

# ADVANCE

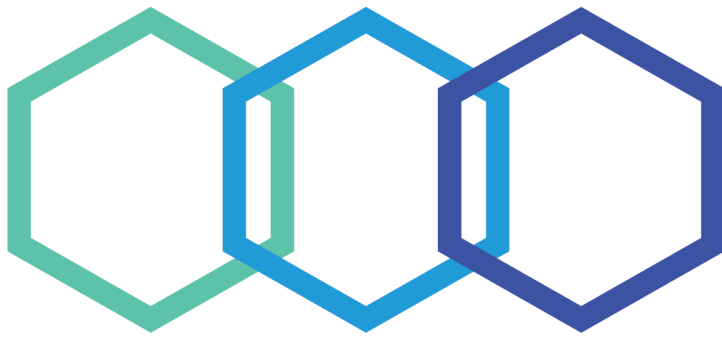
## SUMMIT

2026

IPHC



Great Plains Conference  
Equipping For The Harvest



Healthy, Growing, Multiplying



The IPHC vision of Arise 2033 is, in basic terminology, asking us to double the size of our Churches, Conferences, and Denomination by the year 2033. In Great Plains, we are excited for and challenged by the vision of Arise 2033. We will achieve our Arise 2033 mandate by striving to achieve the following goals:

2020-2026: Grow by 9 Ministers and 2 Churches Annually  
2027 - 2033: Grow by 12 Ministers and 3 Churches Annually

Total: 35 Churches  
Total: 207 Leaders

To reach these goals together we will need:

**Healthy, Growing, Multiplying  
Church Goers:**

- Pray for the Arise 2033 Vision
- Bring 3 New People to Church Each Year
- Join the School of Ministry

**Healthy, Growing, Multiplying  
Leaders:**

- Further Your Growth in the School of Ministry
- Evaluate Your Calling
- Join a Peer Learning Community
- Participate in Church/Staff Coaching

**Healthy, Growing, Multiplying  
Pastors:**

- Participate in Church/Staff Coaching
- Multiply your Church (Plant a Church, Start an Ethnic Service, Multi-site, etc.)
- Encourage Your People to Participate

WHY SHOULD YOU BE A PART OF ARISE 2033?  
Our cities are full of people who don't know the love of Christ!

## Welcome to the ADVANCE Summit

Members of the Great Plains Conference,

Welcome to the 92nd Annual Conference Session (now ADVANCE Summit) of the Great Plains Conference!

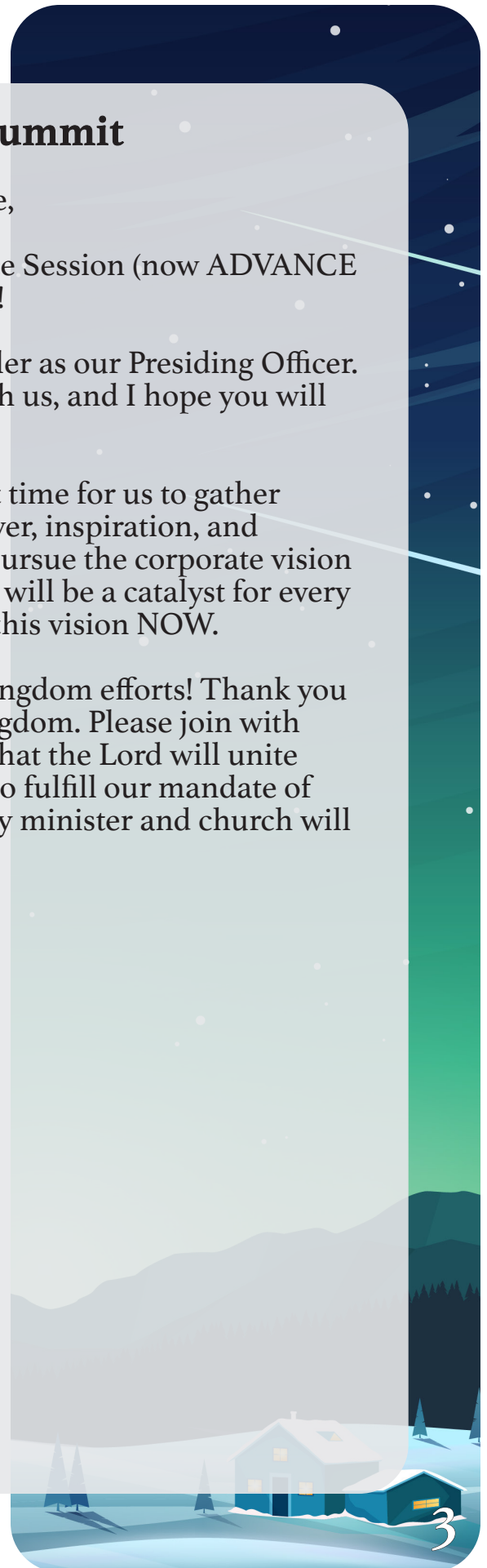
This year, we welcome Bishop Jason Beiler as our Presiding Officer. We are excited to have Bishop Beiler with us, and I hope you will make him feel welcome.

Our ADVANCE Summit is an important time for us to gather together for vision casting, worship, prayer, inspiration, and celebration as we position ourselves to pursue the corporate vision of ARISE 2033. I hope that this weekend will be a catalyst for every minister and church to begin to pursue this vision NOW.

It's a joy to serve alongside you in our Kingdom efforts! Thank you for all that you do to ADVANCE the Kingdom. Please join with me in prayer for this weekend as I pray that the Lord will unite our hearts and help us as a Conference to fulfill our mandate of "Equipping for the Harvest" so that every minister and church will make an impact in their community.

