



## ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Crowne Plaza New Orleans Airport Hotel  
Kenner, LA. February 21 – 23, 2018

### **Theme & Participation**

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America enjoyed a theme of *2018: Year of Prayer*. One-hundred and fifty-two people registered, representing 23 different denominations and church networks, 11 para church organizations, and multiple local congregations. There were 70 singles and 41 couples.

### **Sponsors**

Twelve sponsors made the meeting possible: Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Infinity Concepts, Pure Flix, International Christian Assembly Jerusalem, Empowered 21, Israel Advantage Tours, Prolific Business Solutions, Logos Bible Software, Global Outreach Day, The Center for Holy Land Studies, Intentional Marriage, and Pray.com. PCCNA highly values the partnership of these ministries.

### **Worship**

Kristi Northup from Saints Community Church (A/G) in New Orleans led worship. Kristi played the keyboard and provided the vocal lead. Her worship team included a bass and drums. Kristi was nine months pregnant. She served with passionate anointing as she ushered us to the throne and provided background music during a lengthy season of prayer. A highlight was her original number “When Healing Comes.”

### **Speakers & Those Who Shared**

Percy McCray, Cancer Treatment Centers of America: Stay in Your Lane  
Mark Dreistadt, Infinity Concepts: Breaking Through the Noise  
Caleb Brown, Ministry Training: Phenomenal Recent Baptisms in the Holy Spirit  
Gerard Long, Awakening to God Ministries: Love Conquers Loss

### **Commissions**

Six different commissions met on Wednesday, February 21: Christian Unity, Communications & Media, Discipleship, Prayer, Race Relations, and Women in Ministry. Nearly half of the people in attendance arrived early to participate in one of the commissions. Commission chairpersons gave reports to the conference on Friday morning. Each commission represents kingdom collaboration across multiple movements, centered on areas of ministry calling and passion.

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### **Miracle Invasion Release**

It was with great anticipation and expectation that PCCNA, in partnership with BroadStreet Publishing and author, Dean Merrill, released its second book during the conference: *Miracle Invasion*. A collection of 40 true, supernatural stories documenting

the operation of the twelve gifts of the Spirit in our day and on our continent, *Miracle Invasion* encourages Spirit-empowered believers to be faithful in manifesting the gifts of the Spirit distributed to them. Early sales of the book were brisk, with the first printing of 5,000 copies sold immediately after the release.

### **Miracle in May 2020 Embraced by All**

In partnership with Global Outreach Day, PCCNA has broadly embraced a “prayer, care, share” vision to unite around an evangelistic effort that will mobilize believers across North America to witness for Christ in May 2020. Given the unfortunate reality that less than 5% of Christians ever share their faith, PCCNA is enlisting all of its member movements to begin now training every person in the pew to pray, care, and share their faith with lost neighbors, unsaved family members, and pre-Christian friends at work. Entire denominations, church networks, congregations, and para church ministries signed a document pledging to join this movement to mobilize 100 million Christians worldwide to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **New Commission Approved**

The Executive Committee and Board of Administration united in approving a new Church Health Commission to be chaired by Alton Garrison.

### **PCCNA Commemorates Reformation Anniversary**

In a unique act of celebration commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of the Protestant Reformation (1517), PCCNA approved the expenditure of funds to plant a tree in the Luther Garden in Germany on behalf of Pentecostals. Other Christian organizations are planting trees as well. To observe the same in the USA, PCCNA has begun the process of identifying a site in Memphis, TN where another tree will be planted to both commemorate the Reformation and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Memphis Miracle...the founding of PCCNA.

### **New Members Welcomed**

The 2018 PCCNA membership class was the largest in its 24-year history. Six organizations made application and were approved: Awakening to God Ministries, Charisma Media, Empower 21, Infinity Concepts, Intentional Marriage, and The King's University. Welcome to the PCCNA family!

### **Mississippi River Dinner Cruise**

The annual meeting opened on Wednesday evening with Southern hospitality and cuisine on the Creole Queen, a large paddle wheeler treating members and guests to a wonderful meal and live Jazz band. The two-hour event gave ample time to meet, greet, and network.

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