

# Association of the Church of God

Southern California



Southern Nevada

## 2017 Annual Report



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**AGENDA**  
**2017 Annual Meeting**  
**Association of the Church of God of**  
**Southern California & Southern Nevada**  
**College Park Church of God, Long Beach, CA**  
**October 14, 2017 10: 00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

***“Be Bold, JESUS is the Subject...in Raising a Generation of Leaders!”***

**Welcome and Prayer**

**Greeting of New Delegates and Attenders**

**Church on Mission Reports: Discipleship Celebration, Faithfulness of God**

**Looking Forward: Tools for Ministry**

**Looking Forward: Opportunities for Service and Growth**

**Approval of Reports (E-mailed and distributed)**

**Appreciation for Congregational Support**

**Presentation of proposed Budget for 2018**

**Presentation of Ballot/Voting**

**Looking Forward: Opportunities: Partnering in Missions Ministries**

**Words of Thanks**

**Closing Prayer**

**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 15, 2016 – 9:00 AM**

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

Welcome Prayer: (Josué)

Welcome & Introduction of New Representatives (Josué)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jeannette Flynn (Introduced by David)

Looking Forward: New Tools: New Web Site (David & Dave Cornblum - Owner/Developer, Blaster Web Services) David Winn introduces Dave Cornblum and the new website with the Association and tools for the churches of the Association. Website should be launched in a couple of weeks – with responsive word press with access to prayer requests, donations, location, calendars, news, information, blogs, credentialing and process, teaching elements etc.

Church on Mission Reports: Discipleship Celebration. David introduces another tool -- Disciple-making blueprint to be launched by beginning of 2017. 50 people across the Association will have opportunity to connect to this 13 week course. This can be a connection per satellite congregations.

Looking Forward: Opportunities (Native American Ministries, Kids Kamp, Youth Camp)

Caroline Denton, Mike Gratzke, Helen Kuehl, Kim Gratzke, Cassandra Garrett, Dominico Carrera - - announcements of SAFE rallies, Women Conventions, Golf Tournaments for rebuilding of a worship site and community center in Homeland, words of what the Concilio is doing and the coming together of Christmas Dinners.

Recognition of Ministry/Introduction of Newly Ordained/Licensed Ministers (Darren Adwalpalker)

Announcing Appointed Tellers for the Meeting: (Pre-selected) (Josué)

Approval of Reports (E-mailed and distributed) (David W) notice of page 12-13 Church Multiplication – planting churches in 2017—UIYC (Youth Convention) donation made for the coming together for United youth from all ethnicity. David Winn moves to accept all

Appreciation for Congregational Support (Brent)

Presentation of proposed Budget for 2017 (Ralph) The Church moves forward. Ralph Makes a motion to accept the proposed Budget for approval – Josue 2<sup>nd</sup>

Presentation of Ballot/Voting (Janet)

Looking Forward: Opportunities: Partnering in Missions Ministries (David) Many ministers from the Baja area churches were introduced and spoke moments about their ministries and the benefits of So California partnering with them in mission. Ed and Ivy So from the Philippines reported on the 60 year celebration of ministry and the need for greater mission work in connection to education.

Words of Thanks (Josué)

Closing Prayer (Ralph)

Breaking of Bread Together (Lunch)

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Adjourn 2:35 pm

Submitted by  
Brent Miller  
Secretary

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The Association of the Church of God of Southern California exists to be:  
A force of God,  
Uniting His Church  
To impact communities for Christ.

The joy of ministry has remained fresh and fulfilling for me. I am in my 40<sup>th</sup> year of serving the Lord in ministry within the Church of God. He has been good at giving strength, encouragement, joy, peace, understanding, faith, and the companionship of so many, many wonderful co-laborers throughout this whole time. Next to knowing Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, then being married to Kim for these 37 years, and being a dad, now a granddad, serving with you is the greatest privilege of my life.

I read an article in a science magazine while in a doctor's waiting room a few weeks ago. It was a very interesting article about criminal investigation, and how far technology has brought us in being able to discover so much information through fingerprints. Among other things, they are able to now tell how long fingerprints have been on items by the depth of the print and the acid level remaining. They can also tell what gender left the print. There was much more to the article.

I got to thinking about fingerprints. I got to thinking of the fingerprints that have marked this Association over our history. While the times, places, and faces of this assembly have changed over the years, one thing that has not changed is the sense that God has marked us as His own, and that His blessing is upon us.

