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# GA Today

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TODAY



FRIDAY | JULY 12, 2024

## Friday Events

### Registration – ICC Main Lobby

Friday, July 12 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### International General Council – Halls H-J

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. — Priority Prayer  
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### French Speaking Educators Breakfast

Time: 7:30 a.m.  
Location: ICC – Room 133

### Int. Junior Talent—Bible Quizzing Finals *(if needed)*

Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Location: ICC – Room 105-106

### International Junior Talent—Music Overflow

Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Location: ICC – 500 Ballroom

### 365 Kids Club—Passport to Adventure

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

### International General Assembly

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Location: Main Hall

### International Junior Talent Awards Ceremony

Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Location: Sagamore Ballroom

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

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

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

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

### Worship Service & Commissioning

7:00 p.m.  
Location: Main Hall



The Parade of Nations, taking place on Thursday, July 11, 2024, is a beloved tradition of the World Missions celebration at the Church of God International General Assembly.

## Meet Gary and Lori Lewis

By Cameron Fisher

Gary and Lori Lewis are primarily known in the Church of God for their prominence in the ministry of youth and discipleship, having served in multiple states and regions as youth leaders and Gary's eight years as assistant and director of youth ministries for the Church of God from 2008-2016. Before being elected as secretary general two years ago, they served as administrative bishop in South Georgia for six years.

Gary and Lori met while attending East Coast Bible College in Charlotte, North Carolina, a school operated by the Church of God until it closed a few years ago. Gary came from his hometown of Bethalto, Illinois, where he attended the Bethalto Church of God after being miraculously saved in a revival at 13. While Gary is first generation Church of God, Lori's heritage in the Church stretches four generations.

East Coast was closer to home for Lori and she transferred there after earning an associate's degree. Married following graduation, the Lewises are approaching 40 years together in ministry partnership.

Their ministry began right out of college in 1987, where they followed a well-worn path as youth leaders and small church pastors. Their



The Lewis Family (l-r): Son Jordan, grandchildren Elijah and Eden, Gary and Lori, son Jaren, and daughter, Sara.

first ministry interview was with the Loudon Ave. (now Man-o-War) Church of God in Lexington, Kentucky.

"They wanted someone to lead the youth and music, so they got two for the price of one," Lori stated referring to her role as music minister in the church. "After six months the church began paying us two salaries, which was kind of unheard of back then. They (the pastors) just loved us, nurtured, and mentored

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## GA26: Back to Orlando!

When the historic 80th International General Assembly rolls around in 2026, the location will be in Orlando, Florida, one of the more popular destinations for Church of God delegates.

Tentative dates for GA26 will be July 27-31, 2026, at the Orange County Convention Center. The last time an Assembly was held in Orlando was 2018.

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# Council Passes Seven Motions on Thursday

By David White

The International General Council passed seven motions during Thursday's business session at the 79th International General Assembly.

The first to pass was on the discussion floor for three business sessions over two days, and concluded with the body fine tuning and approving a motion that strengthens its stance on Biblical sexuality.

The finalized motion reads:

"That all Church of God leaders, ministers, teachers, and employees—defined as credentialed employees, or any employees connected with conveying the message of the church and carrying out its mission—not be employed by or regularly attend churches or religious organizations who hold stances on human sexuality contrary to biblical teaching, the Church of God Minutes, the Declaration of Faith, or the Practical Commitments of the Church of God, subject to appropriate polity action."

Further, that appropriate Church of God departments curate biblical sex education resources designed principally and practically for use in Church of God regions, churches, and educational institutions.

If the motion carries through the General Assembly vote on Friday, it will further ensure that those representing the Church of God at all levels will adhere to Church of God polity, practices and teachings concerning human sexuality.

It will also help provide churches the resources needed to provide Biblical teachings on human sexuality in a culture that often runs contrary to Scripture.

In other business:

- The General Council approved a motion that allows Administrative Bishops to appoint ordained female ministers to serve on ecclesiastical trial boards when they deem it appropriate.
- The General Council adopted an item titled "Generational Harvest," which affirmed the Church of God's belief in the Great Commission as a divine command and a mission point for all believers.
- The General Council also approved motions in regards to doctrinal fidelity of ministers and Church of God educators, among others; lowered the pastoral experience minimum from five years to four years to become a state overseer.

Debate on the remainder of the agenda continues through Friday morning. The General Assembly of the Church of God is set to convene at 1:30 pm in the main hall. ♦

# A Gathering of Credentialed Women

For the first time at a General Assembly, women possessing ministerial credentials gathered for a global meet and greet.

On July 10, over 275 women came together to pray and encourage one another at the JW Marriott. The event began with a time of getting acquainted and networking. The CCW (*Connecting Credentialed Women*), presented their three pillars of purpose which include to EQUIP (*mentoring, coaching, collaborating*), EDUCATE (*training, resourcing, certifying*), and ENCOURAGE (*praying, networking, advocating*).

Rev. Jennie Garcia coordinated Spanish translation for the event. A special treat was hearing seven-year-old, Daisy Lindsey, share about being called to preach at Alabama Youth Camp this year and then deliver a sermonette on David and Goliath. The event ended with a time of prayer led by Rev. Sandra Kay Williams.

One of the attendees of the event said, "It was so refreshing to be *seen* and *heard*." Another said, "I felt like I was attending a long-lost family reunion! So thankful to know we are not alone."

Rev. Jamie Massey, chairperson of the CCW, assured the women that this was only the beginning as plans are currently in motion for future connections for the credentialed women of the Church of God. ♦

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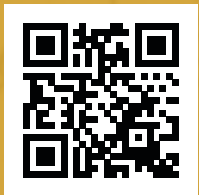
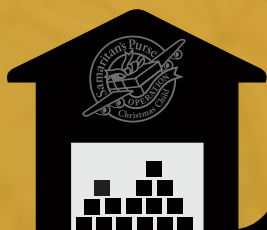
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# Ministerial Internship Program Birthed in Hawai'i 50 Years Ago

By Cameron Fisher

*(Editor's Note: The Church of God celebrated 50 years of the Ministerial Internship Program at the MIP Commissioning May 17-18, 2024. The following is an adaptation of the history of MIP published in the Church of God Evangel)*

In 1973, three couples, and a single man were commissioned into a year-long pilot program of intense training designed to culminate with a launching into formal ministry. The ceremony took place on June 17, 1973, during the Church of God Camp Meeting in the mission state of Hawai'i. The interns then spent a year in assignments and were formally commissioned the following summer.

The new ministry training program was based on scripture from Acts 6:3-7 where the disciples chose seven men of good report and appointed them as assistants . . . "and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased, and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly (KJV)." The purpose of the program—initially referred to as the Christian Internship Program—was fourfold: (1) Provide Christian laborers, (2) Give specialized training, (3) Stir personal commitment, and (4) Require scriptural submission.



Dr. Robert Fisher, sitting on desk, instructs MIP counselors.

The seven individuals were young people in their early 20s, most of whom were new Christians having been radically saved from lives of degradation and drug use. Dennis Duguay found salvation during a Bible study conducted in a cave. Mark and Yvonne Knock were former members of the Navy who, after hitchhiking across country, ended up on the island of Kauai in the same Bible study. Carl and Terry Oliver shared a similar experience, having dropped out of the establishment way of life to join the "Hippie" movement. A third couple, Wilfred and Jaye Tabian, were native Hawaiians who demonstrated their total commitment to Christ through their participation in the new training program.

