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SUPERINTENDENT REV. BRET ALLEN



Northern California and Nevada has long been recognized as a creative and leading district in the Assemblies of God. Ideas that are birthed in the boundaries of our district that go on to impact the nation, and in many cases the world. Ministries like Convoy of Hope and One Hope are well known in our fellowship and have worldwide influence which began in Northern California and Nevada. The tradition of innovation and leadership in our district continues as Pathway, under the direction of Pastor Abe Daniel, is making local, national, and international impact. Pathway is creative, innovative, accessible, and affordable. Pathway is an educational program helping people gain the education needed to become credentialed ministers with the Assemblies of God. Today Pathway has 1,100 active students, representing all 50 states. Here is Pastor Abe Daniel's description of the new educational program that he is leading.

In the year of 2008, Pathway began as a fulfillment of personal ministry vision and the execution of what had formerly only been a dream! What we now refer to as "Pathway 1.0" functioned as an apprenticeship out of the Northern California/Nevada Assemblies of God District Resource Center. We celebrated the launch of 72 leaders into full-time ministry from 2008-2013 throughout our district. It was my eventual transition in 2013 as District Youth Director to Senior Pastor of Trinity Life Center that led to the eventual closure of this ministry as an apprenticeship.

In 2017, my need for leaders to serve at our church was growing but the shortage of available ministers seemed greater than in years past. With the blessing of our District, Pathway "2.0" relaunched from the foundation of Trinity Life Center in Sacramento. Trinity had a great heritage with education as a core value and we were excited to see this ministry serve our church and eventually our district.

While along this journey, we realized a shortage of ministry training resources connected to credentials. This allowed us to launch Pathway "3.0" as a Church Based Bible Institute (CBBI) approved by the General Council of the Assemblies of God. When we launched in April 2019, we had no idea that we were making history by becoming the first 100% digital CBBI. By placing all 28 courses required for certified, licensed and ordination online and through a custom app, Pathway launched into our new chapter of ministry.

Since 2019, Pathway has served over 4,200 students in all 50 states, more than 20 different countries and five continents with their credential needs. As of the printing of this newsletter, Pathway has over 1,100 active students training for ministry through us. The opportunities God has trusted to us along with his favor is something that we have celebrated and continue to thank Him for.

As we move into a new season of ministry expansion (4.0), we are excited about our globalization efforts. Presently, Pathway has begun the translation of our 28 courses into Spanish and Russian. Our Russian translation efforts are connected to our new partnership with the General Council of Russia/ Ukraine Assemblies of God to assist them with digital resources for their post-war context.

Pathway did not begin as an initiative or a program to generate new revenue...it began with a passion to see leaders begin ministry with a healthy foundation. Our prayer is that we can serve those connected to local church ministry needing to have their theological foundation established and qualify for credentials at the same time. We look forward to serving you through Pathway!

Pastor Abe, I commend you on your leadership and creativity which is having such a positive impact in the Assemblies of God.

If you are interested in learning more about Pathway, or you are interested in enrolling in classes to assist you in the pursuit of a credential with the assemblies of God, please use the QR code or go to the website for more information.





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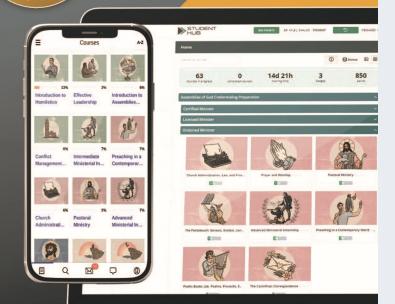
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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT DR. SAMUEL HUDDLESTON





Linda and I with General Superintendent, Doug Clay at General Council.



It was good seeing Dr. Stephen Wingem, the General Superintendent of Ghana at General Council.



It was a special honor for Linda and I to pray at the Network of Women's Breakfast with Pastor Rod Loy during General Council.



My dear friends, Pastor Ernie and Norma Jean Spears at General Council.



Linda and I loved being with our AG US Missionaries Victor and Irina Gaiduchik at General Council.



What a blessing spending time with an old friend, Pastor Eugene Huffman. He's been pastoring First Assembly of God in Willows, CA for 30 years.



Jeremy and Debora Anderson, our West Coast Chi Alpha Directors, and their four children: Aaliah, Ahnalee, Abrayah, and Jeshua.



I enjoyed being with the Chi Alpha Team at their gathering in Arizona.



Linda and I with several of our ministers and dear friends at Minister's Retreat in Lake Tahoe.



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SECRETARY-TREASURER DR. JAY HERNDON

Let the Power Do the Work

As a small boy, I liked to tell the joke about the dim-witted man who bought a saw to cut some firewood. The salesman showed him their best chainsaw, "guaranteed to cut four cords of woods per day." The man made the purchase, worked from dawn to dusk, and only cut a half-cord. He returned the saw back to the salesman saying, "it doesn't work as promised." The salesman said, "Let's look at it." He pulled the starting rope and the engine roared to life. The startled man exclaimed, "What's that noise?" I always found it funny—a slapstick vision of a man trying push and pull that saw through a log, too dumb to know that it was a *power* saw.