If we were to dust for God's fingerprints, we would find them everywhere. We would find them on our hearts, as He continues to shape us and mold us into the likeness of his son, Jesus Christ. We would find God's thumb prints on our backs as He compels us to start new works, to deepen our commitment, and to increase our willingness to take fresh risks for the Kingdom. We would find God's fingerprints on new ministries, new churches, and new converts.

And it is not just God's fingerprints that have marked this Association. There are also the fingerprints of women and men God has used to shape us and form us. Over the last few months I have read through minutes of the Ministerial Conference dating back to the 1920's. The experience left me with a few deep impressions: 1) great appreciation for those who have led the church and how God used each of them; 2) profound admiration for the significant sacrifices our pastors and laity have made throughout our history; 3) a renewed commitment to our mission to evangelize Southern California and Southern Nevada with the message of God's transforming grace, to make disciples throughout this region and beyond, always inviting individuals to engage in the story of God.

Today I thank God for our wonderful ministry teams. Their fingerprints, too, are everywhere!! It is a joy to work alongside our Association President Ralph Sims, Association Vice-Presidents Janet Werdowatz and Earl Gotts, Association Secretary Brent Miller, Youth Ministries' Team Chair Gina Gardner, Children's' Ministries Team Chair Kimberly Winn, Church Multiplication Team Chair Mike Gratzke, Concilio President Dominico Carrera, special advisor with youth and college ministries Kathy Reed, Credentials Committee Team Chair, Darren Adwalpalker (Brent Miller filling in for Darren while he was on sabbatical), SAFE Chair Cassandra Garrett, San Diego County Churches of God, Inc. Chair Bill Kottcamp, San Diego County Ministers' Fellowship President Rodney Corley, Christian Women Connection President (for several years) Caroline Denton, and now the new Co-Presidents Debi Francis

& Kim Darby, Association Office Manager Paula Larsen, each and every team's members who serve with these chairpersons, and especially the dedicated pastors that serve not only in the local congregation, but in this Association as well.

I also praise God for allowing me to know and share wonderful ministry relationships with the Interstate leadership, especially the Chair, Christopher Conedy and the Credentials Chair, Leroy Harris. Their work also directly affects the health and wellbeing of the church in Southern California and Southern Nevada. We regard the two organizations as being a part of One Church.

I thank God for these who give of themselves for the Kingdom Work so generously, yet with wisdom, care, love and respect for the ministry and for the One who has called us. They have worked diligently together...and I honor them.

Camps, retreats, training events, rallies, unity events, credentialing, conferences, advisory meetings (formal and informal), pastoral search work, ministry team meetings, planning meetings, assisting in pastor/boards planning sabbaticals, these have all occurred through this year. Much good work has taken place. For that I am thankful.

There are a couple of important items not done in the goals we verbalized at the 2016 Annual Meeting that I want to touch on now.

We reported last year that we wanted to work with our pastors in Baja, Mexico to provide a house for Pastor Carlos Rodriguez and his wife. Pastor Carlos suffered a major stroke a few years ago and is in deteriorating health, no longer able to pastor the church. We agreed to build a house for them on the grounds of the camp there. His family asked for the house to be built at another location where they owned property. That did not work, because of a lack of resources on the property...lacking connection with electricity and other essentials. We have made arrangements with the pastors in Baja, who are overseeing the project, that we will provide the housing when the appropriate location is agreed upon within their group and Pastor Carlos' family. We are eager to assist in this partnership venture.

We were wanting to sponsor a Leadership Development trip to Valenzuela, Philippines with older youth/young adults from throughout the Association. We had Summer, 2017 as our goal for the trip. We decided that we wanted to do additional planning and relational development in preparation for this adventure. Humberto Mena and myself went to the Philippines where we walked with our leadership in Valenzuela, and from throughout the Church of God across the nation. Preparations and planning are solid and we are pleased to announce that the trip is scheduled for July, 2018. It will include living and working with our school in Valenzuela (a part of Manila), sharing in Vacation Bible Schools in our congregations in the local Manila area, and also getting to meet and share with children and young people in some of our wonderful village churches. We have been there, met with leadership in each of those congregations and leadership within the villages. The itinerary will provide a very safe and fulfilling experience for the participants. Applications are complete and will be made available at the Annual Meeting.

Looking at the year ahead of us, I see some areas that must be made priority items for our united work together.

We will begin the work of discerning where God is leading the Association in the future, what that will look like, and the changes needed to accomplish that...starting with our Association Bylaws. Earl Gotts and others will be leading as we launch this process.



