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Our Mission

Serve the Church and world as a nurturing catalyst centering on the unifying message of holiness to empower pastors and leaders to more authentically embody their denominational heritage and boldly lead in relevant engagement in the 21st century.

What a joy to write you in the wake of our annual Steering Committee meeting held Friday, November 4. We met at the Central Territorial Headquarters of the Salvation Army. Commissioners Paul and Carol Seiler were wonderful hosts. It is amazing to watch as God continues to work. Stories of the influence of the WHC represent God calling forth a new voice of holiness in the 21st Century. Here are a few things for which we praise the Lord and in which you may join in rejoicing:

1. New Networks – Since November of 2010 new Regional Networks have been formed in:
 - a. **Seattle** with Lloyd Moritz (Church of God) serving as coordinator. The Regional Leaders there are planning their first Holiness Pastors' Day to take place on February 2, 2012 on the campus of Northwest University (Assemblies of God). President Joe Castleberry has been gracious and enthusiastic in welcoming the first Pastors' day on the campus.
 - b. **St. Louis** where regional leaders are meeting again on November 30 to take the next step of organizing a Regional Network. Mike Palmer (Nazarene) has stepped up to serve in a coordinating role in that area. Multiple regional leaders will gather representing the Nazarene, Assemblies of God, Salvation Army, Church of God, Free Methodist, and Foursquare Churches.
 - c. **Buenos Aires** where Commissioner Susan McMillan (Salvation Army) is serving to convene meetings of leaders. In each of the last 3 meetings, these leaders are taking turns presenting their denomination's perspective on holiness. By this they are resourcing each other in learning the diversity of our unifying message.
2. Existing Networks – These continue to expand and mature. Holiness Pastors' Days held in recent months reaffirm the hunger for the priority of holiness in the 21st century mission.
 - a. **Indianapolis** – This Regional Network held its fourth Holiness Pastors' Day in September with featured speaker Stan Toler (General Superintendent of the Nazarene Church). The Regional Leaders have met regularly with Steve Emery (Wesleyan) serving as coordinator.

- b. ***Southern California*** – Represents the first Regional Network having held six Pastors Days – during the month of February. Jerry Ferguson (Nazarene) serves as coordinator and they will be conducting their next Holiness Pastors Day in February with featured speakers David Neff (editor of Christianity Today, and Jim Garlow of Skyline Wesleyan Church).
 - c. ***Portland*** – David Shroust (Church of God) serves as coordinator of this group of Regional Leaders who will hold their third Pastors’ Day in April with featured speaker Tom Hermiz.
 - d. ***Sao Paulo*** – Jose Ildo (Free Methodist) serves to give overall guidance to the WHC in Brazil. There it is known by the Portuguese name “*Fraternidade de Santidade Wesleyana.*” Regional Leaders in Sao Paulo represent the top national leaders since most are headquartered in that city. These leaders meet approximately every two months to resource each other. A strong relationship has developed among them giving rise to regular pastors resourcing days and public engagement by the denominational leaders.
 - e. ***Brasilia*** – Misael Lemos (Methodist) coordinates the fledgling Regional Network. To date Regional Leaders have gathered 3 times to discuss the need and desire for more unity and influence together. In February of 2012 the first Pastors’/Leaders’ Day will be held with Kevin Mannoia providing resourcing.
 - f. ***Rio de Janeiro*** – has held a large Pastors Day to kickoff a growing relationship among Regional Leaders. These leaders have met two times since the first large gathering of 300 pastors in July of 2010. In February of 2012 the second Pastors’/Leaders’ Day will be held with Kevin Mannoia speaking.
 - g. ***Presidents’ Network*** – This is a distinctive Network of the presidents of colleges and universities rooted in the Wesleyan Holiness heritage. This group has met three times in conjunction with the CCCU Presidents meeting. Featured speaker last year was Jonathan Case. In February of 2012 the group will meet again in Washington D.C with featured presenter, Dr. Diane LeClerc (Northwest Nazarene University). Shirley Mullen (President of Houghton College) is beginning to serve as facilitator of this Network.
3. Special Brazil Report – perhaps the highlight of the reports given to the Steering Committee recently was the slide presentation of Bishop Ildo reporting on the expansion of the WHC in Brazil. In 18 months the influence has yielded regular meetings of the top leaders in learning communities, Pastors’ Days, seminars, Ecology marches, and a large gathering of 8,000 celebrating Wesley’s heart-warming experience!
 4. Publications Arm – a Publications Team has been formed to guide the formation of the publications arm in order to fuel the WHC movement with new and relevant material. The Team is making good progress in shaping the efforts. It is comprised of: Barry Callen, Don Thorsen, Stan Toler, George Barna, Kevin Mannoia. Two additional members will be named soon. The key function of the

Publications initiative is to serve as a pipeline to fuel the growing holiness movement through the WHC. It is further designed to be author friendly and to encourage new, young writers to provide fresh and relevant insights for the church in coming decades.

5. IRS Status – Tax exempt status was granted by the IRS in the Spring of 2011. This is important in that it allows individuals and organizations to contribute to the WHC knowing that it is not only registered properly but also able to issue tax receipts for those donations
6. CEU's – for the first time, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) were offered by the WHC at a Pastors Day. Nearly 1/3 of the pastors attending took advantage of the certificates. Participation in the day allowed the pastors to earn .5 unit. Many denominations require that their pastors earn a set amount of CEUs in order to stay fresh in their learning. Bill Kren (Evangelical Church) will expand this offering to other Regional Networks in coming months.
7. Denominational Heads – Five years ago a group of 8 denominational leaders met with me in Dallas where we created the WHC in the wake of the Study Project. For the first time since that meeting, the denominational heads will once again convene in January of 2013. I have invited these leaders to meet me in LA at the Foursquare Headquarters. Pastor Jack Hayford is co-hosting this meeting with me and we look forward to an impactful meeting to chart the course of the coming years for the WHC.

This is a sampling of the wonderful work of God through the efforts of the WHC. Growing numbers of leaders are engaging in the work of the Consortium in various places. I remain exhilarated to see God weaving our lives together in fresh and historic ways for unity and power in proclaiming the holistic and transformational message of holiness in the 21st Century!

Blessings on you,
Kevin

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