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ANNUAL MEETING: November 18-19, 1993

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the North American Society for Church Growth is open to all who wish a professional affiliation with colleagues in the field. The Society includes theoreticians such as professors of church growth, as well as practitioners such as pastors and consultants. Both denominational executives and parachurch leaders have joined. Some members specialize in domestic or monocultural church growth, while others are crossculturally oriented.

Membership include a subscription to Church Growth Journal, Global Church Growth, and Church Growth Today newsletter. Annual dues: \$47.50.

DEFINITION OF CHURCH GROWTH

Church Growth is that discipline which investigates the nature, expansion, planting, multiplication, function and health of Christian churches as they relate to the effective implementation of God's commission "to make disciples of all peoples" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Students of Church Growth strive to integrate the eternal theological principles of God's Word concerning the expansion of the Church with the best insights of contemporary social and behavioral sciences, employing as the frame of reference, the foundational work done by Donald McGavran.

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MINUTES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CHURCH GROWTH EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

October 15-16, 1992

Minutes

The following 45 members of the North American Society for Church Growth were in attendance at the society meeting on October 15 to 16, 1992 in Pasadena, California:

Lyman Alexander	Robert George	Gary Reinecke
Marty Alexander	Eddie Gibbs	Gary Scheer
Simeon Alexander	Samuel Hershey	Margaret Slusher
Eric Britcher	Dennis Hunt	Wilfred Su
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Michael Estep	Wilbert McKinly	Joe Webb
George Fraser	Marlin Mull	Ralph Winter
Jonathan Gainsbrugh	Robert Norton	Tom Wolfe
Carl George	Daniel Reeves	Flavil Yeakley
		Thomas Youngblood

In addition to the above members several spouses, speakers, and guests were in attendance at the banquet and meeting. The theme for this year was "500 Years and Counting," focusing on Western Hemisphere evangelization from its discovery by Columbus to the L.A. riots and beyond.

The following activities took place at this year's meeting. All general sessions (*) were audio and video recorded.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 12:00 p.m.** **Executive Committee Meeting and Lunch**
- 2:00 p.m.** **Registration at the Holiday Inn, Pasadena**
- 2:30 p.m.*** **Introduction and Ministry Reports: All members present were invited to podium for self-introduction and ministry reports.**
- 3:45 p.m.*** **Reginald Morris, credited with rescuing a Korean citizen from a mob, presented his personal experiences in "A Testimonial and Update on the L.A. Riots."**
- 4:15 p.m.*** **Presentation by Dr. Wilbert S. McKinley, Senior Pastor of Elim International Fellowship, Brooklyn, New York: "The Decade of the Cushite--Teaching Self-Esteem to Urban Blacks."**
- 6:00 p.m.*** **Dinner: Following the meal, Carl George presented the McGavran Award to Dr. McKinley (see attached award citation). Dr. Flavil Yeakley was introduced for the customary President Elect's address. His topic was, "Challenges to Common Understanding from the Churches and Church Membership Census of 1990."**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 7:00 a.m.** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m.*** **Presentation by Joe Webb focusing on, "The Future in Which the Church Will Minister."**
- 9:30 a.m.*** **Dr. Bob Logan spoke on, "The Latest Models and Practices of Church Planting."**
- 10:15 a.m.*** **Presentation by Dr. Dan Reeves entitled, "Current Consulting Practices in Church Growth."**
- 11:00 a.m.*** **Dr. Ralph Winter presented, "A Perspective on 500 Years of Expansion of the Christian Movement in the Western Hemisphere."**

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the North American Society for Church Growth was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by President Carl George. This was the eighth annual meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Carl George opened the meeting with a brief introduction and special request that Dr. C. Peter Wagner give an account of his participation in a conference he attended in Nigeria along with 13,000 pastors from 45 African nations.

Carl George then outlined the topics of business to be addressed by those present. He extended birthday wishes to Wilbert McKinley and anniversary congratulations to Dr.C. Peter Wagner and his wife, Doris.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was no official report since Doris Wagner had resigned her position early in the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carl George reported that there will be about \$4,000 on account after the banquet expenses are paid. Dues are expected to remain \$47.50 for next year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Bill Sullivan presented the recommendation of the Nominating Committee (past presidents in attendance) as follows: Dr. John Vaughan, First Vice President; Dr. Gary McIntosh, Second Vice President; and John Hinkley, Secretary.

As Second Vice President, Dr. Gary McIntosh will be responsible for the recruitment of new members for next year.

FUTURE NASCG MEETINGS

Carl George outlined a plan of action for future meetings of NASCG. It was proposed that the Society contract with Fuller Evangelistic Association (FEA)

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to co-sponsor a national seminar two to three days preceding the annual meeting with the expectation of splitting any net proceeds. (It is hoped that this would provide an opportunity for the Society to increase its membership and its funding base.)

This arrangement would require that FEA file a "DBA" (Doing Business As) application using the Society's name, thus allowing Fuller's professional management team to administer the Society's business affairs. This plan would be rescindable at any time, would essentially replace the functions of the Treasurer, and would not expose the NASCG to any losses incurred by FEA if the seminar revenue did not cover all costs.

The meeting was opened for discussion and questions were taken from the floor to clarify the technical aspects of this proposal. Flavil Yeakley summarized the alternative: that the Society continue to be managed informally by volunteers on an "ad hoc" basis. A vote was taken and the proposition was approved with the stipulation that NASCG officers would make suggestions on the seminar plans, but would not have final say, because they were not wishing to be responsible for operating losses. Carl George agreed to submit this proposal to FEA and that a contract would be presented to NASCG officers with final details for their approval.

Dr. Flavil Yeakley was installed as the eighth president of the NASCG. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.