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SUPERINTENDENT REV. BRET ALLEN

Women's Empowerment Initiative – Convoy of Hope

Recently I was privileged to travel with Dr Sam Huddleston to El Salvador. We were hosted by Convoy of Hope and were visiting to witness the Women's Empowerment Initiative in action.

On the second day of our visit, we drove only a short distance from the hotel where Dr Sam and I were staying, but the change of scenery was dramatic and stark. When the vehicle stopped, we found ourselves at a roadside shop run by two women, both of them, graduates from Convoy of Hope's Women's Empowerment Initiative. After brief introductions and a tour of the roadside store we moved our meeting to Claudia's home.





Claudia has recently opened a new business selling plants. The plants were a variety of succulents and local flowers. She also sells small plant holders made from wire, in the shape of a tricycle. Claudia

recalled her training with Convoy of Hope when she was told, "You have to be confident and capable enough to sell people rocks." Claudia took that teaching literally as she began making small wire trees attached to rocks – people, me included are anxious to purchase her rocks.







Norma is a delightful lady who has partnered with Claudia. Norma makes typical foods and sells them in the same roadside store. Both Claudia and Norma are graduates from the Women's Empowerment Initiative. Both ladies studied for two years and then were given seed monies to start the business that they thought up, planned, developed, and launched.

Both Claudia and Norma spoke of their gratitude to Convoy of Hope not only for business training, but also for the biblical mentoring they received. Convoy of Hope is dedicated to spiritual development and formation in all their initiatives. Weather it be disaster relief, feeding programs, boys and girls mentoring initiatives, or the Women's Empowerment Initiative, Convoy of Hope is resolute in their commitment to spiritual development of those

they are ministering to. What a wonderful thing to witness – the blending of social concern with spiritual development as an emphasis.





The core values of the Women's Empowerment Initiative are:

Equip mothers so they can start their own businesses, send their children to school, and provide for their families.

<u>Educate</u> girls so they can make good choices for their futures, such as staying in school, delaying marriage, and pursuing job opportunities.

<u>Empower</u> women and girls through education so they can know their value and find sustainable solutions that will change the course of their lives and impact generations to come.

Currently Convoy of Hopes reach to assist women in poverty through the Women's Empowerment Initiative has reached impressive totals. Here are some stats from 2021:

- 35,300 women and girls were empowered in 2021.
- Convoy of Hope has been actively changing women's lives through the Women's Empowerment Initiative for the last 12 years.
- Women's Empowerment Initiative is now making an impact in 16 countries including:
 - Haiti
 - Guatemala
 - El Salvador
 - Honduras
 - Nicaragua
 - Burkina Faso

- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Tanzania
- Zimbabwe
- Bulgaria
- Moldova

- Nepal
- Spain
- Philippines

*Sensitive countries are not shown to protect the safety of beneficiaries and staff.

As you know, the Women's Empowerment Initiative is our District's annual missions project. We are raising funds to assist Convoy of Hope break the cycle of poverty for women across the world, while emphasizing spiritual development and formation. You may be asking how can my ministry assist in this wonderful project? Here are some options:

\$1000 (one-time gift)

Supports one woman in our Women's Empowerment initiative.

\$300 (one-time gift)

Provides seed capital for a woman to start a business.

\$84 (monthly for a year)

Provides seed capital for a woman to start a business.

\$25 (monthly for a year) supports one woman in our Women's Empowerment initiative.



Scan QR Code to Give Today 2023 District Project - Convoy of Hope Women Empowerment

DISTRICT COUNCIL 2023



MAY 1-2, 2023
TRINITY LIFE CENTER SACRAMENTO, CA
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1 TIMOTHY 1:12

Don't for get to register for District Council 2023. It is going to be a great time of faith, food, and fellowship as we are EMPOWERED. Go to **NCNDC.ORG** for all the information

WORLD MISSIONARIES



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Live Dead Missionaries

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Roseville, CA 95678
Itineration Sept. 2022-August 2023
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Name & Contact Information can be obtained from the Superintendent's Office for any itinerating missionary associates and missionary in a sensitive area.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT Dr. Samuel Huddleston





A great time with Pastor Damien and Stacey Giacchino of Real Life Church in Sacramento.



