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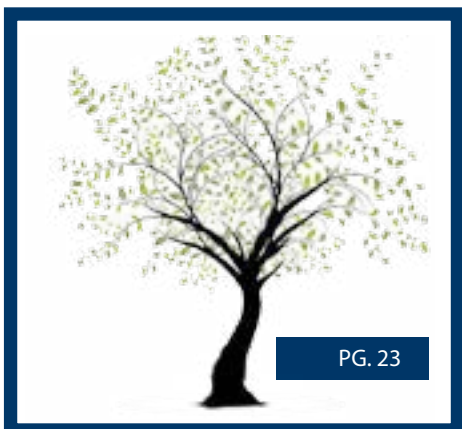
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IN THIS ISSUE

This issue of the *Pentecostal Messenger* focuses on General Convention 2015. As this exciting time approaches, we have kept the idea of Transformation on our hearts. In order to continue growing as a unified church, we are learning to embrace God's transformation within ourselves. We are learning to listen to His message so that we may better serve others as we grow.

Throughout this edition, we cover all the necessary steps to make registering and attending General Convention and Summerfest 2015 a breeze. We explain how to easily register online, suggest where to book a great hotel, and reveal the week's events all in one issue. We have even created websites for more information. In addition, there are outlines explaining the coming transformations within our PCG Church structure. This issue also contains narratives from our leadership regarding challenges faced during times of change and thoughts on embracing God's word in our hearts and lives. We pray that you are opened and gently guided as we connect with you on the transformation of our amazing PCG family.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May

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MAY 1-31, 2015

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May

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ENCOUNTER CONFERENCE



On the heels of the holiday season, PCG leaders jump started the New Year with an inspirational Encounter Conference held January 10-11 in Jefferson City, Missouri. More than 300 people from multiple states gathered at Solid Rock Family Worship Center for a weekend of motivation and connection as captivating speakers delivered messages highlighting this year's theme of "WAKE." The annual program is designed to bring multi-generational leaders together, regardless of age or position, with a focus on developing "NEXT-GEN leaders." This year's event didn't disappoint, as a powerful worship team from the local church and SOS (Spirit of St. Louis) guided current and future leaders including bishops, pastors, youth directors, and students. Keynote speaker Ron Luce's call to action was clear when he said, "It is better to die with no potential left, rather than dying knowing you could have given more." His compelling message encouraged conference attendees to WAKE up and walk the path that God has laid out for each of us; and underscored the importance of mentoring and fostering the next generation of leadership. 

Photos by Caleb Coleman

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TRANSFORMATIONAL TRUTHS



Transformation is the heart of Jesus. He changed water into wine, a madman into a missionary, a prostitute into a preacher, lepers into leapers, weepers into worshippers, and fishermen into fishers of men. He changed doubters into disciples. His sacrifice transformed the cross from an instrument of death into a symbol of life. He transformed me when He saved me. He will change me from natural to spiritual. Simply put, Jesus transforms.

Transformation is fundamental for followers of Christ.

Paul used the Greek term *metamorphōō*, which means “change after being with,” to describe the continual progressive state of the believer (source: <http://biblehub.com/greek/3339.htm>). Transformation occurs in the Presence of God. Therefore, it is impossible to experience the Presence of God and remain the same.

Moses encountered the Glory of God to the extent that he placed a veil upon his face (Exodus 34:35). Paul explains in 2 Corinthians 3:7-13 that the veil kept the Israelites from looking at a fading glory. Moses saw the Glory of the Law fading away and he had nothing to offer them but a fading glory. The Covenant of the Law must fade into the Covenant of Grace. Paul explains that when a person turns from the fading Glory of the Law to the eternal Glory of Grace, the veil is removed, the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Progressive godly transformation is always resisted by veils—false coverings that keep people from seeing the ultimate plan of God. Paul concludes that those of us in grace are looking at the Glory of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:18), and we are being transformed into the same image of Jesus from glory to glory.

Godly transformation flows from revelation.

Revelation requires application.

The application of revelation creates manifestation.

Manifestation culminates in transformation.

Jesus said to Peter, “Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in Heaven” (paraphrase Matthew 16:17). Hearing revelation from another person has merit but can result in less than Spirit-intended transformation. Living on surrogate revelation can produce spiritual death.

Revelation produces an opportunity for application. Spiritual progress is missed when application is unused. An elliptical machine resides in our home. There are many mornings after coffee, devotionals

and prayers, I intend to use that cursed contraption. It rarely happens. I don’t like it. It hurts. I have other stuff to do. Therefore, no application. Revelation unapplied has little to no value.

Revelation applied brings manifestation. God’s Word will not return void (Isaiah 55:11). The manifestation of God’s work comes in seasons. Elijah experienced seasons: drought, famine, loneliness, etc. In each season, God manifested His provision to the prophet. Ravens fed by the brook. A widow’s flour jar fed him. Resurrection power confirmed him. A repaired altar renewed him. Heaven’s fire endorsed him. Rain clouds covered him.

We obey. God displays.


Revelation.

Application.

Manifestation.

Transformation.

Our theology must not be a bailout theology: “God please bail me out of my problems.” Instead we must walk in revelation insight, apply the Word of Truth, and await God’s manifestation. These lead to continual transformation, which in turn leads to the ultimate transformation.

“For I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep. But, we shall all be changed” (1 Corinthians 15:51). We will be transformed until we all see eye to eye. 

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Bishop Roy M. Chappel 1981

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

While the Pentecostal Church of God's commitment to devotion, growth, and leadership through the years has not changed, the style of our General Conventions certainly has! Take a look at the PCG's past.