"This was the period of the Jesus Revolution," Mark Knock, an atheist at the time, stated. "In almost every car we entered while hitchhiking, we were witnessed to about the love of Christ. After we got saved, we were camping in a tent on Kauai and the Lord convicted us that we needed to get married. (Church of God) Pastor Jack Powell married and discipled us, and we were soon introduced to this new program for young believers eager to launch into ministry."

Dennis Duguay was also saved under Jack Powell's ministry.



The cover of a 1974 issue of Aloha State News featuring the intern program.

"Living off the land on Kauai at the time, he (Powell) picked up me and a friend hitchhiking," Dennis related. "He invited us to a Bible study in a cave, which I thought was so cool." Duguay and the Knocks got acquainted and together they joined the internship program along with the others bringing that first group to seven—coincidentally or prophetically—reflecting Acts 6.

The fledgling initiative consisted of a preparation period of approximately six months which involved reading 25 books (including a systematic reading of the entire Bible), attendance to study classes on a variety of topics, and participating in field assignments. During that June 17, 1973, service, the interns were commissioned into their one-year assignments with the laying-on-of-hands by pastors and church leaders, a tradition that has carried on to this day, most recently at the May 18, 2024, MIP Commissioning ceremony. That initial group was labeled, "a vanguard of a mighty army that God is raising up to evangelize these islands and all of the South Pacific."



Pastor Jack Powell, far right, conducts a baptismal service in the Pacific Ocean.

Leading this new training program was the Church of God state overseer of Hawai'i at the time, Robert E. Fisher. The young 42-year-old church leader mentored and discipled the seven, continuing to develop the program until completion of their assignments in 1974. By then, "Dr." Fisher had completed his dissertation and been awarded a Ph.D. from the University of Hawai'i.

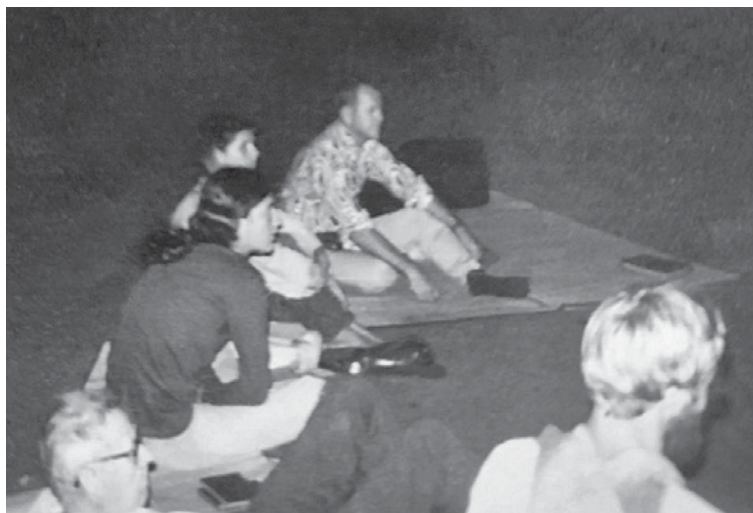
Dr. Fisher credited much of the early success of the Christian Internship Program in Hawai'i to the financial assistance of the Mount Paran Church of God in Atlanta and then-pastor, Dr. Paul L. Walker.

"Dr. Walker ministered in Hawai'i recently and saw the need and the potential of the work here," Dr. Fisher stated at the time. "His response and that of Mount Paran resulted in the sponsorship of this pioneer effort."



*Mark and Yvonne Knock with their daughter, Monica, born while they were participating in the program. Today, the Knocks have been married for more than 50 years and live in Georgia.*

An update on the Christian Internship Program was detailed in the February 1974 edition of the Church of God publication, *Aloha State News* (See previous page). The article reported, "After six months of intensive academic, physical, and spiritual training, the interns were commissioned and given assignments in various areas of church work. From the beginning, a spirit of great anointing rested upon the participants, and upon their ministries." The article went on to report that the Knocks were serving at a downtown Honolulu center where Mark was director of outreach programs and Yvonne was a children's Bible teacher. Dennis Duguay was assigned to the Waialua Church of God as Christian education director. The Tabians were at a new church plant in the town of Waipahu serving in various roles. And the Olivers were pastoring the Kalaheo Church of God on the island of Kauai. Statistics of the internship program were reported in that same issue and included 65 persons saved, 638 visits made, 2,501 pieces of literature distributed, and 4,079 witnessing visits made.



*Pastor Jack Powell, top, conducts Bible study in Dry Cave on Kauai.*

In perhaps a prophetic statement, the article concluded by saying, "This initial attempt at an internship program in the Church of God has been highly successful. It is hoped that it will lead to an even greater emphasis on training of young people in the Pacific area and eventually to a general denominational internship program for ministerial candidates."

Recognizing the Kingdom potential for such a program, Fisher was appointed by the Executive Committee as director of Church of God General Education at the 1976 General Assembly in Dallas. One of his first goals was to adapt the Hawai'i model to launch today's Ministerial Internship Program (MIP) in 1978-79. In the decades that have followed, the lives of thousands of young ministers and their families around the globe have been transformed by a program that began with seven people on islands in the middle of the Pacific.



*Mark Knock, left, and Dennis Duguay strumming ukuleles at a park the day before Dennis left Hawai'i to attend West Coast Bible College.*

Fifty years later Fisher's explanation for the purpose of the program still applies today: "These are crucial days that demand an unusual commitment and consecration. The Lord again challenges His people, 'Whom shall I send? . . . Who will go for us? . . . Who will answer—Here am I, Lord, send me!'"



*A Tradition Continued – Launching of interns through the laying-on-of-hands by their leaders has been a tradition since Hawai'i. The class of 2023 interns were prayed into ministry at the annual MIP Commissioning Service on May 20, 2023, in Cleveland, Tenn.*

At the 2024 MIP Commissioning this past May, the Division of Education announced the inauguration of a scholarship/advancement fund to benefit future MIP interns. The fund will honor the legacy and contribution of Dr. Fisher as the founder of MIP. ♦

—Cameron Fisher is the son of Dr. Robert Fisher and observed the Hawai'i internship program as a young boy. He currently serves as Communications Coordinator for the Church of God.

