



**IMA MID-CENTRAL DIST. CONFERENCE**

The MCD Board invites YOU to attend our 2022 District Conference in the heart of the

Ozarks - Berryville, Arkansas! Just minutes from Eureka Springs, AR and Branson, MO

**Mon-Wed, June 20-22, 2022**

New Life Church; 32 Wilson Dr.; Berryville, AR 72616

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**SPEAKER:** Rev. Steve Pixler from Freedom Life Church, Mansfield, TX



**THEME:** "Never Too Late to Sow the Seed" (Eccl. 11:6)

"IMA Spring Planning Session Recap" (Continued from Pg. 1)

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**Rev. Paul Mason has stepped down as District Chair of the South Central District, as he is now serving on the IMA National Board. Rev. Philip Tolman has been instated as the new IMA SCD Chair.**

One thing I appreciate about ministers gathering for Planning Sessions is halting the meeting for special prayer times. Whether for urgent needs, decisions needed to be made, for fellow IMA members and families, or for one another, we seek God for His will to be done in every essential aspect of the Planning Session.

I know that I speak on behalf of all the members of the National Board; we are committed to continually lift our members and districts up in prayer for their health, protection, and provision to carry out the assignments that God has given to each one. We have a strong commitment to stand firm on God's Word, contin-

ue to be led by the Holy Spirit, and be Relational, Actional, and Missional. We seek to bring health and growth to our International Ministerial Association.

These last couple of years have produced challenging times for most of us. However, I'm grateful to God for how He has faithfully guided the IMA through them all. We haven't just "made it" this far; we have been able to thrive together in unity through faith in the Lord! May the Holy Spirit continue to empower you to fulfill the vision He has given you! God bless you as you continue to work for His glory and reach souls for His Kingdom!



**IMA Spring National Planning Session Recap**

By Rev. Kurt Juszczak; IMA National Board Member



It is truly an honor serving our great fellowship of IMA ministers as a member of the National Board. As I have speculated in years past, perhaps you are a recent or long-standing member who is unsure of what the National Board's responsibilities are throughout the year.

We're grateful for the technology that provides the opportunity for the National Board to meet via video several times throughout the year to address current or ongoing IMA topics. Additionally, we make time to meet face-to-face at our **Annual Planning Session** that takes place every April in Branson, Mis-

souri. The scheduled time for this yearly commitment is similar to the annual National Conference. We gather on a Monday evening with a fellowship dinner that includes the spouses who can attend. Planning Session starts Tuesday morning and continues through Wednesday afternoon.

During our formal business meetings, the National Board has comprehensive discussions regarding all matters of the IMA. We take time to review various activities and functions of our Association. We cover Home Office communications; consider our constitution, by-laws and doctrinal statements; write policy and procedure; examine credentialing and ordination process; assess missions dept. and mission-

aries; evaluate district viability and health; consider disaster relief efforts; etc.

A major undertaking during these meetings is planning the Annual September National Conference. It is an absolute blessing to join together with the host pastors and churches. We work in harmony organizing what we believe will be an impactful and inspiring National Conference. As board members, we arrive prepared, having prayed and fasted; we reach a consensus to finalize the conference theme and Scripture. We verify the primary speakers, and arrange all the teaching, break-out, luncheon, and missionary sessions for that week.

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**District Chairs:**

- ☐ Dr. Charles Dewing
- ☐ Rev. Philip Tolman
- ☐ Rev. Joe Campbell
- ☐ Rev. Romualdo Corpuz
- ☐ Rev. Karrie Landsverk
- ☐ Rev. Julie Wells
- ☐ Rev. Keith Owens
- ☐ Rev. Jason King
- ☐ Rev. David Spurlock
- ☐ Rev. Robert Garcia

**National Board:**

- ☐ Rev. Chad Hayes
- ☐ Rev. Sean Dudley
- ☐ Rev. Dan Hernandez
- ☐ Rev. Kurt Juszczak
- ☐ Rev. Paul Mason
- ☐ Rev. Mike McCord
- ☐ Dr. Timothy Warner

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# North Central District Update

By Rev. Karrie Landsverk; IMA North Central District Chair



In April many of our IMA North Central District (NCD) members attended our 2022 Spring Conference. This was our largest gathering in many years with 89 registered attendees! We are so grateful to our hosts, Pastors Bob and Char Pittman and the World Harvest Church family who richly blessed us all with their warm hospitality and service with excellence. A special note of appreciation to Bobby Pittman who was central in bringing about a seamless flow to our conference in every aspect. Our theme focused on Supernatural Courage taken from the book authored by Mickey Robinson who was our guest speaker.



It was wonderful to see some of our emeritus members able to join in person again; what a blessing to be in the presence of faithful saints and be encouraged by their wisdom and example. We also had many new members attending and it is exciting to see their fresh enthusiasm for the work of the ministry and to expand our friendships in the IMA. Our God is building His body deeper and stronger with every addition He divinely grafts into this fellowship.

We had many of our NCD members serving and sharing from their hearts and giftings throughout the conference. This included an outstanding panel discussion with varying ministry positions and personal experiences; two break-out sessions on topics that offered practical application in ministry, and Pastors Bob and Char teaming up to deliver a powerful session on casting vision in our ministries. Conversations were rich and uplifting. The Holy Spirit was moving throughout our time together.



