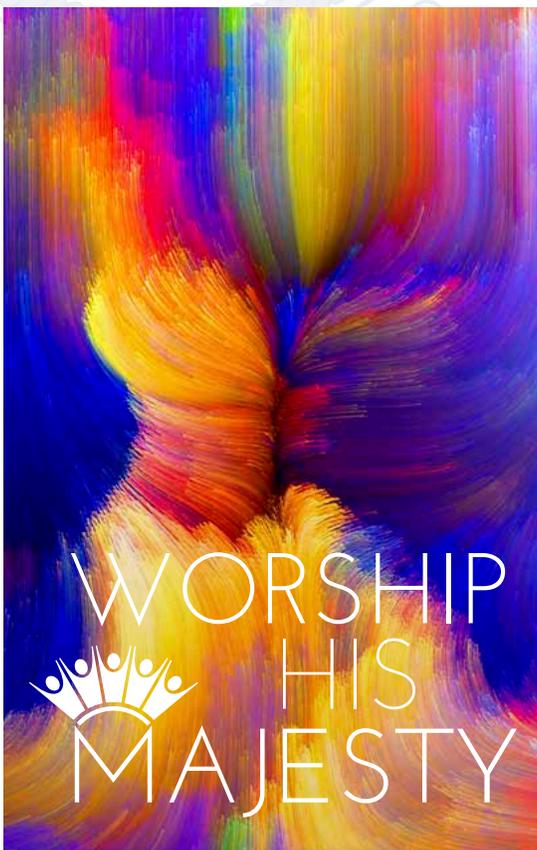


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Milwaukee Convention

The General Conference's Biennial Convention 2015 is now history. Pressing business matters, major leadership transitions, fine facilities, a hard-working team of planners led by Ken and Mary Jean Knoll, a refreshing convention theme, and an enthusiastic crowd of members and friends from the US, Canada, and around the world blended to create what many are describing as a most memorable convention.

Convention week activities included an all-day leadership event led by outgoing president Whaid Rose, a meaningful welcome reception, a series of morning devotionals, daily business sessions, general sessions, a menu of seminars on worship, special meal functions hosted by various ministries and departments, dinner for pastors and wives, worship services planned around the life of Christ (anticipation, arrival, life and ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, Second Advent), Sabbath banquet, inauguration of new president, and the grand finale big sing with choir and orchestra, featuring a patriotic medley and other pieces and ending with the "Hallelujah Chorus" — music fit for a King!

The magnitude of this year's convention business warrants more careful treatment, so a separate summary written by President Stacy is on page 2.

Each convention is unique in its own way; all conventions are special, continuing a cherished CoG7 tradition well worth the time and effort. The rest of this issue of *Churchright* features pictures and synopsis of various noteworthy events of convention week. Enjoy — and thanks for your support!

View the special tribute to Whaid and Marjolene Rose, given at the Saturday night convention banquet: <http://youtu.be/RFKGkBVxkRI>.



Convention Business

A favorite old chorus says that there is peace wherever the Spirit of the Lord is. Those words were proven true during the Milwaukee convention's business meetings. The meetings could easily have become hurtful and divisive because of members' passions about a proposed revision of our bylaws, but they did not. As a number of our members devoted themselves to prayer that the business would be conducted in a way that honored God, it was.

The 2015 business meetings began with President Whaid Rose's final "State of the Conference" address, the financial reports of the treasurer and auditor, reports from committees, and elections. Greg Lincoln, Joshua Gutierrez, Raul Romo, and Wayne Hrenyk were elected to six-year terms on the board of directors. Additionally, Manuel Salazar was elected to complete the remaining four years of Jody McCoy's term, and Ruben Marquez was elected to complete the remaining two years of Loren Stacy's term. (Jody and Loren resigned to accept employment by the General Conference as executive director and president, respectively.) Bryan Cleeton and Bruce Noble were elected to the 2017 Nominating Committee.

Discussion of and amendments to the proposed bylaws revision proceeded in an orderly, sometimes tense, sometimes humorous fashion, keeping chairman and members alike on their parliamentary toes. In the end, time expired before the process could be completed. The revision was referred to the Bylaws Revision Committee, with instructions to report again

during our 2017 convention and to preserve the work done during the 2015 convention. Members also adopted a resolution instructing the 2017 Convention Planning Committee to schedule business meetings morning and afternoon Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday and Thursday morning. This was done to ensure that a decision regarding the proposed bylaws revision will be achieved during the 2017 convention. (Alternative seminars and sessions will be prepared in case the

business is completed early.)

Two additional resolutions were adopted. The first called for the formation of a committee to provide a plan (and any needed bylaw amendments) that would enable Conference members to electronically vote from their homes during the election of board of directors members. The second resolution called for the formation of another committee to draft a bylaws amendment that would allow members who are at the convention, but serving elsewhere during the business meetings (children's program, teen program, etc.), to vote for members of the board of directors and Nominating Committee.

