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A CALL TO PRAYER & FASTING
JUNE 10, 2020

Dear Arizona Network Family,

This has been a challenging season, shall we say, with all that has transpired in light of the COVID-19 crisis in our world, and the changes it has forced upon all of us. You have responded in amazing ways, and even now, are making strides for the continuance of the spread of the Gospel, whether it be online, from your church pulpit, or in your ministries of compassion.

We find ourselves once again fighting the seeds of racism in our nation. We are calling all 220 churches in our **Arizona Ministry Network to a Day of Fasting and Prayer THIS Wednesday, June 10th**. This is an appeal to leverage your influence as a pastor to respond with humility and compassion to the present crisis in our state and in our nation.

We, as the Arizona Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, denounce the sin of racism and the social injustice that has plagued the marginalized and the disenfranchised in our society.

We acknowledge that currently on earth and eternally in heaven we will worship our God with people of all races and colors and languages—equally purchased by Christ's sacrifice. How grateful I am for this TRUTH.

I hope you are planning to join us across this state of Arizona, as we take Wednesday of this week, to fast and pray.

Network Conference Business Session Recap

Lastly, our online business session for Network Conference, 2020 was successful. It felt odd for those few of us at Radiant Church to conduct the first ever 'Virtual Business Session' for the network. It took the effort of several behind the scenes people to make it happen. Special recognition to Radiant Church, **Pastor Greg Marquart** for making available their technical team in live-streaming this business session to the network. We had excellent numbers in participation, for which we are thankful. I am especially grateful to **Leigh Metcalf** and his administrative assistant, **Emily De La Cruz**, for making certain all of the pre-conference details were tended to, making the business session successful online.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Pastor Todd League** in being returned as our North Area Executive Presbyter. I love having Todd on the presbytery board. He serves the North area of our state very well.

THANK YOU for your continued support of Marjorie and I in our leadership position as the Network Superintendent. Never is this privilege taken lightly or in a prideful way in our hearts. Rather, we are truly humbled to be your servants in this role of superintendent. Receiving your vote during this recent business session is appreciated more than I can write, honestly. My heart is full and we commit to you, to continue in this leadership with diligence, vision, and with joy!

We love you dearly,
Pastor Harris and Marjorie



Remembering Dr. Terry Hanna

As most of you are aware of by now, we lost a member of our Veteran Missionary family in Terry Hanna. I had the privilege of visiting with his wife, Theresa just a few days ago by phone and assured her of our network's love for them and our prayers in this difficult season.

"Dr. Terry Hanna, was a dedicated man of God and served the Assemblies of God movement for 43 years as an Ordained minister of the Gospel, both here at home in the United States and as a missionary in Tonga and in Guam. Terry earned his PHD in Intercultural Studies at our Assemblies of God Theological Seminary and once putting his hand to the plow never looked back.

Our network family of ministers and churches dearly loved and revered Terry and Theresa Hanna. Many of you faithfully supported their missionary efforts over the last 45 years.

The Hanna's have three daughters and sons-in-law, and 9 grandchildren. I know Theresa would appreciate your prayers for her and her family as they walk through a most difficult season of life. Terry's journey here on earth is completed, and I know he is enjoying the rewards and the riches of Heaven and being in the presence of the One he loved and served faithfully.

If you would like to send a card to Theresa, her mailing address is 2570 N. Clifton Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803-2121.



TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Often when summer begins I find my mind racing toward nostalgia and dreaming of vacationing at Grandma's, flying kites, shooting marbles or staying up late to play hide-n-go-seek. It's satisfying to relive memories of your childhood days and I think it would be awesome to "time-warp" backwards to experience those feelings once again, if only for a few hours.

We all know this can't happen, but for nostalgia's sake, let's say for a moment in time you could turn the pages back. As you are reading this article today, think about these three propositions in your return to the past:

1. What decade would you want to revisit?
2. Where would you go and what would you do?
3. If you had the chance to change something, what would that be?

