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QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE:

The conference convened on September 11, 2010 at Kingsway Christian Center in Baltimore, MD. The Presiding Officer was Bishop Chris Thompso, Executive Director of EVUSA. The conference approved the new polity report contained in the 2009-13 IPHC Manual, with appropriate changes to reflect applicability to the Mid-Atlantic Conference.

Bishop Wesley H. Russ greeted the conference and made presentations to recognize three ministers for over 50 years of ministry. He presented 50-year pins to Rev.

Dr. Hugh H. Morgan, Director of Chaplains Ministries for the IPHC; Dr. J. Wesley Potter,



L-R: Mark Callister, Juvenny Perez, Keith Marvel, Abel Palomo, Bishop Wesley Russ, Brian Kingrea, Tom Brackett

Retired, former Superintendent of the Mid-Atlantic Conference; and Rev. Mrs. Catherine Funkhouser. Catherine is retired as an active minister but remains faithful to attend all services at Emmanuel P.H. Assembly in Keyser and faithfully sends tithe on her retirement each month. The

congregation honored these recipients with a standing ovation.

Results of the elections for the next four years were as follows:

Re-elected by acclamation

Bishop Wesley Russ

Assistant Superintendent

Abel E. Palomo

Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation

Tom Brackett

Board Members Elected at Large by acclamation:

Brian Kingrea & Keith Marvel

Board Members Appointed by Executive Committee:

Juvenny Perez & Mark McCallister

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QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE (CONTINUED)

Seven people received Local Church Ministers License: Vicente Benitez, Ramon Castro (House of Prayer Maranatha); Brenda Cummings, Debbie Mitchell (Church of Living Waters); Hweeseung Ma, Hwikun Ma (Queens P.H. Church); and Jesse Rine (Maranatha Fellowship). There were three ministers ordained (Ricardo David, Ricardo Lisondra, and George E. White); and transfers from other conferences/organizations (Mark McCallister, John Moriarty and Dennis Davis).

Bishop Russ gave his report on the State of the Conference, including a presentation by Rev. Brian Kingrea about the special task force on Ministerial Development and Church Planting. A motion to accept the report of the Conference Superintendent was passed, and Bishop Thompson asked the congregation to stand to honor Bishop Russ and his work during the past quadrennium. After the report was approved, Bishop Russ gave opportunity for the offering for the conference missions project, the Bangladesh Bible Training Institute. Over \$1,600 was received in this offering.



Women's Ministries

Kay Kingrea, MAC Women's Ministries Director

W.M. RETREAT OCTOBER 15-16 - Rev. Amy Lambert of the Appalachian Conference of the IPHC was the featured speaker and did an excellent job in presenting the gospel through her testimony of how the Lord lifted her out of a life of deep sin and called her into ministry. Rev. Sam Shelton led in worship with his gift of music. Attendance was a high of 95 this year. MAC W.M. Director Rev. Mrs. Kay Kingrea did an excellent job in planning and organizing this annual event.

FEAST OF INGATHERING - Feast of Ingathering offering goes to Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, GA for scholarships. MAC has 7 students at Emmanuel College this year, plus the daughter of Vijay and Apa Balla, IPHC missionaries from Hyderabad, India to Bangladesh, who are supported by many of the churches in our conference. If you have not sent in an offering from your church or Women's Ministries for the Feast of Ingathering, it's not too late. Send your check to **MAC Women's Ministries, c/o Mrs. Susan Nippes, Secretary-Treasurer, 12801 Old Columbia Pike, #109, Silver Spring, MD 20904.**

HARVEST TRAIN - Also, send in your offering for the Falcon Children's Home as soon as possible. November 23 will be here before we know it!



Missions

Rev. Keith Marvel, MAC Missions Director

Rev. Dr. Vijay Balla and his wife, Apa, visited several of the churches in the Mid-Atlantic Conference during the last two weeks. They had services at Church of Living Waters (Oxon Hill, MD); Emmanuel P.H. Assembly (Keyser); Bethel Holiness Church (Lonaconing); Word of Hope Fellowship (Wheaton); House of Prayer Maranatha (College Park); and Kingsway Christian Center (Baltimore). Dr. Balla is an IPHC missionary from India to Bangladesh, Myanmar, Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. He was instrumental in setting up the Bible school in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which is a special project of the Mid-Atlantic Conference. The Balla's have two children, Roslin at ECU and Adam at ORU. They will be returning to the field in January.



Discipleship Ministries

Rev. Tom Brackett, DM Director

The Winter Youth Retreat will be held again in February for ages 13-19. Plans are not finalized yet, but the date will be either February 11-13 or 18-20. Notices will be sent out as soon as plans are completed. This is an important event each year for our youth. Laura and I are in the process of moving to serve as pastors of Family Life Church in New Castle, DE. The church also has recently relocated from Wilmington to New Castle. My new address is 11 N. Navaho Trail, Elkton, MD 21921. You may reach me on my cell phone: 301-707-2098.

Nehemiah 9:6
"You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you."

News From Around The Conference

ISRAEL TRIP: Pastor Jamil Khan and Bishop Wesley Russ led a group of 28 on a tour of the Holy Land October 11-20.