We were blessed with having our National Chair, Pastor Chad Hayes, join us for much of our conference. He had these comments to share following our conference:

"Pastor Bob and Char did a great job hosting the NCD Conference! I appreciated the evening speaker, Mickey Robinson's grace and kindness. The workshops and panel discussions were very insightful. There was a great sense of family and fellowship... so much love, peace and unity. The folks in the North Central District are amazing. It did me good to be back with them and reconnect.

Thank you to Pastor Karrie and the rest of the District Board. You are doing a great job leading the NCD!"

Host Pastor Bob Pittman shared his gratitude for the IMA: "We love the IMA and its members. It was an honor to host the IMA NCD Conference this year. I believe the overall structure, breakout sessions, speaker, food, fellowship and worship times were all great and encouraging. Thank you Pastor Karrie, NCD Board, Bobby Pittman and all who helped put this together!"

NCD Board Member, Pastor Dan Slater, shared what he enjoyed most about this year's conference. "I love being with my IMA family, the host church was wonderful, and the



breakout sessions this year were phenomenal."

Recent IMA member, Pastor Gilbert Asembo, shared, "It was great to attend my first conference as a member of IMA, a fellowship where the Spirit of God is embraced. I really enjoyed the fellowship and sound teachings that are invaluable in this day and age. God's presence was real and His love was demonstrated in our small groups through sharing our triumphs, challenges and experiences in the ministry. I'm glad to be part of this great organization that is passionate to see God's latter house glory manifested as we seek God. I'm encouraged to seek God like never before; for we will find Him when we search for Him with all our hearts" (Jer. 29:13).

Pastor Katie Schrankel shared, "I enjoyed the morning sessions with Bob and Char sharing the value of focusing on what God has called them to do and being obedient to disciple. The breakout sessions were fantastic and centered around applicable topics."



What a joy and privilege to be part of such a powerful and loving brother and sisterhood. Thank you to everyone who attended! We pray you left encouraged and filled with the supernatural courage that only comes through the fire of the Holy Spirit ablaze within us! May we all fan the flame! Have a blessed and fruitful summer.

# Fearless Leaders of Faith

By Rev. Chad Hayes; Chairman of the IMA National Board



One of the most recent Barna polls found that 42% of pastors have considered leaving the ministry this year, citing stress, loneliness and political divisions as the top three reasons for such considerations.

Most of the missionaries and pastors I have spoken with have expressed that the past two years have been some of the most challenging and stressful times they have been through as leaders.

I am certain that all of us are having to dig in and find a way to persevere through the challenges we are facing. In many ways, this has been good for us. We are having to lean in to Jesus, and learn how to rely on the Holy Spirit like never before.

In one of our recent board meetings, as we have been working toward planning our 2022 National Conference, Pastor Paul Mason brought the following Scripture forth:

The wicked are edgy with guilt, ready to run off even when no one's after them; Honest people are **relaxed** and **confident, bold** as lions. When the country is in chaos, everybody has a plan to fix it— But it takes a **leader** of real understanding to straighten things out (Proverbs 28:1-2, MSG).

When he shared this Scripture with our board, it became evident the Lord was speaking; giving inspiration for our theme for the conference.

During our planning session, we worked and settled on a clear theme of what we believe the Lord wants to work in us this year. He wants to make his people **Fearless Leaders of Faith**.

Our National Conference is set for September 19-21, 2022 in Seguin, TX, hosted by Pastor Paul and Brooke Mason and Living Waters Church. Our evening speakers will be a father and son team, Pastor Charles and Jared Nieman of Abundant Faith Living Center in El Paso, TX.

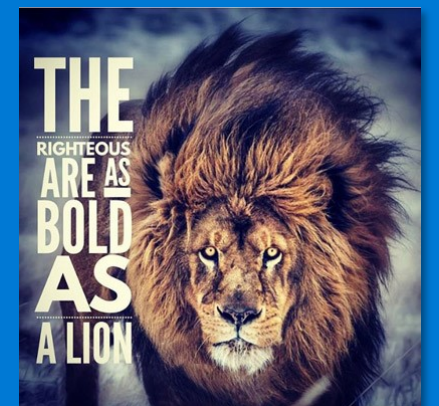
I believe the preaching will inspire some much needed faith in all of us. The day sessions we have planned will equip us for the many challenges we are facing, and our fellowship during this conference will bring vital encouragement to us all.

I encourage you to make the effort to gather with us in September. These opportunities are well worth the investment of your valuable time and finances. God's people are better when we gather together! Connection to the Lord and with our brothers and sisters in Christ produces confidence to boldly step forth and lead.

## IMA National Conference

Please plan to attend!

- ◆ DATES: **Mon—Wed, Sept. 19-21, 2022**
- ◆ HOST CHURCH: **Living Waters Church; Seguin, TX**
- ◆ PASTOR: **Reverend Paul & Brooke Mason**
- ◆ AIRPORTS: **San Antonio (or Austin), TX**
- ◆ THEME: **Fearless Leaders of Faith!**
- ◆ SCRIPTURE: **"The righteous are as bold as a lion!" (Prov. 28:1-2)**



- ⇒ **GREAT FELLOWSHIP**
- ⇒ **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- ⇒ **RELEVANT TEACHING**