

Assemblies of God reports gain

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Assemblies of God records show membership increased six percent during the year ending May 1.

Bartlett Peterson, general secretary, reported membership in the U.S. reached 751,818, as compared to 710,071 a year ago.

Assemblies of God congregations now number 8,920 in the United States. There are 12,570 ordained ministers and another 6,390 licensed, making a total of 18,951 clergy in this country.

Fifty-one local congregations showed an average attendance gain of 100 or more during the past year. Oklahoma City's First Assembly, pastored by Dan Shaeffer, topped the nation with a net church school attendance gain of 499.

Atlanta's Assembly of God Tabernacle registered the second largest gain of 378. Evangel Tabernacle, Louisville, Ky., was third with 357.

North Texas District churches

have the largest single district membership with 47,931. Southern California is second, with Northern California—Nevada and Oklahoma third and fourth respectively.

District gains by percentages show Alaska leading with a 21 percent addition in membership. Georgia was second with 19 percent and the Peninsular Florida District indicated gains of 18 percent.

"Local church congregations innovating in their communities are responsible in large part for this growth," A/G officials affirmed.

They also pointed to a dedicated team of national, district, sectional, and local leaders who are involved in programs with the primary objective of congregational growth.

The current widespread charismatic renewal has also played an important role in the growth of the Assemblies of God.

Missionaries of the Assemblies of God, largest Pentecostal church group in the world, now serve in 92 countries. Overseas members and adherents number 3,938,274.

PAUL STANEK NAMED TO ROYAL RANGERS POST

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Paul E. Stanek Jr., 31, of Griffin, Ga., has been named national promotional and training coordinator for Royal Rangers, the Assemblies of God program for boys.

He succeeds Don Franklin, who has served in the position for the past three years. Brother Franklin resigned to become pastor of Springfield Assembly in Battle Creek, Mich.

For over 11 years the new coordinator has been involved in district Royal Rangers leadership. He served the Georgia District as its Royal Rangers Commander and Aide-de-Camp and has provided consultant services to Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida for the program.

Brother Stanek serves with the United States Army Reserve as a chaplain carrying the rank of first lieutenant. He holds a master's degree in education, Ed.S. degree in administration, and is completing a doctoral program. He is presently director of the Griffin Christian School.

National Royal Rangers Commander Johnny Barnes said, "Paul Stanek has served with distinction on the staff of six National Training Camps and National Training Trails. He will bring valuable experience and skill to this position."

There are now approximately 120,000 Royal Rangers members



WITH CHRIST

William W. Wagnon, 83, Warren, Ark.; on March 19, 1974.

Brother Wagnon was a pioneer of our Movement in Arkansas, having been an ordained Assemblies of God minister since 1920. He pastored several churches, including Blue Springs, Kingland, Union Grove, Beulah Land Assembly at Crossett, and Happy Home Church near Hampton. He is survived by his wife Leona and four sons. One son Floyd is an Assemblies of God minister and a grandson David is a minister of youth.

Robert L. Moore, 70, Lakeland, Fla.; on March 28, 1974.

A member of the Peninsular Florida District, Brother Moore was a pastor, educator, and administrator. He served as teacher and president of Northeast Bible Institute from 1960 to 1964. He also was on the faculty and served as dean of education at South-Eastern Bible College from 1949 to 1960. Brother Moore also pastored in New Jersey. He is survived by his wife Anne, a son, and a daughter.

H. Mack Snow, 73, Orlando, Fla.; on April 18, 1974.

Brother Snow was a member of the Peninsular Florida District and pastored churches in Georgia and Florida. He also ministered as an evangelist for a time. He is survived by his wife Maurine and three children.

Lawrence E. Blue, 72, McKinleyville, Calif.; on April 23, 1974.

Brother Blue, a member of the Northern California—Nevada District, pastored several churches in Oklahoma, Florida, and California. He also did evangelistic ministry for a time. He is survived by his wife Dorothy and a daughter.

Annie B. Brown, 78, Marianna, Fla.; on March 30, 1974.

Sister Brown was a member of the West Florida District. She served the Lord as an evangelist and co-pastor. She is survived by her husband Earl.

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