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Greater Columbus

Apostolic Network

PROSPECTUS

Please refer to the Glossary of Terms on page 19 for definitions and the Recommended Reading section on page 20 for greater understanding of the governmental roles and functions of apostles and prophets. Bible references are from the New International Version NIV unless otherwise noted.

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Referring to Jew and Gentile being reconciled through Christ, Paul wrote the following:

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.** ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Paul describes the governmental leadership of the Church:

¹¹ So Christ himself gave **the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,** ¹² **to equip his people for works of service,** so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ **From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work** (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Jesus prayed for His bride and our love and impact on the world:

²⁰ My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ **that all of them may be one,** Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so **that the world may believe** that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete **unity.** Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me (John 17:20-23).

Paul tells the Body of Christ to desire and share their lives as gifts to one another:

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And **God has placed in the church** first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues^[d]? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now **eagerly desire the greater gifts** (I Cor. 12:27-31).

Letter to the Greater Columbus Church

Greetings from the executive council of the 5 Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Network, apostles of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the Church of God that is in Central Ohio. We at 5 Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Network, who have been joined together by God's grace for His work of service over the past thirty years, reach out to all denominations and ministries in Central Ohio in hopes that you share our vision for Greater Columbus. We ask that, as fellow members of the Body of Christ, we come together for this most exciting adventure for the transformation of our city for Jesus Christ.

While affectionately honoring each Christ-centered denomination and ministry for its unique contribution and work of love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we address you all together as one body in our city. We acknowledge you in the same way that the Apostle Paul and his fellow apostles addressed their letters to the believers in each city—as God's Church in Columbus, Ohio, for that is what we all are together:

*Paul and our brother Sosthenese to **the church of God in Corinth**; Paul and all the brothers who are with me to **the church of Galatia**; Paul an apostle to **the saints who are in Ephesus**; Paul and Timothy to **all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi** with the overseers and deacons; Paul and Timothy to **the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in the church at Colossae**, then also Paul with Silvanus to **the church of the Thessalonians** in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Corinthians through Thessalonians).*

The leadership team of 5 Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Network would like to reach out to pastors and leaders who are called by God to our city and are willing to function in unity to advance the Kingdom of God toward the transformation of Greater Columbus. This invitation is for all pastors and leaders of every Christ-centered denomination and ministry in our city.

5 PGCAN leaders live in and represent all five points of Greater Columbus: north, south, east, west and downtown. These men and women are peer-recognized apostles, prophets and intercessors who have served locally for many years in their particular areas of gifting whether as evangelists, pastors or teachers.

*Members of 5 PGCAN share a common **vision and purpose**: to live out the answer to Jesus' prayer in John 17 by a radical love and unity that will cause the world to believe, enter the Kingdom of God, become disciples—and through kingdom living in all areas of influence—transform Greater Columbus.*

This network is not intended to replace any current network affiliation but rather to provide a close to home, highly relational family of ministry leaders sharing a common vision for our city by the grace, presence and power of God.

There has been an explosion of Christian organizational and relational networks dating back to the Protestant Reformation. These networks might identify themselves as church denominations or associations, fellowships, brotherhoods, or communities. They initially grew out of a further understanding of biblical revelation and were led by people with apostolic gifting. Most are trans-local, national and even international, and most are centered on theology and practice. Taken together they

have planted churches throughout the world to advance the Kingdom of God, with the emphasis on their respective theology and practice. Over time they cemented into their traditions. In many instances, these are now dying networks sustained primarily by endowments and aging congregations.

In addition to these formal organizations many independent local congregations, and ministries not affiliated with a denominational-type network, have multiplied throughout the world. These nondenominational ministries receive their support and accountability from local pastors, and community or marketplace leaders.