I immediately went back to age ten when our family went on a summer vacation to Canada. I think of the breathtaking scenery, the KOA campgrounds with yummy ice cream, the cheap pinball machines and the refreshing lakes for swimming. Yes, I'd love to go back to the Canadian Rockies and experience those things again. But it was also a time when I learned the chemical make-up in my body changed and I would spend the next several years fighting grand mal seizures. **Unfortunately, many memories have permanent associations.**

I expect you, too, have found your mind wandering back to both good and bad memories of the past. **Turning back pages can be both rewarding and painful.** From a physiological perspective, understand that our minds have natural defense mechanisms that protect the positive memories and release the negative. The Author of humankind created the brain to remember and forget. For most, remembering is no problem, but forgetting is quite a different story. It's funny how we forget the thousand acts of kindness shown by our parents but easily remember the one bad spanking.

Would I change the pages of the past if I could? Yes and no! In some applications I would, especially those created by my own sheer ignorance and rebellion. One thing I have learned is that sometimes **"life happens"** and there is no amount of contemplation or wishful nostalgia that can change past events. But rather than try to turn back the pages of our lives, we should instead focus on the special gift God has given His children: **The natural ability to remember the best and the supernatural grace to forget and forgive the worst.**

Our past does not identify who we are, nor does it serve as a predictor of how our lives will ultimately turn out. I'm so grateful God has forgiven and released me from my past and the memories I now have are pleasant and satisfying. **As Christians, we need to be careful how much time we spend in the past.**

So, as we begin another summer in Arizona, may I encourage you to take time to remember all the good things God has brought you through and then begin to set your sights on all the things He's planned for your future. **Both the past and the future possess a blessed reward.** Our greatest days are ahead not behind. Yesterday was good, but tomorrow will even be better.

Again, Sue and I want to thank all our pastors and churches that have remained faithful to our Arizona Ministry Network missionaries in the past and will continue to do so into the future. You are amazing!

Love and prayers, Ron & Sue



JUNE 2020

Secretary/Treasurer | Leigh Metcalf



PENTECOST SUNDAY



**AZAG MINISTERS
GROUP**

PENTECOST

We are grateful for Pentecost Sunday and every other day that we can celebrate the person, the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. The church was birthed on the day of Pentecost and continues to grow by the work of the Spirit today. The Assemblies of God is only one part of over 2,000 years of Pentecostal history. Today the world needs the power of the Holy Spirit, since our human efforts are not enough. We are unable to solve racial injustice alone we need the fruits of the Spirit found in Galatians. We are unable to prevent viruses from affecting the lives of thousands around the world, but we can lay hands on the sick and see them recover through the power of the Spirit. We are unable to grow the church in our own wisdom but we have been given the gifts of the Spirit. The coming of the spirit was prophesied by Joel, promised by the father, and commanded by Jesus. Acts 1:8 "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you" The Holy Spirit gives us power to be a witness. He gives hope to the hopeless and peace in the midst of chaos. He gives us power to stand against the injustice in our world today. Let's remember every day the person of the Holy Spirit who has come to be a comforter. The spirit who brings truth and conviction to the sin in our world. Jesus said in John 14:26 "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." Holy Spirit it is your power that we need in our lives and our world today. Bring peace to the anger and rioting, bring hope to the injustice that many have experienced. Bring physical healing to those who are sick and comfort to those who mourn. For those who find themselves out of work and struggling financially, provide for all of their needs according to your riches in glory. Come Holy Spirit and fill us with your power that we may be a witness for Jesus and all that He has done!



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NOTE TO SELF... *MIND YOUR FRIENDS!*

"Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God." - 1 Samuel 23:16 NLT

We are concluding five months surrounding the P.I.E.S.S.—a great way to examine our health in life and ministry. God wants us all to be healthy physically, intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, and socially. Many a pastor has hit rock bottom by not filling up these ‘battery cells’ that so easily drain in the rigors of ministry.

