Filled with Holy Ghost	1,257	Total	<u>8,635</u>
Grand Experience total.....			<u>9,478</u>

Homes visited by care group leaders in the states	233,132
Homes visited by care group leaders in other nations.....	<u>135,946</u>
Total	369,078

Churches paid Emergency Dollars in full for 1992 725
 Respectfully submitted,
 EDWARD L. JONES

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
 AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER**

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

Sermons preached	107	Baptized with Holy Spirit	49
Saved	806	Homes visited	46
Sanctified	77	National/State Conventions attended	5

With God’s help, I have been able to serve the Lord and the Church as Administrative Assistant to the General Overseer and Spanish Communications Minister.

This year the Lord has been truly manifested in the communications work, opening doors which we thought never could be opened. Now we are broadcasting 425 times every week through 201 radio stations. Twenty-five countries in the Caribbean and in the Americas are reached through local radio stations. Also many countries are reached in Europe and Africa through four shortwave networks. We have received letters from Germany, Italy, Spain, Republic of Beni (in Africa), to name some of the countries reached in these continents. This means “people” are being reached with the Gospel.

The most exciting happening is that the SVOS is preaching the Gospel to Spanish-speaking audiences through Radio Moscow for the first time in their history.

In addition to radio stations, tapes of the program are sent to local churches in the United States and in some countries where stations cannot be paid, but where the need for these programs exists. In particular, they are using the Bible studies on audio and video tapes.

Our television program **Compartiendo el Pan de Vida** (Sharing the Bread of Life) is being broadcast in six countries and on a total of 28 channels, which broadcast our program 59 times every week. It is an effective tool in reaching the lost and edifying God’s people. The testimonies received are proof of this accomplishment.

I was especially blessed by the people during a visit to Russia and the Ukraine. We preached and ministered to people on a personal level. We took some TV footage for our television program, which in turn blessed our audiences.

I visited on two occasions the country of Israel, and taped several television programs. These are always a blessing to the viewers.

During the National Religious Broadcasters Convention (NRB), I was elected to serve a second term as a member of the executive committee; as a member of the NRB International Advisory Committee; a commissioner in the Ethical and Financial Accountability Commission (EFICOM); the Hispanic Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE); the International Committee of Reference for New Life 2000, which is sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ International, and as Communications Director of the A.D. 2000 Committee for Latin America.

I was truly blessed by my brethren in Peru, Mexico, Panama, Utah and Arizona, as we shared God's blessings in their conventions. I conducted crusades in Peru, Mexico, and Panama. God poured out His convicting Spirit in a very special way and hundreds were saved. Praise be to our Saviour!

I served as chairman of the International Committee for the Study of the Office of the General Overseer and as a member of the following committees: Administrative, Communications, Ministerial Aid; Church History, Polity and Doctrine; General Properties, World Mission, CPMA and the Task Force of the General Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,
JOSE A. REYES, SR.

**REPORT OF ASSISTANT EDITOR/
SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE EDITOR**

September 1, 1991-July 31, 1992

Sermons/Lessons	50	Received Holy Ghost	5
Saved	37	Homes Visited	20
Sanctified	2		

The combining of these two offices coupled with this appointment certainly challenged my ministry. I am deeply thankful for the sustaining grace of the Master, the patience of the Headquarters staff as I learned procedures, and the endless support of my family.

In addition to the editing and oversight of the *White Wing Messenger* and our Sunday School Literature I visited 12 States/Nations: Michigan (ICEA Convention); West Virginia (wedding and Sunday service); California (GLASS Convention, West Regional Youth Conference, Sunday services); Tennessee (East Regional Youth Conference, Bible Training Institute); North Carolina (First Assembly Commemoration—preached); Honduras (Sunday School Meeting, Weekend Services); Colorado (Revival); Haiti (National Convention); New Mexico (State Convention); Missouri (State Convention); Indiana (State Convention); Guatemala (Publishing House).

I served on the following committees: General Properties (secretary); Church of Prophecy Marker Association; Church Publishing; Editorial Committee on Church History, Polity and Doctrine (secretary); Questions and Subjects (secretary).

We were able to continue the work of my predecessor, J. C. Cagle (Sunday School Literature Editor), and complete a new curriculum for our youth. *The Solid Rock*, targeted for junior teens (ages 13-15) became available first quarter 1992-93. I especially thank Veronica Venable for her tireless work in coordinating this curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN PACE

**REPORT OF BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

August 1, 1991-July 31, 1992

BTI taught/assisted in	5	Nations visited	1
Sermons/lessons taught	105	Churches visited	15
States visited	8	Homes visited	78
		State Conventions attended	2

Served on the Bible Training Institute Committee; also, the Church History, Polity and Doctrine; World Mission and Church Publishing Committees. Supervised Bible Training Institute activities in the office and on the field.

Schools conducted	60
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STUDENTS IN USA

Alaska	28	East Coast (Del/NJ)	137
Arizona	66	Oklahoma	39
California (English)	78	West Coast (Spanish)	<u>96</u>
Cleveland	186	Total students in USA	630

STUDENTS IN OTHER NATIONS

Antigua	92	India	97
Argentina (Cordoba)	22	Ivory Coast	46
Argentina (Neu)	29	Jamaica (Kingston)	300
Argentina (Tuc)	13	Kenya	47
Bahamas (Freeport)	52	Mexico (Acapulco)	126
Bahamas (Nassau)	95	Mexico (North)	36
Barbados	90	Mexico (South)	85
Belize	23	Mexico (Vera Cruz)	10
Bolivia (Cochambamba)	30	Nicaragua	112
Bolivia (La Paz)	26	Panama	99
Brazil	57	Paraguay	47
Cameroon	38	Peru (Lima)	39
Canada (Edmonton)	18	Peru (Southeast)	71
Chile (Central)	56	Philippines (Manila)	41
Colombia	36	Philippines (Mindanao)	27
Costa Rica	40	Puerto Rico	34
Cuba	46	South Africa (bi-lin)	65
Dominican Republic (#1)	211	Spain	12
Dominican Republic (#2)	498	St. Maarten (bi-lin)	128
Dominican Republic (Ext.)	136	South Africa	65
Ecuador (Guay)	28	Thailand	11
El Salvador	67	Uruguay	20
England (London)	113	Uruguay (Northeast)	20
Grenada	31	Venezuela	54
Guatemala	60	Venezuela	<u>83</u>
Haiti	100	Total students in other nations	3,823
Honduras	83	Total students in USA and	
Honduras (San Pedro)	58	other nations	<u>4,453</u>
Total correspondence courses sold			9,362

OFFICE WORK

Bible Training Institute Department took care of its correspondence, graded examinations of correspondent students and performed all other duties necessary for the continued well-being of the department. Textbook lessons are printed in the following languages: Afrikaans, Arabic, English, French, Greek, Indonesian, Korean, Malayalam, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai and Telegu. Volume one textbook is printed in the Shona and Swahili languages. The four-volume General Bible Study course is available in English, French, Japanese, Shona and Spanish. The Body of Christ course is available in Afrikaans, Arabic, English, French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Setswana, Shona, Spanish, Swahili and Telegu. The Bible Truths course is available in English, French Samoan and Spanish. Know Your Bible Series—#1, The Judges of Israel; #2, The Kings and Kingdoms of Israel and Judah; #3, The Ten Commandments; #4, The Sermon on the Mount; #5, The Fruit of the Spirit; #6, The Seventeen Works of the Flesh; #7, The Seven Churches of Asia, #8, The Book of Ephesians; #9, The Church of God at Corinth and #10, The Atonement are available in English.

SPECIAL THANKS

I am grateful to the General Overseer, who is the President of Bible Training Institute, the Bible Training Institute Representatives, office staff, general headquarters personnel, vice presidents, principals, staff, state/national and local representatives and each student who has attended Bible Training Institute.

Respectfully submitted,
 RAY C. WYNN

**REPORT OF BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE
 GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE**

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

Schools conducted and assisted in ..	8	Homes visited	27
Sermons and lessons taught	319	State Conventions attended	3
Saved	5	National Convention attended	1
Sanctified	5	Ministers Convention attended	1
Filled with the Holy Ghost	5	Prayer meetings conducted	2
States visited	8	Churches visited	9
Countries visited	5	Revival conducted	1

It was my privilege to serve on the Church of Prophecy Marker Association and Bible Training Institute Committees. On both, I attended all meetings when I was in town. It was my pleasure to discharge my duties as a committeeman in every phase of the work.

I coordinated my efforts with the General Superintendent, General Representative, office secretaries and supply coordinator to fulfill my obligations as Bible Training Institute Representative, personally corresponded with the vice presidents and state/national representatives to secure places for setting in order the administration for the schools for which I was directly responsible.

In my travels, I encouraged those who could not attend one of our regular schools to take correspondence courses.

Again this year, we had very informative and inspirational schools for the teaching ministry. I have seen God anoint students' eyes with eye salve that they might see and understand things no other way obtainable. In the country of Cameroon we had our first school. We were making plans to return to Kinshasa, Zaire; however, God interrupted our plans for there was a need to go to Limbe, Cameroon.

I appreciate the General Overseer, General Superintendent, Bible Training Institute Representative, office personnel, people on the field and my family for praying for me and helping me in many ways to serve the Church as Representative of Bible Training Institute, and to God be the glory!

Respectfully submitted,
 BENJAMIN LAWRENCE

**REPORT OF MISSION REPRESENTATIVE
TO MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA/
BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE**

August 1, 1991-July 31, 1992

Sermons preached.....	87	Saved	18
Sanctified.....	2	Received the Holy Ghost.....	3
Added to the Church.....	1	Homes visited.....	10
Nations visited.....	7	States visited.....	2
Churches visited.....	5	Conventions attended.....	8

I served on the Editorial Committee studying Church history, polity, and doctrine as well as the World Mission Committee. I also assisted the General Superintendent in Latin America as well as in the states with all the Spanish Bible Training Institute schools.

I want to express my gratitude to our Lord and Saviour for giving me strength and for helping me through another year of labor for Him. Also, I would like to thank all the General Office personnel and every one of the National Overseers and countries in Latin America for praying for me and my family.

Special thanks to our General Overseer, the General Superintendent of Bible Training Institute, the state and local representatives, every student, office staff, general office personnel, vice president, principals and especially to my precious family for their prayers and support during the years of my ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
FELIX SANTIAGO G.

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY
FOR THE CHURCH OF PROPHECY MARKER ASSOCIATION
AND FIELDS OF THE WOOD MANAGER**

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

Sermons preached and/or lessons taught	69	Homes visited	127
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It has been a genuine privilege to serve the Lord and His Church this year as CPMA Secretary and Fields of the Wood Manager. I sincerely appreciate God and His divine protection through another year.

I was guest speaker at the following functions: Ministers Convention in Michigan; Tennessee Marriage Enrichment Retreat; Men's Retreats in Arizona and Mississippi. I conducted family revivals in Colorado and South Carolina; taught lessons on family relations at a number of local churches; taught BTI in Cleveland, was guest speaker in a district marriage enrichment seminar in Michigan and conducted a marriage counseling workshop for pastors there, participated in a church building dedication at Colorado Springs, Colorado and represented Headquarters at the funeral of Orlies Shroyer at Gillette, Wyoming.

I have an on-going marriage and family counseling practice, spending approximately 100 hours counseling for which I do not charge a fee.

I represented General Headquarters at state conventions in Kentucky and Oklahoma. I genuinely appreciate the overseers of these states for allowing me a part on their convention programs. I also deeply appreciate the retreat directors and local pastors I worked with.