So why, after all this investment in furthering the Kingdom of God, is the current condition of our nation and our own city still far from what God intends? The following statistics about the Church, taken from George Barna, Campus Crusade and other research ministries, paint a woeful picture:

- *The United States is one of the world's greatest mission fields with an estimated 2 out of 3 people outside of the Kingdom of God. They do not know Jesus!*
- *The American church is notoriously ineffective at reaching the lost.*
- *Of those who do respond to the Gospel only 5% are in a congregation one year later.*
- *18 million born-again Christians do not attend any congregational meetings. They do not consider attending church to be worth the effort.*
- *The average church in America has less than 75 members and is decreasing.*
- *Not one county in the U.S. has seen a net increase in church attendance in decades.*
- *80% of American pastors are discouraged in ministry and struggle with depression. For many pastors and ministry leaders, their dreams of ministry and the equipping of hungry people have turned into headaches and heartaches, and all while laboring under the critical watch of congregational leaders.*

When we consider the number of frazzled ministry leaders and the spiritual condition of the fragmented Church against the promises of God, we understand why God's intended impact of the Church has greatly diminished. Yet Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is now and will always be the Apostle of our faith and the Chief Cornerstone of the Church. The statistics will change, for Christ is our firm foundation!

*When a building is designed and the building process begins, there is a great deal of time, attention and work done on its foundation. The foundation must hold the integrity of the entire building in its place. He said that He would build His church and He prayed that we would function as **one** with Him and with each other (John 17). He prayed that we would be brought to complete unity, and through the witness of our lives, the world around us would believe He was sent by God and that they are loved by Him.*

*Collectively, all Christ-centered congregations and ministries, whether part of a network or independent, make up the **ONE CHURCH** in that city (Eph. 4:4-6), even though they are functioning as separate entities. In Greater Columbus the Church is still somewhat fragmented but it has all of the gifts (Eph.*

4:11, 12) needed to become the soul-winning, disciple-making church Christ is building in answer to His own prayer (John 17).

What is uncommon are localized apostolic networks. *We believe that many denominations have had their day and are on their way out. C. Peter Wagner, who was one of the premier church-growth specialists of the last century, and many see as the Father of the New Apostolic Reformation, has noted that the Pentecostals led the way in worldwide church growth during the latter half of the 20th Century (1960's, 1970's, and 1980's). During the same period the "old-line" denominations largely decreased dramatically in membership. "The Episcopal Church, for example, dropped from 3.4 million in 1968 to 2.5 million in 1994. During that same time period, United Methodists decreased from 11.0 million to 8.6 million; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) from 4.2 million to 3.7 million; and the United Church of Christ from 2.0 million to 1.5 million, just to name a few" (C. Peter Wagner: Churchquake, p.11).*

With contrasting analysis, R. Douglas Geivett and Holly Pivec, in their recent book A New Apostolic Reformation, note that most all the growth in the last three decades is directly attributed to the New Apostolic Reformation Churches (NAR), inclusive of Pentecostal, Charismatic, and Neocharismatic Christians. They note that the total number of people in the United States who likely have come into significant contact with NAR teachings total over 66 million, a staggering number (p.12). They reference their statistics from Todd M. Johnson, ed. World Christian Database (Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2007), and this is just one of many authoritative samples that all trend in the same direction.

We believe the time has come for an apostolic network in greater Columbus and for us all to come together as God's Church in our city. Columbus may be the first city in the United States to form an apostolic network. It has been prophesied that Columbus, Ohio is "the heart of it all" and "the heart of the Body [of Christ]" for the last-days church arising. The official state motto for Ohio is, "With God all things are possible."

We, the 5 Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Executive Council, pray for all of you in Christ's love and with faith. Pray for one another and for the peace of God in our beloved city. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

❖ **What is God's Dream for Greater Columbus? Socio-Cultural Synopsis**

*God's dream for Greater Columbus is **transformation**. It involves the conversion of individuals, but it goes beyond that. Imagine a city where the whole Church takes the whole Gospel to the whole city so that the power, the peace and the presence of God is experienced in every city system and sphere. We are talking about God working through all of us to bring restoration of all that is broken in our city. When we believers begin to match our own attitudes and thoughts with the heart that God has for our community; when we begin to value what He values, care about the people He cares about and work where He's at work, transformation begins.*

When the Church gets involved in the life of our community through acts of love, service, compassion and power—we become yeast in a batch of dough. The presence of yeast will always cause the dough to rise.

We want to bring good works and Good News. We can serve our city, love our city, bless our city—but only God has the power to transform our city. How does He do it? The Holy Spirit does it through yielded people like you and me!

