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As we leave this Assembly and return to the harvest work before us, I feel like a little boy who has just found a formula for success at hitting a baseball. Though he had experienced failure previously, after hitting a game-winning single and feeling the gratitude of his team, he runs home leaping and shouting, 'It works!' It works!' For me that is my mantra in these days after this greatly blessed Assembly, "Prayer works! It works, indeed!"

Many know that for ten weeks prior to the Assembly there were weekly prayer targets to cover this Assembly with prayer. It was literally a march of prayer, bathing the Assembly and every component in prayer as we prepared to meet in Louisville, Kentucky. Each week, the General Overseer Prayer Council met to pray. Each week, the International Office leaders met and prayed through a lunch time. And each week, our Internet Prayer Network was joining in united prayer for these specific prayer targets. Actually, thousands were praying. Now as we reflect on the blessings of this Assembly, many of these can shout with joy, "It works! Prayer works!"

Even as we walk back through the days of the Assembly, we are reminded that prayer was a central part of the blessings we enjoyed. Once again in this Assembly we spent the first hour praying over the key points of focus for the day. By 10 a.m. each day, thousands were lifting their voices to heaven for God's touch on the ministry of that day.

On the first night, we saw hundreds of pastors come forward to receive a fresh renewal of anointing as the International Presbytery leaders anointed with oil in prayer. On Thursday morning, we saw youth and adults flow into prayer as we were called to pass the mantle of vision on. On Thursday night, pastors and lay leaders responded to the Spirit's call to make the young harvest a priority in a glorious season of prayer.

On Friday morning, there was a deep prayer commitment made as hundreds responded to find their 'Timothys' and influence their lives for the ministry. On Friday night, the prayer altar filled yet again with Spirit-drawn seekers in response to the call of God's Word.

On Saturday morning, pastors and couples moved down to prayer after H. B. London challenged us about bringing healing into marriages around us. Many were moved with compassion to pray with tears for marriages. In the healing service, the anointing to heal lifted one man out of his electric cart and he began to walk with freedom and healing. Then, on Saturday night, we all responded to the Global Missions call with prayer inspired by the Word and Spirit.

Remember our mission states, "Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through prayer, we will . . ." This Assembly was simply an illustration of that very declaration in our mission. We had prayed for the empowering touch of the Spirit for weeks and months marching into this Assembly. Then, in the Assembly we experienced empowering, inspiration, liberty, release, calling, and ANOINTING! I pray that pastors and lay leaders from every part of this movement are returning home with a leap in their step and a shout on their lips, "IT WORKS! PRAYER WORKS!" With this testimony in their hearts, may each church have at least one Upper Room Prayer Cell connecting to the Internet Prayer Network so that, "Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through prayer, we will!"

Sincerely,

Randall E. Howard General Overseer

Please note: At the recommendation of the church's legal counsel and approval of the General Presbyters and Administrative Committee, adjustments have been made to the Assembly Minutes. These minutes are presented as a record of the business dealings of the 97th International Assembly. Sections previously included in the Minutes, such as *Important Information* and *Monthly Minister's Report Forms* are now available in the revised 2012 Ministry Policy Manual.

A detailed report of each Assembly session, as well as audio and video recordings, is on file with the Office of the General Overseer.

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97th International Assembly Minutes

