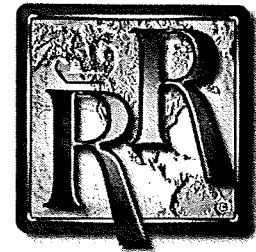


January-February-March 1998

NATIONAL NETWORK



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'98 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- World Day of Prayer, March 6
- Ministerial Enrichment Conf., Springfield, Mo., March 9-11
- National Council, March 19-21
- National Urban Leadership Conferences:
 - April 24-26, Middletown, Ohio
 - Aug. 6-8, San Jose (First Assembly), Calif.
 - Oct. 10-12, New York, N.Y.
- New York Harvest Task Force: Oct. 8, 9, New York City

CAMPORAMA PLANNING EVENTS

Camporama Packets—You may recall that special Camporama Application and Medical Record forms are being published in the spring 1998 *High Adventure Leader* edition. This is to help ensure adequate exposure to outposts. Instructions given on this special insert inform the reader to send these forms directly to the national office. In turn, we will send photocopies of the forms to the district commanders.

Outpost Registration Deadline—Camporama registration fees and forms are due to district offices postmarked by April 1, 1998. Applications received after the postmark date of March 15 must pay \$165.00.

Districts Registration Deadline—1.) Forward all applications, fees, and forms to national office postmarked by May 1. 2.) Check that all travel plans have been confirmed with outposts in your district.

Camp Eagle Rock Work Week: Workers are needed to complete multiple tasks in preparing for the National Camporama. For details on how to assist, contact the National Royal Rangers Training Center, Ralph Glunt—(417) 271-3900, or the national office, Paul Stanek—(417) 862-2781, ext. 4179.

NEWS FLASH

Web Page Development—The National Office is developing a webpage that will appear on the official Assemblies of God website. We anticipate being on-line before National Council.

VISIT THE A/G AT WEBSITE: <http://www.ag.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Council—I look forward to seeing you at the 1998 National Royal Rangers Council, here in Springfield. As noted in the National Council Packet sent to you, this year we will



Silver Eagle Banquet Keynote Speaker: Rev. George O. Wood

NATIONAL COUNCIL

Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, March 17

1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration

WEDNESDAY, March 18

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Standing Committees

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. NULC

→Pathfinder Coord. Training

→Productions Coord. Training

→General Sessions, six classes in all

THURSDAY, March 19

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. DLTS

12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Honorary Members

Committee Luncheon

6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Silver Eagle Banquet

FRIDAY, March 20

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Registration

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Council Business

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Ladies Get Acquainted

12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Ladies Luncheon

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Free Time

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Regional Breakaways

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

SATURDAY, March 21

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Council Business

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Ladies Breakfast

10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Ladies Free Time

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Special Breakaways

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Depart: A/G Hqtrs.

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. LFTL Junior

Councilmen Banquet

gather at the Holiday Inn-University Plaza, March 19-21, at the largest convention center Springfield has to offer. Several activities for you and your spouse are being planned. Remember the registration deadline: postmarked no later than February 23.

Make reservations as soon as possible by calling Holiday Inn-University Plaza at 1-800-HOLIDAY, or 417-864-7333. Tell them you are with the Assemblies of God, Royal Rangers. Check-in time is 2:00 p.m., and check-out time is 12:00 noon. All reservations are held until 6 p.m. on the specified day of arrival. If, when calling for reservations, you know you will be a late arrival, confirm your reservations with a major credit card. Otherwise, you need only to make your reservation. Whether you choose a single room with king-size bed or a double room, the cost will be a daily rate of \$67.50, plus tax—room may be shared by more than one occupant.

Send your completed registration coupon—see DLTS and NULC registration forms enclosed in the National Council Packet—and fees to the national Royal Rangers Office; 1445 Boonville Avenue; Springfield, MO 65802-1894.

Since the council is designed for members, all guests need to be preapproved by the national office. *Note: There will be a \$10 late fee for registrations postmarked after February 23.*

No refunds will be processed on-site, and refunds requested after the convention should be postmarked by April 30, 1998.

Special Council Events

- The Silver Eagle Banquet is Thursday, March 19. This year's keynote speaker is Rev. George O. Wood, general secretary, General Council of the Assemblies of God. He is noted for his humor and in-depth knowledge of God's Word.
- The Light-for-the-Lost Jr. Councilmen Banquet will be held Saturday, March 21. Dr. David Watson, pastor, Central Assembly, Springfield, is speaker for this banquet. The banquet has a Hawaiian Luau theme, so come dressed to theme—no grass skirts please, ha!
- National Urban Leadership Conference training will be offered the afternoon of March 18 for all who are interested in staffing NULC's.
- The second-ever District Leadership

Training Seminar will be held for district commanders and their staff prior to council business, March 19. Please note the corrected title of the FCF training on the schedule listed on page 1.

