

Association of the Church of God

Southern California



Southern Nevada

2016 Annual Report



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AGENDA
2016 Annual Meeting
Association of the Church of God of
Southern California & Southern Nevada
College Park Church of God, Long Beach, CA
October 15, 2016 9: 00 a.m. – Lunch

“Be Bold, Jesus IS the Subject...in Discipleship and on Mission!”

Welcome and Prayer

Greeting of New Delegates and Attenders

Special Guest Conference Leader: Dr. Jeannette Flynn

Church on Mission Reports: Discipleship Celebration, Faithfulness of God

Looking Forward: New Tools for Ministry

Looking Forward: Opportunities for Service and Growth

Recognition of Ministry/Introduction of Newly Ordained/Licensed Ministers

Approval of Reports (E-mailed and distributed)

Appreciation for Congregational Support

Presentation of proposed Budget for 2017

Presentation of Ballot/Voting

Looking Forward: Opportunities: Partnering in Missions Ministries

Words of Thanks

Closing Prayer

Breaking of Bread Together (Lunch)

Sincere thanks and appreciation to the College Park Church of God Congregation for hosting our gathering today. A very special word of thanks to Paula Larsen, our Association Office Manager for your hard work in preparing for today’s meeting, and the work you do for us throughout the year. God’s blessings to you.

ASSOCIATION PURPOSE STATEMENT

... A force of God,

uniting His Church

to impact

communities for Christ.

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA & SOUTHERN NEVADA
MINUTES**

Saturday October 10, 2015 – 9:00 AM

“Be **Bold, Jesus IS the Subject...in Discipleship and on Mission!”**

Welcome (Shaun) Prayer:

Welcome & Introduction of New Representatives (Shaun)

Guest Speaker: Kirk Kirlin (Introduced by David) “Living on Mission You and your congregation”.

Looking Forward: Opportunities (David & Kirk Kirlin: Refocus: Awaken & Activate) Kirk has offered for a limited time free admission into the Awaken program that he would lead. See details on handout in each given attendee folder

Church on Mission Reports: Discipleship Celebration (Intro by David) (Darren Adwalpalker, Jeff McCoy, James Darby, Mike Gratzke, David Winn) each gave a brief report

Looking Forward: Opportunities (Native American Ministries, Kids Kamp, Youth Camp) Kim Winn spoke of new name for Kids Kamp to help define the age difference for those attending camp.

There will be a link emailed to churches on the work in the Native American Ministries – given was a introduction to “Broken Walls” Native American concert at Willow st. COG Nov 14 – emphasized by Mohawk Native American

Cassandra Garrett introduces Bulletin cards for churches for the ‘Broken Walls” concert Nov 14 – Cherokee –Mrs._____ Also invites to concert and a blanket offering to be taken at “Broken Walls” concert.

Recognition of Ministry/Introduction of Newly Ordained/Licensed Ministers (Darren Adwalpalker) Pinky Foley Lawrence Foley Josue Rodriguez Finian Ebuia and special prayer for he and his wife.

Announcing Appointed Tellers for the Meeting: (Pre-selected) (Shaun) Leonard D, Terry R and Emory G

Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2016 (Shaun) minutes stand as presented

Appreciation for Congregational Support (Brent)

Financial Report (Kevin Gotts & David Winn) David W explained the legality of paying unemployment tax on former Association Secretary (Cara H) final payment was made.

He went on to explain rent for Association at College Park COG and no rent change. Changes in Medical for David W and how that expense is now added to his taxable income. Kevin Gotts continues with information with investments and assets of Association. Budget shows breakdown of investment monies in Association.

Presentation of proposed Budget for 2016 (Josué) reminds us to be an influence.

Presentation of Ballot/Voting (Brent)

Looking Forward: Opportunities (Oct. 24 Legal/Tax Conference: Jeff McCoy; Israel 2016; Israel 2017: David)

Words of Thanks (Shaun)

Closing Prayer (Shaun or person of your choice)

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Ballot result – all names on ballot have been approved along with 2016 Budget

Submitted by
Brent Miller
Secretary

The Executive Director's Sharings

October, 2016

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

(John 16:33, NIV).