*What would a **healthy community** look like? Isaiah 65:17-25 paints a picture of a city where the Lord's shalom (peace and wholeness) is present. The city is a place where*

- *there is joy (v. 18);*
- *there is an absence of weeping and crying (v. 19);*
- *there is no infant mortality (v. 20);*
- *people live out their full lives (v. 20);*
- *people will build houses and live in them (vv. 21-22);*
- *there is fulfilling and meaningful work (v. 22);*
- *there is confidence that the next generation will face a better life (v. 23);*
- *people experience the blessing of God (v. 23);*
- *there is intergenerational family support with family structure intact (v. 23);*
- *there are rapid answers to prayer (v. 24);*
- *there is an absence of violence (v. 25).*

*It is interesting to note the similarities between Isaiah's descriptions of a city that God wants to build and how the United Nations defines a **healthy city**. In 1996, the United Nations carried out the most complete study ever done on strategies for more livable urban areas. Data was gathered from the world's largest 100 metropolitan areas. Ten parameters were chosen to determine the livability of these cities. The parameters provide a glimpse of what **transformation** might include.¹*

1. *Public safety (based on local police estimates of homicides per 100,000 people)*
2. *Food costs (representing the percentage of household income spent on food)*
3. *Living space (being the number of housing units and the average persons per room)*
4. *Housing standards (being the percentage of homes with access to water and electricity)*
5. *Communication (the number of reliable sources of telecommunications per 100 people)*
6. *Education (based on the percentage of children, aged 14-17 in secondary schools)*
7. *Public health criteria (based on infant deaths per 1,000 live births)*
8. *Peace and quiet (based on a subjective scale for ambient noise)*
9. *Traffic flow (being the average miles per hour during rush hour)*
10. *Clean air (based on a one-hour concentration in ozone levels)*

¹ Glenn Smith, Atul Aghamkar, Ashley Barker, Scott Bessencker, John Bond, Airhart Cameron, Smuel Devemesam, et al., *Towards the Transformation of Our Cities/Regions*, Lausanne Occasional Paper 37 (2004), 15-16, <https://www.lausanne.org/content/towards-transformation-citiesregions-lp-37> (accessed on May 5, 2018).

*Sounds like **shalom**!*

City transformation begins with a transformed church that engages the needs of the city with works and words of love—in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are to seek the peace and prosperity of the city, because if it prospers, we too will prosper (Jeremiah 29:7).

What would it be like for Columbus to be **full of God's glory**? We believe that God's dream is to fill Greater Columbus with His glory (Is. 11:9; Hab. 2:14), until our city becomes known as a **good city, a strong city and a city of refuge**. It will be a **good city** as the glory of our good Father, His glorious Son Jesus Christ, and the activity of the Holy Spirit is reaching every person in it. A **strong city** is a city in which spiritual leaders are connected with civic and political leaders to set up walls and ramparts for security. **Cities of Refuge** are going to be established around the world through united, city-wide worship and prayer, and across denominational, racial and congregational lines, for the building up and sustaining of His Church in the earth.

We are convinced that **all things are possible with God** because the Gospel of Jesus Christ leads to the transformation of people, families, neighborhoods, communities, businesses, schools, media, governments and ultimately entire cities. This will be accomplished through spiritually healthy, joyous leaders serving, praying and working together.

You are a vital part of God's dream for Greater Columbus. And together our apostolic mission is the transformation of Greater Columbus. With this transformation of the Church of Greater Columbus, men and women of God are going to see a fresh revelation of Jesus and His Church that He came to build in the earth, gaining a heart after God's heart, and embracing His desire for our city.

Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up and he heard the angels crying, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:3).

❖ **What is 5 Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Network (5PGCAN)?**

The 5 Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Network (5PGCAN) is a Central Ohio network of ministry leaders who share a common **vision and purpose**: to live out the answer to Jesus' prayer in John 17 by a radical love and unity that will cause the world to believe, enter the Kingdom of God, become disciples—and through kingdom living in all areas of influence—transform Greater Columbus and beyond. As in the book of Acts, kingdom living includes lifestyle, words, deeds and the miracle-working power of the Holy Spirit.

The 5PGCAN is part of the emerging **second apostolic age**; the first apostolic age being the Church as described in the book of Acts in the New Testament. We believe that an **apostolic network** is necessary for any region to become a prepared place, with a prepared and equipped people who are actively transforming every area of society, as the Kingdom of God comes and His will is done in our midst. A primary function and purpose for apostles and prophets is to be upward focused, seeing, declaring and leading the way forward. Apostles and prophets working together bring about the unity and the biblical alignment needed for the Church to fulfill God's dream for our city.