Serving with you,

Scott Hampton  
Conference Superintendent  
Great Plains Conference



## ADVANCE Summit 2026 Schedule

Friday September 11th:

6:30pm - Doors Open

7:00pm - World Missions Great Commission Meal - Mathias Estrada

8:00pm - Worship Service w/ Bishop Jason Beiler

Saturday September 12th:

8:00am - Lead Pastors Meetup

8:30am - Doors Open

9:00am - ADVANCE Summit

- 9:00am - Welcome & Recognitions - Bishop Scott Hampton

- 9:05am - Worship - Mathias Estrada

- 9:20am - IPHC Presentation by Presiding Officer - Bishop Jason Beiler

- 10:00am - State of the Conference Report - Bishop Scott Hampton

10:20am - Financial Report - Chelsea Bunn

10:40am - Ministry Directors Reports

- Evangelism - Patrick Estrada

- Discipleship - Jake Bunn

- World Missions - Mathias Estrada

11:00am - Memoirs Committee Report - Bishop Scott Hampton

11:05am - GPC/IPHC Update - Bishop Scott Hampton

11:40am - Communion - Conference Executive Council

12:00pm - Dismissal



# Clergy Credentials Report

ADVANCE Summit 2026  
Credentials Committee Report

Dropped credentials list:

David Gutierrez  
Sandra Gutierrez

## **State of the Conference Report**

### **- Scott Hampton**

Dear Great Plains Conference Family,

It continues to be one of the greatest privileges of my life to serve as your Conference Superintendent. As I reflect on the 2025–2026 ministry year, I am filled with gratitude for God’s faithfulness and for the incredible people who make up the Great Plains Conference.

First, Heather, Karsyn, Paxton, Shanna, Kinsley, and I want to sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve alongside you. This assignment has always been a family commitment, and I am grateful for the love, encouragement, and sacrifice of my family that allows me to serve in this role. Some of our most meaningful moments throughout the year have been the times we have shared with you—worshiping together, praying together, and simply enjoying fellowship as a Conference family.

The past year has been a significant season for Great Plains. We have experienced growth in churches and ministers, expanded our Conference family, strengthened our leadership development efforts, invested in pastoral health, and continued building structures that will position us for future ministry.

### **Representing Great Plains Beyond Our Conference**

One of my responsibilities as Superintendent is representing the Great Plains Conference throughout the larger IPHC movement. It remains a privilege to carry our Conference with me into these settings and to see Great Plains recognized as a healthy, growing, and contributing part of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Throughout this past year, I participated in all required Council of Bishops meetings, both in person and virtually. I have completed my 4-year term serving on the Council of Bishops Executive Committee (COBEC). I also completed my 13th year (3rd term) as a member of the IPHC Discipleship Ministries Council.

Serving Bishop Tommy McGhee and the Discipleship Ministries team will always be considered a great honor. In addition to serving on the council, I had continued consulting with the Discipleship Ministries team and was privileged to participate in ministry opportunities connected to this important area of our movement.

With the changes made by the 30th IPHC General Conference this past summer in Mobile, Alabama, my time on both the Council of Bishops Executive Committee and the Discipleship Ministries Council has concluded. I will remember those seasons of ministry joyfully. For this new quadrennial, I have been selected to serve on the IPHC Conference Advancement Committee that works to support and strengthen the leadership of each IPHC Conference. I am honored by the selection and excited for this new season of serving the IPHC in this capacity.

In my role with Southwestern Christian University as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, we have seen the school make it through crisis moments that we thought could lead to its closure, to the Fall 2026 enrollment being what is believed to be the largest in the University's history. The Lord is faithful!

In every setting, I desire to represent Great Plains well and to see our Conference recognized for the Kingdom work taking place among our churches and leaders.

### **Conference Growth and Expansion**

One of the most significant developments of this ministry year has been the continued growth of the Great Plains Conference family through deepening our connections with those ministers and churches that joined us from the former Grace Bible Ministries. Their addition has represented more than numerical growth; it represents new relationships, expanded ministry opportunity, and a greater ability to impact communities across our region.

This expansion has also led to the creation of a new Eastern Region of the Conference, extending our ministry presence into the eastern portion of Texas. As Great Plains continues to grow, we recognize the need to strengthen our structure and regional relationships so that we can provide meaningful support and care to every church and minister.

We are excited about this new season and continue to have conversations with other churches and ministers who are exploring partnership with Great Plains. As of the writing of this report, we are currently in a conversation with another church in the Mesquite, TX area about joining the Conference.

### **Team GPC**

I am incredibly thankful for the leaders who serve alongside me and help carry the vision and mission of Great Plains.

Our Executive Council—Patrick Estrada (Assistant Superintendent/ Evangelism Director), Jake Bunn (Discipleship Ministries Director), Mathias Estrada (World Missions Director), Chelsea Bunn (Secretary/Treasurer), and myself—has continued working together to provide leadership, direction, and support for our churches and ministers.

I am also grateful for our Ministry Directors who faithfully serve in their areas of responsibility:

- \* Talon Romero - Digital Content
- \* Esther Romero - School of Ministry
- \* Debbie Estrada - Intercession
- Chris Boroughs - Student Ministries
- Ashton Foster - Kids Ministries

Each of these leaders is committed to serving our churches and providing resources that help strengthen ministry across the Conference. I encourage you to take time to review their individual reports and connect with them concerning opportunities and resources available to your church.

## Leadership Development

The continued development of leaders remains one of the primary focuses of the Great Plains Conference. Healthy churches require healthy leaders, and our responsibility is to identify, equip, and empower men and women who can serve the Church and advance the Kingdom of God.

