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Reflecting And Remembering

THANK YOU to each of you who were able to join us online for this year's Network Tour Session. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. We did just that, and finally were able to conduct our business as well as impart some inspiration for your soul, to challenge you concerning your call to ministry. I want to say how much I appreciated Pastor Jesus Garza, Pastor Jeff Peterson, and Pastor Leigh Metcalf for their anointed ministry. It was a beautiful morning together, and though we could not meet in person this year, we hope you were blessed as we virtually came into your living space and shared together. If you missed this session, we recorded it and it is available. We have the link up on our website as well as our Ministers Facebook page, and our phone app.

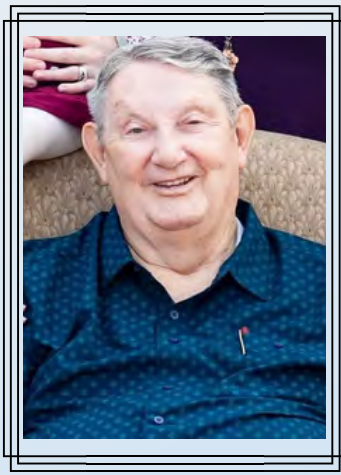
By virtue of the pressures brought to bear with Covid, we brought a resolution to you that if passed, would extend the term for current sectional officers by two years. The resolution passed overwhelmingly and thank you for the confidence in what the Executive Officers as well as the Presbytery board brought to you. Our South Area Executive Presbyter, Kirk Sorensen, will serve one more year. Praying sincerely that this time next year, we will again be able to travel to each section and not only enjoy the sweet fellowship with you, but to conduct business and have time to share in the Word and prayer. Thank you for your understanding and for extending grace to us in these circumstances we find ourselves living in.

Let me remind you that as of this writing, we still have several of our Arizona ministers, both Pastors, and those retired, who are suffering with Covid, and quite honestly struggling for life. Our prayer list is long, but each week as we gather for devotions at the office, we also share praise reports, and we give God the glory for what he is doing in response to our prayers. Even if you are not aware of actual names, please cover our network pastors, ministers, missionaries, in prayer.

In recent weeks, we have lost precious men, people who influenced the Kingdom of God in so many ways:



Pastor William (Bill) Kirkpatrick



Pastor John (Mitch) King



Pastor Virgil Jones



Pastor Randy Visconti

I know you are aware that I lost my father, Charity Harris, just three weeks ago. I think it is an opportunity for me to give you a personal message. First, I want to thank you for the cards, texts, emails, and phone calls to express your sympathy and prayers as we celebrated my Father's life of ministry and the legacy he left for each of 5 children.



Charity and Ruth Harris

Secondly, I want to give you a word of encouragement from my own heart in regards to making the most of every opportunity to love on your parents while they are still with you. This would certainly include making time to express your love, your gratitude, your heart as to what they mean to you, honoring them as the scripture admonishes.

It is amazing what happens in your mind, in your heart, your emotions, when you do lose a parent. I did not feel a mountain of regret when I got the call that my Dad had passed, but one thing I did mention to Marjorie was that I wished there was one more time to express my love to my Dad, to tell him just how much his love and example has formed and defined who I am.

What better time than today to tell those who mean the most to you how much their love and investment in your life has meant? Just do it!



Words fall short to express our love and gratitude for each one of you. You are on the front lines of ministry, and we are supporting in every way possible, but none more than prayer. Blessings on every pastor and their family is my heart. It is a joy to serve you.

Pastor Steve Harris



SAVE THE DATE

2021
Network Conference



ARIZONA
MINISTRY NETWORK

Radiant Church | Surprise, AZ
April 21-22, 2021

SPECIAL GUEST
CHOCO DE JESUS
General Treasurer for the
Assemblies of God



Special Guest
Crystal Martin
National Director for Network of Women
Ministers

Missions On the Move



Dear Network Family,

Please allow me to introduce our newest fully appointed missionary. Her name is Marisa M. and she recently finished a missionary associate assignment and has now been given clearance to itinerate as one of our Arizona Network General Appointed missionaries. Please take the time to read at Marisa shares her heart and plan to reach the people of Saudi Arabia.

Marisa writes, “I first felt called to Saudi Arabia when I was 14 years old. Throughout my life, God has been faithful to open door after amazing door—from learning Arabic with an Arab family in my tiny New Mexico hometown, to going overseas and leading bible studies with seekers. I just completed 2 years in Jordan with Live Dead, an initiative within Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM) to plant churches among unreached people groups in teams. I am now launching onto the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Church Planting team led by Dick and Jenn Brogden.”