5 Points Network is forming in the aftermath of the departure of Dr. Billy Graham. An addendum document, *Billy Graham's Mantle* by Lou Engle, is included with several prophecies concerning the

departure of Billy Graham. As you will see, the multiplication of evangelists, resulting in a massive harvest, is on God's heart in this **prophetic moment in history**.

Network Leadership

The SPGCAN will be led by an executive council, (elders of the city). These elders will function as peer-level visionaries, innovative risk-takers, and task-oriented leaders. We intend to tap into and mobilize the entire Christian community as the process unfolds on our watch. Relationship, mutual respect and trust will characterize the functional foundation of the council.

*The SPGCAN executive council will include elders for each of the five areas of Columbus: North, South, East, West, and Central. The council will meet monthly to pray, review, evaluate, discern, promote, study, and work to extend the visible manifestation of the Kingdom of God in Greater Columbus. The **shape** of the executive council is as follows:*

Executive Council (Elders of the City)

- **S - Servanthood** (Mt.20:28; 2Cor.4:5; 1Tim.1:12)
- **H - Humility** (Mt.18:4; Eph.4:1-2; Jas.4:10; Peter 5:1-5)
- **A - Accountability** (1Cor.2:1-4; 2Cor.11; 12:11-18)
- **P - Prayer** (Mk.1:35; Lk.11:1; Acts 6:4; Phil.4:6)
- **E - Eternal Fruit** (2Cor.4:18)

There will be quarterly meetings of the entire network designed to teach and motivate the apostolic community. The 5 Points Network is an alliance of churches and ministries, gathered to see the Kingdom of God established and maintained in the Greater Columbus area. These are Christians from every background. Participation in the meetings is open to all Christian leaders in Columbus and its surrounding area. Membership recruitment will be laid out at every quarterly meeting. The meetings will also include worship and fellowship meals.

❖ Network Advantages of Being Part of an Apostolic Ministry in a Region

*Membership is open to all Christian leaders, including those currently affiliated with other networks and churches, para-church ministries, and denominations. We are focused on a God-sized dream—a city that belongs to Him. As a result of being connected to an apostolic center in the first century, churches were never weak and isolated. Every small house church flourished because they were apostolically connected, having access to the Ephesians 4:11 **foundational gifts** of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher.*

- **Prayer Networks Participation:** *5 Points will do all in its power to encourage and link existing prayer networks throughout the city. We encourage intercessory prayer, prophetic intercession to identify strongholds, One-Night worship (the annual gathering of over 250 congregations for two hours of pure worship and prayer at the fairgrounds), and other strategic events that foster unity, reach the lost for Christ, and advance the Kingdom of God.*