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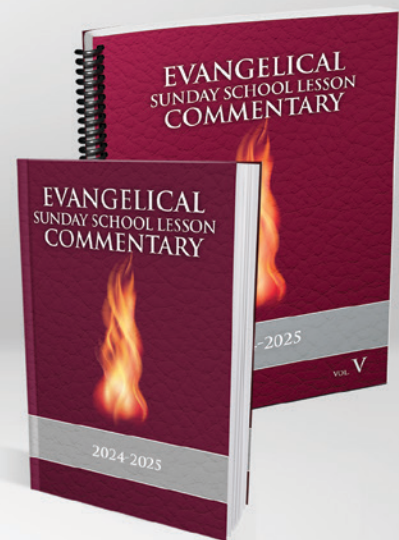
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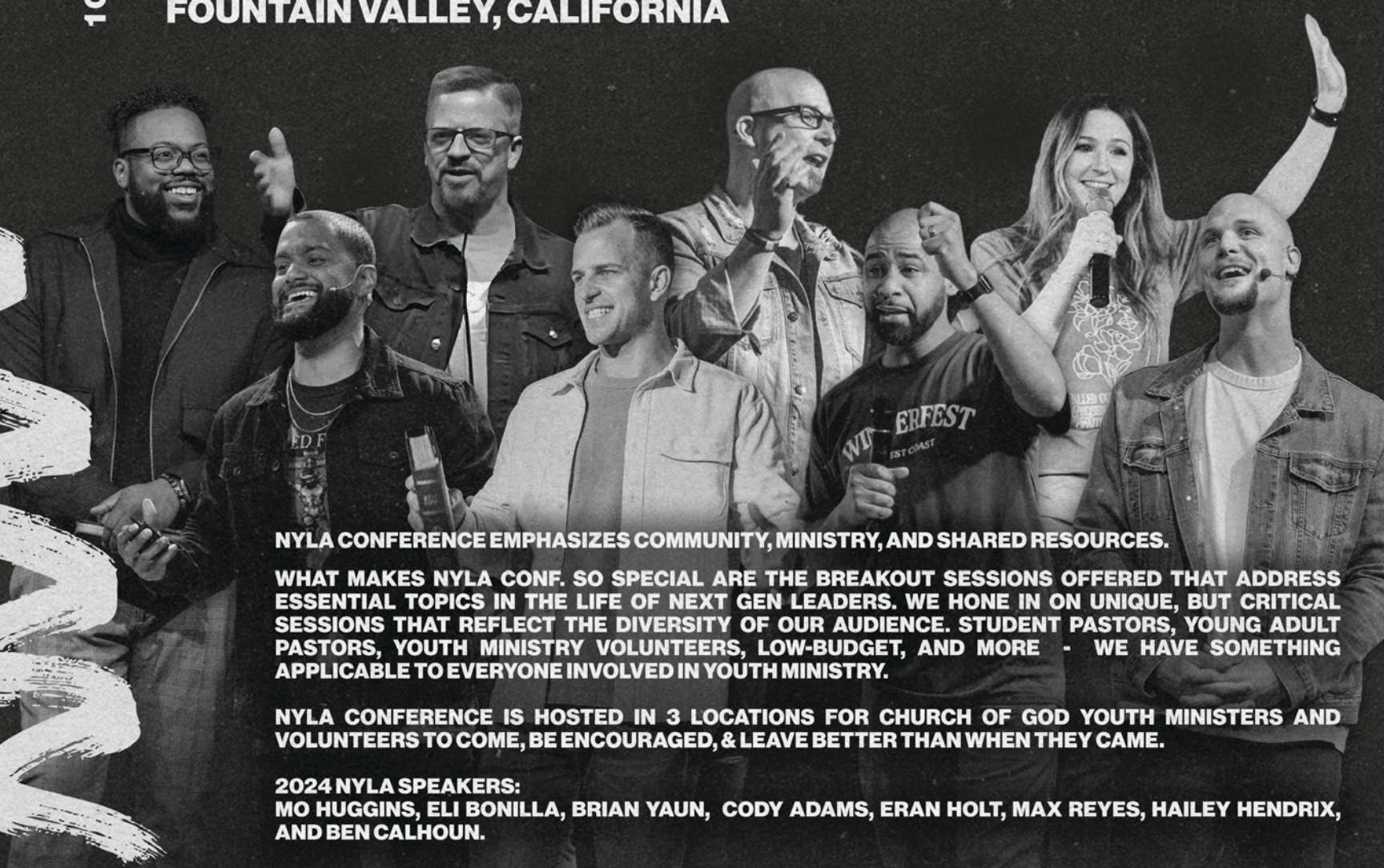
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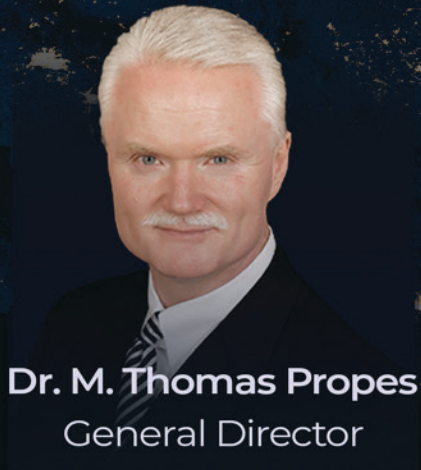




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THE BEST IS YET TO COME



# Meet Gary and Lori Lewis *Continued from page 1*

us and treated us like their grandchildren. I really credit them for giving us a great start in ministry.”

After two years Gary followed his calling to be a pastor and they accepted a church in remote Fairbanks, Alaska. Most of the members were military and while the Lewises were impressed by their integrity and work ethic, enlarging a congregation was difficult as so many were deployed time and again. They counted Fairbanks as a growing and maturing experience.



After two years they accepted a church in the Great Lakes Region with a troubled past and a string of short-term pastors.

“The first question the clerk asked us when we walked in the door was, ‘You’re not going to leave, are you?’” Lori said. “As young pastors we had a lot of personality and financial issues and other dynamics to deal with at the church. But we also saw miraculous things.

God proved to us that if you serve Him and be obedient, God will take care of you.”

In 1994 the Lewises received a call from T. David Sustar inquiring if they would consider an appointment as state youth directors. Accepting the challenge, they began their journey in the Midlands Region, living in Iowa. From there they migrated to the Pacific Northwest in 1996, and then to Eastern North Carolina for four years. Their final two assignments as state youth directors were in South Georgia and South Carolina before Gary was elected to the Youth and Discipleship Department. Over a period of 14 years, the Lewises crisscrossed the country five times. Both Gary and Lori cherish this period of transitions as a time to be mentored and learn leadership from the multiple overseers they worked under.

Outside of ministry, for fitness Gary has enjoyed the challenges of running and biking. He has run 89 marathons over the years, and Lori has joined him on close to 30 half marathons.

Three years ago, Gary was training for an event, riding his bicycle on a back country South Georgia road, when he was struck by a hit and run driver. His back was broken in three places, he suffered a punctured lung, broken ribs, and a lacerated liver. The hit was so powerful it cracked his helmet.

“Through that journey was the healing on the other side of it,” Gary explained. “The x-ray



*Gary Lewis in training for one of his many athletic events*

showed white where my back had been broken and new bone had grown in. As traumatic as the accident was, it required no surgeries, medications, treatments...nothing!”

Both will be quick to point out that family is most important. They have three grown children: two sons, Jordan and Jaren, and daughter, Sara. They also have two grandchildren, Elijah and Eden Lewis.

When asked about his plans and vision for the Church of God as its new leader, Dr. Lewis said, “The vision is really going to be reaching the Harvest, the theme of this Assembly... We are going to continue to focus on evangelism, discipleship, preaching the word, care, compassion, and prayer empowered by the Holy Spirit.”

In closing the new general overseer said, “From a spiritual standpoint my commitment is to be found faithful. I’m a steward, not an owner and am thankful that God has entrusted me to be a steward of our Church.” ♦

## An Interview with the New First Lady

*By McKayla Jacobs*

When the new General Overseer Gary Lewis steps into his role on Friday, July 12, 2024, he will bring with him a partner in ministry whose rich heritage in the Church of God will enhance her husband’s influence and leadership.