Currently, Great Plains has 99 credentialed ministers:

- \* 31 Local Church Ministers
- \* 17 Licensed Ministers
- \* 51 Ordained Ministers

We have continued to see improvement in the culture of tithing and reporting throughout the Conference. While we have had to remove ministers from credentialed status due to non-tithing, we are encouraged by the overall movement toward greater faithfulness and accountability.

Faithful reporting and participation in our tithing covenant allows us to better resource churches, support ministry efforts, provide assistance when needed, and collectively advance the mission God has given us.

Throughout the year, we continued investing in leadership development through several key initiatives:

ADVANCE Summit continues to serve as an important gathering for worship, fellowship, celebration, reporting, and vision casting. It provides a valuable opportunity for our Conference family to reconnect and celebrate what God is doing throughout Great Plains.

Ministerial Credentialing Program (School of Ministry) continues to provide accessible online training for those pursuing credentials. Great Plains remains one of the conferences leading the way in utilizing this platform to remove geographical barriers and equip future ministers.





INCaM (Hispanic School of Ministry) continues raising up Hispanic leaders through Spanish-language ministry training, particularly within our West Region.

I3 Conferences have become the most impactful leadership development opportunity in our Conference. These gatherings exist to inspire leaders, invest in their development, and challenge them to influence others. Our 2026 gatherings were highly attended and deeply impactful. We had 72 leaders attend I3 West in Albuquerque, NM with Dr. Luis Avila, 64 leaders attend I3 Central in Amarillo, TX with Dr. Michelle Anthony & Tim Shepherd, and 40 leaders attend I3 East in Corsicana, TX with Dr. Stephen Jennings. That means we equipped 176 local church leaders within the Great Plains Conference through I3 in 2026!

Youth and Young Adult Ministry continues to be an important part of developing future leaders. Through Ignite Winter Retreat, Reload Camp, Free Camp, and YouthQuest, we have witnessed young people respond to God's call and take steps toward spiritual maturity and ministry involvement.

In 2026, we had a sort of "soft launch" of Peer Learning Cohorts. We had some successes and also some learning moments throughout these efforts. These Cohorts are designed to help pastors and ministry leaders learn from one another, share experiences, and build relationships so that no leader has to walk alone, and we will be taking another run at them soon.

### **Church Development**

The Local Church remains God's primary vehicle for reaching communities and transforming lives. Therefore, developing healthy churches continues to be a central focus of Great Plains.

With the addition of the Grace Bible Ministries churches, Great Plains now includes 42 churches and ministries. This growth requires us to continue evaluating how we provide support, communication, pastoral care, and resources throughout our expanding Conference.

Our goal is not simply to increase the number of churches, but to see healthy churches established that make disciples, reach communities, and reproduce Kingdom impact.

Moving forward, we will continue strengthening three primary areas:

**Church Planting:** We are working to develop a stronger church planter pipeline that includes discernment, training, coaching, and financial support. The key is identifying potential church planters

**Church Revitalization:** We are committed to walking alongside existing churches that desire renewal through coaching, resources, spiritual support, and strategic assistance.

**Pastoral Transitions:** We are continuing to explore ways to help churches prepare for future transitions by developing emerging leaders, strengthening associate ministry roles, and utilizing our School of Ministry to raise up future pastors.

In order to support these Church Development priorities, the Conference Executive Council has allocated an initial \$20,000 for Church Planting & Revitalization. If you are looking to plant a church or revitalize your church, please speak with our Evangelism Director, Patrick Estrada, to see how you can get involved.

## **Pastoral Care**

One of the greatest lessons of this past year has been the importance of caring for those who carry the responsibility of ministry leadership.

Healthy pastors help create healthy churches. When leaders are spiritually, emotionally, and relationally healthy, churches are better positioned to fulfill their mission.

Throughout this year, we have had the privilege of walking with many of you through difficult seasons. We have prayed with families facing loss, sickness, and hardship. We have counseled marriages, helped connect ministers with needed resources, and provided support during seasons when pastors needed rest and renewal.

Pastoral care is not simply an additional ministry responsibility—it is central to who we are as a Conference family.

Moving into 2026–2027, we will continue developing resources and partnerships in areas including:

- \* Mental and emotional health counseling through Jennings & Associates
- \* Financial health and stewardship through the IPHC Pastor Care Initiative
- \* Ministers' spouse and family care
- \* Future opportunities for a Ministers & Spouses Retreat

Our commitment remains clear: pastors and leaders should never feel like they are carrying ministry alone.

### **50x100: A Vision For Our Next Season**

All of the efforts outlined in this report are connected to a larger vision for the future of the Great Plains Conference. We are not simply developing programs, strengthening structures, or pursuing growth for growth's sake. We are preparing for the next generation of ministry and believing God for greater Kingdom impact across our territory.

With that in mind, we are launching 50x100—a Conference-wide initiative with a simple but significant vision: to reach 50 churches in the Great Plains Conference by 2034, our 100th anniversary.

Reaching 50 churches will require us to think about growth in a comprehensive way. We cannot simply add churches through planting and recruitment while allowing existing churches to decline or disappear. 50x100 is about both growth and health. We want to strengthen the churches we already have while creating pathways for new churches to be planted and for healthy independent churches to find a spiritual home within the Great Plains Conference.

We see three primary pathways for accomplishing this vision:

### 1. Strengthening Existing Churches — Revitalization

The first responsibility is to care for and strengthen the churches already entrusted to us. Church revitalization will be a major component of 50x100 because we want to ensure that we are not gaining churches on one end while losing them on the other. Through coaching, leadership development, discipleship, strategic planning, resources, and financial assistance when appropriate, we want to help churches accomplish their mission, gain momentum, and be healthy, multiplying congregations.