July 25, 2012

Wednesday Morning: Anointed to Lead

- 9:49—Official opening of the 97th International Assembly by Bishop Howard. He said the theme of "Anointed to Lead" was a continuation of the last theme, because they did not feel the Lord was finished with it.
- 10:10—Bishop Howard returned to the microphone and said, "We cannot let this moment go. This song is a prayer. Let God hear the voice of this assembly saying send the fire!" He directed prayer toward communities and encouraged delegates to listen to the voice of God through the Assembly. He then asked the Assembly Task Force led by Paul Holt to join him on stage and thanked them for their service in securing the Kentucky International Convention Center. He then asked the International Presbytery Board to join him on stage.
- 10:26—Walter Doroshuk, Overseer of Canada West and Chairman of International Presbytery Review Board, greeted the Assembly. He announced the results of reviews of the board to affirm Randall E. Howard for another term as General Overseer and Bishop Sam Clements for another term as North America General Presbyter.
- 10:28—Bishop Howard invited the general presbyters and leaders of Africa to the stage for the appointment of a new general presbyter for Africa, Stephen T. Masilela.
- 11:48—Bishop Howard returned to the podium and called the Administrative Committee: Sam Clements, Clayton Endecott, David Browder, Sherman Allen, Ben Feliz, Gabriel Vidal, Clayton Martin, David Bryan, Paul Holt, E. C. McKinley, Don Brock, Brian Sutton.
- 11:55—David Bryan read the report of the Administrative Committee (Report found in the *Ministry Policy Manual*).
- 12:10—Bishop Howard then reiterated the point that the church does not loan church monies. He presented the point for a motion. Confesor Batista, Puerto Rico, made the motion Bishop José Payano, Texas, seconded. He asked for a vote. There was no dissent.
 - 12:14—Dismissed for lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon: Anointed to Serve

2:04—Bishop Howard, the Moderator, opened the session announcing over 2,000 had been counted attending the morning session. He introduced the Finance and Stewardship Committee. Committee Chair, Benjamin Duncan, greeted the

Assembly and introduced committee members Jesse Yáñez, Franklin Ferguson, Gary Adkins, Larry Lowery, and Jay Croyle. Recording Secretary, Angie Zamora, read the recommendation regarding funds of Tomlinson Center (*Report found in the Ministry Policy Manual*).

Recommendation was offered to the Assembly for affirmation. Questions were received regarding the voting process. A second test vote was offered to validate the process being in order. Those carrying multiple cards were able to use one machine and place multiple votes in succession.

- 2:19—Bishop Howard asked for a motion on the Finance and Publication report. A motion was made by Warren Barfield, Sr., North Carolina. Second by Tim Harper, Michigan.
- E. C. McKinley, Tennessee, asked for clarification if this vote was for the entire report or just the section regarding local churches contributing to Tomlinson Center? The Moderator explained this is for Tomlinson Center only.
- 2:23—The vote was closed to tabulate results. Expressions were shown (309 yea, 83 nay, 8 abstain, 2 submit) Two-thirds passes a vote. According to guidelines, this is approved. The Moderator gave opportunity for anyone who wishes to speak from the floor. None came forward to speak.
- 2:26—"Having seen the expression, we conclude that this motion is received today," stated Bishop Howard. Bishop Doug Stephenson, Rossville, GA., asked for clarification regarding the number of expressions. Two years ago, over 200,000 expressions were shown. Today's numbers are extremely smaller. How many actual expressions are shown today? The company providing the proxy vote was given time to tabulate votes and would share back with Assembly later.

Billy Adams, Georgia, shared he was giving proxies for several churches and did not have time to share all votes.

- 2:30—Angie Zamora, recording secretary, read the conclusion of the financial report.
 - 2:39—Questions were entertained from the floor but none came forward.
- 2:40—Paul Holt, Director of Finance and Administration, came to the platform to give honor to two retiring workers from the International Offices, Robert Vital-Herne and Cheryl Malone.
- 2:45—Paulette Wilbanks, Financial Services, shared the financial report (Report found in the *Ministry Policy Manual*). Bishop Holt introduced Dan Campbell and Allison Webb of Capin-Crouse, who shared that the church has been endorsed by the E.C.F.A. (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability).