At that time, Lori Lewis will become the International Women’s Ministries President for the Church of God. This author was given the honor to sit down with Sister Lori and hear her heart. Her love for the Church of God and appreciation for her husband was tangible throughout the interview.

**As fourth-generation Church of God, what was your experience like both growing up and raising a family in the church?**

My parents were dedicated church laity, hardworking middle-class who served God and their families. They raised us in church and had us there whenever the doors were

open. They truly taught me what an honor it was to serve the church and God’s people. No job was too small or unimportant. It was in my formative years that my love for the church developed. When we began our own family, I tried to implement a passion for serving in my own children. Raised in Church of God parsonages and on Church of God campgrounds, my children went where we went and worked alongside us. It was indeed a family ministry.



**With your many years of ministry in local, state, and international levels, what does it mean to you and Dr. Lewis for your peers to nominate you to steward the church of God through this vital time in history?**

We are deeply humbled by this nomination and place our full trust in God to guide us and

the church through the inevitable challenges ahead. We will celebrate His goodness in the victories and valleys, knowing that His grace is sufficient to carry us through all uncertainty. Our hearts are fully committed to God and His will for this beloved church. We are merely vessels, ready to be used by Him in whatever way He sees fit. Our gratitude to our peers for this nomination knows no bounds.

**As First Lady of the Church of God, what is your heartbeat for Women’s Ministries and its connectivity among all the women of the Church of God?**

Our Women’s Executive Advisory Council, comprised of exceptional visionary leaders, has a unique ability to make a significant difference. I am confident that with this team, we will work together through a desire to implement multi-faceted resources that will have a greater reach than ever before. We want to make even more resources available to all women and expand our reach through adaptable and versatile strategies. I am looking forward to the future of Church of God Women’s Ministry and serving all women in our Church. ♦

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**MELISSA HAGER**  
GIRLS  
MINISTRIES

### *2022-2024 state ministries programs*

**CAMS - CALLING AND MINISTRY STUDIES: 59 GRADUATES**

**MIP - MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM: 84 GRADUATES**

#### TENNESSEE CHURCH OF GOD STATE MINISTRIES BOARD:

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ANDREW EASTES, MIA PITTMAN-HEAD, ANDY TURNER, & JEFF PAGE**

# Concilio de los Dieciocho

por Cameron Fisher



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

El Concilio General ha elegido a tres nuevos miembros del Concilio de los Dieciocho. Este grupo de obispos ordenados formará, junto con los cinco miembros del Comité Ejecutivo, el Consejo Ejecutivo Internacional.

Los 18 miembros actuales del Concilio de los Dieciocho fueron elegidos en 2022 y podían ser reelegidos para un segundo mandato de dos años. El Concilio, históricamente diverso, se mantuvo prácticamente intacto, aparte de la incorporación de tres nuevos miembros. Por lo tanto, los mandatos de quince de los dieciocho elegidos este año concluirán en 2026. Según las *Minutas* de la Iglesia de Dios, el Concilio

General debe incluir una representación específica de grupos de ministros, al menos doce pastores activos, tres que vivan fuera de los Estados Unidos y tres “en general”. Al final de la tarde del martes, los miembros del Concilio General habían elegido a los diez primeros miembros, empezando por el ministro que recibió el mayor número de votos, el obispo Kevin McGlamery. En virtud de su elección, McGlamery, pastor de la Iglesia de Vida en Huntsville, Alabama, servirá como presidente. El Dr. Ángel Marcial, director de campo latinoamericano de Misiones Mundiales de la Iglesia de Dios; Robert Scott Sheppard, pastor principal de la Iglesia Cornerstone en Athens, Georgia; William Lee, pastor de la iglesia

Victorious Life en Conyers, Georgia; Anthony Pelt, supervisor de la región de Florida-Cocoa y pastor del Centro de Adoración Radiant Living; Joe Dobbins, pastor del Centro de Adoración Twin Rivers en St. Louis, Missouri; Kip Box, supervisor estatal de Michigan; Kenneth Hill, supervisor regional del sur de Nueva Inglaterra; R.C. Hugh Nelson, pastor de la Iglesia de Dios de East Flatbush en Brooklyn, Nueva York; y Rick Whitter, supervisor estatal de Illinois.

En la siguiente ronda de votación el miércoles por la mañana, se eligió al resto de los miembros: Ishmael Charles, director de campo del Caribe; Kelvin Page, pastor principal de la iglesia de Dios Westmore en Cleveland, Tennessee; David Cooper, pastor principal de la iglesia de Dios Mount Paran en Atlanta, Georgia; Nick Park, supervisor de Irlanda; Niko Njotorahardjo, pastor de la Iglesia Betel de Gereja en Yakarta, Indonesia; Lennox Walker, pastor/superintendente en Ontario, Canadá; Jerry Madden, pastor principal de la Catedral de la Alabanza en Greer, Carolina del Sur; Julio César Meléndez, pastor de la iglesia De Dios Central en Hermosillo, Sonora, México; y Toby Morgan, supervisor estatal de Virginia, calificó para el último puesto en el Concilio.

Satisfaciendo los requisitos internacionales del Concilio estuvieron Marcial, Charles, Park, Njotorahardjo, Walker y Meléndez.

El nuevo Concilio se reunirá por primera vez en septiembre. ♦

## Reinstauración del Ministerio de Evangelización

por David White

El Concilio General Internacional aprobó una moción para restaurar la oficina del Ministerio de Evangelización y dos líderes electos, uniendo el Ministerio de Misiones en los Estados Unidos, plantación y revitalización de iglesias bajo un mismo departamento el miércoles en la 79ª Asamblea General Internacional.

Con la moción aprobada, el Concilio General nominó al Dr. Sean S. O’Neal para servir como director de Evangelización y al pastor Robert Scott Sheppard para servir como director asistente de Evangelización. El cuerpo también votó para restaurar la oficina del director de Evangelización estatal/regional. Los cargos electos de director y asistente fueron eliminados en 2010 en la Asamblea General Internacional de ese verano. La votación del miércoles enmendaría los estatutos de



O’Neal



Sheppard

las *Minutas* para permitir que el ministerio vuelva a estar bajo el liderazgo de sus líderes electos. Para el Dr. O’Neal, este próximo paso marca su jornada por un testimonio personal, la evangelización urbana y la plantación de iglesias. Después de su nominación, el Dr. O’Neal recordó cuando plantó su primera iglesia con su esposa Shyrel y su pequeño hijo Sean Michael en el centro de Chicago hace casi 30 años.

Sin saber diez palabras de español, los O’Neal plantaron una iglesia en español. El primer servicio incluyó a su familia de tres, un amigo que traducía y dirigía el culto, y una pareja católica soltera que respondió a los

volantes de su vecindario y asistió a su primer servicio de las 3:00 p. m. “En un año teníamos más de 30 nuevos convertidos y esa iglesia todavía está allí hoy”, dijo el Dr. O’Neal.

El Dr. O’Neal se ha desempeñado como obispo administrativo de la Iglesia de Dios de California/Nevada desde 2018 y desempeñó el mismo rol en Arizona antes de eso. Desempeñó un rol fundamental en el desarrollo de la Red de Plantación de Iglesias de la Iglesia de Dios y tiene una larga historia como misionero y pastor urbano y global.