What an incredible Sunday at Hilltop Community Church in Richmond with Pastor Jim and Debbie Heden.



My friend Brian Dobson does a wonderful job leading the security team at Destiny Christian Church.



Linda and I enjoyed being with Valley View Church and Pastor Tom and Linda Galovich.







Superintendent Bret Allen and I had the pleasure of being in El Salvador with the Convoy of Hope team.

Convoy of Hope does an amazing job offering resources and assistance with excellence everywhere they go.

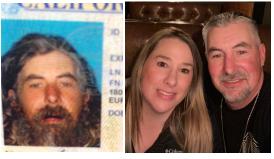
Far left photo —L to R: Pastor Bret Allen, Eddie Rentz of Convoy of Hope, the local San Salvador pastor, and myself.

I love restoring old trucks. Finding an old worn out vehicle that most others would throw away, and investing time and energy into returning it to what it was made for is rewarding. Some things are required for a restoration, including knowledge of the process, tools, a manual, and lots of time and patience.



Adult & Teen Challenge has been in the restoration business for 65 years. Many who come to us are abused and discarded by others; we invest time, energy and use the original owners manual (The Bible) to help them return to what their creator initially intended for them.

Sometimes I see an old vehicle that would be a great candidate for a restoration, and I encourage you, If you know someone who needs restoration with the Father, someone who would be a shining testimony of what God can do in the life of someone that is restored by the Lord, please have them contact your nearest Teen Challenge Center. It will take some time and effort, but it will be rewarding in the end.



God bless, Tom Throssel Redwood Adult & Teen Challenge



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SECRETARY-TREASURER Dr. Jay Herndon

"...according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body..."

Eph 4:6

When I played football in High School, I was given a position and I had to learn my assignment for each play. But it wasn't enough to simply learn my own assignment. I also had to learn what my teammates were doing during the play. I needed to know how to fit into the overall play, and I needed to avoid running into them! We've all watched a team that experienced a breakdown in this area—a ball handler is tripped by his own teammate, or two receivers run into each other. Even good teams experience this problem on occasion.

A similar thing often happens in church. Over the past few months, we've been asked to attend several local church board meetings. The reason for the visits range from small issues where advice was requested, to larger conflicts or crisis. The number of these consultation requests has increased dramatically in the past two years.

We expected this to take place. The stresses and strains that the nation is experiencing are often felt by the church also. It's never easy to lead a church, but especially difficult in times of crisis. That requires more skill. Tough times reveal flaws.

Of course, the pastor does not lead the church alone, especially in tough times. Tough times require a team of people. Each team member has a role—they need to know their role, carry out their assignment, and stay out of things that are assigned to others.

In times of emergency, people abandon their roles. It's a natural tendency—when a child wanders into the street, a bystander doesn't stop to ask, "Whose child is that?" The bystander gets the child to safety and then finds the guardian. Emergency excuses the over-reach, but when the emergency is over, the responsibility is returned.

One of the issues that we've noticed in our meetings with church boards is the lack of understanding regarding roles and responsibilities within the church board structure. In some cases, this lack of understanding is causing great stress on the church, in other cases, it is leading to its failure.

It is a fact that the governance of a church is not simple—we don't simply make the pastor a dictator. We have a legal corporation, with a membership, officers, pastors, and a board. Each group has assigned responsibilities. Some of these assignments come from scripture. Some of them come from the State. Together, these checks-and-balances are designed to ensure that the church is making good decisions—both ministry and corporately.

The same principle applies in church governance: Good governance not only requires that the players know their roles, but it also requires that they know the other players' roles.