“The movement happening in Saudi is exciting! The church is being planted and the harvest is ready. On a monthly basis, our team is seeing seekers come to faith, get disciplined, and even get baptized! I have witnessed first-hand what is happening on the ground, and even 3 years ago could not have imagined that this was possible! God has already miraculously provided a 5-year visa for me to go, it is merely a matter of developing the prayer and financial partnerships to be able to get on the ground. As my visa has already begun, I have a sense of urgency to get back to my team to join the work at hand.”

“I grew up in New Mexico, completed my degree at SAGU in Texas, and began my career in Arizona. The Southwest is my home and Arizona is my home network. I have a passion for mobilization and discipleship! I see my time in the states as a unique opportunity to challenge others of all ages to join us in the harvest field. My heart is to be a blessing to AZ churches!”

“I am grateful for the Arizona Network and would be honored to partner with you and your church as we seek ‘His Kingdom come and His will be done’ in Saudi Arabia. I would love to connect with you to hear your story and I’m available to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to reach out at my contact info below. I can’t do it without you!” - Marisa M.

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Network Family, would you be so kind to pray for Marisa as she itinerates and open a door of ministry in your church? And as always, thank you for your generosity to all our Arizona Network missionaries.

**Love and prayers,
Ron & Sue**





Quartzsite

First Assembly of God



Norm and Cheryl Knoodle - RV MAPS

In November, Norman and Cheryl Knoodle (Field Missionaries with Church Mobilization/MAPS) and the RV Ministry Volunteers were asked to come to First Assembly of God in Quartzsite AZ. They were there to remodel the church after a major water leak had taken place. The church had been without a pastor for over two years and due to some unfortunate situations, the church had been closed since February 2020.

The damage included bathrooms, kitchen cabinets, church flooring, drywall, and the fellowship hall. Norm and Cheryl Knoodle arrived in Quartzsite AZ, on November 18 along with two RV Volunteer Units. Once repairs had started it was decided to have the first service on November 22. That first Sunday there were 17 people in attendance including people from the community that had stopped by that week to see what was happening.

By the first of December, they had three more RV couples arrive to help them. The demo was now done and they began the transformation process. For the month of December, they worked hard getting the walls drywalled, taped, and textured, kitchen cabinets built, bathroom and kitchen plumbing done, and a new platform built.



All the while they continued to have services and God continued to grow His church. They never advertised that the Church was open. However, word got out that they were in the middle of the construction and that they were having services. God blessed and came in a special way. They were given food by the local food bank and they were able to feed their workers and the people in the community who came to their services. God was providing all they needed including more workers.

They had been praying for a pastor for this church. Every day, as a group, they had break time and every day they prayed for Quartzsite First Assembly of God, that God would bring a pastor and the congregation. It would take a very special pastor to come here and grow this church.

By now they had about 40-45 people attending on Sundays. God was growing His church and getting ready for the next step - a new shepherd for His church. Richard and Linda Freese felt God calling them to come and pastor the church and after much prayer and organization, they were introduced to the church on January 31 as the new pastor's to a congregation of 52 people that morning.



At this time, the church is within a week of a complete remodel of a damaged, closed building, including the parsonage and evangelist quarters. The church has been updated and almost completely repaired and remodeled, but the best thing is that the church has been opened back up with a new pastor. The theme in RV Ministry is "Building churches, Changing lives." They have watched God do so much to help them achieve so much for His kingdom. They feel privileged to be a part of Church Mobilization/MAPS and see God work miracles.



COMFORT ZONE



NOTE TO SELF...

EMBRACE GOD IN THE DISCOMFORT

“...someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” - John 21:18 NIV

Many years ago God, through an interesting series of events, led me to a new theological concept termed “spiritual displacement.” Henri Nouwen wrote of this and described it as what we experience when we leave the comfortable and go into a place outside our comfort zone.

Countless examples in our faith—from Scripture to Church history—illustrate this reality. Jesus was speaking to Peter in John 21, although Christ Himself is our chief example of someone who left the comfortable (heaven) to enter into the uncomfortable (earth) for God, His Father. You want to talk transitions, that was one serious transition!