Unfortunately, ignoring power is more common than we want to admit. For those of us in ministry, it is an occupational hazard—Paul warns us that many in the last days that many will "have a form of godliness but deny its power." There is constant pressure on us to dissect complicated doctrines, to lead with strong arguments, and to post slick sayings on our media. As if we could somehow undo the fact that the Gospel is "foolish to the Greeks" (1 Cor 1:23). (Which itself is foolishness.) All while ignoring the fact that this foolishness is the power of God unto salvation! (Rom 1:7)

I know that many Christians have given up on the West Coast, "it is too liberal, too sinful, too anti-God." They don't believe that God can move here. They need to read Romans 5:20 again, "where sin abounds, grace does more abound."

This principle became a reality to me when I was a young minister, just 25. I was hired to be Youth Pastor in "Sin City" (Las Vegas) just off the LV Strip. Many of my friends wondered, "How can God work in Sin City?" The

answer is that it was easy (in some ways) —each week we had dozens of people coming to Christ! I saw first-hand that sin ruins people (the wages of sin is death), but I also saw that ruined people are more open to the Gospel than anyone. I learned that it wasn't persuasive arguments that won them, it was the prospect of power that won them.

It's a lesson that we all need to heed these days. We've said it before, but it has never been more true: "The world doesn't have an answer for the human plight—problems won't be solved by money or education, people won't be healed by politics or programs. Only Jesus can save us."

I can't explain how it works, I only know that it works "for everyone that believes." So, I encourage you to "pull the rope," engage the power, and see what God does.



VITAL INFORMATION

DISTRICT MINISTERS & CHURCHES



Seeking Ministerial Recognition:

Arnold, Geneva M L rec ord Arriola, Francesca lic Boling, David S adv ord Bourbon, Brandon P adv ord Chavez, Chris A rein ord Dunne, Nicholas J rein lic Faga, Lillian adv ord Ferrante, Morgan L adv ord Fisher, Lindsey U A adv ord Giacchino, Damien S lic lic Gonzalez, Omar Goundar, Ashneel cm adv ord Harvey, Laurel R Malone, Cameron J lic McElwain, Christian E lic Mersch, Cristiane M lic Moananu, Misionare cm Mudaliar, Raymond S adv ord Polk, Michael E cm Pruitt, Sandra K adv ord Rivera, Ryan J adv ord Rodriguez, Dominic J adv lic Rodriguez, Sydney lic Rowe, Kelly J lic Sanchez, Juan C adv ord Sanchez, Veronica M adv ord Saunders, Suzanne M adv ord Seibert, Thomas A adv ord Strickland, Krystal H lic Valdez, James S adv ord Villa, Martin V adv ord Whitehead, Mark A rein ord Wilks, Stephen J cm

New Credentials:

Colton, Kristen E lic Foster, Jordan L lic Fred, Philip G lic Gibson, Ernest lic Guerrero, Joseph A cm Gullickson, Steven B lic Hooker, Stacy M lic Jones, Michael D cm Laia, Sargez lic

McGee, Sara E lic Munoz, Maria R cm Nazaire, Gesner lic lic Ramos, Amanda L Wells, Bret A lic

Change in Status:

McDermid, Jordan E adv lic

Transferred Out:

Ballard, Gerald D NW Braly, Christian B **Rocky Mountain** Cornell, Kathryn A TN Hruska, John M MT So MO Keith, Donna M Wesson, Jaime J MI

Transferred In:

Ulrich, Federick E OR

Lapsed:

Reinstated:

Resigned:

Dismissed:

Deceased Ministers:

Hale, Paul D: Fayetteville, AR 7/30/1943 - 7/2/2023; Ord/SR

Pace, Bonnie S: Liberty Hill, TX 7/24/1935-7/6/2023; Lic/SR

Deceased Spouses:

Natnat, Nardo Z: Oakley, CA 2/3/1946-7/24/2023

New Pastors:

Lodi, CA: Century Assembly Damien Giacchino (Credentials in Progress)

General Council Affiliated

Los Baños, CA: NBS Church **Reverend William T Hawkins** General Council Affiliated

Paradise, CA: Ridge Lifeline Church Reverend Jeffrey Seeley General Council Affiliated

Church Information Changes:

Cottonwood, CA: Cottonwood A/G Mailing Address: 20404 Gas Point Rd Cottonwood, CA 96022 General Council Affiliated

Pittsburg, CA: Radiant Life Ministries

Center

Mailing Address: 13000 Barbaro Ct Wilton, CA 95693

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Sacramento, CA: Capital Christian Cen-