We have worked closely with the State and National CPMA secretaries, sending out regular mailings. I greatly appreciate their labors, along with the work of the local leaders. We could not do this work without them!

I want to express my personal gratitude for my office staff: Lisa Skinner and Linda Humbert. I could not have made it without their help. Thank you, ladies!

As Superintendent of Maintenance, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Don Chatham for his untiring efforts as maintenance manager and for the entire crew of men who have done such a wonderful job in keeping things looking nice in and around our General Headquarters property.

Fields Of The Wood Information:

I have had the privilege of working with two of the most dedicated people, Reed and Eldora North, our Fields of the Wood Superintendent/Minister. Under the supervision of Brother North, a number of new projects were done to help beautify the place. Fields of the Wood has never looked better. I deeply appreciate the many hours of hard work by those who labor to keep the grounds and the markers looking so nice.

There was good participation in the Annual Programs at Fields of the Wood. Approximately 100,000 will go through the gates of Fields of the Wood this year and many of them will be greatly touched by the Spirit of God.

The year 1991-92 has been a good year in the CPMA. I take this opportunity to thank all of those who have contributed your \$5 membership. This Year's memberships total 69,049. We give glory and honor to God for His continued blessings upon the work of getting the message of Christ and the Church to great numbers of people through the marking program.

There has now been a total of \$466,031.19 distributed in Mission Marker funds to some fifty-five countries. Mission Marker contributions received this year was \$23,545.77. Thank you for your gifts of love to this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,
J. WENDELL LOWE

REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS MANAGER

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1).

The Lord has blessed our work in communications this year with marvelous accomplishments to His glory. Our broadcast coverage has been expanded significantly by the addition of several international broadcast outlets which increased our audience potential by several million listeners.

The English Voice of Salvation recently started airing on Solar Satellite Radio Network which reaches all of Europe from London via direct satellite reception in many millions of homes. Voice of Salvation can be received on this system from Scandinavia to Northern Africa and from Poland and Hungary in the East to the Atlantic region in the West.

The broadcast has also been scheduled on WLAC (1510 KHZ—50,000 watts) Nashville, Tennessee, Sunday at 9:30 PM. The station can be heard in most of the Eastern United States and Southeastern Canada. Several other stations which are very important to the program's overall coverage have also been scheduled.

The Spanish Voice of Salvation has greatly strengthened its outreach through the vast facilities of Radio Moscow, using twenty-five powerful transmitters, to cover the Southern USA, all of Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean area and all of South America. The program is heard each week on Monday evenings. Individual and network groups of stations have also been added for the Spanish Voice of Salvation in California, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Peru.

I handled much business and engineering involvements with radio stations in the United States and several other countries on behalf of the Communications Department. I supervised the audio operations of the 86th General Assembly including the activity of the video recording rooms, feeding a two-hour broadcast of Assembly programming (in the Spanish language) to radio stations in Puerto Rico and had the oversight of the Communications Department booth operations in the Assembly Tabernacle. The Broadcast Record Club work has been a great blessing to the financial support of the English and Spanish Voice of Salvation broadcasts.

I attended the convention of the Audio Engineering Society and the National Religious Broadcasters Convention. I have supervised the work of my office staff, operated Broadcast Distributors and the Broadcast Record Club and visited many radio stations in the USA and other countries.

I have served as a member of the Communications and Music Committees and the Editorial Committee on Church History, Polity and Doctrine.

The State and National Overseers and Communications Directors have given good support to the communications work throughout the year.

The weekly schedules for our Church broadcasts are as follows:

VOICE OF SALVATION (English)	235
VOICE OF SALVATION (Spanish)	425
VOICE OF SALVATION (French)	4
VOICE OF SALVATION (Greek)	4

COMMUNICATIONS FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

Brought Forward	\$ 1,328.79
Broadcast Distributors	126,016.03
Voice of Salvation	42,725.16
Broadcast Record Club	<u>35,079.38</u>
Total	\$205,149.36

Expenditures:

Broadcast Distributors	\$ 54,344.98
English Voice of Salvation	83,657.30
Spanish Voice of Salvation	42,608.71
Broadcast Record Club	<u>17,031.30</u>
Total	197,642.29
Balance brought forward	\$ <u>7,507.07</u>

My office staff—Herby J. Evans, Sandra Hysinger, Mike Pillow and Maxine Duncan—has provided great service in our work and I highly commend them.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS DUNCAN

REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

Sermons preached	156	Saved	83
Sanctified	45	Received Holy Ghost	23
Homes visited	107	Conventions attended	5

The Lord has richly blessed the Voice of Salvation this past year.

Both the fifteen- and thirty-minute radio programs continue to be well received in the United States and many other countries, reached by shortwave radio.

The television program has been scheduled on the Vision Network, a cable system throughout Canada that reaches some 275 major markets with a potential viewing audience of over 18,000,000. We still broadcast over the New Inspirational Network with 6,500,000 homes, as well as 35 independent stations. I thank God for allowing us to reach the masses through the media of radio and television.

We continue to produce audio cassette Bible studies on interesting subjects, such as *The End* and *The Anointing*.

I thank God for our prayer partners who assist us with the telephones when VOS is televised. We are also grateful for the local churches that do follow up on those who write or call from their areas and also for those who utilize the Phonline ministry in their areas.

Two of our military chaplains retired this year following very impressive careers in the army. I am happy to report that both Chaplain Doug Stephenson and Chaplain Guy Lindsey are now pastoring churches, and we pray God's blessings on them.

I was privileged to visit each of the chaplains except one during the year. They are to be commended for their fine work for the Church and the country.

The advancement of the VOS this year has been largely due to the sacrificial dedication of each staff member. I am very grateful for their faithful cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ELWOOD MATTHEWS

REPORT OF GENERAL MINISTER OF MUSIC

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

Homes visited 16 Sermons 43

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the Lord and His Church in the capacity of General Minister of Music for the Assembly year 1991-1992.

The following is a brief summary of my activities for the year:

August: Provided musical help for the General Assembly.

September: As director of Tomlinson College Chorale, I took them to Atlanta, Georgia for a work retreat.

October: Took TC Chorale on week-end tour to Alabama and Georgia. Attended funeral of James A. Long, Jr. in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

November: Attended Winter Retreat in Pennsylvania. Attended Leadership and Music Retreat in Kentucky. Conducted Music Workshop and Concert in Toronto, Ontario.

December: Participated in Christmas function in South Carolina.

January: Took TC Chorale to Kansas City, Kansas. Attended NRB Convention in Washington, D. C.

February: Participated in Youth Conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

March: Conducted Teen Talent Academy in Jamaica. Took TC Chorale on tour to our churches in North and South Carolina.

April: Visited Louisville, Kentucky on Assembly Task Force business.

May: Conducted General Music Festival in Louisville, Kentucky. Participated in Youth Conference and Mission Corps orientation in England.

June: Participated in services in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

July: Attended Regional Convention in Barbados, taught music seminars in Barbados and St. Vincent. Attended Tennessee State Convention, and funeral of Bishop Franklin Lewis in Washington, D. C.

The Music Department responded to the need for instruments for Missions in two countries; responded to mail addressed to the department and corresponded with State/National Music Directors.

I served on the following committees: Communications, Music Department, and Youth Mission Board.

Thank God for a successful year and for faithful State/National Music Directors. I also thank Him for the untiring efforts and work of my secretary, Gladys Scotton.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD M. SCOTTON, SR.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF TOMLINSON COLLEGE

AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

To have been called upon by the Church to serve in the capacity of President of Tomlinson College and Public Relations Director is an honor. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord and the Church in these roles.

As President of Tomlinson College I have managed and directed the affairs of the Church's institution of higher learning through dedicated and professionally qualified vice presidents, faculty and support staff members. I have worked closely with the Board of Trustees at the policy-making level. Through prudent management at all levels of administration this fiscal year has resulted in a positive audit report.

Tomlinson College graduation was historic in that we held our Baccalaureate and Commencement programs on campus in the new Victory Chapel. It was indeed a special time for me as president to confer diplomas on 66 graduates, and to award three Religious Certificates to individuals who successfully completed their studies.

Tomlinson College celebrated another historic occasion—that of conducting graduation ceremonies for 61 Romanian students who have successfully completed studies in Tomlinson College's one-year certificate program. Our Romanian initiative will continue in the Fall of 1992 as well as Spring of 1993.

The Tomlinson College campus also was the site of the Cleveland session of Bible Training Institute in the month of May.

Special recognition is given to the Board of Trustees under the chairmanship of Benny Jenkins. Further recognition is given to Vice President of Academic Affairs Larry Duncan; Vice President of Finance and Administration Vernon Van Deventer; Vice President of Student Affairs Melvin Hyatt. These men have given outstanding service on the President's Executive Committee this year.

A special note of recognition is given to my secretary, Susan Duncan, for her professional and dedicated work.

Further appreciation is expressed for all who have served during the past few months following suspension of classes on the campus.

A more detailed report relative to all facets of this year's work was made to the Assembly by the Board of Trustees and is on file in the President's office.

As General Public Relations Director I have worked closely with the office of the General Overseer, representing his office internationally in religious and civic affairs. Also, I have arranged for the General Overseer's Christmas Retreat as well as various receptions and other official functions related to his office.

In civic affairs I have represented the Church in numerous local, state and national functions. Presently I am serving as a member of the Cleveland-Bradley Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Bradley County as a member of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee.

Special recognition is given to my executive secretary, Evelyn Gillum, for her professional service. Due to the demands of the work in the President's office, she has served dually as Administrative Assistant to the Public Relations Director.

Also, I would like to express my appreciation to the field team of state and national directors who have promoted these ministries in their respective areas.

Respectfully submitted,

PERRY GILLUM

**PERSONAL EVANGELISM,
GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY**

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

Sermons preached	135	States visited	11
Homes visited	100	Nations visited	4
Saved	17	State Conventions attended	3

I ministered at two workers' conferences, two youth conferences, five district rallies, one revival, three retreats, one youth convention, and was an instructor for Bible Training Institute in Cleveland, and an extension school instructor in Romania's TC extension class.

I have been blessed to work with a fine staff that has supported me all year in prayer and labors. Much of what has been done is because of them.

Second Timothy 2:1, 2 encourages all who labor in the ministry of discipleship, saying, "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

This year the focus of this department has been to challenge churches, pastors, leaders, and all lay workers to a greater zeal for this central call to discipleship, a significant strategy of the New Testament. When we realize that it encompasses "winning" as well as "maturing" and "equipping" it is indeed a challenge of single importance.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Ministries Coordinator, Kathryn Creasy, worked with inspiration this year to see this ministry advance.

On Your Mark...Get Set...Grow! was produced and sent regularly to Children's Ministers in English, Spanish and French.

Children's Day promotional packets were developed and distributed for a special emphasis day highlighting children in our churches. This year's theme was "Declaring His Truth To This Generation." From this promotion, many testimonies have been received from various nations.

Bible Memory Club Level III was developed and a Leader's Guide written for the ongoing ministry of Bible Memory Club.

Excellence In Ministry was produced as a first-ever challenge for Children's Ministers to prepare themselves for ministry by receiving this certification. More information can be obtained through state/national directors for those interested in qualifying for this certificate.

Regular contributions to the *White Wing Messenger* were produced for promotion, information, and education of those interested in Children's Ministries.

