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Doing Our Logo Right

The General Conference is pleased to announce the approval of its logo by the United States Patent and Trademark Commission. The original logo was unveiled in 2007 and was then challenged over its alleged resemblance to the logo of another organization with similar name and background. The necessary changes were subsequently made and application for trademark approval filed. After an extended period of legal twists and turns, we are happy to announce that approval was granted earlier this year.

We were advised to use the logo throughout the waiting period to establish ownership. In keeping with that, the logo has had extensive usage, even in affiliated CoG7 conferences around the world, verifying the need and desire of various entities of the Church to have this form of identification and underscoring the worthiness of the time and resources invested in this effort. We are grateful that the General Conference now has a registered trademark that identifies and distinguishes it from many other entities bearing various versions of the name Church of God.

Please note that approval of the logo is based on the combination of the picture and the words beneath it. In other words, the circle with the open Bible, dove, and sunrays in the background, combined with the words *General Conference Church of God (Seventh Day)*, make up the logo. Therefore, no altered version of it is to be created for any reason. In fact, due to the stringent stipulations involved, the General Conference has been counseled that creation of a Spanish version of the logo is ill advised.

To ensure that the logo is “done right,” our executive staff and IT team have crafted a logo policy that sets forth guidelines for using this trademark properly. Any member or entity of the Church may request to use the logo by contacting the Denver office and, upon agreement to abide by its guidelines, will be given an original file copy of the logo.

It is hoped that, in addition to using the logo as a form of identification, its elements and symbols will be understood. The circle: the unending love and fellowship we share. The Bible: the beginning pillar of our movement; our continuing commitment to it as inerrant and authoritative. The dove: the universal symbol of peace, affection, faith, purity, and rest. And the sunrays: hope rising; a new and better day; CoG7's best days are still ahead; our greatest achievements, yet future. These elements beautifully capture the heart and vision of our church. May we handle the logo with care, and may it provide inspiration for the journey ahead.

— *Whaid Guscott Rose*
Denver Office

CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE



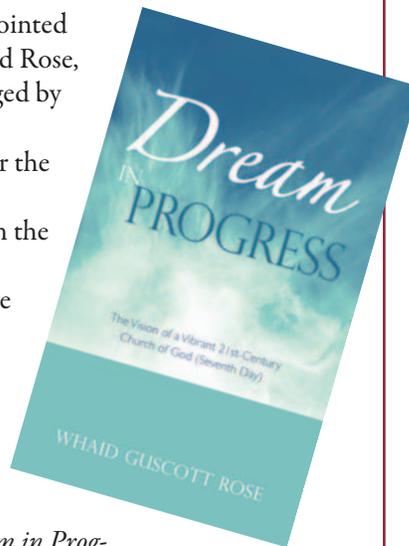
Dream in Progress

When he took office in 1997, newly appointed president of the General Conference, Whaid Rose, began crafting concepts for a book, challenged by such probing questions as

- What might our church look like under the most ideal circumstances?
- Who are we and what is our role within the greater body of Christ?
- What are the gifts and callings that have been unique to our movement over nearly a century and a half?
- How have they prepared us for ministry in the present?
- What will it take for our church to move in that direction?

Fast-forward to 2011, and we have *Dream in Progress*, the compilation of Pastor Rose's vision for the Church he loves and leads.

Published by the General Conference and funded by the Issachar Forum, *Dream in Progress* was recently distributed at the biennial convention in St. Charles, Illinois. You may obtain a personal copy or multiple copies for your local church by contacting the Denver office. Donations of any amount to cover the cost of production should be made to the Issachar Forum. *Dream in Progress* is currently available only in English.



Dream in Progress is a refreshing introduction to the values that identify us as a unique body of believers today, and a helpful introduction to our past. I recommend it to anyone who wants to better understand who we are and the theological vision of who we desire to become.

— Israel Steinmetz

TAKE NOTE ✓

Pioneer Missionary Training – Level 1

Veracruz, Veracruz, Mexico
December 20-30, 2011

Cost (**not** including travel to Veracruz, Mexico): \$455 USD; includes housing, food, insurance, and transportation within Mexico.

Applications must be postmarked by November 1.

Or apply online at sword.cog7.org or web.me.com/carlylehix/GC_Missions/Welcome.html.

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Note: For an important travel notice regarding Mexico, issued by the US Department of State - Bureau of Consular Affairs, visit http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_mexico.html.

Request a copy of the logo policy by contacting the General Conference office.

