

This 93rd District Council report provides opportunity to briefly review 2010 and highlight a decade of AGK ministry across the state. Our department leaders posted multiple reports on this site for your consideration and I trust you will carefully read each one. It will not waste your time!

You will also find a financial report covering January 1 – December 31, 2010. Executive Treasurer Jonathan Hollis plans to provide highlights and an overview of the AGK finances during the Wednesday morning session of our Business meeting. He and his budget team diligently labor to provide oversight and insight to the effective management of all the AGK funds for which we carry stewardship responsibility. I am indebted to Pastor Hollis for his servanthood.

In the following paragraphs, you will find a recap of highlights in our six primary areas of ministry support. I trust you will refresh your memory via a careful perusal.

1. Pentecostal Spirituality

- During the past 10 years, we opened the District calendar of events with an intense *Prayer Summit*. Most often it transpired at Wheat State campgrounds but occasionally we traveled to multiple regions for sectional prayer summits. Interestingly, the best attendance occurs at Wheat State. *Something special occurs as God's praying people converge on one site to seek His face.*
- We have intensified our efforts to encourage and model private disciplines of devotional reading, journaling (via S.O.A.P. process in Life Journals during 2009) and fasting both privately and corporately.
- The district office (via Network Development) has provided personal retreat resources for ministers to utilize for spiritual renewal. Leaders cannot be spiritual thermostats without the discipline of personal Pentecostal spirituality.

2. Supportive Relationships

- We launched a new department to intentionally address relationship issues for our credential holding family. **Network Development** began as an element under Women's Ministry Department while Karen Yancey served as Women's Ministries Director. Then, in 2006, we shifted from a full time to a part time Women's Department director to provide full time, intentional priority to Network Development.
- This department addresses Crisis assistance, Community development, Connection and Coaching.
- Thus far the NDD efforts have provided meaningful help and intervention for individuals. These interventions often mean stability for the local church as a pastor regains strength and perspective. The good effects continue to radiate in concentric circles of ministry to the AGK ministry family.
- NDD also provides a regular article in the Quick Hit addressing effective small groups in local churches.

3. Continual Development

- Another department rearrangement these last 10 years dealt with placing all ministries under one Ministries Department Director. Darin Stroud leads a team of coordinators that direct the other ministry programs so common in AG churches. (Children's, Senior Adult, Girls, Royal Rangers, Women's, Youth) Each ministry coordinator leads a team of passionate people dedicated to their particular area of church ministry.
- Ministries Department *events* purposefully include efforts to specifically assist local leaders in developing greater effectiveness at their local post. *The Ministries Department concerns itself with building leaders that are makers of disciples!*

4. Comprehensive Outreach

- This past decade showed an increase in our world missionary force. In 2001, we had 33 active missionaries. At the end of 2010, we had 39 missionaries. We have grown to seven US Missionaries in 2010. More than ever, our missionaries need prayer and financial support to reach the field or area of their assignment *and effectively stay there.*

- Additionally, through the ministry tools provided by BGMC, STL, LIFE and LFTL, we elevate missionary effectiveness. *Our Fellowship must invest significant attention in these specific support programs because the last 10 years show decline instead of incline.*

5. Visionary Leadership

Of all the AGK provides, this area received the most attention during the past 10 years.

