

P C C N A
Annual Meeting
Coastal Church, Vancouver, BC
February 26, 8:30 a.m. - February 27, 2015 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time

An Evening with Friends

The wonderful fellowship began Wednesday evening with a beautiful dinner cruise, compliments of Kenneth Copeland Ministries, Canada and arranged by Pastors David and Cheryl Koop. A professional piano/violin duet provided exceptional entertainment, compliments of Coastal Church

Orientation and Inspiration

Thursday morning Chairman Jeff Farmer opened with a brief history of the miracle of the Coastal Church building. He then led in prayer thanking the Lord for Pastor David and Cheryl Koop and the church for their gracious hospitality in welcoming PCCNA.

A new, inspiring video of the history and mission of PCCNA started the morning.
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIvuJpDk3VE>)

The Chairman launched the gathering by sharing four elements to serve as our guide. Relevant scriptures accompanied his remarks.

- God's Heart for Lost People
- God's Heart for the Cities
- Prayer
- Evangelism

Introductions

Sponsors were thanked and introduced: Tom Phillips, VP of the Billy Graham Library; Darren Schalk of One Accord Resources; John Westra of LOGOS Bible Software; Jason McMullen, Charisma Media; Kay Horner presenting iDisciple; Paul and Cathy Becker of DCPI. Harvest House and AG Financial sponsored, but without representation.

Larry Kreider gave a greeting. He is International Director of Dove Int'l and has authored 35 books. The passion of his heart is the young generation.

The Chairman introduced Tim Coalter, the new North American Presbyter of the Church of God of Prophecy. Paul Paino has returned as General Overseer of cmiGlobal. Brother Farmer noted Shannon Truelove of the International Pentecostal Church of Christ was registered to be present, but due to weather his flight was cancelled.

Worship

Inspiring worship was led by the worship team of Coastal Church. A special message of encouragement was given through an interpretation.

David Wells
Ministry to the City

Jeff Farmer introduced David Wells, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada who welcomed delegates to Canada. The PCCNA has asked itself. "Are we living up to our purpose statement in regards to cities?" He spoke of the broad outreaches of the PAOC, but of the sad state of Pentecost in the cities. He mentioned his becoming part of an in-city church which gave him an opportunity to think through his convictions on the city. He referred to the theme Righteousness in the City and said he felt he needed to begin with God's purpose for the city which is rooted in righteousness and justice, a people of Shalom (Isa. 32-167-18), a light to the nations (Isa. 60:1-3.) We have killed cities due to our negligence. We've defined faith as a therapeutic religion that stinks in the nostrils of God. We need not have just a holiness to ourselves but a transformational ministry done in the Spirit and in empowerment. We must think in the Exhiliaric Theology of the ministry of God. The reality of God is not just nature but living in the City of God.

Urban Ministry characteristics include Incarnational, Missiological, Holistic, Partnership, Impartiality, and the redemptive. Holistic ministry is not just a way to get people, but it is a heart for God. We don't do disembodied ministry. We don't do Docetism. In a ghetto, I was reminded of trench World War I warfare - people, everyday, desperately striking out with the bayonets, just trying to survive. He added that if you work in the city, you have to be impartial as to who to let in.

David introduced Pastor **Darin Latham** of Broadway Church, Vancouver. When the demographics changed they made an intentional decision to remain in a city which has changed from conformity to a radical diversity. Diversity challenges, he discovered.

1. Diversity of distances. Vancouver discourages freeways and has added tolls. It's a different place to build community with limits of transportation. No house in Vancouver is on the market for less than \$1 million driving more people away from the city center. People have to live far away, challenging the attraction of churches.
2. Diversity of generations – Vancouver is a culture more and more divided by age differences. It is more and more challenging. He asked his seniors, "Is there anything you are not willing to change to get your kids into heaven?"
3. Diversity of cultures (in the city and in a single church). It is a strength and a challenge. We don't call them congregations. We are one congregation. Korean is our expression of the larger congregation in Korean.
4. Diversity of languages. This is even a greater challenge in dealing in complex topics of the church.
5. Diversity of religions. West Coast secularism is at full tilt in Vancouver. Fifty percent of people in Vancouver checked "no religion" in a poll. The other 50% include many other religions. Darin uses a five-fold understanding of this through concentric circles. The outer ring includes the unfamiliar, exploring, beginning in Christ, growing and centered in Christ. His basic outreach target is the three outer rings.
6. Diversity of incomes. There was a man who sold his business for \$700 million sitting next to a man who is broke. To address this is a plethora of programs investing in the economic disadvantaged.

David introduced **Karen Reed**, Mission Canada Urban Worker. She works in a very diverse area adverse to institutions, especially the church. She opened a home for the transitioning practicing radical hospitality to the stranger. She said we need to gather

enough social capital to affect those around us. She volunteers at many community events where she sees few other Christians working. Her goal is to make her home not a sanctuary, but common, seeking to live into the ways of Jesus - living counter to the way she has lived most of her life. Her concentration is place, parish, presence and practices. Loving our neighbors is not the peripheral, but the crux of loving God.

