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Association Moves Ahead at Spring Celebration

A restructuring of governance and a green-light on the Camp White Branch project were two of the items approved at the annual business meeting during Spring Celebration May 16-17.

District pastors and delegates voted during the Saturday business meeting, ratifying officers, approving the budget and

proceeding with a policy governance structure recommended by the Discernment Team and bylaws task force. Additionally, Camp White Branch received the approval to continue with the multipurpose building, targeting structural completion by Fall. All proposals passed overwhelmingly, by at least a 2/3-vote.

It wasn't all business. Pastors, delegates and congregational members assembled for worship, fellowship and discussion during the two-day event at Eugene's Valley River Inn.

The Spring Celebration the last of its kind—is also the forum for presenting ministerial candidates for ordination approval. This year Ruth Yerden and Julie Jackson were both approved to be ordained during 2014 Summer Celebration (Wednesday evening).

Rev. Randy Archer, recently accepting the senior pastorate at Lents-Gilbert Church of God in Portland, addressed laymen and delegates at the opening session, encouraging "Read the Word" and be "externally focused". Meanwhile in an adjacent room, Nathan Dunbar, now participating in the Winding Road church plant, addressed pastors and spouses recapping a recent "Inhabit" conference in Seattle, regarding living in the neighborhood (parish, porch, pathway and pivot).



Spring Celebration provides opportunities for face-to-face conversations. Above: Peter and Judi Howland with John Kuykendall Below: Glen Hossler, Mike Mugford and Randy Archer



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The Ministerial Fellowship, with Chair Linda Tucker-Bays and Executive Director Rev. David Shrout, tended to business items including credentialing maintenance documents, ordination recommendations, and potential upcoming workshops.

Dr. Bruce Steffensen spoke of the Discernment Team process and findings, reminding attendees of the goals set and distributed last summer.

Rev. Shrout presented the new website (orwacog.org) and displayed calendar features and upcoming events, encouraging attendees to sign up online for the E -Contact—a simple process of entering an email address to subscribe at no cost.

The theme of the celebration was "Why We Love the Church", based on Ephesians 1:20-23 (NLT).

Former Camp White Branch facilities manager Tanna Miller was unable to attend Friday's banquet, but was honored for her diligent work, cooking and especially the Christian love she has shared with campers, staff and Association through the years. Rev. Mel Neu spoke highly of Tanna, and announced upcoming work projects in preparation for the new CWB managers, Leonard and Stacev Mever, Rev. Steve Kufeldt. Chair of the Church Extension Commission, spoke of church planting and received the CoMission offering representing Association churches.

Rev. John Kuykendall, of Lynchwood COG, spoke of *Why We Love the Church* during the



Nathan Dunbar addresses Ministerial Fellowship. Ordination Candidates Julie Jackson (center) and Ruth Yerden share their testimonies.



Left to Right: Boston Jackson, Kathy and Martin Shrout, and Glenn Saari lead worship music.



Rev. Steve Kufeldt speaks during the Friday evening banquet.

evening worship celebration, sharing experiences and naming godly people who invested in his life throughout the years. Rev. Martin Shrout and his wife, Kathy, led in music along with Boston Jackson and drummer, Glenn Saari.

Bob Haskell chaired the business session Saturday morning,



Ron Palmer and Bob Williams take opportunity to visit.

and Rev. Mike Mugford facilitated a closing communion service, encouraging listeners, "We need to tell our story".

The General Council, met following the Spring Celebration, to tend to business. Transitional bylaws, approved at Saturday's

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meeting, are now in effect, freezing current Council and Commission positions, and affording the Executive Committee decision-making authority.

The Executive Committee consists of Chairman Bob Haskell, Vice Chair Glen Hossler, Secretary Virginia Tackett, Treasurer Nathan Dunbar, Ministerial Fellowship Chair Linda Tucker-Bays and members at large Patti Deacon and Reg Gregory. They are tasked with bylaws review and updates along with Rev. David Shrout.

The next Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2015 during Summer Celebration.



