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I am delighted to announce that the General Conference board of directors, meeting in Denver, Colorado, February 17-20, approved a new look for the General Conference – a vibrant look to represent our vibrant 21st century church. Our name is not changing; we continue to be the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day). But we are intentionally adopting a visual and verbal brand so that anyone who sees our logo and reads our publications will immediately know that they represent the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day), which is the Church of God (Seventh Day) in the United States and Canada.

The three parts and three colors in our logo represent so many elements of our church. For example, we are organized into local, district, and Conference roles and responsibilities, and we often speak of ourselves as being Christ centered, grace oriented, and Sabbath celebrating. Our logo points upward, reminding us that we are Christ centered. Tilting our heads to the right, we see the wings of a dove, a reminder that we are Spirit formed. Tilting our heads to the left, our logo looks like the pages of an open Bible – a visual that we are Bible based. The three parts united form a circle, communicating that we are “One Church” and that “We are Better Together.”

Beginning with the board’s approval of this plan, and on through our convention this coming July in Albuquerque, we are rolling out the new graphics, brand book, and ways the brand elements may be used in Conference congregations, districts, and ministries. You will see the new look more and more in our communications, publications, and websites. Finally, during the 2019 convention, we will celebrate our new look together.

We are the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day)! We are the Church of God (Seventh Day) United States and Canada! We are a vibrant 21st century church!

– Loren Stacy



District News

Those participating in this training day were GC Missions Director Bryan Cleeton, Superintendent Chip Hinds, NAMC President Daniel Flores, Pastor Francisco Garcia, and Derick Jaramillo, guest pastor from the Mexican Conference.

Central

Contributor: Ken Lawson, Superintendent

Membership. Ken Lawson presented membership to Dr. Shone Bagley on January 26 at the district's newest mission in Milwaukee, WI.



New pastor. We praise the Lord for a new pastor in Conroe, TX – Brother Luis Serrano, now leading the Emmanuel congregation. Superintendent Chip Hinds and Area Representative Neftali Hernandez prayed over him and his wife on January 19.

Southwest

Contributor: Jamin Teran

Evangelism Training

One hundred ninety people gathered January 25-27 in McAllen, Texas, for GC Missions evangelism training. They learned the importance of their role as Christ's ambassadors and of answering the call to share the gospel.

The day's theme of obeying Jesus was carried through the workshops. In addition, church members were confronted to reach others and to share their personal testimonies with people close to them, glorifying the name of Jesus. Speakers provided different real-life scenarios, a panel for questions, and the necessary tools to obey the call we are created for.

Baptism. Brother Ken Anton was baptized on January 19 in Conroe. Pastor Paul Pedersen and the elders prayed over him, and later the whole congregation witnessed his



entrance to the body of Christ. Area Representative Neftali Hernandez, ministers Nathan Lawson and Sergio Alfaro, and Superintendent Chip Hinds were part of this glorious event.



Western Canada

Contributor: Elizabeth Belyea



Ladies Retreat

The district CoG7 Women's Ministry hosted a relaxing weekend February 8-10, worthy of being called a seaside escape!

This complete weekend retreat for women of all ages included reflection, worship, celebration, and creating a keepsake. Times of singing were mixed in with various discussions, activities, scriptures, and other events. Amazing workshop leaders (sisters Ann Marie Rose, Ruth Martinez, Michelle Belanger-Albrecht, Rene Grabinsky, Clair Dunkley, and Angie Camero) led the women through six lessons throughout the weekend. This brought the group even closer to each other, not only as CoG7 members but also as Christ-centered women.

Each attendee created a "You are Loved" bracelet, which was prayed over and hand-delivered to long-term-care moms at the Alberta Children's Hospital.

The weekend was filled with love and joy. Ladies left having made new friendships or catching up with old ones. They took away something that empowers them in their walk with our Lord. What a great start to 2019!



IMC News

In December 2018, the first edition of *IMC News* was launched. This quarterly newsletter, produced by IMC Secretary John Klassek, is devoted to sharing news of the International Ministerial Congress.

Visit imc.cog7.org/newsletters.html to download English and Spanish versions in both high (printable) and low resolutions.