El Pastor Scott Sheppard ha pastoreado la Iglesia Cornerstone en Athens, Georgia, y su congregación ha sido reconocida como una de las 100 iglesias de más rápido crecimiento del país por la revista *Outreach*. Fue reelegido para el Concilio de los Dieciocho el martes, pero dejó vacante su puesto una vez nominado para el puesto de director asistente. “Soy un hijo de la iglesia, nacido en la Iglesia de Dios, criado en la Iglesia de Dios, educado en la Iglesia de Dios, y amo mucho a esta iglesia”, dijo Sheppard. “Creo en la evangelización, creo en la iglesia local y creo en que se cosecha en la iglesia local”. ♦



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# Remembering Ministers Who Have Gone to Their Eternal Reward

*"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."*

(1 John 3:2 KJV)

## MEMORIAL CELEBRATION – Friday, July 12, 2024

The biennial General Assembly tribute to deceased ministers of the Church of God will recognize those who passed away in the two-year period since the last Assembly. Specifically, beginning with a death date of June 1, 2022, and concluding on June 6, 2024.

We offer praise and thanks to those whom we celebrate in this service, which includes a printed directory and video tribute. They have not only reached their reward, but also have left us with a lasting legacy—a legacy of sacrificial service to the King of kings.

The Church of God has a great heritage because of the work and efforts of those listed below and honored in tonight's memorial service. Although our hearts are heavy because of the loss of these heroes of the faith, we rejoice in the fact that they have made heaven their eternal home. What is most important, we look forward to joining them and seeing our Savior face-to-face.

For those who have experienced loss in this period, thank you for sharing your loved ones with us. They truly have FINISHED strong.

—International Executive Committee

## Statistics of Spiritual Results for Deceased Ministers June 1, 2022 – June 6, 2024

Deceased Ministers: 514	Sermons Preached: 1,241,066
Converted: 554,489	Sanctified: 162,763
Holy Ghost Baptisms: 116,420	Baptized in Water: 76,405
Members Added: 120,085	

## WALL OF REMEMBRANCE 2022 – 2024

*In addition to the memorial service, a special Wall of Remembrance has been on display this week in the Exhibit Hall listing ministers who have gone to their reward.*

*Deceased minister information listed in this publication and in the video presentation reflects reports forwarded to the Business and Records Department in the Church of God International Offices by state and regional offices during the 2022–2024 Assembly period. For purposes of meeting printing deadlines for publications, the final date for processing information at the International Offices for this observance was June 6, 2024.*

Name	Rank	State/Region/Country
Calvin D Abbott	Ordained Bishop	Maryland
Samuel Mel Abbott Jr	Ordained Bishop	Indiana
Yves Abichet	Exhorter	Connecticut
Luis H Abril	Ordained Bishop	Ecuador
Vher Sales Achazo	Ordained Minister	California
Eugene Luther Addis	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-North
Joseph W Adkins	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa
Sherley Adkins	Ordained Bishop	Kentucky
Lucero Seleni Aguirre	Exhorter	Belize
Mariano Alicea Sr	Ordained Bishop	New Jersey
Carl Edward Allen	Ordained Bishop	Alabama
Douglas Edward Allen	Ordained Bishop	North Carolina-Eastern
Brenda Ruth Anderson	Ordained Minister	District Of Columbia
M Douglas Anderson	Ordained Bishop	Texas
Willie Mae Anderson	Ordained Minister	Georgia-North
John D Anderson II	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-North
Carl H Anderson Jr	Ordained Minister	Tennessee
Luis Andino	Exhorter	Puerto Rico
Frances Louise Arch	Ordained Minister	California
Cesar A Arevalo	Exhorter	Guatemala Central
Rodney Theo Arnett	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-South
Clarence E Aulman Jr	Ordained Bishop	Oklahoma
Raymond C Aviles	Ordained Minister	California

Carlos Ayala Zambrana	Exhorter	Bolivia
William Don Back	Ordained Bishop	Virginia
Thomas L Ballard	Ordained Bishop	Indiana
Lucas Carmelo Baltazar	Ordained Minister	Guatemala Ixcan
William Leroy Bamberg	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa
James Carroll Bandy	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee
Brian Andrew Barnett	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee
Gary Lee Baugh	Ordained Bishop	Alabama
Gail Beatrous	Ordained Minister	Florida-Tampa
Gary Wayne Beavers	Exhorter	Alabama
Gerhard Becker	Ordained Bishop	Missionary
Boyd Beech	Ordained Bishop	Mississippi
Paul Howard Bell	Exhorter	Mississippi
Wade Aderon Bell	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Troy Daniel Bellomy	Ordained Minister	Alabama
Esdras Betancourt	Ordained Bishop	East Central Hispanic
Isaac William Bird Jr	Ordained Minister	Tennessee
E Keith Blackwell	Exhorter	South Carolina
John Neal Blaine	Ordained Bishop	Mississippi
Ronald Augustus Blair	Ordained Bishop	Jamaica
David Benton Boles	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee
Vera Mae Booth	Exhorter	Georgia-South
Thomas Eugene Bordeaux	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa
Otis Earl Bowens Jr	Exhorter	West Virginia
Harvey Bowlin	Ordained Bishop	Alabama
Jimmy Ray Boyette	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa
C L Brasfield Jr	Ordained Bishop	North Carolina-Western
Kenneth Dean Braswell	Ordained Bishop	North Carolina-Western
John Stewart Bridal	Ordained Bishop	Canada-Western
Russell A Brinson	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee
Gussie B Brown	Ordained Minister	Oregon
James Hollis Brown	Ordained Minister	Texas
James Ray Brown	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee
Luvator Brown	Exhorter	Georgia-South
Walter Harold Brown	Ordained Bishop	Virginia
Chester G Browning	Ordained Minister	Kentucky
Jesse Amos Browning	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa
Frank Roland Brunais	Ordained Bishop	Missouri
Richard D Bryson	Exhorter	South Carolina
Ottis Burke Jr	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Tilmon V Burroughs	Ordained Bishop	Alabama
Philip H Burt	Exhorter	Georgia-North
Mary Frances Caldwell	Christian Ed. Minister	North Carolina-Western
Gonzalo Guillermo Can Morales	Exhorter	Guatemala North Central
Christopher D Capaldo	Ordained Bishop	New York
Dan L Carr	Ordained Bishop	Kentucky
José R. Carriazo	Exhorter	Panama
Ancil Carter	Ordained Bishop	Ohio
M Wayne Carter	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa
Michael K Casey	Exhorter	Georgia-South
Harold Dean Catoe	Ordained Bishop	Alabama
Dennis Wayne Chambers	Exhorter	Georgia-North
Robert Charles Chambers	Ordained Minister	Texas
Agueda M Chanlatte	Exhorter	Florida-Tampa
Rosendo Chen	Exhorter	Guatemala North Central
William Earl Childers	Exhorter	Alabama
Yolanda Cid	Exhorter	Northeastern Hispanic
Erick S Cifuentes Chavez	Ordained Bishop	Guatemala North Central
James Edward Clark	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Christopher T Claypoole	Ordained Bishop	Kentucky
Jerryd Labron Clyburn	Ordained Bishop	West Virginia
Gerald Cobbs	Ordained Bishop	New Jersey
Samuel Colon	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa
Lewis Combs Jr	Ordained Bishop	Kentucky
Leo Leonard Cook	Exhorter	California
John Francis Corcoran	Ordained Bishop	Ohio
Aracely Courtenay	Exhorter	New York
William R Courtney	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-South
Paul Ernest Cox	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee
Larry Keith Craig	Ordained Bishop	Alabama