### 2. Planting New Churches — Reaching New Communities

We must also continue identifying and developing people who are called to plant churches. Through our developing church-planting pipeline, we want to help potential planters move through discernment, training, coaching, and funding. This may include planting completely new congregations or helping you, our existing churches, launch additional campuses. Every new church gives us another opportunity to reach people and communities with the Gospel.

### 3. Welcoming Independent Churches — Building Kingdom Partnerships

There are also healthy, Kingdom-minded churches that are not currently connected to a family. Many of us already have relationships with independent pastors and church leaders. We want to be intentional about building those relationships and introducing them to the Great Plains Conference. Some may be looking for fellowship, covering, resources, accountability, or a family with whom they can pursue the mission of Christ.

For this vision to become reality, we need the participation of everyone in the Conference. 50x100 cannot be accomplished by the Superintendent, Executive Council, or a small group of leaders. Every church and every Lead Pastor has a role to play.

I want to challenge every Lead Pastor to prayerfully consider three questions: Is there an independent church pastor you already know whom you could introduce to us? Is there someone within your congregation who may have a calling to plant a church or lead a new campus? And, perhaps most importantly, is your church in a season where some additional encouragement, coaching, or partnership could help you become even healthier and more effective in reaching your community?

If every Lead Pastor would help us identify just one of these opportunities, the potential impact would be significant. With 42 churches already in the Conference, we believe we could surpass 50 churches well before 2034.

At the same time, our measure of success will not simply be the number of churches on our roster. We want to see healthy churches that are reaching people, making disciples, developing leaders, and reproducing themselves. A church added to Great Plains is important, but a church strengthened, revitalized, planted, or positioned to reproduce represents an even greater Kingdom opportunity.



As we approach our 100th anniversary in 2034, we want to celebrate more than a milestone number. We want to look back and see communities reached, churches strengthened, new congregations established, leaders developed, and lives transformed by the Gospel.

50x100 is a vision for a stronger, healthier, and growing Great Plains Conference. It will take all of us, but together we believe God can accomplish far more than we could accomplish individually.

## Conclusion

The 2025–2026 ministry year has been a meaningful season of growth, expansion, and strengthening for Great Plains. We have welcomed new churches, developed leaders, planted churches, expanded our ministry reach, and continued caring for our pastors and families.

As we look toward the future, we remain committed to developing healthy leaders, growing healthy churches, planting new churches, strengthening discipleship, advancing evangelism, supporting missions, and caring for those who serve.

The Great Plains Conference is entering an exciting season. God is continuing to open doors, and we believe the best days are still ahead. Now, as we look toward our own 100th anniversary in 2034, we are embracing a new challenge through 50x100: 50 churches in the Great Plains Conference by our 100th anniversary.

That vision will require faith, prayer, sacrifice, leadership development, church planting, revitalization, and the willingness to work together. Most importantly, it will require us to trust God for what only He can accomplish.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your partnership, your generosity, and your commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ. Heather and I are honored to serve alongside you, and we continue praying for your families, your churches, and your ministries.

In His Service and Yours,  
Scott Hampton  
Conference Superintendent  
Great Plains Conference



## Secretary/Treasurer - Chelsea Bunn

Members of the Great Plains Conference,

It is a privilege to present this annual financial report and share that, by the grace and favor of God, we can look back on this past year with gratitude, giving credit to our Faithful Father. What has been accomplished financially is ultimately a testimony to His blessing and our commitment to wisely steward what He has entrusted to us.

We want to sincerely commend and thank the churches and individuals who tithe and give consistently. Your generosity is an important part of the strength and ministry of this Conference. Every tithe and gift helps us fulfill the work God has assigned to us, and your faithfulness demonstrates a shared desire for His mission. The favorable financial outcome we report is ultimately a testimony to God's blessing, working through the generosity and commitment of His people.

Throughout the year, we too remained committed to financial integrity and the God-given financial priority of fully and faithfully tithing each month, as well as forwarding funds designated for World Missions. We praise God for His provision for all conference obligations as we followed His guidance.

This allowed us the opportunity to host 13 events in three different regions during the spring. We were grateful to be able to cover the costs of these gatherings and especially valued the opportunity to spend meaningful time with our leaders and pastors.

Financially, this year presented a significant challenge. The IPHC calendar resulted in exceptionally high travel expenses, with both the Global Assembly in Europe and the General Conference in Mobile, Alabama taking place in the same year. Meeting our regular monthly obligations while covering these additional expenses was an exercise in faith and dependence upon God.

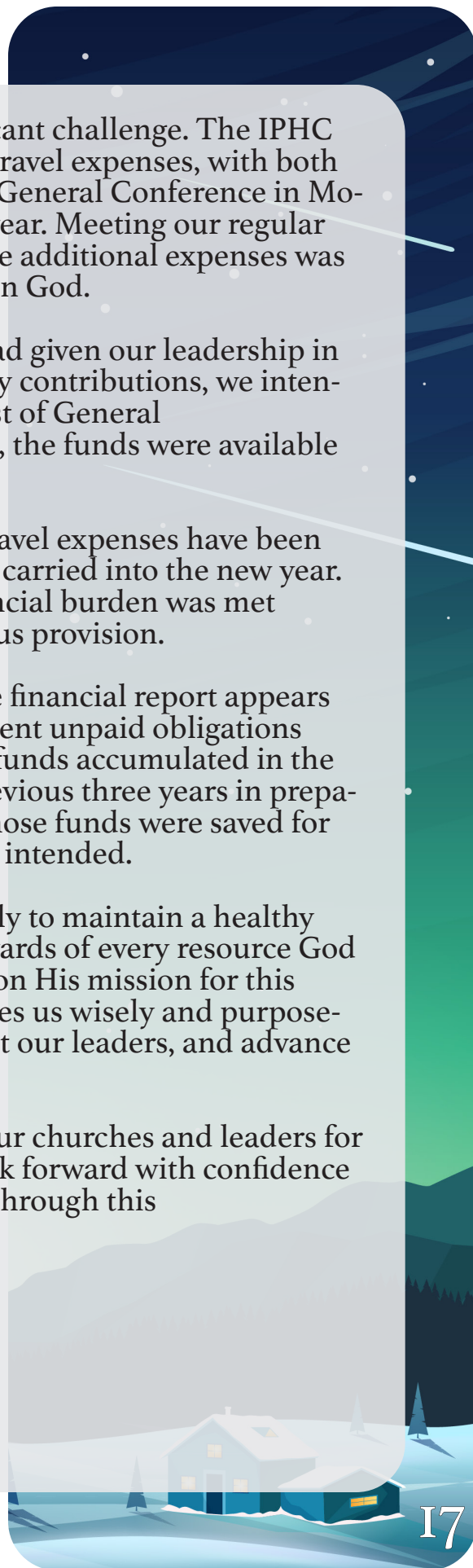
Yet we saw the benefit of wisdom God had given our leadership in previous years. Through regular monthly contributions, we intentionally saved toward the anticipated cost of General Conference. Because of that preparation, the funds were available when we needed them.

