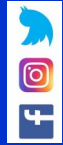


IMA Video Connect every 3rd Thursday of each month at 10AM Central Time. Contact IMA Home Office for more info.



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If you would like to post IMA events or articles, please send information to IMA Home Office two months in advance.

Quotable Quotes

If a church is good at making disciples it will be good at making leaders because in the end, a good spiritual formation plan will lead to an accelerated spiritual multiplication. – Gary Rohrmayer

Sometimes God brings times of transition to create transformation. – Lynn Cowell

Our real problem is not the pervasiveness of the darkness but a failure of the light. Light always dispels darkness. The glorious light of the resurrection life of Jesus Christ is still sufficient and available to those who reject self-reliance and return to His plan for biblical leadership. This return can reignite the radiance of the Gospel in transforming power. – Daniel Henderson

Real prayer is not an excuse for laziness but, in fact, is one of the most arduous engagements I know of in ministry. Prayer is not a replacement for hard work but, in most cases, empowerment for even more fruitful work. – Daniel Henderson

When a pastor is led by what people demand of them and not what God demands of them a shepherd turns into a wolf. – John M Sheehan

We don't forget that we are Christians. We forget that we are human, and that one oversight alone can debilitate the potential of our future. – Wayne Cordeiro

You must read to lead. Reading feeds. It opens our souls to a long line of counselors. – Dave Harvey

For every gospel action, there is an opposite and devious demonic reaction. We see this in the book of Acts. It appears in church history. We experience it in our personal journeys. – Daniel Henderson

Whereas the public means of grace (such as church services) will do a lot of good to other Christians, those of us who are pastors have to rely a lot more on the private means of grace. – Thomas K. Ascol

A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd. – Max Lucado

If you want to build a ship, don't drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea. – Antoine de Saint-Exupery

SPECIAL NOTE

The IMA National Board has made the decision to allow its members to choose whether they would like to receive the IMA Proclaim Newsletter via email or as a hard copy through mail. It is the intent of the National Board to make the newsletter easily accessible for all members to both receive and read the IMA articles, announcements, and information as is included in our monthly publication. Each member will have the opportunity to select their preferred method on the 2022 Renewal Forms, which you all will be receiving shortly. Thank you for indicating your preferences and for taking the time to read the newsletter.

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'Tis the Season of Change

By Rev. Mike McCord; National Board

I have been a member of the IMA for over forty years now and am thankful to be a part of a fellowship that continues from one generation to another. There is no compromising, shrinking back from, or diluting the Gospel of Christ. I was fortunate to know and interact with some of the IMA founders. I partnered with their vision to have an alliance of ministers who are filled with the Holy Spirit who would be encouragers and offer resources to one another.

All of us are looking for peers and mentors that will challenge us to become more and do more through the grace of God. An atmosphere of criticism, legalism and competition is not conducive to growth, nor does it advance the Kingdom of God. But to have people for you, and not against you, is a blessing indeed. Having others cheer you on, guide you and come along side of you is priceless. Certainly, we are thankful that we have such a fellowship. Realizing that you are not alone in the journey, not alone through the pain and disappointments that leaders face is indeed comforting. As the LORD told Elijah, "I have others...!"

The transition of the National Chairmanship from Dr. Timothy Warner to our new Chairman, Pastor Chad Hayes is a picture of the character and quality of leadership in the IMA. Passing the baton is symbolic of transition along with the continuance of the race set before us. We witnessed a "cloud of witnesses" surrounding that transition; covering it in prayer; looking forward in expectation.

Leadership changes, God never changes. We move from one National Chairman to another; one District Chairperson to another; one Pastor to another; beloved friends and ministers pass on to glory; but the vision, the goal and the Kingdom message continue. We work together to proclaim the Gospel and declare Jesus the Savior. We stand together to maintain integrity and unity. We worship together which draws us closer to our Lord and to one another.

The holidays are a reminder of what we are thankful for and the gifts that we all have been blessed with. It's a time when we appreciate the divine favor of being together with people who are for us, lifting us higher than ever before. We appreciate those who set aside the time to lead, to serve and sacrifice. I am thankful for you! What we do is important; what we believe is important; who we impact is important.

Will there be difficult days ahead? Most likely! Has God given us the strength to face them with strength and courage? Absolutely! Our best days are ahead. Jesus is coming!





Passing the Baton of IMA Leadership

By Dr. Timothy L. Warner; Outgoing National Chairman

God has a unique way of raising up leaders to serve in the ministry of our Lord. It's been a great ride to serve as your IMA chairman. Standing alongside fellow comrades on the IMA National Board is my greatest joy. Each member is highly valued in our ministerial fellowship; each one is vital for the ongoing health and mission of the IMA.

Far beyond human leaders, organizational standards, planning, and creating policy is the spiritual dimension of IMA. In 1 Samuel 23, Scripture says, "Now these are the last words of David... 'The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue...'" (1 Sam. 23:1-2). David understood what God had brought to the table through him. Scripture bears this out. Similarly, I know what God brought to the IMA through me and others on our leadership team. It is a **WORD**, a **WATCHER**, and a **WARNING**.

The **WORD** is simply this: "It's a New Day for the IMA!" It is a rhema word; God breathed fresh life into our Association. This word is still alive and bearing much fruit among us.