The Church of God Movement serves in 90 countries around the world, in many areas and in countless cultures and subcultures. The external environment for our internal core values—Christian, holiness, and missional—varies dramatically over the earth's estimated 7.3 billion inhabitants.

Most of the populace is connected by some form of media, social or otherwise, which permeates nearly every aspect of life. What happens in one part of the world, such as the terrorist attacks in Paris, San Bernardino, Istanbul, or a Starbuck's coffee shop in Jakarta, Indonesia, immediately gets our attention.

What used to be horrible news of ugly, painful, revolting and evil acts of terrorism and violence in other parts of the world are now happening here, in our own part of the world; in our country; in our communities; even in our neighborhoods...touching our homes, our very lives.

Our Church of God brothers and sisters in certain countries continue to see increased social change, breaks from long-held cultural norms, and decreased freedom of religion. Changing laws relating to human sexuality pose serious challenges to churches, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and businesses that uphold biblical standards of marriage and the sanctity of human life. It is now happening in our own country, with a pace of change that is hard to measure.

The Church of God (including many of our Association congregations) has participated the last two years in Freedom Sunday. Our congregations around the globe took a stand against human trafficking. Last year, more than 200 congregations worldwide participated in the event through prayer, worship, preaching, and support of church-based anti-trafficking ministries. Over \$700,000 has been raised from congregations across the U.S. and Canada to support these ministries.

Racial discrimination and accompanying violence rising to epidemic proportions in our country and in our communities. One of our nation's leaders described the situation as being a "powder keg" awaiting a well-placed spark to ignite the nation in violence not seen for many decades.

Jim Lyon, the General Director of the Church of God in the United States and Canada, reported to the Ministries Council members in our Fall meeting in Philadelphia last month, that the rest of the Movement in other countries around the world are watching and waiting to see how we in the United States will respond to these challenges. They are concerned as to whether we will respond out of a desire to please our culture to be accepted by them, or if we will respond by standing boldly, uncompromisingly upon God's Word...and lovingly, mercifully, courageously, personally representing that Word and It's Author to the world around us. Historically, the Church of God in the United States has led the rest of the church by our example and action. Jim reported that leadership in the Church of God from many of the other 89 countries have carefully, yet strongly, sent words of encouragement to stand upon God's Word...not upon public popularity or support.

Current church historians have witnessed the Christian church falter and dwindle into an impotent state, if not into non-existence in most of Europe. Many former houses of worship that hosted hundreds of Christian believers each week a number of years ago, are now museums or Islam Mosques, now. They see the church in the United States and Canada going that same direction, but on a faster pace than in Europe. The church in Europe did not believe that it could happen, were lulled to sleep, lost consciousness and, in many cases...died. They stopped believing that just as God has an enemy, Satan is the enemy of the church, too. His best work is in diverting the church's attention away from our Savior and Lord of the Church; away from the mission God gave to them; away from the reality that Jesus said that HE is the ONLY way to God; away from the equipping responsibility of his people to represent Him in good times and in very difficult, trying times; away from the personal relationship with Jesus.

I met a young man named William in the airport in Minneapolis last Sunday who shared with me that he was considering leaving the church of his childhood. The stated reason? "We sing the chorus, 'I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God, He calls me friend', but we live with the world around us as our 'best friend', and as if God is just a very friendly, casual acquaintance." He then closed with, "My pastor does not seem to realize that the real best friend of the world, the only one that it knows to follow, is God's enemy. We cannot lead them to God by treating Him so casually."

I got on my airplane, settled in my seat for the forthcoming nonstop flight back to Los Angeles, and found myself fighting back tears for William and all those he represents; for pastors who have such a difficult time continually balancing life personally, at home, church and in communities; for those communities who need to be led into transforming relationship with Jesus, and for the transformed ones of God who are to lead them.