We can therefore report that all of our travel expenses have been fully covered, and there is no debt being carried into the new year. What could have been a significant financial burden was met through wise planning and God's gracious provision.

You may notice that the final total on the financial report appears as a negative figure. This does not represent unpaid obligations or debt. It reflects the intentional use of funds accumulated in the Conference bank account during the previous three years in preparation for this year's higher expenses. Those funds were saved for this purpose and have now been used as intended.

As we look ahead, our desire is not simply to maintain a healthy financial position, but to be faithful stewards of every resource God provides so that we can remain focused on His mission for this Conference. We want to use what He gives us wisely and purposefully to strengthen our churches, support our leaders, and advance the Gospel.

We thank God for His favor and thank our churches and leaders for their faithfulness and generosity. We look forward with confidence to what He will continue to accomplish through this Conference.



## Great Plains Conference Finances | Fiscal Year: September 2025-August 2026

| Income                                     |                     |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Church Tithe                               | \$90,209.97         |
| Minister's Tithe                           | \$104,405.36        |
| World Missions                             | \$18,181.06         |
| Designated Missions                        | \$7,029.90          |
| GO Offering                                | \$6,151.16          |
| Guatemala Clean Water Project              | \$5,000.00          |
| Other                                      | \$42,539.98         |
| Events/Trainings                           | \$13,944.46         |
| CLIP                                       | \$1,750.35          |
| Donations                                  | \$6,454.81          |
| Interest                                   | \$6,767.59          |
| Reimbursement                              | \$13,622.77         |
|                                            |                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>\$255,336.37</b> |
| Expense                                    |                     |
| GMC - IPHC Funds                           | \$76,313.15         |
| Tithe                                      | \$61,105.99         |
| World Missions/GO                          | \$13,308.16         |
| CLIP                                       | \$1,899.00          |
| GPC Mission Project: Guatemala Clean Water | \$5,000.00          |
| Ministry: Development & Resources          | \$70,977.94         |
| Travel/Vehicle                             | \$30,233.94         |
| Events/Trainings/Leadership Development    | \$35,830.55         |
| Pastoral Care                              | \$1,113.45          |
| Sponsorship/Gifts                          | \$3,800.00          |
| Operations: General & Administrative       | \$105,010.63        |
| Labor/Payroll                              | \$87,749.95         |
| Admin, Online Expenses/Subscriptions       | \$4,820.65          |

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Insurance/Utilities/Services     | \$10,009.93         |
| Professional Fees                | \$1,861.72          |
| Bank & Credit Card Fees/Interest | \$1.00              |
| Reimbursable Charges             | \$567.38            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$257,301.72</b> |
|                                  |                     |
| <b>Excess/Deficit</b>            |                     |
| Income                           | \$255,336.37        |
| Expense                          | \$257,301.72        |
| <b>EXCESS</b>                    | <b>-\$1,965.35</b>  |

## Assistant Superintendent/Evangelism Director - Patrick Estrada

### MEETINGS ATTENDED

Served on the IPHC By-Laws Committee. Attended all zoom and in person meetings except one.

Finish my time with the By-Laws Committee in Mobile, AL at the IPHC General Conference. It was a real privilege to represent the GPC during this time.

Attended the I3 meeting in Dallas/Ft. Worth area during which I was able to meeting several of our new churches members that joined our GPC from Grace Bible Conference. Also attended the I3 in Albuquerque.

Attended GPC Executive Council Board Meetings

Jonah 4:11, God was concerned about the great city, but he's also concerned about our smaller communities as well. ALL CHURCHES MATTER! Small churches, large churches, house churches all help to make up the Body of Christ and each are needed to be healthy and growing for the sake of the Gospel. If you have any questions or need help with evangelism in your church and/or community, please contact me at 806-231-7275 or email at [pjestrada70@yahoo.com](mailto:pjestrada70@yahoo.com) as I would be glad to help in anyway I can.

Patrick Estrada,  
GPC Evangelism Direcctor



## **World Missions Director - Mathias Estrada**

Throughout 2026, the Great Plains Conference continued to emphasize the importance of world missions through fellowship, missions education, and participation in conference-wide events. Several key events and initiatives were carried out during the year with the goal of strengthening missions awareness and encouraging greater involvement in missions within the Great Plains Conference.

As part of the I3 Discipleship training throughout 2026, World Mission Meals were hosted in three locations, providing opportunities for fellowship while highlighting the importance of supporting and participating in world missions.

