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LISTENING TOUR - INFORMATION TO BE SHARED

The Listening Tour sessions have been characterized by authentic openness, warm congeniality, and vision-casting. The tours have been a rewarding time of sharing for the Executive Committee.

The tour experience will conclude at the end of this month. We do not want to be premature in releasing Listening Tour expressions and data. The entire sessions are being recorded and basic information will be compiled. Also, the results of the surveys will be shared.

Regional Listening Tour Information:

March 26, 2009

River of Life Church of God; Indianapolis, IN.

9:30—11:30 a.m. Pastors / Ministers 40 and over

12:00—2:00 p.m. District Overseers Luncheon

2:30—4:30 p.m. Pastors / Ministers under 40

7:00—9:00 p.m. All Laity

EVANGELIZING.

The Church Goes MOBILE—We browse the web at stop-lights, make calls from the grocery store, answer emails at soccer practice and order pizza from our phones. We are a mobile society. What does this mean for the church? By 2015 5 billion people will be connected via a mobile device. We should think about using it for out-reach. Check out these ways to integrate mobile technology into the life of the church:

- **Text friends:** at the end of a service. Text two friends to invite them to the next week's services. Provide suggested short example messages.
- **Build a mobile site:** complete with directions, service times and basic information you want people to know about your church. Simple free tools like MoFuse.com can help.
- **Information:** can be sent to people by adding a simple "Send to Mobile" button on your web site through a service like BeamMe.Info
- **Mobile Bibles:** can be downloaded for free through applications such as Bible App for iPhone or BlackBerry from YouVersion.com or the Online Mobile Bible and MBible.com or Olive Tree Bible Reader.

Gruenewald, Bobby. Outreach Magazine. "The Church Goes Mobile" pg. 114 March/April 2009

REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The Committee, consisting of eight different groups, will meet on the campus of Lee University, Thursday, April 30, beginning with a noon luncheon and Friday, May 1, from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Place this meeting at the top of your priority prayer list. The decisions made will have a direct bearing on how we view our potential for church growth and how we manage responsibilities.

ENCOURAGING.

Share ideas and ministry information with others through this web site and 'E'-News. (i.e.: books, materials, management, motivation.) We can grow stronger together when we network our gifts and ministry knowledge with one another. Email your thoughts and ideas to dirsecretary@micog.com and watch for your ideas to be published in upcoming editions.

EMPOWERING.

Positive reports are coming in from all across the state informing us how God has touched lives during our recent Prayer Conference. Doug Small did an outstanding job as he taught and led us on a deeper journey of prayer. Services were recorded on CD and are still available upon request. Contact the State Office at (810) 629-0460 or email: bishopsecretary@micog.com to receive your copies.

EQUIPPING.

Leadership Styles: All the while the manager is preoccupied with policies, the boss with power, the enabler with process, and the charismatic inspirer with the next apocalyptic event, the leader is occupied with helping the group toward fulfillment of the foundational life searches.

- Callahan, Kennon. "The Key to Effective Church Leadership: Moving From Professional Ministry to Missionary Pastor," Pulpit Digest (March/April 1990). Pg. 83

Recommended Reading: Pick up your copy of Dr. Stan Toler's latest book entitled: "Rethink Your Life" - A unique diet to renew your mind. This book will lead you to genuine life change through the most basic Christian discipline—renewing the mind.

Leadership Tips for Kingdom Builders

The Difference in Management and Leadership

While leaders come in every size, shape and disposition, every leader shares at least one characteristic: a concern with a guiding purpose, an overarching vision. They are more than goal directed. Leaders have a clear vision of what they want to do—personally and professionally—and the strength to persist in the face of setbacks, even failures. They know where they are going and why.

Bennis, Warren. 1997. *Managing People is Like Herding Cats*. Pg. 63-64. Provo, Utah: Executive Excellence Publishing.

The Four Domains of Leading Like Jesus

- **Heart**—Leadership is a motivation matter. Are you a servant leader or a self serving leader?
- **Head**—Leadership is a belief matter. Are you leading from solid knowledge about the situation?
- **Hands**—Leadership is an action matter. Are you setting clear goals and directing growth in the people you lead?
- **Habits**—Leadership is a commitment matter. Are you developing your own ability to lead?

Blanchard, Ken, and Hodges, Phil. 2005. *Lead Like Jesus*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishing.

Leadership Development

In times of change, learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists.

Finzel, Hans. 1997. *Creating the Right Leadership Culture*. In George Barna, *Leaders on Leadership*. Ventura, California: Regal Books, Pg. 271.

GREAT COMMISSION INITIATIVE.

The initiative will be launched at the Great Commission Symposiums. All the support material will be ready at that time. Programs for children and youth have been added. Also, a special Great Commission issue of the **Church of God Evangel** is being planned. A Guide Manual that centers on total participation has been developed for department leaders. Special support approaches are also being designed for other areas of the world.

Symposiums on the Great Commission

East—Mt. Paran Central, Atlanta, GA.
September 14-15, 2009

West—Riverside Convention Center, CA
September 17-18, 2009

Speakers: Reinhard Bonnke, Loran Livingston,
Niko Njotorahardjo, and Ana Rut Diaz

RESOURCES

BOOKS:

(Leadership)

- Unleashing the Power of Rubber Bands: Lessons in Nonlinear Leadership by Nancy Ortberg (Tyndale)
- Preparing for Change Reaction: How to Introduce Change in Your Church by Bob Whitesel (Wesleyan)
- The American Church in Crisis by David T. Olson (Zondervan)

(Cross Cultural)

- You Don't Have to Cross the Ocean to Reach the World: The Power of Local Cross-Cultural Ministry by David Boyd (Chosen)

(Children's Outreach)

- Welcome to Holsom: Adventures in Faith by Gospel Publishing

(Youth Outreach)

- Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations by Alex and Brett Harris (Multnomah Books)

ON THE WEB:

(Technology)

- [Www.faithhighway.com](http://www.faithhighway.com)
- [Www.churchmultimedia.com](http://www.churchmultimedia.com)
- [Www.shepherdmin.com](http://www.shepherdmin.com)

(Building / Structure / Furniture)

- [Www.sprung.com](http://www.sprung.com)
- [Www.screenflex.com](http://www.screenflex.com)
- [Www.churchplaza.com](http://www.churchplaza.com)
- [Www.churchchair.com](http://www.churchchair.com)
- [Www.robsonsign.com](http://www.robsonsign.com)

(Publishers and Periodicals)

- [Www.outreachmagazine.com](http://www.outreachmagazine.com)
- [Www.yourchurch.net](http://www.yourchurch.net)
- [Www.onlineevangel.com](http://www.onlineevangel.com)
- [Www.pathwaybookstore.com](http://www.pathwaybookstore.com)
- [Www.mnnonline.org](http://www.mnnonline.org)
- [Www.group.com](http://www.group.com)
- [Www.zondervan.com](http://www.zondervan.com)

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