Do we have an enemy of the faith in Southern California and Southern Nevada? Do we have an enemy that brutally assaulted the church, its leaders throughout the Church of God here in the past 2 years?

Ask Pastor Mike Gratzke and our Homeland congregation who had their parsonage set on fire by an arson last October; who had their worship burned to the ground last Spring; who had their parsonage torched twenty days later by a 42 year old man from their small town; who had their fencing destroyed by a street racer a couple of months ago.

Ask Pastor Dave Collett, of our Covina congregation, who was beaten by a man that had stepped in off the street, at the close of a Bible study one Tuesday evening...in the front of the sanctuary.

Ask Pastor Yahya Bayyan, of our Upper Room Church of God in Los Angeles, whose 30 year-old-son was murdered on Palm Sunday morning while working as an Uber driver; and then, whose four-year-old grandson died suddenly the day after Memorial Day.

Ask Minister Cameron Bell, of our Willow Street Church of God in Long Beach, who was shot six times on the front porch of his mother's house...the evening after preaching and teaching our young people at our Youth Camp in Palomar.

Ask the families of three of our pastors who had members of their families hit by drunk drivers in separate incidents within the last ten months.

Ask the congregation whose pastor was arrested for domestic violence. Ask him. Ask his family.

Ask the pastor and congregation who had spent years building a growing ministry to children and had it (overnight) stolen from them.

Ask the pastors and congregational leaders who had identity thefts occur, ruining (at least for a time) their credit and, in two occasions, their reputations. These came to their attention just before they were to engage in leading significant ministry endeavors.

I could go on and on with examples of what my Nazarene peers called, “a vicious assault” from the enemy.

These attacks not only affected those persons, but also the work in their congregations, and the work of the Association. Many of the key leaders of our ministry teams and their members were those I listed above...and others who experienced attacks, just too numerous to list and describe. Add to that the personal and familial health challenges, sudden sicknesses, deaths and accidents. I have not included the challenges that occur in the “normal” leading of the church. Many of these things happened as we were gearing up to lead in Association and local ministries.

Do we have an enemy? Yes, we do.

Jesus said, “I will build my church ... you make disciples”
(Matthew 16:18, 28:19, NIV).

Jesus expected His disciples to reproduce His likeness in others. He gave the message and mission to the disciples in order that they would reproduce themselves in others and make disciples who would make disciples, even in the midst of great strife. As we intentionally make disciples, Jesus builds the Church.

It isn't our pastors' jobs to find a new program in order to grow the church. It is their job to help us grow, be equipped to reproduce His likeness through our lives, in relationship with others.

Christendom has become a 2.3 billion-member movement today, after starting with only twelve disciples. As I spoke on the analogy of the Vine in John 15:1–17 a few weeks ago at our Clairemont congregation in San Diego, I realized again, in such a powerful way how it speaks to our mission. The purpose of the Vine (Jesus) and the branches (us) is to bear fruit. Christians are to work for and expect a harvest (Matthew 9:37–38, Luke 10:2).

We had some goals that we expected to successfully accomplish this year, that were not completed. A lot was done to encourage and support those who were struggling. Thank you to pastors and congregations who have given of themselves to aid and assist those who have been hit so hard in this time. Even with the leadership challenges, personal and collective ministry was accomplished. Much more needs to be done. New works need to be started, new leaders need to be mentored and trained. Established works need to be helped to move in new directions. We need to recapture the urgent, the desperate nature of reaching, winning and discipling those who are now truly lost without a shepherd.

In this past year we have continued to emphasize discipleship and the intentional training of our people to intentionally disciple others. We will continue to do so.

It is important for new disciples:

- to join the fellowship as members of that body.
- to regularly participate with others in worship.
- to join and be included in small groups in order to grow into Christlikeness.
- to be personally, intentionally, continually disciplined, while intentionally discipling others.

We as the church must provide these opportunities of spiritual growth and service for our people!

We will obey the Lord's instructions to make disciples! Who is discipling you? Who are you discipling?

