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CoG7's most exciting event every two years
is now less than a year away . . .

2013 Biennial Convention

July 1-6

Hilton Hotel and CenturyLink Center • Omaha, Nebraska

Room Rate: \$89

Complimentary Airport Transportation • Free Parking

Sue and Elroy (Nugget) Gold have been appointed co-chairs of the 2013 Convention Planning Committee. Look for the G. C. Convention page on Facebook.

Our church's cherished tradition continues. Don't miss out!



CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

Focus on Leadership

In recent weeks, the Culture of Excellence e-mails from Whaid Rose's desk have focused on messages delivered at the 2011 Global Leadership Summit. These messages include *Holy Discontent* (Bill Hybels), *A Leader's Greatest Fear* (John Ortberg), and *Five Critical Questions* (Bill Hybels), which includes questions such as

- What is your current leadership challenge?
- What is your plan for dealing with challenging people in your organization?
- Are you naming, facing, and resolving the problems within your church or organization?

These inspiring messages are designed to raise your leadership quotient and hopefully cause you to consider this year's Global Leadership Summit as a possible investment in your ongoing leadership development.

For more information, see recent Culture of Excellence e-mails for links to each of these DVD presentations. If you're not on the mailing list, you may subscribe (free of charge) by calling the Denver office (303-452-7973) or by e-mailing offices@cog7.org. Those on this mailing list will also receive periodic Conference News, keeping you informed of important events and developments.

Prioritizing leadership and staying connected are key elements in cultivating a culture of excellence. Thank you for the role you play in making this a reality.

— Whaid G. Rose



G. C. Campaign/ Crusade for IMC

The US/Canadian Church Helping Less-Blest Countries

The International Ministerial Congress (IMC) will meet near London, England, August 25-29. Chip Hinds, Steve Kyner, and Whaid Rose, delegates selected by the North American Ministerial Council, will represent the US/Canadian Conference. Elder Calvin Burrell will also attend, not as a delegate, but in his capacity as first vice president of the IMC.

As the IMC's founding member-Conference and the only one with a global missions department, the North American Conference usually shoulders most of the costs associated with this quadrennial event. Thanks to the British Conference for not only hosting the event this year but also sharing the financial burden.

Even so, this leaves a significant portion of the cost to be handled by the North American Conference. Recent changes in IMC leadership and the present recession have therefore prompted the "G. C. Campaign/Crusade for IMC," launched by Elder Calvin Burrell in mid-June. It seeks the kind assistance of local churches throughout the US and Canada in

**Please pray for the NAMC meeting in
Portland, Oregon, October 29 - November 3.**

helping less-blest countries attend the congress. Suggested donations are as follows:

Smaller congregations - \$100

Mid-sized congregations - \$200

Larger congregations - \$300

To those congregations who have already responded to this appeal, thank you. For those who have not, it isn't too late. Even post-congress offerings will be received with appreciation. Send contributions to the Denver office, earmarked "IMC Offering." Thanks for helping delegates from less-blest countries get to London this summer!

— *The Denver Office*



Whaid Rose delivered two messages on Sabbath, June 16, at the Church of God, Big Sandy, Texas. This former Worldwide Church of God congregation was joined by Charles Groce, executive director of the Church of God International, headquartered in the Big Sandy area, and members of the main CGI congregation there. The purpose of this visit was solely to foster fellowship and goodwill among brethren with similar history and Sabbath orientation. The Big Sandy Church of God is pastored by Dave Havir. Pictured above: Bernie Monsalvo, Whaid Rose, and Charles Groce.

TAKE NOTE ✓

It's here again! Pioneer Missionary Training Level 1 (PMT 1) will be held December 20-30, 2012, in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. This will be our third time in Guadalajara. Contact National Youth Director Kurt Lang at youth@cog7.org for an application.

CoG7 Webcast

It's difficult to determine the exact number who viewed the May 16 webcast because several registrants represented a family, group, or local church. Thanks to those who participated, and thanks for the positive feedback!



Spring Vale Academy



Congratulations, Class of 2012!



Another Time, Another Place

National Men's Retreat
to be rescheduled

It has been determined that the setting for the National Men's Retreat, at the tail end of the North American Ministerial Council meeting in Portland, Oregon, this fall, will not lend itself to the best possible response from men throughout the Church. Current plans have therefore been canceled. A more conducive retreat setting and new date will be announced.