Convention 1973



Bishop James Gee 1993



Bishop R. Dennis Heard



Convention 2007



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Convention 1997



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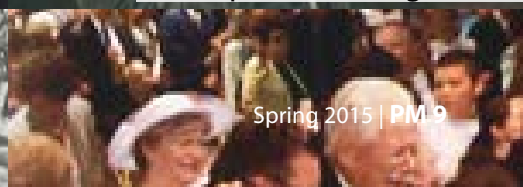


General Secretary Ron Minor...

& wife Gwen 1993



Bishop Phil Redding 2003



ALTERED PLANS



Recently, a wedding shower was held for one of our employees and her fiancé (Lacy and Juan) at PCG Headquarters. During the festivities, Bishop Scott asked each of us to share a few words of wisdom for newlyweds. We did, and there was some great advice offered for this terrific couple as we heard about their future plans and celebrated with them. Now those of us

who are married can attest that wedding planning quickly turns into life planning, and life...well, let's just say not every detail goes according to plan.

At one time or another, for whatever reason, we all face adversity and find ourselves (often as part of a couple) weathering a storm. So there is one question I believe Lacy and Juan, and each of us for that matter, must be willing to deal with: "What happens if your dreams don't come true...when the best laid plans crumble...when a door slams closed in your face?" How do you respond? Do you go down in defeat? Do you feel as though God has abandoned you?

The next question we must all ask ourselves is, "Are we willing to settle for an option—perhaps a second or third choice?" I believe there are times when God will orchestrate a series of events in our life for the purpose of bringing us to a point of decision. We are led to evaluate our circumstances and consider other possibilities. These times are important because it gives us an opportunity to make sure we're on the same page with God and to affirm we're doing His will and not ours.

What I have found, we often say in the valley of decision, is to "follow your heart." There are times when that's the best advice we can abide by, but it's not always the case. Prior to be voted in as PCG World Missions director, there were two churches that I always thought I would like to pastor. Both of these churches came open and I received a call from each. My heart, my emotions, and my feelings were screaming "do it, do it, do it;" but inside a still small voice was saying "this is not what God has in mind for you." A short time later I was voted into the world missions' position. What I originally thought must be God's plan, wasn't. I've learned that not every opportunity will be the path God has in mind for you.

Whistler, a famous artist who didn't start out to be an artist, had initially pursued ministry. When a career in religion didn't suit him, he applied to West Point. But when he wasn't able to master chemistry, he left West Point. After failing at his first two choices, he then pursued painting, which he had learned from his father. Whistler began collecting books on art and studying other artist's techniques. When he

arrived in Paris in 1855, he rented a studio in the Latin Quarter and the rest is history. Whistler became known all over the world for his contribution to his field.

Whistler's story is actually a common one among many of us—we can relate to his struggle. Oh what we go through in an effort to find our niche in this world! While serving as bishop in Southern California, I recall a young man who was all over the chart. He followed one ministry after another—constantly having difficulty in deciding what he believed, where he should go, and what he should pursue, which resulted in one wrong decision after another. A minister commenting about his unsettledness said, "He's just trying to find his way." I get it because I've been there. Life is not always as clear as we would like because there are so many things affecting our thought processes. Needless to say, we can become vulnerable—leading to erroneous choices along the way.

On the other hand, there will be times when you feel you've done everything right. You've prayed about your decision; you feel good about it and believe it is God's will, and then you are blind sighted and everything changes. What do you do? Well I say, "If you can't change it, alter it, or do something about it, forget it and move on." God has something better in mind. ☒

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Service7:00pm

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KINGDOM SHIFT

BY TONY MILLER

"THE BEND IN THE
ROAD IS NOT THE
END OF THE ROAD"

Several years ago I was struggling with the realities of transition and change when I read an old proverb that seemed to sum things up. It said, "The bend in the road is not the end of the road, unless you fail to make the turn!" It was at that moment I realized, more clearly than ever, that life in general is ever-changing and life in the Kingdom of God is full of continual change. A changeless God is continually working change in us! In fact, the term "God" in scripture is a verb! He is moving!

We are living at a time when the earth is experiencing tremendous birth pangs—cultural upheavals, unusual weather patterns, shifting political allegiances—all indicators that we are standing on the threshold of a new day. Jesus declared that reality would exist as the clash of the

kingdoms became more manifest and there emerged a generation that would demonstrate the Kingdom of God with boldness and authority.

In Isaiah 43:18, 19, the prophet declared, "... I do a new thing ...". It is interesting that while preparing the people for the changes that were going to take place, he never attempts to define what the "new thing" is. What wisdom! I have found that in every new season that we experience, if we seek to define it what we end up doing is confining it. In most incidents the real challenge for us is to discern the "bend in the road," and not seek to make every new thing fit into our preconceived Bible formulas. The Kingdom shifts we are experiencing and must embrace are more than a faddish, stylistic facelift. Rather, it is more like an extreme makeover! God is at work reforming his church.