We will be sharing some new tools to use in discipleship and growth as well as some new and exciting opportunities for the Church of God in Southern California and Southern Nevada to accomplish in united ministry with some new and renewed partnerships in 2017 and beyond at the annual meeting. Please make every effort to come and experience this special time together. There will also be some stories shared of how God has wondrously met needs and provided growth in the lives of congregations and people.

Jeannette Flynn is a wonderful, colorful and inspired communicator. She will join with us as our conference speaker on Saturday morning. This is open to all the people of our congregations (as is the business session, too). Jeannette will be speaking on the subject, "Leaders for Today's Ministry". This will be important for leaders of one, two or of many to hear and experience. After an 8:30 a.m. registration and refreshments, we will start our conference time at 9:00 at the College Park Church of God in Long Beach. See you there.

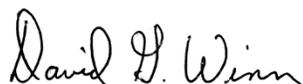
Finally,

To our pastors, laity, educators, Sunday school teachers, evangelists, compassionate ministry workers, chaplains, worship leaders and those who represent the mission of the Church of God—I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your faithfulness and your fruitfulness. Ultimately, you serve for the approval and applause of an audience of one, the Lord Jesus Christ. We celebrate your prayers, your labor of love, your passion to bring others to Christ, and your obedience in personally and intentionally making Christ-like disciples in your communities and elsewhere, across the country and around the world.

Respectfully yours,

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Blessings to you,



2016 Budget Report

August 2016 66%	Annual Budget	Amount YTD	YTD Target	Proposed Budget 2017
Income				
Ministry Income:Congregational	84,000.00	44,370.43	55,440.00	84,000.00
Ministry Income:Individual Giving	6,000.00	2,438.00	3,960.00	6,000.00
Interest Income:Capital Fund	60,000.00	30,000.00	39,600.00	60,000.00
Interest Income:San Gabriel Trust	8,000.00	7,115.00	5,280.00	8,000.00
Interest Income: Bank Account		36.27		40.00
Service to Commissions	8,652.00	9,498.00	5,710.32	9,250.00
Property Interest	18,000.00	660.15	11,880.00	20,000.00
Miscellaneous Income				
Total Income	184,652.00	94,117.85	121,870.32	187,290.00
Expenses				
Adm:Admin Board	1,000.00	1,119.38	660.00	1,000.00
Adm:Annual Business Meeting	1,300.00		858.00	1,000.00
Adm:Auto Expense - Exec Director	7,000.00	3,172.86	4,620.00	7,000.00
Adm:Banking Fees	150.00	80.00	99.00	140.00
Adm:Bookkeeping Fees	550.00		363.00	400.00
Adm:Convention/Travel/Sem	3,560.00	3,043.76	2,349.60	3,560.00
Adm:Council of Ministries Exp	150.00		99.00	150.00
Adm:Employee Training	150.00		99.00	100.00
Adm:Hospitality	600.00	343.19	396.00	600.00
Adm:Insurance - Liability	1,850.00	1,327.33	1,221.00	1,900.00
Adm:Medical - Executive Director	0.00		0.00	0.00
Adm:Medical - Staff	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,640.00	4,000.00
Adm:Organizational Fees, Dues, Reg.	200.00	202.91	132.00	225.00
Adm:Other Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00		66.00	100.00
Total Admin	20,610.00	11,289.43	13,602.60	20,175.00
Ofc:Communications	3,000.00	2,624.41	1,980.00	3,000.00
Ofc:Office Eqpmt Repair/Replace	500.00	170.05	330.00	350.00
Ofc:Copy Machine Lease Payment	3,000.00	1,979.46	1,980.00	2,500.00
Ofc:Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,429.11	990.00	1,250.00
Ofc:Postage	750.00	390.75	495.00	700.00
Ofc:Rent/Lease	19,610.00	13,073.28	12,942.60	19,610.00
Total Office	28,360.00	19,667.06	18,717.60	27,410.00
Personnel:Exec Director Salary	29,332.00	19,554.72	19,359.12	31,385.00
Personnel:Exec Director Housing	50,822.00	33,881.44	33,542.52	50,822.00
Personnel:Exec Director Pension	10,113.00	5,056.50	6,674.58	10,113.00
Personnel:Office Admin Salary	32,500.00	17,604.21	21,450.00	34,125.00
Personnel:Secretarial Services		746.87	0.00	0.00
Personnel:SS - Employer's taxes	12,075.00	6,579.82	7,969.50	12,275.00
Personnel:Worker's Comp	840.00	608.45	554.40	855.00
Total Personnel	135,682.00	84,032.01	89,550.12	139,575.00
Total Expenses	184,652.00	114,988.50	121,870.32	187,160.00

