



## **2020 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT**

Four Points by Sheraton LAX

Los Angeles, California

February 26–28, 2020

### **EARLY BIRD EVENTS**

- Fifty-four PCCNA members, observers, sponsors, and guests participated in a Los Angeles Pentecostal Heritage Tour, guided by Dr. Cecil “Mel” Robeck on Wednesday before the meeting began. Dr. Robeck, a recognized Azusa Street revival historian and scholar, inspired the group with lectures along the tour route. The participants traveled in a modern 56-passenger coach owned and operated by Intermex Transportation. The six-hour tour included site visits to the Bonnie Brae house, Azusa Street Mission site, the International Foursquare Church headquarters, Angeles Temple, and the Aimee Semple McPherson parsonage. Lunch was graciously hosted by the Foursquare Church. Included on the tour were 17 next gen leaders—all representing a different stream of Pentecost.
- Doug Beacham, general superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, hosted senior, denominational executives in a half-day gathering at the host hotel to fellowship, share best practices, and dialogue about the contemporary issues facing Pentecostal and charismatic church networks. Included in the group were: Dennis Ball, representing Bishop Harry Cohen and United Holiness Church of America; Thomas Barclay, United Pentecostal Council of the AOG; Charles Blake, Church of God in Christ; Glenn Burris, representing Randy Remington and Foursquare Church; Randy Carter, Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church; Doug Clay and Alton Garrison, Assemblies of God; Sam Clements, Church of God of Prophecy; Wayman Ming, Pentecostal Church of God; Sean O’Neal, representing Tim Hill and Church of God; David Wells, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

### **ANNUAL MEETING PARTICIPATION**

Targeted registration for the 2020 meeting was 150 participants. The official registration was 154 people, representing 84 singles and 35 couples. Registration costs were \$149 for couples and \$79 for singles. While every participant was special and warmly received, there were some notable visitors among those present. Examples included Dr. Walter Kim, newly elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Dr. Billy Wilson, president of Oral Roberts University and the Pentecostal World Fellowship. Denominational leaders who came as observers included Michael Dada, Deeper Life Bible Church; Timothy Tyler, International Fellowship of Christian Assemblies; John and Becky Sprecher, Fellowship of Christian Assemblies.

## **SPONSORS**

The meeting would not have been possible without the generous support and partnership of sponsors who assisted in covering the expenses of the conference. PCCNA expresses genuine gratitude and appreciation to the following eleven sponsors and their representatives for the 2020 sponsorships. Many of them offered FREE resources.

| <b><u>Name</u></b>                        | <b><u>Event</u></b>                           | <b><u>Representatives</u></b>                     |
|---|---|---|
| Alliance Defense Fund (ADF)               | Dinner Cruise                                 | Josh Chumley<br>Ray Kaselonis<br>Ashley Kelly     |
| Chosen Books (Baker Publishing)           | Friday a.m. Break                             | David Sluka<br>Kim Bangs                          |
| Every Home for Christ (EHC)               | Conference AV Tech                            | Dan Perkins                                       |
| GO2020                                    | Thursday p.m. Dinner                          | Dave Gibson<br>Werner Nachtigal<br>Joe Oden       |
| Global University                         | Wed. Exec. Comm. Break<br>Thursday a.m. Break | Gary Seevers<br>David/Ruth DeGarmo<br>Nick Alfaro |
| Life Publishers (Fire Bible)              | Thursday Lunch<br>Wed. Exec. Comm. Lunch      | Jeff Dove<br>Mindy Benintendi<br>Edgar Reed       |
| Minno Kids                                | General Conf. Support                         | Erick Goss  |
| Operation Christmas Child                 | Breakfasts, Coordinator<br>Worship, Shipping  | Andrew Hein<br>Angel Jordan                       |
| Outreach Inc.                             | Registration Support                          | Tim Speweik                                       |
| Religious Alliance Against<br>Pornography | Thursday p.m. Break                           | Rick Schatz                                       |
| Thrivent Financial                        | Ground Transportation                         | Bruno Interlandi<br>Trinidad Hernandez            |

## **ANNUAL MEETING THEME**

The theme of the meeting was *GO2020: Miracle in May*. GO2020 is a global movement, uniting thousands of churches and ministries and engaging millions of Christians in personal and relational evangelism. PCCNA denominational and church network leaders mutually agreed to join this prayer, care, share outreach initiative. Imagine ONE church sharing ONE message with ONE world for ONE month. Each one can reach one. Everyone a witness. Amen.