CALENDAR 2019

April 18 - Lord's Supper Service

April 27 - Oklahoma Conference Super Sabbath

May 3-5 - Evangelism Training, Greater Houston

May 10-12 - Evangelism Training, North Texas and Greater Dallas/Fort Worth area

May 11 - Super Sabbath, Kansas City, MO

May 16-19 - Men's Retreat, Inspiration Point, MN

May 17-19 - Men's Retreat, Camp Tejas, TX

May 24-26 - Men's Bilingual Retreat, Oakhurst, CA

July 1-6 - GC Convention, Albuquerque, NM

August 16-18 - Family Camp, SD

September 11-15 - Senior Adult Retreat, Sis-Q Meadows

Youth Camps/Retreats

July 15-21 - Youth and Seeker Camps, Weimar, CA

July 18-21 - Youth Retreat, MN

July 21-27 - Youth Camp, Sis-Q Meadows

July 28 - August 4 - Seeker Camp, Sis-Q Meadows

August 2-4 - Youth Camp, Chicago, IL

September 20-22 - SWORD Retreat, Fall Creek, OR

Artios Events

April 1 - Early spring course registration ends

April 7 - May 12 - Early spring classes in session

May 13 - Late spring course registration ends

May 19 - June 23 - Late spring classes in session

July 6 - Commencement ceremony at GC Convention

For a complete listing of events, please visit churchright.org.



The License and Credentials Committee met in Denver February 24-27 to conduct business on behalf of the NAMC and the documentation process of pastors. Back row (L to R): John Lemley, Jhabel Chagollan, Monico Muffley, and Wayne Hrenyk. Front row (L to R): Noe Reyes, Ken Lawson, and Steve Kyner (chairman).



Board of Directors Annual Meeting

The Conference board, officers, and executive team attended their 2019 meeting in Denver, Colorado, February 17-20. Those present included Samuel Holland (chairman), Dennis O'Banion (vice chairman), Hope Dais Clark (secretary), Greg Lincoln (treasurer), Mark Caswell, Daniel Flores Jr., Joshua Gutierrez, Wayne Hrenyk, Jody McCoy (executive director), Raul Romo, Manuel Salazar, Loren Stacy (Conference president), Larry Zaragoza, and Reuben Zaragoza.

As is the normal practice, the board began each day with a time of singing, exhortation from the Scriptures, and prayer. It took time to review its policy manual and made several updates to those

policies. The board agreed to propose several bylaw amendments to bring greater clarity to its delegation of the Conference president's operational duties. The board also underscored its commitment to operate as a policy board.

In addition, the board accomplished the following during this annual meeting:

- Reviewed progress reports for projects currently underway to deliver additional services and resources to the Conference membership;
- Approved a new branding initiative developed under the leadership of the executive team;
- Received an update from the executive team on the progress of Transforming Vision into Reality (TVR);
- Visited the Conference office in Broomfield and took time to fellowship and have lunch with the staff;
- Completed the annual performance evaluation of the Conference president for the 2018 performance period; and
- Approved the annual Conference budget for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020.

The board took time to express its gratitude for the longtime service of Larry Zaragoza. Larry has elected to continue his employment as a district superintendent and is therefore no longer eligible for service on the board. We thank Larry for his contributions over the past 22 years.

— Samuel Holland
Chairman

Faithful to the Forum

Years ago, Issachar Forum (1 Chronicles 12:32) was established to provide our members opportunity to advance our Vision of a Vibrant 21st Century Church financially or through participation in the forum's vision community. Many financial supporters have continued to faithfully contribute to the forum over recent years, despite a lack of promoting it.

To these faithful people, GC President Loren Stacy and Executive Director Jody McCoy wish to say a heartfelt *thank you!* Over the past three years, Issachar Forum funds have made possible many aspects of our Transforming Vision into Reality (TVR) campaign. The TVR booklets, posters, and coffee mugs are just some of the things made possible by donations. This is also the case for our current efforts to create a specific and vibrant brand for the General Conference. Thank you for your faithful financial contributions!

If you thought Issachar Forum had been forgotten, or if you are learning about it for the first time and want to make visionary projects possible, please contribute regularly to Issachar Forum. Send a check, with "Issachar Forum" on the memo line, to the General Conference, P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233. Or for more convenience, give online at cog7.org. Just click on the "Donate" button.

Visions can become realities!

— Loren Stacy

For the list of board nominees and amendments to be considered at Convention 2019, please visit cog7.org/convention-downloads. Printed copies of these will be distributed at convention.



