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#### **PREFACE**

#### **New Horizons Ministries**

"Equipping and Releasing Ministers and Churches into Divine Destiny"

New Horizons Ministries Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church is committed to "Equipping and Releasing Ministers and Churches into Divine Destiny." To accomplish this purpose, we will intentionally provide resources and events for our ministers and churches to prepare and equip them to impact their world for Jesus Christ, while fulfilling God's plan for their lives as they "gather2GO!"

The **NHM Resource Manual** contains two resources to assist our ministers and churches in their ministry and service: 1) the NHM Conference Session Minutes, and 2) the NHM Constitution and Bylaws that have been approved by our churches and ministers as the rules and guidelines by which we govern and lead our local churches and conference.

New Horizons Ministries is comprised of compassionate, caring Christians who believe God has called us to "GO & TELL!" by reaching our communities and world through anointed preaching, powerful and relevant praise and worship, friendly fellowship, determined discipleship, enthusiastic personal/corporate evangelism, multiple ministries, cheerful and generous giving and tithing, personal holiness, global missions, community involvement, intercessory prayer, and Kingdom building.

We believe "Healthy, Growing, Multiplying Churches" are the means God will use to bring the Gospel to the world. We believe we are to "Arise in Prayer" and make our local churches into "Houses of Prayer for the Nations." We believe we are to bring "Fresh Expressions" of sharing the Gospel, witnessing to our neighbors, and giving our testimonies. We will "gather2GO" – using Luke 10:2 as our basis for coming together (gather) then go to the harvest fields as laborers and gather the harvest to prepare them to go again.

"gather2GO!" is our theme for the Quadrennium. We believe as we dare to dream and open our hearts to the greatness of God's destiny for our personal lives and community churches, God will bless our efforts to equip and release His people to be salt and light to a bland and dark world for Jesus Christ with the life-changing Gospel.

#### THE VISION OF NEW HORIZONS MINISTRIES

"Equipping and Releasing Ministers and Churches into Divine Destiny"

The mission of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church is to multiply and mature believers and churches in worship, fellowship, and evangelism as we walk in obedience to the Great Commission in cooperation with the whole body of Christ. With "Arise 2033," the IPHC will focus on having a church in every county.

The purpose of *New Horizons Ministries* is to fulfill the mission of the IPHC by equipping its ministers and churches while releasing them to fulfill their destiny and calling in Christ as stated: "*Equipping and Releasing Ministers and Churches into Divine Destiny.*"

#### **IPHC Articles of Faith**

We believe there is but one living and true God, everlasting, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; Maker and Preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in the unity of this Godhead, there are three Persons of one substance of eternal being, and equal in holiness, justice, wisdom, power, and dignity: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

We believe that the Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the Godhead and manhood, were joined together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God and perfect man, who actually suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile the Father to us, and to make atonement, not only for our actual guilt, but also for original sin.

We believe that Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again His body, with all things appertaining to the perfections of man's nature and ascended into heaven and there sits until He shall return to judge all men at the last day.

We believe the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

We believe in the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, known as the Bible, composed of sixty-six books and divided into two departments, Old and New Testaments. We believe the Bible is the Word of God, the full and complete revelation of the plan and history of redemption.

We believe that eternal life with God in heaven is a portion of the reward of the finally righteous; and that everlasting banishment from the presence of the Lord and unending torture in hell are the wages of the persistently wicked (Matthew 25:46; Psalm 9:17; Revelation 21:7,8).

We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the remission of sins that are past, for the regeneration of penitent sinners, and for salvation from sin and from sinning (Romans 3:25; I John 3:5-10; Ephesians 2:1-10).

We believe, teach and firmly maintain the Scriptural doctrine of justification by faith alone (Romans 5:1).

We believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood for the complete cleansing of the justified believer from all indwelling sin and from its pollution, subsequent to regeneration (I John 1:7-9).

We believe in Sanctification. While sanctification is initiated in regeneration and consummated in glorification, we believe that it includes a definite, instantaneous work of grace achieved by faith subsequent to regeneration (Acts 26:18; I John 1:9). Sanctification delivers from the power and dominion of sin. It is followed by lifelong growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 4:16; II Peter 3:18).

We believe that the Pentecostal Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire is obtainable by a definite act of appropriating faith on the part of the fully cleansed believer, and the initial evidence of the reception of this experience is speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Luke 11:13; Acts 1:5; 2:1-4; 8:17; 10:44-46; 19:6).

We believe in divine healing as in the atonement (Isaiah 53: 4,5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:14-18; James 5:14-16).

We believe in the imminent, personal, pre-millennial second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (I Thessalonians 4:15-17; Titus 2:13; II Peter 3:10-14; Matthew 24:29-44), and love and wait for His appearing (II Timothy 4:8).

We believe it is the responsibility of every believer to dedicate his life to carrying out the work of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8).

## **Conference History of Officers**

	Superintendent	Asst. Supt.	Secretary	Location	Date	General Officer
1	Dan W. Evans	L. G. Chilcoat	Arthur Smith	Shawnee OK	August 23, 1924	J. H. King
2	Dan W. Evans	L. G. Chilcoat	Arthur Smith	Okmulgee OK	August 22, 1925	J. H. King
3	Dan W. Evans	L. G. Chilcoat	Arthur Smith	Holdenville OK	August 21, 1926	E. D. Reeves
4	J. D. Mahaffey	Arthur Smith	C. E. Neukirchner			
				Okmulgee OK	August 22, 1927	J. H. King
5	J. D. Mahaffey	Arthur Smith	C. E. Neukirchner	Calvin OK	August 18, 1928	S. A. Bishop
6	J. D. Mahaffey	J. L. Dryden	Arthur Smith	Okmulgee OK	August 17, 1929	S. A. Bishop
7	M. L. Dryden	C. E. Neukirchner	Arthur Smith	Okmulgee OK	August 18, 1930	J. H. King
8	M. L. Dryden	L. G. Chilcoat	P. W. Kincaid	Sulphur OK	August 24, 1931	J. H. King
9	M. L. Dryden	L. G. Chilcoat	A. F. Greene	Sulphur OK	August 15, 1932	S. A. Bishop
10	M. L. Dryden	L. G. Chilcoat	A. F. Greene	Sulphur OK	August 19, 1933	J. H. King
11	M. L. Dryden	L. G. Chilcoat	A. F. Greene	Sulphur OK	August 11, 1934	Dan T. Muse
12	M. L. Dryden	L. G. Chilcoat	A. F. Greene	Sulphur OK	August 17, 1935	Dan T. Muse
13	C. E. Neukirchner	H. W. Hampton	A. F. Greene	Sulphur OK	August 14, 1936	Dan T. Muse
14	C. E. Neukirchner	M. L. Dryden	Oscar Moore	Sulphur OK	August 14, 1937	Dan T. Muse
15	C. E. Neukirchner	M. L. Dryden	Oscar Moore	Seminole OK	August 13, 1938	Dan T. Muse
16	C. E. Neukirchner	M. L. Dryden	Oscar Moore	Ada OK	August 11, 1939	Dan T. Muse
17	C. E. Neukirchner	M. L. Dryden	Oscar Moore	Ada OK	August 10, 1940	J. H. King
18	C. E. Neukirchner	M. L. Dryden	Oscar Moore	Ada OK	August 16, 1941	J. H. King
19	C. E. Neukirchner	M. L. Dryden	Oscar Moore	Ada OK	August 15, 1942	H. T. Spence
20	C. E. Neukirchner	M. L. Dryden	George R. Harris	Ada OK	August 14, 1943	T. A. Melton
21	C. E. Neukirchner	Oscar Moore	George R. Harris	Ada OK	August 12, 1944	T. A. Melton
22	Oscar Moore	K. R. Jones	George R. Harris	Ada OK	July 28, 1945	T. A. Melton
23	Oscar Moore	K. R. Jones	George R. Harris	Ada OK	August 23, 1946	Dan T. Muse
24	K. R. Jones	Arthur Smith	George R. Harris	Ada OK	August 1, 1947	J. A. Synan
25	Oscar Moore	K. R. Jones	George R. Harris	Ada OK	July 30, 1948	T. A. Melton
26	Oscar Moore	K. R. Jones	George R. Harris	Ada OK	July 29, 1949	Dan T. Muse
27	Oscar Moore	K. R. Jones	George R. Harris	Ada OK	July 28, 1950	J. A. Synan
28	Oscar Moore	K. R. Jones	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 25, 1951	J. A. Synan
29	Oscar Moore	K. R. Jones	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 30, 1952	T. A. Melton
30	George R. Harris	C. H. North	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 15, 1953	Oscar Moore
31	George R. Harris	C. H. North	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 14, 1954	Oscar Moore
32	George R. Harris	C. H. North	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 13, 1955	Oscar Moore
33	George R. Harris	C. H. North	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	June 29, 1956	J. A. Synan
34	Oscar Moore	George R. Harris	Ray Bullard	Shawnee OK	June 20, 1957	Oscar Moore
35	Oscar Moore	C. H. North	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	June 27, 1958	R. L. Rex
36	Oscar Moore	C. H. North	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 3, 1959	J. A. Synan
37	H. Ray Stewart	C. H. North	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 1, 1960	George Byus
38	H. Ray Stewart	C. H. North	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	June 23, 1961	R. L. Rex
39	H. Ray Stewart	C. H. North	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	June 29, 1962	W. H. Turner
40	H. Ray Stewart	Archie Beller	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	June 12, 1963	J. A. Synan
41	Archie Beller	Marvin Hamm	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 3, 1964	J. Floyd Williams
42	Archie Beller	Marvin Hamm	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 2, 1965	J. Floyd Williams
43	Archie Beller	Marvin Hamm	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 1, 1966	R. L. Rex
44	Archie Beller	Marvin Hamm	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	June 30, 1967	B. E. Underwood
45	Archie Beller	Marvin Hamm	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	June 28, 1968	R. L. Rex
46	Archie Beller	Marvin Hamm	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 4, 1969	J. A. Synan
47	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 3, 1970	Leon O. Stewart
48	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	July 2, 1971	B. E. Underwood
49	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Ray Bullard	Ada OK	June 30, 1972	J. Floyd Williams
50	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Ray Bullard	Henryetta OK	June 29, 1973	J. Floyd Williams
51	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 28, 1974	R. O. Corvin
52	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 27, 1975	George R. Harris
53	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 25, 1976	R. L. Rex
54	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 24, 1977	George R. Harris
55	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 30, 1978	Leon O. Stewart
56	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 29, 1979	J. Floyd Williams
57	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 27, 1980	B. E. Underwood
58	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 26, 1981	J. Floyd Williams
59	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 25, 1982	B. E. Underwood
60	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 24, 1983	Vinson Synan