We have taken significant actions to rework the membership on some of our ministry teams that have not been effective and /or working at all. I am pleased with the work the Administrative Board has done, especially Earl Gotts as the Chair of the Nominations and Personnel Committee, in seeking good leadership for all of our teams. We have some excellent leaders in our Association congregations. It is sometimes very difficult to draw them to the surface beyond the local work. This year we will be focusing on gearing-up our Church Multiplication and Church Health ministry teams. It is so very important that we do so. Please pray for us as we engage in these ministry areas.

Another vital ministry that has been lacking in the last year has been that of our Ministerial Conference. I realize that it does not lie under the direct oversight of the Executive Director or of the Administrative Board. The Association does not name or ratify its leadership. It operates under its own bylaws. Those bylaws do not provide for my oversight or direct involvement as Executive Director. It is overseen by the ministers, ordained and licensed, of Southern California and Southern Nevada. It has not functioned for the last year...except for the areas of credentialing and with the other events I have connected us in my role.

I am under the conviction that our pastors need this to be a strong, healthy, and active organization. In this culture of Southern California and Southern Nevada, where there seems to be a gravitational pull towards independence and individualism, even within the church, we need to intentionally work against this pull. We preach and teach that God ordained the church and that it is His will for us to be together in this spiritual Kingdom venture. We do not model it very successfully in some areas. I have jumpstarted the Ministerial Fellowship twice in the last 18 plus years, personally naming and appointing leadership until they could be ratified by the larger body of ministers. We are in need of that again. BUT...there is a need, a deeper need, for our ministers to have a conversation as to why this is the situation. This ought to be the group that cares for each other, providing for encouragement and training for those in ministry...since they know the needs and the demands of ministry like no one else can.

I believe this is to be a powerful, energizing and ‘anointed’ ministry of ministers to/with ministers. Please contact me if you agree with me and are willing to assist in discerning God’s leading in this very special area of the life of the church. For those lay members reading this, please pray for those who will be stepping-up to lead, and for those who will be generous in their encouragement and support.

## THE FUTURE

We will be announcing another opportunity for a specialized ministry team at the Annual Meeting...a Missions Ministry Team. Tune in for more information.

I would not pretend to be able to forecast where we will be in 25 or even 10 years. But let me share where I think God may be leading us in the next 5 years...

- More Hispanic ministry. This will continue to be a growing edge. In just the last few years we have grown (quietly) to eleven Spanish-speaking works in Southern California.
- More languages. For our first many years English was the only language spoken in our churches. Then we had a German-speaking congregation for a few short years. The Church of God planted a Spanish-speaking congregation, and took the Church of God to Mexico. Today, Southern California/Nevada believers worship in English, Spanish, Korean, and Arabic. We are in communication with a Mandarin Chinese group who would like to affiliate with the Church of God.

What languages will be next??

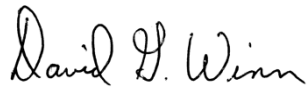
- More diversity. We are seeing a healthy trend in this area. As our congregations become more diverse, they better reflect the ethnic and racial makeup of their mission field and will do better to connect with their neighbors.
- More multi-congregational use of single facilities. For missional as well as stewardship reasons, we will continue to see more than one Church of God congregation using the same building. Often, these congregations will speak different languages.
- More worship attendance challenges. California ranks #3 in the United States of the number of Church of God people in our state. But they attend less regularly than they have in previous times. In the past, a “faithful” Church of God congregant attended 48 - 50 Sundays a year. Today, that average is about 38 - 40 Sundays a year. The dynamics of blended families, more travel, non - traditional work schedules, and “other” priorities (other activities)) will continue to impact Sunday morning attendance. We must find creative and graceful ways to address this challenge.
- More opportunities for bi-vocational pastors/ministers. The trend toward pastors needing employment outside the church will continue, which has implications for congregational expectations as well as ministerial preparation. This is not necessarily a bad thing. Many of our churches are becoming much more missional because their pastor works in the mission field.
- More opportunities for women in ministry. Our prayer is to see more women in ministry, especially as “lead pastors.” As God calls, the church should encourage, nurture, and provide places to serve. It has been very difficult to find placement of females in pastoral ministry roles within our congregations in Southern California/Nevada...especially in that “lead role”. Our female “candidates” have found it difficult to be accepted by other females in the pews of our congregations. We have had to help them find placement in other parts of the country where they are better received. In our state where we pride ourselves as being rather progressive, we have some work to do in this area. Key to this will be the intentional leadership development of women of all ages in local churches.
- More preaching on God’s transforming grace. Our younger pastors will lead us in finding fresh ways of expressing our message of Christlikeness, transformational holiness, and discipleship that easily connects with our mission field.
- More emphasis on mentoring and leadership development. Many of our pastors and leaders are quickly reaching retirement age(s), or facing the physical limitations to continued leadership. We must disciple others who can take the mantle of leadership. This is intentional, relational leadership development.
- More congregations and ministries. Of all we do, nothing has a greater impact on the future than the planting of new churches. New churches are the most effective evangelism strategy.