February 21, 2026 — Amarillo, Texas

March 21, 2026 — Dallas, Texas

May 2, 2026 — Albuquerque, New Mexico

Rev. Steve Coffey joined us in Amarillo, and newly appointed Bishop Terry Tremel joined us at the other two events. It was an honor to have them with us to share their passion for World Missions. These events focus on the mission of reaching the nations and supporting our missionaries in the field both financially and through prayer.

I participated in Reload Summer Camp, held June 11–14, 2026. Participation in Reload provided an opportunity to connect with the next generation and emphasize the importance of missions, discipleship, and answering God's call to serve beyond our local communities. We believe that God is raising up young missionaries within our conference and desire to help them carry out the call God has placed on their life.

I attended the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) General Conference in Mobile, Alabama, July 15–17, 2026.

Attendance at General Conference provided an opportunity to connect with leaders and ministries from across the denomination, gain greater understanding of the direction of IPHC missions, and build relationships that will help strengthen future missions efforts within the Great Plains Conference.

Planning and preparation for the 2027 Great Plains Conference Missions Trip has experienced some delays due to several significant structural and personnel changes at the General IPHC level. While these changes have affected the timeline for planning, the desire and commitment to move forward with another missions trip in GPC remain strong. We are hopeful that the necessary changes will become more settled and that we will be able to get the planning process back on track as soon as possible.

As we move forward, the focus will remain on strengthening and cultivating a heart for missions within the Great Plains Conference, creating opportunities for churches and individuals to participate in mission trips, giving, and clear pathways to be involved in Missions.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as your World Missions Director and I look forward to seeing what God will continue to accomplish through the Great Plains Conference as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission and take the Gospel to the nations.

Respectfully submitted,

Mathias Estrada  
World Missions Director  
Great Plains Conference

## Discipleship Ministry Director - Jake Bunn

“The gospel is not about making bad people moral, but about making dead people alive” - Barrett Johnson

It has been a fruitful ministry year, highlighted by our winter retreat, “3” I3 leadership events (Inspire, Equip, and Support), ReLoad, Free Camp, and General Conference. Leading in this capacity and serving alongside dedicated leaders to help local churches make disciples is a true privilege. I am deeply grateful for my teammates and their unwavering devotion to their roles. Chris Boroughs (Student Ministry Leader) and Ashton Foster (Kid Ministry Leader) continue to be invaluable resources for the Great Plains Conference. I highly encourage you to lean into their support—whether you have questions about curriculum, camps, or “prayer grounds,” Chris and Ashton are ready to help. Looking ahead to this coming year, we remain committed to exploring new ways to serve your local churches and provide relevant, timely resources for your leadership teams.

For His Kingdom,  
Jake Bunn

### 2025-2026 Timeline:

September 23rd, 2025 - Discipleship Summit hosted in N.C.

- Connected with Tim Shepard and made plans for I3 Central

October 4th, 2025 - Men’s Ministry Event hosted by New Covenant in Plainview, TX

- Pastor W.A. Mills did a wonderful job leading the training, and Blake Endrizzi delivered a powerful testimony. The host church kept the event engaging throughout the day with fun door prizes.

December 5-6th, 2025 - Great Plains Full council meeting

December 6th, 2025 - Young Adults Gathering (CHC)

February 13-14th 2026 - Ignite hosted at Christian Heritage in Amarillo, TX

March 21st 2026 - I3 East hosted in Corsicana, TX

- Dr. Jennings was the main communicator through the day as spoke on pastoral health.

February 21st, 2026 - I3 Central hosted at Elevate Church in Amarillo, TX

- Communicators included Dr. Michelle Anthony and Tim Shepard
- Focal points were on the IFF (Initiative for Faith and Family)

March 22nd, 2026 - Spoke in Van Alstyne, TX

April 8th, 2026 - Launched Spiritual Parenting at Christian Heritage Church

May 2nd, 2026 - I3 West in Albuquerque, NM

- Pastor Luis Avila did a wonderful job with guiding the sessions throughout the day, and providing relevant, leadership training.
- Held a Great Plains Conference Executive Council Meeting

June 12-14th, 2026 - ReLoad hosted in Leuders, TX

- I had the opportunity to do some leadership training and multiple churches present.

June 25-28th, 2026 - Amarillo Free Camp hosted at Christian Heritage Church

July 13-17th, 2026 - General Conference held in Mobile, Alabama

- July 14th - Attended Day of Discipleship

August 29th, 2026 - Great Plains Conference Executive Council Meeting

## Intercession Director - Debbie Estrada

### MEETINGS ATTENDED:

March 21, 2026 I3 East meeting held in Dallas/Ft. Worth area  
May 2, 2026 I3 West meeting held in Albuquerque

Still overseeing the GPC Prayer Chain which connects Prayer Directors from GPC churches together to share prayer request. This allows us as THE BODY OF CHRIST to help carry the burdens of each other and the precious people He has placed in our realm of influence. We also cover our pastors & leadership.

If you are a pastor or prayer director for a local church and would like to participate with our prayer chain, please contact me at 806-231-9326 or [destradawin@yahoo.com](mailto:destradawin@yahoo.com).

Remember that we are a place of hope & a people of promise!!!

Debbie Estrada, GPC Prayer Director (WIN)

## School of Ministries Director - Esther Guenther

2026 Fall

Active students:

3

Taking a break:

3

Old system:

1

Potential new student:

2



## Digital Content Director - Talon Romero

Members of the Great Plains Conference,

We're going strong into the second year of the AI craze. AI models continue to advance at rapid speeds, becoming easier to use, and AI continues to invade our toasters as well as other things it doesn't need to be in. While some AI things can be silly at times, it's definitely worth taking a closer look into how AI can assist you in your ministries. For churches lacking volunteers for graphics, AI image generation can do a lot of the heavy lifting. It's also great for troubleshooting technical issues. Is your computer running slow or your sound system acting up? Ask AI on potential solutions. I've used AI multiple times in ways to improve workflows for our Sunday service.

