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3. Launch the strategy throughout our Movement at the 75th anniversary General Council in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1989.

4. Hold regional conferences in 1990 to help districts and pastors put this growth strategy to work.

5. Encourage districts to begin implementing this strategy for evangelism through district councils, ministers institutes, and other district-sponsored events during 1989 and 1990.

6. Call on districts to adopt resolutions supporting and cooperating with recommendations in the committee's report.

Conscious of the need for spiritual renewal to make any evangelism strategy work, the committee concluded:

"We as a Movement need a Holy Ghost revival. . . . We need to rediscover the things that made us what we are, such as a great zeal for God, signs and wonders, prayer, Holy Ghost anointing, and boldness to declare the gospel." ☞

### Message read to Council delegates

## Executive Presbytery releases statement on Bakker, Dortch, PTL

Former PTL president Jim Bakker made no contact with church officials before turning over control of the TV network and entertainment properties to TV minister Jerry Falwell. That's the statement General Superintendent G. Raymond Carlson read to delegates at the General Council during the Friday morning session.

Reading from a statement prepared by the Executive Presbytery, Carlson said: "Neither Jim Bakker nor Richard Dortch, who were both credentialed with the Assemblies of God, made contact with the North Carolina District or General Council officials before arrangement with Jerry Falwell and before releasing information to the media."

Carlson said the Executive Presbytery released the statement because of the "volume of national publicity relative to the PTL matter, and since some of the principals involved carried Assemblies of God credentials."

Bakker and Dortch were dismissed from the Fellowship after investigation of Bakker's admitted sexual misconduct and the subsequent PTL controversy.

The statement said both ministers were invited to meet with district and national offi-

cers after controversy developed around their ministries.

"That door was left open to them throughout the entire proceedings," the statement said. "Neither of them chose to avail themselves of these opportunities."

Despite the failure of either minister to respond, the statement said, "The leadership of our Fellowship felt it was imperative to follow the established procedures of investigation and discipline."

"After disciplinary action was taken, neither of the principals availed themselves of the right of appeal, as provided in the General Council constitution and bylaws."

The statement expressed sadness that "convictions of holiness and personal piety have been eclipsed with self-interests and prosperity."

It said: "Creature comforts have become the idols of too many today. Even the religious communities have been invaded by an emphasis on pleasure, prosperity, and personal gain."

The presbytery urged Assemblies of God ministers and churches to "seek the Lord in humility and repentance for His blessing and guidance upon our lives and upon our Fellowship." ☞

### Teenagers gain scholarships

## Illinois youth named 1987 Royal Ranger of the Year

Richard Weber of St. Charles, Ill., was selected as 1987 Royal Ranger of the Year. Richard represented the Great Lakes Region in competition with seven other Royal Rangers in Springfield, Mo., in July.

As Royal Ranger of the Year, Richard represents more than 125,000 boys.

Richard, 17, attends First Assembly, in Wheaton, Ill., where Charles Meppelink is pastor.

A student at St. Charles High School, Richard has received the following awards: National Honor Society; High School Theatre Award; Gold and Silver Buffalo; and Gold Medal of Achievement.

As Royal Ranger of the Year, he qualifies for a \$1,000 scholarship.

First runner-up is Joe Van Est of Mediapolis, Iowa (North Central Region). Joe, 17, is a member of First Assembly, Burlington, Iowa, where Nor-



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man Wenig is pastor.

Joe will receive a scholarship of \$500 as first runner-up.

Other regional representatives in the competition were Thad Beeler (Gulf), John Bender, Jr. (Northeast), Candido Gamez (Southwest), Brad Miller (Southeast), Dan Swanson (Northwest), and R. Chris Wilmoth (South Central).

Candidates were evaluated for Royal Ranger of the Year on the basis of achievements, individual testimonies, letters from school and community leaders, and interviews. ☞

### Revivaltime airs from Oklahoma City

## Council broadcast includes Canadian general superintendent

I am convinced that radio is one of the greatest media for reaching people with the gospel of Jesus Christ," James MacKnight told some 2,500 people gathered at the special *Revivaltime* broadcast originating from the 42nd General Council, Friday, August 7.

The occasion marked the first time MacKnight, general superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, has ever appeared on the broadcast. Noting that *Revivaltime*, radio voice of the Assemblies of God, has been the official broadcast ministry of the PAOC since 1963, MacKnight declared, "There is a crying need for hearing the Word of God spoken clearly, and I believe radio provides that medium." He told *Revivaltime* Evangelist Dan Betzer during

the on-the-air interview that the speaker's "voice going forth, faithfully handling the Word, is being powerfully used around the world."

Assemblies of God General Superintendent G. Raymond Carlson also spoke at the broadcast and commented on *Revivaltime's* premier TV coverage of the Revivaltime World Prayermeeting last November. "Last year, for the first time," Carlson said, "nearly every participating church in the U.S. and Canada had the opportunity of combining its local Prayermeeting with the main service via cable or satellite dish."

The General Council edition of *Revivaltime*, which featured singer Solvei Larsen, was heard on more than 560 stations Sunday, September 20.