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61	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 29, 1984	Leon O. Stewart
62	Archie Beller	Ed Philpot	Del Hunnicutt	Henryetta OK	June 28, 1985	Bob Ely
63	Del Hunnicutt	Charles Craig	Johnny Youell	Henryetta OK	June 27, 1986	B. E. Underwood
64	Del Hunnicutt	Charles Craig	Joel Downing	Henryetta OK	June 26, 1987	J. D. Simmons
65	Del Hunnicutt	Charles Craig	Joel Downing	Henryetta OK	June 24, 1988	Elston Page
66	Del Hunnicutt	Charles Craig	Joel Downing	Henryetta OK	June 30, 1989	J. D. Simmons
67	Del Hunnicutt		Joel Downing	Henryetta OK	June 29, 1990	Jack Goodson
68	Del Hunnicutt	Dan Beller	Don Williams	Henryetta OK	June 28, 1991	James Leggett
69	Del Hunnicutt	Dan Beller	Don Williams	Henryetta OK	June 26, 1992	J. D. Simmons
70	Del Hunnicutt	Dan Beller	Don Williams	Henryetta OK	June 25, 1993	Jack Goodson
71	Don Williams	Dan Beller	Bill Harris	Henryetta OK	June 24, 1994	S. Paul Howell
72	Don Williams	Dan Beller	Bill Harris	Henryetta OK	June 30, 1995	Jesse Simmons
73	Don Williams	Dan Beller	Bill Harris	Henryetta OK	June 28, 1996	B. E. Underwood
74	Don Williams	Dan Beller	Bill Harris	Henryetta OK	June 27, 1997	M. Donald Duncan
75	Don Williams	James Eby	Bill Harris	Henryetta OK	July 3, 1998	M. Donald Duncan
76	James Eby	David Jett	Bill Harris	Henryetta OK	July 1, 1999	James Leggett
77	James Eby	Frank Trent	Bill Harris	Henryetta OK	June 29, 2000	Jack Goodson
78	James Eby	Frank Trent	Bill Harris	Henryetta OK	June 28, 2001	Ronald Carpenter
79	Randell O. Drake	Dan Beller	Mick Snider	Henryetta OK	April 27, 2002	James Leggett
80	Randell O. Drake	Dan Beller	Mick Snider	Henryetta OK	June 28, 2003	Ronald Carpenter
81	Randell O. Drake	Dan Beller	Mick Snider	Henryetta OK	June 12, 2004	Edward Wood
82	Randell O. Drake	Dan Beller	Mick Snider	Henryetta OK	June 11, 2005	Doug Beacham
83	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Renee Ross	Henryetta OK	April 22, 2006	James Leggett
84	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Renee Ross	Henryetta OK	June 23, 2007	Ronald Carpenter
85	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Renee Ross	Henryetta OK	June 21, 2008	Doug Beacham
86	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Renee Ross	Henryetta OK	June 27, 2009	Talmadge Gardner
87	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Norman Wilkie	Henryetta OK	April 24, 2010	Chris Thompson
88	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Norman Wilkie	Henryetta OK	June 25, 2011	Doug Beacham
89	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Norman Wilkie	Henryetta OK	June 2, 2012	Chris Thompson
90	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Norman Wilkie	Henryetta OK	June 1, 2013	Tommy McGhee
91	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Norman Wilkie	Henryetta OK	April 26, 2014	Doug Beacham
92	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Norman Wilkie	Henryetta, OK	June 27, 2015	Chris Thompson
93	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Norman Wilkie	Tulsa, OK	June 25, 2016	Talmadge Gardner
94	Randell O. Drake	Mick Snider	Norman Wilkie	Tulsa, OK	June 24, 2017	Doug Beacham
95	Randell O. Drake	Norman Wilkie	Greg Aery	Tulsa, OK	April 28, 2018	Tommy McGhee
96	Randell O. Drake	Norman Wilkie	Greg Aery	Tulsa, OK	June 22, 2019	Talmadge Gardner
97	Randell O. Drake	Norman Wilkie	Greg Aery	Tulsa, OK	June 20, 2020	Talmadge Gardner
98	Randell O. Drake	Norman Wilkie	Greg Aery	Tulsa, OK	June 21, 2021	Talmadge Gardner
99	Randell O. Drake	Norman Wilkie	Greg Aery	Tulsa, OK	June 25, 2022	Doug Beacham
100	Randell O. Drake	Neil Barlow	Greg Aery	Tulsa, OK	April 29, 2023	Doug Beacham

# Conference Session June 22, 2019 Tulsa SpiritLife Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Conference Superintendent, Bishop Randell O. Drake, welcomed the delegates to the Conference Session convening at SpiritLife Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at 9:00 AM and led the congregation in communion followed by song, "Amazing Grace" and a time of prayer.

Bishop Drake introduced Presiding Bishop Talmadge Gardner. Presiding Bishop Gardner recognized former Superintendents, NHM Ministers who served on the IPHC Committees and Boards, and IPHC Missionaries in attendance at Conference Session.

Chairman Gardner called meeting to order, gave a devotional from Scripture Micah 6:8 and closed devotional in prayer.

Chairman Gardner recognized Conference Superintendent Bishop Drake to read the State of the Conference and Superintendent's Report. The report was printed and distributed instead of being read. Bishop did present gifts of appreciation to all individuals who serve the Bishop and the Conference in some ministry position or office position. He also presented the most recent books written by James Eby to CEC, Ministry Directors, and all ministers. Following Bishop Drake's individual comments, a video was played promoting "The Gatherings".

Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the State of the Conference and Superintendent's Report as presented.

Presiding Bishop Gardner recognized Bishop Randell Drake to read the Clergy Credential Report

We, your Clergy Credentials Committee, recommend the following:

#### For Ordination:

Daniel Anthony Harrison, Cody Gene Neugebauer, Richard Lee Pugh

#### For Minister's License:

Nathan Andrew Buckingham, Loy Allen Durbin, Christopher John French, Donald Aaron Girod

#### For Local Church License:

Okmulgee Crosstown - Rocky Paul Ausbrooks, Springs Faith Alive - Cody Lee Johnson

#### For Transfer in from another IPHC Conference:

Gabriel Beady (Ordained) – Acts2Day, Ginger Beady (Ordained) – Acts2Day, Audrey Darnell (Ordained) – Acts2Day, Keenan Darnell (Ordained) – Acts2Day Matthew Mason (Ordained) – Acts2Day

#### For Transfer in from another Organization:

Kenneth May (Ordained) - Church of God, Seth Whitaker (Ordained) - Assemblies of God

#### For Reinstatement:

Joey McWilliams (Ordained)

#### For Withdrawal from the Conference:

Jayson Larremore (Ordained), Dan Montgomery (Ordained), Simon Ratcliff (Ordained)

#### **Dropped:**

Steve Allen (Ordained)

#### For Transfer to another IPHC Conference:

Samuel Leonard (Licensed) - South Carolina

#### **Deceased Since the 2018 Conference:**

James Bradford (Ordained), Donald Busse (Ordained), Jim Huddleston (Ordained) Mae Ingram (Licensed), Doris Malone (Ordained), Donald Posey (Ordained) Boyd Stiles (Ordained)

Committee Chairman Drake moved for the adoption of the Clergy Credentials Committee Report, which was seconded and approved. Chairman Gardner recognized School of Ministry Director Taylor Drake to present the graduates of the NHM School of Ministry. Graduation Certificates were presented to each student. Bishop Drake recognized former SOM Director Dr. Philip L. Sallee

Chairman Gardner recognized Bishop Drake to present the following Awards throughout the morning as Bishop Gardner proceeded with meeting: (to be printed at the end of these minutes)

Heart of Jesus Harvest Awards Missions Awards Ministerial Service Awards

Chairman Gardner asked Bishop Drake to recognize the candidates for Local Church Minister's License. Bishop Drake invited the candidates and their pastors to stand at the front of the auditorium. Bishop Drake to present certificates to Local Church candidates who had completed the requirements and been approved by CEC to receive a Local Church Certificate.

Chairman Gardner asked the Licensed Minister candidates, along with their spouses, to stand at the front of the auditorium. Following Bishop Gardner's words of exhortation and encouragement, License Certificates were presented to approved candidates. Each was greeted by the NHM Conference Executive Council.

Chairman Gardner asked that candidates for Ordination, along with their spouses, come forward. Following words of exhortation, each candidate and spouse was prayed over individually by the NHM Conference Executive Counsel, Bishop Randell Drake, and Presiding Bishop Talmadge Gardner. After prayer over each candidate, each was presented with their Ordination Certificate.

Chairman Gardner recognized Bishop Drake who presented the following awards:

#### Heart of Jesus Award:

(NHM churches that increase 10% or more in church membership in 2018)

Bartlesville New Life Pastor Connie McCray
Claremore Praise Fellowship Pastor Greg Aery
Davis PH Pastor Gary Akerman
Russellville The Bridge Pastor Larry Domerese

Pastor Eddie Nabors Kingston Faith Harvest Konawa PH Pastor Ron Gadberry Latta A Place of New Hope Pastor Toby Willoughby Pastor Michael Brown Midvale PH Mounds Return Ministry Pastor Ace Patterson Pastor Carv Gerth Roff PH S. Coffeyville Emmanuel Chapel Pastor James Feltner Stigler River of Life Pastor Jack Sloan

#### > Harvest Award: (NHM Churches that increased 10% or more in AM Worship in 2018)

Cleveland Community Gospel Pastor Pam Buzzard Davis PH Pastor Gary Akerman Russellville The Bridge Pastor Larry Domerese Holdenville PH Pastor Rick Madron Shawnee Downtown PH Pastor Ron Baldridge South Coffeyville Emmanuel Chapel Pastor James Feltner Westville Impact Church Pastor Navil Vaughan Wewoka Bethel Pastor Ruby York

#### Harvest Leadership Award – Percentage:

(NHM church with the largest percentage of increase in church membership in 2018)

Stigler River of Life Pastor Jack Sloan

#### Leadership Award – Numeric:

(NHM church with the largest numeric increase in church membership in 2018)

Stigler River of Life Pastor Jack Sloan

#### > Harvest Award – Percentage

(NHM church with the largest percentage of increase in AM worship in 2018)

Cleveland Community Gospel Pastor Pam Buzzard

#### Harvest Award – Numeric

(NHM church with the largest numeric increase in AM Worship in 2018)

Shawnee Downtown PH
 Pastor Ron Baldridge

#### > Service Awards:

Gold (50+ years) - L.D. Davis, Art Dodd

Silver (25+ Years) – Terry Tatum

Bronze (10+ years) - Tim Cox, Melanie Deemy, Archie Jackson, Becky Watkins, Travis Williams

#### Largest Total Missions Giving:

• Sand Springs Harvest Church, Tulsa SpiritLife Church

#### > Missions Giving Per Capita:

• Rogers 3:16, Sand Springs Harvest church

#### Largest GO Offering:

Sands Springs Harvest Church, Enville Community Church

#### > Greatest Increase in total Missions Giving:

Rogers 3:16, Tulsa SpiritLife Church

#### > Largest Percent Increase (2017-2018):

• Rogers 3:16, Wetumka Living Water

#### Largest Per Capita GO Offering:

Roff PHC, McAlester Abundant Life

Chairman Gardner recognized Bishop Drake who concluded the NHM 2019 Conference Session with a Memorial Service recognizing all NHM Ministers who had graduated to Heaven since the 2018 Quadrennial Conference Session. These ministers are listed in the 2019 Clergy Credential Report

Appreciation was expressed by Bishop Drake to Presiding Bishop Talmadge Gardner for his service as Chairman.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn.

