

# PCCNA

## Annual Meeting Report

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### Introduction

**Welcome:** Chairman Jeff Farmer called the meeting to order by welcoming the Holy Spirit, members, observers, guests and sponsors. He introduced Gary Clark with the Christian Community Credit Union. Brother Farmer gave special recognition to three patriarchs and statesmen of the faith: Bishop George D. McKinney, former Co-Chair of the PCCNA and founder of St. Stephen's Cathedral in San Diego; Jerry Kirk, Founder of Religious Alliance Against Pornography/Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families and Pure Hope; and Dr. Paul Cedar, former pastor, President of the Evangelical Free Church, and now President and Founder of the Mission America Coalition with over 500 collaborating ministry partners. Special prayer was given for Cathy Ciaramitaro who was rushed to the ER the night before.

**Worship:** Adam Michel, City View Church (formerly First Assembly of God), led in a wonderful and blessed time of praise and worship. Some song lyrics were sung in both English and Spanish.

### Embracing Mexico

**Leaders and Guests:** Twelve church leaders and guests were present from Mexico. Each one stood and introduced themselves, their place of ministry, and shared stirring testimonies of God's work in Mexico. It was noted the registration binder included a history timeline of Mexico, as well as important statistics and facts.

**Overview of Mexico:** Brother Farmer gave a history of the 1994 Memphis Miracle and why PCCNA was reaching out to include Mexico... "to say among the nations the Lord reigns" He read a number of Biblical passages how we are to treat our neighbors. Seven times in scripture we are admonished to "Love your neighbor as yourself." Mexico is our neighbor. He spoke of the significance of the Mexican flag and its history, the government of Mexico, and its geography and demographics. Mexico has the largest population of Spanish speakers in the world. It is one-fifth size of US and three times the size of Texas. Half of all Mexicans are under 20 years of age. Main economic strengths come from agriculture, natural resources, and industry. It is a religious nation with 83 to 89% labeling themselves Catholics, with native customs integrated into Catholicism. Twenty percent are Protestant, mostly Pentecostal, with the remainder spread among other religions. Problems Mexico face are the political and economic failures of government, drug cartels, and the chance for a better life in the U.S. and Canada, resulting in illegal immigration.

**Pastor Fermin Garcia:** Pastor Garcia of Tijuana greeted the meeting and shared with the group what a great turnaround God had performed in their city. The drug problem brought people to their knees. One of the most dangerous cities in the world has now become one of the safest cities in the world. There are over 100,000 Christian voters in Baja now.

The announcement was made that Grupo de Unidad Cristiana de Mexico (the mega church of 7,000 pastored by Fermin) is becoming the first organization from Mexico to join the PCCNA. Chairman

Farmer presented Pastor Garcia with a certificate of membership. He also announced next year's PCCNA annual meeting will be in Cancun, Mexico.

**John Spyker:** Leader of Alianza Vida Abundante, John oversees a network of nearly 300 churches in Mexico. He spoke of many great changes taking place in his nation. He said his people were once persecuted by Catholics, but now he works side-by-side with the Archbishop of his city. "We are in tremendous days of tribulation and yet powerful days of revival." "My father stood on the shoulders of his father. I stand on my father's shoulders. We must stand on the shoulders of the spiritual fathers in this room."

**Prayer:** The brethren from Mexico were invited forward so U.S. and Canadian leaders could pray a blessing over their new friends. Brother Farmer repented for a paternalistic spirit of the American church. Then the brethren from Mexico prayed for the American and Canadian leaders. A season of prayer prevailed, during which time Bishop Doug Beacham (IPHC), Gen. Superintendent David Wells (PAOC), and Randy Howard (COGOP) shared exhortations from the Lord.

**Proclamation:** Alton Garrison provided a powerful prophetic proclamation that what we are witnessing is a dismantling of spiritual colonialism which is the end of spiritual paternalism and the emergence of a spiritual interdependence and spiritual partnership.