Some time ago, while in a meeting with Pastor Jack Hayford from Church on the Way in Van Nuys, California, I was challenged by the impact of a statement he made concerning this next season of church life. He said, "The catalyst for a spiritual reformation is the willingness to be re-shaped." WOW! I strongly believe that what the Spirit of God is doing in the earth today is establishing reformational churches that, like the sons of Issachar, understand their times and know how to respond. The key to becoming a person of reformation or a reformational church is the willingness to be reshaped or changed. Those who are sensitive to God know the importance of being on the front end of a change, rather than being forced into change. The first is proactive and the result of choice. The other is reactive and the result of pressure. Somewhere inside each of you, I believe, is a strong desire to grow and enlarge your capacity. To live on a different level demands that you hunger on a different level. I learned a long time ago that people never change what they are willing to tolerate! As long as you are content to be broke or in

debt, you will never prosper or live debt free. As long as you are satisfied to be alone and isolated, you will never seek to build proper

**"WE HAVE BEEN
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THE KINGDOM OF LIGHT..."**
COLOSSIANS 1:12

relationships. To embrace change—to shift—most often requires intentionality to be successful.

As we begin to discern the shifts that are taking place in the Kingdom, each one will require that we think on a different level. Some of the mindsets that have prevailed in previous days will not embrace this new day. I challenge you to allow the Holy Spirit to renew your mind as we discuss a few of the Kingdom shifts that are taking place in our world!

FROM CHURCH TO KINGDOM

The first shift I want to look at is this shifting from a "church mentality" to a "Kingdom mentality." It is important that we understand what is happening in the big picture.

Most Christians think in terms of church. By that I mean the local assembly of saints that we gather with on a regular basis for worship, teaching, and mutual edification. In my opinion the local church is God's primary avenue of Kingdom expansion. Jesus said in Matthew 16, "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." He is still building the church!

Yet, in the economy of Heaven, God's emphasis has always

been Kingdom. The prophets of old prophesied a coming kingdom. John the Baptist and Jesus both preached the Kingdom of God was at hand. The Apostles disrupted cities when they proclaimed there was a new “King” in town, thus implying the Kingdom had begun to manifest itself in the earth.

Here is why this shift is important. If we continue to think church, we will confine ourselves to what we can do, either individually or as a single church body. When I think Kingdom, my ability to impact and resource the Gospel is so much broader. Also, when I think church, I see every other church in town as my competitor. But if I think Kingdom, every other church in town is my partner...we are part of the same company, different franchise. Don't misunderstand, the church is IN the Kingdom, but it is not the entirety of the Kingdom.

FROM HARVEST TO INHERITANCE

In shifting from a harvest to an inheritance mentality, it is important that we recognize what each of these are.

A harvest is the result of something you do. In order to have a harvest, you must prepare the soil, sow seed, nurture the ground while the seed is growing, and then collect the harvest. It is primarily about “doing.” Much of our Christian world has been occupied in “doing.” We gain all of our affirmation by what we do, and our sense of success by how we did.

An inheritance is about “being.” If I am to receive an inheritance from someone, I have to be somebody to them. For example, it is one thing for Bill Gates to write me a check for \$1 million dollars. That would be exciting! But it is still another thing for him to put me on the account and let me write a check anytime I want to! In the first example I more than likely did something that warranted the check. With the second example I had to become something to him to have those privileges.

I believe the Father is teaching us there are many harvests that will come to us in our lifetime. What we must begin to believe, as the people of God, is that we will walk in our inheritance. Colossians 1:12, 13 declare that we have been transferred from the domain of darkness into the Kingdom of light and that we are qualified to receive the inheritance

that is ours in Christ. Salvation, healing, deliverance, prosperity, the unbelieving world—they are my inheritance in Christ!

FROM ME TO WE

God is shifting our thinking from only being on the individual to the corporate. For way too long it has been easy for believers to make everything about them. However, the truth is that Jesus is not busy building “my ministry.” He is at work building “His Kingdom.”

Friends, there is no such thing as personal destiny outside of corporate destiny. In other words, you really discover your purpose and place by being joined to the whole, not as an individual part. Psalms 67 is a prophetic promise of the “earth yielding its increase” to those who declare His praise. Amazingly it begins with a cry of “God bless US!” Most of the prayers offered today are “God bless me!”

In the epistle to the Romans, Paul taught the principle that no man lives to himself and no one dies to himself. In other words, we are strategically and deliberately connected. Every decision you make may be private, but it will never be personal. It will affect everyone you are connected to. Every time a husband is unfaithful to his wife, or a leader fails in the stewardship of an office, it affects more than just them. The decision will impact everyone connected to them.

The Spirit of God is calling for a corporate mindset in this hour. We must think as ONE mind, speak as ONE voice, and move as ONE body.

FROM ISOLATION TO INFLUENCE

Jesus taught us that the Kingdom of God is like a “city set on a hill that cannot be hid!” One of the major shifts that is taking place in the body of Christ today is the understanding that we as Kingdom citizens have a mandate to engage our world at every dimension. For many this is a totally new way of thinking. In fact, for many it will require a spirit of revelation (Eph. 1:15-18) to break us free from the limiting belief systems of traditional religiosity. We are called to be salt and light in

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the midst of a dark and dying world. Somewhere along the line we were taught the limiting truth that we live in a dichotomy. That thought pattern tries to persuade that there is a secular world and a spiritual world. Only problem is, I am not a "part-time Christian!" I live in the spiritual world all the time.


My friend, Lance Wallnau, has begun to remind us of the discovery that was made by Loren Cunningham and the leadership of Youth With A Mission (YWAM) many years ago. What they discovered was that every society of people, no matter where they lived, had seven basic foundational pillars that shaped their culture:

- The Church
- The Family
- Media
- Educational Systems
- Government
- Business / Economics
- Arts and Entertainment

As the church, we have been guilty of only focusing on one of these pillars, or at the most two, while we have been content to ignore the others. Bad theology has convinced much of the full gospel world that what happens in our cities or government really does not matter because our home is not in this world. As a result we have become poor stewards of our potential influence and forfeited our place of impact in the present culture. What we need is an awakening to the reality that this is our hour to "rise and shine!" Whether I am employed in the marketplace or by a church makes no difference, we are ALL in the ministry!