# Conference Session June 20, 2020 Tulsa SpiritLife Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

In 2020-21, the United States (and the whole world) witnessed an unprecedented health issue: COVID-19. With this epidemic, decisions and provisions were made by the International Pentecostal Holiness Church Council of Bishops relevant for all IPHC USA Conferences. Below is the IPHC Council of Bishops provisional statement:

"Due to the impact that COVID-19 is having in the United States, the following provisions pertain to the 2020 Annual Conference Sessions:

- In consultation with the General Superintendent, Conference Executive Councils may forego hosting their Annual Conference Session in 2020 if they deem this is the best practice for their organizational unit.
- 2) Conferences are authorized to present clergy credentials [Minister's License or a certificate of Ordination] to candidates that have been approved by a 'Conference-approved screening/interview committee upon completion of the following: credit check, national criminal background check, and child abuse background check, for every state that the applicant has lived in and be in compliance with any and all regulations required by state law.'
- 3) Candidates receiving clergy credentials in 2020 [Minister's License or a Certificate of Ordination] under the proviso will be required to attend the 2021 Annual Conference Session, where the Conference, in session, will approve the 2020 and 2021 clergy credentials report in addition to being a part of the credentialing ceremonies.
- 4) If your Conference Executive Council chooses to forgo having an Annuals Conference Session, the Conference is requested to send the 2020 State of the Conference and 2020 Financial Reports to all Conference Ministers, Churches, and General Superintendent's Office.'

The New Horizons Ministries Conference Executive Council voted unanimously to reschedule the Conference Session from June 20, 2020, to August 29, 2020. Due to a continued outbreak of COVID-19 cases, the New Horizons Ministries Executive Council voted unanimously to initiate the provisions allowed by the IPHC Council of Bishops with the following results:

- 1) Forego the 2020 Conference Session.
- Send (mail) Local Church Minister License, Minister's License and Ordination certificates to candidates who had been approved in the Clergy Credentials Committee Report in compliance with the stipulations listed.
- Approved that all Licensed and Ordination candidates receiving their credentials in 2020 were required to attend the 2021 Conference Session, where the Conference, in session, would formally approve the 2020 and 2021 Clergy Credentials Committee Report.
- 4) NHM made available the 2020 State of the Conference and 2020 Conference Financial Reports to all NHM Ministers and churches, and the General Superintendent's Office.

# Conference Session June 12, 2021 SpiritLife Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Conference Superintendent, Bishop Randell O. Drake, welcomed the delegates to the Conference Session convening at Spirit Life Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 9:00 AM and led the congregation in a time of prayer and giving thanks to God for His divine blessings. Bishop Drake officiated communion for all in attendance.

Bishop Drake introduced Bishop Talmadge Gardner, Executive Director of World Missions for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church as Chairman. Chairman Gardner greeted the delegates and recognized former Conference Superintendents and honored members. Chairman Gardener presented a devotional on behalf of General Superintendent A.D. Beacham entitled "Arise, Enlarge, and Expand." Chairman Gardner called the Conference Session to order.

Chairman Gardner recognized Conference Superintendent, Bishop Drake, to present his personal report and the State of the Conference Report for 2019 and 2020. Chairman Gardner offered a motion to accept the State of the Conference report; motion was seconded and accepted.

Conference Secretary, Greg Aery, presented IPHC Church Planter pins to the pastors of churches started in 2020, Rev. John Pena of Preparing the Way, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Dusty Giles of The Hope Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Bishop Drake offered the Clergy Credentials Committee reports for 2020 and 2021. We, your Committee on Examination, recommend the following:

#### **For Ordination:**

2020: Blake Allen Bailey, Mary Evelyn Domerese, Sasha Miana Lafferty

2021: Loy Allen Durbin, Donald Aaron Girod

#### For Transfer in from another Organization:

2020: Mark Lee Allen (Ordained) - Word of Life Christian, Rick Lee Krietemeyer (Ordained) -

Pentecostal Church of God

2021: None

#### For Transfer in from Another IPHC Conference:

2020: Justin Prough (Ordained) - Heartland

2021: Martin R. Giles (Ordained) - Heartland, Michael Whitman (Ordained) - Heartland

#### For Minister's License:

2020: Rocky Paul Ausbrooks, Jay-Cee Bagheera Camp, Kelli Christine Frazier,

Cody Lee Johnson, Nancy Lynn Johnson

2021: Jesse Wayne Conger, Brent Merritt Reed

#### For Local Church Certification:

2020: Jesse Wayne Conger – Braggs Emannuel PHC, Austin Taylor Cameron – Claremore Praise Fellowship, Shelby Nicole Cameron – Claremore Praise Fellowship, Nicholas Todd Robinson – Durant Abundant Life Texoma, Johnelle Lorene Hall – Fayetteville No Limits Fellowship, Jakob Dale Payne, Fayetteville No Limits Fellowship, Tamara Lynn Stevens – Fayetteville No Limits Fellowship, Lael L. LeBlanc – Okmulgee The Refuge, John Dale Chinn – Sand Springs Harvest Church, Patsy Shirlene Chinn – Sand Springs Harvest Church, Brent Merritt Reed – Siloam Springs Faith Alive

2021: Bobby Ray Beavers - Fayetteville No Limits Fellowship

#### **Reinstatement:**

None

#### **Reduced Credentials:**

2020: Betty Jo Hehnly - Licensed to Local Church Minister's License

2021: None

#### For Withdrawal from the Conference:

2020: John Wesley Berry (Ordained), Audrey Darnell (Licensed), Keenan Darnell (Ordained)

2021: Michael Ames (Ordained), Mona Fulks (Licensed), Suzie Stephens (Ordained)

#### **Deceased Since the 2019 Conference:**

Dan Beller (Ordained), William (Bill) Boutwell (Ordained), Goldie Friend – (Wife of the late Rev. Bythel Friend), Loretta Hall (Licensed), Patricia Huffman – (Wife of Rev. Fred Huffman)

#### Deceased since the 2020 Conference:

Louise Baldridge – (Wife of the late Rev. Willis Baldridge), Jack Carner (Ordained), Emma Hill – (Wife of the late Rev. Carl Hill),

Lou Alice Holderby – (Wife of the late Tom Holderby), James McCray – (Husband of Rev. Connie McCray), A.L. Mullins (Ordained), Billie Mullins – Wife of the late Rev. A.L. Mullins, Bill Piearcy (Ordained), Pheirthine Sanders (Ordained), Hubert Sponsler (Ordained), Barbara Thornber – Wife of Rev. Jim Thornber

Committee Chairman Bishop Drake moved for the adoption of the Clergy Credentials Committee Reports, it was seconded and approved.

Chairman Gardner introduced Dr. Tom Murray, President of Southwestern Christian University. President Murray offered his appreciation for NHM's support of SCU for the past two years.

Chairman Gardner recognized Bishop Drake who presented the following awards:

- Missions Awards for 2020: (The following awards were mailed to churches in 2020)
  - Largest Total Missions Giving:
    - Sand Springs Harvest

- Tulsa SpiritLife Church
- Latta A Place of New Hope
- Largest GO Offering:
  - Sand Springs Harvest church
  - Roff PHC
  - Enville Community Church
- Missions Giving Per Capita:
  - Sand Springs Harvest
  - Rogers 3:16
  - Independence Journey Church
- o Global Impact Church of the Year 2019:
  - Sand Springs Harvest Church
- o Global Impact Churches: (25% or more increased giving in 2019)
  - Ada Calvary
  - Ada The River
  - Cabool Victory Worship Center
  - Cleveland Community Church
  - Cromwell PHC
  - Houston Souls Harbor
  - Independence Journey Church
  - Magazine Solid Rock Church
  - Okemah PHC
  - Okmulgee The Refuge Church
  - Roff PHC
  - Sand Springs Harvest Church
  - Tahlequah Abundant Life Fellowship
  - Wagoner Abundant Life
  - Westville Impact Church

#### ➤ Missions Awards for 2021: (Following awards are for Church giving in 2020)

- Global Impact Church of the Year Tulsa SpiritLife Church
- Top Three Churches in Total Missions Giving:
  - Sand Springs Harvest Church
  - Tulsa SpiritLife Church
  - Licking PH Church
- Largest % of Increase in Total Giving:
  - Siloam Springs Faith Alive Church
  - Claremore Praise Fellowship
  - Kiowa Praise Fellowship
- Global Impact Churches: (25% or more increase over previous year in Total Missions Giving)
  - Braggs Emannuel PH Church
  - Claremore Praise Fellowship
  - Kiowa Praise Fellowship
  - Lanagan Cove Mission of Hope
  - Muskogee New Life Center
  - Siloam Springs Faith Alive Church
  - Tulsa SpiritLife Church
  - Wagoner Living Water PHC
- Churches that increased Total Missions Giving by 10% or more over the previous year:
  - Davis PH Church
  - Jay Community Chapel

- Licking PH Church
- Madill New Beginnings Church
- Wetumka Living Water Church
- Wewoka Bethel PH Church

#### ➤ Global Outreach Offering:

- Top Three Churches in GO Offering:
  - Sand Springs Harvest Church
  - Tulsa SpiritLife Church
  - Enville Community Church
- Churches that Increased GO Offering by 10% or more over previous year:
  - Braggs Emmanuel PH Church
  - Davis PH Church
  - Westville Impact Church
  - Kiowa Praise Fellowship
  - Madill New Beginnings Church
  - Magazine Solid Rock PHC
  - Shawnee Downtown PHC
  - Siloam Springs Faith Alive Church
  - Tulsa SpiritLife Church
  - Wetumka Living Water Church

#### ▶ Heart of Jesus Award 2020: (Award given to NHM churches who had an increase of at least

10% in church membership in 2019)

Pastor Matt Brown Ada The River Byars PH Pastor Frank Trent Pastor Harold Brewer Caney PH Cleveland Community Church Pastor Pam Buzzard Davis PH Pastor Gary Akerman Fairview PH Pastor John Emery Pastor Charles Crawford Magazine Solid Rock Pastor Ace Patterson Mounds Return Ministry Roff PH Pastor Cary Gerth Stratford Compassion Church Pastor Sean McKinney Tulsa The Link Pastor Nate Buckingham Pastor Roger Huff Wagoner Impact Westville Impact Church Pastor Navil Vaughn Wewoka Bethel Pastor Ruby York

#### Harvest Award 2020: (Churches That grew 10% or more in AM Worship in 2019)

Ada The River Pastor Matt Brown

Braggs Emmanuel Family Worship Pastor Tommy Tomlinson

**Byars PH** Pastor Frank Trent Cabool Victory Worship Center Pastor William Kelly Claremore Praise Fellowship Pastor Greg Aery Cleveland Community Gospel Pastor Pam Buzzard Fayetteville No Limits Fellowship Pastor Greg Jones Kiowa Praise Fellowship Pastor Linda Snider Latta A Place of Hope Pastor Toby Willoughby McAlester Abundant Life Pastor Dan McDonald Mill Creek PH Pastor Darryl Patrick

Mounds Return Ministry

Quinton PH

Pastor Ace Patterson
Pastor Wilma Mahan

Roff PH Pastor Cary Gerth Rogers Church 3:16 Pastor Jeremy O'Brien Pastor James Feltner S. Coffeyville Emmanuel Chapel Stratford Compassion Church Pastor Sean McKinney Sulphur First Love Pastor Lance Bonner Tulsa The Link Pastor Nate Buckingham Wagoner Impact Pastor Roger Huff Wagoner Living Water Paster Brosha Gattenby Westville Impact Church Pastor Navil Vaughn Wetumka Living Water Pastor Brad Burton Wewoka Bethel Pastor Ruby York

#### Heart of Jesus Leadership Award – Numeric

(Award given to NHM churches for the largest numeric increase in church membership in 2019)

Westville Impact Pastor Navil Vaughan

#### Harvest Leadership Award – Percentage

(Award given to NHM churches for the largest percentage of increase in AM worship in 2019)

Wewoka Bethel Pastor Ruby York

#### Harvest Leadership Award – Numeric

(Award given to NHM churches for the largest numeric increase in AM Worship in 2019)
Westville Impact Pastor Navil Vaughan

#### **→ Heart of Jesus Award and Harvest Awards 2021:**

Due to the Global COVID-19 pandemic during 2020, the U.S. Government issued shut-down/social distance mandates causing churches to temporarily suspend in-person services and gatherings immediately impacting our churches attendance rates. With these factors in mind, New Horizons Ministries Conference Superintendent and Executive Council chose to not award any Heart of Jesus or Harvest Awards for the year 2020 which would be presented at the 2021 Conference Session.