REMINDER: Pastor Appreciation Month – October. If your church did not recognize your pastor in a special way during October, be sure to plan to do this before the end of the year.

TRANSITIONS: **Rev. Tom Brackett** has moved from the Piedmont, WV P. H. Church to Family Life Church in Wilmington (New Castle), DE. He and Laura have already begun their ministry there as of October 1.... **Pastors William** and **Ruby O’Haver**, who have been serving as Associate Pastors for two years, have been installed as the new pastors at Piedmont.... **Rev. Dr. Terry Bailey**, Pastor of Kingsway Christian Center, is moving to the Upper South Carolina Conference to assume the pastorate at So. Greenwood IPHC. Kingsway held a Farewell/Pastor Appreciation dinner on Sunday night, October 24 to honor **Pastor Terry, Beth** and **Mikkaela**. We wish them Godspeed in their new work.... **Rev. Keith Marvel** is available to fill pulpits and/or to preach at your invitation (302/598-5056).



Rev. Mark Callister

WELCOME NEW PASTOR: Mark and Keeli McCallister accepted the pastorate at Bethel Church in Lonaconing in June. The McCallister’s moved to Bethel from Lexington, KY in the Appalachian Conference. Welcome to the Mid-Atlantic Conference, Mark, Keeli and Andrea.

Habakkuk 2:14

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.”

Promotions



Lloyd A. Robinson, 92 – Elder Emeritus and long-time member of Maranatha Fellowship in College Park, Lloyd went to be with the Lord on May 11, 2010. Lloyd was a member of the National P.H. Church in Washington, DC for many years before part of the congregation moved to College Park. He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps and served in Texas during World War II. He also was owner and manager of North Washington Press and furnished free printing to Falcon Children’s Home for Harvest Train for many years. He moved to Falcon, NC when he married Elaine Hudson 24 years ago. Lloyd was the father of Sharon Eckenrode, MAC Discipleship Ministries Secretary-Treasurer, and uncle of Bishop Russ’ wife, Janice.

Helen Valentine, 98, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, went home to join her husband, the late Harrison H. Valentine, former pastor of Kingsway Christian Center on July 1, 2010. Brother and Sister Valentine were pastors in Baltimore for 36+ years and after retiring, they moved to Arkansas to be near their son, Alan. She left a wonderful testimony of her continued love for and faith in her Lord Jesus Christ. She was a wonderful and talented lady – all who knew her will never forget her and especially her music.

Dorothy McIntyre, 89, of Piedmont PH Church moved to her heavenly home on September 20, 2010 after a long illness. Dorothy was Secretary-Treasurer of the Piedmont church for many years. She and her late husband, Don, were also active in youth camps, camp meetings and other events at the conference campground in Frostburg for many years.

Forace Miller, 79, of Frostburg, MD left us for that better world on October 1, 2010. He was a member of Bethel Church in Lonaconing. Forace was a dedicated “missionary” in his later years, and he made 11 trips to Ukraine with Pastor George Loar and groups from Bethel. One time he went even though he had a broken foot. Last year Forace and Sonya donated their Chrysler Town & Country van to the missions work in Texas and Mexico sponsored by Grace Bible Ministries (Texas Conference) for use in working in an orphanage in Mexico.

The Mid-Atlantic Conference

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Calendar of Events

- November 12-13** - Integrity in Ministry will be the theme of a bi-lingual seminar at Kingsway Christian Center. *Friday and Saturday* nights at 7:30 will be victory celebrations with Dr. Josue Yiron, International Evangelist. *Saturday*, the seminar will begin at 10 a.m. with the following workshops scheduled throughout the day: What is Biblical Integrity? (Dr. Yrion) from 10:00 - 12:00; lunch at local restaurants on your own from 12:00 to 2:00; for women The integrity of A Wife (Dr. Suzette Guzman); for youth The Integrity of Young People (Pastor Tony Vasquez); and for men The Integrity of a Husband, Pastor (Uriel Castrillon) from 2:00 - 3:00; Practicing Biblical Integrity (Dr. Josue Yrion) 3:00 - 4:00; Break 4:00 - 4:15; choice of one workshop from 4:15 - 5:15: Integrity in Finances (Rev. Brian Kingrea); Integrity in Leadership (Rev. Juvenny Perez); or Integrity in the Life of a Worshiper (Pastor Carlos Castillo).
- November 23** - The annual Harvest Train at Falcon Children’s Home in Falcon, NC. We ask local church W.M. Directors to remind and encourage your pastors to receive an offering to supplement what you do through your Women’s Ministries group.
- December 20** - The conference books will be closed on December 20 in order to send funds to Oklahoma City to be counted before the end of the year. Please alert all church treasurers to send in reports by the 20th. Otherwise, monies received after the 20th will be included in 2011 figures.
- January 30-February 1** - A celebration of the 100th anniversary of the merger of the IPHC and the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church in Falcon, NC. Bishop Carpenter is requesting everyone who can to attend this meeting.
- February 11-13 or 18-20** - Final date and location of the Youth Winter Retreat will be announced as soon as plans are completed. Applications for ages 13-19 will be mailed soon.