In order for this shift to happen in our nation there must be a renewing of our minds, causing us to be aware that we were intended to influence the world in which we live. Jesus' illustration of being "salt" was

to let us know that we affect everything we touch. Paul described the work of the Kingdom as leaven, where a little bit influences the whole loaf. For far too long the church has preached humility and practiced insecurity...shouted over having the power while retreating from the frontlines of Kingdom conflict, isolating itself behind the four walls of the church structure. Loved ones, may I remind all of us that we are not a dangerous threat to the powers of darkness in the church house!

I challenge you today, as you are reading this article, to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. The Kingdom of God is experiencing a great season of shaking and shifting. Often times He will shake us so that He may shift us. If you are sensing the winds of change shaking your spiritual house, it may be that God is aligning you for advancement in this generation. The bend in the road is coming...will you make the turn? We are being reshaped for Kingdom purposes. 



Bishop Tony Miller is a pastor at The Gate Church in Oklahoma City, where he and his wife Kathy serve as senior leaders. During their 35 years in full-time ministry, God has used them to birth churches, begin global outreach ministries, and launch hands-on Bible colleges throughout the U.S. Bishop Miller will be the guest speaker at the June 24 worship service during the 2015 PCG General Convention.



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9 PMPK PARTY (PASTORS' KIDS)

WEDNESDAY

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Women's
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Luncheon

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SPEAKERS



General Bishop Charles Scott
TUESDAY NIGHT SPEAKER

Charles Scott is the current General Bishop of the PCG. He holds a Doctorate in Theology and a Bachelor of Science degree in General Business from Missouri Southern State University, a Master's degree in Business Administration from Missouri State University, and is completing a Doctor of Education degree from Oral Roberts University. Bishop Scott is the author of the book *Storms Don't Bother Me*.

Bishop Tony Miller
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPEAKER

Tony Miller is a dynamic speaker with more than 35 years of real-life experience in full-time ministry. During this time, God has used him to birth churches, begin global outreach ministries, and launch hands-on Bible colleges throughout the U.S. Part of his call has been to awaken others to their God-given destiny through the start of Destiny World, Inc., a global ministry dedicated to advancing the Kingdom of God by equipping leaders in over 80 nations.



Randy Lawrence
THURSDAY NIGHT SPEAKER

Randy and his wife Dawn have a tremendous passion to serve this generation. They have served the body of Christ in a variety of leadership capacities, including the local, district, and national office of the PCG. Randy and Dawn have four children: Chase, Maia, Cali, and Jaxon. Randy holds a Master's degree in Leadership and Management from Liberty University. In 2014, Randy and Dawn became the National Student Ministries' Directors of the PCG.

Bishop Rob Culver
FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKER

Rob Culver is currently serving as the district bishop for Central California PCG. He has over 30 years of full-time ministry experience. His passion is "seek ye first the Kingdom." In pursuing his passion he has made winning the lost and supporting missions the focus of his ministry in every capacity that he has served. His dynamic speaking continues to motivate and equip people to be more committed to Christ and the Great Commission.



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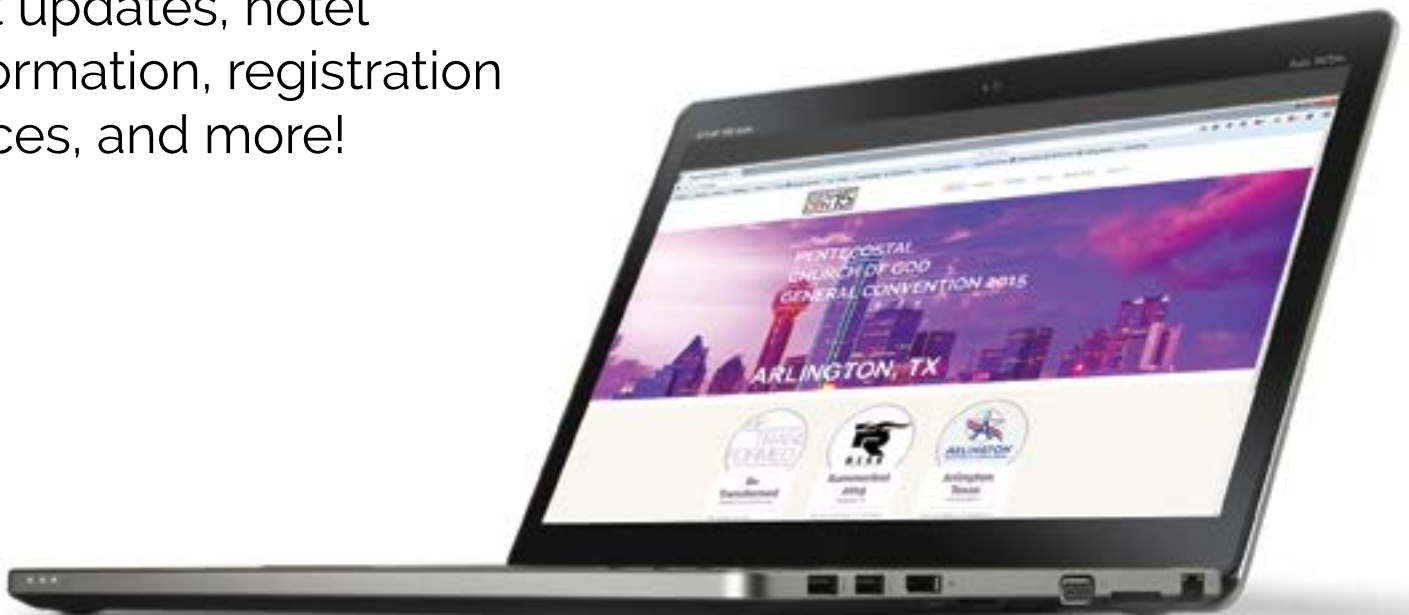
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Not long ago, I was invited to join a group of pastors for a roundtable discussion. While understanding the privilege to participate in the event, I was determined to hear the heart of the pastors. The pastors were asked to respond to this question: "What are the two or three largest challenges you are facing as a pastor?" As I listened to their responses, I recognized the current struggle of our covenant community to assist pastors with these challenges. As a matter of fact, none of the top five challenges listed by this group have been addressed by the strategic conversations of the General Headquarters over the past several years. For me, this is unacceptable.