#### > Service Awards (2020)

Gold (50+ years) - Charles Craig, Jerry Morris, Philip Sallee

Silver (25+ Years) - Frank Hoole, Luz Lara

Bronze (10+ years) - Larissa Akerman, Matthew Brown, Virginia Ellis, Suzan Stephens

#### Service Awards (2021)

Diamond (60+ years) - Vernon Carr, Dean Helland, Don Reed, Frank Trent

Gold (50+ years) - Lavern Farmer

Silver (25+ Years) – Mark Allen, Alton Barnes, Jerry Dodson, Peggy Eby, Marlin Giles, Linda Snider

**Bronze** (10+ years) – Mark Allen, Pam Buzzard, Katie Ellis, Cary Gerth, Marlin Giles, Stuart Goodman, Donna Gustin, Martin Gustin, Sandra Smith, Jared Snider, Teresa Snider

#### Pastor/Ministers' Gifts & Tallit Presentations

All Ordained Ministers received a special gift of an embroidered IPHC Tallit; Licensed Ministers were gifted with a book.

Chairman Gardner asked Bishop Drake to recognize the candidates for Local Church Minister License for the years 2020 and 2021. Bishop Drake presented a certificate to the candidate's pastor and each local pastor presented the certificate to the candidate. Bishop Drake asked the Licensed Minister candidates, along with their spouses, to stand at the front of the auditorium. Chairman Gardner encouraged and charged each candidate from the Scriptures, License certificates were presented to

approved candidates (2020 candidates received their certificates via mail in 2020). Each was greeted by the NHM Conference Executive Council.

Chairman Gardner began the ordination service; ordination candidates, along with their spouses, came forward as Chairman Gardner gave them their charge. Following words of exhortation, each candidate and their spouse was prayed over individually by the NHM Conference Executive Council, Bishop Drake, and Presiding Bishop Talmadge Gardner. After prayer over each candidate, each was presented their certificate, along with the IPHC tallit.

Chairman Gardner recognized Bishop Drake who read the Memoirs Report Names while Council Member Becky Watkins lit a candle in memory of each NHM credentialed member and/or a spouse who had been promoted to Heaven since the last conference session.

Chairman Gardner recognized Bishop Drake and the members of the Conference Executive Council who brought forth the VISTA Emerging Leadership Council Presentation.

Chairman Gardner asked if there were any other items of business for discussion or presentation. None offered, and Bishop Drake moved to show appreciation to Chairman Gardner for his service as Chairman. The move carried and NHM offered their utmost appreciation.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

# Conference Session June 25, 2022 SpiritLife Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Conference Superintendent, Bishop Randell O. Drake, welcomed the delegates to the Conference Session convening at Spirit Life Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 9:00 AM and led the congregation in a time of prayer and giving thanks to God for His divine blessings. Bishop Drake officiated communion for all in attendance.

Bishop Drake introduced Bishop Doug Beacham, Superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church as Chairman. Chairman Beacham greeted the delegates and recognized former Conference Superintendents and honored members. Chairman Beacham presented a brief devotional. Chairman Beacham called the Conference Session to order.

Chairman Beacham recognized Conference Superintendent, Bishop Drake, to present his personal report and the State of the Conference Report for 2021, which was distributed by paper. Chairman Beacham offered a motion to accept the State of the Conference report; motion was seconded and accepted.

Chairman Beacham recognized Conference Superintendent, Bishop Drake to offer the Clergy Credentials Committee Report for 2022.

Bishop Drake offered the Clergy Credentials Committee reports for 2020 and 2021.

We, your Committee on Examination, recommend the following:

#### **For Ordination:**

Rocky Paul Ausbrooks, Jay-cee Bagheera Camp

#### For Minister's License:

Thomas Darrell Arndt, Austin Taylor Cameron, E. Darlene Lundy-Veo

#### For Local Church Minister's License:

Mary Ann Marshall – S. Coffeyville Emmanuel Chapel, Ann Lynette Richardson – Hope Fellowship Church, Nicholas Eugene Stevens – Fayetteville No Limits Fellowship

#### For Transfer in from Another Organization:

Gary Wayne Carey (Licensed) – Independent, Victoria Leona Carey (Licensed) – Independent, Misty Ann Eldred (Licensed) – Independent, Joshua Lee Freeman (Licensed) – Victory Bible Institute, Steven R. Meek (Licensed) – Church of God of Prophecy

#### For Transfer to Another IPHC Conference:

Larissa Akerman (Ordained) - Heartland

#### For Withdrawal from the Conference:

Tim Cox (Ordained), Nathan Harrington (Licensed), Holly Hyers (Licensed), Malcom McGuire (Licensed), Robert Miller (Licensed), Michael Whitman (Ordained)

#### **Reduced Credentials:**

Stevie Huff – Licensed to Local Church Minister's License Joey McWilliams – Ordained to Local Church Minister's License Ladenna Tatum – Ordained to Local Church Minister's License

#### **Dropped:**

Alex Banders, Jr. (Licensed), Bobby Brooks (Local Church Minister's License), Tim Broughton (Local Church Minister's License), Patrick Carter (Local Church Minister's License), Jonathan Cook (Local Church Minister's License), Dee Ann Decker (Local Church Minister's License), Richard Decker (Local Church Minister's License), Michael Dement (Local Church Minister's License), Joyce Dowty (Local Church Minister's License), Chris French (Licensed), Michelle Goodman (Local Church Minister's License), Amber Hall (Local Church Minister's License), Raymond Hall (Licensed), Cole MacCollister (Local Church Minister's License), Cindy Makey-Prater (Local Church Minister's License), Kenneth May (Ordained), Kelly Meadows (Local Church Minister's License), Mallorie Ramsey (Local Church Minister's License), Bob Scadding (Local Church Minister's License), Cory Weaver (Ordained), Trey Wideman (Local Church Minister's License)

#### **Deceased Since 2021 Conference:**

Corene Carner – (Spouse of late Rev. Jack Carner), Vernon Carr (Ordained), Vernon Colson (Ordained), Charles Craig (Ordained), Crystal Fairres – (Spouse of Rev. Jeremy Fairres), Doris Grigg – (Spouse of Rev. Sanford Grigg), Don Jaquez (Ordained), Frances Smith – (Spouse of Rev. Everett Smith), Lil Trent – (Spouse of Rev. Frank Trent)

Committee Chairman Bishop Drake moved for the adoption of the Clergy Credentials Committee Reports, it was seconded and approved. Chairman Beacham recognized School of Ministry Director Taylor Drake to present the graduates of the NHM School of Ministry. Graduation Certificates were presented to each student. Bishop Drake expressed appreciation to Rev. Taylor Drake for his service as the School of Ministry Director.

Chairman Beacham recognized Bishop Drake to present the following Awards with the help of the Executive Council and World Missions Ministry Director Jerry Morris.

- Missions Awards for 2022: (Following Awards are for church giving in 2021)
  - Global Impact Churches: (25% or more increase over previous year in Total Missions Giving) – Certificates and Gift card.
    - Byars PHC
    - Cabool Victory Worship Center
    - Claremore Praise Fellowship
    - Cromwell PHC
    - Independence Journey church
    - Jay Community Chapel
    - Konawa Hope Church
    - Latta S Place of New Hope
    - Madill New Beginnings
    - Muskogee Grandview Tabernacle
    - Okemah PHC
    - Roff Freedom Worship Center
    - Sulphur First Love PHC
    - Tulsa SpiritLife Church
    - Tulsa The Link Church
    - Wagoner Impact Church
    - Westville Impact Church
  - Global Impact Churches: (10%-24% Increase over previous year in total missions giving)
     Certificate and "The Simultaneous Principle" book.
    - Ada Calvary PHC
    - Enville Community Church
    - Licking PHC
    - Magazine Solid Rock Church
    - McAlester Abundant Life
  - Global Impact Churches: (Churches who began giving in 2021) Certificate and "World Impacting Churches" book.
    - Quinton PHC
    - Tulsa Hope Center Church
    - Tulsa Centro Familia De Adoracion
  - o Global Impact Church of the Year: Received a Mural
    - Tulsa SpiritLife Church
  - Largest GO Offering Acknowledgement:
    - Sand Springs Harvest Church
- Heart of Jesus Award for 2022: (Churches that increase 10% or more in Church Membership in 2021) Received "The Pathway to Knowing and Loving God" book.

Braggs Emmanuel Family Worship
Fayetteville No Limits Fellowship
Licking Pentecostal Holiness
S. Coffeyville Emmanuel Chapel
Stigler River of Life
Tahlequah Abundant Life Fellowship
Tulsa Hope Center Church
Pastor Tommy Tomlinson
Pastor Greg Jones
Pastor Erin McConnell
Pastor James Feltner
Pastor Jack Sloan
Pastor Jay Jones
Pastor Dusty Giles

- Heart of Jesus Leadership Award Percentage & Numeric: Received an acrylic plaque.
  - Tulsa Hope Center Church
- Harvest Award for 2022: (Churches that increased 10% or more in AM Worship in 2021) Received "The Pathway to Knowing and Loving God" book.

Claremore Praise Fellowship
Cleveland Community Gospel
Konawa Hope Church
S. Coffeyville Emmanuel Chapel
Tulsa Hope Center Church
Westville Impact Church
Pastor Gary Akerman
Pastor James Feltner
Pastor Dusty Giles
Pastor Navil Vaughan

- Harvest Leadership Award Percentage & Numeric: Received an acrylic plaque.
  - Tulsa Hope Center Church
  - Westville Impact Church
- Ministerial Service Awards: Received a certificate and a lapel pin.
  - o **Diamond** (60+ years) Gerald Chenowith
  - o Gold (50+ years) William Norman, Norman Wilkie
  - Silver (25+ years) Zennia Crosby, Gary Hall, Loretta Meneley
  - Bronze (10+ years) Caroline Austin, Martha Ann Carey, Terence Carey, Regina Dodson, Michelle Drake, Donald Fails, Carol Keizor, Matt Mason

#### > Pastor/Ministers' Gifts & Tallit Presentations:

Bishop Drake expressed gratitude and appreciation at this time to all the Executive Council Members and Ministries Cabinet Directors for their time and service. Each was presented the book "Unshakeable Hope" as a gift. All Ordained Ministers received a special gift of an embroidered IPHC Tallit; Licensed Ministers were gifted a book.