Steve Krome of Chattanooga, TN, is now Southeastern District superintendent. Steve and his wife, Allison, own a business and enjoy serving churches from Memphis to Miami to North Carolina.

Heber Vega of Upper Marlboro, MD, is the new superintendent for the Northeastern District. Heber has served the San Diego, CA church as pastor for the last 20 years.



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Joy of Serving: Mission Possible

Partnering with annual mission work among some CoG7 churches in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, Mission Possible was held June 17-24 in Yakima, Washington. We did a four-day Vacation Bible School for the children of the Yakama Indian Reservation (the town is spelled *Yakima*; the tribe is spelled *Yakama*). It was a record season, with each day growing from 58 kids on Tuesday to 96 on Friday. A key characteristic of our VBS is that each person on the team usually picks one to three kids to hang out with as much as possible — very relational.

We also did two outreach nights in local neighborhoods, setting up game stations, face painting, and a snack bar. It is neat to see children happy and playing, as well as parents who come out or watch from the windows of their homes surrounding the meeting area.

We also donated a couple hours at the Union Gospel Mission, where we pulled weeds and prepared materials for recycling. We worked with the local church that hosted us, the New Hope Community Church in Yakima, to serve a meal to about 250 homeless and low-income families at a nearby park.

Forty-three students, along with about twelve staff, met the needs of many people while realizing the joy of serving Jesus by serving others. The youth also served one another by getting together within their VBS ministry groups to plan and provide a daily devotion to share.

The theme of the National Youth Ministry this year is "Not A Fan," focusing on how to become committed



followers of Jesus Christ, not just fans who sit on the sidelines. Mission Possible helped these young people follow Jesus' example and His call to deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow Him (Luke 9:23). As Jesus served humanity, so too we found the joy in serving our fellow man.

— Kurt Lang
NYM Director

Topics for Summer Quarter

Primary (grades 1, 2, 3): *Parables of Jesus*

Intermediate (grades 4, 5, 6): *The Sermon on the Mount*

Junior high: *The Greatest Book Ever Written*

Senior youth: *The Kings of Israel and Judah*

Adult: *Quest for Renewal: Studies in Spiritual Renewal*

For more information about these lessons, refer to the last issue of *Churchright* or click on Publications at cog7.org.

Prices, descriptions, and ordering information

- Adult student book: \$3.80; teacher's guide, \$5.
- Junior high and senior youth student books: \$3.20; teacher's guide, \$4.
- Primary lesson sets include weekly teacher's guides, student handouts, and resource pages, provided as e-mail attachments for \$15 or on disk for \$19.
- Intermediate lesson sets are also provided as e-mail attachments for \$20 or on disk for \$24.

Order from Bible Advocate Press, P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233; 303-452-7973; or bap.orders@cog7.org.



Members of the Stanberry, MO, intermediate class raise funds for their well project.

Intermediate Lessons: A Testimony

"I am not sure who is putting the intermediate quarterly together, but I wanted to say thank you. They are doing a great job. I have tried to find curriculum for this age group, and it is difficult to find, especially for small classes. We especially enjoy the activities.

"There was one class in which the activity was to brainstorm ways our class could help others. One young lady in the class had the idea of raising money to build a well for a poor community in another country. . . . We are now partnering with Gospel for Asia's Jesus Wells ministry. We will be doing fundraisers this summer and hope to raise enough to build a well [\$1,000 USD] by the time the new school year starts. Please pass this along to whoever is writing the quarterly. If it hadn't been for them, we wouldn't have begun this project. I hope and pray that God will use this to teach these young ladies something valuable."

— Debbie Lucero-Steinhauser
Stanberry, MO

TAKE NOTE ✓

Honoring Pastors

The season for honoring pastors (October is Clergy Appreciation Month) is quickly approaching. Local churches are encouraged to find unique ways to honor their pastors/lay pastors — those among you who labor in the gospel.

