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DESTINY & CONFERENCE SESSION





CONFERENCE SESSION NEWS AND TMCC VOTE

The 101st Conference Session of New Horizons Ministries convened with communion, worship and prayer. Following the Presiding Officer's (Bishop Tommy McGhee) Message, the Report of NHM Bishop Randell O. Drake, gifts, books presented to Licensed/Ordained Ministers and Pastors, and the Clergy Credentials Report, the 145 delegates received the motion to sell Tiger Mountain Conference Center from the NHM TMCC Task Force. Included in the delegates' registration packet (and previously mailed to all pastors and licensed/ordained ministers) was the Task Force Financial Feasibility Report which contained the income/expenses for the past 10 years, the resolution wording, a Potential Alternative Camp Proposal and a Potential Sale Investment and Usage Proposal.

A motion was presented to table the vote on TMCC for 3 years until the next Quadrennial Conference. After numerous individuals spoke in favor of and against the substitute motion, a vote was called with the outcome of a 71-70 defeat of tabling the TMCC vote. The floor was opened for more comments for and against the motion to sell TMCC. Following an extended amount of comments, the vote was received with the final tally of 82 in favor of selling and 60 against selling TMCC.

During the Conference Session, numerous awards (Ministerial Service Awards, Heart of Jesus, Harvest, Global Impact Church) were presented along with graduates of the School of Ministry and those receiving Local Church Minister License, Minister's License and Certificate of Ordination. The Conference Session concluded with the Memoirs Video.

The vote on Tiger Mountain Conference Center was historic as it was over 50 years ago when the Conference made the decision to move the campgrounds from Ada to Tiger Mountain. Though delegates had differing opinions on the proposal, the delegates were respectful of each other and each one presented his/her stand with passion and conviction. We are united together as a Pentecostal Holiness Conference. We will continue to work and serve together. The TMCC vote was decided by the Conference delegates as it was a decade earlier when the decision was to not sell TMCC. The NHM Conference Executive Council will bring together individuals to assist with the sale of TMCC and determine a proposal for use of the proceeds.

Thank you to all who attended DESTINY and the Conference Session. We are New Horizons Ministries of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

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Conference Session Presiding Officer: IPHC Discipleship Director TommyMcGhee

Bronze Awards: 10 Years of Ordained Ministry

Silver Awards: 25 Years of Ordained Ministry



FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK: Celebrating America & NHM Centennial

On July 4th, Americans will gather together across the USA to celebrate our freedoms and liberties. Through parades, concerts and community events, we will be the United States on this special day proclaiming July 4th as our Independence Day. Families, churches, and neighborhoods will gather for food and fun. As we gather to celebrate our nation's independence, let us never forget to celebrate the liberty from sin and freedom in

grace we enjoy every day as **Christians**. As the Church, let us rise up and proclaim "**God Bless America**." Let us pray for our nation and her leaders. Let us wave Old Glory, sing "**America**, the **Beautiful**," and join together in unity, love and peace.

On August 26, 1924, the Oklahoma Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church gathered in a conference business session, voting to form 2 conferences: Oklahoma and East Oklahoma. **The East Oklahoma Conference** was established with **48 original churches**, **27 pastors**, and **62 evangelists**.

Ministers and church delegates gathered to conduct conference business: the name of **East Oklahoma Conference** was adopted; the delegates elected Dan W. Evans as Conference Superintendent, L. G. Chilcoat as Assistant Superintendent, Arthur Smith as Secretary/Treasurer and M. L. Dryden and Lon Wilson as Conference Board Members; the Stationing Committee was appointed; the Examination Committee was appointed; dates and locations were chosen for fall rallies; and the district boundaries were established.

In the late 1990s, the **East Oklahoma Conference** and **Ozarks Conference** merged, later choosing the name **New Horizons Ministries**, denoting a new vision and mission.

The NHM Centennial Celebration will be August 10th (10 am – 12 pm), location to be announced. We will recognize former Conference Superintendents, Conference Board/Council members and original Conference Churches still in existence today: Ada, Bartlesville, Bethel, Davis, Henryetta, Kiowa, Okemah, Okmulgee, Pauls Valley, Stratford, Sulphur, Wagoner, and Westville. Music through the decades will be presented. The NHM Centennial Celebration will conclude with a complimentary lunch for all in attendance.

It's our Centennial! 100 Years Strong! Let's Celebrate!



PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FIRST LADY:

Love, Learn & Live #3: The Calling

"I wouldn't, I couldn't do it without the calling of God," was a phrase I recently heard someone say. I began to reflect upon that phrase. Many people say they are "called." I myself have said, "I am called to be a teacher." But was I called to be a "minister's wife"? Did you always see yourself as a minister's wife? How did you come upon the role as the minister's wife? I know for me, I fell in love with a minister and had a desire to be his

"helpmate" in all things. Did that make me "called"?

"Called" is translated from the Greek word "kletos" and is related to the noun "klesis" which means "a calling." It is defined as "God's invitation to man to accept the benefits of salvation." It is a benefit of salvation. To be called by God is to be chosen by God for certain purposes.

God created us and chose us for certain purposes! How exciting! Psalm 139:15 states, "Nothing about me is hidden from you! I was secretly woven together out of human sight." The Lord formed us inside our mother's womb for certain purposes that began after birth and continue throughout life. Ephesians 4:1 says, "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." This verse is part of the letter Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus while he was imprisoned in Rome. Paul himself was aware of his calling and is encouraging us still today to live a life worthy of our calling.

Our culture, our church and our Lord is expecting us to walk worthy of the vocation to which we were called. **Worthy** is defined as "having or showing the qualities or abilities that merit recognition in a specified way." We are God's gift to the church, our family and our communities. What is the focus of our calling? **Ephesians 4:11-12** so clearly explains, "Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

I love that we are reminded and encouraged in **Romans 11:29**, "God's gifts and His call are irrevocable." This means we have these gifts and callings throughout our entire life. It doesn't matter what our specific ministry position is. He equips us whether we are the youth pastor, minister of music, associate pastor, senior pastor and even as a pastor's wife! We are SO worthy!

"So, here is what I want you to do, God helping you, take your everyday, ordinary life, your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, walking around life and place it before God as an offering. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out in you, develops well-formed maturity in you." Message Bible, Romans 12:1-2