Regular correspondence, seminars, Assembly preparation, consultation with state directors, and keeping abreast of the broad field of Children's Ministries have been carried out through this ministry.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Regional **Sharing Eternal Life Clinics** were conducted in Columbia, Tennessee; Houston, Texas, and Athens, Greece. The following is a statistical summary of those meetings:

Forty-one teams were sent out utilizing 117 participants. One hundred ninety-two homes were visited, in which the Gospel was shared 66 times. **Fifty-four people received the gift of Eternal Life** and another 78 were considered good prospects by the teams though they were not saved that visit. One hundred ninety-one tracts were distributed and 57 Bibles were given in the homes that were visited.

From reports sent in from some of the churches involved in Sharing Eternal Life ministry we have the following for which we can praise the Lord. The participating churches report that 664 homes were visited with the Gospel seed being sown 477 times. From those proclamations **245 were saved!** Forty-eight new prospects from the visitation evangelism were reported having attended church. Thirty-three of the new converts had attended, and 56 had been sanctified after their conversion.

Also this year groundwork for another personal evangelism ministry to be introduced was laid. **TEAM Evangelism** written by Larry Gilbert and produced by Church Growth Institute (1-800-553-4769) is a friendship style of personal evangelism. Implementation of both Sharing Eternal Life and TEAM Evangelism would give any church a holistic ministry to reach the lost challenging every member of the local church. They are complementary.

Regular correspondence has been directed to clinic host pastors, churches ministering in Sharing Eternal Life, overseers, and clinicians. A newsletter, Sharing Eternal Life Review, has been edited and published through Caroline Ledbetter's able inspiration.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Several standards of the Sunday School ministry have continued this year: **Helps And Hints**, a newsletter for Sunday School leaders to inform and aid them; **Special Emphasis Days**, pro-

motional campaigns for local churches to use for outreach and growth (this year’s theme was Sunday School—A Golden Opportunity); **Heritage Care**, promotion of offerings with special interest in the international orphanages; **Teacher’s Certification**, encouraging Sunday School teachers to qualify for certification and upgrade their ministry; *White Wing Messenger* promotion, with monthly articles bringing attention to the ministry and tasks of Sunday School.

This department has encouraged and/or attended state organized Workers’ Conferences in South Carolina, Virginia, and Kentucky. These are relatively new and were well attended and received. We also encouraged attendance at regional Sunday School Conventions, of which I was able to attend two, Greater Los Angeles Sunday School Association (GLASS) and Mid Atlantic Sunday School Association (MASSA) where I taught.

Teaching For Discipleship is a new thrust to enhance Sunday School teaching and ministry this year. A book has been written to share the vision of Sunday School as a potential-filled ministry opportunity. A teacher training video has also been developed as a companion to this piece which provides superintendents with three twenty-minute segments of training with related discussion sheets. The strategies suggested in this book have been incorporated by John Pace, Sunday School Literature Editor, into the “Apt To Teach,” further encouraging teachers as they implement these ideas in Sunday School ministry.

**1992 STATISTICS
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday Schools	3,053
Total enrollment	188,367
New schools organized	199
Converted in Sunday School Ministries:	
During Sunday School Hour	2,121
During VBS	657
Sanctified:	
During Sunday School Hour	1,339
During VBS	164
Baptized with Holy Ghost:	
During Sunday School Hour	507
During VBS	66
Churches participating in Emphasis Time	495
Vacation Bible Schools conducted	375
Churches operating Extension Department	707
Churches operating Cradle Roll Department	1,036
Total Heritage Care Fund State/National	
Convention offering	\$69,995.19
Total Teachers currently teaching who have taken	
“Called To Teach”	779
Authorized Teachers	728
Standard Teacher certificates issued	89

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

Churches operating Gleaner Bands	459
Churches conducting Children’s Church	1,200
Churches conducting Kid’s Crusades	94
Churches conducting special Children’s Day	508
Total Gleaner Offering	\$ 7,310.01

Converted:

During Children’s Church	2,319
During Kid’s Krusades	407

Sanctified:

During Children’s Church	430
During Kid’s Krusades	46

Baptized with Holy Ghost:

During Children’s Church	94
During Kid’s Krusades	12

Respectfully submitted,
RANDY HOWARD

**REPORT OF THE VICTORY LEADERS DEPARTMENT
GENERAL SECRETARY
August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992**

Sermons preached	101	Saved	137
Sanctified	79	Holy Ghost	72

“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:36-38).

This has been a year when the Lord has allowed me to see His harvest field as never before. A world hungry for God and in need of hope surrounds each of us. The youth of the Church have been touching this harvest as reflected in their reports. It has been a record year for seeing youth saved through local church efforts and our Youth Camp ministry. We give God the praise that Satan’s kingdom of despair has been wounded by the hope of Jesus Christ. To Him be all the glory!

By God’s grace and the beyond-normal-duty-faithfulness of our staff, the following has been accomplished during this exciting, full year.

We have edited and published the following:

Periodicals:

VICTORY Magazine—A sixteen-page, full-color monthly publication designed to address contemporary youth concerns from a biblical perspective.

V-Source—A monthly newsletter to assist youthworkers in using VICTORY Magazine with their youth.

Victory Leader—Spanish, French, and International insert in those respective *White Wing Messengers*.

Servant Update—A monthly international newsletter for state/national youth secretaries and camp directors.

Books:

99 Mighty Fine Fun-time Ideas—A new fun-time ideas book.

Materials:

International Youth Camp Yearbook '91

International Youth Camp Staff Manual

International Youth Camp materials for 1992

Camp Lessons—Eight were published for 1992 camps

Youth conference notebooks and materials

Youth On Fire—A packet of resource materials for local directors to use during YoutHarvest '92.

Departmental materials continue to be updated, revised and printed yearly to undergird the effectiveness of our local youth ministry.

Events:

We have planned, organized, and conducted the following events this year:

International Youth Camp '92 was conducted in Larkspur, Colorado at the Ponderosa Conference Center with 206 campers and staff present. Attendees came from 35 states and three countries for this blessed time of inspiration and teaching. The theme for the week was "Before Christ Comes." This summer marked the 42nd consecutive year that we as a Church have been involved in the camping ministry.

International Camp Outreach for Asia/Pacific was held in Singapore. Twelve nations participated with a total attendance of 77. We had representatives from Pakistan, Australia, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Philippines, Samoa, Thailand, United States, Indonesia, and Malaysia. God visited this event in a special, supernatural way.

Regional Youth Conferences—We held three: Anaheim, California; Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and Torquay, England. "Declaring War" was the theme. The records show totals of 630 for Anaheim and 1,770 for Gatlinburg of youth and youthworkers. In Anaheim, those registered represented 16 states and three countries, while in Gatlinburg the tally was 29 states and four countries. Many workshops were conducted, focusing on contemporary youth issues from a biblical perspective. General sessions were held each evening, along with other special ministry times designed to inspire and direct those present. Lives were changed as a result of the ministry in Anaheim and Gatlinburg as our youth declared war against Satan. EuroHope '92 was the theme for the conference held in Torquay, England. This was the second-ever European youth conference. The records show 725 youth and youth workers registered from nine nations. Again, workshops and general sessions during this special time for youth and youthworkers.

Youth Mission Teams '92—Youth Mission Teams were conducted this summer in the following locations with these numerical results:

Greece and Bulgaria, 39 saved; Spain, 29 saved; Mexico, 229 saved, 8 sanctified, 5 Holy Ghost, 17 healed; Australia, 1 saved, 1 sanctified; California, 36 saved, 2 sanctified, 2 Holy Ghost; Africa, 162 saved, 7 sanctified. Lives continue to be changed and leaders developed through this work.

Drives:

The 1991-92 YouthHarvest drive went from October 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992 with the theme of "Operation Hope." This drive was designed to see new young people saved and added to the Church. We had 571 churches report their participation with 1,654 saved and 429 joined the Church.

Personal Ministry:

I served on the Tomlinson College Board of Trustees, the Church Publishing Committee, the Communications Committee, and as secretary to the Youth Mission Board. I also chaired VICTORY Magazine's Editorial and Advisory Committees. I spoke at youth conventions and conferences in Mexico, Delaware/New Jersey, North Carolina, and East Texas and spoke at rallies in Mississippi and Dominican Republic. I conducted YouthHarvest crusades and revivals in Florida, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Carolina.

I was the evangelist at the Bahamas National Crusade and Peninsular Pentecostal Fellowship of North America crusade in Virginia. I spoke at the South Carolina Youth Retreat. I also taught at the Asian/Pacific and Caribbean Missions Leadership Conferences.

I served as Headquarters Representative to the Arkansas, Kansas, and Georgia State Conventions.

During the year I was privileged to visit the Ukraine twice and evangelize there. The blessings and sustaining power and grace of the Lord were amazing. Several hundred souls found Christ during these two visits. This is one of the ripest harvest fields in the entire world that I have witnessed.

I served as Bible Training Institute devotional coordinator and preached at each of the Regional Youth Conferences.

I am very thankful for God’s protection and anointing on me. He has especially protected my family during the year, for which we are grateful. It is also with deep appreciation and gratitude to all the volunteers who helped staff the events, as well as provide care on a local level to our youth, that I submit this report. May God’s hand continue to rest on our youth in the days to come. To God be all the glory.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM M. WILSON

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION
YOUTH MINISTRIES
1991 - 92**

	1991	1992
Victory Leaders Band.....	4,596	4,443
Victory Leaders Band Membership.....	103,168	112,829
Members Gained.....	6,768	3,012
Victory Leaders Revivals Conducted.....	1,433	1,998
Youth Life Teams	672	746
Youth Life Teams Members	6,781	7,888
Youth Convention Attendance.....	26,441	19,504
Churches Participating in YouthHarvest Drive	705	571
Experiences in Local Youth Outreach efforts:		
Converted	6,646	7,830
Sanctified.....	3,046	3,752
Holy Ghost.....	2,134	2,259
Joined the church.....	369	429
Youth Camps and Retreats Conducted	230	211
Number of Campers	28,512	27,105
Experiences in Youth Camp and Retreats:		
Converted	4,182	4,731
Sanctified	3,507	2,932
Holy Ghost	2,630	2,289
Baptized in water	2,248	1,884

REPORT OF GENERAL WOMEN’S MISSIONARY BAND SECRETARY

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

Sermons	71	States visited	12
Saved	34	Mission Fields visited	4
Sanctified	19	State/National Conventions	3
Baptized with Holy Ghost	26	Regional Ladies Retreats	10
Homes visited	67	Home Prayer Meetings	24

The various ministries I have been involved in—teaching in conferences, Bible Training Institute, writing or such—have been rewarding experiences. The apex of the year’s work has been ministering to women and I wish to express my appreciation to the Lord for enabling me to be in this ministry.

WRITING

The writing ministry has included writing portions of and editing the 14th edition of the “Women in Profile” booklet. This booklet is a planner for people who are endeavoring to minister to women.

I have compiled for printing: Ladies Retreat Brochure, Ladies Retreat Devotional Booklet, the monthly pages of the *White Wing Messenger*, and “The Helper”—a quarterly publication to the Helping Hand Ministry donors.

The department, through the medium of translation, is able to offer instructional materials along with some informative material in both English and Spanish and a few other dialects, the latter having been sent to the specific countries for translation and distribution.

Corresponded with state/national secretaries on a regular basis.

Corresponded with national overseers and other missionaries intermittently.

TEACHING AIDS

The department has consistently endeavored to update the existing teaching aids. Most of these have been for the promotion of Missions: Projects like the Helping Hand Ministry, WMB department videos, and Mission Encounter packets.