One distinction between my dad’s generation in ministry and mine was our approach to relationships within the church. My dad often cited the admonition from his bible college profs (early 1950’s) to not grow close to people within the church, and for numerous reasons. I do not recall that advice from my days at CBC (early 1980’s) and Carla and I chose to have close friendships within the three churches we have served in. We found them to be life-giving and possibly, life-saving at times.

Consider it this way: do you believe God wants every member of your church to have good, godly relationships? Of course you do! Yet, do you think God wishes the same for the shepherds of His flock? Trust me, God wants you to be healthy socially, even as you are in any other area of your life! (P.I.E.S.S.)

Let me recommend a few types of friends pastors need to cultivate:

- **One who truly understands ministry.** Look for someone who has previously pastored, carried credentials, or was raised in a ministry home. They can be a great sounding board or confidant in times that you need someone who understands your load. (If not, remember the AZMN Elder Ministry...and reach out to an elder!)
- **One for crisis.** Some people are uniquely wired with broad shoulders for tough times. Every pastor needs a friend that simply knows how to navigate tough waters, be a good listener, and collaborate over difficult matters with. (If you do not have such a person in your church, remember the AZMN Elder Ministry...and reach out to and elder!)
- **One for strategizing with.** Every pastor can glean from a business owner or strategic thinker in the church. Find someone that can help you 'do church' better. I have gleaned greatly from friends who had a well-trained eye for weaknesses in our church structure. (If you do not have such a person in your church, remember the AZMN Elder Ministry...and reach out to and elder!)
- **One for sharing life with.** Especially, if you are married, find another couple to share life with. We had close friends when we were without children, others when our children were growing up, and others now in our empty-nesting years. Those seasons naturally attract others in the same season, so take advantage of that commonality for your well-being.



You notice, I keep referencing our Elder Ministry. Yes, it is one safe place that you can turn to in order to gain what every pastors needs from time to time...a friend in ministry.

Stay healthy in ministry,
Pastor Jeff

"How do I find 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](#).



To Do:
Contact
an Elder

AZ MAN CAMP

SEPTEMBER 25 & 26, 2020

REGISTER AT: AZMANCAMP.ORG

ENDURANCE



DALE GRAY
MEN'S DIRECTOR



ARIZONA MEN'S
MINISTRY TEAM

- GOLF TOURNAMENT
- FISHING DERBY
- HIGH ROPES COURSE
- ROCK CLIMBING WALL
- SWIMMING
- DIRT BIKE RIDE
- MOTORCYCLE RIDE
- MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE
- LAWN GAMES
- CAMP WORK DAY

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FALL RETREAT 2020

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SEPTEMBER 2020 | PRESCOTT, AZ

Weekend 1: Sept. 10 - 12

Weekend 2: Sept. 17-19

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us in September!
This is the perfect opportunity to step away, take a deep breath, encounter God and meet new friends. There will be amazing speakers, powerful worship, breakout sessions, campfires, zip lines, rock walls, after parties, shopping, coffee and more!

Speakers



Lindsay Petri

Arizona Women's
Director



Kay Burnett

National Women's
Director

Activities



Pricing

Full Conference
\$140

**Friday/Saturday
Only Conference**
\$130

Conference
(no lodging)
\$130

Conference
(no lodging or meals)
\$90

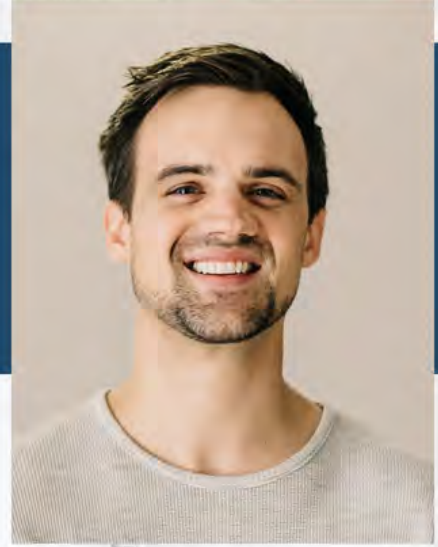
Price increases by
\$10 on Aug. 1.
Register today!

