



PCCNA Discipleship Commission 2nd Quarter Report, 2023

APRIL:



Support provided to NHCLC related to their Lilly Foundation grant in compelling preaching; pastor/couples conferences facilitated in Central Texas, Chicago, and Connecticut, included introduction to Spirit-empowered discipleship outcomes and weekly text platform providing Whole-life Discipleship prayer-care-share strategies.



Based on the Relational Discipleship course in Spirit-empowered Faith (SEF) offered by ORU, Dr. Bill Buker, who serves on the Commission, published his "Abiding in the Vine" article; the research article highlights the Commission's work on a relational theology of spiritual formation based on 1) encounters with Jesus, 2) experiences of Scripture, and 3) engagement in fellowship.

MAY:

A Preach4Engagement 4-year grant request was submitted by the Church of God of Prophecy (CoGoP) to the Lilly Foundation drawing upon the work of Commission members Brian Sutton and Scott Gillum; a support letter was included from PCCNA by David Wells; envisioned in the grant would be trainings in a relational hermeneutic from Ephesians 4:11–12 and the Commission's framework of "serving" the Lord and His Word, His love, and His Mission. Also included in the grant request would be funding for annual fall retreats for PCCNA leaders in order to scale the identified best practices throughout various denominations. *(Grant award confirmations are anticipated in the fall of 2023).*



A significant content development project in Whole-life Discipleship prayer content was undertaken in partnership with CoGoP to provide language translation in Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Russian; the digital "flipbook" devotionals are available for smart phones, tablets, and computers and can be utilized in social media, church websites, and text platforms. Plans are to "brand" a PCCNA series.



JUNE:

Acts2 training/Spanish online course offerings—Commission co-chair Dr. Lewis Alexander and members Abraham Hernandez and Paco Garcia will attend Acts2 training in Springfield; plans for 2024 include integration of the Acts2/ Church Health training with the SEF outcomes and relational hermeneutic into the NHCLC Lilly grant offerings.



Several Discipleship Commission members will participate in the Amsterdam conference with the E21 Discipleship Commission meeting on June 20, 2023. (Ferguson, Alexander, Bonilla, Buker and Sutton, along with international representatives from several countries who are extending the PCCNA work globally).