Chairman Beacham asked Bishop Drake to recognize the candidates for Local Church Minister's License for 2022. Bishop Drake invited the candidates and their pastors to stand at the front of the auditorium. Bishop Drake presented certificates to candidates who had completed the requirements and been approved by CEC to receive a Local Church Minister's License Certificate.

Bishop Drake invited the candidates for Minister's License, and their spouse, to stand at the front of the auditorium as their name was called. Chairman Beacham encouraged and charged each candidate from the Scriptures. Bishop Drake presented each approved candidate with the License Certificate. Each was greeted by the NHM Conference Executive Council.

Chairman Beacham began the Ordination service by asking each Ordination candidate, and their spouse, to come forward while Chairman Beacham gave words of exhortation and charged each from scripture. The candidates and their spouses were then invited to join Chairman Beacham, Bishop Drake and the Executive Council on to the stage: each was anointed with oil, draped with a specialized tallit and prayer over each ordination candidate was given by Chairman Beacham, Bishop Drake and the Executive Council. At the conclusion each candidate received his/her Ordination Certificate and the IPHC tallit.

Chairman Beacham recognized Bishop Drake to present the Memoirs Report. Bishop Drake read the names while Executive Council Member Becky Watkins lit a candle as their photo showed on screen in memory of each NHM Credentialed Minister and/or spouse who had been promoted to Heaven since the last Conference Session. At the Conclusion of the presentation Bishop Drake asked for a moment of

silent prayer for each family represented. These names are listed in the 2022 Clergy Credentials Committee Report.

Chairman Beacham recognized Bishop Drake and the members of the Conference Executive Council to begin the VISTA Emerging Leadership Council Presentation. Bishop Drake presented the importance, purpose, and completion requirements of the VISTA Emerging Leadership Council Program, encouraging other to participate in the future. Bishop Drake called by name all participants who had completed the required sessions for the VISTA Emerging Leadership Council Program, each received a certificate and VISTA lapel pin.

#### > VISTA Emerging Leadership Council: (Completed a Fall and Spring Session)

- Bishop Randell Drake
- Chuck Barrineau
- Denise Brown
- Michael Brown
- Austin Cameron
- Shelby Cameron
- Wayne Conger
- Taylor Drake
- Aaron Girod
- Jay Jones
- Tommy McClaurin

- Elvin Still
- Navil Vaughan
  - Robert Ware

Chairman Beacham asked if there were any other items of business for discussion or presentation. With none offered, Bishop Drake moved to show appreciation to Chairman Beacham for his service as Chairman. NHM offered their utmost appreciation and standing applause. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn.

#### Quadrennial Conference Session April 29, 2023 SpiritLife Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Conference Superintendent Bishop Randell O. Drake welcomed the delegates to the 2023 Quadrennial Conference convening at SpiritLife Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 9:00 AM by leading the congregation in communion, prayer, praise, and worship, and giving thanks to God for His divine blessings.

Bishop Drake introduced IPHC Presiding Bishop Doug Beacham, General Superintendent of The International Pentecostal Holiness Church, as Chairman. Chairman Beacham greeted the delegates and recognized guests and visiting ministers. Chairman Beacham called the meeting to order and established the bar of the Conference as the two center sections and the stage left section of the auditorium, the platform, and the sound booth. The voting strength was established at 226. This strength included 91 ordained ministers, 13 Licensed ministers, 40 spouses, and 82 church delegates.

Chairman Beacham recognized Committee Chairman Robert Ware who read the Decorum Committee Report. The report passed as read. Chairman Beacham recognized Committee Chairman Becky Watkins who read the Delegation Certification Committee Report. The report passed as read.

Chairman Beacham recognized Conference Superintendent, Bishop Drake to offer the Clergy Credentials Committee Report for 2023.

Bishop Drake read the Clergy Credentials Committee Report for 2023.

We, your Clergy Credentials Committee, recommend the following:

#### For Ordination:

Thomas Darrell Arndt, Jesse Wayne Conger, Misty Ann Eldred, Joshua Lee Freeman, E. Darlene Lundy-Veo, Steven R. Meek, Brent Merritt Reed

#### For Minister's License:

John Vincent Beck, Dustin Philip Blanscet, Susan Carol Madron, Mary Ann Marshall

#### For Local Church Minister License:

Ft. Gibson Calvary Faith- Tabitha Rachel Marie Garrison Independence Journey Church - John Vincent Beck

#### For Transfer in from Another Organization:

None

#### For Transfer in from Another IPHC Conference:

None

#### For Transfer to Another IPHC Conference:

None

#### For Withdrawal from the Conference:

Charles Crawford (Ordained), Jared Frazier (Licensed), Kelli Frazier (Licensed),

Cary Gerth (Ordained), Marlin Giles (Ordained),

Johnathan Harrington (Local Church Minister's License), Nathan Harrington (Licensed),

Betty Jo Hehnly (Local Church Minister's License, Frank Hoole (Ordained),

Tawana Holland (Ordained), Laverne Larremore (Local Church Minister's License),

Eddie Nabors (Ordained), Mike Winters (Local Church Minister's License)

#### For Reduced Credential:

Melanie Deemy - Ordained to Local Church Minister's License

#### Forfeited:

David Armstrong (Local Church Minister's License), Zachary Armstrong (Local Church Minister's License), Gary Burchette (Licensed), John Chinn (Local Church Minister's License), Patsy Chinn (Local Church Minister's License), Daniel Hilton (Ordained), Deirdre O'Connor (Licensed), Jerry Orsburn (Ordained), Raquel Taylor (Local Church Minister's License)

#### **Deceased since 2022 Conference:**

Joyce Carr – (Spouse of the late Rev. Vernon Carr), Zennia Crosby (Ordained), Virginia Ellis-Waggoner (Ordained), Lavern Farmer (Ordained), Doyle Gadberry (Ordained) Roger McCoy (Ordained), June Miller – (Spouse of Rev. Bobby Miller), Kay Norman – (Spouse of Rev. William Norman), D. J. Weatherford (Ordained)

Committee Chairman Drake moved for the adoption of the Clergy Credentials Committee Report, which was seconded and approved.

Chairman Beacham recognized Bishop Drake to acknowledge the candidates for Local Church Minister License. Bishop Drake presented a certificate to the candidate's pastor and each local pastor presented the certificate to the candidate.

Chairman Beacham recognized Bishop Randell O. Drake who presented his personal report and the State of the Conference Verbal Report. Bishop Drake presented gifts of appreciation to the Presiding Officer Bishop Doug Beacham and IPHC First Lady Susan Beacham, NHM First Lady Michelle Drake and members of the Conference Executive Council and the Conference Ministries Cabinet who had served the past four years. A motion was approved to accept, with great rejoicing, the personal report of the Conference Superintendent and the State of the Conference Verbal Report.

Chairman Beacham recognized Assistant Superintendent Norman Wilkie, Secretary/Treasurer Greg Aery, and Conference Executive Council Members Neil Barlow, Elvin Still, Robert Ware and Becky Watkins who each gave a verbal report expressing their gratitude to Bishop Drake and the Conference for the opportunity to serve the past 4 years. Assistant Norman Wilkie and Council Members Becky Watkins and Elvin Still announced their names will not be nominated for the next Quadrennium.

Following the Executive Councils' Verbal Reports Chairman Beacham paused for a time of corporate prayer for the Conference, for Godly wisdom and guidance in upcoming business needing to be made and for our Nation before moving forward with the agenda. IPHC First Lady Susan Beacham was invited to the stage to pray for our children and the younger generations. A message in tongues was proclaimed and the interpretation was given.

**NOTE:** The reporting of elections and all remaining presentations, including the recording of the minutes is divided into three sections: reading and approval of the proposed changes to Decorum and the Constitution and ByLaws, election results of: Conference Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Conference Executive Council members, and the recognition and presentation of awards to ministers and churches. Since these three activities occurred concurrently, this method of reporting will provide continuity to the reporting of the same.

#### **Proposed Changes to Decorum**

The Chairman recognized Robert Ware, Chairman of the Decorum Committee, to read the committee report. All members of the Decorum Committee joined Chairman Ware on the platform. Chairman Ware read Decorum section G, 3.1 & 2.

- G, 3: \*AS APPROVED AT THE IPHC 29<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL CONFERENCE:
  EACH CONFERENCE SHALL ADOPT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TERM OPTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE
  COUNCIL MEMBERS AT ITS NEXT QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE. THE DECISION OF THE
  CONFERENCE SHALL APPLY TO ALL SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE
  DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.
  - 1) THE CONFERENCE, IN SESSION, MAY CHOOSE BY MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT A TERM LIMIT OF THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN ANY ONE OFFICE FOR ALL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS. IN THE EVENT A PERSON FILLS THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF A CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, IT SHALL NOT PROHIBIT THAT PERSON FROM SERVING THREE FULL TERMS IN THAT OFFICE IF ELECTED.
  - 2) THE CONFERENCE, IN SESSION, MAY CHOOSE BY A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT NO TERM LIMITS FOR ALL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Results of ballot for Term Limits within Decorum: Total Ballots (220); 65 voted for Term Limits, 150 Voted for No Term Limits. Options 2 Won the Vote.

#### Proposed Changes to Constitution and ByLaws

The Chairman recognized Neil Barlow, Chairman of the Constitution and ByLaws Committee, who read the committee report. All members of the Constitution and ByLaws Committee joined Chairman Barlow on the platform. Chairman Barlow read the proposed changes to the ByLaws report, which is as follows. A motion was made to approve the report as read and seconded, Chairman Beacham then opened the floor for discussion or questions. By a verbal vote, the proposed changes to the ByLaws report were adopted.