MISSIONS

I served as a member of the Youth Mission Board attending all meetings when possible and assisting with the planning and organization of the 1992 Youth Mission Teams.

I boosted the Helping Hand Ministry through the *White Wing Messenger*, letters to the state/national secretaries and correspondence with the various donors.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of those who participated in the Mission Clothes Closet which was maintained throughout the Assembly. Thanks to the many workers who were responsible for keeping the closet open, receiving the clothing, and assisting the missionaries who came to obtain clothing for people on the field.

Thanks to all of you who sent offerings, gave clothing, or used your skills in any manner, as well as those who prayed for the Mission fields. Truly we are laborers together with God, which means that their work on the field is also our work. We are responsible for that work through prayer and giving.

Because of you who have responded to the needs of the Helping Hand Ministry, the total offering sent to the various Mission fields this year was \$74,178.61.

MINISTERING TO WOMEN

More and more the Church is coming to understand the importance of ministering to women, who compose a large percentage of the Church membership. Reports from the States and several of the Nations show that many plans have been initiated for the purpose of Women’s Ministry.

A special “thanks” to the leaders, state or national, who directed or promoted any type of ministry to women. If this work continues it is sure to make an impact on families and on the Church as a whole.

The ministry to women from this office has been through 10 Regional Ladies Retreats. The greatest challenge of the retreats this year was the opportunity to direct a retreat in Romania. It was the first time in the history of their church that any type of ministry to women had been recognized. It was a milestone for them and the answering of a great challenge for us. Besides this, our ministering to ethnic groups has greatly increased. The retreat sessions were translated in Spanish and French and bilinguist TAP leaders blessed the women with prayer groups in their own language. We were also able to translate to small groups such as in Greek and Rumanian to those attending the European retreat.

The total attendance in the regional retreats was 3,627. Three of these retreats were outside the United States: Bucharest, Romania; Manchester, England; and Toronto, Canada.

Thank the Lord for the miracles that took place in the hearts and lives of many of those who attended. The Lord truly rewarded those who made such great sacrifices to attend.

Thanks also to those who have supported this ministry: staff people sacrificed days from their jobs to serve, hotel personnel received us graciously, and many churches did fund raisers so their ladies could attend. May the Lord reward everyone in their own special way.

CHURCH RELATED ACTIVITIES

Again this year I was privileged to fellowship with the wonderful people of Mexico, first in a couple's retreat teaching lessons on the family and then in the national WMB convention. It was a joy to see people enjoy the blessings of the Lord as others ran to the altar seeking God for salvation.

I wish to give my own special gratitude to the office staff. They are the type of workers that never quit until a job is well done. They have a vision of the field and a true compassion for those working out there. Martha Tuttle, who served as the office assistant for over thirteen years, resigned this year to fulfill some pressing domestic duties. Thanks to all who have worked in the department this year: Janet Talley—who is now employed elsewhere, Mary Dukes—the retreat secretary, and Jeanette Rollins—my private secretary.

Our greatest thanks go to all the people on the mission field who are really and truly putting legs on the gospel. Only the Lord will ever know all their sacrifices or the heartbreaks which they have experienced to see the message go into their part of the world. Without them, there would be no report to tabulate.

Thanks be unto God who has helped us to triumph in Him this year. To Him be all glory and praise.

**STATISTICAL REPORT
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

WMB Bands in States	1,925
WMB Bands in other nations	3,188
Total number of Bands	5,133

Respectfully submitted,
ELVA HOWARD

REPORT OF THE WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

August 1, 1991 - July 31, 1992

ACTIVITIES REPORT

Brazil, Portuguese: 10 letters, 1 book and numerous pieces of Church Administration Literature, 4 Eternal Light quarterlies, 4 Bible Orbit quarterlies and 4 sets Still Small Voice

Bulgaria, Bulgarian: 6 tracts

English: 551 Letters

French: 148 letters, 5 books and 58 pieces of Church Administration Literature, 4 Eternal Light quarterlies, 4 Bible Orbit quarterlies and 4 sets Still Small Voice, 6 White Wing Messengers

Greece, Greek: 6 White Wing Messengers, 3 Eternal Light quarterlies, 3 sets Still Small Voice

Holland, Dutch: 2 tracts

India, Hindi: 1 Tract. **Tamil:** 5 books. **Telugu:** 6 White Wing Messengers, 4 Eternal Light quarterlies, 4 Bible Orbit quarterlies and 4 sets Still Small Voice

Kenya, Swahili: 1 Eternal Light quarterly, Church Administration Literature. **Lingala:** Church Administration Literature

Philippines, Cebuano: 4 Eternal Light quarterlies, 4 sets Still Small Voice. **Ilocano:** 2 tracts, 4 Eternal Light quarterlies, 4 sets Still Small Voice. **Tagalog:** 4 Eternal Light quarterlies, 4 sets Still Small Voice

Russia, Russian: 2 letters, 5 tracts and 2 guides

South Africa, Afrikaans: Church Administration Literature, 4 Eternal Light quarterlies, 4 Bible Orbit quarterlies and 4 sets Still Small Voice. **Zulu:** White Wing Messengers

Spanish: 1,143 letters, 13 books, 4 booklets, 1 tract, 102 pieces of Church Administration Literature, 4 Eternal Light quarterlies, 4 Bible Orbit quarterlies, 4 Commentary quarterlies, 4 sets Still Small Voice, 4 Little People's Manuals, 12 White Wing Messengers

Thailand, Thai: 1 book, 4 Eternal Light quarterlies, 4 sets of Still Small Voice

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY O'NEAL

REPORT OF WORLD MISSION SECRETARY

August 1, 1991-July 31, 1992

I am grateful to God for His hand of mercy upon me this past year. I count it a joy to be in the work of the Lord and to render service to His people. I am so thankful for the call to the ministry.

This year I made 34 visits to 24 countries and states, preached and taught 64 times and recorded 30 Spiritual experiences. I attended 7 national and state conventions, supervised and participated in 4 International Leadership Conferences, assisted with 2 Youth Conferences and International Youth Camp, and participated in the Dallas Orientation of the 1992 Youth Mission Teams. In addition, I served on 8 different Boards and Committees at our General Offices.

I appreciated the unselfish support and dedicated services of my staff and coworkers, and the kind consideration of God's people around the world. The care and love of my wife and children is a constant strength. The Mission Representatives, Overseers, Corpsmen and other workers have been patient and understanding and I am grateful.

Included below is the usual statistical report on the Mission work:

WORLD MISSION DEPARTMENT**Statistical Report**

As of July 31, 1992

Nations	Members	Churches	S.S.	WMB	VLB	PC	Ministers
Argentina	1,160	38	41	37	36	38	32
Australia	47	5	7	4	2	3	10
Bahamas	3,062	53	53	51	49	53	147
Belgium	25	1	1	1	1	1	1
Belize	152	6	8	6	6	6	5
Benin	365	11	11	10	10	10	2
Bermuda	36	1	1	1	1	1	8
Bolivia	2,420	83	92	73	70	30	43
Botswana	134	4	4	4	4	4	14
Bulgaria	72	1	1	0	0	0	0
Brazil	1,638	50	66	48	48	48	32
Burkina Faso	134	5	5	5	5	5	0
Cameroon	261	8	11	4	4	5	3
Canada (East)	2,331	28	32	24	20	22	64
Canada (West)	528	21	22	16	10	13	40
Chile	1,120	33	19	27	21	12	19
Colombia	283	6	6	6	6	6	11
Costa Rica	543	15	13	12	12	11	10
Cuba	160	4	1	5	5	3	4
Cyprus	320	3	3	3	2	2	12
D. Republic.....	15,359	192	264	192	192	192	136
Ecuador	256	6	10	8	6	6	4
Egypt	874	13	9	9	12	9	15
El Salvador	4,869	90	75	77	68	66	37
England	4,936	90	90	86	78	90	299
Finland	17	1	1	1	1	1	1
France	44	1	1	1	1	1	1
French Guyana	160	1	1	0	0	0	1
Germany	39	1	1	1	1	1	5
Ghana	383	11	19	7	7	6	2

Greece.....	165	9	6	4	4	4	15
Guatemala	7,847	197	250	225	245	188	109
Haiti	18,484	213	217	157	133	158	162
Honduras	7,269	143	182	163	240	143	85
India	20,011	260	240	232	186	140	98
Indonesia.....	10,358	183	183	70	18	22	23
Israel	18	2	2	1	1	1	1
Ivory Coast.....	754	20	20	20	20	20	8
Jamaica & Cayman Islands	18,204	290	312	290	290	290	476
Japan.....	24	2	3	2	2	2	5
Kenya	1,859	69	69	63	63	69	36
Korea	101	2	3	3	3	3	4
Leeward Islands, Guadeloupe, Martinique Virgin Islands.....	2,588	50	62	46	45	43	82
Liberia	34	1	1	1	1	1	0
Malawi	6,036	47	35	20	26	30	22
Mexico	11,481	280	275	273	270	280	140
Mozambique.....	2,563	30	8	8	8	8	6
Nicaragua.....	13,117	204	360	202	147	197	93
Nigeria	1,447	19	39	15	13	32	7
Pakistan	72	2	2	0	0	0	1
Panama	1,181	42	53	41	42	42	35
Paraguay.....	270	10	10	10	10	8	3
Peru	7,887	216	216	213	211	211	54
Philippines.....	1,266	40	27	24	25	23	30
Portugal	55	2	2	2	2	2	2
Puerto Rico.....	888	25	26	23	22	23	42
Rwanda	295	9	9	9	6	6	6
Samoa.....	72	3	3	3	3	3	5
Sierra Leone.....	693	6	7	4	5	4	3
S. Africa(African).....	2,421	19	19	20	16	19	20
S. Africa..... (Afrikaanse)	10,485	80	70	77	60	58	86
Singapore Malaysia.....	110	5	2	2	1	0	4
Spain	42	3	3	3	3	3	4
Surinam	45	1	1	0	0	0	1
Swaziland.....	897	10	12	11	10	9	7
Tanzania	573	16	18	21	16	18	16
Thailand.....	1,216	22	23	21	21	15	12
Togo.....	33	1	0	0	0	0	0
Trinidad/Tobago & Guyana,	472	12	13	12	12	12	18
Turks & Caicos Islands	248	7	7	7	7	7	18
Uganda.....	580	25	38	20	22	25	7
Uruguay.....	262	11	10	11	10	9	17
Venezuela.....	1,584	34	68	31	31	29	28
Windward Isl.	770	21	23	20	20	20	26
Zaire	8,841	98	98	98	90	84	18
Zambia	1,039	14	8	8	8	8	9

Zimbabwe.....	7,998	38	30	38	24	30	27
Totals.....	214,383	3,575	3,933	3,243	3,070	2,944	2,829

Respectfully submitted,
ADRIAN L. VARLACK, SR.

REPORT OF MISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO AFRICA
August 1, 1991-July 31, 1992

Sermons preached.....	63	Experiences	76
Added to Church	87	Baptized in water.....	44
Visits.....	40		

In addition to the above, I also moderated one national convention, visited 12 countries and conducted nine sessions of Leadership Training both at national and local levels. I moderated the first International Leadership Conference for Africa, in which 16 countries participated, and taught 39 lessons on Bible Training.