- 3:12—The Tomlinson Center Board came forward with their report—Tim Harper, Chairman, H. E. Cardin, Phil Pruitt, Everton Campbell, Don Brock, Tim Coalter, Elgarnet Rahming and José García. Pruitt read the committee's report (Report found in the *Ministry Policy Manual*).
- 3:21—Bishop Howard asked for a show of appreciation to the Tomlinson Center board. He also said he forgot to call for a vote on the report of the Finance Committee. A motion was made by Woodroe Thompson, Canada, and a second was made by Roger Popplewell, Indiana. The motion passed.
- 3:25—The Biblical Doctrine and Polity committee were welcomed on stage: Wallace Pratt, Chairman, Tedroy Powell, Elías Rodríguez, Tim McCaleb, James Kolawole, Carswell Leonard and Daniel Chatham. Bishop Pratt told the delegates about a study on the topic of holiness that would be conducted and presented to the Assembly at the 2014 gathering. "This committee has been asked to do a review on how we do business. Questions or comments regarding this information should be sent to bdp@cogop.org."
- 3:36—Darren Schalk, Director of Christian Education, was brought to the platform. He is working with the committee regarding the need of material regarding these important subjects. He presented the "Christian Educator of the Year" awards to Tryphena Borders of Tennessee for the Adult Teacher of the Year and the "Bessie Hardin Award for Children's Educator of the Year" to Deannie Tolman of Texas. He also spoke about the "Quest For Holiness" curriculum coming from the Christian Education department.
- 3:44—Bishop Howard said the entire process of proxy shows that total participation was 64,000. "Somewhere along the line, people were lost with only something over 20,000 expressions were reflected on this day. We will continue to work on this process."
 - 3:45—Session dismissed.

July 26, 2012

Thursday Morning: Anointed With Vision

- 10:04—Don Brock, Alabama, from Administrative Committee came to the podium to speak about VISION 2020 Strategic Planning.
- 10:16—E. C. McKinley, Tennessee, from the Administrative Committee, shared elements of the Strategic Planning. Fellow committee person Aileen Reid returned to the podium to explain the brochure outlining the strategic plan.
- 10:35—Paul Holt introduced four general presbyters who would pray in various languages. Clayton Endecott, General Presbyter for Europe, CIS and the Middle East, prayed in German. Ben Feliz, General Presbyter for Mexico, Central America

and Spanish-Speaking Caribbean, prayed in Spanish. Clayton Martin, General Presbyter for Caribbean and Atlantic Ocean Islands, prayed in English. David Browder, General Presbyter for Asia, Australia, and Oceania, prayed in Samoan.

11:35—Bishop Howard brought members of the Leadership Development team to the stage, including Kathy Creasy, Trevor and Aileen Reid, Hector Ortiz, and H. E. Cardin. He announced the appointment of David Bryan to the role of Executive Director of Leadership Development.

July 28, 2012 Saturday Morning: Anointed In Our Homes

10:00—Levi Clarke, Africa Presbyter, African Administrative Committee and leadership team honored Sherman Allen. Flo Clarke read a poem in honor of Bishop Allen. Koissi Antoine spoke in honor of Bishop Allen.

July 29, 2012 Sunday Morning: Anointed To Go Make Disciples

- 9:12—Bishop Howard introduced the Bishop Ordination Service. He said the most important job in the church is that of a pastor.
- 10:51—Bishop Howard came to the podium to speak about leadership development and the church's partnership with Gordon-Conwell. He also led a moment of tribute to Bishop John Doroshuk, Overseer of Commonwealth of Independent States (C.I.S.) (Kazakhstan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Georgia). His wife, Ruth, shared love and appreciation to the delegates for prayers and support. She gave special recognition and love to their three sons in the Lord (Misha, Vitaly and Gena), ministers won through the ministry of the Doroshuks. All stood in applause of a life well lived and the congregation joined in a "prayer for the harvest" as was the heart of John Doroshuk.
- 11:36—Bishop Paul Holt presented a love offering from the church to Bishop Howard and his family. Bishop Howard expressed his appreciation for the church. He also honored his staff, Deborah Stockham, Shaun McKinley and Yvonne Hutchinson and gave special recognition to appointed ministers who would be rotating out of certain general appointment leadership roles—Jan Couch, H. E. Cardin, Benjamin Duncan, Tim Harper and Annette Taylor.
- 11:51—Paul Holt explained the change of Global Outreach Ministries to the Global Missions Ministries, which will have a new name and function. "The baton of leadership for Women's Ministries will transition from the international level to the state and national level."