The # 1 lesson we have learned about church planting is that the least effective way to plant churches is by districts or the Association. Churches plant a few churches. People plant churches — people who hear God’s call to start something new and respond with faith and courage. God continues to call, praise His name.

Let me close with my invitation for you to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 14 at the College Park Church of God in Long Beach. It will be from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The theme for the day is: "Raising A Generation to Lead". We have invited some very special speakers and conference leaders who have a wonderful story of being raised to lead and raising others to lead. There will be a wonderful conference in the morning for all of us led by Rev. Kimberly Dirmann, a leader in the Foursquare Churches in Southern California. There will be a special conference in the afternoon for high school and college aged young adults and another for adults. We will close with a unique and inspirational worship service, with the music leadership of the Worship Team from South Bay Church of God in Torrance and the preaching of Pastor Jeremy Dixon, of the First Church of God, Center of Hope in Inglewood. This service will include a special recognition of ordination and licensing to ministry.

Do not miss this great day!!

Blessings to you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David H. Winn".

P.S. Since the writing of this report, Bill Kottcamp, President of the San Diego County Churches of God, Inc., for more than 20 years, and the Manager of our Church of God Retirement Homes in Oceanside, went home to be with the Lord. His memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, October 15, at 1:00 p.m. at the Oceanside Community Church. Please be in prayer for Sylvia, his wife; for Pastor Tim Poldrugo as he leads family and friends in this time; for Pete James as she steps into the San Diego County role, and for Wanda Montgomery as she steps into the retirement homes leadership role.

*Association of the Church of God of Southern California & Southern Nevada*  
President's Report  
*2017*

This year I've had the privilege to chair the Administrative Board. I've found each of the Board members were filled with passion! Each time we meet, I can feel the Holy Spirit in the midst. Our focus is to allow God to speak to us, through His Holy word, lead us by His Spirit and release to us the wisdom to prepare the body of Christ for a great harvest.

Our director and illustrious leader David Winn, has been sharing his heart concerning discipleship for the Church of God for several years now. He has been holding classes throughout Southern California. Our mission is very clear in the heart of the Church of God. Matthews 28:19-20 *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Sebastian Cole said *"Inspirational leaders need to have a winning mentality in order to inspire respect."* It's hard to trust in the leadership of someone who is half hearted about their purpose, or sporadic in their focus and enthusiasm. This year we've had the opportunity to focus and mainly emphasize on strengthening each ministry to be effective in their local communities from participating in civic activities, to working with youth in the city. The church of God ministries are beyond the walls of the building and we seek every opportunity to let our Heavenly Father's love be demonstrated. The administration board understands that serving and equipping our leaders to be physically prepared is very important to us so that they each lead congregations strong and effective. Each ministry has been selected to fulfill its mandate as the apostle Paul expressed to Timothy in the gospel, "Make full proof of your ministry." As we prepare for the New Year, we've been given keys to the Kingdom with unlimited access to information, a world without borders and a gospel message that is eternal. I see the members of the board as Keepers of the Flame and Defenders of the Faith as we endeavor to keep the

unity of the spirit. John 6:63 speaks directly to the body of Christ saying, “*it is the Spirit who gives life.*” Each of us must allow the Spirit to use us to build this Kingdom of the new age. You’ve heard the passage of scripture that talks about being wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove.

When it comes to Church finances, budget reports, expenses and income, we consider ourselves to be blessed through the great response of giving from the churches, as we’ve taken those seeds and planted them into good ground that will bring Southern California a good harvest. Every penny is accounted for thanks to great stewards that work with us. I am proud to be a part of this great team! I look forward to a new staff being raised up with a fresh anointing that will lead our church into the Kingdom age.