One thing I was very excited about this year was the conference has purchased its own sound system. This significantly eases organization for conference events by taking a major part of planning out of the equation. I'm very thankful for all the churches that would band together, often taking down Sunday equipment, setting up for the conference event, tearing down, and running back home to set up again. This new system will provide a solid system for events and also be a familiar setup for anybody running it.

I was very thankful to attend our Reload youth this year. After missing it last year, I was excited to get back to helping with worship and the camp video. Some of the youth had offered to assist with the video this year. I look forward to hopefully training more of our youth stepping up and learning something new.

As always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions. If you are a tech leader or volunteer, I would love to connect with you. Feel free to contact me through my cell or email.

Thank you,  
- Talon Romero

## **Student Ministries Director - Chris Boroughs**

It was an incredible year for GPC Student Ministries! Getting to connect with so many faces, both familiar and new, from across the conference at our events was such a highlight. I truly believe we're stepping into a season where God is going to do far more than we've ever seen before.

As we launch into this new ministry year, I'm deeply grateful for the churches that continuously show up and support conference events, as well as those who have recently jumped in with us. The time is now to see our congregations and leadership refreshed and driven by our students. If your church hasn't been involved yet, I'd love for you to reach out and get plugged in, it's making a real impact on the health of our local churches.

We've got a couple of key dates coming up that you won't want to miss:

February 13-14: IGNITE (Student & Leader Winter Retreat) @ Christian Heritage Church (Amarillo)

June: Reload (Summer Camp)

Thank you again for the privilege of serving your church and your student ministry.

Chris Boroughs

## Kids Ministries Director - Ashton Foster

My name is Ashton Foster, and I have the opportunity to serve in children's ministry through the IPHC. Professionally, I am a full-time Speech-Language Pathologist in an elementary school, and I also serve as the Children's Ministry Director at my local church. My passion for children's ministry is to see children of all ages and abilities worship, develop a personal relationship with God, and grow boldly in their faith. I also have a heart for seeing the church come alongside families by creating meaningful opportunities for spiritual conversations and experiences that can continue beyond the walls of the church.

At the denominational level, I have been selected to serve as part of a 12-person cohort helping to write, design, and provide training for a new curriculum called The Sound. The Sound is being developed as a practical resource for churches of all sizes to help children know Jesus and grow in their faith. Each resource is designed to be accessible, adaptable, and immediately useful, even for churches with limited time, volunteers, or resources. The Sound is expected to launch in Spring 2027.

At the local church level, I recently had the opportunity to help guide our congregation through an experience called PrayGround. This was designed to give families a hands-on opportunity to pray together for their children's schools, teachers, friends, and individual needs. Families rotated through prayer stations throughout the sanctuary, where simple activities, such as writing prayers or tying knots, helped guide their prayer time. At the conclusion, families also had the opportunity to receive prayer together from members of our prayer team. It was encouraging to see prayer happen naturally between parents and children and to watch families intentionally slow down and pray together.

My hope in serving in this role is not to be someone who has all the answers, but rather someone who comes alongside churches and ministry leaders to listen, encourage, and help. I hope to be a resource and a helping hand as we identify practical tools, ideas, and support that meet the unique needs of your church and children's ministry.

## The Report of the Memoirs Committee:

Your Committee on Memoirs respectfully submits the following:

Mary Maggard:

Mary Naomi Maggard, 86, of Pampa, Texas, joyfully answered God's call home on Sunday, July 19, 2026, in Amarillo, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 13, 1940, in Baca County, Colorado, to John and Helen Harbert.

She was blessed with many talents, including a lifelong gift for playing the piano. From an early age, she used that gift to glorify God, playing for churches and revivals. It was through music and ministry that she met Albert while he was preaching in Campo, Colorado, and she was playing the piano. Their paths continued to cross, and on October 16, 1956, they were married in Springfield, Colorado. From that day forward, Mary and Brother Albert ministered faithfully side by side until his retirement.

After their marriage, the couple moved to Oklahoma, where Mary graduated from Southwestern Bible College. Throughout her life, she held many jobs, including positions at Alco, Lowry's Music Store, Marie Foundations, Anthony's, and Tarpley's. She was also a wonderful Avon saleslady and even did ironing for several patrons. Of all the roles she filled over the years, the one that remained constant was that of a preacher's wife, a calling she carried with grace and dedication. Yet her greatest earthly joy was being a wife, mom, and Gigi.

Mary's hands were never idle. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, embroidery, planting flowers, playing the piano, writing songs, and playing games—especially Farkle and Wahoo. She loved the challenge of putting together 300-piece puzzles and was a wonderful cook, especially known for her manicotti. She also loved Hershey's chocolate so much that her mother made Albert promise, before they married, that he would always make sure she had plenty—and he faithfully kept that promise. Mary could be ornery and a little mischievous at times. She loved to go fast, embraced adventure, and was always willing to go anywhere on a whim. Her love of life, her laughter, and her deep love for the Lord will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know and love her.

Otis “Chuck” Garrison:

Otis Earl (Chuck) Garrison, age 95, entered into his eternal rest after a long and faithful life of service, devotion, and love.

Born on March 31, 1930, Chuck lived a life marked by resilience, faith, and dedication. He was the proud father of Brenda Garrison Clowers (husband Daniel), Otis Garrison III (wife Charletta Phillips Garrison), and Rhonda Garrison Daniels (husband Rodney Daniels). He also cherished his stepdaughters Jackye Baker (husband Andy) and Tami Macias (husband Rafael) and their families. His legacy with his children continue through 8 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, four siblings, and his beloved wives: Bonnie Burton Garrison, with whom he shared 42 years of marriage, and Jauauna Durham Hartman Garrison, with whom he shared 27 years.