Respectfully submitted,
SHERMAN O. ALLEN

REPORT OF MISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO ASIA, AUSTRALIA AND PACIFIC ISLANDS
August 1, 1991-July 31, 1992

Sermons	112	Total experiences	31
Added to Church	42	Nations visited	14

This past Assembly began with an outstanding International Youth Camp and International Leadership Conference (ILC) in Singapore during the month of October. The hearts of the area leadership were melted together in the warmth of God's love. The area overseers met in March to explore ways of implementing plans set forth in the ILC. This was a year of beginnings: National Ladies Retreats and Ministers Conventions were conducted for the first time. It is projected to have a school of training in every nation in that area.

The reports may indicate a numerical decrease in some of the nations. Actually, this is the result of a clarification of membership accomplished by a church by church survey of members resulting in a current and more accurate membership report.

Several nations have been struck by natural disasters including typhoons, earthquakes, droughts, and volcanoes. Internal strife has continued with violent changes in government leadership. Persecution has increased particularly in predominantly Muslim countries. By the grace of God the Church members have stood firm in the faith despite these difficulties.

Regular correspondence has been maintained with the National Overseers. Six National Conventions, one Ministers Convention and two Regional Rallies were attended. Three babies were dedicated. Five Ladies Days/Retreats were conducted.

Appreciation is extended to the General Headquarters staff for their kind help and support throughout the year. It would not have been possible to make it without a faithful and loving wife and family. I praise God for His mercies endure forever.

Respectfully submitted,
DANIEL J. CORBETT

REPORT OF MISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CARIBBEAN AND ATLANTIC OCEAN ISLANDS
August 1, 1991-July 1, 1992

Sermons preached.....	63	Saved	20
Received Holy Ghost.....	6	Homes visited.....	51
Sanctified.....	10	Added to Church	12

It has been my pleasure to serve the Lord and His Church this past year. I have received untold blessings which can never be numbered. I made 46 visits to 17 Caribbean islands and countries in interest of the work of the Church. I attended five national conventions, three district conventions as well as two ministerial developmental programs. I organized B.T.I. sessions in Barbados and Grenada, and gave the closing address for the session in Freeport, Bahamas.

I was privileged to attend the General Overseer's staff retreat in December of 1991. I assisted in the planning of the Caribbean Leadership Conference and served as moderator of the same. I was also blessed to attend the 86th General Assembly and the Caribbean Conference Committee Meeting which was held during Assembly time in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Two shipments of food items and other supplies were sent to Haiti. I was privileged to travel with Bishop Rufus Rogers to Suriname, where the Church was established for the first time in that country. From there we visited the newly organized church in French Guyana. During the year, I kept in constant contact with the overseers in the Caribbean either by telephone or personal visits. I am most grateful to each overseer for the cooperation and support.

Special thanks are extended to our General Overseer for the privilege to serve and to the World Mission Secretary and his staff for the kind assistance and constant consideration to all our people in the Caribbean. I do appreciate the faithful service of our Caribbean Mission Office secretary during our many years in office.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR C. MOSS

**REPORT OF MISSION REPRESENTATIVE
TO EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

August 1, 1991-July 1, 1992

Sermons preached.....	73	Saved	46
Sanctified.....	15	Received the Holy Ghost.....	10
Added to Church	65	Baptized in water.....	52
Homes visited.....	220	Prayer meetings.....	100
Bible studies.....	54	Tomlinson College extension lessons (sessions).....	3

As Overseer of Greece and Bulgaria, I visited the churches and pastors several times each during the year and conducted the regular duties required of that office. One new church was organized in Greece, television ministries were initiated, and extensive outdoor evangelistic campaigns were conducted. I hosted Youth Mission Teams in Greece and Bulgaria and introduced camping ministries to Bulgaria.

I taught in two sessions of the Bible College in Romania and ministered in their first commencement program in July. I attended ministers conventions in Spain, Egypt and Greece. New contacts were pursued in Hungary, Israel and Russia. I ministered in the ministers convention for the Union of Russian Churches in Moldavia and preached in several churches in the area. I attended national conventions in Portugal, Spain, Finland and England, and moderated the convention in Greece. I coordinated and moderated the International Leadership Conference for Europe and the Middle East in Torquay, England and served on the International Leadership Conference Standing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS STATHIS

REPORT OF TOMLINSON COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your Tomlinson College Board of Trustees are ever grateful for the privilege to serve you, the Church of God, in the field of higher education.

Twenty-five years spans a quarter of a century. In nature, this would include a minimum of twenty-five harvests. A sapling grows into a tree, and some animals have already lived their

entire lifetimes. During this time we have seen an entire generation (our children) grow up from kindergarten through college and into their fields of labor.

Some of these have attended Tomlinson College for at least one semester, while others have received their Associate Degrees, and still others, their Bachelors Degrees. We pay tribute to all presidents, administration, faculty, and staff, who through the years have untiringly sacrificed to help mold young lives for the challenges of life. We honor those graduates who are presently fulfilling their gifts and callings as pastors, evangelists, overseers, church leaders, and good citizens of their communities.

We shall always be grateful to the many parents, grandparents, and supporters of Tomlinson College for the past twenty-five years.

Yes, Tomlinson College has made a positive difference in the lives of several thousand people. These have been your friends and mine, your children and my children. Tomlinson College, you have done a good work. Your memories will continue to linger in our minds and hearts. History will be kind to you, acknowledging your part in God's program!

The General Overseer requested that Chairman Benny Jenkins call an emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 23, 1992. While in session, the General Overseer shared with the Trustees the financial crisis that the General Church was experiencing. He indicated that the General Administrative Committee could not supply Tomlinson College with the annually anticipated financial support to supplement the fiscal operation of the college.

Lengthy discussion centered on the various ways that the financial crisis of the General Church would affect Tomlinson College. Options were debated; however, it seemed that no viable alternatives existed. Without the General Church's support that supplemented the operation of Tomlinson College, tuition charges for students would have been unreasonable. Therefore, as per the General Administrative Committee memorandum dated May 20, 1992, the Board of Trustees suspended classes effective with the operation of the Fall 1992 Semester.

The Board of Trustees deeply regrets that the financial crisis experienced by the General Church did not allow for an interim year of operation to facilitate the transition and placement of faculty, staff, and students, as well as the proper notification of alumni. This action is extremely regrettable and was not undertaken without much pain and difficulty. We are sorry for the ill effect that this action has had for all involved.

The Board of Trustees has released to the General Church all legal liability and responsibility for the corporation. We understand that the General Overseer will appoint new trustees which will serve to modify the charter and create new by-laws for a new educational entity for ministerial leadership development.

The Board commends our General Overseer for his vision of leadership development. His vision to put into place a new educational entity has long been needed.

The necessity for the ministry in all phases of work to reach a greater state of preparedness in order to meet the demands and minister efficiently to the needs of their congregations can no longer be ignored. For such a time as this, we believe the possibilities and opportunities to bring about a more inclusive developed leadership, dedicated with purpose as well as direction, now looms on the horizon.

We recognize when God allows one door to close, He opens another. The open doors of the past to upgrade the leadership and ministry have served the Church well for those who had the opportunity. We highly commend all who were privileged to have access to use them to great advantage for the work's sake. We further realize all leadership did not have this opportunity afforded them. The new educational entity encompasses more of our leadership, challenging them also with greater access and possibilities for development of their ministry never before offered.

Proverbs 2:3-5 says, "Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God."

The Board highly recommends that leadership on all levels take advantage of every possibility to seek for and receive hunger for the knowledge of God. This door is now beginning to open to all leadership who, heretofore, may not have had the opportunity. For any leader this could be an opening for great possibilities of lending to the advancement of God's work.

The time is now come. There must be no more delay. Every leader on all levels must be given opportunity for their ministerial development and be all God intended for them to be.

When this new entity is fully in place and functioning as God wills it, may no leader be as the servant Jesus described in Luke 12:47, "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes." No longer can the Church's ministry be intimidated. We have been embarrassed long enough. The future belongs to those who prepare for it spiritually and with godly knowledge. Spirituality and godly knowledge are not enemies but partners in doing God's work.

It is our hope that our young people will continue to pursue their education, thus, enabling them to face the challenges of life and society in this decade.

We sincerely urge every minister (every Christian is a minister) to give top priority and prayer for those appointed by the General Overseer to develop the new educational entity. Failure on their part is failure in leadership development. Success on their part means successful leadership, resulting in strong local churches with mature, developed, equipped, ministering laity, thereby having biblical growth.

"To everything there is a season." The Board believes it is now time for full acceleration. Time is short. We must not fail. By God's help and direction we will not fail.

Respectfully submitted,

BENNY JENKINS, Chairman

SAMUEL BRACKETT, Acting Chairman

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Churches and Membership

States	Churches	Membership
Alabama	116	4,143
Alaska	6	120
Arizona/Nevada (South)	12	332
Arkansas	41	1,138
California (North)/Nevada (North)	47	1,245
California (South)	34	1,051
California (Spanish)	49	1,995
Colorado/Utah	24	552
Delaware/New Jersey	21	737
Florida	125	4,327
Georgia	144	5,458
Hawaii	6	163
Idaho	10	224
Illinois	27	997
Indiana	39	1,301
Iowa/Nebraska	18	409
Kansas	13	493
Kentucky	94	4,040
Louisiana	28	612
Maryland/District of Columbia	31	945

Michigan	27	966
Minnesota	6	178
Mississippi	72	2,241
Missouri	41	1,031
New York	38	2,084
North Carolina	188	6,882
Northern New England: (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont)	7	184
Northwest Territory: Montana/ Wyoming/North and South Dakota	27	539
Ohio	60	2,152
Oklahoma	50	1,685
Oregon	15	402
Pennsylvania	45	1,628
South Carolina	146	4,745
Southern New England: (Connecticut/ Massachusetts/Rhode Island)	26	926
Tennessee	145	6,914
Texas (East)	58	1,734
Texas (West)/New Mexico	40	824
Virginia	126	5,116
Washington	27	773
West Virginia	32	889
Wisconsin	*11	*290
Total	2,072	72,465

*Same statistics as previous year. Current statistics unavailable.

REPORT OF COUNSELING COMMITTEE

The Counseling Committee met in six sessions during the Assembly week and spent many hours in counseling with a rather large number of individuals concerning a wide range of subjects. We experienced a good spirit as brethren brought numerous legitimate concerns which clearly indicated their love for the Church and a desire to follow scriptural principles for doctrine. We do appreciate the Christian dignity displayed by all who came for counseling.

Adequate time was spent in prayer with all persons presenting subjects. Some questions were settled, while others were referred to the presbytery and to the standing committees for further consideration.

We commend all who came to this committee and all others in good harmony with the committee process. We appreciate our General Overseer and all who assisted him in securing the location and facilities for this Assembly.

The Questions and Subjects and the Ways and Means committees are standing committees; therefore, we urge our people to contact them throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES ADKINS
TERRY BLAIR
J. E. ELLIOTT
BOBBY R. SNOW

JAMES STONE, JR.
ROBERT A. MURKERSON
FLOYD COLLINS

PRESENT FINANCIAL SYSTEM

NOTE TO MINISTERS AND LOCAL CHURCH TREASURERS: Fill in all reports accurately and completely. Write or print plainly. If assistance is needed, write to Financial Director, Box 2970, Cleveland, Tennessee 37320-2970. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** current convention year beginning 1992.