**Find more info and register at
azagwomen.org.**



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CAMPHELLA

A once in a lifetime abbreviated camp-like experience for students to encounter God together! 2020 is already an unforgettable experience, but Campchella is an experience you'll want to remember! Featuring Nate Schatzline, Ryan Allen, and Noah Herrin as our special guests. If you didn't want to miss camp, you certainly don't want to miss Campchella!

CHOOSE YOUR CHELLA (SAME LINEUP / TWO OPTIONS): JULY 26-28 & JULY 28-30

www.azagyouth.org/campchella



AZ YOUTH CAMPS

www.azagyouth.org/youthcamp

Our team is responsibly planning ahead in faith for an incredible summer of Youth Camp ministry. Our commitment as always is to provide a safe environment for students to encounter God together.



ALLEN GRIFFIN
 JUNE 14-17



ALLEN GRIFFIN
 JUNE 17-20



MEESH FOMENKO
 JULY 19-22

ADDITIONAL 2020 EVENT DATES

YOUTH ALIVE ONE DAY
 August 22

NATIONAL STL DAY
 October 18

YOUTH CONVENTION
 October 23-24



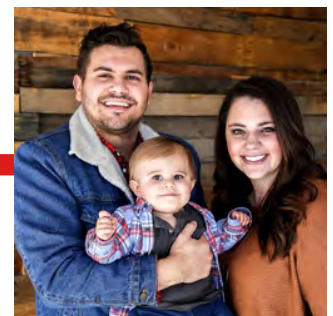
Kid's Camp is an experience like nothing else! Camp is a week to get away from normal life, and encounter God in a new way! Kids, ages 7-12, will experience the best week of their lives with fun competitions, exciting adventures, and engaging services! Give God an opportunity to change you from the inside out at Kid's Camp!



**Register today at
[azagkids.org!](http://azagkids.org)**

Meet Our New Kids Director

Kirstyn is married to Zion Rempel and they have one son, Maddox. They currently serve at 2911 Church in Tempe, Arizona under the leadership of Pastor Mark Rempel, and serve as associate pastors. Kirstyn is the family pastor, overseeing youth and kids ministry. Kirstyn served first as children's pastor at Generation Church in Mesa, under her father's ministry, Pastor Randy Visconti and later under her brother's ministry, Pastor Ryan Visconti. She has 11 years of ministry experience and is a graduate of ASU with a bachelors in communications and child development. She has been a featured speaker at several kids camps here in Arizona, under the leadership of former kids director, Amy Visconti. She has also been given charge of other network activities in the kids department over the last several years. We are delighted to have Kirstyn Rempel serve our network in this capacity as our kids director.



Kirstyn Rempel, Kid's Director
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ARIZONA

School of Ministry

Thank you!

As we look back on this past school year, we just want to give a huge thank you to all of our students, host churches, teachers and pastors. Thank you for your involvement, support and prayers! It is our privilege to partner with you to raise up leaders and fulfill the Great Commission.

We are looking forward to another great school year this fall!

Classes are starting up again in August!

Registration will open up in July.
For more info, please visit AZASOM.com



Jeremy Naranjo, ASOM Director
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2020 CHURCH

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE NOW



With no one excluded, this is an unprecedented moment in history. Not only do we continue to navigate the pandemic, we now face the chaos of racial and political tension that deepens the division in our nation.

What amazing comfort and strength comes from God's Word. It is His absolute promises that assure our hearts and our callings. We know with each passing day we move closer to the last days.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

Joel 2:28-29

**IT IS HIS
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CALLING**

Look among the nations and watch; Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you.

Habakkuk 1:5

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.

I Corinthians 2:9

Promises. This is the Truth we can build ministries on. They will sustain us to see greater things, if we believe God's Word to be true.

The notes below are what I prepared to send to our Intercultural Ministries pastors, yet I feel it might be something everyone can reflect upon. Many of our international churches have seen incredible online postings where literally thousands of people are listening to their times of devotions, parenting classes, Bible studies, worship sessions, prayer meetings and services. Almost 50% of our Intercultural churches are reporting an attendance jump over previous levels because of their social media presence. In light of this moment in history, my prayer is that you will see, experience and embrace miraculous extraordinary ministry! Remember, God put us on the planet in this time of history for such a time as this.