It’s been a joy to serve,

Ralph R. Sims

Administrative Board President, 2017

## 2017 Budget Report

<b>August 2017 66% Income</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Amount YTD</b>	<b>YTD Target</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 2018</b>
Ministry Income:Congregational	84,384.00	45,008.62	55,693.44	92,227.75
Ministry Income:Individual Giving	6,000.00	2,665.00	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	6,520.00	5,280.00	8,000.00
Interest Income: Bank Account	40.00	53.82		40.00
Service to Commissions	9,250.00	8,346.00	6,105.00	9,250.00
Property Interest	20,000.00	15,953.00	13,200.00	16,000.00
Miscellaneous Income				
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>187,674.00</b>	<b>108,546.44</b>	<b>123,864.84</b>	<b>191,517.75</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Adm:Admin Board	1,000.00	116.27	660.00	1,000.00
Adm:Annual Business Meeting	1,000.00		660.00	1,000.00
Adm:Auto Expense - Exec Director	7,000.00	4,012.27	4,620.00	7,000.00
Adm:Banking Fees	140.00	83.60	92.40	140.00
Adm:Bookkeeping Fees	400.00		264.00	400.00
Adm:Convention/Travel/Sem	3,560.00	2,461.25	2,349.60	3,560.00
Adm:Council of Ministries Exp	150.00		99.00	150.00
Adm:Employee Training	100.00		66.00	100.00
Adm:Hospitality	600.00	461.22	396.00	600.00
Adm:Insurance - Liability	1,900.00		1,254.00	1,900.00
Adm:Medical - Executive Director	0.00		0.00	0.00
Adm:Medical - Staff	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,640.00	4,000.00
Adm:Organizational Fees, Dues, Reg.	225.00	135.65	148.50	225.00
Adm:Other Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00		66.00	100.00
<b>Total Admin</b>	<b>20,175.00</b>	<b>10,270.26</b>	<b>13,315.50</b>	<b>20,175.00</b>
Ofc:Communications	3,000.00	2,191.51	1,980.00	3,000.00
Ofc:Office Eqpmt Repair/Replace	350.00	224.12	231.00	350.00
Ofc:Copy Machine Lease Payment	2,500.00	1,901.20	1,650.00	2,500.00
Ofc:Office Supplies	1,380.00	1,131.49	910.80	1,380.00
Ofc:Postage	700.00	346.69	462.00	700.00
Ofc:Rent/Lease	19,610.00	13,073.28	12,942.60	19,610.00
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>27,540.00</b>	<b>18,868.29</b>	<b>18,176.40</b>	<b>27,540.00</b>
Personnel:Exec Director Salary	31,385.00	20,923.36	20,714.10	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	12,883.00
Personnel:Office Admin Salary	34,125.00	22,750.08	22,522.50	35,148.75
Personnel:Secretarial Services	0.00		0.00	0.00
Personnel:Payroll Processing	384.00	256.00		384.00
Personnel:SS - Employer's taxes	12,275.00	5,932.95	8,101.50	12,300.00
Personnel:Worker's Comp	855.00	81.58	564.30	880.00
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>139,959.00</b>	<b>88,881.91</b>	<b>92,372.94</b>	<b>143,802.75</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>187,674.00</b>	<b>118,020.46</b>	<b>123,864.84</b>	<b>191,517.75</b>

## 2017 Treasurer's Report

<b>January - August '17</b>	<b>1/1/17 Balance</b>	<b>YTD Income</b>	<b>YTD Expense</b>	<b>8/31/17 Balance</b>
<i>General Funds</i>				
<b>Assoc Giving</b>		108,546.44	119,760.58	(11,214.14)
misc income				
<b>Compton</b>	39,214.25	12,949.24	1,943.00	50,220.49
<b>Medical</b>		11,452.80	9,964.83	1,487.97
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>39,214.25</b>	<b>132,948.48</b>	<b>131,668.41</b>	<b>40,494.32</b>
<i>Commission Funds</i>				
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<b>Christian Ed</b>	(870.49)	6,964.00	5,402.59	690.92
<b>Higher Ed</b>	100.00	-	-	100.00
<b>Discipleship</b>	804.88	5,050.00	2,460.77	3,394.11
<b>Ministerial Conf</b>	2,106.44	4,072.80	6,825.18	(645.94)
<b>C Health</b>	31,757.93	-	3,497.40	28,260.53
<b>C Multiplication</b>	230,002.75	-	25,121.79	204,880.96
<b>Missions</b>	-	12,902.19	1,461.06	11,441.13
<b>SAFE Operatg</b>	2,119.36	1,995.00	2,663.00	1,451.36
<b>Social Concerns</b>	2,132.07	-	655.00	1,477.07
<b>Youth</b>	(467.77)	18,700.00	20,526.87	(2,294.64)
<b>UIYC</b>	11,265.61	-	-	11,265.61
<b>SAFE Endowt</b>	10,021.09	378.00	-	10,399.09
<b>COM SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>288,971.87</b>	<b>50,061.99</b>	<b>68,613.66</b>	<b>270,420.20</b>
<b>CE Perpetuity</b>	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00
<b>CHE</b>	33,000.00			33,000.00
<b>Assoc Investments</b>	288,512.76	29,278.00	-	317,790.76
<b>SG Funds</b>	1,063,573.49	172,008.19	-	1,235,581.68
<b>SG Repayment &amp; Interest</b>	81,498.01	-	23,389.37	58,108.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,819,770.38</b>	<b>384,296.66</b>	<b>223,671.44</b>	<b>1,980,395.60</b>
<b>SG Loans Outstanding</b>	151,592.00	-	-	151,592.00