Above: Summer Celebration display—July 20-23, 2014 @WPC (Note: Youth attend an extended event, July 20-24)

Below (L to R): Mike Mugford, Doug Shrock, and John Kuykendall were a few of the presenters of "Why We Love the Church" during the two-day Spring Celebration event.



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Senior Moments



Hello there fellow seniors!

We have had a lot to celebrate recently. I trust you have had good celebrations which gives us good memories. Memories are important as we age because changes in our health or circumc digtate where we can go or what

stances sometimes dictate where we can go or what we can do.

So, I think about heaven a lot especially since my Earl is there. I found an excerpt from a book entitled "101 Things You Should Do Before Going to Heaven." Authors are David Bordon and Tom Winters. Although you may not agree with all of them, I think it is worth thinking about. Maybe you can take time to make your own "bucket" list. I have taken the liberty to shorten and summarize them. I will share 5 of them and the other 5 next time.

- Give away something valuable-Start with something little. When you go to heaven you can't take it with you. The less tightly you hold on to your possessions, the more contentment you'll have here on earth
- Reconnect with a long lost friend-Conduct your own "search and rescue" for that friend that is no longer on your Christmas list. It takes time, energy and love to make a friend. Don't wait until heaven to reconnect with them. True friends are treasures whose value increases with time.
- Spend a day alone with God-Suppose God gives you 70 years to live here on earth. That means, before your departure for heaven, you would have 25,550 days to explore, enjoy and make a difference in the world around you. Out of all those days of opportunity and adventure, dedicating a single day to spend totally focused on the One who gave you the gift of life itself seems like a small thing. And it is, especially in the light of eternity.
- Touch an untouchable-Before you get to heaven, banish any internal caste system that's preventing you from opening your hands and your heart to other. The more you put your love into action, the easier it will be to see how God has woven His image into each and every person, making it impossible for anyone to ever be "untouchable."

Dance with abandon-This one may be a challenge since a lot of us seniors have stayed away from *dancing*. I think of dancing as exercise to music. The Bible says that David danced before God to express his joy and gratitude (2 Sam. 2:14). Do you think there will be dancing before the Lord in heaven If so, maybe we should find a way to express our joy and gratitude while we are here.

I will be looking forward to seeing all of you at Oregon Camp Meeting (Summer Celebration). Come and learn from our speakers and enjoy a meal together and hearing the Lighthouse Quartet. "See" you next time.



2014 Convention—Daytona Beach, Florida http://www.christianwomenconnection.org/2014church-of-god-womens-convention.html

Cordeiro Addresses Pastors: Holiness and Unity in the 21st Century







Well known pastor, author and speaker Wayne Cordeiro had a lot to say to the crowd of pastors and leaders who gathered at The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Salem, Oregon, May 8th.

Part of the Wesleyan Holiness Consortium effort to fuel the holiness movement across denominational boundaries, the event was well attended and well received.

Cordeiro, articulate and charismatic, encouraged leaders to have "joy in the inner chambers, so you can share it." His words of warning included, "People will love you so much, they will kill you," as he urged leaders to take time to enjoy life. One of Cordeiro's books, *Leading on Empty,* warns of pride and burnout, and encourages leaders to care for themselves.

"Redeem/take back what Satan stole," says Cordeiro, noting that people gather for food, music, arts, technology and even laughter. "Work harder on yourself than on the rest of your ministry," he said, adding "everyone becomes automatic beneficiaries of your improvement."

Drawing from Numbers 10, Cordeiro spoke of a "hammering technique", encouraging leaders to identify the uniqueness God has placed within them, to use it to His glory. A question and answer session provided opportunity for good participation.

"I love Wesley like you do," said Cordeiro, "but he ain't my Lord... we will stand before Jesus. When you want accuracy, go back to the Original (Jesus). Don't become a copy of a copy." -kt





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Work in process at Camp White Branch

A work project is underway at Camp White Branch over Memorial Day weekend, with another one scheduled for June 15. The Assistants' house has new carpet and is ready for use, once the furniture is in place, according to Mel Neu, CWB Commission Chairman. The Caretaker house should have the carpet installed and needs to have the laminate installed, as well.