If your church board has new members, or simply needs a refresher on board responsibilities, I urge you to sign them up for our annual Church Board Training which is scheduled on Saturday, May 13th from 10 AM – 2:30 PM. For additional information and registration, please visit our website events page.

VITAL INFORMATION





Seeking Ministerial Recognition:		
Garcia, Hazael	cm	
Elizondo, Kristen	lic	
Gardner Jr, Earl	lic	
Gonzales, Jasmine R	lic	
Laia, Sargez	lic	
McIntire, Janelle R	lic	
McDermid, Jordan E	adv lic	
Maharaj, Reggie K	ord	
Potter, Lorella D	cm	

cm

Rico, Christopher G

New Credentials: Baeta, Leonard J lic Bartoe, Davis A lic Campbell, Jennifer L lic Cook, Rochelle A cm Danna, Calyb J adv lic Dayrit, Cassandra G lic Fitzhugh, Leslie D lic Lee, Salomon C lic Marler, Anthony D adv lic McDermid, Lydia M cm McGinnes, Brittany R lic lic McIntosh, Leighton P Reiches, Bradley S lic Sato, Jessie P ord

Transferred In: Bordelon, Amber Rocky Mtn Bordelon, Brandon Rocky Mtn Garcia-Smith, Elizabeth LA Smith, Jon L LA

Transferred Out: Alves, Manuel L OK Austin, Eve C So MO Austin, Timothy A So MO Carlson, Mark A No TX Gonzalez, Michael A OR Harvey, Kandis J NC Jalilie, Peter J No TX Manthe III, Leslie W ALPhillips, Benjamin A TN Runnels, Jessica H So MO Trenton, Michael D So ID

Reinstated:	
Green, Jeffrey M	rein ord
Thompson, Paul K	rein lic
Zachariou, Jonathan P	rein ord

Resigned:

Lapsed:	
Bede, Edgdawork G	ord
Cox, Krislyn	ord
Eriksen, Timothy	cm
Frye, Tricia L	lic
Garza, Ernest Jr	lic
Grigson, Stephanie L	cm
Groen, Thomas R	cm
Guardado, Celia M	lic
Hagan, Tyler	cm
Haper, Robert S	cm
Klose, Kurt	ord
Merrell, James C	ord
Motu, Hosanna V	lic
Nichols, Jon B	ord
Quintanilla, Victor M	ord
Phares, Poppy I	lic
Powell, Jacob B	lic
Smith, Derek A	lic
Sonza, Ruth Y	lic
Thompson, Paul K	lic
Thibodeaux, Alanna K	cm
Todd, Brian W	lic
Way, Brent	lic
Van Sickle, Dawn R	cmp
Zachariou, Jonathan P	ord
Zimmer, Auriel A	lic

Not Renewed:

Lussier, Christopher ord

Dismissed:

Deceased Ministers:

Blakeley, John R; Modesto, CA 5/21/1941 – 12/21/2022; Ord/SR

Grim, Leonard P; Henderson, NV 2/4/1950 – 1/21/2023; Ord

Hanford, Warren T; Tacoma, WA 3/27/1923 – 12/02/2022; Lic/SR

Irvine, Barbara L; Post Falls, ID 5/2/1936 – 1/17/2023; Ord/SR

Jackson, John B: Watsonville, CA 07/17/1953-3/2/2023; Ord/SR

Kirsch, Elmer E; Springfield, MO 3/5/1927 – 3/10/2023; Ord/SR

Deceased Spouses:

New Pastors:

<u>Vallejo, CA</u>: First Assembly of God of Vallejo
DBA: The Hill Church
Pastor: Reverend Rafael Portillo

Resigned Pastors:

General Council Affiliated

Woodland, CA: Pathway assembly of God Reverend Doug Garcia District Council Affiliated

Greenville, CA: Greenville Assembly of God Reverend Cynthia Christensen District Council Affiliated