**Bishop McKinney:** As a father from the Memphis Miracle, Bishop McKinney was asked by Randy Howard to pray over this kairos moment. Memphis pastor Aaron Campbell requested prayer for the challenges facing the Black church in his area.

### **Spurgeon Ministry**

Evangelist Dave Aranda-Richards, a Charles G. Spurgeon impersonator, was introduced. Usually appearing in 1800's costume during his actual services, Richards brings to life the spell-binding preaching of C. H. Spurgeon, the "Prince of Preachers." Dave gave a short sample of his ministry.

### **God's Spirit in North America**

**North America:** Jeff gave an overview of the continent. There is a rapidly declining number of Christians in our three nations and it is happening on our watch. Satan is rejoicing. Our religious institutions have exchanged authentic spiritual life for religion. C.S. Lewis in *Screwtape Letters* writes in the voice of the senior devil, "...it will be an ill day for us if what most humans mean by 'religion' ever vanishes from the Earth. It can still send us the truly delicious sins. Nowhere do we tempt so successfully as on the very steps of the altar." Chairman Farmer declared, "I hate it when the apostate replaces the genuine, when tradition replaces truth, when lyrics replace living worship, when programs replace the purpose of God. People want to encounter the living God in our churches. Amos said, "I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies...Away with the noise of your songs. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"

We need the Spirit of God to sweep over our nations, and through the streets of our cities – to flow into the classrooms of our schools and the corporate boardrooms of our businesses. Why not now? Why not in the three nations of North America? "...a three-fold cord cannot quickly be broken." Come Holy Spirit, and heal our nations...Mexico, U.S., and Canada. You are the Governor of our nations!

## **The American Church**

**David Ferguson**, speaking to the condition of the American church, said there are three things needed to attain the kind of vision Paul Cedar has, i.e., to reach every person in America with Christ. First, it must be led by people of the Spirit who pass on the faith of Jesus, so let's intersect with anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord. Second, David characterizes the church in America as "The Toddler Church." Toddlers hold on and then let go as they walk. We hold on to man-made things, e.g., choir robes, spiked hair, or some false sense of the contemporary. It's been decades since we've had a genuine outbreak of the Spirit in this country. It parallels the first century Church in Galatians: the bondage of legalism without the Spirit. Young people still need mentoring in what to throw out and what to hang on to. Third, we should divest of downstream symptoms. They are symptomatic of the lack of upstream investments. If you want to affect drugs, and fatherlessness, then invest upstream. Let's invest in a biblical worldview.

**Alton Garrison**, asked to reflect on the American church, said there is not much written to denominational leaders. Denominational leaders are faced with the great challenge of whether to jump from a burning platform or to start a rally. Ed Stetzer was asked to study Pentecostals in America. He found 50% of high school seniors think Sodom and Gomorrah were married. Stetzer said Pentecostals do better - but not much better. From 2000 to 2010 the AG's larger churches grew by 237,110; so the AG is shown as a growing movement. When they looked at the 10,000 churches under 200, for the same period, they lost a net of 2,064. Then they discovered the larger churches do a better job of missional activity, but do a poorer job of discipling. We know the smaller churches do better on the average per capita of getting people from conversion to water baptism and from water baptism to the Spirit baptism stage. Pentecostals have abdicated their responsibilities with curriculum. If we are to have a Spirit-inspired nation, we must do it with Pentecostal curriculum. He suggested going to the App Store and download "714prayer" and then go to a button which says "live." It shows 272 people have prayed today for spiritual renewal in the United States. We were challenged to promote the celebration of Pentecost Sunday. Let's pray together and preach together. We can do more together than any of us can do alone.

## **The Canadian Church**

**Wes Mills** was asked to speak on the Canadian church reality. Canada has one-tenth the population of the U.S., most of whom live within 200 miles of the border. Seven to ten percent are Evangelical. Canadians are heavily influenced by secularism and postmodernism. Immigration is bringing in more world religions. The people are prosperous and most don't think they need God. There are four needs in Canada: 1. Discipleship. They are a mile wide and an inch deep. The church should help parents become the primary trainers of the children. 2. We must concentrate on the evidence and not the empowerment. 3. People are influenced by secularism; the Christian worldview is absent. This is because of a weak ecclesiology. 4. The Great Awakening and French Renewal gives hope for a new awakening in Canada.

