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AECC's PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Pres. Renn Law

Dear AECC Family!

As I look back at a very complex yet rewarding year of Ministry, I am humbled by the grace, strength and wisdom that the Lord gives in abundance to His people. All the various goals, major motions and significant changes that were made, really brought back the true essence of the AECC overall! As we all navigated our way through a Global pandemic to actually having a safe and successful in-person Biennial International Conference after so long; definitely accented the R3 theme of Renewal, Refreshment and Redirection!

Now as we embark on a whole new era and season of growth, hope and prosperity we can only thank God for helping us to reinvigorate our passion and desire to serve people and expand His Kingdom!!! As a leadership team, we vow to be engaged more and actively seek out ways to

help support and equip you in your specific ministerial endeavors. We also have a lot of new releases, new plans and strategic means to bolster the value and significance your credentials provide. Additionally, we intend to create ways for you to participate in spreading the word about the AECC and AEBC to encourage those Called to Ministry to discover a pathway to succeed for God's Glory!

Finally, I cannot further express how blessed and inspired I am by each of your individual testimonies, de-

votion to the Lord and personal stories of overcoming that only prove the reality and existence of the Mighty God we serve!!! Please keep us informed of anything you need or how we can best be there for you and your work for Christ. It is our primary goal, mission and focus to achieve God's will in the earth and will stop at nothing to ensure that we all effectively share the life-giving, soul-saving and transformative message of the Gospel!

From my loving family to yours, I pray you had a very blessed Christmas and a Holy Spirit filled New Year to come in 2023!!!

For His Kingdom,

Rev. Renn Law

President of the AECC



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NEW APPOINTEES TO AECC BOARD

Dawn M. Reyes

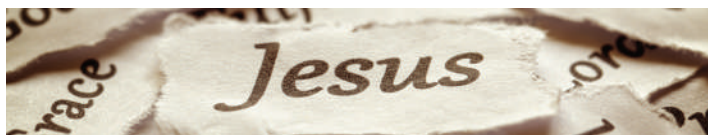
Pastor Dawn M. Reyes is the founder of At His Feet Ministries. She has been in ministry for 27 years.

Pastor Dawn has been married to Richard for 26 years, and has two beautiful daughters, Zuriel and Jourdan. They reside in Trenton, New Jersey.



She was ordained with the AECC in 2015.

She is a missionary and publisher. She recently published her book, *“Lord, Heal My Land Issues of The Heart.”* She has traveled to many different countries such as Uruguay, Costa Rica, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Philippines. Her passion is to go into the nations and share the good news of the Gospel and seeing the mighty hand of God bringing healing and restoration to everyone she comes in touch with for the expanding of God’s Kingdom.



Daniel A. Zahn

Pastor Dan Zahn was born in Washington, D.C. and spent most of his life in Virginia. He was a licensed Architect and construction company executive prior to retiring in 2004. Dan and his wife, Rosalind, moved to Florida in 2004 and became permanent residents of The Great Outdoors Community in Titusville.



He was raised Lutheran however was baptized into the Baptist Church becoming a Deacon in 1983. He and Rosalind have been members of The Great Outdoors Community Church for 18 years. Dan was called by the Lord into ministerial service in 2015 and, after completing courses at Global University’s Berean School of the Bible, received his license from the AECC in 2017 and was ordained in 2019.

Dan is an associate pastor at The Great Outdoors Community Church and serves as its pastor of visitation and prayer.

Dan and Rosalind have two daughters, a son-in-law and four grandchildren.

AEBC & Seminary News

New AEBC Chancellor Position

Students and Ministers,

We will be beginning a new candidate election process starting this January 2023 as our long time, phenomenal Bible College and Seminary Chancellor, Dr. Linda Elliott will be transferring the reigns for the future growth, security and advancement of the AEBC Institution to come! In the meantime, the current AEBC Regents Board, Admin Team and our recently appointed Interim Chancellor, Dr. Jomo Thomas II, will be assisting us as we build upon the tremendous foundation and legacy that has been established since 1999.

Therefore, if you hold a Masters level degree or higher, are an active AECC Member in good standing and interested we would welcome your immediate submissions, resumes and cover letters be sent to: aebcoffice@gmail.com

We are only seeking serious candidates with a heart and passion to serve the Body of Christ and our present membership in sound Biblical, Ministerial Education and

Christian Spiritual Development!

If you have any further candidate related questions or require more details, please contact us at the official college email listed above or call: (317) 296-4907.

Hope you have a Blessed Holiday Season and New Year in Christ!