- **Houses of Prayer:** *These are 24/7 prayer and worship centers scattered throughout the city. They are open to all believers desiring to see their neighborhoods, communities and ultimately the whole city transformed by the presence of God. A fully mature House of Prayer will have multiple worship teams rotating every two hours 24/7 and be open as places to encounter the Lord. There is no preaching or teaching and no ministry promotion.*
- **Regional Celebrations:** *Thousands will gather for prayer, praise, worship and ministry. We hold to the vision of an annual gathering in Ohio Stadium to celebrate the goodness of God in our city. One-Night is a current model for this gathering. Many believe our ultimate celebration will become the annual regional celebration in Ohio Stadium.*
- **Equipping and Training:** *Through training conferences and leadership development programs our quarterly meetings will prove to be a great encouragement to all who attend. From time to time the city-wide gatherings will encourage the Body of Christ in Columbus.*
- **Mentoring and Fathering:** *This is for the purpose of bringing stability and strength to the Body of Christ in our city as well as protecting our movement from extremes and error (2Cor.10:14).*
- **Intervention/Discipline:** *The SPGCAN is based on a New Covenant concept. It is our desire to access seasoned leaders who have proven ministries and are noted for wisdom and knowledge. Apostles are called to weigh-in on church problems when invited. In the New Testament, Peter had a responsibility to establish a standard of holiness by not tolerating lying in the situation with Ananias and Sapphira. The Apostle Paul turned Hymenaeus and Alexander over to Satan so they would not blaspheme (1Tim.1:19-20). The purpose of discipline is to create a secure environment in the Church for believers.*
- **Counseling and Biblical Support:** *The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit lives within the Christian believer (Jn.14:17), and that His name is the Counselor (Jn.14:15). He is the Spirit of Truth. We are confident He will give us the right words to say (Mk.13:11) as we remain sensitive to one another's needs and issues in ministry. Listening is integral in the counseling process (Rom.15:14) and in our appeals to the Wonderful Counselor.*
- **Networking:** *Because there is not one individual or one church or para-church ministry capable of carrying out a city transformation, we seek to get to know and walk in step with Spirit-filled leaders from across the city so that "the world will believe that [God] sent [Jesus]" (Jn.17:21). Three essential priorities evolve with the networking process:*
 - a) **Relationship:** *Apostolic networks maintain relational priority. Something happens when God's people get together in radiant fellowship (1 Jn.1:7). We are called to receive and walk with one another for the glory of God;*
 - b) **Equipping and Reproduction:** *"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ" (Eph.4:11-12);*
 - c) **Mission:** *The end result of our coming together will be a sending out to change our community for Christ.*
- **Consolidation of Resources:** *This is for the purpose of targeting an issue or problem (2Cor.9:1-2, 8-10).*

- **Sending Center:** *From here we plant new churches, strengthen existing churches, and penetrate new territory with the Gospel.*
- **Social Media:** *This is our online presence and mobilization for informing, gathering and celebrating.*
- **Taking Responsibility for a Region to Impact for Christ:** *This may include overseeing and strengthening churches, developing leaders, planting churches, and networking with others for the common good, which involves building relationships with a wide spectrum of movements and people, administrating and utilizing people to get things done.*

❖ Historical Synopsis

*Nothing stands alone. Because there is a history that comes with every new thing, knowing **historical context** is like a light shining in the dark that reveals where a new thing came from and the foundation upon which it is built. What follows is a brief history leading to the formation of The Capital City Association of Ministers and Churches (C-CAM), which then became the foundational context for 5 Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Network.*

In the early to mid-1970s, pastors and ministry leaders from around the city began meeting weekly to have lunch together and talk about what was going on in their lives. The wide range of different churches and ministries represented there was something that had never happened before in Columbus.

While a number of pastors and leaders were involved in the beginning years of these regular gatherings, the primary person God used to build this new coming together was Pastor Willard Jarvis. During these formative years, Pastor Willard experienced two significant events that were key to his future work in the city and to the development of relationships among the pastors. The first was that he was baptized in the Holy Spirit one night while praying with four other pastors; in fact, all of the pastors received the Holy Spirit. The next morning two church members were miraculously healed when Willard prayed for them. He was very excited with what was happening.

Even though many church members rejoiced in these sudden events, others were not so convinced. All the excitement created quite an uproar in the church; hence the second significant event in Willard's life at that time. Although his denomination did not ask him to leave his church, he decided to leave for the sake of unity, because of the division it was causing. As a result, Willard started The Redeemers on Courtright Church, which is still thriving today in 2018.

In 1975, when Willard realized that the Full Gospel pastors (those baptized in the Holy Spirit) didn't know one another, he invited one of them to have lunch with him. After lunch he suggested they invite two more pastors for lunch the next week, and so on. In a talk he gave in 1982 at Trinity United Methodist Church Pickerington, he estimated the luncheon group's membership had grown to about seventy five or eighty pastors, with about twenty five to thirty of them meeting regularly on Mondays for lunch, worship and sharing together at MCL Cafeteria on E. Main St. in Whitehall. He called it the Columbus Full Gospel Pastors' Fellowship and continued to lead them for many years. This was a key group of pastors and ministry leaders in Columbus who fellowshiped regularly, getting to know one another and having

events together with their churches; they even preached in one another's churches. This weekly lunch meeting is still going on every Monday at MCL Cafeteria on East Main St., over forty years later.