E-mail Hacking Important! Please read.

In mid-September we became aware of a very significant e-mail hack. One of the members of our board of directors (BOD) was lured into a phishing scam that allowed a hacker access to his e-mail account. Once into the account, the hacker copied the (extensive) contact list and then monitored e-mail exchanges.

This scam e-mail stated that the BOD member was stranded in Spain and needed immediate financial assistance. The claim was that luggage, wallet, etc. were stolen and that the BOD member needed to get on the next flight home. The scam urged sending money via Western Union to help the “stranded” BOD member.

Because this scam e-mail came from the BOD member’s e-mail account, and because the scammer had control of the account, he appeared entirely credible and actually replied to incoming e-mails asking for more information. Thus he appeared to actually *be* the BOD member!

Within a couple of days, working with Yahoo, the BOD member regained control of his e-mail account. But he discovered that the hacker had deleted his contact list, surely to prevent a follow-up e-mail being sent out to warn people of what had happened. By the time Yahoo recovered the contact list and the BOD member sent out warning e-mails to that list of people, the hacker/scammer had managed to lure one of our churches into sending him \$1,000.

About a week after the original scam, I became aware of another directed scam sent to another of our members that lured him to send money via Western Union. Only the fact that Wal-Mart (the sending

Special Mention

Convention worship team also included Bruce Noble and Kevin Caswell (Owosso, MI), whose names were inadvertently missing from the report in the previous Churchright. Randy Sanders (Fort Smith, AK) led the call to worship on guitar each evening.



Western Union agent) first checked its known-scammer list, and that scammer was flagged there, kept the transfer from going through. Interestingly, this second scammer appears to be a different one from the original, although he is clearly in possession of information gleaned from the BOD member’s e-mail account.

My purpose in writing is to make the membership aware of this development and of the need for extreme caution in handling e-mail.

It is almost certain that the districts, churches, and members of our organization will come under targeted scam and social engineering attacks. These will appear credible and contain “in the know” information. If you have a question about the legitimacy of any request for information or funds, please call our office. And be sure to read the longer document about this scam on the G. C. Web site.

— Richard Jensen
Executive Director

RESTING IN JESUS

Bernice K. Reuscher

Sister Reuscher, 79, passed away August 4, 2011, surrounded by her family. She was born February 3, 1932, in Stockton, California, and was a faithful member of CoG7 in Lodi for many years.

Bernice was a loving, dedicated homemaker who enjoyed sewing, painting, and shopping. She especially loved children, opening a daycare in her home and becoming involved in foster care.

Sister Reuscher, wife of long-time CoG7 minister Melvin Reuscher, is survived by her husband; children Darlene Fransen, Michael (Susan) Reuscher, Donald Crandal, and Lynn Marchand; eleven grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.





This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God
(2 Corinthians 9:12, NIV).



October is Pastor Appreciation



Pastor of the Year

The General Conference is pleased to announce the 2011 Pastor of the Year Award recipients: Antonio and Alba Vega of Lanham, Maryland. Congratulations!

Spring Vale Support

Spring Vale Academy participates in collecting Campbell's Soup bar codes (UPC), found on the can's label — not the actual label, as previously reported. In this program, we get points to trade for sports equipment or things for PE or the classrooms.

Now because of our junior high, Spring Vale is eligible to receive Box Tops for Education — another way to raise money. We appreciate your continued support through both of these great programs.

We also ask for your prayers that the Lord will continue to change the lives of our students and to bless the school.

— Leticia Molinar
Director of Development and Admissions

First Quarter 2012 Lessons

New primary lessons. The theme is *The Life and Ministry of Jesus*. These lessons teach about more of Jesus' miracles and how those stories apply to our lives. Primary lessons are for grades 1, 2, and 3 (approximate ages 6-8). The set includes the teacher's overview with general information and the scope and sequence for the quarter, weekly teacher's guides, student handouts, and resource pages.

Intermediate. *The Early Church Begins* is the theme for grades 4, 5, and 6. Lessons provided as e-mail attachments or on a disk. The basic set includes the teacher's overview, weekly teacher's guides, student handouts, activity worksheets, and resource pages.

Adult. *The Fruit of the Spirit* is the title for the Bible Studies for Adults. Each lesson is devoted to a single virtue that makes up the fruit of the Spirit.

Senior youth. In *God's Wonderful Provision*, lessons help students evaluate their relationship to God and the church, carefully considering all things God is making available through Jesus Christ.