- 11:55—Bishop Howard made his 2012 Assembly Appointments as each one came forth as their name was called (Appointments found on pages 15–25).
 - 11:57—The General Presbyters made the appointments for their areas.
- 12:30—Wallace Pratt led the newly-appointed leaders and Assembly delegates in a time of consecration and a final challenge. He encapsulated portions of messages heard throughout the week on holiness, anointing, leadership development, evangelism and the young harvest. The congregation joined in a song, "Anointing, Fall On Me."

1:00—Dismissal.

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SECTION 1 SESSION MINUTES

Section 2

Financial Reports

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Administrative Committee of the Church of God of Prophecy International Offices Cleveland, Tennessee

We have audited the accompanying combined statements of financial position of Church of God of Prophecy International Office (domestic and international operating accounts as controlled by the Administrative Committee) as of May 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related combined statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall combined financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Church of God of Prophecy, as of May 31, 2012 and 2011, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Combined Statements of Financial Position

		May 31,		
		2012		2011
ASSETS:				
Current assets:	φ.	0 704 000	4	0.004404
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,534,262	\$	2,884,191
Certificates of deposit		-		479,812
Investments		4,372,352		4,538,915
Accounts receivable—net		160,257		160,476
Inventory—net		680,016		660,488
Prepaids and other assets		385,366 35,341		367,840
Notes receivable—current portion				60,327
Assets held for others		60,820		50,750
		9,228,414		9,202,799
Assets held for long-term purposes		1,750,468		1,814,711
Property and equipment—net		1,686,353		1,766,697
Total Assets	_	\$12,665,235	=	12,784.207
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS: Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable		\$33,143		\$79,549
Accrued expenses		128,681		94,413
Deferred revenue		35,099		28,126
Assets due to others		60,820		50,750
		257,743		252,838
Deferred compensation liability		1,750,468		1,814,711
Total liabilities		2,008,211		2,067,549
Net assets:				
Unrestricted:				
Undesignated		7,609,030		7,099,284
Designated		110,752		327,389
Equity in property and equipment		1,686,353		1,766,697
		9,406,135		9,193,370
Temporarily restricted		1,250,889		1,523,288
Total net assets		10,657,024		10,716,658
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	12,665,235	\$_	12,784,207

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Combined Statements of Activities

Year Ended May 31, 2012

	,	Temporarily	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Support and Revenue:	<u> </u>		
Member and church contributions \$	7,804,622	\$ 2,326,893 \$	10,131,555
Donated material	, ,	-	-
Conferences and retreats	464,428	-	464,428
Sales revenue	1,220,822	-	1,220,822
Rental income	147,529	-	147,529
Publications revenue	61,984	-	61,984
Investment income	40,859	-	40,859
Other income	312,075		312,075
Total Support and Revenue	10,052,359	2,326,893	12,379,252
Reclassifications:			
Net assets released due to			
satisfaction of purpose restrictions	2,599,292	(2,599,292)	
Expenses:			
Program services:			
Inspirational Leadership	1,691,724	-	1,691,724
Global Outreach Ministry	4,156,304	-	4,156,304
Leadership Development and			
Discipleship	1,764,610	-	1,764,610
Tomlinson Center	158,174	-	158,174
Communications	787,109	-	787,109
Finance and Publications Ministries	973,766	-	973,766
Heritage and FOW Ministry	399,815	-	399,815
White Wing Publishing House			
and Resource Center	1,168,316	-	1,168,316
International Assembly	223,125		223,125
	11,322,943		11,322,943
Supporting activities:			
Management and general	906,802	-	906,802
Fund-raising	<u>161,490</u>		161,490
	1,068,292		_1,068,292
Total Expenses	12,391,235		12,391,235
Change in Net Assets before			
Translation Adjustment	260,416	(272,399)	(11,983)
Translation Adjustment	(47,651)		(47,651)
Change in Net Assets	212,765	(272,399)	(59,634)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year:	9,193,370	1,523,288	10,716,658
Net Assets, End of Year \$	9,406,135	\$\$	10,657,024