- Article I, A, 1b: The Conference Secretary-Treasurer [OR AN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED BY THE CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL] shall be the Recording Secretary and shall keep minutes of the Conference Executive Council Meetings. THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY-TREASURER] and [SHALL] perform other legal duties assigned by the Conference Executive Council.
- Article I, A, 2: BEGINNING WITH THE 2027 QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE, ANY INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER CREDENTIALED OR NON-CREDENTIALED, WHO DESIRES TO BE NOMINATED FOR OR CONSIDERED FOR ANY NEW HORIZONS MINISTRIES CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP POSITION, WHETHER ELECTED (CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL) OR APPOINTED (CONFERENCE MINISTRIES CABINET), MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE TRAINING ESTABLISHED FOR THE EMERGING LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (ELC) VISTA PROGRAM WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO PREPARE, EQUIP AND RELEASE INDIVIDUALS INTO LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

A. THE ELC VISTA PROGRAM WILL BE DEVELOPED AND SUSTAINED BY THE NHM CEC AND PRESENTED EACH YEAR OF THE QUADRENNIUM.

- B. INDIVIDUALS MUST ATTEND AND COMPLETE ELC VISTA IN EACH QUADRENNIUM THEY WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED POSITION.
- C. INDIVIDUALS WHO REGISTER AND ATTEND VISTA MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING (CURRENT) IN REGARD TO TITHING AND REPORTING (NHM CONFERENCE CLERGY) OR TITHING AND ATTENDANCE (NHM LOCAL CHURCH NON-CLERGY).
- D. INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMPLETED ELC VISTA MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING (CURRENT) IN REGARD TO TITHING AND REPORTING (NHM CONFERENCE CLERGY) OR TITHING AND ATTENDANCE (NHM LOCAL CHURCH NON-CLERGY) AT THE TIME OF THEIR NOMINATIONS TO AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED NHM POSITION.
- E. A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS' NAMES WHO HAVE COMPLETED ELC VISTA AND ARE IN GOOD STANDING (CURRENT) IN REGARD TO TITHING AND REPORTING (NHM CONFERENCE CLERGY) OR TITHING AND ATTENDANCE (NHM LOCAL CHURCH NON-CLERGY) WILL BE SENT TO THE NHM QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE REGISTERED DELEGATES FOUR WEEKS PRIOR TO THE NHM QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE. ONLY NAMES FROM THIS LIST WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED AS NHM OFFICIALS.
- Article I, C, 3: Annual Conference Sessions shall be during Days of Destiny \*or {Camp Meeting} on a day designated by the Conference Executive Council.
- Article I, C, 4: The Clergy Credentialing Service shall be during \*THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION OR Days of Destiny {or Camp Meeting}, an exception shall be the year of the Quadrennial Conference when the service shall take place during the Quadrennial Conference
- Article I, D, 1: The NHM Constitution and Bylaws shall be arranged and edited by the Conference Superintendent, the Conference Secretary/Treasurer and the Conference {Office Administrative Assistant/Office Manager} \*MINISTRIES CENTER STAFF and shall be published {for distribution} \*AND PLACED ON THE NHM CONFERENCE WEBSITE.
- Article I, F, 1: Each local church shall teach the importance of family prayer, Bible study and devotions and how to share their faith with family, friends and neighbors. The Conference Executive Council shall {develop training materials to accomplish this} \*PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR TRAINING MATERIALS.
- Article I, F, 3: Each local church shall provide spiritual counseling and materials needed to aid the spiritual growth of each {convert} \*BELIEVER through the following means:
  - a. The pastor or his appointee shall teach a "new {convert} \*BELIEVER'S class" at least one quarter each year relative to the five Cardinal Doctrines of the IPHC for the benefit of new {converts} \*BELIEVER'S and new members with consideration given to using {Grow} \*MATERIALS published by LifeSprings Resources.
  - c. Each local church shall maintain a record system containing the name, address, and experience of each new {convert} \*BELIEVER.
- Article I, H, 2a: A scholarship of at least \$100 per semester shall be given to ordained ministers, licensed ministers, local church \*MINISTER'S license holders and active members of conference supporting local church congregations who attend Southwestern Christian University or one of the IPHC {schools} \*INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

- Article I, K, 5: {5. the Conference Superintendent, in consultation with the Conference Executive Council, shall develop an emerging leadership council whose members shall receive training regarding conference leadership principles, purposes and practices.}
- Article II, A, 5b: b. Full-time evangelists shall receive \$750 for each event attended ({Camp Meeting}, Days of Destiny, Quadrennial Conference and General Conference) and \$750 for Christmas.
- Article II, B, 7d: Reimbursements (mileage, IPHC and NHM events such as {Camp Meeting} \*DAYS OF DESTINY, moving expenses of an incoming pastor, etc.) NOTE: Each church shall be responsible for its pastor's expenses during {Camp Meeting and} Days of Destiny in addition to his regular compensation

#### **Election results of NHM Executive Council Members**

Following the approval to accept the reading of the Constitution and Bylaws. Chairman Beacham opened nominations for the office of Conference Superintendent. The only nominee was Randell O. Drake.

Results of Ballot for Conference Superintendent: By acclamation vote and standing ovation, Randell O. Drake was elected Conference Superintendent.

Chairman Beacham opened nominations for the office of Assistant Superintendent. The nominees were: Greg Aery, Neil Barlow, Robert Ware and Navil Vaughan. Navil Vaughan withdrew his name for the nomination.

Results of first Ballot: 214 voted; simple majority of 108 needed for election.

Greg Aery- 70 Neil Barlow – 93

**Robert Ware – 51** There was no election.

Robert Ware received the least votes and was dropped, and a new ballot was distributed.

Results of second Ballot: 211 voted; Simple Majority of 106 needed for election.

Greg Aery - 67

Neil Barlow - 144 (Elected)

Neil Barlow was elected as Assistant Superintendent.

Chairman Beacham opened nominations for the offices of five Conference Executive Council members. The nominees were: Greg Aery, Chuck Barrineau, Dustin Blanscet, Harold Brewer, Brad Burton, Michelle Drake, Misty Eldred, Rocky Garrison, Erin McConnell, Tommy McLaurin, James Thornber, Navil Vaughan, Robert Ware, Toby Willoughby.

Results of Ballot 1: 197 voted; simple majority of 99 needed for election.

Robert Ware	150 (Elected)	Misty Eldred	57
Greg Aery	137 (Elected)	Jim Thornber	44
Michelle Drake	100 (Elected)	Brad Burton	43
Navil Vaughan	93	<b>Dustin Blanscet</b>	40
Tommy McLaurin	77	Toby Willoughby	32
Chuck Barrineau	72	Harold Brewer	24
Rocky Garrison	62	Erin McConnell	24

Toby Willoughby, Harold Brewer, and Erin McConnell received the least votes and were dropped as nominees. A new ballot was distributed.

Results of Ballot 2: 165 voted; simple majority of 83 needed for election.

Navil Vaughan67Misty Eldred55Chuck Barrineau52Tommy McLaurin47Rocky Garrison35Brad Burton23James Thornber22

**Dustin Blanscet** 21 There was no election.

Brad Burton, James Thornber, and Dustin Blanscet received the least votes and were dropped as nominees. A new ballot was distributed.

Results of Ballot 3: 138 voted; simple majority of 70 needed for election.

Navil Vaughan 70 (elected)

Chuck Barrineau 58
Misty Eldred 51
Rocky Garrison 50
Tommy McLaurin 43

Tommy McLaurin received the least votes and was dropped as a nominee. A new ballot was distributed.

Results of Ballot 4: 128 voted; simple majority of 65 needed for election.

Chuck Barrineau 61 Misty Eldred 38

Rocky Garrison 29 <u>There was no election.</u>

Rocky Garrison received the least votes and was dropped as a nominee. A new ballot was distributed.

Results of Ballot 5: 127 voted; simple majority of 64 needed for election.

Chuck Barrineau 79 (Elected)

Misty Eldred 48

The Elected Executive Council results are as follows:

Conference Superintendent - Randell O. Drake

Assistant Superintendent - Neil Barlow

Council Members: Greg Aery, Chuck Barrineau, Michelle Drake, Robert Ware, Navil Vaughan.

#### Recognition and Presentation of Awards to Ministers and Churches

#### Heart of Jesus Award – (Wooden Wall Art)

(NHM churches that increased 10% or more in church membership)

Byars PH Church **Pastor Frank Trent** Pastor John Emery Fairview PHC Cabool Victory Worship Center Pastor Bill Kelly Cleveland Community PHC Pastor Pam Buzzard Cromwell PHC Pastor Ruby York Ft. Gibson Calvary Faith Pastor Rocky Garrison Roff Freedom Worship Center Pastor Misty Eldred Stigler River of Life Pastor Jack Sloan Tahleguah Abundant Life Fellowship Pastor Jay Jones

#### Leadership Award – Percentage & Numeric (Crystal Award)

(NHM church with the largest percentage and numerical increase in church membership)

Roff Freedom Worship Center Pastor Misty Eldred

#### > Harvest Award- (Small Framed Art)

(NHM churches that increased 10% or more in AM Worship) Bartlesville New Life **Pastor Connie Brand** Caney PHC Pastor Harold Brewer **Cleveland Community Gospel** Pastor Pam Buzzard Durant Abundant Life Texoma Pastor Mark Allen Fairview PHC Pastor John Emery Ft. Gibson Calvary Faith Pastor Rocky Garrison Jay Community Chapel Pastor Johnnie Scott Kansas City Iglesia Vida Abundante Pastor Francisco Lara Kiowa Praise Fellowship Pastor Linda Snider Konawa Hope Church Pastor Gary Akerman Latta A Place of New Hope Pastor Toby Willoughby Licking PHC Pastor Erin McConnell Madill New Beginnings Church Pastor Travis Williams Mill Creek PHC Pastor Darryl Patrick

Muskogee Grandview Tabernacle

Okmulgee The Refuge Church
Roff Freedom Worship Center
Stigler River of Life
Sulphur First Love PHC
Tahleguah Abundant Life Fellowship
Pastor Rocky Ausbrooks
Pastor Misty Eldred
Pastor Jack Sloan
Pastor Lance Bonner
Pastor Jay Jones

Tulsa SpiritLife Pastor Tommy McLaurin Westville Impact Church Pastor Navil Vaughan

#### Harvest Award – Percentage (Crystal Award)

(NHM church with the largest percentage of increase in AM worship)

Roff Freedom Worship Center Pastor Misty Eldred

#### Harvest Award – Numeric (Crystal Award)

(NHM church with the largest numeric increase in AM worship)
Okmulgee The Refuge Pastor Rocky Ausbrooks

#### SERVICE AWARDS

#### Silver (25+ years)

Monty Duke, Roger Huff, Tammy Huff

#### Bronze (10+ years)

Linda Bacon, Michael Brown, Taylor Drake, Wanda Elliot, Justin Prough, Lindsey Snider, Carie Willoughby, Toby Willoughby

Chairman Beacham recognized Bishop Randell Drake for any miscellaneous business while awaiting the result of the first Executive Council ballot results.

Bishop Drake read the resolution as follows:

A task force will be appointed by the New Horizons Ministries Conference Executive Council to evaluate and study the financial feasibility of Tiger Mountain Conference Center (TMCC) and present their findings with a recommendation on the future of the facility to the NHM 2024 Conference Session.

Chairman Beacham opened the floor for discussion. With no discussion offered, the resolution was approved by voice vote.

Chairman Beacham recognized Assistant Superintendent Neil Barlow who announced the names of the Memoirs Report while Bishop Drake lit a candle in memory of each NHM credentialed member and/or a spouse who had been promoted to Heaven since the last Conference Session.

Chairman Beacham asked the Minister's License candidates and their spouses to stand at the front of the auditorium as he called their names. Chairman Beacham encouraged and charged each candidate from the Scriptures. Bishop Drake presented every candidate with the license certificate, and each was greeted by the NHM Conference Executive Council.

Chairman Beacham began the Ordination service by inviting the candidates and their spouses to the platform. The Conference Executive Council joined Chairman Beacham as the IPHC tallit was wrapped around them. Prayer was offered over each Ordination candidate. Each ordinand received his/her certificate.

Following the election of all Conference Executive Council members, Chairman Beacham installed the Conference Executive Council.

Appreciation was expressed by Bishop Drake to Chairman Beacham for his service as chairman.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn.