Over the course of time, every organization must evaluate itself according to its original mission and purpose. Over time, the very strengths that form the core of an organization tend to erode. Over time, values become foggy.

Over time, mission becomes muddled. Over time, relationships become vague.

It is now time for the Pentecostal Church of God to address these challenges and experience personal and spiritual transformation. In short, we need a revival of Spirit infusion, mission revision, leadership transfusion and relational inclusion. This is what Transformation is all about.

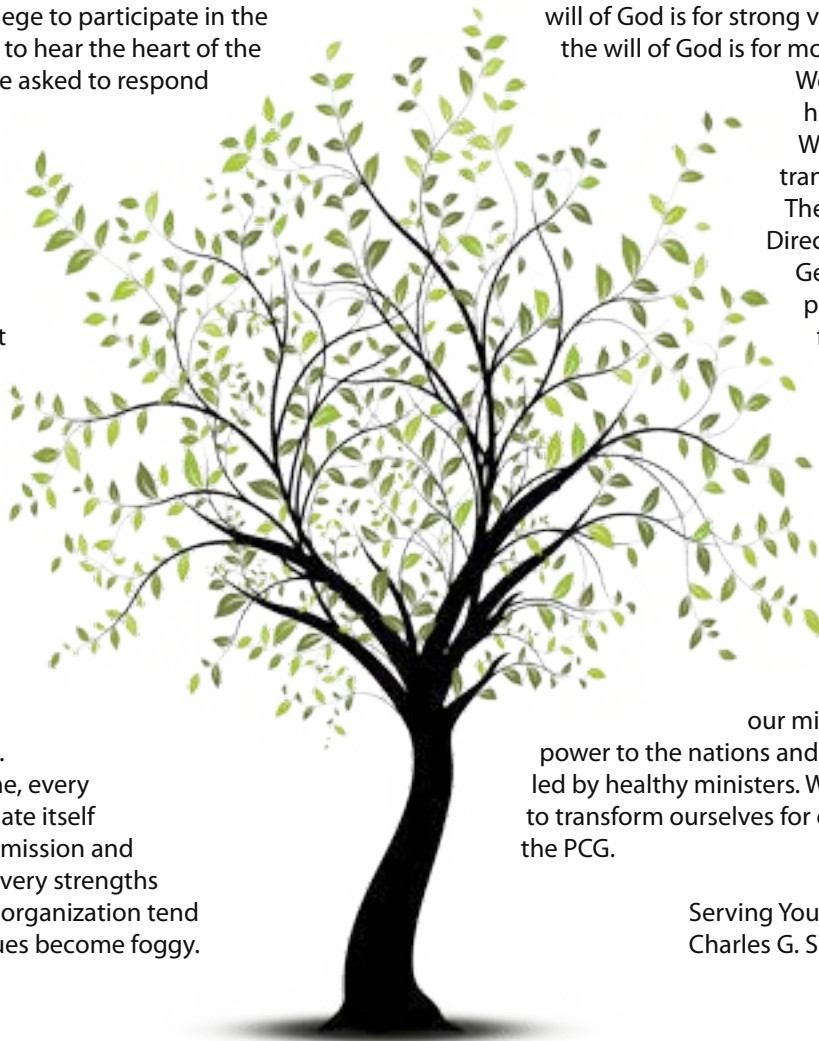
Paul wrote to the Church at Rome and directed them: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1-2, KJV). We know the will of God is for the PCG to sustain global Pentecostal experience. We know the will of God is for strong viable local churches. We know the will of God is for moral, Spirit-led leadership.

We know the will of God is for healthy Biblical relationships. We know the will of God is for transformation through renewal. The General Leadership (Ministry Directors, General Council, and General Board) of the PCG presents this proposal to you for covenant transformation.

It has been prayed over, wept over, talked over, and looked over in the course of more than a year. It has been a hard journey but we traveled here together. We are at the place where our spiritual fathers stood almost 100 years ago. We are at the place to boldly reinforce

our mission to proclaim Pentecostal power to the nations and commit to healthy churches led by healthy ministers. We are at a place of readiness to transform ourselves for our strong vibrant future of the PCG.

