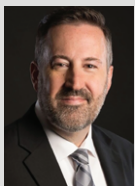


# Are you expecting? for a 2<sup>nd</sup>-Century PCG



## The Expectation of One Mission—One Movement By Dr. Wayman Ming Jr.

Loved ones, we are beginning our Centennial year, and our PCG family from across the country and around the globe will soon gather together in Irving, Texas, to “celebrate our story” and “seize our destiny.” A new chapter will be written—the “First Chapter of a 2<sup>ND</sup>-CENTURY PCG.”

In 2018, our Heavenly Father began a spiritual download concerning four words: One Mission—One Movement. With prophetic revelation, He began challenging us with the notion that the PCG started as a missional movement in 1919 and once again, must live as a missional movement in 2019.

**In 1919, we had missional expectations, and in 2019, we must have missional expectations... What are you expecting God to do in 2019, our Centennial year?**

When we reflect on our initial gathering in 1919, phrases such as “taking the gospel to those outside of Pentecost” and “aggressive evangelism” affirmed our passion to live as an inclusive, grassroots movement of people committed to moving the mission of Christ forward by the power of the Spirit. Statements that specified we would “open up works in new districts in the United States” and pursue “foreign missionary work” clearly and specifically affirmed our resolve to plant churches and reach the world with the gospel.

In 1919, we had missional expectations, and in 2019, we must have missional expectations. In fact, our expectations remain essential in receiving the promises of God. There is something about our expectations that attract God’s presence and power to engage in those pursuits.

When a husband and wife discover they are pregnant, they will often say, “We are expecting.” Of course, if they have already conceived children, they will say, “We are expecting again.” Here’s the all-important question for you: “Are you expecting?” And if you already witnessed the spiritual birth of God’s promises in your life, are you expecting again? Are you pregnant with the plans and purposes of God again?”

In the Acts 3 account of the lame man at the temple gate, we read that he experienced healing at the hands of Peter and John. Yet, the most important part of the event may have taken place in verse five when the lame man “gave them his attention, EXPECTING to receive something from them.” Certainly, he may have been expecting something different from what the apostles supplied, but I believe his expectation provided the breeding ground for his miracle.

Loved ones, God looks for people who are expecting! He longs for people who pray with expectation, serve with expectation, and give with expectation. When we pursue godly expectations, our greatest miracles won’t be found behind us, but in front of us. Actually, Satan is not really afraid of our past or even our present but our future. When we have greater expectations, he attacks with greater intensity. When he knows there is something (which has not yet appeared) that will bless our world and advance the Kingdom of God, he attacks with greater ferocity.

The promise of 1 Corinthians 2:9 remains undeniable: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” Here’s the good news—God has done great things for you, but He is preparing even greater things for you. So, allow me to ask the question again, “What are you expecting in 2019, our Centennial year?”

Perhaps your expectations will include sharing your faith with someone or seeing your spouse or children saved. Or, maybe your expectations will include training for youth or worship ministry or doing missions work in a foreign country. Or, you may even have an expectation that includes building a business, receiving a promotion, or running for an office to impact your community. Whatever your expectations are, allow me to encourage you to write them down and pursue them by the power of the Spirit. If you aim at nothing, you hit nothing. If you don’t take the shot, you won’t score. In fact, you will always miss 100 percent of the shots you don’t take.



In the January 2018 edition of the *Pentecostal Messenger*, we began pursuing some expectations for the Pentecostal Church of God. Often, we don't take the time to celebrate the progress of our expectations. So, let's celebrate the progress of...

## OUR EXPECTATIONS FROM 2018

### 1) Introduce *One Mission—One Movement* to our PCG Family

During 2018, we introduced One Mission—One Movement in the U.S. and around the globe. From our three regional Encounters and several district gatherings to our military chaplaincy and Hispanic Conference, our family of faith in the U.S. heard the call to live as a missional movement. Then, for the first time in the history of the Pentecostal Church of God, three continents or regions—Africa, Asia, and the Americas (with approximately forty-five nations)—gathered together to engage in the same message and mission. With some in laughter and some in tears, national leaders were lifting their index fingers and declaring, “One Mission—One Movement.”

Also, an exciting Communications Team was established at the International Mission Center to utilize the full extent of social media through our [pcg.org](http://pcg.org) website, Facebook, Instagram, and brand new PCG APP. With intentionality, we communicated the missional stories of our PCG family from various places and events. In fact, we believe that one of the unique contributions that a 2<sup>nd</sup>-Century PCG will make for our day and time will include missional movement through information technology.