**David Wells** led an anointed time of prayer for the nation of Canada.

**Prophetic Word:** Chairman Farmer spoke as the Spirit gave utterance. Does not my Word declare, I am exalted over the nations? Why do the nations rage, and the rulers, presidents, monarchs and dictators come against my people? For I sit in the heavens and laugh; I have set my King upon my

holy hill of Zion. Ask of me, and I will give the nations to you as an inheritance. Oh let the nations be glad, for you shall judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. As Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon bowed before Daniel, and as the jailer in Rome bowed before Paul, so the nations will bow before Christ in you, the hope of glory. For the government shall be upon my shoulders. And of the increase of my government and peace there shall be no end, to order it and to establish it forevermore. To him who overcomes I will give power over the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron. And so it shall be, the kingdoms of this earth shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. And He shall reign forever and ever. Amen.

### **My Healthy Church**

**Sol Arledge, Jr.:** COO of My Healthy Church curriculum was introduced by Alton Garrison. My Healthy Church is a consortium which includes the Assemblies of God, the Church of God, ARC, Empowered21 and several other associations. He said they are in the ministry business, for that's what businesses are for. The product is impactful for today and tomorrow and the project has been bathed in prayer for this digital world. The world is becoming digitized. It is estimated 80% of Africans will own a Smart Phone in coming years. They are working to make sure their product will not take second place to the secular world and to do that, they understand the product must be unique. He then demonstrated a number of digital books and games as examples of newly released or future products. Denominations were welcomed to consider joining in the effort of advancing the Kingdom message in a digital world.

**Lunch:** Sponsored by My Healthy Church

### **War on Malaria**

**History:** Chairman Jeff Farmer briefly shared his story of reading a World Vision newsletter about malaria, just as he was preparing to memorize Psalm 91. From the words of the Psalm the Holy Spirit directed him to engage in the war to end malaria deaths. He contacted World Vision and shared his desire for Pentecostals to unite in a simple demonstration of compassion and justice. Because a strategic initiative of PCCNA is Reconciliation and Justice, the board voted to pursue the vision. Since the drive began in 2010, more than \$525,000 has been given by PCCNA churches directly or indirectly for insecticide-treated nets. It is believed that 125,000, mostly children, have been protected and saved!

**World Vision Awards:** Jeff introduced World Vision U.S. Vice President, Steve Haas, and Don Moore, National Church Ambassador for World Vision Canada, who came to the podium to present awards to significant leaders in the War on Malaria. Rick Ciaramitaro of Open Bible Faith Fellowship and Wes Mills of the Apostolic Church of Pentecost of Canada were honored for their success partnering with the churches with whom they work in Canada. Steve Haas recognized Nate Beard of Des Moines, IA, who raised \$34,000 through a website he designed for a birthday project. Nate said, "One man plus God always equals a majority." Randall Bach received the award for Open Bible Churches. OBC achieved an unprecedented participation of 50% of their denominational churches engaging the War on Malaria. Randall thanked Jeff for showing what could be done.

**Rose Craigie,** Senior Director of Health Programs for World Vision U.S. is a malaria survivor who grew up in Kenya. There malaria was accepted as a way of life. When attacked and bitten in the

Sudan where no nets were available, she contracted the most severe type of malaria and nearly died. The Anopheles female mosquito is considered the world's deadliest predator, a weapon of mass destruction. Eighty-six percent of malaria deaths are among children under five. We lose one child from malaria every 60 seconds. In the two years since PCCNA joined the fight, the number of children dying per day has decreased from 2,000 to 1,543. All told, 3.4 million nets have been distributed to cover 6.2 million children. Coverage of 80-85% in an area reduces malaria by 50%. But there remain three challenges: 1. WHO says funding has stalled. 2. The nets only last for 3-5 years and must be replaced before they wear out. At the beginning of the program, only 3% had nets. Now, 50% have nets. They will need to be replaced. We must remember, malaria kills more people than HIV/AIDS, cancer, plagues and war deaths. 3. Insecticide resistance has been seen in pockets of countries where mosquitoes have acquired immunity. Most mosquitoes die in seconds, but not these. Coordinated global coverage is necessary to avoid duplication causing some communities to be deprived of coverage. Epidemiological studies are required to assure efficiency. Education is required to assure the proper use of the nets.

