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# ----- CONNECTIONS ------Connecting our Churches, Ministries & Events



#### Greetings Friends,

If you remember my last article in September, I shared with you about the experience I had on the Grand Jury for Multhomah County in June. I shared how that experience had altered the way I thought about my life and ministry. I shared how I had many things I needed to process from that experience. Never, in my wildest imagination did I see the altered course that I and my wife Kris, would be taking.

In July, after my service to the Grand Jury, I was scheduled to speak at Rockwood Church of God two consecutive Sundays. Pastor Val Bender had retired a couple of years earlier and their teaching pastor had recently moved to California. As I talked to their leadership about their upcoming pastoral search, I was asked the question, what about you? Would you consider being our pastor? My response shocked me. I said, yes, I would consider it. When I came home and told Kris what I had said, she laughed. It was

almost like the angel telling Abraham that his wife would be having a baby at the age of 90 and Sarah's response. However, to make a long story short, through a process of discernment and much prayer with both the Elders at Rockwood and the District Council, I was given the go ahead to cut back my hours with the Association and begin to serve the Rockwood Church and their community as their part time senior pastor. There is much more to the story than I have time for here, but I am excited about working with the people of Rockwood. They are a warm and generous group, who have a desire to bring the Kingdom to their community . . . "as it is in heaven."

I am also excited about continuing to work with the pastors and churches of our Association. I will be available one Sunday a month to preach at our various congregations as needed. I will also be continuing my work with the Pacific Coast Collective (a group or regional pastors from Alaska to Southern California), who are striving to find ways we can work together so that our congregations and pastors flourish. I will also be supporting the Camp White Branch Task Force, working with our pastors through Gravity Leadership, and continuing our biweekly Pastor's Gatherings. The District Council has appointed a task force to discern the next steps for our District and the potential of hiring an Associate District Pastor to work alongside me in meeting the needs of our Association. Please be in prayer for this process. If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the members of the task force: Glen Hossler (District Chairman– glen@oakparkchurch.net), Gary Johnson, Pastor Linda Tucker-Bays or myself.

I began my ministry at Rockwood on October 1<sup>st</sup>. I am getting to know the people and the community. Kris and I, and the people of Rockwood Church of God are excited to see what God will do as we surrender ourselves to the Spirit and seek to bring God's Kingdom to their community.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and (is it too early?) a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I appreciate you all and the work you are doing for the Kingdom. May God's Spirit strengthen you and give you peace and rest.

Grace and peace,

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## **District Office, Church & National Events**



Nov 7: Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov 11: Veterans Day Nov 25: Thanksgiving Nov 28: Advent Begins





Dec 3: Let's Hug Day Dec 21: First Day of Winter Dec 25 : CHRISTMAS

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**Cost: \$50** 

Speaker: Ben Hardman

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## Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 7

Don't forget to change your clocks before going to bed on Saturday, November 6th, as Daylight Saving Time Ends the next morning at 2:00AM.

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Even if you missed Boot Camp 1-3, you will find this Bootcamp valuable as you learn to live and lead like Jesus. For more infor

mation, login to www.orwacog.org or call for a brochure.

scholarships are available.

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## **A Sweet New Ministry–Vancouver COG**



What could we do to develop a welcomed new presence in our larger community? That was a question that dominated conversations amongst our pastoral team early last spring. We've been a well-known entity in our community for a number of years, but we felt like we were primarily known for events we had sponsored in the past and not for the impact we wanted to make now. Was there a creative way for our church to become more relevant and visible? The answer was "YES"!

The idea to purchase an ice cream truck surfaced after investigating what other churches were doing around the country to get out of their buildings and into the community. The concept was pretty simple --- most people like ice cream, so why not use that "in" to open doors in the neighborhoods we'd like to reach. We already had an active partnership with one of our local public elementary schools, so we had a built-in test

audience. This particular school serves a large percentage of families living at or below the poverty line. We knew we could bring a smile to numerous faces by showing up to give them some free ice cream, but could we also use that opportunity to meet other practical needs in their lives?