TITHES: Members should pay their tithes into the treasury of the local church where they are members. Licensed ministers are to send the tithes of income from the ministry with their monthly reports to the Financial Director at General Headquarters, and tithes on income outside the ministry are paid into the treasury of the local church where they are members. Lay ministers should pay their tithes into the treasury of the local church where they are members until they are licensed.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS ALLOCATION OF TITHES: Effective October 1, 1992, the treasurer of the local church is to send 9 percent of all tithes received into the local church each month with the treasurer's report to the appropriate address. (Effective June 1, 1994, this is reduced to 8 percent.)

United States, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands—Financial Director, Box 2970 Cleveland, Tennessee 37320-2970.

Other reports should be addressed to the Church of God of Prophecy, General Headquarters Field Office in your respective area, or contact your National Overseer for the correct address.

STATE OR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ALLOCATION OF TITHES: The treasurer of the local church sends 9 percent (effective October 1, 1992) of the tithes received each month to the treasurer of their state or nation and 9 percent to the Financial Director at General Headquarters. (Effective June 1, 1994, this is reduced to 8 percent.) The pastor's allotment is paid from the balance, not to exceed the amount set by the Administrative Committee or the National Finance and Appropriations Committee: any remainder in the local church treasury goes into the surplus tithes fund to be distributed after the last Sunday of the fiscal year end.

ALLOTMENTS FOR PASTORS, OVERSEERS AND GENERAL WORKERS (USA): The Assembly recommends that the Administrative Committee be authorized to decide the allotments of Pastors and State Overseers each year. The Ways and Means Committee accepted the responsibility, at the request of the Administrative Committee, to decide the allotments of General Workers and the General Overseer each year. This committee will also decide the pay for incidental expenses plus any and all personal necessities for the General Overseer.

FOR TAX PURPOSES ONLY—RENT ALLOTMENT (USA)

The sum of \$1,000.00 received each month by the General Appointees,

State Overseers, pastors, full-time evangelist, etc. be designated for rent and utilities where there is no parsonage provided. Should the total of the rent and utilities be under the above amount, the remaining amount would be included as income. (NOTE: This recommendation is for income tax purposes only, and involves no extra allotment.)

The Assembly recommends that all local church treasurers mail their reports and appropriate portion of tithes to the state, regional or national treasurer no later than the 5th of each month. From the funds received, the State, Regional or National Overseer would receive his allotment and expense (if funds are available) according to the rulings of the General Assembly.

ALLOTMENTS FOR OVERSEERS AND PASTORS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES: The Administrative Committee agrees that Overseers in the United States are to receive salary allotment of no more than \$2,145 monthly. Office expense incurred by the State, Regional or National Overseers shall be paid by the State, Regional or National Treasurer, from the general state, regional or national funds, if funds are available. Any funds in excess of this amount received by the treasurer are to be placed in the general state, regional or national fund for the state work, especially to assist pastors of weaker churches.

The Administrative Committee agrees that the pastor receive salary in an amount not to exceed \$2,145 monthly from the tithes of the local church after the appropriate percentages (presently 9 percent; 8 percent effective June 1, 1994) have been sent to General, State or Regional Headquarters, if funds are available. This does not include offerings and poundings received by the pastor.

ALLOTMENTS FOR OVERSEERS, PASTORS AND OTHER WORKERS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES: Allotments for Overseers outside the United States are set by the World Mission Committee. Where there is not sufficient tithes to cover the allotments, the remaining portion is to be supplied by making transfers between countries of Tithe Funds where this is legally permissible and from the United States Tithes Fund in other cases, if funds are available. Each Overseer, whenever practical, should receive an allotment in the currency of the country or the territory he represents according to the average prevailing wage rates of each country.

The national Finance and Appropriations Committee, appointed by the overseer, with the advice and approval of the World Mission Department is responsible to set the limit for the pastors and other workers' allotments within that particular jurisdiction or country. They take into consideration not only the economic conditions within the country or area, but also those economic conditions and circumstances within the Church in light of the biblical admonition given the Church in 2 Corinthians 8:13-15.

The Assembly has ruled that tithes are for the support of the ministry only. Surplus tithes received at General Headquarters are combined into the general fund and are disbursed at the discretion of the Administrative Committee. The tithes of non-members that are paid into the local church treasury are to be paid through the regular channel the same as the tithes of members.

Ministry is defined as the office, duties, or functions of a minister; the building in which business of the ministry is transacted; thus, the ministry includes any and all phases of the Church ministry, such as church property, equipment, maintenance, etc.

SURPLUS TITHES DISTRIBUTION: Surplus tithes accruing in any local church are to be left in the tithe fund account of the local church treasury until after the last Sunday of the local church fiscal year. In keeping with the Ways and Means Committee Report passed in the 87th General Assembly, it is suggested that the church fiscal year be June 1 through May 31 where possible. At this time it is to be divided as follows: (1) 70% to the local church, (2) 10% to be sent to the Financial Director at General Headquarters or appropriate field office to be used at the discretion of the Administrative Committee and (3) 20% to be sent to the state, regional or national treasurer to be used at the discretion of the State, Regional or National Overseer and Finance and Appropriations Committee. A local church committee should develop a proposed budget for use of the remaining funds and present it in a local church conference for approval. First consideration should be given to the pastor's expense in the ministry; said expenses being already defined in the Church Business Guide.

TITHES FUND: All tithes including surplus tithes received at General Headquarters are disbursed at the discretion of the Administrative Committee. All tithes received by General Headquarters will be used for the ministries and operation of that office including the funding of Ministerial Aid and to supplement offerings such as Missions, Evangelism, Education, and the Maintenance and Assembly Expense Funds.

EMERGENCY FUND: The \$1.00 per member fee is discontinued. Any emergency money needed is to be funded from the tithe fund as monies are available.

ASSEMBLY EXPENSE: Assembly expense contributions by the Sunday School, Victory Leaders Band, Women's Missionary Band and ministers are discontinued. The Assembly expense is to be paid from available C.P.M.A. membership funds and offerings taken at the Assembly or supplemented from the Tithe Fund.

HERITAGE CARE FUND: The Heritage Care offerings are discontinued. Monies needed for homes for children are to be allocated by the World Missions Committee from the missions offerings.

MINISTERIAL AID FUND: Monies needed to fund the Ministerial Aid program as designated by the Ministerial Aid and Administrative Committees will be allocated from the tithes fund as monies are available.

MISSION FUND: One hundred percent of the second Sunday mission offering, and mission money raised by other means, except in March and October World Mission drives, remains in the local church treasury and is fully turned in at the state, regional or national convention or at the close of the fiscal year of each state, region or nation. The state, regional or national convention offerings are distributed according to the amount raised per the following chart.

Amount Raised by State, Region or Nation	Amount to Remain in State, Regional or National Treasury*	
0 - \$ 5,000	100%	
\$ 5,000 - \$ 8,000	5,000 + 70% of the amount over	5,000
\$ 8,000 - \$ 10,000	7,100 + 60% of the amount over	8,000
\$ 10,000 - \$ 15,000	8,300 + 50% of the amount over	10,000
\$ 15,000 - \$ 20,000	10,800 + 40% of the amount over	15,000
\$ 20,000 - \$ 27,500	12,800 + 35% of the amount over	20,000
\$ 27,500 - \$ 35,000	15,425 + 30% of the amount over	27,500
\$ 35,000 - \$ 45,000	17,675 + 27% of the amount over	35,000
\$ 45,000 - \$ 55,000	20,375 + 24% of the amount over	45,000
\$ 55,000 - \$ 67,500	22,775 + 22% of the amount over	55,000
\$ 67,500 - \$ 80,000	25,525 + 20% of the amount over	67,500
\$ 80,000 - \$ 95,000	28,025 + 18% of the amount over	80,000
\$ 95,000 - \$110,000	30,725 + 16% of the amount over	95,000
\$110,000 - \$130,000	33,125 + 15% of the amount over	110,000
\$130,000 - \$150,000	36,125 + 14% of the amount over	130,000
\$150,000 - \$175,000	38,925 + 13% of the amount over	150,000
\$175,000 above	42,175 + 12% of the amount over	175,000

* Revised for clarity; does not affect calculation.

Example:	
Amount Raised:	\$12,000
Amount to remain in state, regional or national treasury:	8,300
Plus 50% of amount over \$10,000 (\$12,000 - 10,000 = \$2,000; \$2,000 x 50%)	<u>1,000</u>
Total to remain in state, regional or national treasury	\$9,300

EVANGELISM FUND: Evangelism is defined as those ministries of the Church which include evangelism in communication (such as Voice of Salvation television and radio ministries), evangelism in literature (formerly Free Literature) and such other evangelistic efforts as developed by the Administrative Committee. The youth ministries of the Church (Victory Leaders) will have the responsibility for fund raising to support these efforts.

All monies raised by the Victory Leaders are turned in at the state, regional or national convention. One hundred percent of those convention offerings are to be sent to the Financial Director. The Administrative Committee will allocate these offerings as needed to the areas listed above.

MAINTENANCE AND ASSEMBLY EXPENSE FUND: Membership in the Church of Prophecy Marker Association (C.P.M.A.) is \$10.00 per year and may be paid by each person to the local church treasurer or leader any time during the year. The local church treasurer or leader should send these membership funds to the C.P.M.A. Department at General Headquarters or appropriate designated field office as expeditiously as possible.

In nations other than the United States, the membership fee is set by the National Overseer and the appropriate committee.

C.P.M.A. memberships are used for the maintenance of Fields of the Wood and other markers, General Headquarters buildings and for Assembly expense. We recommend that C.P.M.A. offerings beyond the membership be discontinued. The increase to \$10.00 is effective October 1, 1992.

This Maintenance and Assembly Expense Fund replaces the General Properties Fund.

EDUCATION FUND: The Education Fund is to be used to support the education of the ministry and leadership. Funds received as a result of training classes and Bible studies and other Educational Fund offerings given by the local church, in concert with the fund raising drives of the general church, are to be turned in to the state, regional or national convention.

One hundred percent of these offerings will be sent to the Financial Director and used to support education efforts of the Church.

In order to support the new effort of the Church to train its ministry as proposed by the General Overseer and to insure the financial health of the new education entity, the Ways and Means Committee suggests each local church establish a goal for annual offerings for the Educational Fund.

NOTE: The above does not include Sunday School offerings.

FIRST SUNDAY OFFERING: (USA and Nations) Each local church receives an offering for the pastor on the first Sunday of each month.

DISTRICT OVERSEER SUPPORT: The Assembly recommends that a love offering be received for the district overseer in his district convention. If the district overseer is requested by the state overseer to perform a duty involving considerable expense, the State Overseer will authorize reimbursement for such expense from state funds (if funds are available).

FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING: The State/National Finance and Appropriations Committee will make a recommendation to the State/National Convention concerning the fourth Sunday offerings. If the state/national headquarters does not receive an adequate amount of surplus tithes to cover the overseer's expenses, the Committee should encourage the state/nation to continue the fourth Sunday offering. If the fourth Sunday offering is continued, then, the local church treasurer sends the full amount of the fourth Sunday offering to the State/National Treasurer to be designated and used as Overseer's expense. If there are not sufficient fourth Sunday offerings to cover his expense as Overseer, the excess tithes in the state/national treasury may be used to supplement the fourth Sunday offerings. **DO NOT** send any of the fourth Sunday offerings to the Financial Director at General Headquarters. Each local church should receive poundings for the State or National Overseer once or twice a year.

The 10% retention of auxiliary funds is discontinued effective with the date of the above changes to the financial structure.

Should state, regional or national conventions be less frequent than annual, the above offerings should be turned into the state, regional or national treasurer immediately after the close of the local church fiscal year.