Steve and Jeff thanked the PCCNA for its contribution to the battle. \$420,000 has been given from PCCNA groups directly through the World Vision partnership (USA and Canada), and \$100,000 has been sent by PCCNA groups directly to their own mission fields. Malaria Sundays have seen the most successful efforts. World Malaria Day is April 25, 2013. Jeff asked denominational CEOs to send letters to their pastors, to place information about the War on Malaria in denominational magazines, newsletters, and on websites, and encourage churches to include a promotion in their bulletins.

A summer 2012 Group Publishing effort using VBS material resulted in the children of 40,000 churches raising \$2.1 million. Their success was aided by including a bed net with mosquito clips in their church lessons. That program is available for PCCNA churches. The global goal is that malaria deaths will be ended by 2015. The church must arise. More information available at [waronmalaria.com](http://waronmalaria.com)

#### **Reasons to Participate in the PCCNA/WV Partnership:**

- WV funds generate additional private funds as matching dollars
- WV has boots on the ground – a well-established infrastructure
- WV has a world-wide geographical presence
- WV collaborates and participates in the global strategy, to avoid duplication and waste
- WV is in it for the long haul
- WV has solid expertise in malaria prevention
- Innovative approaches are implemented, like radio advertising in Africa
- Highly developed supply chain capabilities are utilized
- Community mobilization is stressed
- WV leverages Gift-In-Kind resources
- A holistic development model is used

**Use of Funds:** How does WV spent the money provided for the nets - the cost of the nets, their shipping and distribution, training of the families, strengthening community systems, monitoring and evaluation. Steve Haas told an inspiring story of two young girls who gave up a trip to the fair and raised \$250, but were rewarded with tickets to fair after all.

**PCCNA can do More:** Jeff challenged us to do more. "We are the gatekeepers" The kids are afraid of the dark, their moms and dads are weeping while cradling their sick or dying child. Our commitment is to 2015. Let's do something majestic! He challenged attendees to use the World Vision prayer card to pray for the children not covered by nets, and to pray for the collective will of people to join the battle. We did so on the spot. We also prayed for the upcoming distribution in of nets in Uganda. Time was allowed for prayer around the tables.

### **David Ferguson/Next Gen**

This "best practices" initiative includes a focus on three generations. Seven Imperatives were highlighted to reach and disciple the Next Generation:

1. Get Real Imperative –No example of an effective church has been witnessed without a vulnerable pastor.
2. Life Together Imperative – The power of Koinonia. Since the first human crisis in the Bible is not the original fall, what is it? It is loneliness. Christians must be together.
3. Do the Book Imperative – The intentional practice of living out the Bible. "What Bible verse did you or your class experience last week?"
4. Encounter Jesus Imperative -- Too many of our people go to our services or events and go away unchanged.
5. Imparting Faith Imperative – Turning events into a faith formative process.
6. Deuteronomy 6 Imperative – Parents and families who are equipping and engaging their children and youth is a must for this generation.
7. Kingdom Imperative – It's not about us, but about Him. We give ourselves away in a justice/compassion cause.

David invited denominational leaders and their spouses to a "GIFTED" retreat, August 2013, at the Winshape Retreat Center at Rome, GA.