A plan quickly came together. Since another non-profit, The Giving Closet, actually addressed the need for clothing, shoes, and household items for lower income families, we could combine our efforts with their resources. The Giving Closet had

actually started years ago as an outreach of this church, and we have continued to have a very active role in this amazing community-based ministry. All we had to do now was buy an ice cream truck!

As it turned out, that proved a bit harder than expected. We literally searched all over the country for an ice cream truck that we could purchase and renovate for this new ministry. We were finally able to locate a step-van in Southern California, ship it "as is" to Vancouver, and update it for our purposes. A final design for the truck wrap was approved and the hard work of transformation began. The YUM truck now features a bright purple wrap with colorful highlights, and a tag line that summarizes our ministry objectives, "Supporting Community with Sweets & Service".





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## Sweet Ministry cont ...

The YUM Truck, manned by our Good News Team of volunteers, went out for the first time in July, and has since made 12 different stops on Saturdays over the summer. Nine of those stops were in neighborhoods identified by our partner elementary school. In addition, we've been the highlight of an event at an assisted living center, a community resource center, and a transitional housing complex. We also became the star attraction at our partner school's "Back to School" night for over 400 students and their families. The truck also became a regular part of our Sunday morning outdoor worship services throughout the summer.

At our normal Saturday stops teams of 8-10 volunteers provided games, bubbles, face-painting, and numerous other activities in addition to giving away hundreds of free ice cream bars each week from a wide variety of choices. We also took personal orders for clothes, shoes and household items from our guests. On Tuesdays a team of volunteer shoppers would go to The Giving Closet to fill those orders for delivery. The YUM Truck went back to neighborhood on Wednesday afternoons to personally deliver those orders.....and yes, while there they also gave away more ice cream!

The YUM Truck was an overwhelming success for our church this summer. Numerous practical needs were meant, our

church became much more visible in the neighborhoods where we served, and many folks from our congregation that were not serving elsewhere had the opportunity to get out into the community. You just couldn't help but smile when you heard that music, saw the kids crowding around the truck, and watching everyone enjoy a little taste of heaven in the form of an ice cream bar!

We're grateful that God honored the investment we've made in this effort. Great





conversations with the parents and others who gathered around the truck have already led to opportunities that are much more significant than a little free ice cream or a few used clothing items. We see this truck as an outreach tool that will help us open doors to meet both practical and spiritual needs. We've learned a lot over the summer, and we're looking now how to transform this truck into a "Donut & Hot Chocolate" truck for the winter!! There seem to be countless ways we can use this bright purple ambassador to touch the lives of those who live right here in our own neighborhoods.

Written by Pastor Larry Whittlesey

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# Campmeeting—July 31-August 4, 2022



## 2022 Campmeeting

After a year's absence, it was great to come back together again for the Willamette Valley Campmeeting, a week designed to be a time of worship and inspiration for the whole family, with plenty of opportunities for fellowship and fun.

The schedule is purposely kept minimal to maximize fellowship and rest. Our 2021 evangelist, Marshall Snider, did a great job sharing on the theme of "Fully Alive!" during the general sessions and with the youth. Delicious meals were served, games were organized, spontaneous times of floating down the river were enjoyed, and many conversations were had by all.

To be part of this annual week next year, mark July 31-August 4 on your calendar when we will meet once again on the grounds of the Oregon Christian Convention in Turner, Oregon. Onsite lodging options include cabins and RV spots, and daily commuters are also welcome. The planning team appreciates your prayers as plans are now being

organized for next year.

Steve Kufeldt

WVC Secretary-Treasurer (Planning Team Convener) Lead Pastor, Hoodview Church of God, Woodburn



# **Churches in Transition**

Please **PRAY** for our churches that are currently in transition with pastoral leadership. We have some very capable interim pastors leading through the transitions and they appreciate your prayers as well.