AEBC Admin Team



DEATH IN AMERICA

Submitted by Rev. J. B. Kump

In contemporary American society one almost never hears a discussion on the subject of death. Of course, at a funeral service or in a cemetery, the subject can't really be avoided, but other than that, you never hear references to death – it's almost as if an unwritten word has been added to the polite conversation rule "don't discuss religion or politics . . . or death!"

Given the direction our culture is headed today, and the nature of mankind in general, it is perhaps understandable that a mention of death can bring an uncomfortable silence into almost any discussion. But what about the Christian attitude towards this topic? Should believers be as reluctant to talk about death?

Shouldn't the fact that we believers have the promise of eternal life offer a way to interject hope and expectation into any discussion of death?

Consider I John 5:13 "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to believe* in the name of the Son of God." Also, worthy of consideration are John 6:47; John 14:1-4 and many other Bible passages that underline the promise of eternal life for believers.

As pastors, we often minister to individuals in the later stages of life and their families.

I experienced a remarkable spiritual occurrence recently which caused me to question why,

as a Christian, I don't feel more comfortable talking about death. Indeed, as a pastor, why don't I preach more frequently on the subject?

I went to see a member of our congregation in the hospital. I had been told he was on hospice, but I did not expect to find him in the near death condition I found him in when I entered his room. A nurse was seated next to his bed and she was monitoring his vitals with a machine & holding his hand.

The nurse explained he was in the process of dying but that he was "still with us." I told her I was going to pray with him - she smiled and said "that's good." Afterwards, she was the one who told me that he had passed as I was praying. She said "yours was the last voice he heard." We cried together briefly after and I was close to tears for the rest of that day. I feel honored that the Lord allowed me to be there at just the right time to be used in this man's homecoming.

As I shared this story several others have shared their stories about the deaths of loved ones. "I am grateful for a loving pastor who was present for me when my sister was dying of hemorrhages caused by stroke," one friend told me. "He and I both prayed for her even though she was comatose. We found comfort in knowing that many times, the hearing is still functioning even though the person can't respond. To me, being there for those dying is one of the greatest gifts we can give in our calling to serve God."

One of most dominate themes of the Bible is "Fear Not!"

While death can come violently and with pain and suffering, ultimately we Christians know that death is not just the end of our earthly existence, it is the beginning of our eternal life. And we should not fear the subject. As pastors, we should welcome the opportunity to provide God's comfort as we share His love.

Finally, with all challenges in life, we should always submit it to prayer.



INDIA MISSIONS REPORT

Pastor Hannah Gives Report On India Mission

Greetings from Chennai, India!

We are AECC missionariess in Tamilnadu, India.

Our missions are:

a. An orphanage registered in 2003 and we now have 150 children in total... Our son, Pas Thomas Ranjan M.Div., from ACTS South Korea is the President, along with seven members in the Trust. I'm the Founder and Financial Trustee.

b. We have a Bible school and a church.

c. We are 60% self supportive and 40% by donations from friends and families.

d. We make handmade soaps with natural ingredients by destitutes and widows who live nearby. We sell them in the local market, which supports these women and the orphanage.

e. Children make bead chains, bracelets, etc, and those are also used to raise funds and donations.

This Christmas, to meet the needs of our childrens new dresses and cakes, we gave away soaps as gifts and in turn, take the money of whatever friends give us. We did not have a fixed price for anything.

If members of the AECC would like to take our handmade soaps or beads, and in return, give whatever the Lord leads you, we would be grateful.

Courier services to U.S. were on 40% discount for this Christmas and New Year.

Please, if you could help us in prayers for this year we would be grateful.

With lots of prayer,



Screen shot from a video that was developed and sent out from Chennai, India. Each of the young ladies pictured sang a beautiful song that Pastor Hannah wanted to share with her fellow AECC members.

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WEEK OF FASTING

Advisory Committee Report

The Advisory Committee has been discussing ways to bring our denomination together. We appear to be a fragmented group of pastors rarely communing together. We have arrived at a way we feel would help. Lets start the new year with a week of prayer and fasting. We are suggesting the week of February 5-11 be established for this purpose. Let's ask God's guidance and direction for the AECC. Let's ask the question "What can we do for the AECC not what can the AECC do for us".

Let's make Jesus Christ our focus and mentor. Let's make love and service for one another be our goals.

Pastor Dan, Chairman of the Advisory Committee



WHAT ABOUT CHURCH GROWTH?

What About Church Growth?

By Rev. Dr. Nicholas J. Gray

Church growth properly defined is simply evangelism that results in the growth of the Church and fruit-bearing church members. The Great Commission is first about evangelism. We should present the gospel clearly, pray that people will follow the Savior, and present them to a local church for growth and maturity. Jesus gives a straightforward summary of Biblical prophecy- repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in Christ's name to all nations (Luke 24:47). The ultimate success of this task is sure. God has guaranteed its results. The certain triumph of God's plan, however, does not call us to laziness but confident diligence (Matthew 25:1-46).