A man of deep faith, Chuck was an ordained minister with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. For more than 60 years, he faithfully pastored congregations across six states, leaving behind countless lives touched by his preaching, counsel, and example. His devotion to the Word of God was evident in the countless study notes he left behind-testimony to his lifelong pursuit of truth and wisdom.

Chuck also served his country with honor as a proud post World War II Air Force veteran. His service was during the clean-up years of 1946-1949. His love for America was matched only by his love for the Lord. In his leisure, he enjoyed the simple pleasures of cowboys movies, a reminder of his rugged spirit and enduring appreciation for the values of hard work and perseverance.

Otis Earl “Chuck” Garrison will be remembered as a cowboy at heart, a soldier of courage, and a preacher of the Gospel. His life was a living testimony of faith, service, and love, and his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.



Ron Brunson:  
Went to be with the Lord May 26, 2026

He Pastored New Covenant Church in Plainview, TX for 36 years. Not only was he the Pastor but he was faithful to Mission works trips, ministries. He wrote Christian poems, songs and sang and played many stringed instruments. He started Cowboy Church in the Area; started Christian roping camps also in Muleshoe; Servant training school; Boys Christian Cowboy training; Cowboy Church band. He ministered at the Spiritual Warfare Conference in Pennsylvania and Beaumont. Part of the Ministerial alliance in Plainview.... He was mentored by Frank Hammond.

When Pastor Ron retired, he worked with Dennis Hartley and Bishop Scott to bring New Covenant Church into the IPHC; as he stepped back from the pulpit, he never stepped back from being a full servant of God. He is greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Memoirs Committee





# ARISE TO MISSION

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE



TRAINING

## COMMAND

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE  
(MATT 22:36)

## COMMISSION

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES  
(MATT 28:19)

### GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

TARGET AUDIENCE: CONF. SUPT'S AND PASTORS

LEADERSHIP IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT

PRAYER || THEOLOGY

### DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES WORLD MISSIONS MINISTRIES EVANGELISM USA

TARGET AUDIENCE: PASTORS AND LAITY

MINISTRY EXPANSION

DISCIPLESHIP/BIBLE TRAINING

STEWARDSHIP

- COMMUNICATING THE VISION
- GRAPHICS/VIDEOS/SERMON RESOURCES
- PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR THE FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS
- ALIGNING MINISTRIES TO THE FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS

MISSION

## EQUIP AND ENERGIZE



### CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENTS

IPHC Resource Distribution || Affirmation of Pastors  
Establishing Conference-wide Cohorts for Pastors  
"Tailoring the experience" for Pastors/Churches

## GROW & GO



### LAITY

Prayer || Participate in Small Groups  
Personal Evangelism  
Practicing Generosity

## RESOURCE & REPRODUCE



### PASTORS

House of Prayer Opportunities || Systematic Bible Study  
Church-wide Personal Evangelism Emphasis  
Presenting Giving Opportunities



# ARISE TO MISSION

AMA A DIOS, AMA A LOS DEMÁS



ENTRENAMIENTO

## MANDAMIENTO

AMA A DIOS, AMA A LOS DEMÁS  
(MAT 22:36)

## COMISIÓN

VAYAN Y HAGAN DISCÍPULOS  
(MAT 28:19)

### SUPERINTENDENTE GENERAL

AUDIENCIA OBJETO: SUPERINTENDENTES Y PASTORES  
DESARROLLO DE IDENTIDAD DE LIDERAZGO  
ORACIÓN || TEOLOGÍA

### MIN. DE DISCÍPULADO MIN. DE MISIONES MUNDIALES EVANGELISMO USA

AUDIENCIA OBJETO: PASTORES Y SEGUIDORES DE CRISTO  
EXPANSIÓN MINISTERIAL  
DISCÍPULADO/ENTRENAMIENTO BÍBLICO  
MAYORDOMÍA

- COMUNICAR LA MISIÓN
- GRÁFICAS/VIDEOS/RECURSOS PARA SERMONES
- PROVEER RECURSOS PARA LAS CUATRO ÁREAS DE ENFOQUE
- ALINEAR MINISTERIOS A LAS CUATRO ÁREAS DE ENFOQUE

## EQUIPAR Y ENERGIZAR

### SUPERINTENDENTES DE CONFERENCIAS

Distribución de Recursos IPHC || Afirmación de Pastores  
Establecimiento de grupos para pastores en toda la Conf.  
"Adaptando la Experiencia" para Pastores/Iglesias

## CRECER E IR

### LAICOS

Oración || Participa en Estudio Bíblico  
Evangelismo Personal  
Práctica Generosidad

## PROVEER & PRODUCIR

### PASTORES

Casas de Oración || Estudio Bíblico Sistemático,  
Énfasis en Evangelismo Personal para toda la Iglesia  
Presentar Oportunidades para Dar

MISIÓN



# ARISE TO MISSION



LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

(MATT 22:36, MATT 28:19)

**1** PRAY  
EVERYDAY

**2** PARTICIPATE  
IN BIBLE STUDY

**3** PROCLAIM  
THE GOOD NEWS

**4** PRACTICE  
GENEROSITY





# ARISE TO MISSION



**AMA A DIOS, AMA A LOS DEMÁS**

(MAT 22:36; MAT 28:19)

**1 PERSISTE**

**EN ORACIÓN DIARIA**

**2 PARTICIPA**

**EN ESTUDIO BIBLÍCO**

**3 PROCLAMA**

**LA BUENAS NUEVAS**

**4 PRACTICA**

**GENEROSIDAD**