- An Honorary Members Committee luncheon will be held Thursday, March 19.
- Activities for the ladies will be held throughout the National Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations, Don and Shirley Brock: December 15 marked Don and Shirley's 46th anniversary. Don serves faithfully as the North Central Region coordinator. Our sincerest congratulations to you both!

National Trends—information taken from "All Together, At One Time, In One Place," by 2000 Celebration

Without comment, the following lists of predictable trends for the next 3 years from the Barna group are presented:

Top 10 Social Trends for the Coming Three Years

1. Ethnic fragmentation
2. Generational differences and intolerance
3. Information overload and techno-stress
4. Depersonalization and loneliness
5. Redefined family
6. Ever-changing values
7. Rejection of absolute truth
8. New thinking/learning styles
9. Health threats (new diseases)
10. Deterioration of the social safety net (e.g., welfare, insurance, etc.)

Top 10 Spiritual and Religious Trends for the Coming Three Years

1. Emergence of new models of spirituality (e.g., decline of congregational church, rise of cyber-church, expansion of house churches)
2. Decreased church loyalty; multiple church involvement
3. Acceptance of choices for salvation
4. Ideological polarization
5. Necessity of relational evangelism
6. Redefining of religious faith as personal needs satisfaction
7. Fragmentation of giving among religious organizations
8. Theological syncretism; doctrinal homogenization
9. Engagement in spiritual warfare

10. Reshaping of religious education strategies

Top 10 Leader Development Trends for the Coming Three Years

1. Inadequate communication skills of potential leaders
2. Specialization mindset (i.e., parameters as to what people are willing to do)
3. Willingness to accept the leadership of others
4. Creating meaningful cross-generational relationships
5. Gaining full ownership of the corporate ministry vision
6. Accountability for character issues
7. Remaining encouraged amid change, competitiveness, and other leadership opportunities.
8. Time crunch and priorities
9. Providing proof of the worthiness involvement in the church
10. Embracing realistic evaluation criteria

AG NEWS & INFORMATION

The following articles listed under this heading are *reprinted courtesy of AG News, an electronic publication now available to e-mail subscribers.*

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Assemblies of God Ministers Decry Anti-Prayer Ruling by Alabama Judge—An Oct. 29, 1997, permanent injunction issued by U.S. District Judge Ira DeMent in Alabama prohibits the governor, state attorney general, and state board of education from enforcing a 1993 state law permitting prayer in schools.

According to Governor Fob James, Jr., Judge DeMent, "threatened to hold in contempt of court all teachers and students in

Alabama who offer public prayer to God while at school or even near a school." The ruling, Governor James noted, "cuts at the heart of all that is good in America and brings shame on our nation."

Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor is challenging portions of DeMent's injunction. He has also called on Jay Sekulow, chief counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, based in Virginia Beach, Va., to assist in appealing DeMent's injunction.

According to Religion News Service, Sekulow described DeMent's order as unconstitutional because it is "vague, over-reaching and flies in the face of numerous Supreme Court rulings."

Assemblies of God ministers across Alabama decried the injunction. The Rev. William Tyndall, pastor of First Assembly of God in Mobile, pointed out that judicial authorities like DeMent are "wrongly interpreting the Constitution. We all know that. But when you're dealing with a humanist mind, a secular mind, a God-hating mind, then I can understand why they cannot rightly interpret. We need to pray for them, but we also need to have strength to stand."

The injunction specifically targets schools in DeKalb County in response to a lawsuit there, but if undefeated it would create a precedent for other cases.

"It will probably be a landmark ruling," pointed out Pastor Charlie Glover of Calvary Temple in Anniston, "and other counties will follow suit if it is not defeated."

"There are people who are trying to erode the position that we've always maintained in this country," stated the Rev. Vaudie Lambert, district superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Alabama. "They are going under an interpretation of church/state separation that is moving away from our founding fathers' position."

The traditional interpretation of the Constitution allowed for school prayer through most of the United States' history. Pastor Ricky Holmes of Beth Haven Bible Church (Assemblies of God) can look back to his own elementary school years and recall the impact prayer had on his life in the public schools.

"Even though I didn't realize it then, I know now it had an effect on my life," Holmes said. "It had an effect on the way I acted in those classrooms and I had a little more respect for the teachers that I

don't see that students have anymore."

Lambert still can hear his sixth grade teacher beginning each day with a reading from Proverbs: "Every morning she made us recite from Proverbs, 'a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches or silver or gold.' That was indelibly stamped on my mind. And of course we always opened in prayer."

Some Christians might wonder if anything good could come from a judicial measure passed against prayer. But Holmes can identify at least one positive outcome.

"I think we're in for a revolution, not in a military sense, but a revolution spiritually in our prayer life with Christians bonding and coming together regardless of our denominational barriers. I'm seeing people come together now as a result of this that cross all the barriers of Christian denominationalism."

Holmes noted that court action has sparked a variety of protests.

