

CGGC: A Statement of Mission, Vision & Purpose

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Why the Churches of God?

Our mission: As witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ
We commit ourselves to make more and better disciples
by establishing churches on the New Testament plan
and proclaiming the gospel around the world.
(Matthew 28:16-20, Ephesians 3:8-11, Acts 1:8)

Our vision: We seek to establish and network vital reproducing churches

Why a General Conference?

How does the General Conference empower the work of the Churches of God?

Our purpose: The General Conference exists to enable local congregations and the larger church (conferences) to fulfill the mission of Christ in the world by providing identity, structure, leadership and support.

IDENTITY

- 1) It defines the doctrine, polity and social positions of the Church.

STRUCTURE

- 2) It brings order and organization to the ministry of the Churches of God by establishing and empowering conferences, institutions, corporations, foundations, organizations, agencies, etc. to carry out the Church's mission/vision agenda such as:
 - National & Regional Conferences
 - Educational Institutions: Winebrenner Theological Seminary & University of Findlay
 - Boards: Pensions
 - Organizations: CGYA, CGWM, SLF, etc.
 - Commissions, Committees, Task Forces, etc.
- 3) It oversees and promotes the world mission enterprise of the Church.
- 4) It serves as the supreme judiciary for the Church in all matters and prevents schisms.

LEADERSHIP

- 5) It casts the "big picture" strategic mission/vision/goals/objectives/action plans for the Church.
- 6) It fosters leadership development & networking (among pastors & people) across the Church.
- 7) It approves ministry training, credentials and standing for pastors and leaders of the Church
- 8) It provides accountability for pastors, leaders, congregations, organizations, etc. in the Church.

SUPPORT

- 9) It promotes local church development through...
 - Church Planting
 - Church Transformation and Renewal
 - Discipleship: Evangelism, Leadership Development, Youth & Family Life Ministries, etc.
 - Staff Advising, Mentoring and Services
- 10) It maintains the Unity of the body through...
 - Conference/Fellowship/Celebration Events (Impact, Triennial Sessions, etc.)
 - CGGC Prayer Networks, Teaching, Care Contacts, etc.
 - Publications & Communications (Web Site, Signal, Advocate, eNews, etc.)

Remember: **Together Everybody Achieves More!**

Strategic Initiatives for the CGGC

What's most important to the CGGC?

World Evangelization

Share the Gospel
Across the USA
& Abroad

You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth. [Acts 1:8]

Church Development

Start New Churches
& Empower the
Existing Churches

...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. [Matthew 16:18]

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known... [Ephesians 3:8-11]

Discipleship Ministries

Develop APEST
Leaders & Disciple
All Ages (Y&FL)

Go, and make disciples of all nations... [Matthew 28:16-20]

It was he who gave some to be Apostles, some to be Prophets, some to be Evangelists, and some to be Pastors and Teachers to prepare God's people for works of service... [Ephesians 4:11-16]