The number of churches and pastors who were committed to one another continued to grow, until several thousand people would gather annually at Veteran's Memorial for a unity-building evening of praise and worship, with nationally known guest speakers such as Kenneth Hagan. There was also intercessory prayer for Columbus, the State of Ohio, and our country as well as prayer ministry for the sick. There were about four or five of these events in the late 1970s and early 1980s, each almost completely filling the lower level of Veterans Memorial and some of the balcony level.

*Also in his 1982 address to Trinity United Methodist Church, Willard shared how he realized in his study of Acts that there was only one church in a city in the early life of the Church. He noted how that was true even in Jerusalem where the Church had over twenty thousand people if not more. In larger geographical areas such as Asia Minor, there were multiple churches, but in each city only one church. From that new understanding of the Church in a city, Willard began to have a desire to bring together a group of churches that were connected in a way that would begin to look like **one church in the Greater Columbus area.***

By the time of Willard's speech in 1982, there were seventeen pastors with their congregations who committed to having their Sunday-night services together, not just one time a month but every Sunday night, as one church in Columbus. That did not mean all Columbus churches would participate, but enough for the entire city to recognize that there was one church out of many congregations in Columbus. The name of the church was Columbus Central Church. As we can see today, that effort did not last. There were elements that were problematic, such as driving distance and the need to build relationships among the people of the congregations. While that was disappointing, there were other things that began to grow in its place.

The Full Gospel pastors and ministry leaders met every month, until 1989, when they formed the Capital City Association of Ministers and Churches (C-CAM). This monthly gathering will cease with the launch of 5 Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Network.

In 1993, an annual Columbus Prayer Summit for pastors began, prior to the Billy Graham Crusade at Cooper Stadium. The prayer summits were for pastors and para-ministry leaders and lasted for three or four years. They would go away together for a few days for prayer and seeking the Lord. This was also good relationship building time for the pastors. To host the Billy Graham Crusade in Columbus took a tremendous amount of work and cooperation from many church congregations and pastors around the Central Ohio area. While the main goal was to bring Christ to central Ohio, there was also a coming together in unity among pastors, leaders and congregations, who didn't know one another yet worked together throughout the crusade.

In 1995 Pastor Scott Kelso, at Trinity Family Life Center, started "Touching Heaven," which was a monthly Friday night gathering of people, pastors and congregations from around the city to praise and worship

the Lord. Each month there was a different music group that came to lead the worship time. There were prophetic words, intercessory prayer, and praying for the sick. Occasionally there would be a special speaker for the evening. These were very special times that brought people from around the city together to worship; it was very unity building in nature. This went on for 9 years until 2004.

In 1997, C-CAM invited John Arnott, Senior Pastor at the Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship, to Columbus from the Toronto Blessing Revival which began in January of 1994. Arnott and other Toronto leadership helped start Catch the Fire Columbus, hosted by Christ the King Church at Polaris. There were revival services four or five nights a week; week after week, after week, for nearly 6 months! This was a powerful time of drawing near to the Lord, with praise and worship, prayer, and healing of the sick. Many people were touched by the Lord and there were many healings. But there was also a great building of unity among the pastors who were setting everything else aside and coming together in prayer and ministry many evenings each week; they were really getting to know one another and building stronger relationships. The pastors took turns in leading the evening as did various music ministries.

All these events for which we have worked together created the **rich beginnings** of coming together as one church in Columbus. Our shared experiences are a large part of the historical context of what God was doing to give birth to the 5-Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Network.

❖ **Apostolic Vision & C-CAM**

For the better part of the last 30 years, Columbus, Ohio has been privileged to host the pastoral network known as the Capital City Association of Ministers and Churches (C-CAM). Out of this monthly network meeting significant relationships of trust and accountability have evolved. Our purpose has been to **promote unity** among all the churches of Columbus, including para-church organizations. Our goal to facilitate fellowship among the ministers has been met a hundredfold by coming together to share a meal, pray and work together toward common projects, while “maintaining the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph.4:3).

In January 2018 the current chairman of C-CAM, Scott Kelso, had a prophetic dream in which he saw C-CAM transitioning from an association of pastors to an apostolic network, adopting Greater Columbus as its target quest. The goal is not “to make a new heaven and new earth”, but to visibly portray Jesus’ prayer in John 17:20-23, whereby out of our **mutual relationship and unity**, the Kingdom of God will be made more real as spiritual transformation rises in our city. Our commission from the Lord, as we understand it, is to be a sent people to the Greater Columbus area, who will establish a foundational government of the Church within our assigned sphere, and position ourselves to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches, setting in order a kind of template for the expansion of the Kingdom of God even beyond Central Ohio.