## 2017 Treasurer's Report

<b>January - August '17</b>	<b>1/1/17 Balance</b>	<b>YTD Income</b>	<b>YTD Expense</b>	<b>8/31/17 Balance</b>
<i>General Fund Bank Accounts</i>				
<b>ACCU Checkg</b>	<b>21,572.24</b>	436,663.24	435,795.17	<b>22,440.31</b>
<i>Commission Accounts</i>				
<b>Putnm Comm</b>	333,298.24	-	68,693.85	264,604.39
<b>ACCU 3Mo Cert</b>	7,400.91	15.43	-	7,416.34
<b>ACCU M Mkt</b>	2,518.89	4.41	-	2,523.30
<b>ACCU Savings</b>	98.38	5.04	-	103.42
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>343,316.42</b>	<b>24.88</b>	<b>68,693.85</b>	<b>274,647.45</b>
<i>Investment Accounts</i>				
<b>Putnam Short A</b>	2,582.92	16.11	-	2,599.03
<b>Putnam 9452 Assoc</b>	2,207.08	132.61	-	2,339.69
<b>Opphmr 9341 Assoc</b>	25,587.99	6,216.54	-	31,804.53
<b>Opphmr 8165 Assoc</b>	128,575.14	9,277.45	-	137,852.59
<b>Opphmr 6949 Assoc</b>	187,559.63	17,456.73	3,821.44	201,194.92
<b>Inland REIT 2668 SG</b>	157,686.96	5,832.88	-	163,519.84
<b>P.Ed REIT 7034 SG</b>	207,108.89	5,685.52	-	212,794.41
<b>Putnam Short B</b>	81,498.01	-	23,389.37	58,108.64
<b>Opphmr 5560 SG</b>	271,491.68	9,362.54	-	280,854.22
<b>Opphmr 5129 SG</b>	427,285.95	173,703.56	22,576.30	578,413.21
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,856,472.91</b>	<b>664,372.06</b>	<b>554,276.13</b>	<b>1,966,568.84</b>
<b>SG FUNDS TOTAL</b>	1,296,663.50	-	-	1,445,282.32
<b>SG Trust</b>	1,262,348.00	-	-	1,262,348.00
<b>Income Available</b>	34,315.50	-	-	182,934.32





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## **Concilio Hispano de la Iglesia de Dios Sur California y Nevada Region Sur-Oeste**

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August 21, 2017

Re: Annual Report from the Hispanic Council of the Church of God of So. California and So. Nevada/  
Hispanic Council South-West Region

Fiscal year of the Concilio is from January 1 to December 31

The Hispanic Council started the year with a Unity Service on January 21st at Iglesia de Dios Belvedere. The speaker was Rev. Gustavo Alvarez. We held another Unity Service June 17<sup>th</sup> at Iglesia de Dios Vida Nueva con Cristo, the speaker was Pastor Fernando Roman.

The pastors and leaders have meetings every two months; Director David Winn is invited to these meetings.

Every two months we have classes at the Hispanic Bible Institute.

February 17-19 we held the Men's Retreat, speaker was Director David Winn.

May 19-21 was the Women's Retreat, speaker was Sarah Solozano.

July 22 we held Youth activities in Long Beach.

On August 11-12 was the Hispanic Concilio Convention at Iglesia de Dios Long Beach. The speaker was Rev. Hector Gonzalez, pastor of Iglesia de Dios in Arizona.

The Hispanic Concilio will have a meeting on September 3rd to discuss and plan the 2018 calendar.

On December 4<sup>th</sup> the Concilio will have the Christmas Dinner.

God Bless Us.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dominico Carrera  
President

## Childrens' Ministries Team Annual Report 2017

This year the Childrens' Ministries Team has undertaken two key projects in order to minister to Association churches and their congregations. Each year the Team plans for Kid's Kamp, a ministry for children ages seven through eleven. The Team chooses curriculum and plans all aspects of the camp experience. The purpose is to provide children with the opportunity to accept Christ into their heart, and to help each child learn more about Christ and their personal journey with Him. Children are key to the future of the church. The ministry we provide is an important part of preparing congregations for that future.