Junior high youth. Students will learn about Old Testament prophecies regarding the birth of Jesus in *The Greatest Life Ever Lived*.

Costs: Primary and intermediate lessons are provided as e-mail attachments for \$15 for the complete set or on disk for an additional \$4 (for intermediate, student set is \$2 per student). Adult student book, \$3.25; teacher's guide, \$5. Junior high and senior youth student books, \$3; teacher's guide, \$4. Order from Bible Advocate Press, P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233; 303-452-7973; or bap.orders@cog7.org.

For more detail on these lessons, please see our "online extra" in *Churchright Online* (cog7.org/churchright/).

NAWM

Thanks to those who supported the Ladies' Bazaar during the recent General Conference convention. Many of you donated beautiful items to sell; others stopped by to purchase items as gifts and useful tools or resources for your home and church. As a result, \$1,517.50 was raised to further the work of NAWM's various ministries.

We also thank those who attended the women's luncheon and hope you were blessed by the poems, songs, and words of encouragement. The beautiful scrapbook Esther Winchell created, chronicling the history of NAWM, honors



n Month Thank you, pastors, for serving!

The recent biennial convention ended with a Circle of Love, which drew many pastors and lay pastors to the main stage for a photo op.

those who laid the foundation for what the ministry has become today. We will cherish it for years to come!

During this luncheon, we recognized Cleta Endecott, Romula Bergmann, and Sylvia Corral, who resigned from the NAWM board, having served their districts for more than 40 years, combined. May God richly bless these three women as they continue to do His work. We also welcomed Jennifer Stucker and Rosie Davila, our newest additions to the NAWM board representing the West Coast and Southwest districts, respectively.

Finally, NAWM has begun to plan for National Retreat 2012 to be held April 27-29 in Portland, Oregon. As we enter the last few months of this year, please stay tuned for specific details.

— Janine Williams

National Youth

Gimme Five 2010 Awards. The High Five Award for 2010 goes to the Familias Victoriosas youth group in Grand Prairie, Texas. This is the highest award a group can achieve in the program. Congratulations! A few events this group did throughout the year included a True Love Waits campaign, bowling nights, a Winter Jam concert, a girls' night out (helping with the construction of their new church building), and a Shoes for Orphan Soles ministry.

The Familias Victoriosas group also receives the Jacob Solis Community Service Award for participating in various ministries and in serving its local church.

A High Five Award was also given to the San Jose (McCreery), California, youth group, which did a great job incorporating all five aspects of the purposes of the Church (service, evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, and worship) into their yearly programming. One of the ways they evangelized was by taking issues of the *Bible Advocate* to people at the county hospital.

Hunger Lock-In Update. Thanks to all the churches that

CALENDAR 2011

October 14-16 Octoberfest, Jasper, AR, CoG7; contact Jason or Stephanie Overman (870-446-5736; jasonoverman@hotmail.com)

November 11-13 SWORD Retreat in Goldendale, WA; contact Kurt Stranberg (KurtStranberg@comcast.net; 406-291-6723)

November 15 LifeSpring CBS mid-year application deadline; winter/spring course registration opens

November 27 LifeSpring winter/spring scholarship application deadline (CBS/DPM students only)

December 20-30 Pioneer Missionary Training I, Veracruz, Veracruz, Mexico

December 29 - January 1, 2012 Winter Retreat, Salvation Army Camp Hoblitzelle, Midlothian, TX; early registration ends Nov. 21; late registration: Nov. 22 - Dec. 12; contact: Jason and Rose Rodriguez (swdstudentministries@gmail.com)

participated in the Hunger Lock-In spring project! By the end of July, we had collected \$2,045.22 for an orphanage in Myanmar. We appreciate the support of these participating churches: Conroe, Grand Prairie (Familias Victoriosas), and El Paso (Tree of Life), Texas; Inglewood and Visalia, California; South Miami, Florida; Fargo, North Dakota. If your church has participated but not yet sent in your donations, you can still do so. We'll be sure donations reach the orphanage.

More online. Look us up on the Web at <http://youth.cog7.org> or on Facebook, listed as our name. We hope you "like" what you see!

— Kurt and Kristen Lang
National Youth Ministry

Become a Simulcast Location

Our Conference has achieved an important milestone. For years we have had struggles with delivering ministerial training and traveling to Denver or other places to take courses. We have had a vision of taking training to the people.