Mary Nancy Cranford	Ordained Minister	Mississippi	Obdulio Gonzalez	Ordained Minister	Puerto Rico
Avon Kent Craven	Ordained Bishop	North Carolina-Western	Louis Earle Goude	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Jack C Crisco	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee	Milroy Albert Grant	Ordained Bishop	New Jersey
Robert Daniel Crosby	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-South	Richard Prentis Grice	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Gilberto Cruz Hernandez	Exhorter	Honduras Northwest	Tommie G Grissom	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-South
Paul Leroy Cushing	Ordained Bishop	Maryland	Billy Richard Hackett	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee
Lewis Charles Cushman	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa	Bill W Hall	Exhorter	Illinois-Great Lakes Region
Ronald Danazarre	Exhorter	Canada-Quebec/Maritimes	Dennis Ronald Hall	Ordained Bishop	Canada-Western
Jerold Dean Daniels	Ordained Bishop	Canada-Western	Martha C Hall	Exhorter	North Carolina-Eastern
Glenn C Daugherty	Ordained Bishop	Kentucky	Melinda Hall	Ordained Minister	Florida-Cocoa
Ruby Kate Davis	Exhorter	North Carolina-Western	Fred Palmer Hamilton	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Manuel de la Garza	Ordained Bishop	Northwestern Hispanic	Larry E Hammond	Ordained Bishop	Ohio
Jody Billy Dean	Ordained Minister	Georgia-South	Alvin H Hammonds	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
William James Dearing	Ordained Minister	Florida-Tampa	Arnold L Hancock	Ordained Bishop	North Carolina-Western
Emmett Gary Dennis	Ordained Bishop	Texas	Milton Barnes Hannah	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
John Luther Devine	Ordained Bishop	North Carolina-Western	Roy Roger Hanson	Ordained Minister	North Carolina-Eastern
Joseph Edward Devore	Ordained Bishop	Kentucky	Delton Ray Harne	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-North
William Robert Dickey	Ordained Minister	Ohio	Gale Dwayne Harris	Exhorter	Tennessee
James Howard Dillo	Ordained Bishop	West Virginia	Gayle K Harris	Ordained Minister	Virginia
Damon Edward Dixon	Ordained Bishop	Ohio	Gerald Harrison	Ordained Minister	Georgia-North
Harry Troy Douglas	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa	Ottow Lewis Hart	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee
Joyce M Dunscomb	Exhorter	Iowa	Robert Charles Hartley	Ordained Bishop	Virginia
Bobby Joe Dupree	Exhorter	Alabama	Denny A Haston	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Dwight Judson Durham	Exhorter	North Carolina-Western	Lewis F Hatchell	Ordained Bishop	North Carolina-Eastern
Sammy Eugene Easom	Ordained Minister	North Carolina-Eastern	Billy L Hattenhauer	Ordained Minister	Arkansas
Wade Henry Easom	Ordained Bishop	North Carolina-Western	Harold J Hays Sr	Ordained Minister	Alabama
Robert H Edenfield	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-South	John Wayne Haywood	Ordained Bishop	Missouri
Joseph Dennis Edgar Sr	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa	Dana Wilford Hazelwood	Ordained Minister	West Virginia
Carl Richard Edge	Ordained Bishop	Arkansas	Alice Fay Heath	Ordained Minister	Ohio
Donald Ray Edwards	Exhorter	Alabama	James H Heath	Ordained Bishop	Alabama
Jeremiah Edwards	Ordained Minister	Georgia-North	Alfred Wayne Hennesey	Ordained Minister	Texas
Ruby Mae Edwards	Exhorter	Mississippi	Daniel Jose Hernandez	Ordained Minister	Arizona
Donald Lee Elam	Ordained Bishop	West Virginia	Francisco G Hernandez S	Ordained Minister	Guatemala Southwestern
Lupe Eliu	Ordained Bishop	California	Pedro R Herrera	Exhorter	Mid-Atlantic Hispanic
Libertad Elivo	Exhorter	Northeastern Hispanic	Ronald Ralph Herring	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Royalda M Emerson	Christian Ed. Minister	Canada-Western	Bernard S Hibbert	Ordained Bishop	Pennsylvania
Roy Raymond Engel	Ordained Bishop	Louisiana	Charles E Higgins	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee
Secundino Esquivel Recinos	Exhorter	Guatemala Eastern	Donald R Hill	Exhorter	Indiana
Maria de Lourdes Eugenio	Ordained Minister	Brazil-Southeastern	William E Hinds	Ordained Minister	Ohio
Eric L Ewing	Ordained Minister	Oklahoma	Nell Jean Hinote	Exhorter	Florida-Tampa
Russell Glenn Faircloth	Exhorter	North Carolina-Western	Shawn J Hitt	Ordained Bishop	Colorado
Lancing Mark Falagan	Ordained Minister	Ministry to Military	Travis Nathan Hitte	Ordained Bishop	Ohio
Terry Wayne Farley	Exhorter	West Virginia	Zane Douglas Hodge	Ordained Bishop	Mississippi
Jerry Lynn Feathers	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee	Patricia W Hodges	Music Minister	South Carolina
James Fred Ferguson	Ordained Bishop	West Virginia	Robert Gene Hodo	Ordained Bishop	Alabama
Matthew E Ferrell	Ordained Minister	Kentucky	Eric D Holley	Ordained Bishop	Ohio
Lynn A Finlayson	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa	Betty Cobb Hollifield	Ordained Minister	Tennessee
Marcelo Florian M	Ordained Minister	Guatemala South	Dan K Holloway	Ordained Bishop	Ohio
Rebecca D Fogleman	Exhorter	Nebraska	Charles Herbert Hoots	Ordained Minister	Michigan
Nathan W Forrister	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-North	Gerald Horne	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-South
Errol Francis	Ordained Minister	Connecticut	R C Horton	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa
Mateo Francisco	Ordained Minister	Guatemala Ixcan	Stephen Dale Hoskins	Ordained Bishop	Ohio
Larry E Frazier	Ordained Minister	Tennessee	Shawn Steven Howard	Ordained Bishop	Illinois-Great Lakes Region
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Michael Lavoy Fugatt	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee	Harold Gene Hudson	Music Minister	Alabama
Braulia Colomba Gómez Sunun	Exhorter	Guatemala Central	Colie S Hughes	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Lonnie Gable Jr	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee	Carroll Hurley	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Alger P Galloway	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina	Ray Edward Hurt	Ordained Bishop	West Virginia
Luz Garcia	Ordained Minister	Northwestern Hispanic	Rodney Dane Inscoc Sr	Exhorter	North Carolina-Eastern
Eugene Cliff Garner	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee	Samuel M Irving	Ordained Bishop	Oregon
Brandon M Gates	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee	Honore Jacques Jr	Exhorter	New York
Kurian George	Ordained Bishop	New York	Raglan A James	Ordained Minister	Maryland
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John Sidney Goff	Ordained Bishop	Pennsylvania	T Henry Jenkins III	Christian Ed. Minister	North Carolina-Western
C W Goforth	Ordained Bishop	Texas	Larry Kenneth Jenkins Jr	Ordained Bishop	North Carolina-Western
J D Golden	Ordained Bishop	Alabama	Harold R Jennings	Ordained Bishop	Alabama