<u>Hilmar, CA:</u> Hilmar Family Church AG Reverend Jesse McGaffee District Council Affiliated

Church Information Changes: Corporate Name Change:

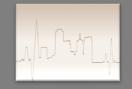
Aptos, CA: Freedom Road of Assemblies of God
To: New Hope Aptos of Assemblies of

District Council Affiliated

Wells, NV: Ruby Mountain Assembly of God

To: Crossroads Community Church AG District Council Affiliated

VITAL INFORMATION DISTRICT MINISTERS & CHURCHES



Church Information Changes Cont:

Change in Status:

New Churches:

<u>Downey</u>, <u>CA</u>: New Season/ LA/Downey

Location Address: 9001 Paramount Blvd Downey, CA 90240 Mailing Address:

same

916/919-7476

Reverend Samuel Rodriguez

Transfer-In Parent Affiliated Parent Church: New Season

(Sacramento, CA)

San Diego, CA: The House San Diego

Location Address: 875 Hotel Circle S San Diego, CA 92107 Mailing Address:

same

619/837-5900 Parent Affiliated Parent Church: The House (San Diego,

CA)

Closed Churches:

Henderson, NV: Destiny Lighthouse

Outreach Center Loc: 389 Layla Bat St Trans District Affiliated

Oakland, CA: Anthem Church Loc: 1023 Macarthur Blvd

Parent Affiliated

Parent Church: New Life Church

(Alamo, CA)

Sacramento, CA: Lighthouse Christian

Fellowship Loc: 6861 24th St Parent Affiliated:

Parent Church: Arena Fijian Assembly

(Sacramento, CA)

Sacramento, CA: NewHope Fellowship

Loc: 360 Morey Ave Parent Affiliated:

Parent Church: Arena Fijian Assembly

(Sacramento, CA)

Stirling City, CA: Stirling City Assembly

of God

Loc: 17059 Manzanita St

District Affiliated

Church Transfers:

Withdrew:



LEGACY HONORS



Dean Deguara for Leonard Baeta
Hector Gutierrez for Leonard Baeta
Terry Inman for Leonard Baeta
Aaron Singh for Leonard Baeta
Perry Kallevig for Davis Bartoe
Marquel McGhee for Davis Bartoe
Mike Roggero for Davis Bartoe
Nelson Vega Jr. for Davis Bartoe
Jerry Heyne for Jennifer Campbell
Mark McBride for Cassandra Dayrit
Brian McBride for Cassandra Dayrit
Kyle Chalko for Salomon Lee
Abe Daniel for Salomon Lee
Dave Diggs for Salomon Lee
Earl Heverly for Salomon Lee

Nancy Heverly for Salomon Lee
Steve Severyn for Salomon Lee
Nicholas Whitestone for Salomon Lee
Robert T Schlipp for Anthony Marler
Amy Allen for Lydia McDermid
Brenda Sandquist for Lydia McDermid
David Schmidt for Lydia McDermid
Pete Vossler for Lydia McDermid
Craig Andrus for Brittany McGinnes
Pat McConville for Leighton McIntosh
Al Moody for Leighton McIntosh
Angelo Austria for Jessie Sato
Omega Camacho for Jessie Sato

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

REV. DEBBIE HEDEN



Coming Up!

WM BRUNCH @ DISTRICT COUNCIL

MAY 1ST, 2023 | 11AM-1PM W @ DESTINY CHURCH | ATRIUM 6900 DESTINY DR, ROCKLIN **LUNCH: \$18**

GUEST SPEAKER MELANIE FRANCIS



VICE PRESIDENT FOR COHORT DEVELOPMENT & STUDENT SERVICES FOR SUM BIBLE COLLEGE

So that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **2 TIMOTHY 3:17**

WM Brunch 2023: We want to ensure that we are equipping those called to the ministry through every means necessary, especially in education. This is a day of celebration to rejoice in what God is doing all over the world! You are invited to attend our WM Brunch, open to all, where you can enjoy a delicious meal and hear a message from School of Urban Mission's Melanie Francis. Tickets are available on our website.