In order to develop consistency in timing of fund raising, including auxiliary offerings and surplus tithes, it is suggested that the church fiscal year be June 1 through May 31 where possible.

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Deeds for Church Property

The following resolution was adopted by the 58th Annual Assembly of the Church of God of Prophecy, held in Cleveland, Tennessee, September 10-16, 1963:

WHEREAS it has been advised by competent attorneys that specific mention of proper authorities be stated in an effort to ease the complications arising in our endeavors to be recognized by the courts, and to facilitate the handling of deeds to our church properties,

BE IT RESOLVED that trustees to hold title to local church property for the Church of God of Prophecy with international headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee, be selected by the local church either in a regular or called business meeting, said trustees to be vested with authority to bargain, buy, sell, convey or encumber such property by mortgage or otherwise only when authorized to do so by the local church in regular or called business meeting, and with the consent of the General Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said consent of the General Trustees be evidenced by a separate writing or by the signature of the Chief Clerk of the said General Trustees, such documents to be notarized.

BE IT RESOLVED that state church trustees appointed by the State Overseer to hold title to property for the Church of God of Prophecy with international headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee, be vested with authority to bargain, buy, sell, convey, or encumber such property by mortgage with the consent of the General Trustees. This applies to property being held by state trustees where churches have been disbanded or are too weak to function and to property which has been given to the state. All other property with title in the state trustees or a state Holding Association may be disposed of or mortgaged only by the consent of the state convention in session (modified in 1981).

Note: The following Warranty Deed form has been prepared by the General Trustees and should be used where it is possible to do so. Blank forms may be secured from the General Trustees.

WARRANTY DEED

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of _____ Dollars (_____) cash in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, _____

have this day bargained and sold and by these presents do hereby bargain, sell, transfer and convey unto _____

local Trustees for the Church of God of Prophecy, at _____, for the use and benefit of the Church of God of Prophecy, with headquarters at 3720 Keith Street NW, Cleveland, Tennessee, and their successors and assigns, the following described real estate, to wit:

(Add description of real estate here.)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said real estate unto the said _____

local Trustees, for the use and benefit of the Church of God of Prophecy, with headquarters at 3720 Keith Street NW, Cleveland, Tennessee, and their successors and assigns forever; provided, however, that neither they nor their successors in office as such local Trustees may sell, convey or encumber the said real estate without the written consent of the General Trustees of the said Church at Cleveland, Tennessee, which consent may be evidenced by a separate writing or by the Chief Clerk of the said General Trustees joining in the execution of a deed of the above named Trustees or their successors in office for the purpose of certifying the consent of the General Trustees to the execution of such conveyance.

WE COVENANT that we are lawfully seized and possessed of said real estate; that we have a good and lawful right thus to sell and convey the same; that the title thereto is clear, free and unencumbered, and that we will forever warrant and defend said title against the lawful claims of all persons.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness our hands and names, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

NOTE: The present General Trustees are Billy Murray, chairman; John Pace, chief clerk; Jerlena Riley, Perry Gillum and Henry O'Neal.

World Must Be Evangelized

It will take good organization and systematic methods to accomplish this task.

God's power is demonstrated in proportion to the unity and oneness of His people.

The members of the early Church were all of one accord, steadfast in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and the multitude that believed were of one heart and one soul, and great grace was upon them all and mighty results followed as a consequence of their perfect unity and careful organization.

We must banish from our minds the thoughts of individual or local independence and haphazard spasmodic efforts.

Pull together, pull at once, pull steadily all the time is the road to success.

All members should be ready to center their minds and prayers on the one thing, as a unit, when calls for special prayer are made. Each should feel his or her part of the responsibility, remembering that when one member fails, it hinders the body until the matter pending may fail.

Local Church Officers and Leaders

1. **Pastor:** It is the duty of the State or National Overseer to supply every church under his jurisdiction with a pastor. Pastors are to be appointed at the state or national convention every two years beginning 1991, and vacancies will be filled as they occur. The duties of the pastor expire at midnight the last Sunday in the pastoral term at the church he is leaving and automatically begin at the same time at the church to which he is moving.

2. **Clerk:** The local church clerk is to be appointed by the pastor at the same time as the other leaders and officers are appointed during the first two months of his pastoral year. The pastor is to see that a careful record is made by the church clerk of this action. The date of the appointments along with names of each leader should be recorded in the following conference as a matter of good business.

3. **Treasurer:** The treasurer is appointed in the same manner as the clerk. It is advised that one person serve as both clerk and treasurer when satisfactory to the local church. The treasurer will receive and disburse all funds of the local church including tithes, auxiliary funds and special funds and will maintain an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements.

4. **Auxiliary Leaders:** Leaders for the five auxiliaries—Sunday School, Women's Missionary Band, Victory Leaders Band, Church of Prophecy Marker Association, Pastoral Care—are appointed by the pastor during the first two months of his pastoral year.

Each pastor, with the assistance of the deacons, should divide his members into bands of ten or twelve and appoint a leader for each band. The leader should keep in touch with each member of the band, and if any should move away, communications should be kept up by correspondence. This is for the spiritual benefit of the members. The pastor should keep in close touch with the band leaders.

5. **Local Trustees:** Trustees to hold title to local church property are selected by the local church in a regular or called business meeting and are authorized to bargain, buy, sell, convey or encumber the local property only when authorized to do so by the local church in a regular or called business meeting, with the knowledge of the state/national overseer and with the written consent of the General Trustees.

6. **Other Officers and Leaders:** The Assembly has authorized the pastor to appoint a Church Literature Representative, Public Relations Director, Center for Biblical Leadership Booster and any other leaders during the first two months of his pastoral year.

Business Meetings

Each local church should hold a regular business conference quarterly. It has been the practice to observe the first Monday night in January, April, July, and October for the conference. A meeting may be called any time by the pastor or State Overseer. A short business meeting may be held at the beginning or close of a meeting for worship.

The pastor should act as moderator of all business meetings. If there is no pastor, the State Overseer has the authority to act or to appoint a licensed male minister to preside. Where one pastor has the care of several churches, he may arrange the business meetings for his convenience.

Every member should attend every business session if possible. Women are to take no open part in discussing or deciding questions, but should always be there and silently pray that God will give wisdom and direct the men.

Matters should be discussed with love, humility and meekness. No votes should be taken to decide questions. Everything should be done with one accord and questions settled by mutual agreement. If there is division on a matter, hold it over until all can agree. If one should seem obstinate and contrary, do not run the matter over him, but take up his case and investigate the cause of his obstinacy; if he shows a good spirit so that he can be heard, then show him courtesy. If he proves to be wrong, deal with him as the Bible directs. Then, take up the original subject and dispose of it in harmony and love.

If a matter cannot be settled satisfactorily by the local church, they should call for the assistance of the State Overseer. If they are still unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion, it should be referred to the General Overseer.

Suggested Arrangement and Order of Business

The clerk and treasurer should be seated at the front, near the moderator. Leaders who will be submitting reports to the conference, a long with lay ministers and deacons, should also be seated near the front.

The conference should be opened with an appropriate Scripture reading and a sincere prayer for divine guidance.

Clerk read minutes of last regular meeting and any called meetings.

Correction of minutes, if any.

Treasurer give report of finances and always give an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements and balance in treasury.

Leader of WMB give report of the work of the band, including finances, receipts and disbursements.

Victory Leaders Director give report of the work and progress of the band, including finances, receipts and disbursements.

Pastor give report of the Pastoral Care work, amount of money raised monthly, number of strays found and brought back (Luke 15:4-6), and give account of every member of his flock (Hebrews 13:17).

Report of CPMA Leader—number of members and receipts.

The Sunday School Superintendent give report of the work and progress of the school, including finances, receipts and disbursements.

Report of church literature representative.

Unfinished business

New business.

Acceptance of transfers.

Adjournment by prayer.

Members to transfer.

Advice to Members

As a member, you count one and should attend every regular service as far as possible. Remember no one can fill your place and the service will be that much hindered without your presence.

Show love and fellowship to everyone without partiality. Don't wait for others to greet you but you greet them.

Show special courtesy to strangers who may attend one of your services.

As a rule, take part in the singing.

Be ready for vocal prayer when called on or prompted by the Spirit.

Be ready for testimony when such is in order.

Stand by your pastor or appointed leader and assist him in every way you can.

Always pray silently for the preacher while he delivers the message. Always live a consecrated life at home and abroad so no one can justly think or speak of you as a hypocrite.

Guard your conversation. Be careful what you say about a brother, sister, or anyone else.

Don't be a critic and try to find something in others to criticize.

Examine yourself occasionally and see if you are in the faith.

Don't yield to discouragement or despondency.

Be cheerful and happy and try to make others the same.

Spend as much time as you can in secret prayer. Give yourself all you can to intercessory prayer. Daily prayers and study of God's Word are necessary and very important for the spiritual welfare of each child of God; therefore, everyone is urged to faithfully maintain as far as is possible family worship at home at least once a day.

Your dress should be with moderation, neat and clean, but not for show. Moderation includes paying moderate prices for clothing, wearing dresses of high-enough necklines, low-enough hemlines, sleeves of reasonable length. The wearing of extremely sheer fabrics is unbecoming to a saint and the wearing of shorts in public should never be practiced. You should never wear gold for ornament or decoration. Finger rings, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, locketts and large showy pins—these are also unbecoming to a saint of God. Rouge, lipstick, nail polish and extremely costly perfumes are used to satisfy the pride of life and therefore they should have no place in the lives of those who love God. Please read and study these scriptures often: 1 Peter 3:3, 4; 1 Timothy 2:9, 10 and 1 John 2:15-17.

You should not permit yourself to be trapped by worldly attractions. The Bible says, "Neither give place to the devil." Dabbling with worldly amusements like professional ball games, horse races, stock car races, wrestling arenas, skating rinks, motion picture houses or drive-in theaters, bowling alleys and going swimming where men and women both use the same bathing area would give the devil a foothold or place in your life.

Always tithe your income and put it in the church treasury. Make freewill offerings other than your tithes.

Younger members should not keep company or associate too intimately with worldly outsiders.

Because of the ever-increasing number of broken homes, separations, divorces and remarriages, the greatest care should be taken with much prayer and consideration regarding proposed matrimony.

A member who may have a living companion should not marry another under any circumstances, even if divorced. Neither should a member marry anyone who has a living companion although such a person may be divorced.

Children are a heritage from the Lord. Those who have children are responsible to teach them at an early age to reverence the house of God. This should be done by setting a good example before them and by instructing them with such a good spirit that they will have a strong desire to serve the Lord. **MINISTERS** are to meet all of the requirements in being examples to the members by keeping their children under reasonable control at all times and by restraining them from running about over the house of God, especially while the services are in progress.

The *White Wing Messenger* is a very important part of the Church of God. It should be read regularly by every member and your interest in advertising the Church should be so great that when you have finished reading your copy, you would pass it along to someone else. Every member who possibly can should subscribe, and each minister is asked to be a "paid-up" subscriber and an earnest worker for our church paper—*The White Wing Messenger*.

These are the last days and perilous times have come and it will require much watchfulness and humble prayer for you to so live and act that you will never bring reproach on the worthy name of Christ and His Church that you so much love.

Never form too close an intimacy with the opposite sex even if they are brothers and sisters in the Lord. Give no place to the Adversary. Abstain from the very appearance of evil.