Don't miss *Missions News*, included with this issue of *Churchright*

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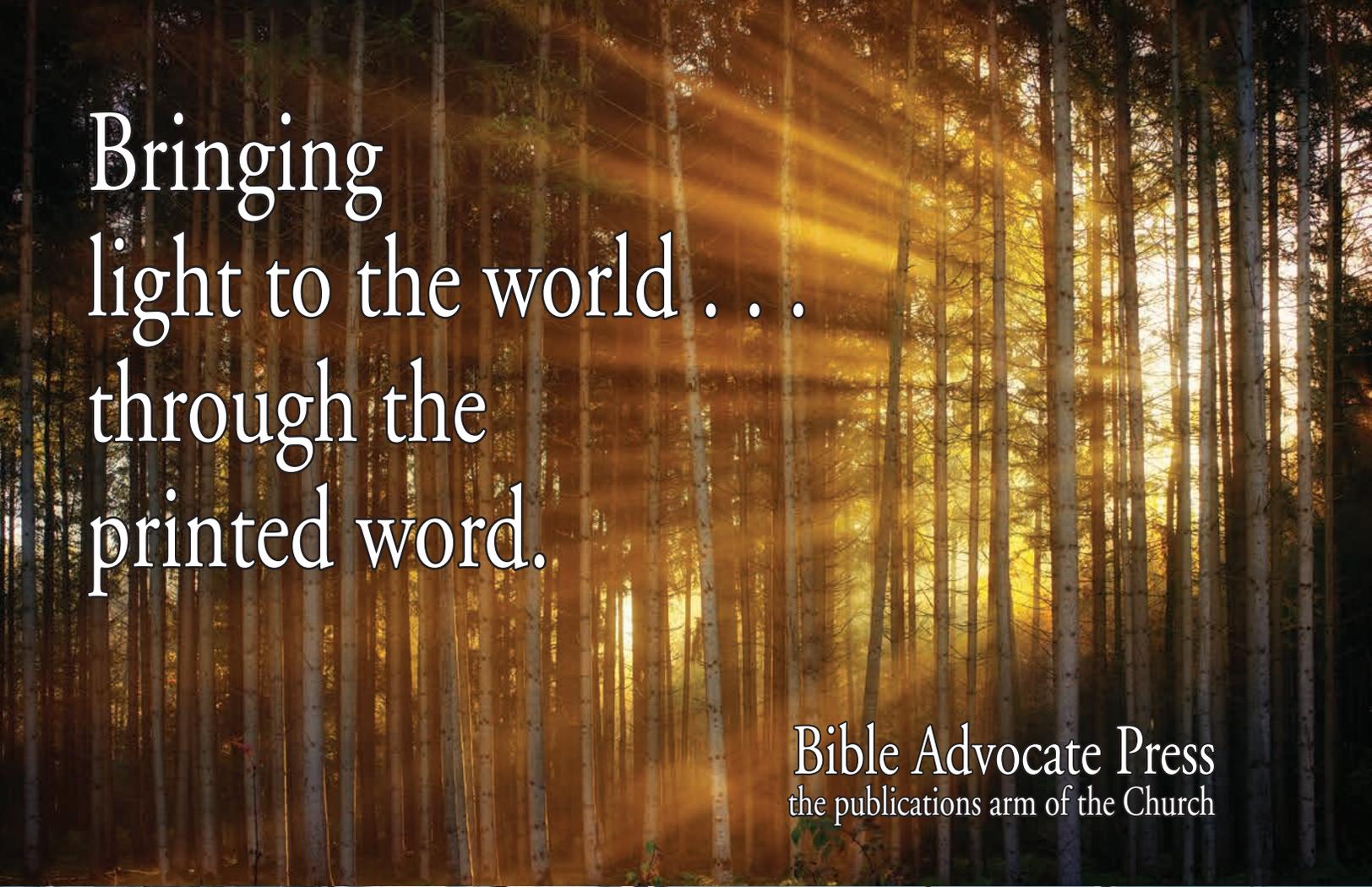
Convention's Coming!

Our 2019 convention, scheduled for July 1-6 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is just around the corner! Have you registered? Our convention website (www.cog7.org/convention) has been up and running since January. You may register there and learn everything you need to know.

Have you reserved your room at one of the convention hotels – the DoubleTree Hotel or Embassy Suites? You need to do that directly with the hotel of your choice. Don't delay – the deadline for hotel reservations is June 14. Information about this is available on the convention website as well. To get our special rate when you book your room, be sure to say you're attending the Church of God (Seventh Day) convention. See you in Albuquerque!

Note Are you the treasurer for your congregation or district? Dawn Wayman, our General Conference accountant, will be leading a Question and Answer session just for you during an afternoon workshop at our convention. A letter of invitation from Dawn accompanies the copies of *Churchright* shipped to your congregation. Please ask for it if you haven't received it.

Anyone may attend this meeting, but it is designed for treasurers. If you have questions about financial flow and reporting, Dawn will have the answers you need.

A photograph of a dense forest with tall, thin trees. Sunlight is streaming through the canopy, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows on the forest floor.

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A photograph of a large, modern, multi-level atrium. The structure is made of glass and metal, with a curved, spiral-like design. People are walking on the different levels, and the lighting is bright and blue.

Where is
your path
taking you?

Your talents can
greatly impact the
world. Work with your
local district to find the
right path for you!