2016 Treasurer's Report

Jan - Aug '16	1/1/16 Balance	YTD Income	YTD Expense	8/31/16 Balance
<i>General Funds</i>				
Assoc Giving		94,117.85	117,327.67	(23,209.82)
misc income				
Compton	23,874.89	12,950.24	-	36,825.13
Start Church	(1,749.00)	4,081.00	2,332.00	-
Medical	(1,558.15)	14,696.59	12,139.18	999.26
SUBTOTAL	20,567.74	125,845.68	131,798.85	14,614.57
<i>Commission f</i>				
	-			-
Christian Ed	(1,433.56)	7,480.00	5,616.93	429.51
Higher Ed	100.00	-	-	100.00
Men's	-	-	-	-
Ministerial Conf	6,419.04	8,625.40	7,398.23	7,646.21
C Health	29,389.13	8,534.56	194.70	37,728.99
C Multiplication	230,002.75	-	-	230,002.75
SAFE Operatg	2,115.36	2,875.00	2,971.00	2,019.36
Social Concerns	275.07	3,557.00	1,700.00	2,132.07
Youth	465.44	18,877.00	17,254.21	2,088.23
UIYC	11,265.61	-	-	11,265.61
SAFE Endowt	9,711.09	210.00	-	9,921.09
COM SUBTOTAL	288,309.93	50,158.96	35,135.07	303,333.82
<i>CE Perpetuity</i>	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00
<i>CHE</i>	33,000.00			33,000.00
Assoc Investments	312,291.37	-	26,307.16	285,984.21
SG Funds	1,049,098.72	30,451.01	-	1,079,549.73
SG Repayment & Interest	47,854.61	16,869.12	-	64,723.73
TOTAL	1,776,122.37	223,324.77	193,241.08	1,806,206.06
SG Loans Outstanding	321,442.00	-	-	314,905.00

2016 Treasurer's Report

Jan - Aug '16	1/1/16 Balance	YTD Income	YTD Expense	8/31/16 Balance
<i>General Fund Bank Accounts</i>				
ACCU Checkg	<u>16,790.73</u>	190,936.28	162,418.10	<u>45,308.91</u>
<i>Commission Accounts</i>				
Putnm Comm	<u>307,821.96</u>	8,909.89	12,211.87	<u>304,519.98</u>
ACCU 3Mo Cert	<u>7,386.07</u>	9.88	-	<u>7,395.95</u>
ACCU M Mkt	<u>2,514.44</u>	2.77	-	<u>2,517.21</u>
ACCU Savings	<u>98.30</u>	0.04	-	<u>98.34</u>
Subtotal	<u>317,820.77</u>	<u>8,922.58</u>	<u>12,211.87</u>	<u>314,531.48</u>
<i>Investment Accounts</i>				
Putnam 8511				
Assoc	<u>2,575.26</u>	0.05	-	<u>2,575.31</u>
Putnam 9452				
Assoc	<u>1,953.96</u>	62.55	-	<u>2,016.51</u>
Opphmr 9341				
Assoc	<u>23,289.82</u>	826.04	1,072.70	<u>23,043.16</u>
Opphmr 8165				
Assoc	<u>128,936.24</u>	3,185.93	11,536.68	<u>120,585.49</u>
Opphmr 6949				
Assoc	<u>213,536.09</u>	7,343.33	25,115.68	<u>195,763.74</u>
Inland REIT				
2668 SG	<u>163,779.80</u>	2,587.32	12,824.16	<u>153,542.96</u>
P.Ed REIT 7034				
SG	<u>189,774.48</u>	11,740.14	-	<u>201,514.62</u>
Putnam 5993 SG	<u>47,854.61</u>	16,869.12	-	<u>64,723.73</u>
Opphmr 5560				
SG	<u>257,169.87</u>	10,095.30	-	<u>267,265.17</u>
Opphmr 5129				
SG	<u>438,374.57</u>	18,852.41	-	<u>457,226.98</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>1,801,856.20</u>	<u>271,421.05</u>	<u>225,179.19</u>	<u>1,848,098.06</u>
SG FUNDS				
TOTAL	<u>1,418,395.33</u>	-	-	<u>1,459,178.46</u>
SG Trust	<u>1,262,348.00</u>			<u>1,262,348.00</u>
Income Available	<u>156,047.33</u>	-	-	<u>196,830.46</u>