We need to focus on five key areas.

- 1) Knowledge. A person cannot share the gospel if he or she does not know it.
- 2) Skills. We must train people in some skills related to witnessing.
- 3) Vision. We must keep before all Christians our responsibility to be communicators of the good news.
- 4) Character. We must help Christians learn to deal with temptation and lead

lives that reflect the holiness of Christ.

- 5) Power. We must encourage believers to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit for witness. We must mobilize our people not only to witness but also to pray (Ephesians 6:10).

The unchurched are searching for community. Therefore the Church must no longer remain comfortably situated behind its walls waiting for the community to come to it. Rather it must go to the community. Each church body should get a reputation in the community as a church that cares and prays. This can help us to have an outward focus.

The unchurched are not some alien creatures with whom we have nothing in common. Perhaps the evangelistic apathy in so many churches can be explained by simple laziness on the part of church members not inviting others to church. Very few of the unchurched have ever had someone share with them on how to become a Christian, and Christians haven't been influential in their lives. Some may come to church if invited. Many may want a relationship with a Christian, but a Christian never befriended them, a lost opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCING New AECC Website Launch Now- 2023!

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New AEBC & Seminary Website Release 2023!

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The AECC Advisory Committee has been collecting devotions from membership over the past six months. We have received several, but need many more.

We will begin including some of the great devotions submitted by AECC members in our AECC Magazine and elsewhere. We have had several devotions submitted, but we need a lot more before we can consider creating a devotional book. Some devotions have titles, some do not, but all should include a scripture related to the devotion.

Following are a couple of examples of what the devotions look like:

Devotion #1
by George Hart

"The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand."
Psalm 37:23-24

You don't need to fear taking action when you know the action is right. The way to know that is to pray about it and be in God's Word. So, pray to be sure it's right because nothing wrong ever turns out right. But when you know something is in God's Will and is right, nothing will be able to defeat you. You may face resistance, hard times and trouble, but God won't let you down. He is always there for you and will see you through. So, seek God's Will and pray, and knowing it is right, go ahead.

Action Step- Read Psalm 37:1-7 and 23-24, trust in the Lord and do good. Affirm, "Before I act I will seek God's guidance in all that I do."

Let's pray:

Our Heavenly Father, we thank You that You guide us in every decision we make if we come to You in prayer. Help us to know that when we do Your will that You will be with us all the way. We ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

Devotion #2

submitted by Bernadette Reynolds

Psalm 56:8 (KJV) "Thou tallest my wanderings: put Thou my tears into Thy bottle: are they not in Thy book?"

Tears in a Bottle

David makes sure we understand we have a God who cares deeply about our hurts and the reason we weep. The people of the time understood the traditional bottles which were used to collect tears as those who grieved collected them

to show honor and devotion. Other places in Scripture speaks of times when our pain is so deep that our prayers are as groaning, but the Spirit understands what we have no words to convey. I see here the great commission of our Lord and find additional peace that He will give us beauty for ashes even though, as we weep, we cannot see how that will be accomplished.

God has gifted me with a tender heart, and admittedly that at times is painful. I cry when I am happy and filled with joy, I cry when my hurt is deeply felt. It is how I am configured and I am comforted God cares about my heartfelt emotions as I also feel deeply for others.

I think of Jesus weeping when He is told about Lazarus and also weeping as He looked out over Jerusalem as well as in the Garden of Gethsemane (John 11:35; Luke 19:41; Hebrews 5:7-9).

Jesus shows us tears are not a sign of weakness but a sign of love and compassion. We are called to be strong in faith and yet tender to the things of the Spirit.

Ask yourself: is my heart hardened or tender to what God would have me discern? Do I see people through His eyes and ask Him to teach me how to pray for them and for His words to season my speech?

To submit your own devotion

For the sake of uniformity, we are asking for members to submit one to three devotions, consisting of 250 to 300 words each, give or take a few, not including the scripture verse. The format we are suggesting is a scripture, the devotion, and then concluding with a thought provoking question or challenge to action.

Please include your name so that we can give you credit and also your contact information in the event we have a question.

Each of these will be reviewed and added to our collection so that we can hopefully produce a nice book that will be made available to AECC membership and to others. The AECC reserves the right to edit all submissions.

Please submit your devotions to George Hart at gheartce7@cs.com. Because he gets a lot of emails he asks that you put in the subject line "devotion submission" to help him identify devotions for the AECC.

We look forward to hearing from you as you allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in sharing a few words with us.

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