**NEVER LET A
GOOD CRISIS
GO TO
WASTE**

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Crisis can be overwhelming and stressful. It is attributed to Winston Churchill during World War II to have said, *Never let a good crisis go to waste*. God is speaking to His Church in this hour of *crisis*. In these challenging times we must understand the accepted reality of what is happening and allow thoughtful and prayerful evaluation to help us change our methods, but never change our Message. The Truth remains, God is still on His throne, Jesus is still Lord of lords and King of kings, and the Holy Spirit is still working in signs and wonders!





DENISE RYAN

NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

A NEW WAY FOR
US TO CONNECT!

DESERT TALK is a new place for the Arizona Network of Women Ministers to connect. We will engage in guest interviews, teachings and discussions. Join us for our first Desert Talk as we *grow in knowledge & grace!*

FREE WEBINARS

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Tuesday June 9, 2020 9AM - 10AM

DEFINE YOUR MINISTRY. IMPROVE YOUR IMPACT.

Featuring: Dr. Mary Mahon, Tara Kenyon, and hosted by Denise Ryan

Tuesday June 16, 2020 9AM - 10AM

WINNING TRUST AS A NEW LEADER

Featuring: Dr. Mary Mahon



Dr. Mary Mahon is the Executive Director and President of ChildHope who has served with Assemblies of God World Missions for more than 30 years. Dr. Mahon has worked to bring the transforming power of the Gospel to the domestic abuse and gang violence that plagues communities where ChildHope school are established. Her Ph.D. is in Intercultural Education from Biola University.

Tara Kenyon is an Assemblies of God World Missionary to the emerging youth culture of Panama. Along with her husband, Gerritt, they have opened El Refuge Urban Ministry Center, an outreach center that offers counseling, hope, and healing to abused and exploited students. Tara recently was accepted into the doctoral program at Oxford Center for Mission Studies.



Teen Challenge of Arizona



A special message from our Executive State Director

Dear Friends,

As we go through this difficult time we are all facing regarding the COVID-19 crisis we are **TRUSTING GOD THROUGH PRAYER!** We are so thankful that those in need are still finding the hope and healing they need through our programs statewide deemed essential by Governor Ducey. We are very grateful for your prayers and support for Teen Challenge of Arizona. I am so thankful to the Lord to announce that we have had **NO** COVID-19 cases in Teen Challenge of Arizona during this time. God has had His hand of protection on all of our staff and students!! We have seen many miracles during this time; best of all are the changed lives! Our mission at Teen Challenge to help those struggling with addiction is more important than ever. We want you to know our intake departments are ready to offer help to individuals and families you may know seeking recovery. During the month of June we are suspending our "intake fees" to help those struggling financially during this difficult time and need to be in a Christian recovery program.

You can visit our website at tcaz.org to find out more!

We also want you to know that ***we are praying for you and your loved ones!***

Psalm 55:22 - Give your burdens to The Lord, and He will take care of you...

Philippians 4:6-7 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything pray...

Be encouraged. When we pray, we will receive the Peace of God.

Thank You!

We Love You, We Are Praying For You, and God Bless You,

Rev. Snow Peabody

Executive State Director



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Stephen & Jill Valentine Deaf Ministries

Statistics for May 2020

OPEN CHURCHES

Fountain Hills Christian Center

Glendale, Hope City Church

Holbrook, Faith A/G

Houck, Bethel Navajo A/G

New River, First A/G

Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.

Sacaton, River of Life A/G

Scottsdale, Salt River Indian Church

Sells, Papago A/G

Shonto, Victory A/G

Winslow, First A/G

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William Hartman III from Iowa

Jasmine Luck from Northern Cal/Nevada

Jimmy Johnson from Southern Missouri

DECEASED

Lorenzo Coops - 3/18/20

**Thank you for
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Network!**