Another water inspection is pending, a new sign is in place, and the work continues.

The building is now on order, and a delivery date will be forthcoming. "The long journey has an end in sight," says Neu, "Thank you, Lord!"

Campaign Chairman Rev. Steve Dow reports that the target is \$250k and so far we have about \$25k. We have a lot of work to do, and trust the Lord to provide through willing and cheerful givers.

Thank you for your prayer support, and your participation in the Capital Campaign for the multipurpose facility.

Summer Camp Schedule 2014

Junior Camp

Entering Grades: 5th & 6th July 7-11 (\$155) Director: John Kuykendall



Introductory Camp Entering Grades: 2nd or 3rd AND parent July 11-13 (\$145 per couple) Director: Julie Jackson

Middle School Camp Entering Grades: 7th & 8th July 14-18 (\$175) Director: Steve Dow

Primary Camp Entering Grades: 3rd & 4th July 28-31 (\$145)



Above: A new sign is in place at CWB Below: CWB display at Spring Celebration



Directors: Lanita Harkema/Karen Graham

Senior High Camp Entering Grades: 9th-12th August 4-8 (\$195) Directors: Brian Arnold/Ash Dubra

Registration forms are available online (orwacog.org/camp-whitebranch/). To sponsor a camper, contact your pastor or the Association Office at 1-800-873-7729.

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It's not too late to register for the BE BOLD Church of God Convention in Oklahoma City, OK this month. The event will be held June 23-26, with dynamic speakers including Anne Graham Lotz, Michael Thigpen, Diana Swoope, Marty Grubbs, Dave Stone, and Reggie McNeal.

If that isn't enough, check out the worship leaders: Sandi Patti, Sidewalk Prophets, Alanna Story, and Ashmont Hill

Check out more information online at http:// chognews.org/2014/05/01/chog-convention-2014meet-the-speakers/ and http:// chognews.org/2014/05/02/church-of-god-convention-2014-meet-the-worship-leaders/.

AU Alum Josh Kaufman Wins The Voice

Anderson University alum, Josh Kaufman, won Season 6 of NBC's hit show, "The Voice" Tuesday, May 20.

Kaufman's win was the first time the winner was not a member of Blake Shelton's or Adam Levine's team.



Kaufman is married with three kids and lives in Indianapolis, playing local venues, and works as an SAT prep tutor. Follow Josh on Twitter at @IAmJoshKaufman.

Kaufman will lead the national tour with his fellow "Voice" contestants along with a few contestants from past seasons, with a stop in Chicago on July 16. View tour dates on "The Voice" website.

Be Bold! Be there.

New Global Representatives: GILBERTS



NAME: Kris and Megan Gilbert COUNTRY: New Zealand ASSIGNMENT: Pastor of Westside Christian Fellowship DATE OF APPOINTMENT: May 21, 2014 STATUS: SAMs LENGTH OF SERVICE: Three years TARGET LEAVE DATE: July 1, 2014



INTRODUCTION: Kris and Megan Gilbert, along with their son Oliver and a new baby boy due later this year, are currently in Billings, Montana, where Kris is a discipleship pastor. They are excited to be going to Auckland, New Zealand, to Westside Christian Fellowship. Kris will serve as lead pastor and Megan will be instrumental in supporting his role there and various ministries in the church.

Kris has an MDiv and has been in vocational ministry for the past ten plus years, and Megan is a physical therapist. After nearly three years of service at a church in New Zealand in the Wellington area, they arrived back in the States this past summer and have been amazed at the work that God is doing and the doors he has been opening for a return to ministry in a country and to a people that they both passionately love. The appointment of the Gilberts is a partnership between Westside Christian Church, Indiana Ministries of the Church of God, and Global Missions.

The Gilberts look forward to working with the people at Westside Christian Fellowship. There is a real hunger among the people there to make the gospel known to the surrounding community and to do what is necessary to be faithful to the Great Commission. God is doing some exciting things in that part of the world, and Kris and Megan feel blessed to be in a position to be used by him.