Mailing & Location Address: 10151 Croydon Way Ste 3 Sacramento, CA 95827 General Council Affiliated

Sylmar, CA: San Fernando Valley Deaf

Church

Mailing Address: 10650 De Soto Ave

Chatswort, CA 91311

Parent Affiliated Church

Parent Church: Vallejo Deaf Church

Assembly of God

Vallejo, CA: AG Life in the World Chris-

tian Center Mailing Address: 426 Devonshire St Vallejo, CA 94591

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VITAL INFORMATION DISTRICT MINISTERS & CHURCHES



Corporate Name Change:

Olivehurst, CA: River Valley Church A/G
To: Olivehurst Community Church A/G
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San Carlos, CA: First Tongan Assembly of God To: Grace United Worship Center A/G District Council Affiliated

<u>Watsonville, CA:</u> Full Gospel Church of the Lomas To: Las Lomas Community Church District Council Affiliated

Closed Churches:

Anderson, CA: The Connection Loc: 5858 Happy Valley Rd District Affiliated <u>Greenville, CA:</u> Indian Valley Christian Center AG Loc: 102 Forgay Ave *District Affiliated*

Transfer:

San Diego, CA: The House San Diego

District Council Affiliated

Transfer to: SoCal Ministry Network



LEGACY HONORS



Sam Crivello for Kristen E Colton Mitch Jenkins for Kristen E Colton Paul Krob for Jordan L Foster Marcus Hilterbrand for Jordan Foster James Adair for Jordan L Foster Terry Fred for Philip G Fred Jonacani Lewenigila for Ernest Gibson Kevin Townsend for Joseph Guerrero Doug Haggard for Joseph A Guerrero Joseph Luevano for Joseph A Guerrero Greg Wendschlag for Steven B Gullickson Pat McConville for Steven B Gullickson Shane Couch for Steven B Gullickson Shawn Bender for Steven B Gullickson Thomas Hammond for Steven B Gullickson Abe Daniel for Stacy M Hooker Steve Severyn for Stacy M Hooker Kyle Chalko for Stacy M Hooker Lisette Del Rio for Stacy M Hooker Kyle Chalko for Michael D Jones

Marcia Bethke for Michael D Jones Brian Isidore for Michael D Jones Shlimoon Betsargis for Sargez Laia John Bayati for Sargez Laia Pete Vossler for Jordan E McDermid Charlie Rodriguez for Sara E McGee Stephanie Rodriguez for Sara E McGee John Gregg for Maria R Munoz Jason Bishop for Maria R Munoz Rodney White for Maria R Munoz Evan Prosser for Gesner Nazaire Carlos Jackson for Gesner Nazaire Tim Gavigan for Gesner Nazaire Abby Sterling for Amanda L Ramos Jeremy Anderson for Amanda Ramos Jamil Stell for Amanda L Ramos Wendy Truitt-Reed for Amanda L Ramos Bret Allen for Bret A Wells Eugene Wheeler for Bret A Wells

ATTENTION ORDINATION CANDIDATES

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PLEASE ACT NOW!

HAVE YOU CONTACTED YOUR SECTIONAL PRESBYTER TO SCHEDULE YOUR CREDENTIAL EXAM AND INTERVIEW?

Due to the time involved in processing individual applications, the following timeline is strongly encouraged. **PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!**

Oct 14th - Last day to return references; file MUST be COMPLETE

Nov 25th - Last week for Credential Interview (As per Sectional Presbyter's schedule)

THE ABSOLUTE COMPLETED FILE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 2ND. THIS MEANS FULLY <u>COMPLETED</u> ORDINATION APPLICATION FILES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CREDENTIALS OFFICE BY THIS DEADLINE, WHICH INCLUDES YOUR FORMAL CREDENTIAL INTERVIEW WITH THE SECTIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE.

CREDENTIAL RENEWALS

Credential Renewal starts November 1st!

Mark your calendar, General Council's online renewal system is scheduled to open on November 1st! Submit your renewal online by November 15th for a chance to win a gift card. Visit the following link to submit your credential renewal: https://ministerrenewal.ag.org/

Expect an email from General Council (early November) with additional instructions regarding your 2024 renewal.

Please note that credential renewals must be <u>received by December 31, 2023.</u> After this date, you will have until January 15th to renew with a **\$50** late fee (\$25 to General Council and \$25 to District Council).

After January 15th, your credential will lapse and you will have to pay a \$150 reinstatement fee.

Please note: If you are a new minister and you receive your credential card after November 1st of 2023, you can disregard any reminders from the District regarding renewals. Also, if you are Senior Retired, a World Missionary, or Disabled and do not renew by January 1st, the District will renew on your behalf.