### **Awakening America Alliance**

Sterling Brackett invited leaders to the Awakening Christ's Church Leadership Summit at Jacksonville, April 9-11, 2013. Registration is free and in conjunction with the USA Cabinet Empowered21 meeting. Leaders who cannot come were asked to send someone in their stead. Online registration is at [www.awakeningamerica.us/summit](http://www.awakeningamerica.us/summit)

### **Reboot Retreats**

For ministry leaders and pastors. Applications were promoted for the Reboots Retreat. They are partnered with 75 Bed and Breakfasts for 50% off rooms during some weeknights.

### **New Members**

Jeff announced that Intimate Life Ministries, led by Founder and President David Ferguson, is becoming a member organization in the PCCNA. Grupo de Unidad Cristiana de Mexico AR led by Pastor Fermin Garcia is becoming a member as well.

The following Sponsors and Partners were provided time to share their ministry visions:

### **Convoy of Hope**

A video was shown from Hal Donaldson and Convoy of Hope which included a news clip from Fox News extolling the attributes of the ministry. Their worldwide programs provide disaster relief, health services, assisting in building homes (in places like tornado-torn Joplin) and doing feeding programs all around the world. It was suggested that attendees send an appreciation text to Convoy of Hope in appreciation of their sponsorship. Convoy sponsored the Thursday morning breakfast.

### **A/G Financial**

Andy Whaley of A/G Financial Solutions was introduced. They provided the Wednesday EC breaks and this morning's break. A/G Financial has best-in-class financial solutions which advance the Kingdom. Their products include investments, charitable trusts, church loans, retirement planning, planned giving, gift annuities, stewardship consulting, and insurance. A/G Financial is asset manager of AG retirement and other investments. They seek to protect a total of \$5 billion in assets which God has entrusted them. They screen investments as to moral integrity and work with churches, parachurches, ministers, and families. They now can offer those services to other denominations across the nation. As one of the largest church lenders, they understand church lending better than others. Investments are registered in all 50 states, very similar to banks.. They offer a live video every month on risk management.

### **Dynamic Church Planting**

Paul Becker was introduced, sponsor of the Thursday afternoon break. He is President and Founder of Dynamic Church Planting, Int'l. They exist to equip leaders to plant churches to reach the world for Jesus Christ. He asked, "Do you yearn to see revival sweep across the nation?" They expect to train 3000 church planters in North America, and have equipped 63,000 leaders to plant churches in 91 countries, resulting in 170,000 church plants reaching about 8 million disciples. They certify church leaders to also be church planting trainers. All this is done without charge. Their vision is to plant 5 million churches with 7,000 needed in North America. He introduced Doug Beacham who is a certified church planting trainer. The IPHC uses DCPI to train their church planters.

### **Mission America**

Dr. Paul Cedar was introduced with Mission America. In August of 1993, the US Lausanne Committee invited the guidance of the Holy Spirit regarding evangelism in America. The question was, "How could they serve denominations?" This gave birth to the Mission America Coalition. They sought to go beyond cooperation to collaboration. It has been a movement of the Holy Spirit from the very beginning. He read LOVE 2020, an invitation to join Mission America in the prayer, care, share lifestyle...to pray for lost people, to show care in an act of love for them (a love revolution), and to recommit to follow Jesus Christ unreservedly in sharing His life with others . When you pray for lost people, if God doesn't do anything, you don't have to do anything. The vision is for every person to hear of Jesus by the year 2020. He said this will never happen unless it is an authentic move of the Holy Spirit. [www.love2020.com](http://www.love2020.com). Jeff led in prayer for the Holy Spirit to bless the Love2020 effort.

### **Christian Churches Together**

Carlos Malavé of Christian Churches Together thanked the PCCNA for the opportunity for him to attend the meeting. He has a vision from Rev. 7, a multitude that no man can number from every nation on earth standing before the Throne. He asked if God desires the Holy Spirit to do something with Pentecostals sitting down with liberal, mainline Protestants? With Catholics, Orthodox, and African-Americans? CCT can facilitate that unity and dialogue.

### **BASIC**

Ron Burgio, president of Elim Fellowship promoted BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ,) a Pentecostal/Charismatic college ministry. BASIC revolves around the local church and exists to reach colleges to change the world.