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Why I Love the Church! Eph. 1:20-23 Children's Program—Summer Celebration July 20-23 (Sun-Wed. evenings)

We love the Church because Jesus commands us to love and teach the children as He did while on earth and in children's hearts today. We love the Church because the Church loves and teaches the children. We love and teach the children because we are the Church and are responsible to love and teach the children. Thank you, Lord, for the privilege and honor to love and teach your children, the future Church leaders. Lord, help us to love and teach the children as you would. We love Jesus, we love the church, and we love children! 1. (Sun) **Go Tell!** Matthew 27 & 28 Jesus lives again and the women run to tell.

2. (Mon) **Go Obey!** Acts 5 The apostles obey by taking a stand for Jesus.

3. (Tues) **Go Serve!** Ananias serves God by helping Saul. Acts 9

4. (Wed) The Missions Commission will lead the elementary age children during the evening service.



SAFETY FIRST!

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED NOW (including back ground checks) for working with our children. Please contact the District Office (districtoffice@orwacog.org). Applications will be posted on the website. The back-ground check forms are found at http://orwacog.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Background-Search-ground check forms are found at http://orwacog.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Background-Search-ground check forms are found at http://orwacog.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Background-Search-ground-Search-Consent-Form.pdf. For further information contact Pastor Julie Jackson (juliemariejackson@comcast.net).

Sandra (Sandy) Salisbury, Children's Pastor of Sunset Park Community COG/St. Helens, OR will be directing our Security Check-In System for July 20-23, 2014.

Parents: For the sake of time and confidentiality, please pre-register your children on-line. The website for registering will be announced after June 1st. If you are unable to pre-register online, please contact Pastor Julie or have your registration card completely filled and submitted at the beginning of the Summer Celebration Worship Service on July 20, 2014.

Nursery & PreSchool Programs (Ages 0 - Kindergarten) located in the Early Learning Center (ELC). Doors open 15 minutes prior to Evening Service. *If child care is needed earlier than when the doors open or at other non-evening times, please RVSP to Nancy Brown or Rebecca Hodges Co-Directors at least 24 hours advanced notice (brownies2004@msn.com).*

Complimentary Changing (& Nursing) Room will be available for nursing mothers and infants in lower McGuire or Egtvedt. No child care will be available in this room.

Elementary Age (1st grade through 5th grade)

Located in Lower Library. This summer, the children will be dismissed during the Evening Service (McGuire). Sunset Park Community Church of God will be coordinating the check-in/security process for the elementary children this year at Summer Celebration. Immediately following the evening service, the children will be picked up at the Lower Library, with the designated security item/parent.

This year's theme is *Studio Go Game Show* (Standard Publishing VBS) with a focus on the early church. Pastor Julie Jackson will be directing this camp this year with the assistance of Kristen Shielee, Gretchen Perkins, and Erin Forsyth, Jay & Candace Thornhill, and others. The Missions Commission (Jack Hansen, Chair) will host the Elementary Age Children's Program on Wed. night with Pastors Ken & Keli Oldham.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THREE NEW MEMBERS HAVE JOINED OUR HARD WORKING GROUP: Jon Archer, Judi Howland, and Sandra (Sandy) Salisbury.

We acknowledge the many years of service Pastor Laurie Sutter gave to our commission and we wish her God's best for her next endeavors. God bless you, Pastor Laurie!



2014 Spring Commencement

On May 10, 233 students of Warner Pacific College earned their associate, baccalaureate, or master's diplomas. This class of 2014 was comprised of traditional undergraduate students attending classes full time at the College's Mt. Tabor Campus along with those attending the Adult Degree Program at the six campuses across the Portland-Metro area.

Two Warner Pacific graduates stood before their classmates to offer words of reflection and hope for the future. After three years of evening classes, Dana Ingram received her Bachelors of Business Administration through the College's Adult Degree Program. Dana reflected on what had drawn herself and her peers to return to college and complete their degrees. "My classmates shared their desire for job security and advancement, a boost of self-esteem and confidence, and the hope for a feeling of accomplishment. Someone set out to finish college before her children completed high school; others were first generation college students hoping to change family history."