As the Church enters 2021 it is filled with reminders of a new, uncomfortable place: Covid-19 prevails and the losses it has produced, election results and their fallout, partial attendance in-person and hopefully the rest online, and questions of what “the new normal” is looking to be, to name a few. In the midst of it all, God is still God. On His throne. Omnipotent. Aware. He just might even have known all of this was going to happen! (tongue embedded deeply in cheek)

God is looking for people that choose to be faith-filled in 2021. He knows this is uncomfortable for us, but seeks to lead us today as He did in early 2020. If God works all things together for our good, then what does He have in store for you and your church in 2021? It is time to not only embrace where we find ourselves in this new season, but to embrace what God is seeking to do in and through us in 2021, uncomfortable as it all may be. God is still at work!

TIPS FOR EMBRACING DISPLACEMENT:

- Reflect in prayer over the changes the past 12 months have brought
- Worship God on His heavenly throne with the earth His footstool
- Lay your frustrations, fears, and failures at His feet
- Ask Him to do a deep work within your heart in response to your circumstances
- Seek Him for greater things than previously imagined in 2021!



Stay healthy in ministry!

Pastor Jeff

Reach Out to an Elder Today!

To speak confidentially with an Elder, download the *Arizona Ministry Network* app from the Play Store or App Store. Under the tab "A Safe Place" scroll through the elder names, pictures and phone numbers. Then, simply reach out via text or phone call.

You can also find the list of Elders and their contact info through the azag.org website [HERE](#).



SAVE THE DATE!



Dale Gray, Men's Director
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**SPLENDID WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE 2021**

Use the code
azagwomen to get \$10
off your ticket price!

**FIGHT
LIKE A
GIRL**



**DAWNCHERE
WILKERSON**
VOUS CHURCH



**LEANNE
MATTHESIUS**
AWAKEN CHURCH



**AUBREY
MATTHESIUS**
DREAM CITY
CHURCH



**MOLLY KATE
KESTNER**
MUSICAL GUEST

**APRIL 30TH
& MAY 1ST**

Location: Dream City, Phoenix

**Register: Click [HERE](#) or text
"fight like a girl" to 623-500-6868.**



ARIZONA YOUTH MINISTRIES



REGISTER TODAY

➔ **FINE ARTS**

AZAGYOUTH.ORG/FINEARTS

➔ **YOUTH CAMP**

AZAGYOUTH.ORG/YOUTHCAMP

2021 EVENT DATES

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

April 10th

YOUTH CAMPS WITH SEU WORSHIP

Camp 1: May 30 - June 2 with Peter Reeves

Camp 2: June 2 - 5 with Nate Schatzline

Camp 3: June 6 - 9 with Meesh Fomenko

Camp 4: June 9 - 12 with Shaddy Melu

Camp 5: June 13 - 16 with Chris Estrada

Camp 6: June 16 - 19 with Noah Herrin

YOUTH ALIVE ONE DAY

August 21

NATIONAL SPEED THE LIGHT DAY

October 17

YOUTH CONVENTION

October 22-23



@azagym + @griffinmcgrath



GRIFFIN MCGRATH

Youth & Young Adult Director

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KIDCON²¹ STRONGER

MARCH 5-6, 2021

LOCATION: GENERATION CHURCH MESA

Child Registration:

\$35 per child by Feb. 12

\$45 per child by Feb. 26

\$55 per child by March 4

\$60 per child at the door

Leader Registration: \$25 per adult

Kids Pastor and Spouse: FREE

Housing overnight at Generation Church \$10/kid, \$5/leader

For more info and to register click [HERE](#).



Kirstyn Rempel, Kid's Director
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THE ARIZONA SCHOOL OF MINISTRY


DISCIPLESHIP LEADERSHIP GROWTH

MARCH CLASSES


Prison Epistles
Introduction to Theology
Poetic Books

YOUR LEADERSHIP PIPELINE

ASOM isn't just for those currently pastoring. It is also available to leaders in your church who simply want to grow in their leadership or go deeper in the Word. As ministry happens in smaller settings the need for qualified leaders is more evident than ever. Students can hop in any time and new cohorts can be facilitated where ever you are.

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Yisrael Vincent
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Coordinator

Time to Dream Again



SISTERSTRONG LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

One-Day Event

As seasons change, God has a plan! During times and days of transition, we want to keep our minds and hearts focused on His Truth and Promises.

This One-Day Sisterstrong Leadership Summit is structured to hear from God and understand your calling! There will be teaching, group interaction, and time for personal response.