## **OPENING EVENT**

Fresh air, an escape from the day-to-day, a private yacht, non-stop views, and mouth-watering cuisine . . . that's how we opened! On Wednesday evening, eager attendees boarded a Hornblower yacht, The Entertainer, for a three-hour dinner cruise on the bay at Marina del Rey, California. Designed for fellowship and networking, no program was planned—just good food, amazing harbor views, first-class service, a multi-course meal, and an unforgettable night on the water. The weather was absolutely perfect. PCCNA members in the past have dined and cruised in Seattle, San Diego, Charleston, Vancouver B.C., and New Orleans. Ground transportation from the hotel and back again was provided by Intermex Transportation bus service. It was extra fun to discover two guest had birthdays that evening, and one couple had a wedding anniversary.

## **MINISTRY: WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND VISION CASTING**

Pictures taken during worship and seasons of prayer reflect an intensity and passionate pursuit of the welcoming presence of God. Archived pictures on our website show hands lifted, people kneeling, and individuals surrounding others to pray for those who needed healing. What a joy to approach the throne together across so many Spirit-empowered tribes and networks.

Worship was led by three next gen leaders: Stephen Martin (Great Commandment Network), Trés Ward (International Pentecostal Holiness Church), and Shalane Wellard (Independent Assemblies of God Int'l Canada).

Time was intentionally scheduled into the agenda for corporate, united prayer. The entire conference joined as one in praying for Canada/Canadian groups, Mexico/Mexican representatives, and the United States/USA groups and their respective churches, pastors, ministers, and ministries. We engaged in prayer for individuals who needed a touch from God, for revival in the church and spiritual awakening in our nations, and for God's intervention to prevent a further breakout of the corona virus that was bringing fear to the world's population.

Individual ministry sessions included a word on religious freedoms being threatened (Josh Chumley), Ted Talks on prayer with Jason Hubbard, Kerry Wood, and Kay Horner, and Ted Talks on evangelism with Joe Oden, Ramona Farmer, and Jad Levi. The Thursday evening ministry with David Gibson focused on the desperate need to “awaken the sleeping giant” (the church) and mobilize Christians to share their faith in May 2020 and beyond.

## **COMMISSIONS**

Of strategic importance at this annual meeting was the gathering of eight commissions, (i.e., ministry affinity groups that unite leaders around personal passions and callings). In Los Angeles the following commissions met: Acts 2 Church Health (Alton Garrison), Christianity Unity (David Cole), Denominational (Doug Beacham), Discipleship (Lewis Alexander and David Ferguson), Next Gen (Jeff Farmer and Sterling Brackett), Prayer (Jon Engstrom and Herb Flint), Race Relation (Aaron Campbell), and Women in Ministry (Kay Horner). Communications and Media (Mark Forrester) is restructuring and did not meet. Commissions submit notes or reports of their gatherings that are posted on their website pages.

## **FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES**

Significant to this annual meeting was the transition of presidential leadership. Dr. Jeff Farmer, PCCNA president (formerly chairperson) since 2009, and an officer of the executive committee since 2000, stepped out of office after 25 years as a PCCNA board of administration member, representing Open Bible Churches. Replacing him, effective May 1, 2020, will be Dr. David Wells, general superintendent of the Pentecostals Assemblies of Canada, who has served on the PCCNA executive committee since March 2012, in the roles of treasurer and secretary.

On Thursday evening Jeff Farmer and his wife, Ramona, were honored with a farewell video greeting from various members and a gift. On Friday morning during the annual business meeting, David Wells (with wife Susan beside him) was welcomed and inducted into the president's office with corporate prayer and a gift.

A farewell was also expressed to Leilani Haywood, Haywood Marketing and Communications, who served PCCNA and President Farmer for many years as a consulting communications specialist. She was honored with expressions of love and a gift.

Welcomed to the executive committee was newly elected secretary, Rev. Lydia Thomas, assisting presiding elder of the United Pentecostal Council of the Assemblies of God.

In addition, a restructuring resulted in welcoming a newly hired, PCCNA executive director, Rev. Kay Horner, founder and director of The Helper Connection (a new para church ministry, inducted into membership at this meeting). Kay leads the Women in Ministry commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Farmer, President