The **WATCHER** (Bible word for angel, Daniel 4): I once had an encounter with several angels and spoke to one in particular. In our conversation, he said the Lord was with us (IMA) and God commissioned angels to watch over us (to and from conferences). I asked him, "Why do you watch over us (and not other groups)?" He replied, "Because they don't ask." IMA is full of ministers who regularly pray and ask for provi-

sion from God! I am very thankful for that; aren't you?

The **WARNING**: Don't allow the flesh to rule where the Spirit once did (Gal. 3:3). Make sure (leaders) don't devalue powerful encounters and changes made by men of God by the Holy Spirit. Be sure to keep purity of thought, motive, and in decisions made.

I'm really encouraged with IMA National Board's selection of our new chairman, Rev. Chad Hayes. Chad and I have corresponded much over the past few months. Our desire is to make a smooth and effective transference of spiritual leadership for IMA. I am confident that he will lead well. The Association is in good, capable order, financially stable, and graced with District leaders. Our Home Office is in great shape and policies are in place. I am privileged to prayerfully support and give advice (when asked) to Rev. Hayes. All members of the National Board work hard and as unto the Lord. They are great men of God.

God raises up leaders when they are needed. God blesses countries, churches, and yes, ministerial associations, with leaders to meet pressing needs of His ministers, especially in changing culture. I believe the words of Esther 4:14 are appropriate here: "God has brought us to the Kingdom for such a time as this!" I certainly bid Godspeed to all new leaders who serve as chairs and members of District and National Boards.

Thank you for your prayers and the privilege of serving you as chairman. Blessings to you!



From the Home Office

Greetings and many blessings to you all!

We are winding down a great year and quickly approaching a new one. Of course that also means it is almost time to renew our annual memberships!

Be on the lookout for renewal notices. We will be sending them out the first week of December. If you have already opted into Paperless Communication, you will be receiving your renewal information via email. (For logistical, time, and efficiency purposes, we encourage you to renew online if you are able.)

We are excited about the upcoming year in the IMA. From the new makeup of the National Board to the many new members who joined the IMA in 2021, we are confident that 2022 will be one of the best ever!

Sincerely,

Rev. Sean Alexander, Member Services Coordinator

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Be an Active Player in the IMA

By Rev. Chad Hayes; Incoming National Chairman



Fifty Framed Together

It is a tremendous blessing to be a part of the IMA. In this great association we have a fraternity which helps to strengthen and encourage us in these challenging times in which we live.

"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22 NKJV).



As followers of Christ the Lord fits us together into His body as He sees fit. Personally, I am grateful that He has placed me into such a wonderful fraternity of brothers and sisters in Christ.

In April of 2020 the IMA National Board asked me to consider the possibility of becoming the National Chairman as Dr. Warner was coming to the end of his role in this position. As most of you know Dr. Warner and I formally transitioned this role in September at the National Conference. I'm grateful for Dr. Warner's years of faithful service and all that he does for the IMA.

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the IMA in this capacity and I am thankful to the National

Board for their confidence in me. I am grateful to Dr. Warner who took a lot of time to share his insight, experience and wisdom over the year and a half preceding our transition.

Building Strong Relationships

In 2022 my focus as Chairman will be on relationships. I want to do everything that I can to do build strong relationships within the IMA so that we can better serve one another. I have a firm conviction that the Lord places a high premium on our relationships together. Stronger relationships in the IMA will produce a deeper joy in our fellowship and greater fruitfulness in our ministry.

I plan to attend as many of the District Conferences and other events as possible; I hope each of you will do the same. With the help of our Member Service Coordinator, Rev. Sean Alexander, I will be as accessible as is possible.

Monthly Video Connects

Lastly, I would like to invite all of you to participate in our monthly Video Connects which take place on the third Thursday of each month at 10 AM Central Time. These zoom meetings are a great way for all of us to build relationships, pray for each other and grow together.

I am excited about what the Lord is building in the IMA. I look forward to connecting with all of you this coming year and working together to see the Kingdom expand as the IMA continues to grow.

Retro Article Five Wonderful Things about Christ!

(Excerpts from an evangelistic message preached in Osaka, Japan)

By Rev. John M. Bell; Herald of Truth December 1957

First, His wonderful birth. Though, in one sense, Jesus was born into this world just like any normal baby, there was something very different about His birth. The birth of Jesus was miraculous. He was born of a virgin—the only baby ever to be born of a virgin.



Second, his wonderful life! "In him was life and the life was the light of men." If His birth was wonderful, His life was much more wonderful. If His birth were a miracle, much more His life was filled with miraculous

wonders. He healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, with one word he raised the dead, He fed the hungry, and He stilled the tempest.

Third, His wonderful death! It seems almost incredible to speak of a "wonderful" death. Death is horrible at its very best! Furthermore, Jesus died an inglorious death. Jesus' death was wonderful because of its nature. He did not die for himself, but for others.

Fourth, His wonderful resurrection! After His death the body of Jesus was laid in the tomb, but His

body did not corrupt! On the third day Jesus Christ rose from the dead. His body was made new.

Fifth, His wonderful second coming! After His resurrection Jesus ascended to heaven, and now He sits on the throne of God. He promised to return to this earth. He is coming soon, first to receive His church.

Each person must believe for himself, obey for himself, be saved for himself. Jesus stands with outstretched arms to receive all who will come to Him. Will you be one of the many who are coming to Him?