### **Jerry Kirk/Prayer Covenant**

Jerry Kirk, Founder of Religious Alliance Against Pornography/Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families and Pure Hope. In 1967, he entered into a prayer covenant. So he has launched a 40 Day Prayer Covenant effort based on Grace, Compassion, Repentance, Worship, Commitment, Influence, Discipleship, and Authority. Their accented prayer is: "Dear Father, thank you for your grace that has made me one of your dearly loved children. Help me love others the way you love me. Wash me clean from every sin. I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart. Jesus, be Lord of my life today in new ways, and change me anyway you want! Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Make me an instrument of your grace, truth, forgiveness, righteousness and justice. Use me today for your glory, and to invite others to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Renewanation**

Thursday evening dinner was sponsored by Founder Jeff Keaton and President Melvin Adams of Renewanation. Jeff Keaton was the featured speaker, sharing a passionate testimony of how God called him out of a successful mega-church pastorate to begin a movement to restore a Christian/biblical worldview in the hearts and minds of children in America.

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### **Remembering Azusa**

Chairman Jeff Farmer opened the Friday session and introduced a video produced by Ralph Wilkerson and Vinson Synan in which they interviewed two eyewitnesses to the 1906 Azusa Street Revival. Their testimonies were wonderful, powerful and well received. The video will be made available to PCCNA members/denominational leaders.

### **Racial Reconciliation**

**Sam Rodriguez:** Jeff introduced Dr. Sammy Rodriguez to share his journey. Growing up through his school days, he lived through bullying and racism. Sam isn't able to recall a single day of peace

without prejudice. In spite of doing well in college, a counselor suggested he not teach because he had a slight accent. In a meeting of Evangelical leaders, he was asked what percentage of his people were undocumented. He told them 30%. He was told his people were not saved if they lived here without legal status. After college, he chose to teach in the same school in which he was bullied, winning his old principal. He said, "My mission is to blend Billy Graham's message with Dr. King's march." The church is divided between those with Billy Graham and those with Dr. King. At the end of the day, he asked God to direct him to the message that our vertical identity must become horizontal reality. We must become Christians foremost rather than our racial identity. He founded a Black/Brown alliance for that purpose. Recently he was invited to Ebenezer Baptist Church for the annual King event. Returning from preaching at T.D. Jakes church, God told him to begin a church in Sacramento. He said he wanted a church which is an expression of multi-ethnic diversity. The church is now only 1 ½ to 2% Latino. He informed us the younger generation wants a church representative of our demographics.

**Bishop George D. McKinney** was a runner-up candidate for U.S. Senate Chaplain and is the Founder and Pastor of St. Stephens Cathedral in San Diego. He spoke of the exciting journey of the PCCNA. God is pleased with this movement. The embracing of Mexico is also exciting. He has planted a Hispanic Church numbering 300 at St. Stephens and has been blessed to engage in outreach in Tijuana. He is a third generation of the COGIC and had the privilege of knowing Bishop Mason who had a personal influence upon his parents. McKinney is the 9th of 14 children and his mother would write Bishop Mason for prayer each time she was expecting. COGIC was organized in 1897 in Lexington, LA as a holiness church. When Bishop Mason heard of the revival in Azusa he came to see what it was about and to receive the Blessing. People were drawn across ethnic and theological lines. Immediately after, there was a need for ordination of those who had been set on fire. Since COGIC was the only church with nonprofit status, many of the early leaders became a part. Bishop Mason was at Hot Springs when the AG was formed and many of the new AG ministers were former ministers of the COGIC. Racism is best defined as prejudice plus power. Racism enables the powerful person or group to impose prejudices. One cannot understand the problem of racism in America without understanding the background. It is important to know that Africans were kidnapped and sold, brought to the New World and engaged as slaves. Slavery stripped personhood, culture, and dignity from the slave. Slavery was commonly accepted by the law of the land and de facto law was that the slaves had no rights. In the Plessy-Ferguson and the Dred Scott decisions, the Supreme Court decreed that the slave was not a person. There was the challenge after the Civil War between those who believed all men were created equal and those who had believed the black man was not fully human. Attempts were made to keep the black man as close to inhumanity as possible through Jim Crow laws. Born 80 years ago, Bishop McKinney's journey of racism was exciting. His maternal grandfather was a slave in GA and sold to Arkansas. His father's father was a slave in Tennessee. He left Tennessee in a hurry and there, Billy Thompson, after the end of slavery, planted a black Methodist Church in Waldo, AR. In Arkansas in the 30's, there was no question as to where the place of the black person's was. They were not allowed the convenience of public rest rooms, water fountains, or normal housing. They understood the rules and the system. There was no recourse for disobedience. Lynchings were frequent. People were denied employment in that dark period. Although they were victims of Jim Crow laws, his parents always taught their children what they learned from the Gospel, i.e., not to hate, the meaning of forgiveness, and that from one blood God made all people. They were taught they must not allow anger, bitterness, or unforgiveness to prevail. "If you want to get out of this suffering and hopelessness: you have to have good religion, know Jesus, and be filled with the Spirit. You have to have a good education," although they only had a grade school education themselves. All their children went to college and include doctors, dentists, lawyers, etc. He once won second place in an essay contest but when the

