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NORTH AMERICA
General Presbyter's Report
to the 2026 International Assembly



With great thankfulness I make this North America General Presbyter's report to the 2026 International Assembly. The grace of God has carried us on every step of this journey. My greatest desire is to please the Lord, as I seek to grow closer to him each day. He has never failed to hear our prayers, and he has shown his strength in our weakness. He alone deserves all glory and honor for the work of his kingdom throughout this assembly cycle of service.

WITH THANKSGIVING

I am so thankful for my wife of 36 years, Renee. She has faithfully traveled thousands of miles throughout North America, serving the Lord and loving his people. More and more, we realize the blessing of having a spouse who serves the Lord and surrenders their will to God's will. I am blessed to have a wife who is a true servant as a wife, mother, grandmother, and follower of Jesus. Renee and I have been incredibly blessed by the love and support of our children and grandchildren. Thank you, Tayler and Chris, Will and Hannah, Emery, Maddie, and Oakley for your prayers, love, and support.

I am also incredibly blessed to serve with my dear friends, the regional and state bishops of North America. We are so thankful for all 26 of these great leaders and their exceptional wives. They selflessly pour out to serve, with a heart of humility and faith, in one of the most difficult and demanding roles in the church. I am so thankful to work with these friends, as we pray and seek to discern God's will for the future of ministry in this church. If you are reading this report, I hope you will join me and Renee in praying every day for our North America regional and state bishops and their wives!

Thank you to the North America Council for your unwavering prayer and personal support. I lean heavily on you for your wisdom and discernment, especially in the areas of leadership appointments and development. I love and appreciate you all and pray God's richest blessings on you, my dear friends and brothers.

I offer our deep appreciation to our wonderful executive assistant, Brittany Gordon. Brittany has served with a heart for Jesus and a genuine desire to serve the needs of our regional and state bishops and North America's pastors and congregations. She has been a prayer warrior and loyal servant in every season.

PRAYER AS THE CENTRAL FUNCTION OF MINISTRY



There is a temptation in ministry to act first and pray second. I am thankful we have placed prayer as the central and prevailing function of the North America General Presbyter's office.

In these four years of serving as General Presbyter, I have done my very best to pray first and act second. I have been most inspired by King David's desire to "Inquire of the Lord," before acting. In the same spirit, I have done my best to inquire of the Lord before any initiative we have undertaken. I am thankful the Lord has directed our steps. We will continue to inquire of him, praying the Holy Spirit will be our daily guide.

MONTHLY REGIONAL/STATE BISHOP'S PRAYER TIME

Each month, the regional and state bishops of North America gather by Zoom for prayer. To me, this hour each month is one of the most important undertakings of this role.

As we gather in a "sweet hour of prayer," we do not generally pray for the needs of those we serve. Rather, we take this time to pray for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of our bishops. In this monthly time of prayer together, we have experienced God's power and presence. We have heard incredible testimonies of divine healing from these prayer times! We have seen God do miracles! We have been encouraged that Jesus is with us in this ministry of Harvest!

At the conclusion of each month's prayer, we call out the names of those on our screens, praying fervently for one another. My hope is that every region and state in North America will follow this practice and pray for one another. Just as our ministers and pastors are real people with real problems, so are our regional and state bishops and their wives. We are blessed to pray for one another!



PRAYING FOR WORKERS IN THE HARVEST

As we have traveled throughout North America, we have been encouraged by the zeal of our pastors, leaders, and members for the work of the harvest. Incredible sums of money have been allocated to the harvest, and church planting and revitalization. I'm greatly encouraged by the synergy we are experiencing between our people, our leaders, and the Holy Spirit!

The Harvest does not have a money problem; we have a worker shortage problem. What should we do? Jesus tells us to "look to the Harvest" and "pray for laborers." We often get this backwards. Many times, we pray for the harvest, when it is clearly before us and ready for the gospel and ministry. Then, in reverse fashion, we can be guilty of looking for laborers. The call of Jesus is to ask the Lord of the Harvest to send for laborers into HIS harvest field. We must then make praying for workers a priority! We must look to the harvest before us and act now, but we must pray for the Lord of the harvest to send laborers, and he will.

I am excited that our regional and state offices have more funds allocated from the regional and state budgets for church planting and revitalization than ever. However, much of that money will continue to sit in our banks, unless we pray for workers. Therefore, that's what we are doing. We are asking the Lord of the harvest to send pastors, church planters, chaplains, worshipers, servants, and harvester into his fields! We are praying for young leaders and seasoned leaders. Will you join us in the prayer for workers in his harvest?

MULTIPLY 2030 INITIATIVE PROGRESS

The prayer goal of the Multiply 2030 initiative is to see 500 new churches planted and 2000 healthy congregations in North America by 2030. By God's grace, we are experiencing renewal and restoration in all regions and states.

Since the Multiply 2030 initiative began, North America has seen over 70 new congregations planted and over 50 new missions established. We praise God for his work! All glory goes to the Lord of the harvest!

We ask for continued prayers for workers and church planters to step forward and establish new churches and missions in the darkest areas needing the light of the gospel. We are praying for the Lord to call young church planters who will pioneer his work in new fields.