- We provided *Foundations of Leadership classes*. These training sessions delivered training and insights into the art and science of leading organizations, particularly the church.
- We incorporated more *workshops and labs* for ministry development at sectional and district wide events such as Pastor / Board Tour, District Council and Ministers' Renewal.
- We introduced *Church Life Cohorts*. These cohorts educated and trained 78 pastors in the 15 vital functions of a healthy church. Part of the process required each pastor build a Vision Team. Therefore, these cohorts involved nearly 800 lay leaders interested in lifting their church to new levels of Pentecostal effectiveness. *We continue receiving positive reports from pastors embracing these principles.* It is not a program. *Church health is a prayerful, strategic, Spirit-directed mindset that discovers the current activity of God and follows Him to advance His plan in the lives of people.* Growth comes as a by-product of intentional health.
- *AGK School of Ministry* launched in 2009 and already enhances the number of people progressing toward ministry credentials. Cory Shipley coordinates this ministry and does a great job.
- We are credentialing men and women at a 3% greater rate in these last 10 years than the previous two decades. Executive Secretary Vance Cauthon provides stellar leadership in this deliberative process and we appreciate his work.
- Church planting (solo planters, church satellites, daughter churches, and adopting churches) made forward movement these past 10 years. However, with the number of church closings, our total number of local churches dropped from 152 to 139.
- In the same period, our average weekend attendance climbed to almost 17,000. While the average attendance encourages us, *our pressing need* is for healthy churches to reproduce daughter or satellite churches. Releasing people to leave and help a church plant effort *stands under the same principle of blessing as encouraging the release of personal and church finances* for Kingdom advancement.
- The decade ahead needs to be *and can be* one of planting, adopting and wide deployment of more churches than in any decade since the church planting proliferation of the 1930's.
- The upcoming decade must be one of church health. *Currently*, 42 of our churches report *zero* children or teens in their congregation. Nearly 15 more report fewer than *five*. These signs prefigure pending closure. Instead of actively closing churches, the superintendent typically presides at the "funeral" of a congregation already calcified from loss of passion, vision, vitality, flexibility and intentionality. *However, when these five elements exist, the church will display health and reach people currently disconnected from God's Kingdom.*

6. Diligent Stewardship

- From a decadal perspective, (January 1, 2001 – December 31, 2010) AGK experienced growth, financially speaking. We increased in the amount of tithe given during nine of the last 10 years *with an average gain of more than three percent each year to the next.* Even though national recession marked many regions of the country these last several years, the ministers of Kansas exemplified faithfulness as we paid tithe to the AGK. What a confident position before our people when we can say, "follow me as I follow Christ," *including the way I tithe!*
- At times we faced the unfortunate reality of a church closing and had to sell the properties. *With each sale of such properties, leadership strategically reinvested into new or developing local ministry efforts.*
- We sold our aging district office building and moved to leased property. (The capital we regained at the sale works for us in an interest bearing account with AG Financial Service.) The former office location served well for 15 years. However, it was time to exit the decaying neighborhood and make long term plans allowing for easier access and an office designed for the 21st century. In the months ahead,

leadership anticipates securing office accommodations from which to administer our district work and more adequately *strengthen and establish effective Pentecostal leaders and churches.*

- We made numerous improvements at Wheat State Camp. Often out of our cash flow, we built several dorms, erected a covered double court basketball area, replaced outdated electrical fixtures, and replaced worn out mattresses. We remodeled tab restrooms, built a sound booth in the back wall, and replaced old pews with good pew chairs. We erected a nice house for the Camp Manager. We remodeled one side of the gym, transforming it into a student union and coffee bar. We installed a rock-climbing wall and “tunnels and tubes” children’s play area. We razed some of the unsightly buildings and bathhouses. We installed a “stand pipe” water tower. Most recently, in order to comply with state regulations, we enlarged our lagoon system. *There is nothing exciting about a lagoon project but without it, we could not have continued our camping ministry as we currently know it.* Wheat State continues to operate at an annual financial deficit with expenses exceeding the income. However, the AGK Board approved a plan to hire a full time director to promote the vision and use of Wheat State among our churches and throughout the region as well as develop funding streams via gifts, endowments and grants, etc.

During the 93rd District Council gathering, we plan to unveil plans to further enhance development of effective Pentecostal leaders across the regions of Kansas. It partially entails the availability and use of certified coaches (fellow Kansas ministers). It also entails a plan for pastors to voluntarily and systematically connect with each other in S.A.L.T. teams. These teams should strengthen our efforts to manage the responsibilities for advancing the Kingdom in every geographic area. *(My energy level rises as I contemplate the Kingdom potential of such voluntary commitments to each other’s success.)*

This District Council event comes to you through the prayerful efforts of a great, dedicated team of men and women employed at the AGK district office and Wheat State Camp. To these dedicated servants, working at the district office is more than a job. These people pray for the ministers and churches of this Fellowship and see their role as a support to what local leaders desire to accomplish for the Kingdom of God.

It is their honor and mine to serve Jesus and this Fellowship!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry L. Hancy". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

AGK District Superintendent