

The Pursuit of the Holy God: Answering the Call of the Holy Spirit

Recommendations

- 1) Every pastor, minister, or teacher is encouraged to guide people through ongoing teaching into seeking the sanctifying presence of God.
- 2) Every believer should be encouraged to pursue a lifelong walk in the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Every believer should desire to live in holiness through an active prayer life that engages the power of the Holy Spirit as an intricate part of a holy life.
- 4) Let us affirm the truth that our individual walk in the Spirit affects the corporate testimony of the church, either positive or negative.
- 5) Every believer should be encouraged in their pursuit of holiness to surrender their personal will to the active Lordship of Christ that His glorious life may be freely expressed through them (Galatians 2:20). *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

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The Value and Spiritual Life of Children

Recommendations

1. The Church of God of Prophecy prioritize this facet of ministry through its global vision and mission statements so that each local church values children and encourages their spiritual development.
2. Each local church assesses its present view of children and ministry to them using a diagnostic tool available through the international children's ministry office.
3. Each local church develops and implements a ministry model that includes evangelization of unchurched children and on going discipleship of all children.
4. That every pastor becomes an advocate speaking out for the value of children and ministry to them and takes a leading role to ensure that qualified individuals lead children's ministry.
5. Each local church provides a safe environment using the Church of God of Prophecy Child, Youth, and Worker Protection Policy.
6. Each local church provides adequate resources (human, physical, and financial) to support effective ministry to children.
7. Each local church provides ministry training and leadership development for those who serve children. Ministry training and leadership development resources and events are available through the international children's ministry office.
8. Each local church provides support, resources, and guidance to families so that they may accomplish the task of spiritually nurturing their children.
9. Each local church is sensitive and responsive to diverse and broken families.
10. Each local church creates an environment that encourages children to be saved, live a holy life, and receive Holy Spirit baptism.
11. Children be incorporated into the life and worship of the local church.
12. Believing children be instructed in the meaning of the sacraments (i.e. baptism and communion) and be given opportunity to participate under the guidance of church leadership and Christian parents.
13. The spiritual gifts of children be recognized and developed so they are prepared for a life of service now and in the future.

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Finance & Stewardship Committee – Financial Ethics

Recommendations

In order to provide protection to the pastoral/ministry family and avoid a possible conflict of interest, and in the interest of fiscal integrity, pastors or members of the pastoral family should not serve as treasurer of the ministry body served. (This also applies to the state/regional/national levels of ministry)

In extreme circumstances, where there appears to be no other option, approval must be granted by the state/regional/national overseer. For states/regions/nations, approval must be granted by the respective general presbyter.

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Finance & Stewardship Committee – Strengthening National/Regional/State Finances

Recommendations

In recognition of the urgency to adjust the present financial system so that National/regional/state offices may better respond to the harvest and the ongoing development of leaders in their own areas without adversely impacting the international level, we recommend a gradual reallocation of tithes paid by the local church. U.S. churches will continue to send 10 percent of the total tithes received to the International Office. Upon full implementation, the International Office will reallocate 30 percent of these funds to the national/regional/state offices from which the tithes are received. This reallocation will be implemented gradually over a six year period:

Beginning June 1, 2015

10 percent of tithes paid by churches to the International Offices will be reallocated to the regional/state offices;

Beginning June 1, 2018

20 percent of tithes paid by churches to the International Offices will be reallocated to the regional/state offices;

Beginning June 1 2021

30 percent of tithes paid by churches to the International Offices will be reallocated to the regional/state offices.

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The complete committee reports supporting these recommendations can be found at

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