2016-2017 CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2016

- 3 **Credentials Committee Meeting** 10:00 am *Association Office*
- 6 **Daylight Saving Ends**
- 24-25 **Association Office Closed for Thanksgiving**

DECEMBER 2016

- 5 **Ministers and Spouses Christmas Banquet** *Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel*
- 26-30 **Association Office Closed**

JANUARY 2017

- 5 **Credentials Committee Meeting** 10:00 am *Association Office*
- 9 **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00 am *Association Office*
- 27 **San Diego County Minister's Meeting** 9:30am *Location TBD*

FEBRUARY 2017

- 11 **San Diego County Church of God Annual Business Mtg.** *Oceanside Community Church*
- 14 **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00 am *Conference Call*
- 16 **Holiness Pastors & Leaders Day** *Azusa Pacific University*
- 17 **San Diego County Minister's Meeting** 9:00am *Oceanside Community*
- 21 **S.A.F.E. Spring Rally** 10:00am *Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel*

MARCH 2017

- 2 **Credentials Committee Mtg.** 10:00am *Association Office*
- 14 **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00 am *Conference Call*
- 17 **San Diego County Minister's Meeting** 9:00am *Oceanside Community*

APRIL 2017

- 9 **Palm Sunday**
- 13 **Maundy Thursday**
- 14 **Good Friday**
- 16 **Easter Sunday**
- 18 **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00 am *Association Office*
- 25-27 **WARM – West Coast Minister’s Meeting** *Location TBD*
- 21 **San Diego County Minister’s Meeting** 9:00am *Oceanside Community*

MAY 2017

- 4 **Credentials Committee Mtg.** 10:00am *Association Office*
- 9 **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00am *Conference Call*
- 14 **Mother’s Day**
- 19 **San Diego County Minister’s Meeting** 9:00am *Oceanside Community*

JUNE 2017

- 4 **Pentecost Sunday**
- 13 **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00am *Conference Call*
- 18 **Father’s Day**
- 22-25 **Youth Camp** *Palomar Mountain Christian Conference Center*
- 20-23 **North American Convention** *Oklahoma City, OK*

JULY 2017

- 6 **Credentials Committee Mtg.** 10:00am *Association Office*
- 12-15 **Interstate Convention** *Hanford, CA*
- 18 **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00am *Association Office*
- 28-30 **Junior Camp** *Palomar Mountain Christian Conference Center*

AUGUST 2017

- 8 **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00am *Conference Call*

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 7 **Credentials Committee Mtg.** *10:00am Association Office*
- 12 **Administrative Board Mtg.** *10:00am Conference Call*
- 22 **San Diego County Minister's Meeting** *9:00am Oceanside Community*

OCTOBER 2017

- 10 **Administrative Board Mtg.** *10:00am Association Office*
- 14 **ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE & BUSINESS MEETING**