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MEN'S MINISTRIES DR. SAMUEL M. HUDDLESTON



Men's Events





What an incredible time with the men of Bethel Church of San Jose in January. I also enjoyed being with 3 Men's Groups in February at Freedom Church of the A/G.



I am a blessed man to be with these young men and future leaders at the Eureka Men's Conference.



Pastor Willy Bowles and Lifehouse Humboldt put on a powerful Men's Conference. We are still receiving reports of men's lives changing.



These pastors and leaders came together for the Eureka Men's Conference. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Upcoming Men's Events





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INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES REV. DENNIS & LYNDA CONRAD



Three of our five Nor-Cal-Nev Ethnic Fellowships



Fil-Am / Filipino-American Fellowship



Tongan Fellowship



Samoan Fellowship

Not pictured: Fijian and Slavic Fellowships



EADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PASTORAL CARE & CHURCH PLANTING

REV. CAL SWENSON



Save the date for our 2023 Minister's Retreats!!! Make plans to join us at the Beautiful Lake Tahoe Hyatt Resort & Spa in Incline Village or the beautiful Lake Las Vegas Resort & Spa! Both locations offer a variety of shops and fun dining experiences for you to enjoy, beautiful sceneries, walks on the lake, and a peaceful atmosphere for your relaxation. The Assemblies of God room rate at the Lake Tahoe Hyatt is \$219 per night plus tax and resort fee, and the Lake Las Vegas Hilton room rate is \$169 per night plus tax and resort fee. Registration Opens on the first day of District Council, May 1, 2023.

New Churches









Petero & Miliniai Koroiveibau **Full Gospel Christian** Sacramento, CA

Bill and Stephanie Walker Four Seasons Church Las Vegas, NV



CHURCH MINISTRIES

REV. CHAR BLAIR

For the past two years I've been slowly but surely working toward my MA in Church Leadership through SUM. I've been assigned books to read that I would never have read on my own and met students I never would've met since they are living in Africa, Philippines, Ukraine, and across the nation. My professor, from my Leadership in Missions, class gave us an assignment that was simple, yet not easy. Our main source of study is Alan Hirsch's, The Forgotten Ways. He notes that, "Everyone likes evangelism, when someone else is doing it." The book is full of warm fuzzy statements such as this.

The assignment given was to go into our community and ask people one question, "If you could ask God a question and you knew you'd get an answer what would you ask?" Now, I currently reside in Yuba County which means I have one of two options, both of which are not good. I could stand at the Wal-Mart in Linda (unsafe) and try to wrangle up a conversation or I could go door to door in a big chevy truck, country music blaring, duck hunting, shoot first, ask questions later neighborhood (unsafe). Instead, I opted to go into my community virtually through our Plumas-Lake Chatter Facebook group.

I let the community know that I was working on a school project and that this was not a ploy to get them to come to my church or evangelize them. I promised I would not individually try to communicate with them unless they requested it. I posted the question and waited. To my surprise the post blew up.

The amount of grief that poured out was astonishing. I thought to myself, "If I was going to plant a church in Plumas Lake, I'd start with a grief share small group, because these people need healing desperately."

As a strategic leader you have most likely already considered this option, but perhaps there are people in your church who would be interested in posing this question on their community Facebook page. If you're wanting to start small groups throughout different areas within your city this is a quick way to get a read on what is needed from neighborhood to neighborhood. Demographic trends tell us that the largest growing community within the next 25 years will be the urban poor. Perhaps these communities will have different questions they would ask God but we'll never know if we don't ask. We are His hands and feet and our extra efforts to answer questions and bring unbelievers closer to Jesus and His healing touch will be rewarded.



Here are the top three questions people would ask God . . .