Karen then prayed over the delegation for God's blessing upon their efforts to love and reach the people in the cities. Sharon Campbell then prayed over Karen's ministry and her father who is in the stage of passing.

David prayed that we not call the church to where we are not willing to go.

He then introduced **Rex Ng**, pastor the Vancouver Chinese Pentecostal Church. Rex said when he came to Canada he was a disoriented Oriental and then shared about cultural reality: Four out of 10 are immigrants in Vancouver with Asians making up a third of the immigrant population. "The world is coming to us," he said. "Do we engage or ignore them?" He quoted, Lev. 19:33-34, "Do not mistreat them." He encouraged the group to learn the cultural practices and new ways to do things, by hosting international students and by being missional and holistic. They are involved in international student ministries, exercise, Bible studies, cultural community centers, homeless areas, and low income housing.

The question is not an either/or whether we do cultural or intercultural ministry. It is both. 70.4% of Richmond is Chinese. He called the Gospel an exercise in Supply and Demand. Jesus has paid the ultimate price so supply should not be an issue in reaching out to the lost. We have a constant supply of immigrants. And there is an urgent demand for churches to reach out to the immigrants in an Acts 1:8 approach. Where is our Jerusalem? Where is our Judea? Where is our Samaria?

Chairman Farmer challenged leaders of movements to join with the North American Prayer Accord to begin a tsunami of prayer in recognition of our absolute dependence on God, the moral and spiritual challenges facing our nations and the world. He called out our need for repentance and divine intervention, recalling the covenants of prayer that God has answered throughout history and our great hope for a general awakening to the Lordship of Christ, the unity of His body, and the sovereignty of His Kingdom. He then asked the leaders to meet in small groups for a long season of prayer in which God worked in many lives.

Following, separate individuals prayed for Mexico, Canada, and the United States.

David Ferguson and Kay Horner Great Commandment Network and Awakening America Alliance

David Ferguson is the Executive Director for the Great Commandment Network and serves in leadership of a number of other organizations centered around reaching our nation. He introduced Kay Horner, Executive Director for International Center for Spiritual Renewal who explained the efforts of the Awakening America Alliance, such as the Cry Out America event on 9/11 at county courthouses and their great success in initiating prayer efforts in prisons.

She spoke of courageous pastors speaking to the critical issues of the day. The Great Awakenings preached against things like slavery, women's suffrage, and child labor. We must retrain preachers how to preach. She informed the group of the various initiatives of the Awakening America Alliance and the need to address declining churches. The

outcome of church renewal/church planting is Spirit-empowered disciples who make disciples who make disciples. The beginning point for church renewal can be Pastor/renewal/Reboot Leadership.

David informed us that only when you have changed pastors' hearts, churches will change. Their concentric circle model of ministry focuses on loving the Lord, near ones, His church, and His mission. A Next Gen imperative strategy will engage inter-generational ministry as both dreams and visions intersect to serve kingdom purposes. We must engage emerging generations.

Discipleship Diagnosis – Rational/behavioral models are simply not working. We have a forgotten purpose of Truth. Scripture has both subjective meaning and relational significance. (How does this text lead me into a deeper love of the God who wrote it or how does it lead me into a deeper love of people?) We lose people because none of us can keep the behaviors except with a relationship with God.

How do you walk people through truth to faith? (the four “E’s”)

- Exploring the Truths of the faith; Embracing the Truths of faith personally.
- Experiencing the Truths of the Faith in everyday life.
- Expressing the Truths of the faith to others through my identity in Christ.

David challenged the group to practice Great Commission living empowered by Great Commandment Love. He asked the group to get with another person and to pray a prayer of celebration with each other and then a prayer of comfort and then of encouragement.

We must offer an encounter with Jesus. Romans 8:1 promises no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:33-34 commits that only Jesus may charge us. We need to tell new generations the only person who can judge them is praying for them.

Sponsors

Foundation Capital Resources and A/G Financial are lending institutions for churches. Their Purpose: Foundation Capital Resources was created with a unique purpose—to help build the Kingdom by providing mortgage financing to churches and ministries. Their process is different. They look at more than just the black and white numbers. They consider a variety of factors and listen to your ministry’s unique story.

Their commitment to ministry is different. When an organization’s focus is growing ministry, things look a little different. Their support of ministry doesn’t stop with lending. A portion of each interest payment is directed towards planting new churches, growing faith-based community programs, and supporting retired ministers.

Kay Horner spoke on behalf of iDisciple from Family Christian. They provide a customizable and personalized website with 150,000 content items from 250 providers on 130 various topics including marriage, career, parenting and spirituality in podcast form and text. iDisciple is a faith-based organization.

John Westra, LOGOS International, was introduced. LOGOS has 500 employees, Bellingham, WA. Their passion: the Word of God. LOGOS facilitates going deeper into the Bible much quicker. LOGOS 6 is the most complete Bible study software available.