I am incredibly thankful for the work of the North America's Multiply 2030 commission. Since 2023, this commission has prayerfully worked to follow the Holy Spirit, developing strategy and securing kingdom partners



such as Multiplication Network Ministries and Dynamic Church Planting International. Through our kingdom partners, we have experienced thousands of leaders being trained in church revitalization and church planting.

In 2027, we will begin to focus on offering the course, "Churches Planting Churches." This course is designed to empower our existing churches and districts to mother new missions and congregations. We pray that every district supervisor and district in North America will train this course and mother a new mission and congregation by 2030!

HEALTHY CHURCH DYNAMICS TRAINING

Over 1000 North America pastors and leaders have now been trained in the Healthy Church Dynamics (HCD) program! Through our partnership with Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI) our regional and state bishops (and their Multiply 2030 leadership teams) have shared the Biblical principles of church health in nearly every region and state in North America.

Healthy Church Dynamics (HCD) focuses on the Biblical principles of church health and multiplication. HCD instructs pastors and local church leaders in the Biblical systems of pastoral care, assimilation, conflict resolution, and many more. Many of our congregations have experienced a surge of spiritual health and vitality since participating in the Healthy Church Dynamics course.

Our prayer is to see every remaining church and pastor in North America have a healthy church that impacts their community with the gospel. Our hope is to see healthy churches not only add new members but also multiply congregations!

OUR ALL NATIONS CHURCH

The Church of God of Prophecy is called to be an all-nations church. Our global church family is blessed to exemplify the beautiful scene from Revelation 7:9, where the multitudes from every nation, tribe, people, and language stand before the Lamb of God.



In North America, we are experiencing the blessing of cultural diversity to create Revelation 7:9, and we are rejoicing in the work of the Holy Spirit! Since the Multiply 2030 initiative began, the majority of the more than 70 new church plants and 50 new missions have been established by ministers and leaders who have immigrated to North America. We rejoice in this beautiful work of the Holy Spirit!

On any given Sunday, there are as many as 12 different languages spoken in North America Church of God of Prophecy congregations! Through the generous giving of the North America Church, ministry has been established in over 135 nations of the world. Now, we are experiencing an outpouring of nations and lost people coming into North America. The Lord of the Harvest is bringing the global harvest to our shores, and we are pressing to participate in his mission of reconciling the world to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

To further make the all nations vision a reality, shared spaces are being utilized at many churches throughout North America. English speaking congregations, who own their worship spaces, are planting Spanish and French speaking congregations in those spaces (buildings). This enables new ministry to occupy their buildings, taking a property that was only utilized for a few hours each week and turning it into a dynamic expansion of ministry for all nations! This has happened as Spanish-speaking churches have planted English-speaking congregations. English congregations have planted French-speaking congregations, and a Slavic-speaking congregation planted an English-speaking congregation in the United States of America! God is doing a work in all cultures in North America, and we say yes to his call to be, "A house of prayer for all nations." (Mark 11:17)

THRIVE FOR NORTH AMERICA PASTORS AND LEADERS



In support of the Multiply 2030 initiative, our North American leadership team is committed to serving pastors and their families to help them experience the John 10:10 promise and THRIVE in their personal well-being. Through our kingdom partnership with Great Commandment Network, and Dr. David Ferguson, North America has built our very own THRIVE app containing a full range of content to support our pastors, their families, and our members to experience abundant life through Christ.

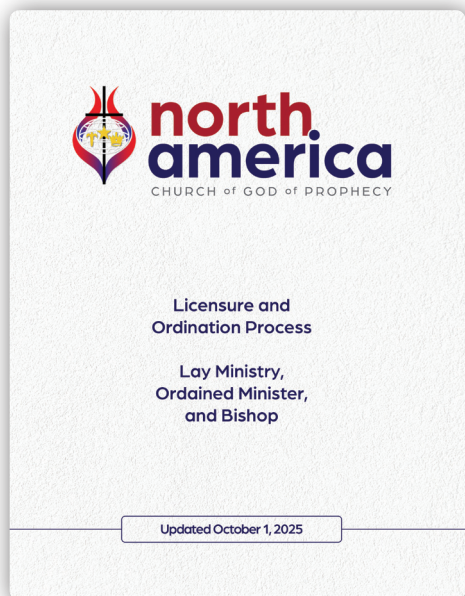
Participants are invited to join this journey to THRIVE in all areas of life by taking the free assessment offered through our THRIVE app. Upon completion of the assessment, participants will receive information about where greater abundance is possible.

The THRIVE acronym represents touching all areas of abundant life, Transformation in heart and character, Physical, mental, and emotional Health, Relational closeness

in caring connections, Identifying a hopeful life, Vocational fulfilment with purpose, and Enjoying financial stability and stewardship.

Healthy churches are led by healthy leaders. As we pray to meet the goal of 2000 healthy churches in North America by 2030, pastors and leaders may visit multiply 2030.org to take the THRIVE assessment and find out more about free video courses to help them THRIVE in life and ministry.