Gales Creek—Trisa Kelly, interim

Maranatha—Fred Douglas, interim

(in the final stages of interviews)

Reedsport—Ancil Abney, interim

(They are asking for referrals and/or resumes for the senior pastor position. Candidates can contact them @ info@rchog.org or 541-271-3928)

Roseburg—Hugh Heinrichsen, lead pastor

(Church is in the process of a restart.)



## **Remember we are stronger together!!**

## **Camp White Branch**

Greetings from Camp,

With the cold weather coming quickly this year, we have the camp prepared for the winter season. Durwood Ranton, from Albany COG, with support from other volunteers, has the snow plow and blower ready, cabins and other buildings winterized, equipment stored indoors, and other seasonal activities taken care of. Thank you volunteers!



Our Camp Coordinator, Danette Beisley, has started working on camps for next year. We have a new Camp Director for Middle School, George Bailey, and we are still looking for a Sr High Camp Director. If you are interested, please contact Danette as soon as possible. She would also like to start getting names of volunteers to fill the support roles needed for camp. If you are able to be a counselor (training provided), lifeguard, health staff, assistant cook, or just help with basic cleaning, let her know. Her contact information is: danette@oakparkchurch.net, church # 503-364-3636.

We haven't been able to start our reroofing project due to contractor delays and the weather not cooperating. Please pray for good weather. We also need help repairing some of the buildings as well as cleanup when the old roofs are taken off. If you are able to help, let us know. As mentioned last month, we had estate funds donated for roofs and this is enough to complete the dining hall, caretaker house, and one cabin. Each additional cabin will cost about \$10,000 to complete. Donations can be made towards the other cabin roofs by sending a check to the District Office @ 715 S River Street, Newberg, OR 97132. Please indicate that donation is for CWB roofs.

Post summer we reviewed our finances and feel we are able to hire staff for camp. We will be hiring two positions—an Operations Manager and Maintenance Specialist. Details on these positions can be found at <u>campwhitebranch.org</u> under the Employment/Volunteer section. It would be great if you can share this information with individuals you may know who are qualified or might be interested. Please be praying for wisdom for the hiring committee during this important process.

We will continue to offer volunteer opportunities at the camp throughout the year. If you, your small group, family, or church would like to help out, please contact us at <u>volunteer@campwhitebranch.org</u>. We have projects or activities for all skill levels. We are trying to keep the website updated with information under the support tab, if you would like to see skills needed and a list of projects.

The last few months we have been so blessed with volunteers and donations from churches and individuals. I am always encouraged when I receive a call from someone wanting to volunteer, donate, or ask how they can help the camp. Thanks for being so faithful to this Church of God Ministry!

Blessings,

Lisa Switzer, CWB Chairman

www.campwhitebranch.org.

## **Medford Celebrating 60 Years of Ministry**

On September 26th the Medford Church celebrated 60 years on Crater Lake Avenue.

They had a food festival, music & a bounce house for kids... it was a great time!

The church was started in Medford in the 1920's and moved to their current location in 1961.

The theme for their celebration was "Celebrating our Past and Looking to our Future."

Article and pictures submitted by-

LARRY D WILSON | Senior Pastor First Church of God 2000 Crater Lake Ave, Medford, Oregon 

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## **Church of God Ministries**



Church of God Ministries is pleased to welcome three new faces to its staff team. Two have accepted positions with Leadership Focus and the third with our Advancement team.

<u>Leadership Focus</u> is one of the General Assembly's most significant initiatives, defining the pathway for preparation for ministerial credentialing in the Church of God.

**Richard Smith** grew up in Baltimore and still calls the city home. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology at McDaniel College and both Master's and Ph.D degrees from Temple University. He now teaches at McDaniel College and holds the position of Associate Provost for Equity and Belonging at the school. His academic expertise includes: African American culture, race and justice, and ethics. Richard is also the lead pastor at The Movement Church of God near Baltimore, a Leadership Focus graduate, and a <u>Chapter 4 Institute</u> Fellow. Widely published and respected, Richard has been recognized for excellence with multiple awards, including the Multicultural Leaders' Most Valuable Faculty Award in 2015.