John D Johnson	Exhorter	Bahamas	Samps Allen Meeks	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-South
Raphael N Johnson	Ordained Bishop	New York	Editta Meletich	Ordained Minister	Southeastern Hispanic
James Phillip Jones	Ordained Bishop	Alabama	Richard Edward Melvin	Ordained Bishop	Alabama
Joseph M Jones	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-North	William Larry Menzo	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Mary Adams Jones	Ordained Minister	Florida-Cocoa	Loida Lee Mercado	Ordained Minister	North Central Hispanic
Sarah Ellen Jones	Ordained Minister	South Carolina	James Franklin Merriman	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee
Stephen K Joseph	Ordained Minister	Pennsylvania	Dolores Lynn Merritt	Exhorter	Kansas
Paulo Loloa Kakiva	Ordained Minister	Nevada	Alfred E Miles	Ordained Minister	Virginia
Robert E Kelley	Ordained Minister	South Carolina	Alford Augustus Miller	Ordained Bishop	Connecticut
Kenneth Leroy Kerbo	Ordained Bishop	Oklahoma	Ronald Clyde Miller Jr	Ordained Bishop	West Virginia
Charles David King	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee	Michael G Milligan	Ordained Minister	Alabama
Noah L King	Ordained Bishop	West Virginia	Richard Lee Mills	Exhorter	Ohio
Joan Elaine Kirby	Exhorter	Georgia-North	Dorothy L Millsbaugh	Ordained Minister	Illinois
Richard Kirk	Exhorter	Kentucky	Roland Bob Minton	Ordained Minister	Michigan
Jack Lamar Kirkendall	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee	John Burl Moates	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-North
Eberhard Bob Kuschel	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa	Linus Mocz-Richter	Ordained Bishop	Germany
James R Lafferty	Ordained Bishop	West Virginia	Edward Lee Moore	Ordained Bishop	Texas
John Dale Lamb	Ordained Bishop	Ohio	R Edwin Morris	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
Randall J Lambert	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina	Larry Sherrill Morrow	Ordained Bishop	North Carolina-Western
Timothy Wayne Landmon	Ordained Minister	Georgia-North	Larry Hughes Morse	Ordained Bishop	Illinois
Anthony Kevin Landon	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina	Samuel A Mortimer	Ordained Bishop	Bahamas
James Mack Landreth	Music Minister	South Carolina	Robert Jerry Mullaly	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa
Carroll E Landreth Jr	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee	David Earl Munger	Ordained Bishop	Ohio
Floyd Hugh Lawhon	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa	Gwendolyn W Mungin	Ordained Minister	Florida-Cocoa
Queen Ester Lawton	Ordained Minister	Florida-Cocoa	John Henry Munson Jr	Ordained Minister	Colorado
James Williams Layne	Exhorter	Texas	Joe Riley Muse Jr	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa
Carolyn Faye Lee	Music Minister	Florida-Tampa	Delos John Myers	Ordained Minister	Florida-Tampa
Jimmy Orvel Leek Sr	Ordained Bishop	Kentucky	Aubrey John Nalls	Ordained Bishop	California
Oscar Lem Laj	Exhorter	Guatemala North Central	Earl A Naquin	Ordained Bishop	Louisiana
Armando Leon Garcia	Exhorter	Guatemala Northeastern	Daniel L Nash	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
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Ruth Crawford Lindsey	Christian Ed. Minister	Tennessee	Virgil Earl Nettles	Ordained Bishop	Louisiana
Otis Cassie Linville	Exhorter	West Virginia	Max Otis Newham	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-South
Donald Leo Little	Ordained Minister	Virginia	Jessie May Newman-Munson	Ordained Minister	Georgia-North
Margaret Faye Locklear	Exhorter	North Carolina-Eastern	Clarence L Nichols	Exhorter	South Carolina
Edwin A Long III	Ordained Bishop	North Carolina-Eastern	Dusan Nicin	Ordained Bishop	Canada-Ontario
Elizabeth June Looney	Exhorter	Ohio	Robert Loio Noah	Ordained Minister	Hawaii
Kenneth Ray Looney	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-North	Eddie Robert Noel	Ordained Bishop	West Virginia
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Juan B. Lorenzo	Exhorter	Guatemala Southwestern	Jesús J. Orozco Barrios	Ordained Minister	Guatemala Southwestern
James Milton Love	Exhorter	Tennessee	Fidel R Orozco M	Exhorter	Guatemala South
Francisco Lozada	Ordained Bishop	North Central Hispanic	Pilar Ortiz	Ordained Minister	Southeastern Hispanic
James Michael Lucas	Ordained Bishop	West Virginia	Dannie Ray Overton	Ordained Bishop	Kentucky
Benjamin J Lumley	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-North	Bobby W Owens	Exhorter	Kentucky
Robert K MacDonald	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa	Frank D Palermo	Ordained Bishop	Florida-Tampa
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Tilma Doris Marrero	Exhorter	Panama	Charles W Peake	Ordained Minister	Virginia
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Julius Oren Martin	Ordained Bishop	New Mexico	Roberto Perez	Ordained Bishop	Mid-Atlantic Hispanic
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Gary Dean McKinley	Exhorter	Colorado	David Lee Pratt	Ordained Bishop	Ohio
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Oliver Lewis McMahan	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee	George M Prosser	Ordained Bishop	Canada-Western

Dennis Joel Pruitt	Ordained Bishop	Pennsylvania	Thomas David Sustar	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
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Aaron Tex Randolph	Ordained Bishop	Maryland	Nikolay N Tatishvily	Ordained Minister	Ukraine
Jeannette Raphino	Exhorter	Florida-Tampa	Leon Ronald Teachey Sr	Ordained Minister	North Carolina-Eastern
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Farley Ridout	Ordained Bishop	Pennsylvania	Margaret Ann Thompson	Ordained Minister	North Carolina-Western
Edward Jackson Rigby	Ordained Bishop	Georgia-South	Alex Frank Thompson III	Ordained Minister	Alabama
Gary Ronald Robbins	Ordained Minister	Alabama	John Harold Thorpe	Ordained Minister	Florida-Tampa
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Edna W Runner	Ordained Minister	Florida-Cocoa	Bill B Tussey Jr	Exhorter	Kentucky
Laureta Birazon Sales	Ordained Minister	California	Marcos Tzunux Maldonado	Ordained Minister	Guatemala Western
Ray H Sanders	Ordained Bishop	Tennessee	Johnny Keith Vance	Ordained Bishop	Mississippi
Jeff Wayne Sanford	Ordained Minister	Alabama	Robert Clay Vance	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
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Peggy Scarborough	Ordained Minister	South Carolina	Eugene Loring Vaughan	Ordained Bishop	South Carolina
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## TIMELINE

### Lee University Awards First Doctoral Degrees

**May 11, 2023—Cleveland, TN**—Six students from Lee’s Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program in Marriage and Family Therapy recently became the university’s first doctoral graduates in their respective programs. Three Ed.D. and three Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) graduates successfully defended their dissertations this semester and received their degrees during the university’s spring commencement, which took place on May 6, 2023. All six graduates were recognized during a special hooding service, which took place in Pangle Hall as part of the commencement ceremonies.