judges discovered he was black they took the award away. In college they could buy gas at a station, but could not use the rest rooms. Restaurants were closed to them so they had to carry their own food. He was denied a position as a prison chaplain after they saw his face. His children were denied entrance into the best school in San Diego. He persisted and finally got his oldest son enrolled, but they threatened him and eventually stooped so low to attempt to rule him incompetent. They were willing to consign him to a life of mental incompetency for sake of their racial views. Neighbors contacted his bank and convinced them to deny a loan which had already been approved. From September to March, they were living in temporary housing because of that. His personal experience in racial reconciliation has been exciting. He was blessed to be involved in the PFNA discussion. He was part of the talks between the NAE and the Black Evangelicals, in the CCT, and with Jerry Kirk. It has been his privilege to sit with both King and Graham. and God used them for his glory and honor. Regarding racial reconciliation, he suggests we should take seriously the message to the deaf, "Ears, be open." Lets' be open to what God is saying.

**Questions:** "What shall we do when power factions try to stop progress?" Bishop McKinney answered, "God is demanding the Kingdom take prejudice on." Rodriquez reminded us that our freedom of religion is at stake unless we come together. Another asked, "How does the movement break free of Spiritual Paternalism?" "We just need to keep reading the Word," McKinney said. The lack of reciprocity was mentioned. White preachers are invited to speak at black organizations, but blacks are not invited to speak at white meetings. Brother Rodriquez said, "One thing which divides is politics. Instead of being married to the Donkey or the Elephant we should be married to the Lamb."

### **Imagine Tours**

Imagine Tours sponsored the morning break. Pastor Dan Hauser greeted the gathering. "What are the 10 greatest hindrances in your ministry?" he asked. Pornography, financial stress, strained relationships, and children who are not walking with the Lord? All are challenges for those in ministry, but the top of the list is burnout. Hauser suggested tours of Biblical significance to refresh and inspire. It puts a spring back into the steps of the pastor. Imagine Tours coordinates 180 tours each year. There are fundraising possibilities because from every traveler there is money going back to the denominational office. He suggested contacting him for more information.

### **Summary**

For a non-convention year, this meeting had the largest registration and attendance since inception. A record number of denominational leaders brought their spouses, and many brought other officers and leaders from their movements. Observers, sponsors, and guests from Mexico served to increase attendance.

The PCCNA annual meeting was filled with historic, inspirational, insightful, and fulfilling issues and activities. The theme, Widening the Witness 2, was achieved. God has surely laid His hand upon the PCCNA, and we know God does nothing without cause. That cause is the enablement of His people to impact the world through His Son in the power and majesty of His Spirit. Praise God for this season of growth and visionary momentum in the PCCNA.