Darren Schalk is Associate Editor of One Accord Publications, the cure for Biblical Illiteracy. A flaw, he said the church has fallen into is that we have walked away from

dated curriculum designed for a long term, the curriculum kept us on pace to walk through the Bible. They are unique because they are a consortium of Pentecostal denominations inviting churches on a journey back to the Bible. Some people ask, "Will our children have faith?" Another way to look at it is, "Will our faith have children?" Will our Pentecostal/Charismatic faith be passed on to succeeding generations?

Gordon McDonald introduced John Gilman of Dayspring, International, a pioneer in Christian television. He produced an Indian film entitled "Dayasagar" seen by 18 million through 400,000 showings in 14 major languages in India. He stated we have the most incredible power, the Gospel of Jesus Christ which needs to be heard! He gifted his book, "The Dawning," to the members.

Paul Becker of DCPI. DCPI is a church planting organization which partners with organizations and ministries that want to plant churches. They train planters. Examples; over 200 church plants projected for 2015 in the Church of the Nazarene. The Nazarene church is growing for the first time in 50 years. DCPI does not charge for its training and has equipped 93,000 church planters which have resulted in 11,900,000 disciples.

Tom Phillips A Call for Revival

Tom Phillips, VP of Billy Graham Library, shared his testimony - a trek from med school to Jesus. He spoke of possible revival at the coronation (funeral) of Billy Graham when God takes Billy home. David Ingram of BGEA, Canada greeted the group. Dave Koop of Coastal Church spoke of the coming crusade with Franklin Graham and spoke of unity among churches. Voices Together is a multi-cultural group of many churches for a common cause. He gave greetings from Billy and Franklin Graham and asked for prayer of protection for Franklin whose bold proclamations have stirred the opposition.

"Vision for Evangelism" is located at the Library, a geographical base for evangelistic training. Tom said amazing things have occurred at the BGL during VFE weekends. They allow the best soul winners a denomination can provide to come for a weekend to have instilled in them a vision for their generation. They arrive on Friday night and are challenged to share Jesus in whatever occupation they serve. He said, "If we can infiltrate the marketplace with witnesses I believe the next great revival may come in the marketplace." The goal is for a thousand young people to go through the program in the next year. An inspirational and descriptive video promoting the BGL was shown. Tom said in Christian history no phenomenon is more dear than the recurrence of revivals.

Characteristics of Revival:

- Repentance unchains passion in specific geographical areas.
- People previously unaware of supernatural become acutely aware.
- People suddenly gripped by the terror of wrong-doing and fear of coming judgment
- A work of God's Spirit among His own people.

Henry Blackaby said, "If a society gets darker and darker it is not a problem with the darkness." Psalm 85:6 asked, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

There are Seven Indicators of revival:

- When the sovereignty of God indicates that revival is near.

- When wickedness grieves.
- When there is a spirit of prayer for revival.
- When the attention of ministers is directed toward revival and spiritual awakening.
- When Christians confess their sins from one to another.
- When the Christians are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to carry out the new movement of God's Spirit.
- When the ministers and laity are willing for God to promote spiritual awakening by whatever instrument He pleases.

Jeff Farmer concluded by announcing the Executive Committee had set September 3-5, 2015 for PCCNA leaders to go to the BGL in Charlotte, NC and experience a comp VFE.

**Pastor David and Cheryl Koop
Coastal Church, Vancouver, BC**

Friday morning began with awesome worship followed by a powerful time of prayer.

Pastor Dave Koop was introduced and recognized by the Executive Committee for all his gracious support of the 2015 PCCNA meeting. He gave his testimony of how he came to the city, pondering whether or not he was the most fit for the position. He spoke of Stanley Park, across the bay with Totem Poles, Hallelujah Park and a gun. All were pointing to the city. The gun is pointing exactly where the church is and believe God was showing him the city is his target. He spoke of all the obstacles the church faced in coming to the city and buying the building. The Christian Scientists refused to sell, but eventually relented to another buyer. That buyer was reluctant to rent, but eventually relented but refused to sell, wishing a more lucrative buyer. Pastor Koop's negotiator told the owner, "You would never tear down a Mosque in the city, do you want to be the first to close down a church in the city?" The financing came from unexpected help and was eventually paid of through plans for a skyscraper next door which needed density space. The church sold them their unused and unneeded density rights for \$4.5 million which paid for their building.

He stated that city planners strive to project their cities as the best to attract people as engines to build their futures. Dave says the cities need churches to become better cities. The most pressing need in the city is loneliness. This is a key function of the church, to address the cause. He spoke of how to neighbor. Ps 46:10 tells us to "Be still, and know that I am God." He advised all the attendees to unplug from the city to listen to God.

Brother Farmer moved forward the membership process from the business session to welcome Coastal Church as the newest member church of the PCCNA.

Summary

The 2015 "Lost in the City" Annual Meeting of the Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America was insightful, and filled with excitement, fellowship and the Spirit of God. Many testified to hearing from God. Although flight conditions restricted some from attending, the meeting had the greatest number of leaders registered to date.

Respectfully,
Clyde M. Hughes, Secretary