#### **DECORUM**

#### A. Rules of Order:

- In all cases not specified in this report, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the business of this Conference.
- 2. All speakers shall be courteous in language and deportment, avoiding all adverse or unkind personal references.

#### B. Proper Recognition:

- 1. All members shall obtain the floor by moving to the nearest microphone and addressing the presiding officer thusly, "Mr. Chairman."
- 2. In case two or more persons address the Chair simultaneously, the Chairman shall use his discretion in recognizing one of them.

#### C. Seating of Delegates:

- Delegates to the Quadrennial Conference shall be seated according to and in compliance with the IPHC Manual.
- 2. Only local churches that have regularly sent written reports and the 10% general tithe to the conference office during the previous twelve months shall have the privilege of seating their delegate(s) to vote in conference business meetings. Full member churches that have been in the conference less than twelve months shall have the privilege of seating their delegate(s) to vote in conference business meetings if the church has regularly sent written reports and the 10% general tithe during the time of membership.
- 3. Only affiliate member churches that have regularly sent written reports and the 10% general tithe to the conference office during the previous twelve months shall have the privilege of seating their delegate(s) to vote in conference business meetings. Affiliate member churches that have been in the conference less than twelve months shall have the privilege of seating their delegate(s) to vote in conference business meetings if the church has regularly sent written reports and the 10% general tithe during the time of membership.
- 4. To have a person who has not been duly elected as a delegate seated to represent a local church, the pastor must submit the name of the delegate to the Delegate Certification Committee Chairman prior to the opening of the business session.
- 5. Visiting ministers from other conferences shall be recognized.
- 6. The bar of the Conference shall be the platform, the audio/video booth and the number of rows of chairs as deemed necessary by the Presiding Officer. There shall be an aisle between the bar and the remaining auditorium seating.

#### D. Procedure of Reporting:

- 1. There shall be no time limit for the report of the Conference Superintendent.
- 2. All other Conference Executive Council members shall confine their reports to three minutes.
- 3. There shall be no report by local officials and delegates.
- 4. Proposed changes shall be prefaced by an asterisk (\*). Where an original word (s), letter(s), number(s), sentence(s), or paragraph(s) is to be deleted, the deleted material shall be enclosed in brackets {} and a line drawn through the deleted material. If substitute language is being proposed, the new language is to be presented immediately following the deleted material and is to be in all bold capitals. Where new wording is being inserted with no deleting of old wording, it shall be in all bold capitals in the context of the original wording.

- 5. After the Decorum Report has been adopted, each committee report shall be read as it is being proposed.
- 6. Only those changes to a Committee Report shall be read.

#### E. Resolutions from the Floor:

Resolutions presented to this Conference from the floor must be in writing and bear the signatures of at least 12 delegates.

#### F. Debate:

- 1. No member shall speak more than three times on the same question and no longer than three minutes at one time
- 2. The Chairman shall alternate speakers.
- 3. The Chairman shall maintain strict neutrality concerning all floor debate and discussions.
- 4. All members shall confine their remarks to the question before the Conference.

#### G. Voting:

- 1. Voting on motions, resolutions and acceptance of reports shall be by voice.
- 2. After a vote has been taken by voice, the Chairman or any member may call for a division of the House.
- 3. In the election of the Conference Officials, nominations shall be by voice and voting shall be by ballot.
  - a. The election of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent shall be conducted individually.
  - b. Nominations and election of the five council members shall be conducted at the same time.
  - c. Names shall be dropped three at a time until three names remain at which time one name shall be dropped if there is no election.
- 4. The election of Conference Officials shall begin after the following:
  - a. The adoption of the Decorum Committee Report.
  - b. The reading and adoption of the section in the Bylaws committee Report dealing with the election of Conference Officials.
  - c. An installation ceremony of new Conference Officials shall be held after the elections.

#### **DELEGATE CERTIFICATION**

- A. The Delegate Certification Committee will follow the criteria for voting membership at a conference session as it appears in the current International Pentecostal Holiness Church Manual.
- B. Members of the Delegate Certification Committee will be chosen according to the criteria as it appears in the current International Pentecostal Holiness Church Manual.
- C. Procedures for ballot voting, distributing, receiving and counting of ballots, and the reporting of ballot results will be determined and decided by the Delegate Certification Committee.

#### CONSTITUTION

#### Article I Name

- A. The corporate name of this body of Christians is the East Oklahoma Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc.
- B. When the full corporate name is not required, this organization may also be known by its trade name: New Horizons Ministries.

# Article II Organizational Form

- A. The East Oklahoma Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. is a regional ministry of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. As such, it is a connectional church with an episcopal form of government.
- B. Membership in the organization shall be of three types as defined in the Bylaws of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc.:
  - 1. Local church members
  - 2. Member churches
  - 3. Clergy

#### C. Quadrennial Conference

When in session, the Quadrennial Conference is the most authoritative body of the East Oklahoma Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc.

#### D. Conference Executive Council

When the Quadrennial Conference is not in session, the Conference Executive Council shall be the most authoritative council, board, or committee in the organizational structure. Its function shall be that of a Board of Directors. As such, it shall be the primary policy-making body between sessions of the Quadrennial Conference.

## Article III Other Constitutional Declarations

The East Oklahoma Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. strictly adheres to Article III. The Apostles' Creed, Article IV. Articles of Faith, Article V. Understanding the Articles of Faith, Article VI. Ordinances, Article VII. Covenant of Commitment, and Article VIII, Church Property and Titles of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. Constitution.

# Article IV Amending the Constitution

Since the East Oklahoma Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. strictly adheres to the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. Constitution, proposed changes to the East Oklahoma Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. Constitution must, in no way, place the Constitution in conflict or contradiction with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. Constitution.

#### **BYLAWS**

# Article I Organizational Structure

#### A. Conference Executive Council:

- 1. The Conference Executive Council shall consist of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and five council members.
  - a. All Conference Executive Council members/positions have no term limits.
  - b. The Conference Executive Council shall elect one of the council members to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.
  - c. The Conference Secretary-Treasurer or an individual appointed by the Conference Executive Council shall be the Recording Secretary and shall keep minutes of Conference Executive Council Meetings. The Conference Secretary-Treasurer shall perform other legal duties assigned by the Conference Executive Council.
- 2. Beginning with the 2027 Quadrennial Conference, any individual, whether credentialed or non-credentialed, who desires to be nominated for or considered for any New Horizons Ministries Conference leadership position, whether elected (Conference Executive Council) or appointed (Conference Ministries Cabinet), must have completed the training established for the Emerging Leadership Council (ELC) VISTA program whose purpose is to prepare, equip and release individuals into leadership opportunities.
  - a. The ELC VISTA program will be developed and sustained by the NHM CEC and presented each year of the Quadrennium.
  - b. Individuals must attend and complete ELC VISTA in each Quadrennium they wish to be considered for an elected or appointed position.
  - c. Individuals who register and attend ELC VISTA must be in good standing (current) in regard to tithing and reporting (NHM Conference clergy) or tithing and attendance (NHM local church non-clergy).
  - d. Individuals who have completed ELC VISTA must be in good standing (current) in regard to tithing and reporting (NHM Conference clergy) or tithing and attendance (NHM local church non-clergy) at the time of their nominations to an elected or appointed NHM position.
  - e. A list of individuals' names who have completed ELC VISTA and are in good standing (current) in regard to tithing and reporting (NHM Conference clergy) or tithing and attendance (NHM local church non-clergy) will be sent to the NHM Quadrennial Conference registered delegates four weeks prior to the NHM Quadrennial Conference. Only names from this list will be allowed to be nominated and elected as NHM officials.

- 3. The Conference Superintendent shall be responsible for employing and/or dismissing all paid Conference personnel in consultation with the Conference Executive Council.
  - a. All office work shall be under the direction of the Conference Superintendent.
  - b. The Conference Superintendent shall be responsible for developing and maintaining a Conference policy and procedure manual.

#### B. Conference Committees:

- 1. The standing committees of the New Horizons Ministries Conference shall be:
  - a. Delegate Certification Committee
  - b. Decorum Committee
  - c. Constitution and Bylaws Committee
  - d. Clergy Credentials Committee
- 2. At least one year prior to the Quadrennial Conference, the Conference Executive Council shall appoint the membership of these committees. Each standing committee shall consist of a chairman, eight ordained ministers and three laymen. The exception shall be the members of the New Horizons Ministries Conference Executive Council and other NHM ordained clergy appointed by the Conference Executive Council who shall comprise the Clergy Credentials Committee.
- 3. Delegate Certification Committee
  - a. The purpose of the Delegate Certification Committee shall be to review and approve the list of certified delegates.
  - b. If the Delegate Certification Committee becomes aware of certification errors or irregularities, either by review or notification, the Committee shall investigate the matter and make a determination regarding the validity of the certification in question.
  - c. A determination of the Delegation Certification Committee may be appealed in writing to the Conference Executive Council. The decision of the Conference Executive Council shall be final.

#### 4. Decorum Committee

The purpose of the Decorum Committee shall be to propose the rules of decorum for the Quadrennial Conference.

#### 5. Constitution and Bylaws Committee

- The purpose of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall be to review the Bylaws for any necessary amendments and to consider proposed amendments submitted to the committee in writing.
- All resolutions or amendments having substantial effect on the Bylaws must be submitted through the Constitution and Bylaws Committee or must bear the signatures of at least 12 delegates.

c. When feasible, continuity between successive Constitution and Bylaws Committees shall be facilitated by reappointing less than a majority of the members of one Constitution and Bylaws Committee to the next Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

#### 6. Clergy Credentials Committee

The purpose of the Clergy Credentials Committee shall be to interview candidates for clergy credentials and recommend and issue clergy credentials in accordance to the IPHC Manual.

#### 7. Other Committee Provisions

- a. Clergy and lay membership on a Quadrennial Conference Committee shall be allowed based on compliance with the financial guidelines of New Horizons Ministries and the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Only lay members who meet the qualifications to serve as members of a Local Church Administrative Council shall be eligible to serve on Quadrennial Conference Committees.
- b. With the exception of the members of the New Horizons Ministries Conference Executive Council, no person shall serve on more than one Quadrennial Conference Committee at a time.
- c. Other Quadrennial Conference Committees may be appointed at the discretion of the Conference Executive Council.

#### C. Conference Calendar and Events:

- The Conference Superintendent, in consultation with the Conference Executive Council and Conference Ministries Cabinet, shall prepare a conference calendar and arrange all conference events each year.
- 2. The Quadrennial Conference shall be on the last Saturday of April, subject to some variations to avoid conflict with Easter weekend or other significant events.
- Annual Conference Sessions shall be during Days of Destiny or on a day designated by the Conference Executive Council.
- 4. The Clergy Credentialing Service shall be during the annual Conference Session or Days of Destiny, an exception shall be the year of the Quadrennial Conference when the service shall take place during the Quadrennial Conference.

#### D. Conference Publications:

- The NHM Constitution and Bylaws shall be arranged and edited by the Conference Superintendent, the Conference Secretary/Treasurer and the Conference Ministries Center staff and shall be published and placed on the NHM Conference website.
- 2. ViewPoint shall be published and distributed regularly.
- 3. All conference ministers and local church members are encouraged to subscribe to NHM and IPHC publications.