**Lori Fast** is a third-generation Church of God pastor, growing up in the Vancouver (WA) Church of God. She has earned a Bachelor of Science in Human Development from Warner Pacific University and a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Gonzaga University. She has served as a church planter, an associate pastor, a women's ministry director, a worship pastor, a Christian counselor and therapist, and chair of a large public school corporation Board of Directors. She has developed a resume of community engagements in other areas, as well, building bridges for the local church to partner in addressing foster care and youth advocacy challenges. Most recently, Lori has spent eleven years on staff at one of our most influential congregations, Centralia Community Church of God in Centralia, WA. She was in the first cohort of the <u>Chapter 4</u> <u>Institute</u> and has been an active part of the Church of God Large Church Roundtable.

Both Richard and Lori will work remotely—Lori from Vancouver, and Richard from Baltimore—with routine visits to the Church of God Ministries office in Anderson.

We are also excited to announce the appointment of **Mark Fast** (yes, husband to Lori) as Advancement Director, serving the General Assembly on Jason McClendon's Advancement team. Mark has established himself as a respected, effective, and catalytic pastor in the Pacific Northwest and across the country for twenty-seven years. He recently felt called to step away from the congregation in which he was raised (Centralia Community Church of God in Washington State) and where he has spent the last eleven years as lead pastor. Before returning home to serve as Centralia's lead pastor, Mark planted a church in suburban Seattle and was part of the pastoral team in Spokane. In each of these callings, Mark and the ministry flourished. He has been a Warner Pacific University Board member, a worship pastor, active member of the Church of God Large Church Roundtable, and speaker for countless camps, conventions, and conferences for the Church of God. He also has been a <u>Chapter 4 Institute</u> Fellow. Mark has earned Bachelor's degrees in Christian Ministry and another in Business Administration, both from Warner Pacific University. Mark will be based in Vancouver (WA), even as he travels widely for the Movement.

Pray for these exceptional new General Assembly team members, now serving with the Assembly's office at Church of God Ministries. Thank God for them and welcome them; celebrate the Lord's provision for all of us as He further positions the Church of God movement for even greater kingdom impact.

## **Up Coming Christmas Events**



Here are the Christmas Events going on in our District that we are aware of. We encourage you to include one or two in your calendar for the season if you can.

## **Hoodview Church of God**

1530 Mt. Hood Avenue, Woodburn, OR

#### **Christmas at Hoodview—A Christmas Scholarship Concert** Sunday, December 5, 3:00 p.m.

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," a brand-new CD featuring sacred and seasonal selections by Peggy Dougherty and Roger & Nancy Wilhite, will be introduced at a special Christmas Concert at Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn on Sunday, December 5 at 3:00



p.m. All proceeds from the sale of the CD benefit the David M. Dougherty Scholarship Fund that honors the legacy of former Hoodview Church Pastor Dave Dougherty, who started a scholarship fund to assist students in their education pursuits. Pastor Dave originally started raising money by shooting basketball free throws. His efforts soon switched to an annual concert. With COVID restrictions last year, a CD project featuring Peggy Dougherty was substituted for the concert. This year's concert will feature several selections from the new Christmas CD, along with a Christmas singalong. Refreshments will be served.



#### "Living Christmas Story" December 10, 11 & 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

A free outdoor drive-thru or walk-thru event featuring 14 different scenes from the life of Christ, from the announcement of His birth to His nativity and ministry, death on the cross and resurrection. Many of the scenes feature vivid backgrounds and beautifully costumed characters. Refreshments will be served.

#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** December 24 at 4:00 p.m.

A special worship experience that retells the Christmas story through Scripture, carols, candles and communion.