- 1. God, if you good why is there so much evil/pain in the world?
- 2. Are you the true God and is the Bible really your book?
- 3. What is my purpose, why am I here?

I learned so much from the conversations I had with the many people who left comments and even private messaged me. Several were vulnerable about children they'd lost or how the drunk driver lived but their parent was killed. Facebook provided a safe place for people to say what they were thinking and feeling about God.



CHURCH MINISTRIES



Church Ministries Brunch:

Join us for our second annual Church Ministries Brunch on Monday, May 1st at 10am. This year we will be at Grace Trinity Church, limited tickets available.

Let's gather together to celebrate what God has done through BGMC and Speed The Light!







Summer Camps:

Join us this summer for our Kids and Youth Summer Camps!

- •June 12-15: SM Summer Camp #1 // Old Oak Ranch
- •June 19-22: Kids Camp #1 // Old Oak Ranch
- •June 26-29: SM Summer Camp #2 // Old Oak Ranch
- •July 17-20: SM Summer Camp #3 // Mt. Lassen
- •July 24-27: Kids Camp #2 // Mt. Lassen
- •TBA: CALLED Camp



Need to ADVANCE to Ordination??

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND ACT NOW! YOU MUST ALLOW A MINIMUM OF 5+ MONTHS FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS. Due to the time involved in processing individual applications, the following timeline is strongly encouraged. Please plan accordingly.

June 16th Last day to request official application

July 23rd Last day to receive official application at DRC

Sept 22nd Last day to receive Final Exam at DRC

Oct 13th Last day to receive references; file MUST be COMPLETE

Nov 29th Last week For Credential Interview (As per Sectional Presbyter's schedule)

FINAL DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 2^{ND}. This means fully COMPLETED ordination application files must be returned to the Credentials Office by this deadline, which includes your formal credential interview with the Sectional Leadership Committee.



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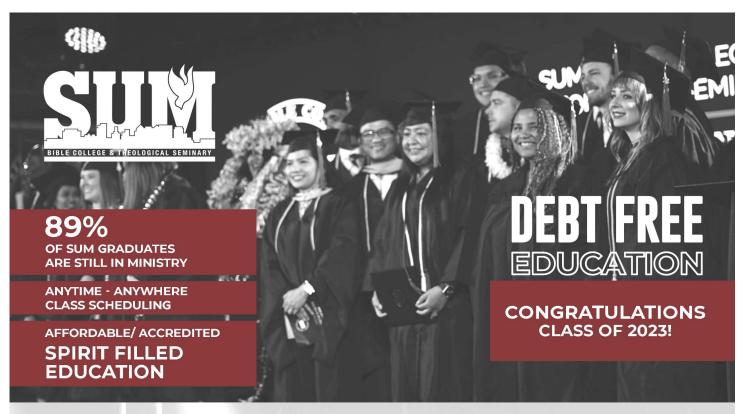
- •An eligible applicant must be:
- A high school senior, recent graduate, or current college student under the age of 30.
- A regular and active participant in an Assemblies of God congregation or Chi Alpha located in the NCN district.
- Student must be pursuing undergraduate education at a regionally accredited or ABHE accredited college that is also legally affiliated with the Assemblies of God.
- Student should be pursuing one of the following majors:
- Pastoral Ministry, Education / Teaching, Music , Missions
- •Student should have at least a 3.0 GPA in their previous 2 semesters.
- Special consideration will be given to students who are children of NCN credential holders.

Legacy Scholarship

Application Includes:

- Student's contact information
- •Student's academic matriculation to date.
- •GPA for previous two semesters
- •Student video and essay describing their involvement in A/G church or Chi-Alpha. Maximum of 300 words describing why they are enrolling in their particular program, what their academic goal is, and how this will help them fulfill what they perceive to be God's call on their life.
- •Two References: one Assemblies of God minister and one educator.
- •Applications available online at agncn.org under Resources.
- For additional information please contact: Erica Barrera at ebarrera@agncn.org





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