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SEPTEMBER 29	Dowling, Michigan
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OCTOBER 20	New York City
DECEMBER 8	Hammondville, Alabama
DECEMBER 15	Phoenix, Arizona
MARCH 9	Jefferson, Oregon

Other locations in negotiation

Kansas City, Missouri
Acme, Alberta, Canada
Wister, Oklahoma
Chicago, Illinois
Montreal, Canada
Los Angeles, California



SWORD Retreat

The Southwest District Young Adult Ministries hosted its second yMinistry Retreat May 25-28. On this Memorial Day weekend young adults joined us from all over our district and states, such as Colorado, Idaho, and California. The theme “RESPOND” resounded throughout the entire leadership staff and participants.

Speakers, seminar leaders, and ministry leaders represented ministries such as praise and worship, men, women, pastoral, youth, children, LoveShared, Widows

and Orphans, LifeSpring, SHINE, and LITES — like a church ministry job fair!

Here are some testimonies from young adults at retreat:

I want to have a family someday and felt the information for children’s ministry was helpful in this. . . .

I had an idea what God wanted me to do. Now I know where and how He wants me to serve Him.

I’ve heard about Shine and PMT before. But now, with God’s will, I’ll make plans to become part of their team.

Worship workshop helped answer some questions on how to handle criticism in my music ministry.

I feel compelled to try PMT! Guadalajara 2013!

I know for the first time what the different ministries do for the Church. . . .

It [yMinistry] made an impact on my life and my decision to get more involved in youth ministry. . . .

Children’s and women’s ministries were great — lots of info. . . .

I enjoyed learning more about LoveShared, and the Women’s Ministry connection session I attended was good. . . .

— Danny and Jacqueline Melgoza
Southwest District SWORD Coordinators



Missions Accomplished!

The SHINE Medical and Dental Missions team recently returned from its 2012 trip to El Salvador. Despite major obstacles, six straight days of operations were conducted in the capital city of San Salvador, resulting in 3,863 cases being seen. Some 43 SHINE team members and many local brethren effectively worked together conducting clinics, women's care, and ear lavages. They also gave away 311 pairs of glasses.

Read Bev Brenneise's full report in *Churchright Online* (cog7.org/churchright/).

CALENDAR 2012

August 9-12 - Dakota Youth Retreat, Crystal Springs, ND; contact: Jesse and Wanda Hopewell (701-428-3667)

August 16 - Fall semester begins at Spring Vale Academy; contact www.springvale.us; 989-725-2391

August 22-26 - Senior Adult Retreat, Sis-Q Meadows, Cave Junction, OR; contact: Dale Lawson (503-769-6636; 541-791-6636; office@marioncog7.org)

August 25 - Calgary Super Sabbath; contact: Orville Rose (olhrose@gmail.com)

August 31 - September 3 - XXV Annual Hispanic Ladies Retreat, Los Angeles, CA; contact: Blanca Orduño (714-478-3803), Zolia Baez (760-793-0758), or Rebecca Martines (760-715-5701)

September 14-16 - SW District Seniors Retreat; theme: "Are You Ready?"

September 16 - Fall term classes begin for LifeSpring

October 12-14 - SW District Women's Retreat, Camp Cimarron, Dover, OK; contact: Karen Barrios (405-620-4975 or Mary Lou Molinar (972-955-7884)

Bible Advocate: the face has changed over 150 years . . . but the message has not.

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September is Publications emphasis. Your offerings are appreciated.

Publications: spreading the gospel

Spring Vale Academy

A New and Exciting Opportunity!

Merit-based scholarships are now available through a collaborative effort between Spring Vale and the General Conference.

Spring Vale has been a gift to the Church of God (Seventh Day) for more than six decades, helping grow the next generation of the Church through cultivating a biblical worldview alongside academic development.

In tangible demonstration of the high value placed on Spring Vale, the General Conference is offering a rare opportunity for the entire Church to rally behind Spring Vale, its only institution of this kind.

Merit-based scholarships are being made available to new and qualified students for enrollment in the Fall 2012 semester.

This effort brings together the Denver office (initial place of contact), district offices (to select worthy candidates for consideration), and local churches (potential CoG7 young people, their families, and local leaders).

If you ask how many have attended or served at SVA, or know/are related to someone who has attended or served there, you will see the evidence of Spring Vale's remarkable impact on CoG7. It's part of our history, part of our present, and part of our future. Let's make it thrive!

Fall semester begins August 16, so time is of the essence. Early applications will receive early consideration, but the offer is ongoing — beyond 2012. Don't miss out!

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**Spring Vale is the August emphasis.
Your contributions are appreciated!**