### 2) Create an Easy-Access, Entry Level to the Credential Process for Young Leaders under Thirty

Because of the horrifying statistic from our previous General Convention that **only four percent (4%) of our ministers hold credentials under 30**, we decided to create an entry-level experience for our young leaders to discover their calling and determine whether or not to engage in five-fold vocational ministry. A “Young Leader’s Task Force” was established to develop a collaborative, online experience that would allow our young leaders to engage in a group coaching experience, qualifying them for their Exhorter’s License.

This entry level—now known as the “Forerunner Experience”—was introduced at our Summerfest in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, with the goal of encouraging churches and districts to identify 5-7 young leaders who would engage in a twelve-week experience of ministry discovery. Several young leaders are preparing to get involved in the Forerunner Experience in 2019; and our expectation is to provide a pilot experience for a select group of churches and districts at the beginning of 2019, while launching for all churches and districts in fall 2019. More information can be accessed through [forerunner.pcg.org](http://forerunner.pcg.org).



### 3) Re-form the National Office into an International Mission Center (IMC)

The ultimate purpose for the International Headquarters should include providing missional training and resources for our PCG family in the U.S. and around the globe. With this in mind, our General Board (comprised of our district leaders) changed the name of the International Headquarters to the International Mission Center.

Our expectation to include online resources, such as the 21-Day Prayer Guide, was initiated and made available on [pcg.org](http://pcg.org) leading up to Pentecost Sunday. Several churches downloaded this resource and engaged their congregations in twenty-one days of fasting and prayer.

Furthermore, because multiplying new ministers, missionaries, and church planters must accelerate our missional pace, we prepared three tracks of training to launch in 2019:

- New Leadership Coaching—for new ministers and missionaries
- Church Plant Coaching—for church planters and multi-cultural leaders
- Church Health Coaching—for existing pastors and leaders

The Ministry Intensives will provide a one-year experience with two on-site training weeks provided April 1-5 and October 7-11. More information can be accessed through [pcg.org/intensives](http://pcg.org/intensives).

Also, we were excited to welcome Messenger College to the International Mission Center for the fall Semester of 2018. The excitement of seeing the Messenger College faculty, staff, and students on the International Mission Center campus cannot be overstated. A new chapter began for a 2<sup>nd</sup>-Century Messenger College, and missional movement is now at the forefront of its purpose and calling.

Thankfully, we are continuing to build upon our expectations from 2018 into 2019. Often, expectations remain in a continual process of improvement as we seek to carry our expectations for tomorrow into today.

## OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR 2019

At the beginning of this article, the question was asked, “What are you expecting in 2019, our Centennial year?” Candidly, I asked the question because I would like to inspire you with the “Expectation of One Mission—One Movement.”

One of the exciting benefits of identifying ourselves with the PCG is that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves. We can move the mission of Christ forward on a national and global stage. Consequently, may we be inspired together by the following expectations for 2019.

### 1) Engage in *One Mission—One Movement* with your PCG Family

Whereas, introducing One Mission—One Movement was significant in 2018, engaging in One Mission—One Movement is paramount for 2019. In fact, we are asking as many people and churches as possible to “join the movement” in the following ways...

#### SHARE YOUR FAITH

Our personal mission and our PCG mission are the same—to win the lost and equip and send the found. We simply engage our neighborhoods, communities, and world as Jesus did in the first century. We literally become salt and light to the world (Matt. 5:14-16). What would the PCG look like if every person, every church, every district, and every nation would live the mission of Christ in their world by the power of the Spirit?

How is this possible? First, simply start by praying for the lost. Reaching the lost will remain difficult without having a burden for the lost. Second, write down a three-minute version of your God story. When the opportunity presents itself, be ready to give an answer to anyone who may inquire concerning your hope in Christ. Finally, build relational equity with pre-Christians so you can introduce them to Christ. Thankfully, sharing your faith is a God expectation and not just a PCG expectation.

#### PARTICIPATE IN THE CENTENNIAL

Our Centennial Celebration is scheduled for June 24-27 in Irving, Texas. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime celebration as we not only “celebrate our story” but also “seize our destiny. This will be OUR time to begin a 2<sup>nd</sup>-Century PCG. Don't miss it, and don't allow your family and friends to miss it. To register or receive further information, please visit [one.pcg.org](http://one.pcg.org).



**ENGAGE IN OUR IMPACTING ETERNITY WEEKEND**

On September 13-15, 2019, we will engage together as a missional movement to share Christ. Impacting life is fun, but impacting eternity is fulfilling. When ONLY one soul is transformed by the love of Christ, we impact eternity.

During our Impacting Eternity Weekend, we are encouraging every person to share Christ with someone, every church to share Christ through an outreach, and every PCG district to share Christ through an inner-city mission. Friends, all of us are busy pursuing the mission of Christ throughout the year; surely we can come together as One Mission—One Movement to engage in something bigger than ourselves on one weekend. Can you imagine the stories and, more specifically, how we will Impact Eternity?