In her address to the graduates, Dr. Andrea Cook, President of Warner Pacific College, reminded them that, "in our constantly changing world, you are likely to change occupations several times. So, the aspects of your education that will serve you the best are your ability to keep learning, to wrestle with the big questions of life, to think critically, and to adapt to new and exciting opportunities."

Sarah Whitman received her Bachelors of Arts in Christian Ministry and served as the traditional student speaker. "God has created you and called you out of love. You have been called out, gifted, empowered, and offered hope, healing, and restoration through Jesus Christ because God has good plans for your life. You matter. You are powerful. And amidst the uncertainties many of us may be facing, know that none of it is uncertain to God. Know that in trusting a loving God you will ultimately not be left hanging," was and is Sarah's prayer for all Warner Pacific graduates.

Commencement Awards

- A.F. Gray Award for Outstanding Student: Yesenia Delgado
- Marshall K. Christensen Award for Excellence in Scholarship: Mollie Berry
- Milo L. Chapman Award for Service: Ethan Morrow
- Wilma I. Perry Award for Outstanding Adult Degree Program Graduate: MacKensie Keiner



Congratulations, Act Six Cadre 1

This commencement also marked the completion of the first cadre of Act Six Scholars graduating from Warner Pacific College. Yesenia Delgado and Selam Kahassay earned degrees in human development; Jaques Montgomery majored in Business and Communications; and Eddie Petrie graduated with a Health and Human Kinetics degree.

The future is bright with these young leaders serving our city!

Strege, Sweet and Lyon address W.A.R.M. Attendees

Lynchwood Church of God hosted the Western Area Regional Ministerium (WARM) at the end of April and early May, with dynamic speakers and great fellowship. Dr. Merle Strege, historian, author and professor, addressed an early crowd providing a glimpse of cultural changes through the decades. His look at "Yesterday" was enlightening and encouraging to a generation who has benefitted from the work of those who have come before us.

Author and professor Dr. Leonard Sweet gave a provocative word, and was labeled by COG Ministries General Director Dr. Jim Lyon as "brilliant, keen, and unique, with the ability to understand the times and not compromise the truth." Dr. Sweet spoke of "Today" using technology and story-telling, and encouraged a move away from chapter and verse approach to narratives in understanding and relaying God's Word to a "TGIF" culture (Twitter, Google, Instagram and Facebook).

Attorney Herb Grey, representing Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), presented legal rights of pastors and churches, and encouraged leaders with available resources and information. ADF is a public interest law firm formed in 1994 by ministry

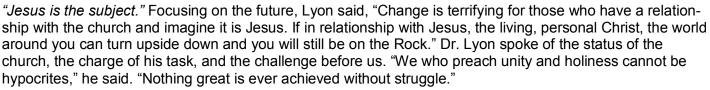
leaders who advocate a Christian point of view. "While you shepherd your flock, we'll watch the horizon."

Attendees enjoyed times of fellowship and camaraderie, and some, even a little golf.



General Director Jim Lyon, speaking in his gentle and articulate manner, encouraged leaders to reclaim what the enemy has stolen.













Graduates Honored in Idaho

The Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) Track and Field Championships were hosted in Idaho over the same weekend as Warner Pacific's Commencement. Three seniors opted to represent Warner Pacific in Idaho, and not attend their own graduation back in Portland.



The CCC hosted a special graduation ceremony for the seniors. Warner Pacific was able to send caps, tassels, and diploma covers to the venue in Idaho. On Saturday, May 10, while their classmates were in full cap and gown walking the across the stage to receive their diplomas, athletes Ka'imi Scott, Christi Avery, and Jessica Kepfer celebrated their graduation at the CCC Track and Field Championships.

RSVP for New Student

Registration Days

To help new Warner Pacific students prepare for the exciting days ahead, we invite them to visit the campus for one of our upcoming New Student Registration Days; May 30, June 26, or July 24. This one-day summer event is the first major step for new Warner Pacific students. Admitted students can begin the orientation process without the anxiety of waiting until the end of August. Students will meet with an advisor and register for classes, pick up their student ID card, meet future classmates, talk with current students, win prizes, and more.