MINISTRY ORDINATION PROCESS ENHANCED



I am thankful for the work of the North America Ministry Ordination Commission. Through the work of this commission, the North America ordination process has been greatly enhanced.

The new North America ordination process booklet has been developed and is now available at nacogop.org in four languages. The ordination process booklet highlights the steps in the ministry ordination process, taken from the Ministry Policy Manual. This easy-to-understand process provides a clear path for ministry ordination and includes all required forms.

A helpful step added to the North America ministry ordination process is the addition of a systematic and pastoral mentoring program for lay ministers, and those seeking ordination. The introduction of the Practice These Things: Mentored Ministry Manual will enable mentors to equip lay ministers in specific ministry areas such as, personal spiritual and family life, budgeting, preaching and teaching, leadership challenges and opportunities, and much more. Utilizing Practice These Things enables mentors and pastors to equip the lay minister to serve with confidence and support. We are thankful for every mentor and lay minister currently engaged in the ministry ordination process.

NORTH AMERICA CONTINUING EQUIPPING CREDITS INTRODUCED

North America has introduced Continuing Equipping Credits (CECs) to all ordained ministers and bishops. To continue to advance the work of Christ's kingdom, and more fully participate in the mission of God, all ministers are encouraged to receive 20 professional hours of equipping each year.

Ministers earn Continuing Equipping Credits (CECs) by participating in Leadership Development courses and trainings (in-person and online) offered by their state or region, or by the International Offices. Trainings and



courses received in university or seminary classes, ministry seminars by our kingdom partners, or even reading books and writing a review, will earn CECs and enhance our ministry fruitfulness. More information about how you can enhance your ministry can be found at your regional or state office, or by visiting nacogop.org.

NORTH AMERICA MINISTER’S REPORT ENHANCEMENT

To better meet the relational and spiritual needs of our ministers, North America has enhanced the minister’s monthly report. We have added to the end of each minister’s report two questions relating to the needs of our ministers. By asking, “What are your prayer needs?” and “What are your praises to share?” our regional and state bishops better know how to pray with ministers and pastors, and how to rejoice and celebrate in all God is doing. This simple enhancement allows the monthly minister’s report to move beyond what can be measured only in numbers and better serve those who are serving in ministry.

The minister’s report continues to serve as an important ministry reflection each month, as well as a powerful connecting point to our regional/state bishops. All lay ministers, ministers, and bishops are encouraged to be faithful in monthly reporting.

PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PARTNERSHIP ADVANCES

The global Church of God of Prophecy has been greatly blessed by our partnership with Pentecostal Theological Seminary. Countless North America Church of God of Prophecy ministers, members, pastors, and leaders have been equipped at Pentecostal Theological Seminary. We celebrate all that God has done through this partnership!

For the past two years, North America has participated in the Flourishing Congregational Life Project (ptsflourish.org) with Pentecostal Theological Seminary. Along with our fellow laborers in the Church of God (COG), Congregational Holiness Church (CHC), and Church of God in Christ (COGIC), we have seen over 50 Church of God of Prophecy pastors, congregations, and leaders participate in this initiative, funded by the Lilly Endowment. This initiative has been a dynamic kingdom force, connecting four Pentecostal denominations with the seminary to work together for the kingdom. As we continue to discern ways for congregations to flourish, more great things are developing through this anointed initiative!

In 2027, North America plans to launch our new Executive Leadership Cohort with Pentecostal Theological Seminary. This leadership cohort will be designed to offer our North America regional/state bishop leadership team an opportunity for



next-level leadership training, centered on competencies and responsibilities of state/ regional bishops, taken from our ministry policy manual. Thank you to the Leadership Development and Discipleship department for their excellent support and leadership in this new initiative.

APPRECIATION

I want to say a very special thank you to Bishop Tim Coalter and my fellow General Presbyters for your prayer and support in these past two years. I am so blessed to serve with my friends. I am blessed by our times of prayer, work, and fellowship. I believe our shared leadership model is both Biblical and advantageous to the work of ministry.

I would like to thank Bishop Jay Croyle, who is retiring this year, for his many years serving North America in online reporting administration. Bishop Croyle has served with distinction for many years, as he has developed a pathway for online reporting and recordkeeping for North America. We are thankful for all that he has done and will build upon his labors!

I also wish to thank the Global Communications Department, Bishop Dr. Shaun McKinley, Reverend Michael Luithle, and sister Renee Rodriguez for their leadership, as we have transitioned North America online reporting and recordkeeping administration to a function of Global Communications. We are so thankful for the work of the Global Communications team in this transition and look forward to many incredible updates, as we continue to serve our ministers.

Finally, I wish to thank our North America (and global) Church of God of Prophecy family for your hospitality, prayers, and loving support throughout the past two years. Renee and I experienced the loss of my mother, Janette Sutton, on January 18, 2026. My mother was a true reflection of a Church of God of Prophecy woman. She was a wonderful and loving mother and grandmother who faithfully served as a prayer warrior in her local church, volunteered in the kitchen at youth camp each year, and gave to global missions and the One Child Fund. Your outpouring of love, prayers, and support through her sickness and passing was incredible for us. We love you all!

Sincerely,

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North America General Presbyter