The Childrens' Ministries Team has also seen the need for curriculum to assist congregations in their childrens' ministries. We believe that in the church it is important to be a disciple of Christ, and for each of us to learn what it means to disciple others. That is also true for children in our midst. The team is preparing curriculum that centers on leading a child to Christ and teaching them about baptism. It will also teach children about the Holy Spirit and what it means to be a disciple of Christ. This curriculum will be in an easy to teach format, and will include biblically based lessons, songs, games, snacks, and activities to reinforce these important concepts.

I would like to thank each member of the Childrens' Ministries Team for their unfailing commitment to these endeavors. Each one of them brings a unique skill set that allows the Team to minister to the children that God has entrusted to us.

I look forward to the coming year and the blessings that it will bring. Childrens' Ministries Team members are Pastor Dave Collett, Kim Kimble, Kathy Jallins, and Dorothy Smith. My thanks to you all. You are a true blessing to me, and to the children you serve.

Kimberly Winn  
Childrens' Ministry Team

## ACOG Youth Ministry Team Report 2017

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the ministers for investing in our young people in their home churches and for supporting our work with them at the district level. Our Youth Ministry Team wants nothing more than to see our kids know and grow in Christ, and we have been relentlessly following God's leading to accomplish this goal.

**Where we have been...** In these last few years, we have seen great spiritual gains in our youth as we've moved through a God-given focus for each year:

- ✚ In 2015, our focus was on being ROOTED in Christ and with each other. Like the mighty sequoias that we see each year at camp, we grow taller and reach new heights when we are growing side by side. In this year we saw greater unity amongst our students and leaders.
- ✚ In 2016, our focus was to have students U-TURN to the Lord in prayer. After an intense time of learning and prayer, God gave us all an opportunity to witness the power of prayer first-hand. The day that we returned from camp, Youth Ministry Team member Minister Cameron Bell, was shot six times at his home. His family, and our youth and their families from around the district immediately covered him in prayer and we saw prayers answered as God in His grace, restored him. We are deeply grateful to the Lord to still have Minister Cam on this side of heaven, and the youth are reminded of God's work and the power of their prayer each time we get together.
- ✚ In 2017 we SUBMERGED ourselves in the Father's presence and in His Word. Students had this to say about our last camp together:

*"At camp I learned that I have a job to do that was assigned to me by God. I need to build His kingdom and bring His kingdom down to earth. This really touched me because I have trouble talking about God, church, or even the Bible. Through camp I learned that I need to be a Christian, not just do Christian things. I need to walk in my faith, which might look weird to other people, but to me there should be no other way to walk. I need to become more confident in my self, faith, and God in order to complete the job God has assigned to me and to all of us. In order for me to do this I am beginning to pray more... listen, dive into the Word more, and try to worship more by doing things through Him."*

*"I learned to be a "be-er" not a do-er. We should be a "be-er" because if we go to church and do some worship and listen to God talk to us and just go home and continue our wordly lives then we are just do-ers; not doing what God wants us to do... We need to be what God wants us to be and not do what we want to do first. Before [coming to camp] I didn't pray a lot and read the word, but I took this to heart and began to pray and be closer to God."*

**Where are we going in 2018...** We are excited about the upcoming year, as God is revealing to us that He is a HEALER of this generation and calls our young people to be agents of His Healing power. Our NYEE event and Camp will focus on how to help our students put every aspect of their lives into His Healing Hands and to help them become a force for healing in their home communities.

### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

NEW YEAR'S EVE (EVE)

December 29-30 2017; Registration at 6:15PM and ends at 6:30AM; Cost: \$35

This is an all-nighter lock-in for students in grades 6-12. Youth are encouraged to invite their friends to a night of fun, food, and fellowship. The San Diego County CoG sponsors two buses for us each year to

transport 70+ students off site to go bowling and play broomball. We also use this event to cast the vision for the new year, and will include a message focused on our 2018 theme “HEALER.”

#### ACOG YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

June 21-24 2018; Cost: \$250

This event is for youth in grades 6-12 AND for college-age students who are currently investing in youth ministries as junior leaders. Our summer camp programming is fresh each year with curriculum and activities created by our team of over 30 adult leaders and young adults; many of whom were ministered to as campers themselves. Our leadership team incorporates many elements to help students grow in their giftings, including workshops in dance, drama, worship, crafts, sportsmanship, teaching, and more!

#### INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION (IYC) in Indiana

July 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

The Youth Ministry Team would like to encourage CoG Youth Leaders and students in grades 11 and 12 to attend this year’s IYC conference on FAITH PURITY & JOY. Students within these grades that attend may be eligible for a discount on our ACOG summer camp.

#### YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

August; TBD

Partnering with the San Diego County Ministers, the Youth Ministry Team officially promotes the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Young Adult Conference for students in grades 11-college.

#### CWC WOMEN’S RETREATS

We continue to partner with and promote CWC district events amongst our young women aged 16 and over. Each of these events is a valuable opportunity for our female students to experience ministry and gain encouragement from our supportive network of faith-filled women.

**Please continue to check the [ACOGSCN.ORG](http://ACOGSCN.ORG) for event flyers and permission slips and contact YMT Chair Gina Gardner for details at 858-926-9215.**

I am personally thankful to the Lord for His work and ministry calling in my life and the home I have found here in the Church of God. I am honored to be considered for the chair position again on the Youth Ministry Team. Our team has grown stronger this year and we have had a lot of successful meetings with fruitful results in our programming. We are continuing to build a network of teaming and support for all youth leaders in the district. We plan to provide more development opportunities and retreats like the successful one we just had in October so that together, we can accomplish God’s work in the lives of our youth. I am so proud of each of our members: Pastor Kathy Reed, Pam Herrick, Minister Cameron Bell, and our newest member, Pastor Humberto Mena, for heeding God’s call to His good kingdom work that He prepared for us here in Southern California.

In His service,

Minister Gina Gardner, Youth Ministry Team Chair

## 2017-2018 CALENDAR

### OCTOBER 2017

**20-22** Christian Women's Connection Fall Prayer Retreat *Oak Glen Christian Conference Center*

### NOVEMBER 2017

**2** Credentials Committee Meeting *10:00 am Association Office*

**5** Daylight Saving Ends

**21** Administrative Board Mtg. *10:00 am Conference Call*

**23-24** Association Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER 2017

**4** Ministers and Spouses Christmas Banquet *Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel*

**25-29** Association Office Closed

**29-30** Youth New Year's Eve (Eve) *San Diego*

### JANUARY 2018

**4** Credentials Committee Meeting *10:00 am Association Office*

**16** Administrative Board Mtg. *10:00 am Association Office*

**26** San Diego County Minister's Meeting *9:30am Location TBD*

**26-27** Interstate Leadership Summit *Center of Hope, Inglewood*

### FEBRUARY 2018

**10** San Diego County Church of God Annual Business Mtg. *Oceanside Community Church*

**13** Administrative Board Mtg. *10:00 am Conference Call*

**15** Holiness Pastors & Leaders Day *Azusa Pacific University*

**16** San Diego County Minister's Meeting *9:00am Oceanside Community*

**20** S.A.F.E. Spring Rally *10:00am Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel*

## MARCH 2018

- 1      **Credentials Committee Mtg.** 10:00am *Association Office*
- 20     **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00 am *Conference Call*
- 16     **San Diego County Minister's Meeting** 9:00am *Oceanside Community*
- 25     **Palm Sunday**
- 29     **Maundy Thursday**
- 30     **Good Friday**

## APRIL 2018

- 1      **Easter Sunday**
- 10     **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00 am *Association Office*
- 20     **San Diego County Minister's Meeting** 9:00am *Oceanside Community*
- 24-26 **WARM – West Coast Minister's Meeting** *Location TBD*

## MAY 2018

- 3      **Credentials Committee Mtg.** 10:00am *Association Office*
- 13     **Mother's Day**
- 15     **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00am *Conference Call*
- 18     **San Diego County Minister's Meeting** 9:00am *Oceanside Community*
- 20     **Pentecost Sunday**

## JUNE 2018

- 12     **Administrative Board Mtg.** 10:00am *Conference Call*
- 17     **Father's Day**
- 21-24 **Youth Camp** *Palomar Mountain Christian Conference Center*
- 19-22 **North American Convention** *Oklahoma City, OK*

## **JULY 2018**

- 2-5 International Youth Convention** *Indianapolis, IN*
- 5 Credentials Committee Mtg.** *10:00am Association Office*
- 11-14 Interstate Convention** *Hanford, CA*
- 17 Administrative Board Mtg.** *10:00am Association Office*
- 27-29 Junior Camp** *Palomar Mountain Christian Conference Center*

## **AUGUST 2018**

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

## **SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

## **OCTOBER 2018**

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