# **Up Coming Christmas Events**

## Vancouver Church of God

3300 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA 98665

#### **Christmas Schedule:**

Dec. 8 - Christmas Prayer Vigil - probably 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Dec. 10 - Christmas Concert - times aren't determined yet

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services - most likely 2 services, but not sure of times

Christmas Sermon Series: The Story of Christmas

Giving during the Season:

Lakota Boots and Backpacks - giving drive for Lakota Tribe Giving Tree - 4 wks of opportunities (gifting tags) to give to our 8 community partners





## In Memory of Helen Potter & Marilyn Goin



Julia Helen Morris Rotter

February 5, 1927 - September 17, 2021

Helen was born to Anna Mae (Boren) Morris and Herbert E. Morris on February 5, 1927 in Cairo, Illinois. She grew up in Missouri, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana during the historical transition from horse and buggy to automobiles. She had two sisters and a brother, all of whom preceded her in death.

World War 2 was in full swing when she married Kenneth R. Potter of Gary, Indiana, in 1943. During their marriage of 50+ years they had 4 children and raised them in a pastor's home. The churches they served were in Indiana, Idaho, Illinois, Oregon, Montana, Utah, and California.

Helen loved music and taught herself to play piano after a few lessons. She also loved all babies, chocolate, reading and being with friends and family. Most of all she loved Jesus Christ and wished everyone would have a relationship with Him.

The last 9 ½ years of her life were spent at Ocean Ridge Assisted Living in Coos Bay, Oregon, where she was known for her friendliness and encouraging demeanor. She had many friends, especially in Coquille, Oregon where she lived for nearly 20 years.

She is survived by daughter, Susan E. Goslin of Coos Bay, OR, and son, Ronald D. Potter of Roseburg, OR, grandson Seth Goslin, and three great grandchildren. Family members who preceded her in death include her husband, Kenneth R. Potter of Coquille, a daughter, Terry Rowe of Helena, Montana, and another son who died at birth.

A Celebration of Life service was held October 17th at 3:30 pm at the College Park Church in North Bend.

Marilyn Ruth Goin

Homegoing—October 15, 2021

Marilyn Ruth (Miller) Goin went to be with the Lord October 15, 2021. She filled our lives with love, encouragement and beautiful music that flowed from her heart and her fingers. Mom faithfully served beside Dad for 55 years in full-time ministry in Australia, Wyoming and Oregon. Her heart and life were surrendered to the Lord she loved and she will be dearly missed. Mom joins Dad at Jesus' feet - Safely Home.

Celebration of Life for both Clyde and Marilyn will be held at the Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn, Oregon on Saturday, November 13 at 11:00 am.



(The obituary for Clyde was published in the Sept/Oct Connection issue.)

JoAnn Goin Kidd Kayleen Goin Brown (Daughters)

# **Christ Birthday Offering/Children of Promise**



Christmas calls people together. The powerful message of the birth of Jesus is an invitation to reconcile our relationships, heal our hurts, and change our lives. This year let's celebrate Jesus who heals and restores through the gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace. We invite you to come together in this spirit to experience **Christmas Together for all the People** around the world.

# But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." (Luke 2:10 NIV)

The impact of this message is designed to invite people to come together in the spirit of healing and restoration through the holiday season. This communication contains some basic information for your planning purposes. Goals:

• To highlight a portion of the Spirit of Christmas in the hearts of God's people that desire hope, love, joy, and peace.

• To increase the number of people in CHOG congregations who are presented with Jesus during December so that we might help churches make more disciples!

• To enrich the worship experience of CHOG congregations by offering compelling and relevant seasonal tools for church life.

Christ Birthday Observance resources are written for church families to use during the Advent Season and can be adapted for a small group or family observance as well. Be creative! God will bless every effort.

The Christ Birthday Observance (CBO) Theme Materials are now available for order and down-load @ www/christianwomenconnection.org.



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## **Holiday Greetings to All of You**

All of us at the District Office and those on our District Council wish for you a

Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!!

2021 has brought us many opportunities to grieve over loved ones and circumstances, opportunities to be thankful, and opportunities to celebrate. We are so grateful to know that God loves each one of us, is present and active in our lives, and that He meets us in our reality.

Please know that we care very much about how you are doing and want to be helpful in any way we can. Please reach out to us if we can pray with you or answer any questions.