Time to Dream Again will encourage you to step with assurance into all He has purposed for you! Together, let us hear from God and move forward with Christ!

Arizona North

February 13th | 10am - 2pm

Northland Christian Assembly | Flagstaff



Lavon has been called to awaken and inspire women leaders into their mission destiny for Christ! She travels globally, inviting women to wholeness and to intentionally access their Holy Spirit giftings. She serves as an Elder for the Arizona Ministry Network.

Lavon Reep
Guest Speaker

Register On-line for \$20

Includes your meal

Deadlines for registration is one-week prior to your summit



DENISE RYAN
Network of Women Ministers
Arizona Ministry Network



ACCELERATE CHANGE

Arizona Intercultural Ministries

Stress. Hopelessness. Crisis. Pandemic. For us as ministers, these things have the ability to enable us to pursue the heart of our Father in greater ways, which can accelerate change in our ministries. What might have taken years can become the new “normal” overnight. Instead of ministering to a church filled with God’s faithful, we are ministering to more people that are fearfully looking for hope. Many of our Arizona ministers are using new and creative methods in their ministries. For this we are grateful. Yet the fundamentals are unchanging.

1. PEOPLE MUST BE ANCHORED TO THE WORD OF GOD

Without His Word there is no compass to the world’s chaos! Let’s have action plans to read and study the Word of God individually and together. We are grateful the Assemblies of God Bible Engagement Project is an available tool at this time in history.

2. PEOPLE MUST PRAY

A resent discipline in many churches is committing January to a time of corporate prayer and fasting. God has used this in a great way. Let us develop ongoing moments to create a deeper commitment to prayer in our lives and the life of His Church. As D.L. Moody so eloquently proclaimed, “Every great movement of God can be traced back to a kneeling figure.”

We continue to thank God for what He is accomplishing during this time! We have had more than 25 churches add new language specific churches or church services to their ministry. Churches like The River in Phoenix with pastors Tyrone and Amy Rinta, have a vision for Iglesia Agua en el Desierto, with pastor Miguel Saenz, the Spanish language service that partners in their church. This allows that church to cast a wider net in their community.

Arizona Intercultural Ministries Prayer Points

- Pray for our new Filipino church plant in Tucson, Haven Springs Church. There are over 9,000 Filipinos in that city.
- Pray for Hope of Life International Church, Phoenix, with pastor Theo Nkinzingabo, as they transition from being an African only church, to reaching people from other nations through community outreaches.
- Pray for Revolution Ministries Church, Tolleson and Pastor Raul Salgado as they construct a new 25,000 sq. ft. multi-use building.
- Pray for the support team of Arizona Intercultural Ministries to grow by giving through the Arizona Ministry Network. Rick and Denise Ryan are missionaries with the AZMN. They not employees of the Network, nor of the Assemblies of God World Missions. Offerings and monthly pledges are received through the AZMN website

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MOVEMENT
OF GOD CAN
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BACK TO A
KNEELING
FIGURE.**

D.L. MOODY



TEEN CHALLENGE OF ARIZONA



Trusting GOD

VIRTUAL SPRING BANQUETS 2021

LAKE HAVASU CITY FEBRUARY 26 - 7PM
To benefit the Phoenix Men's Center

SIERRA VISTA MARCH 5 - 7PM
To benefit the Tucson Men's Center

CASA GRANDE MARCH 12 - 7PM
To benefit the Home of Hope

YUMA MARCH 19 - 7PM
To benefit the Tucson Men's Center



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**Thank you for
being a part of the
Arizona Ministry
Network!**

Recent Network Statistics

OPEN CHURCHES

Fountain Hills Christian Center
Holbrook, Faith A/G
Houck, Bethel Navajo A/G
Sierra Vista, Mt.View A/G
New River A/G
Page, First A/G
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.
Sacaton, River of Life A/G
San Carlos Apace A/G
Scottsdale, Salt River Indian Church
Shonto, Victory A/G
St. Johns Venture Community Church
Winslow, First A/G

FILLED CHURCHES

Richard & Linda Freese – Quartzsite First A/G

TRANSFERRED OUT

Mark & Teresa Olson to Minnesota
Theresa & Christopher Robinson to Minnesota
Richard Freese to Oregon
Marcus Ramirez to Texas
Matthew Earle to Washington
Amanda Miller to Southern California

TRANSFERRED IN

Lesly Merlos from Southern California
Matthew Voss from Kansas

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