These kindly instructions and advice are given by those who are watching for your soul as they must give an account (Hebrews 13:17), and it is hoped they will be received with the same meek, gentle spirit in which they are given.

Rationale

In the 74th Annual Assembly, the General Overseer addressed an on-going problem relative to "Advice to Members," and in a section devoted to that subject said, "For many years our Assembly Minutes have contained a section entitled Advice to Members. These instructions were prepared for the purpose of providing counsel to the members of the Church to aid them in fighting the good fight of faith.

"From time to time we hear of those who assume a legalistic attitude with regards to the Advice to Members, as though they would make commandments of the things mentioned in this advice. The display of such attitudes usually does more harm than good. A gentle spirit of teaching will be much more effective than attempts to enforce as laws those things which have been set forth as advice....

"Perhaps we should take a closer look at this section of our Assembly Minutes, and at the spirit in which it is given" (74 AM, 1979, p. 41).

In spite of the General Overseer's admonition, many continue to take a harsh and judgmental approach in presenting the Advice to Members.

Holiness cannot be characterized as living in conformity with a list of prohibitions. True holiness manifests a Christ like nature in word and deed, and controls every area of one's life, external and internal.

For those who follow a holy God, the New Testament principles of holiness clearly reject such conduct as viewing pornographic films, reading sexually explicit literature, gambling, slanderous gossip, child abuse, spouse battering, and every other wrong conduct. On the positive side, a holy people are also diligent in perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

In the Advice to Members it is almost impossible to list everything which should be approved and/or disapproved for all people, in all cultures, under all conditions, for all time. Clearly, the New Testament principles of holiness are in every way superior to and more demanding than any list the General Assembly could possibly devise.

Resolution

The Advice to Members has its foundations in the New Testament. There the guidelines for proper Christian conduct in every situation are clearly given. All matters of personal Christian ethics are to be governed by the following principles: (1) In everything we are to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith [we] are called" (Ephesians 4:1), not permitting any conduct in ourselves which would bring reproach on the name of Jesus. (2) We are to "abstain from all appearance of evil" (1Thessalonians 5:22; Romans 12:9; 1 Timothy 5:14; 1 Peter 3:11). (3) In word or deed, "neither give place to the devil" (Ephesians 4:27). (4) "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). (5) In matters of conscience, we are to avoid offending others who might stumble over our conduct (Matthew 18:7; Mark 9:42; Romans 14:21; 1 Corinthians 8:13; 10:32; 2 Corinthians 6:3). (6) We must ourselves keep a clean conscience before God, and not violate our own convictions regarding any matter (Romans 13:5; 14:22, 23; 1 Corinthians 8:7). (7) We must not judge one another in non essential matters of personal conviction (Romans 14:1-5, 19). (8) We must maintain a moderate lifestyle which will reflect the inner character of a meek and quiet spirit (Romans 12:1, 2; 1 Corinthians 9:25; Galatians 5:22, 23; 1 Timothy 2:9, 10; 1 Peter 3:3, 4; 1 John 2:15, 16). (9) By our conduct we must adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things (Titus 2:1-10). (10) We must continue to perfect holiness in the fear of God by cleansing ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit (2 Corinthians 7:1).

Duties of State and National Overseers

Each overseer is to have the oversight of his state, nation or territory, and together with the General Overseer, will form the presbytery in his respective area. In addition to his general responsibility for the work under his jurisdiction, he will be responsible for specific duties.

To conduct or order a general evangelistic campaign during the year. If there are only a few churches in the state or are assigned him, he will serve primarily as the evangelist, evangelizing in new fields and endeavoring to establish new churches. If his area has a large number of churches and ministers, he will be responsible to organize and direct the evangelistic efforts of his workers in new fields.

To see that every church is supplied with a pastor.

To divide his state or territory into districts and place over each district an overseer. This is not a rule, but it is considered best when there are sufficient churches to make it practical. He should conduct district meetings at intervals during the year where special instructions concerning the work can be given.

To hold one general convention each year in the area most convenient for members from all the churches to attend.

To secure the name and address of every bishop, deacon, and evangelist under his jurisdiction and keep a record of these so he can report to the General Overseer, if necessary. He will also issue lay ministers' certificates and teachers' licenses and keep the necessary records concerning them.

Keep an accurate record of the location of every church and the number of members in his territory, keeping a record of the increase so this information can be reported each year. This can be done by keeping in touch with the clerks of the churches. Every minister and clerk should take an interest in imparting this information to the overseer. All new organizations should be reported to the overseer.

To visit every district and church, if possible, and look after the interests in every way, as a pastor over a large circuit.

Duties of District Overseers

The district overseers are to be appointed by the State Overseer.

To moderate business conferences for women preachers who maybe acting as pastors and for male pastors who are not licensed.

To do evangelistic work in his district. If he has a district with no churches, it is his duty to evangelize and organize churches.

To conduct district conventions according to the instructions of the State Overseer.

To assist the State Overseer, when called upon, in all things relating to church work, and he is subject to the State Overseer.

Obligation for Membership in the Church of God of Prophecy

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

Teachings of the Church of God of Prophecy

The Church of God of Prophecy stands for the whole Bible rightly divided—the New Testament as the only rule of government and discipline. Listed below are some basic Bible beliefs:

REPENTANCE—Mark 1:15; Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19.

JUSTIFICATION—Romans 5:19; Titus 3:7.

REGENERATION—Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:1, 4, 5.

BORN AGAIN—John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:23; 1 John 3:9.

SANCTIFICATION—subsequent to Justification—Romans 5:2; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Hebrews 13:12; 1 John 1:9.

HOLINESS—Luke 1:74, 75; 1 Thessalonians 4:7; Hebrews 12:14.

WATER BAPTISM—Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:8-10; John 3:22, 23; Acts 8:21, 36-38; 10:47, 48; 16:33; 19:3-5.

BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY GHOST—subsequent to cleansing, the endowment of power for service—Matthew 3:11; Luke 24:49-53; Acts 1:4-8.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES as the evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost—John 15:26; Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6.

FULL RESTORATION OF THE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH—1 Corinthians 12:1, 7-10, 28, 31; 1 Corinthians 14:1.

SIGNS FOLLOWING BELIEVERS—Mark 16:17-20; Romans 15:18, 19; Hebrews 2:4.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—Romans 6:22; Galatians 5:22, 23; Ephesians 5:9; Philippians 1:11.

DIVINE HEALING provided for all in the atonement—Psalm 103:3; Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17; James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24.

THE LORD'S SUPPER—Luke 22:17-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-33.

WASHING THE SAINTS' FEET—John 13:4-17; 1 Timothy 5:10.

TITHING AND GIVING—Genesis 14:18-20; 28:20-22; Malachi 3:10; Matthew 23:23 Luke 11:42; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-9; Hebrews 7:1-21.

RESTITUTION WHERE POSSIBLE—Matthew 3:8; Luke 19:8, 9; Romans 13:8.

PRE-MILLENNIAL SECOND COMING OF JESUS: First, to resurrect the dead saints and to catch away the living saints to meet Him in the air—Matthew 24:27, 28; 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17. Second, to reign on earth a thousand years—Zechariah 14:4, 5; Luke 1:32; 1 Thessalonians 4:14; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Jude 14, 15; Revelation 5:10; 19:11-21; 20:4-6.

RESURRECTION—Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2; John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15; Revelation 20:5, 6.

ETERNAL LIFE FOR THE RIGHTEOUS—Matthew 25:46; Luke 18:30; John 10:28; Romans 6:22; 1 John 5:11-13.

ETERNAL PUNISHMENT FOR THE WICKED no liberation nor annihilation—Matthew 25:4-46; Mark 3:29; 2 Thessalonians 1:8,9; Revelation 20:10-15; 21:8.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE FROM ALL LIQUOR OR STRONG DRINKS—Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-32; Isaiah 28:7; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 6:10; Galatians 5:21.

AGAINST THE USE OF TOBACCO IN ANY FORM, OPIUM, MORPHINE, ETC.—Isaiah 55:2; 1 Corinthians 10:31, 32; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Ephesians 5:3-8; James 1:21.

ON MEATS AND DRINKS—Romans 14:2, 3, 17; 1 Corinthians 8:8; 1 Timothy 4:1-5.

ON THE SABBATH—Hosea 2:11; Romans 13:1, 2; 14:5, 6; Colossians 2:16, 17.

AGAINST WEARING GOLD FOR ORNAMENT or decoration such as finger rings, bracelets, earrings, lockets, etc.—1 Peter 3:3, 4; 1 John 2:16; 1 Timothy 2:9.

AGAINST BELONGING TO LODGES—Matthew 5:34; John 18:20; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17; James 5:12.

AGAINST SWEARING—Matthew 5:34; James 5:12.

AGAINST DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE EVIL—Matthew 5:32; 14:3, 4; 19:3-12; Mark 10:12; Luke 16:18; Romans 7:2, 3; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 13; 6:9, 13, 16-18; 7:2, 10, 11; Revelation 2:20-22; Acts 15:28, 29.

APPOINTMENTS BY GENERAL OVERSEER

EXPLANATIONS

“It is my sincere hope that the restructuring underway at your General Headquarters will result in greater effectiveness for the work in which all of us are engaged. Where there has been an elimination of a General Appointee, it does not mean that the work he or she was promoting is no longer important. All our work is important, but for some things, I believe the inspiration must be sought for and received at the local church.

“At your headquarters this year, there will be the General Overseer with two Administrative Assistants. Other appointees that were deemed necessary were a Financial Director, Manager of the White Wing Publishing House and World Language Department Secretary, Assistant Editor, World Missions Secretary, Manager of the Communications Department and Voice of Salvation Ministers. There will also be a Director of Youth and Children’s Ministries and a Director of Women’s Ministries who, in addition to their regular duties, will be responsible for the distribution of Pastoral Care and CPMA materials, promoting also the Mission Marker Program. Sunday School promotion will come through our School of Ministry. The Fields of the Wood Manager will work under the direct supervision of the CPMA/General Properties Committee, as will our Maintenance Director.”

QUESTIONS AND SUBJECTS COMMITTEE: John Pace, Melvin Hyatt, Leroy Greenaway, Hector Ortiz, Donald Knoblich, Raul Torres, Sam Clements

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE: Henry O’Neal, Donald Newlun, Michael Farien, David Green, Sam Carrasco, William Cunningham, Earl Shroyer

The following are being offered the opportunity to return to pastoral ministry:

Juan R. Coronel
 Camilo Gonzalez
 Danilo Orcino
 James P. Dyer
 Bobby R. Snow
 Bill J. White
 Clifton Hyatt
 Donald Estep

J. Eddie Mounce has requested release from work as an Overseer to engage in evangelistic ministry.

Benjamin Lawrence will be working within a joint venture between the Tennessee State Office and General Headquarters in Home Missions/New Field work.

Hector Ortiz, Randy Howard and J. Wendell Lowe will be serving in the new school of ministry.

Ron Scotton will be heading a somewhat new recording and production studio, under the auspices of the White Wing Publishing House.

Retiring from General Appointment this year are Ray C. Wynn, Howard J. Hunt, E. E. Van Deventer, and Henry O’Neal.*

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**In the Assembly, it was announced that Henry O'Neal had submitted his resignation as Business Manager of the White Wing Publishing House, and Perry E. Gillum was appointed as Business Manager.*

At the request of the General Overseer, Brother O'Neal withdrew his resignation and will continue to serve in this capacity. Perry E. Gillum was appointed as an Administrative Assistant to the General Overseer.

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