Sessions are available for parents, too, tailored to their questions and needs. We ask that parents not sit in on their student's registration/advising session. If they have any questions or concerns at the end of the day, they can be addressed with the admissions or registrar's office staff.

Visit warnerpacific.edu/new-student-registration to choose your date and RSVP.

IVC2015 MALATANS 5.25

Nashville Hosts IYC2014

The International Youth Convention of the Church of God

is scheduled to meet in Nashville, Tennessee, July 5-8. Information and registration forms are available online at iyc2014.org. The event theme is "InTUNE" (with purpose, with purity, with power, and with people).

The theme verse is Galatians 5:25, "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit" (NIV). Youth Ministries Team members are Andy Stephenson, Tami Byrd, Eric Reeder, Chris Spitters and Adam Rentas. Check it out: *www.iyc2014.org*!

WARM

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Throughout the event attendees enjoyed morning devotions, wonderful meals provided by Servant Solutions and Warner Pacific College (WPC), music

with the Lynchwood choir and Brass band. An encouraging closing session with worship led by WPC's Dr. Kelly Ballard and choir, included communion and opportunity for personal prayer and blessing.



The annual WARM event is scheduled for Sacramento, CA, in 2015, with specific date and details to be announced. ~kt

Kuykendall's Retirement Celebration

Sunday, June 22, 2014, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Gymnasium of Lynchwood Church of God



A continuous slide presentation will be shown, and dessert will be served (as long as it lasts)

All are welcome to the "Come and Go" afternoon

Stevens Celebrate 65 Year Milestone

Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary to Ken and Phyllis Stevens, June 5, 2014.

Ken and Phyllis are pictured here at the 2014 Spring Celebration, Valley River Inn, Eugene.

Congratulations to this special couple on a remark-able occasion.



ASSOCIATION JUNE EVENTS

<u>June 2014</u>

- 15 Father's Day
- 22 Kuykendall Retirement Open House, Lynchwood Gym, 3-6 p.m.
- 23-26 127th COG Convention & General Assembly

Upcoming Events

- Missions Commission mtg Saturday, May 31, 2014 9:00 am 12:00 pm
- Junior Camp Monday, July 7, 2014 Friday, July 11, 2014 1:00 pm 11:00 am
- Introduction to Camp Friday, July 11, 2014 Sunday, July 13, 2014 - 6:00 pm - 11:00 am
- Middle High Camp Monday, July 14, 2014 Friday, July 18, 2014 - All Day
- Summer Celebration Adult Sunday, July 20, 2014 -Wednesday, July 23, 2014 - All Day

Summer Celebration Youth - Sunday, July 20, 2014 -Thursday, July 24, 2014 - All Day

- Summer Celebration Child Monday, July 21, 2014 Wednesday, July 23, 2014
- CAB mtg Monday, July 21, 2014 10:00 am 4:00 pm
- Primary Camp Monday, July 28, 2014 Thursday, July 31, 2014 - All Day
- Senior High Camp Monday, August 4, 2014 Friday, August 8, 2014 - All Day
- Men's Advance Friday, August 22, 2014 Sunday, August 24, 2014 All Day
- Christian Women Connection Prayer Retreat Friday, September 12, 2014 - Sunday, September 14, 2014 - All Day
- Clergy Appreciation Month Wednesday, October 1, 2014 Friday, October 31, 2014 All Day
- How To Convention Saturday, January 31, 2015 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Ministers & Spouses' Retreat Monday, February 16, 2015 Wednesday, February 18, 2015 All Day

127th COG Convention begins June 23, Oklahoma City

See http://orwacog.org/events/127th-cog-convention-2014-general-assembly/ (Click on the June 23 Calendar date).

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VISION STATEMENT: "To serve and empower by: coordinating ministries, providing guidance, giving encouragement, supplying information, and offering training, in order to enable churches and ministries to mature in holiness, unity, services and growth."