Serving You for Him,
Charles G. Scott





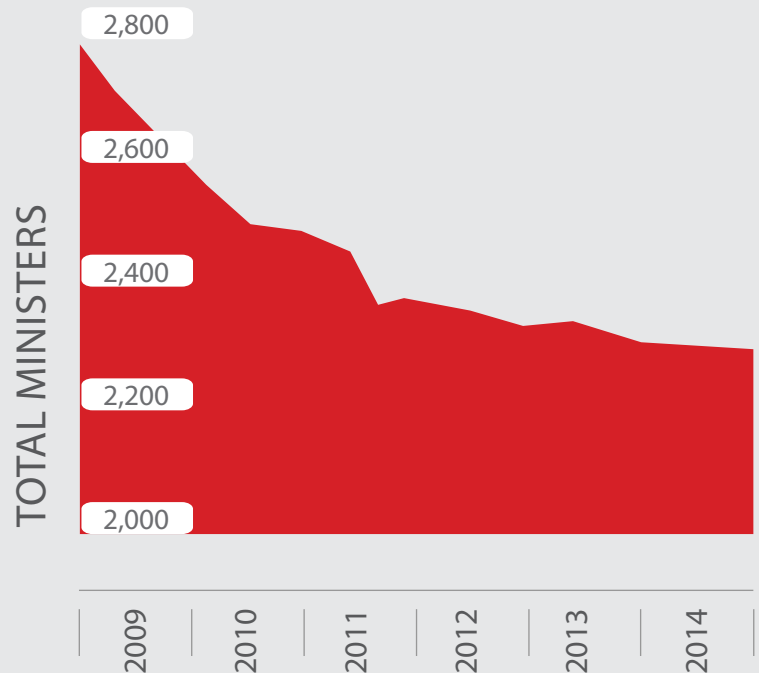
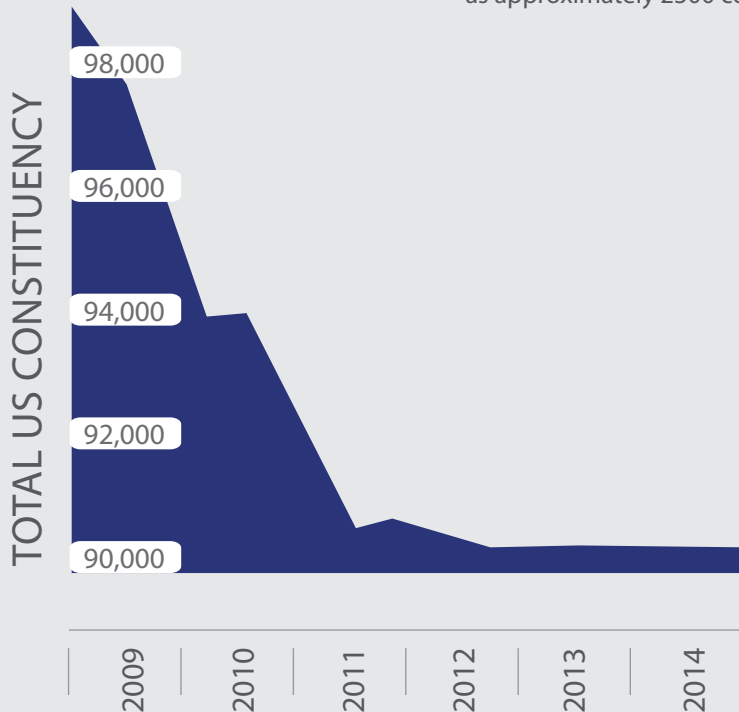
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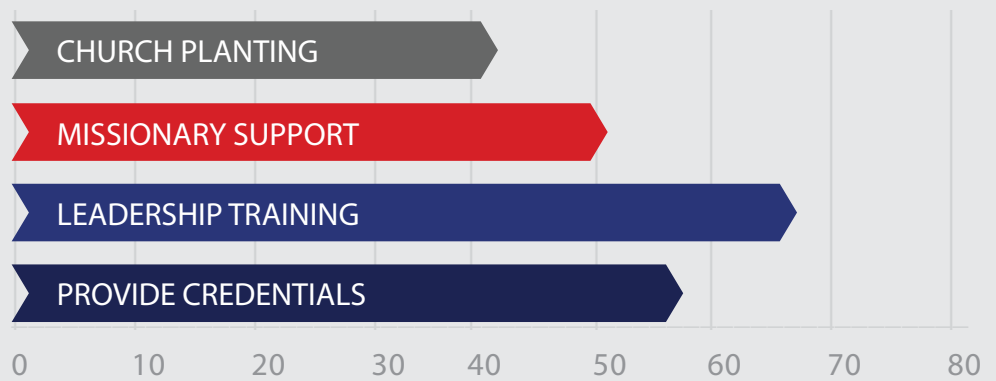
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

ORGANIZATIONAL DECLINE

The PCG has been experiencing a period of decline in the number of churches and ministers. According to General Convention reports, the total number of US constituency in 2011 was 90,350 compared to 98,579 in 2009. The number of credentialed ministers in 2013 is reported as approximately 2300 compared to 2,451 in 2011 and 2,677 in 2009



WE ASKED WHAT YOU WANTED AND YOU SPOKE!



Results from a 2013 survey of all PCG credentialed ministers revealed that the opportunity for credentials and leadership training were the highest priority for them. The desire for missionary support and church planting was also paramount.

WHERE WE ARE GOING.



FROM LICENSING AGENCY TO LEARNING ORGANIZATION

The PCG has operated primarily as a ministerial licensing agency that certifies the qualified and enforces adherence to regulation. The solution is to become a learning organization that recruits, develops, and qualifies its ministers by providing ongoing training for maximum health and fruitfulness.



WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

1. Development

Continue the development of every PCG through education and training.

3. Senior Ministers

Increased opportunities for senior ministers to contribute.

5. Resources

Shift the General Office focus to providing resources for its members to flourish.