By the end of business Friday afternoon, 687 members had registered and participated in the 2015 business meetings. They were well served by a host of volunteer registrars led by Jody McCoy, vote counters led by Rex Miller, and ushers led by David Babbitt. Chairman Stacy appointed Raul Romo (chairman), Chip Hinds, and Israel Steinmetz as the 2017 Amendments Committee. I am extremely grateful for the services of Allan Burlison, parliamentarian, and for the respectful behavior of all of the members. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there truly is peace. — *Loren Stacy*





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Awards and Blessings



Majesty

Convention 2015



CALENDAR 2015

September 4-7 - National Hispanic Retreat, Long Beach, CA Marriott; contacts: Aseneth Orduno (310-213-1158), Juanita Acosta (562-209-4020), Helen Escobar (562-879-2749); cfh2015@bellcog7.org

October 10 - Northeast District Super Sabbath, Washington, D.C.; guest speakers: IMC officers; contact: hebervega@gmail.com

October 30 - November 1 - Southwest District Women's Retreat, Salvation Army Camp Hoblitzelle, Midlothian, TX; deadline for registration: September 18; contacts: Rosie Davila (361-739-1147; mdrdavila@hotmail.com) or Mari Cummings (361-960-4423; mariselacummings@hotmail.com)

Summer Camps

Dakota Youth Retreat - August 5-9, Crystal Springs Baptist Camp, Medina, ND; contact: jandw@centurylink.net

LifeSpring Calendar Events

August 4 - Fall certificate program early applications due

August 18 - Fall district scholarship applications due

August 25 - Fall general scholarship applications due

September 15 - Fall course registration ends

September 27 - Fall classes begin

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LifeSpring

Congratulations to these Spring 2015 graduates: Jose Cerrato, Pinole, California (CBS); Alva Donaldson, Delray Beach, Florida (CBS); Javier Guerrero, Centennial, Colorado (CBS); Ismael Martinez, Norcross, Georgia (BACM-P); Esau Natareno Giron, Montreal, Quebec (CBS); Marita Reese, Maricopa, Arizona (CBS); Priscila Sanchez, Allen, Texas (CCE); Samuel Santos Preza, Laval, Quebec (CBS); Devon Simmonds, Wilmington, North Carolina (CBS); Andrea Slawson, Owosso, Michigan (CBS).

CBS: Certificate of Biblical Studies

CCE: Certificate of Christian Education

BACM-P: Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry, Pastoral Emphasis

Also, congratulations to the Spring 2015 Dean's List recipients*: Ricardo Flores, Garland, Texas; Francisco Garcia Gonzalez, Brownsville, Texas; David Melendez, Houston, Texas; Martin Ramirez, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Priscila Sanchez, Allen, Texas.

* *These students took courses half time and earned a minimum 3.5 GPA.*

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Mary A. Hendershott, 85, died on June 22, 2015; she was born November 9, 1929, in Kansas City, Kansas, but grew up in Oklahoma. She met her husband, Lowell Hendershott, at church camp, and they married in 1948 after he finished his service in the Army. They enjoyed 60 years of marriage until his death in 2009. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Creed and Margaret Poff, and one sister, Ardath Lee Wadsworth. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.



Mary enjoyed being a wife and mother. A faithful member of the CoG7, she played piano and served as secretary-treasurer for a number of years. She is survived by two grandsons, Travis Hendershott (Emily), of McLean, Virginia, and Colin Hendershott of Carrollton, Texas.

Special tribute is paid to **Betty L. Kauer** (78), born March 28, 1937, and passed away June 29, 2015. She was the wife of the late David Kauer, long-time minister and former Conference officer, and was beloved by many throughout the Church for her pleasant, gracious demeanor and devotion to her role as a pastor's wife. Her husband passed away shortly after the Omaha convention; Betty died the day the Milwaukee convention began.



Betty is survived by her children (spouses): Iveta (Tony) Richards, Laurie (John) Roina, Kevin (Dena), Jon (Kathie); eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

Olassa E. Schlenker (87) was born March 19, 1928, and passed away July 14, 2015. She was born in Canada, the daughter of Michael Welygan and Anna (Schwetz) Welygan.



She and Joseph Schlenker were married July 12, 1950, in Nipawin, SK, Canada. They made their home on a farm east of Alfred, North Dakota, where they farmed for over 50 years.

Elsie was a member of the Alfred CoG7. She served as a Sabbath school teacher for many years. Elsie also enjoyed waitressing at the Jud Café and met good friends there. She was a talented musician, playing multiple instruments, and a singer who could sing any part of a song. Hospitality was one of her strong gifts. Over the years, she fed hundreds of church people, family members, and visitors in her home. Elsie chose to focus on the positives of life, and you would usually find her with a welcoming smile.

Surviving are two daughters and one son: Deborah Ann (Mike) Vlad, Betty Jo (Bill) Goldammer, and Tim Schlenker; eleven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.



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