**GIVE TOWARD ONE MISSION—ONE MOVEMENT**

Near the end of 2017, I was seeking the Lord saying, “Lord, how can we see missional movement in the PCG again without the necessary financial resources? We don’t have the finances to change the missional trajectory of the PCG.” Immediately, the Lord impressed me to challenge every PCG person, pastor, and leader to give to One Mission—One Movement. Within a matter of minutes, He provided the following “Giving Plan and Challenge” for every dollar contributed.

**Giving Plan:**

- One-Third to World Missions (including Global Crusades and Mission Centers for Training)
- One-Third to U.S. Missions (including Church Planting and Inner-City Outreach)
- One-Third to Ministry Multiplication (including our Ministry Intensives and Church Coaching)

**Giving Challenge**

1000 people – Giving \$11 per month  
100 churches/districts/businesses – Giving \$110 per month  
10 churches/districts/businesses – Giving \$1,100 per month  
1 church/district/business – Giving \$11,000 per month

So, I decided to share my heart with you and ask you to consider giving to One Mission—One Movement. Together, we can change the missional trajectory of the PCG!

**2) Engage Young Leaders (under Thirty) in the Forerunner Experience**

One of the greatest needs in the PCG is multiplying ministry in the next generations. In 2018, we experienced the greatest number of participants in our Teen Talent Expo than ever before. That’s right ... our largest number of young leaders! Now, we must come alongside them to help them connect their talent to the Kingdom. How can they gift who they are and what they’ve been given back to God? The answer to that question contains “Kingdom significance” and “five-fold ministry impact.”

To our young leaders under thirty, I would encourage you to connect with our Forerunner Experience at [forerunner.pcg.org](http://forerunner.pcg.org). This may be the very experience that enables you to “impact eternity” with your life and calling. To our church and district leaders, I would challenge you to identify 5-7 young leaders and sponsor them to engage in the Forerunner Experience during the fall 2019. What a great action step coming out of our Centennial Celebration! It’s time we coach our young leaders to be what God wants them to be, do what God wants them to do, and go where God wants them to go.

**3) Engage Leaders in Training at the International Mission Center (IMC)**

Multiplying ministry is imperative for missional movement! We must begin somehow and somewhere, and our IMC Ministry Intensives are that somehow and somewhere. To those of you who want to sharpen and develop your ministry skills, check our [pcg.org/intensives](http://pcg.org/intensives). To our church and district leaders, I challenge you to identify potential and existing pastors, youth pastors, worship pastors, missionaries, and church planters and send them through the Ministry Intensives. If you will identify and sponsor them, we will train them and send them back to you with a passionate pursuit to engage in missional movement. Allow 2019 to be a game-changer for multiplying ministry.



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**IN CONCLUSION...**

Many of you know that I have been asking the question, “Do we have an organizational machine or a missional movement?” If the former is true, that may not be too much of an indictment because most denominations find themselves in the same place—spending the majority of their time oiling the machinery rather than pursuing the mission of God. Fortunately, in the PCG, we have made a decision to live as a missional movement again. Allow me to reinforce what I shared during this time last year.

**1) Let us continue to seek God for a missional heart**

As the people of God, we must decide that anything less than sharing our faith and engaging in the mission of Christ remains unacceptable. All our decisions and processes must filter through the grid of winning the lost and equipping and sending the found. The solution that we seek in the Spirit must remain tethered to a missional heart.

**2) Let us implement strategic plans to multiply ministers and churches**

Accidental church growth doesn’t work. We must act intentionally and incrementally to multiply our ministers and missionaries, plant new churches, and grow our existing churches. That is why the Forerunner Experience and our Ministry Intensives must remain at the center of our missional movement.

**3) Let us engage in every church’s and district’s growth**

We must actively commit to not only seeing OUR churches and OUR districts grow, but also seeing ALL churches and ALL districts grow. We must exchange the “me mindset” for the “we mindset.” The PCG will not experience missional movement if we remain on an independent course of “my church, my district, and my movement.”

Loved ones, here’s the good news! We are on our way to living as a grassroots movement of people who live the mission of God in our world by the power of the Spirit. As a 2nd-Century PCG, we must return to our roots and live as a missional movement again with every person as a mission, every church as a mission, and every PCG district and nation as a mission.

The Pentecostal Church of God will only grow if our dreams and expectations exceed our doubts. Our expectations make the future possible, and without the power of expectation, we will essentially miss our divine moment. Our experience may define our present, but our expectation determines our future. If you will join the movement, the PCG will never be the same again.