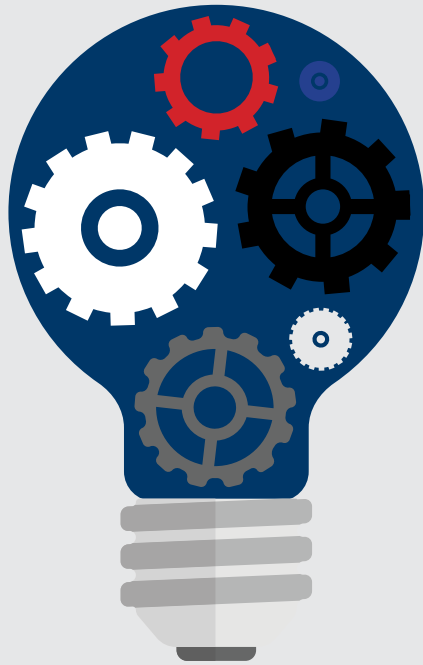
2. Entry Points

Provide more entry points for young ministers (ages 15–29).

4. Leadership

Improve quality of leadership organization-wide through new credential components.

THE PROPOSED PCG CREDENTIAL & SPIRITUAL TRAINING PROCESS



1. Encountering the Calling to Ministry (District Events, Youth Camps)



2. Follow-up that creates inclusion into the ministerial training programs



3. Application Process (District Level)



4. District Interview



5. Leads to 1 of 4 Credential Levels/ Components



6. Center for Pentecostal Leadership (Study Series)



7. Promotion & Training until desired Level/ Component is Reached



8. Ongoing Training & Development (Lifelong Learning)

THE SOLUTION: A STRONG COMMUNITY OF RELATIONAL RESOURCES

Each PCG credential candidate will be placed in a group with those at the same ministry development stage.

WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?

Training will take place in the Center for Pentecostal Leadership (CPL).

The CPL is a strategic partnership between the PCG Division of Leadership Development and Messenger College to providing training and development for PCG ministers.

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BASED ON PARTICIPATION

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PROPOSED NEW STRUCTURE OF PCG GENERAL OFFICE



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will the functions of current departments remain under this new plan?

Yes. Each function, found under its designated division, will remain as a viable part of the overall ministry vision of the PCG.

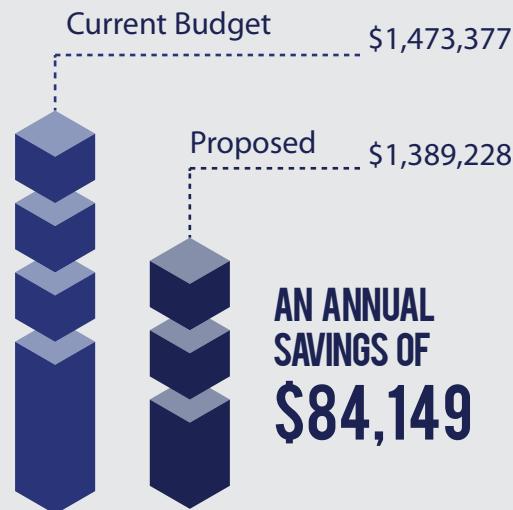
Does this mean each district structure must change as well?

No. According to the General Bylaws, each district is self-governing and would not be required to change.

How will corporate officers be designated?

The General Bishop remains the corporate president. The executive director of leadership development is designated as the corporate secretary. The executive director of global missions is the senior vice president.

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TRANSFORMING A COMMUNITY

| Janice Scott |

Transformation is a process of profound and radical change that orients a community in a new direction and takes it to an entirely different level of effectiveness.¹

God's power transforms. He spoke and transformed this world from a void, empty existence to a fruitful paradise. With a single breath, He transformed lifeless clay into a breathing man. With one promise, He transformed Abram and Sari from a barren couple to the father and mother of many nations. With a burning bush, He transformed Moses from a murderous coward into a bold servant and leader who went on to transform a nation of weakened slaves into a mighty army, which he guided to the land of promise.

My favorite example of transformation is Saul, an early persecuter of the Church. Yet, a single encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus transformed Saul into Paul, a powerful minister of the Gospel of Christ. Christ is still transforming men and women, families, churches, and communities today. *How do I know?* I know because He has transformed me from darkness to light, from lost to found, from a fatherless child to His daughter, and from death to life. The transformation power of God never stops!

After Paul's radical transformation, he became an agent of transformation for the Church. He has an impressive resume that includes Apostle and teacher, author of 13 New Testament books, evangelist to the Gentiles, and pioneer of churches in Europe and Asia. Paul was a man on a mission to transform everyone he encountered by manifesting the power of the resurrected Christ in everything he did. Even as a prisoner on a ship headed to Rome, he boldly spoke to those in authority—transforming the hearts and minds of everyone traveling with him (Acts 27). When the storm sent them off course and they crashed into the island of Malta, Paul led an entire community through transformation.


The thing that really stands out to me about this particular scenario is that Scripture doesn't say Paul preached to the barbarian inhabitants. Paul simply began doing what needed to be done. Instead of sitting by the fire graciously provided by the island inhabitants, Paul gathers wood for the fire. This powerful Apostle of Christ is serving others. As he threw the wood into the fire, a viper bit him and clung onto his hand as it pumped deadly venom into his body. The islanders watched Paul's response to this unexpected tragedy. According to Acts 28, they thought surely this must be a murderer hoping to escape! He survived this shipwreck only to swell up and die from a viper's deadly bite! Now that's justice! Of course, they didn't realize this man had once been a murderer but had experienced the transforming grace of God. Paul shook the viper off and continued unharmed.