#### E. Pastoral Transition:

- 1. Voting for the pastor by the local congregation shall be in accordance with the IPHC Manual.
- 2. Pastoral appointments shall be in accordance with the IPHC Manual.
- 3. If a pastor is considering resigning his pastoral position, the pastor must verbally present this intended resignation to the Conference Superintendent at least three weeks prior to announcing this decision to the Church Administrative Council and/or congregation and must present a written resignation to the Conference Superintendent by the resignation date.
- 4. Each church shall pay the moving expenses of its incoming pastor to his new charge.

#### F. Discipleship:

- 1. Each local church shall teach the importance of family prayer, Bible study and devotions and how to share their faith with family, friends, and neighbors. The Conference Executive Council shall provide information for training materials.
- 2. Each local church shall study the doctrine of The International Pentecostal Holiness Church during the year.
  - a. Systematic training classes shall be held for this purpose.
  - b. <u>Light for the Journey</u> may be used in this program on three levels: junior series, youth series and adult series.
- 3. Each local church shall provide spiritual counseling and materials needed to aid the spiritual growth of each new believer through the following means:
  - a. The pastor or his appointee shall teach a "new believer's class" at least one quarter each year relative to the five Cardinal Doctrines of the IPHC for the benefit of new believer's and new members with consideration given to using materials, published by LifeSprings Resources.
  - Pastors shall preach doctrinal messages based on the five Cardinal Doctrines of the church.
  - c. Each local church shall maintain a record system containing the name, address and experience received of each new believer.
- 4. Each local church shall support and participate in Conference and local church events that provide education, inspiration, and information to further the discipleship of church members.
- 5. Each local church shall annually sponsor its pastor and other key ministry leaders to at least one training seminar or program for spiritual renewal and the development of spiritual gifts/skills.

#### G. Ministerial Credentials:

1. The Conference shall develop and maintain a ministerial credentials program using the courses of study recommended by the General Conference and only books in harmony with the established doctrine of the IPHC.

- Candidates for ordination and license shall complete and pass written or oral examinations on these courses.
- 3. Before any change of marital status occurs, a credentialed NHM minister must notify and discuss the possible change with the NHM Conference Superintendent.
- 4. When an individual with a Local Church Minister's License is appointed as pastor of an NHM church, that individual must complete the Minister's License credentialing process within one year to continue as pastor of the NHM church.
- 5. When an individual with a Minister's License is appointed as pastor of an NHM church, that individual must complete the Minister's Ordination Credentialing process within three years to continue as pastor of the NHM church.
- 6. If possible, newly licensed ministers shall serve an internship of at least six months under a designated pastor before being assigned a pastorate. The Conference Superintendent and the designated pastor shall approve arrangements for the internship.

#### H. Higher Education:

- 1. The Conference shall fully support IPHC church schools, colleges, and other institutions of higher education, with special emphasis being placed on Southwestern Christian University.
- 2. Conference youth, and especially young ministers, shall be encouraged to attend a college or university, with special emphasis being place on Christian / IPHC colleges or universities.
  - a. A scholarship of at least \$100 per semester shall be given to ordained ministers, licensed ministers, local church minister's license holders and active members of the Conference supporting local church congregations who attend Southwestern Christian University or one of the IPHC institutions of higher learning.
  - b. A student shall be enrolled a minimum of nine hours per semester in the undergraduate program or full-time in the graduate program to be eligible for scholarship funds. The Conference Executive Council shall determine the eligibility requirements for said scholarship.
- 3. Whenever possible, the local church shall include Southwestern Christian University in its budget and cooperate in the annual emphasis drive for IPHC educational institutions.

#### I. Transfer of Church Properties and Encumbrance:

- Legal transfer of church properties being sold, names on deeds being changed, or otherwise
  disposed of shall be transacted by trustees or officers of the church corporation only after the
  majority vote of the membership of the local church involved and with the written approval of the
  Conference Superintendent.
- 2. When names on deeds and legal documents are changed, the church shall comply with the current IPHC Manual policy.
- 3. Encumbrance of local church properties shall be accomplished only after authorization by a majority vote of the membership of the local church involved in a duly called meeting and in consultation with the Conference Superintendent and Conference Executive Council.

- 4. When a local church is considering a name change, the church must submit the request to the Conference Executive Council, which must approve the request before the local church begins the process.
- 5. Every local church must have a copy of their property deeds on file in the Conference Ministry Center. Property deeds are to include wording compliant with the IPHC Manual.

#### J. Conference Center Rules:

The Conference Executive Council shall determine the rules for use of Tiger Mountain Conference Center.

#### K. Miscellaneous Items:

- 1. The Conference Ministry Center shall be responsible for the distribution of all Committee Reports to all pre-registered delegates (ministerial and lay) four weeks before Quadrennial Conference.
- 2. The Conference shall annually provide and mail ID cards to all ministers who are current in their tithing and reporting.
- 3. All new church plants, whether started by a Conference credentialed minister or Conference church, shall be planted in cooperation and consultation with the Conference Executive Council.
- 4. Each Conference Ministries Cabinet member, in consultation with the Conference Superintendent, shall submit an annual written budget and strategic plan to the Conference Executive Council for approval.
- 5. Every NHM pastor shall attend an NHM sponsored church growth and/or church revitalization training during the Quadrennium. Each pastor is encouraged to bring at least one local church administrative council member and one local church leader to the training.

## Article II Financial Guidelines

The New Horizons Ministries Conference is committed to the principle of biblical stewardship. We affirm that all resources belong to God and are entrusted to His people for the expansion of His Kingdom.

#### A. Conference Level

- 1. All ministers are required to pay full tithes on all sources of income in accordance with the IPHC Manual. This tithe is to be paid monthly. A minister who has been delinquent for three (3) months regarding his/her tithing shall meet with the Conference Superintendent. If satisfactory amends are not made, he is required to meet with the Conference Executive Council. He will resume tithing immediately and will arrange a reasonable schedule to pay the delinquent tithe in a timely manner. The Conference Executive Council must approve the payment schedule. These requirements shall be enforced.
- 2. Ministers who are not reporting and tithing regularly shall not be considered for open pastorates.

- 3. At least six percent of the Conference ministers' tithes shall be set aside as a Conference Senior Ministers' Appreciation Fund with gift amounts to retired ministers determined by the Conference Executive Council.
- 4. The Conference Executive Council shall set the Conference Superintendent's compensation package. This package is to include:
  - a. Salary and housing allowance
  - b. Benefits (7% retirement for the Superintendent who has the privilege of choosing the retirement plan, family health insurance, etc.)
  - c. Bonuses (vacation at least three weeks with pay plus bonus of two week's salary, Christmas, Appreciation Day, wedding anniversary, birthdays, etc.). Bonuses are to be reported according to Internal Revenue Service Regulations.
  - d. Reimbursements (mileage, IPHC and NHM events, moving expenses of an incoming superintendent, etc.)
- 5. A minister whose primary source of income is ministerial and conducts a minimum of 24 weeks of revival services or 72 revival services per year may be listed as a full-time evangelist.
  - a. Three consecutive days/services shall constitute a week of revival services.
  - b. Full-time evangelists shall receive \$750 for each event attended (Days of Destiny, Quadrennial Conference and General Conference) and \$750 for Christmas.
  - c. To be eligible for the above benefits, full-time evangelists must have a minimum of one year's experience as a full-time evangelist or pastor and must be a member of the Conference for a year prior to receiving these benefits.
- 6. All paid Conference personnel shall be paid from the Conference Ministry Center which shall comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations relative to finance and records.
- 7. Annual financial accountability shall be in accordance with the IPHC MANUAL.

#### B. Local Church Level

- 1. All laymen shall pay tithes on their income into the treasury of the local church where they hold membership.
- 2. All church treasurers shall deposit all monies weekly into the church bank account with all payments from the local treasury being paid by check or other documented methods. Two responsible signatures shall be required on all church bank accounts. It is strongly advised that members of the pastor's immediate family not serve as Church Treasurer or regularly handle church funds. If it is necessary for a member of the pastor's immediate family to serve as Church treasurer or regularly handle church funds, it must be done in consultation with the Conference Superintendent and approved by the Conference Executive Council.
- 3. Each church shall comply with the mandate of the General Conference by sending a full church tithe of 10% to the Conference Treasury to be forwarded to the IPHC Global Ministry Center for the operation of IPHC ministries around the world. A percentage of this tithe is retained by the Conference as designated by the General Conference. The Conference Superintendent shall meet with the pastor and administrative council of any church not in compliance with the 10% tithe to the Conference.

- 4. All persons elected to an office in the local church shall cooperate with the financial plan adopted by this Conference.
- 5. Any Conference Ministry or Department fund-raising campaign among NHM churches shall be conducted only after the campaign has been approved by the Conference Superintendent and the pastors whose churches are to be visited.
- 6. Each Local Church Administrative Council is encouraged to support its Senior Pastor liberally.
  - a. Pastors shall provide the names and addresses of the current Local Church Administrative Council members to the Conference Ministry Center.
  - b. Each Local Church Administrative Council shall review its pastor's compensation package semi-annually for the purpose of giving him at least a cost-of-living raise. The Conference Superintendent shall semi-annually send a letter in regard to this review to the pastor and each member of the Local Church Administrative Council. The Conference Superintendent shall send a follow-up questionnaire to each local church secretary to be presented at the next Local Church Administrative Council meeting concerning the cost-of-living raise. This is to be signed by each Local Church Administrative Council member and returned to the Conference Ministry Center.
- 7. The Local Church Administrative Council will set the Senior Pastor's compensation package. The Conference Superintendent shall annually send out a letter in regard to this to the pastor and each member of the Local Church Administrative Council. The Conference Superintendent shall send a follow-up questionnaire to each local church secretary to be presented at the next Local Church Administrative Council meeting concerning the Senior Pastor's compensation package. This is to be signed by each Local Church Administrative Council member and returned to the Conference Ministry Center. This package is to include:
  - a. Salary and housing allowance
  - b. Benefits (7% retirement for the pastor who has the privilege of choosing the retirement plan, family health insurance, etc.)
  - c. Bonuses (vacation at least two weeks with pay plus bonus of one week's salary during the first four years of service at one local church / at least three weeks with pay plus bonus of two week's salary after four years of service at one local church, Christmas, Appreciation Day, wedding anniversary, birthdays, etc.). Bonuses are to be reported according to Internal Revenue Service regulations.
  - d. Reimbursements (mileage, IPHC and NHM events such as Days of Destiny, moving expenses of an incoming pastor, etc.) NOTE: Each church shall be responsible for its pastor's expenses during Days of Destiny in addition to his regular compensation.
- 8. Offerings received by the local church for General IPHC Ministries shall be sent to the Conference Ministry Center.
- 9. Annual financial accountability shall be in accordance with the IPHC MANUAL.
- 10. Each Quadrennium, the local church senior pastor and secretary/treasurer shall attend a seminar offered by the Conference to be trained regarding current conference reporting and IRS Compliance. This information shall become part of local church policy/procedure.

# Article III Amending the Bylaws

Since the East Oklahoma Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. strictly adheres to the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. Bylaws, proposed changes to the East Oklahoma Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. Bylaws must, in no way, place the Bylaws in conflict or contradiction with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc. Bylaws.

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