"I heard this morning that one of the PTA organizations in the Florence area had always opened their PTA meetings with prayer. There's a controversy there because the meetings are held on school grounds. As a protest they have moved their meetings to one of the churches in town."

According to Holmes, some students are wearing pins that say they are for prayer in schools and several communities are having prayer vigils. "In Rainsville," he noted, "about 1,000 people met in one of the community centers on Thanksgiving Day to pray for this situation. It's not over by a long shot."

Holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas only increase public awareness of prayer and other religious expression. The injunction's broad guidelines impact many traditional seasonal observances.

David Azbell, deputy press secretary to Governor James, explained to *AG-NEWS* that the governor's office is committed to supporting any schools that continue with traditional Christmas observances, such as the use of nativity scenes. He said that if anyone is found in contempt of court for violating the injunction, the full power of the governor's office will be behind them.

While future court battles will play a vital role in the direction religious expression will take in Alabama's schools, legal measures are not the sole means of bringing about change.

"You know, the Lord is going to help us," Lambert stressed. "We're going to stick by our guns here in Alabama. It's spiritual warfare. We can fight it in the courts, but we've got to go to the throne of grace and fight it too."

National Prayer Center—Operating the Assemblies of God's National Prayer Center is not easy, admits the Rev. Sandra Clopine, coordinator.

"Besides technological glitches that occur, we have callers who abuse our volunteers verbally, try to obstruct the phone lines, and generally cause confusion when possible," she said. "However, the vast majority call from a world of hurt and express appreciation for our being available to pray with them."

Since the center's founding in October 1994, more than 300,000 calls have come in. Reporting recently to the *Denominational Prayer Leaders Network*, Clopine said the center received more than 700 calls a day during the first 11 months of 1997. The National Prayer Center can be reached at 1-800-4-PRAYER (1-800-477-2937). Operating hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., CST.

During the first weeks of January, the center was scheduled to add 5 new Satellite Prayer Centers to the 23 that are already active. The satellites are located across the country at churches and other ministries. When on-line, these additional volunteers have calls routed to them along with the volunteers at the National Prayer Center in Springfield, Mo.

"It's because of this volume of prayer," Clopine stressed, "that numbers of callers have prayed the sinner's prayer; others have been delivered from alcohol, drugs, pornography, and the occult; marriages have been restored; jobs have been provided; and dramatic healings have taken place. To God be the glory for it all!"

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NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP is designed to give leaders professional training in camping and leadership, plus the opportunity of outstanding fellowship and adventure in the outdoors. Locations and dates: Fort Mead, Florida (Camp Wilderness), February 5-8; Emigrant Gap, California (Donner Mine Camp), May 14-17; Goodlettsville, Tennessee (Camp Ambassador), May 21-24; Boone, Iowa (A/G Campground), May 28-31; Cedar Creek, Arizona (Fort Apache A/G), June 25-28; Cle Elum, Washington (Koinonia), August 23-30; Castail, California (Verdugo Oaks Camp), September 3-6; Woodstown, New Jersey (Camp Roosevelt), September 10-13; Grass Lake, Michigan (Fa-Ha-La Conference Center), September 17-20; Eagle Rock, Missouri (Camp Eagle Rock), September 24-27; Springville, Alabama (Camp Lone Eagle), October 15-19.

ADVANCED NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP is designed to provide Royal Rangers leaders with additional training beyond that offered at the National Training Camp. It will also help inspire leaders to greater involvement in the Royal Rangers ministry. A leader must have attended NTC before enrolling. Location and dates: Woodworth, Louisiana (Woodworth A/G Camp), October 29-November 1.

BUCKAROOS/STRAIGHT ARROWS TRAINING CONFERENCE is designed to give leaders training in various techniques and methods of leadership. Leaders will also receive training in various aspects of the Straight Arrows and Buckaroos ministries. Locations and dates: Lake Wales, Florida (Masterpiece Garden), January 29-February 1; Grass Lake, Michigan (Fa-Ho-La Conference Center), April 30-May 2.

NATIONAL ACADEMY is a national training school designed to train selected leaders to become staff members for national training camps. Locations and dates: Phase 1—Eagle Rock, Missouri (Camp Eagle Rock), May 6-10; Phase 2—National Staff School: Emigrant Gap, California (Donner Mine Camp), September 17-20; Phase 3—Eagle Rock, Missouri (Camp Eagle Rock), May 4-10.

NATIONAL CANOE EXPEDITION is designed to give leaders specialized training on how to conduct canoe trips and to provide outstanding adventures in some of the most beautiful canoe country in America. Locations and dates: Jackman, Maine, June 11-14; Great Falls, Montana, August 12-15.

WINTER NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP offers professional training to leaders in winter camping, camp craft, and various winter-related activities. The camp will be conducted in an appropriate winter setting. The WNTC is designed to inspire leaders to provide more activities for their outposts during winter months. Location and dates: Mineral, California (Mount Lassen Camp A/G), January 29-February 1.

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