Launched in fall 2020, the Ed.D. Program in Professional Practice seeks to develop passionate and empathetic educational leaders through the practice of ethical action, redemptive service, and responsible citizenship in the church, community, and the world. The program was developed by faculty in the Lee University HDCOE and Local Education Agency partners. The mission of the Lee University Marriage and Family Therapy Doctoral Program is to prepare leaders in the marriage and family field that serve the underserved through Christian organizations and their surrounding communities. ♦

### PTS Signs Historic MOA

**August 15, 2023—Cleveland, TN**—On the campus of the Pentecostal Theological Seminary, a ceremony signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), convened with two significant Pentecostal denominations: The Pentecostal Theological Seminary—A Church of God Ministry, and the Charles H. Mason Theological Seminary of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC).



Leaders of the Church of God, Church of God in Christ, and Pentecostal Theological Seminary celebrate the historic signing on August 14, 2023.

The MOA provides for a collaborative partnership reflecting a primary purpose to promote the highest quality in academic programming in the area of theological studies. Dr. Michael L. Baker, PTS President, stated, “Today was momentous and historic as representatives from both Pentecostal denominations signed the MOA, joining hearts and hands to prepare men and women called of God for Spirit-filled, Spirit-led ministry around the world. Together, our Pentecostal synergy will touch every nation on every continent with the Spirit and Power of Pentecost.” ♦

### Church of God in Hawaii Continues Relief Efforts After Maui Fire

**August 17, 2023—Lahaina, HI**—General Overseer Tim Hill and Secretary General Gary Lewis conducted a Zoom call on Wednesday, August 16, with Hawaii State Overseer Rob Taylor, who gave an update on the efforts of relief and recovery following last week’s devastating fires on Maui. The International Christian Fellowship (ICF) Church of God in Lahaina was completely destroyed by the wildfires which has wiped out the town and left more than 100 dead as of Wednesday. Taylor reported that the outpouring of relief on the state has been overwhelming.



Only ashes remain of the Church of God in Lahaina after wildfires decimated the historic town.

“Response by the Church of God family has been amazing,” Taylor said. “We have been able to transport over 5.5 tons of supplies, including toiletries, diapers, food, and water. Goods have come from all the islands, and local air services shipped the initial supplies for free. This direct touch outreach has been a blessing to watch.”

Taylor described how the home of Benny Mariano, pastor of the ICF Church, was miraculously spared from the fires, but they are now housing nine families. “Benny is a tremendous leader,” Taylor said. “Two of their staff lost their homes and are now staying in Wailuku, much like the 12,000 residents of Lahaina who have dispersed across Maui and to the other islands. While hotels and shelters on Maui are full, these fires have affected all of Hawaii.”

“We are standing with Pastor Benny, you, and the Church of God in Hawaii,” said Hill. Lewis, who serves as the Covenant Team leader for Hawaii said, “This is going to be a journey, and we are going to continue to pray for God to receive the ultimate glory through it all.”

Taylor ended the call sharing the heart of the Church of God going forward as three-fold: (1) Relief—the supplying of basic needs; (2) Recovery—determining the new normal for those affected by the disaster; and (3) Rebuild—looking for the best approach toward rebuilding the historic Lahaina church. ♦

### Walker Resigns Lee Presidency; Conn Appointed

**March 19, 2024—Cleveland, TN**—Lee University president, Dr. Mark Walker, notified the school’s Board of Directors that he will not seek a second four-year term and will conclude his presidency on May 5, 2024.

Walker announced his decision to the Lee faculty and staff in a meeting Monday afternoon on campus. “My wife Udella and I have enjoyed our four years in this role,” he said, “but after lots of prayer and reflection, we are confident that our time as president is now complete.”

May 5 is the date of Lee’s spring commencement exercises, which will be Walker’s final activity as president.

Board chairman, Wade Lombard, a Texas businessman, praised Walker’s commitment to Lee during his four years as president and a prior term of three years as vice president for ministerial development. “We on the board have worked closely with Dr. Walker during these last four years, and all of us appreciate his hard work and dedication to our students and mission.”

Prior to coming to Lee in 2017, the Walkers served for twenty-five years as senior pastors of Mount Paran North Church of God in Marietta, Georgia.

In accepting his desire not to seek a second term, members of the Lee Board of Directors expressed appreciation for his contributions at Lee. “He has the heart of a pastor,” one said in Monday’s meeting, “and that has certainly shown in his care for students and their love for him.” Others noted the many challenges which the president faced during his term, which began in August 2020 at the height of the Covid crisis.

Lombard said the school is planning various events during April to celebrate the Walker presidential legacy and express appreciation for his accomplishments.

The Lee board also voted unanimously to ask Dr. Paul Conn, a long-time veteran of the Lee administration who was Walker’s predecessor, to accept a one-year appointment as president and chancellor, to lead the school through this transition and begin the search for a new permanent president. Conn has accepted the appointment of the Lee University Board of Directors, to begin May 5. ♦





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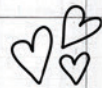
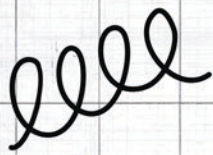
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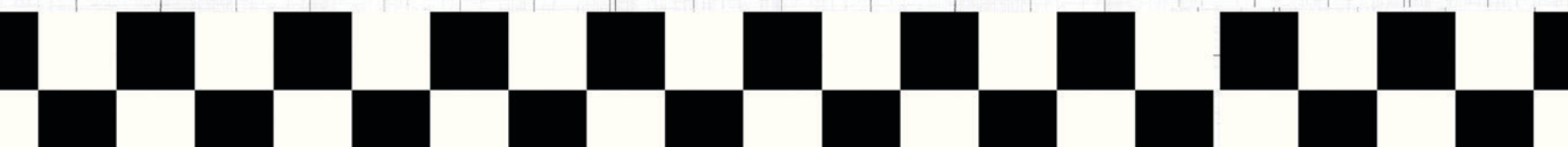
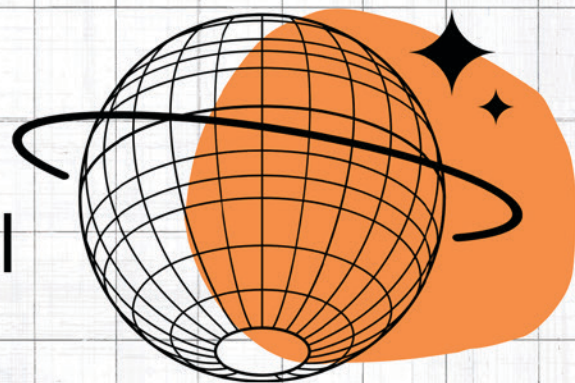
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