Please review your financial commitment to the General Council and District Council. If you have discrepancies, please contact the appropriate office. If you submit your renewal and you have a balance, your credential will be placed on hold until the balance is rectified. Please contact Dr. Jay's office immediately if you are having a financial hardship. Do not wait until the last week of December because your renewal will not get processed on time due to office holiday hours.

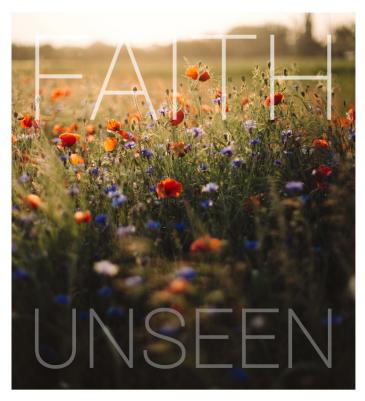
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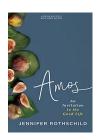
Resources!

New additions to our library! (email us for availability)

"From Beginning to Forever" by Elizabeth Woodson
"When You Pray" by Kelly Minter and more
"Amos" by Jennifer Rothschild









Sisterhood Connections to look forward to:

October 20th — Sierra Nevada

October 28th — Redwood

November 4th — Gold Country

November 4th — Sacramento Valley

December 1st — South San Joaquin

*Check in with your Area Leader for more information.

She Leads Recap!

We had such an incredible day at our She Leads event!

Women from all over the NCN District showed up and were encouraged, equipped and empowered. We are looking forward to the next one!

















MEN'S MINISTRIES DR. SAMUEL M. HUDDLESTON





Vision casting for Men's Ministries.



We're blessed by Jim Heden and John Withers, two of our pastors that support Men's Ministries.



I enjoyed time with Pastor Khristian Miller.



Pastor Arney Corbin is such a blessing to our Men's Ministries.

MEN'S CONFERENCE SAC 2024 MAY 17-18, 2024 LOCATION TBD Scan the QR Code to Register!



Isaiah Vi, of our Men's Ministry Board, with Linda and I.



(Left) All of the pastors and Men's Ministry Leaders who were able to join us for our 2023 Men's Conference Sacramento. I am deeply grateful for all of your support.

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INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES REV. DENNIS & LYNDA CONRAD





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Some of our Ethnic Church Folks at the Lake Tahoe Ministers' Retreat



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Just Between Us hosted the 45th annual retreat for pastor's wives, credentialed women, and widows. The Lord moved in powerful ways as we gathered at Harvest Church in Elk Grove! THANK YOU to our speaker, Rev. Cindy Johnson, the ministry team, all who attended, and those who served. I also thank the Lord for each one of YOU! May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom 15:13) Reverends Valerie Allen, Linda Huddleston, and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas! - Teri Herndon



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CHURCH MINISTRIES

REV. CHAR BLAIR

"Hey Char . . . it's pastor Sam Crivello . . . Tracy Community Church. It's been a long time."

I would never in a million years forget Pastor Sam Crivello. He was on my very first mission trip to Zimbabwe in 2005. He took his youth group and I've remained a fan of him and his students ever since. Mission trips are life changing, and a lot of it depends on who you go with.

"Pastor Sam, how are you doing my friend and congrats on becoming the new Senior Pastor."

Pastor Sam has been at Tracy Community for 17 years serving alongside Pastor Brian and Star Richardson. He was loyal, capable, and the natural choice. Eight months prior the board and congregation elected him as their new senior pastor. They could not have made a better choice.



"Hey, I believe our church is ready for a missions project and I think Speed the Light is the right fit for us."

He didn't have to convince me. Speed the Light is simple. I understand that raising money for missions is not easy but when you keep it simple it helps. Speed the Light equips missionaries with vehicles. It's the only way a missionary can acquire a vehicle on the field.

I received several text messages and calls after our initial conversation. Calls such as . . . "What do we do next?" "Which missionary should I present to the congregation?" and "Where do we send the check?" One thing I knew for sure . . . Pastor Sam was ALL IN.

Within three months I had received three checks totaling almost \$91,000. Yes, you're reading that correctly. By the end of the year, I have no doubt that Tracy Community will have single-handedly raised \$100,000 for Speed the Light.

Why do I share this?

To give honor where honor is due.

To testify to the goodness of God and to one pastor's initiative to challenge his congregation.

To encourage you and remind you that presenting a simple need to your congregation, youth group, women's/men's ministry or small group just may be the rally point needed to ignite giving in your church.

Thank you, Pastor Sam Crivello . . . your STL giving has not elevated you in my eyes . . . it has only confirmed what I knew about you all along. You have a huge heart for missions and to see His kingdom come.

Here is Pastor Sam Crivello presenting Missionaries Rev. Joel and Mandy Corbin with a check for over \$90,000 from Tracy Community Church for STL. Raised in a little over three months. If you want to watch this moment in "reel time", click this link.





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