We are GOD's CHURCH ... HIS Hands and Feet and ... We are Better Together!

District Pastor Jerry Davisson, Paula Wilson, Glen Hossler Randy Archer, Robbin Foster, Teresa Hellstrom, Gary Johnson, Jim Minkler, Jason Mitchell, Steve Robertson, Jackie Scott, David Thompson, Linda Tucker-Bays

## **District Prayer List for 2021**

Be sure to remember our Church of God congregations in prayer. (Below you will find our District Prayer List for 2021.) There is power in prayer and we are stronger together.

## And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Portland - Kingdom Nation	1/3/21	Albany - First Church of God	7/4/21
Portland -Winding Road Church of God	1/10/21	Albany - Community Church of God	7/11/21
Powers - Powers Church of God	1/17/21	Aloha - Aloha Church of God	7/18/21
Prineville - Living Water Church of God	1/24/21	Bandon - Seabird Chapel Church of God	7/25/22
Rainier - Rainier Community COG	1/31/21	Cottage Grove - Riverside Comm COG	8/1/21
Redmond - First Church of God	2/7/21	Eugene - Friendly Street Church of God	8/8/21
Reedsport - Reedsport Church of God	2/14/21	Gales Creek - Gales Creek Comm COG	8/15/21
Roseburg - Hucrest Community COG	2/21/21	Hillsboro - Valley Hope Community Church	8/22/21
Salem - Oak Park Church of God	2/28/21	Husum, WA - Husum Community COG	8/29/21
Scappoose - Chapman Community COG	3/7/21	Klamath Falls - First Church of God	9/5/21
Springfield - Springfield Church of God	3/14/21	La Grande - Crossroads Comm Church	9/12/21
St. Helens - Sunset Park Comm Church	3/21/21	Lebanon - Turning Point Church	9/19/21
The Dalles - Solid Rock Comm COG	3/28/21	Longview, WA - Westview Church	9/26/21
Tigard - Tigard Church of God	4/4/21	Medford - First Church of God	10/3/21
Vancouver, WA - First Church of God	4/11/21	Newberg - River Street Church of God	10/10/21
Vancouver, WA - Iglesia de Dios	4/18/21	North Bend - College Park Comm Church	10/17/21
Woodburn - Hoodview Church of God	4/25/21	Oregon City - Faith Rock Comm Church	10/24/21
Association of the COG leadership	5/2/21	Oregon City - Hilltop Community COG	10/31/21
Camp White Branch	5/9/21	Portland - Community Church of God	11/7/21
Warner Pacific University (Portland, OR)	5/16/21	Portland - Lents-Gilbert Church of God	11/14/21
COG Ministries Council (Anderson, IN)	5/23/21	Portland - Lynchwood Church of God	11/21/21
Church of God District Council	5/30/21	Portland - Maranatha Church	11/28/21
Pray for the lost	6/6/21	Portland - Mt. Scott/New Hope Church	12/5/21
Summer camp directors & counselors	6/13/21	Portland - Neighborhood Church of God	12/12/21
Summer camp children & youth	6/20/21	Portland - Richmond Community Church	12/19/21
Pray for our ministers & their families	6/27/21	Portland - Rockwood Church of God	12/26/21

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### THE PURPOSE

of The Association of the Churches of God in Oregon and SW Washington is to:

• Conduct business as the legally-incorporated body of the Association of the Churches of God in Oregon, Inc.

• Provide assistance to Oregon and Southwest Washington congregations and be a channel through which local congregations shall be mobilized to fulfill our united vision and mission.

### **THE VISION**

of The Association is for every believer to fulfill the mandate of the Great Commission, the Great Commandments, and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

#### THE MISSION

of The Association is to:

• Create and maintain ministries that will strengthen, encourage, supplement, and promote local congregations of The Association;

• Inspire commitment to the teachings, mission, and theological perspectives of the Church of God, Anderson, IN;

• Provide support for the development of healthy Church of God congregations.