Well, the vision has now arrived, and we should take a moment to celebrate and recognize its fulfillment. LifeSpring simulcast technology allows the simultaneous connection of several sites around the country in one virtual classroom. We can now deliver training with consistency. Students no longer have the excuse of not being able to attend classes in Denver. With a small investment, each and every church can become part of the virtual classroom.

We should celebrate as well those who have contributed to this accomplishment. Those who gave birth to our ministerial training system years ago erected the pillars upon which the current custodians of LifeSpring have achieved this technological feat.

Simulcast technology also opens up the biblical training experience to more than just those who aspire to pastoral service. Any training or presentation can be delivered via simulcast, bringing together a virtual classroom of people across the country. The technology allows for real-time interaction between each location and the central site. The students hear the instructor and can interact with him.

This is a God thing for our church, and it opens up new opportunities

for us. Simulcast technology can be a wave upon which revival can begin with our Conference. God is removing the obstacles previously in our way and presenting us with a bright future. Embrace what God is doing among us and make your location a simulcast location. Students in your area can receive the training they need, and our church can be edified as the body of Christ grows in each local area.

For information on getting your church involved, contact Amber Riggs (amberriggs@lifespringschool.org) or Makayla Schlenker (makayla.schlenker@lifespringschool.org).

—Samuel
Holland



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Faithful Servant Memorial Fund and Scholarship Program



- Meet the needs of current students and invest in the ongoing training of future students.
- Name a Faithful Servant Scholarship in memory or honor of a person, ministry, or group.
- Develop a relationship with the student who is awarded the scholarship.

October is LifeSpring Emphasis. To find out how to get involved, visit www.lifespringschool.org.

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Lila Weir

As a policy, *Churchright* limits death announcements to those of Church leaders and their wives and, on occasion, those who've made significant ministry contributions over many years. Accordingly, we hereby acknowledge the January 27, 2011, passing of Lila Weir of Boyd, Wisconsin. The General Conference does not currently have an active congregation in Wisconsin, but years ago it did, thanks to Lila's zealous love for the Lord and enthusiastic service to the Church. The fruit of her labor includes the ministry of Pastor Paul (and Virginia) Heavilin, whom Lila brought into the Church of God (Seventh Day) in the 1950's.

Sister Weir was 90 years old when

she died, and she's survived by her son, Gary, and her daughters Joyce Wilfong and Betty Weir.

Lila was preceded in death by her husband, Otis, and her son, Daryl. We celebrate the life of this dedicated servant of the Lord and His church.



Take Note

Paul and Virginia Heavilin's personal testimony about Lila Weir's impact on their lives and ministry is posted in *Churchright Online* during October-November (cog7.org/churchright).

G. C. Missions: Laboring for the Kingdom

Working for you around the corner and around the world.

Can you imagine a place where you can invest in God's kingdom now?

- Disaster Relief in places like Haiti and Kenya
- Missionaries in countries around the world through Cristo Viene
- Missionary training through PMT
- Medical and dental missions through SHINE
- Orphans and widows; Daughters of the King projects (rescuing those caught in the modern slave trade)
- Growing global church through our International Ministerial Congress

November is Missions Emphasis. For continuous updates and information, visit www.cog7missions.org.

Bill Hicks, Director



Women After God's Own Heart



The Lord's presence was felt September 2-5 in Denver, Colorado, where 327 women celebrated the Hispanic Women's Retreat. Under the theme "A Woman After God's Own Heart," our retreat opened with a heartfelt welcome from G. C. president Whaid Rose. He shared a message of encouragement and praise, followed by a prayer of blessing for our time.

On Sabbath we were joined by Hope Dais, Barbara Burrell, and Marjolene Rose from the Denver (English) congregation, who heard the message via translation. Sister Rose joined us again on Sunday morning for a time of praise and sang right along with us — *in Spanish!*

Keynote speaker Eva Delgado, a graduate from the CoG7 Mexican Conference seminary; Esther Alemán, a well-known speaker in Hispanic congregations in the US and Mexico; and Minerva Lopez, author of several books and co-founder of the Martha and Mary ministry in El Paso, Texas, delighted us with their powerful messages.

To our delight, many sisters came to the "time of prayer" at 6:30 a.m. On Sunday nearly 100 women came to pray, share burdens, and offer prayers of thanksgiving.

The host cities/states for the next four years' retreats have been selected: Los Angeles (2012), Las Vegas (2013), Dallas (2014), and Connecticut (2015). Will we see you there? Do plan to attend!