During his three months on the island of Malta, it is said that Paul performed several miracles, including the healing of the father of Publius, the governor. Because of the ministry of Paul, Publius converted to Christianity and later became the first bishop of Malta. By the third century AD almost all the inhabitants of Malta were Christians.²

"HOW DO I KNOW? BECAUSE HE HAS TRANSFORMED ME FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, FROM LOST TO FOUND..."

The Holy Spirit transformed the island of Malta from barbarians to Christians because Paul refused to have a victim mentality.

He ministered to the needs of others. He shook off what should have killed him, and he continued in every situation he faced to manifest the power of God. Paul refused to allow anything to keep him from God's purpose for his life.

Just like Paul, we who have been transformed by the power of God can, through that power, transform our communities. We transform our communities when we refuse to let the storms of life produce a victim mentality; when we refuse to focus on our needs and instead minister to the needs of others; when we manifest the power of the Holy Spirit by shaking off the poisonous attacks meant to destroy us and move forward in victory; and when we live every day walking in our godly purpose to minister healing to the sick and hurting people whom we encounter. Then we will, by the power of the Holy Spirit, see transformation in our homes, in our churches, and in our communities! 



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¹ www.businessdictionary.com/definition/transformation

² www.malta.com/en/about-malta/culture/religion-in-malta





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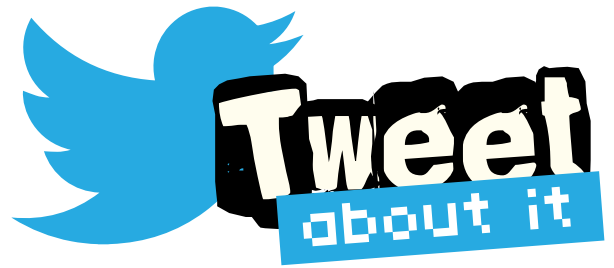
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@GeneralBishop Once you learn truth, you are accountable to live the truth. Explains a lot.

@Randallkentjr "I refuse to be intimidated by a culture that I'm called to reach." @Tony_MillerDWO

@Benwdailey As u receive the love of ur Father u'll find u can't hold it all in! U'll have to share it with others or u'll burst! #shareHISlove

@Johnmarkskiles After first Step in God's will, and big plan for your life, He leads you One Day at a time. But, you'll never see it without a First Step.

@Koellingmichael Worry is not believing God will get it right. Bitterness is believing God got it wrong. Hope is knowing God's will is perfect! #unstoppable

@Waymanming Some people are just looking for information, but I'm looking for transformation. #exceedinternational #worldwidedifferencemaker

@Eddieljones Guest don't usually come to a church because of coffee, music, kids, etc. They come because a Friend invited them. #WhosYourFive

@JaniceLScott When your life is spinning out of control; you can hold to God's unchanging hand.

@Maplewoodpcg How can we pray for you? #prayer

@Jonj8368 Developing leaders involves mentoring and then releasing so you can re-mentor and re-release. It's a constant circle in our journey.

POTLUCK DINNER COORDINATOR




Here's to you . . . Letters of gratitude to ministry's unsung heroes

Today, I'd like to take a moment and pay homage to the hardworking, socialite, event planner of the church—the potluck dinner coordinator. Here's to you potluck dinner coordinator for all of the hard and delicious work you do. Without you to strategically place the fried chicken adjacent to the green bean casserole in perfect proximity, our trip through the serving line would be a harrowing journey of discordant aromas and erroneous flavor combinations. It's your "world-famous-secret-family-recipe" lemon meringue pies that keep us coming back for seconds and purchasing new belts every six months. You are well aware of the painstaking work necessary to precisely lay out the tables and chairs of the fellowship hall in such a way that is conducive to quality conversation and smooth traffic flow. Whether you are rattling pots and pans or foreman of the cleanup crew, we are grateful for the hard work you do. Because without you, we would have had to suffer through another 45-minute wait for a table at Olive Garden this past Easter.

I grew up in a small town outside of Houston, Texas and attended the same small PCG church for 24 years. This church, which my Dad pioneered (in what is now the dining room of the house I grew up in), didn't function with a large budget and a huge staff. Instead, it was fueled by passionate servant leaders who cared for their community and their church family. The potluck dinner coordinator at my church was a lady named Sister Smith. She was diligent, generous, and loved to cook. Naturally, she loved church dinners. She always worked hard to take as much stress off of my father as possible. This example of service profoundly impacted me when I was young, and to this day when I hear the words "servant leader" people like Sister Smith stand out in my mind.

Leadership is often misunderstood as a status rather than a process. It is easy to look at an authority figure and label that person as a "leader" and in the same breath label those who serve as followers. However, it is, in fact, those who serve that present an essential example of leadership. Volunteers who serve show others how to follow. They lead through altruism with a team mindset. This example is seen throughout the

Bible. Joshua followed Moses for more than 40 years before leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. Elisha was Elijah's servant for a decade before picking up his mantle. Peter followed Jesus Christ for three years before becoming a pathfinder of the early Church. Service is the cornerstone upon which godly leadership is built.

So, once again, thank you potluck dinner coordinator. Little did you know that your homemade dinner rolls and your delightfully decadent apple dumplings have done much more than fill the stomachs of your church family; they have also served as a delicious example of the kind of leadership that God desires. 

Josh Rogers is the Director of Communications for the Pentecostal Church of God and leads the production team for the *Pentecostal Messenger*.

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