In the New Testament there are several metaphors describing the Church of Jesus Christ in the world. The most common are as follows:

- 1) a **body** with Christ as the Head (Rom.12:4-5; 1Cor.10:17; 12:12; Eph.5:23)
- 2) a **family** (Mt.12:49-50; 2Cor.6:18; Gal.6:10; Eph.2:19)
- 3) a **temple** (1Cor.3:11, 16-17; 6:19; Eph.2:19-22)
- 4) a **house** (1Tim.3:14-15; Heb.3:6; 1Peter 4:17)
- 5) a **bride** (2Cor.11:12; Eph.5:31-32; Rev.19:7-8; 21:9)

*In all of these images the common denominator is a **community of people who follow the King**, Jesus Christ. The 5 Points Network is a coalescing of that community for the greater good. As a Christian community, 5 Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Network intends to leverage this community through acts of evangelism and discipleship, gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit, understanding of historical foundations of the faith, and the release of prophetic vision as we engage in community justice ministries.*

*We not only want to take people to heaven but also change our community through Spirit-led transformation. **We cannot be a successful church in the midst of a failing community.** Columbus has significant poverty, crime, drug addiction, sexual brokenness, and many other disabling conditions, waiting to be impacted by a coalition of churches that desire to make the crooked ways straight. Jesus died and rose from the dead for everyone; God is concerned about all people and so are we.*

5-Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Network desires to link congregations together through personal relationships and servant ministries. Within this network there are apostolic figures that have the ability to mobilize resources, make forward thinking decisions, and utilize charismatic gifts. We believe our network will be able to respond to post-modernity with kingdom innovation. There is growing spiritual darkness in the world as we approach an eschatological conclusion. In the midst of the darkness we are called to let the light shine (Mt.5:14-16; Jn.8:12; 12:36). We believe that through an apostolic network God has destined us to grow to maturity (Eph.4:12-15), defeat the enemy (2Cor.10:3-5), and prepare for the end-time harvest (Acts 2:18-21; 17:30-31).

*In Revelation 21, John sees the Bride of Christ as a great city descending out of heaven and radiating the glory of God. This bride speaks of Israel and the Church. These are the two main personalities in Scripture referred to as **the Bride** – Israel in the Old Testament and the Church in the New Testament. John saw that city as a bride, having a great and high wall and twelve gates; and at the gates twelve angels with the names or personalities of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. He saw these twelve gates as three on each side of the city: east, north, south, and west. He saw the wall of the city with twelve foundations, and in them the names or personalities of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. In this city John saw a tree that had twelve fruits on it, and the leaves were for the healing, or reconciling of the races. John’s revelation of the Holy City was a revelation of the glorified Church that had been purged and prepared through the fires of the Holy Ghost and Tribulation (Luke 12:49), to be a bride without spot, wrinkle or any such thing. The time has come to gather and go forward as never before to become*

A CITY EXPRESSION OF THE CHURCH IN THE EARTH! Hallelujah!

❖ **A Participating Member:**

*Membership is open to all Christian leaders, including those currently affiliated with other networks and churches, para-church ministries and denominations. We are focused on a **God-sized dream**—a city that belongs to Him. As a result of being connected to an apostolic center in the first century, churches were never weak and isolated. Every small house church flourished because they were **apostolically connected**, having access to the Ephesians 4:11 foundational gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher.*

Our Commitment to Christian Unity

- *We, Christ's glorious Church, will be ONE (John 17:20-23).*
- *We uphold the ministry of reconciliation, which leads to unity while honoring diversity (2Cor. 5:18).*
- *We will do everything possible to stand together in Christian Unity with Christians from all denominational backgrounds.*
- *We recognize that there is only one Body of Christ in our city; we agree to do everything possible to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace with all true Christians from every denominational background.*
- *We agree and ask the people in our congregations to show the Fruit of the Spirit to others, not criticizing or speaking in a derogatory or condemning way about other pastors or church fellowships. Even though we are encouraged to all speak in an edifying manner about our own congregations, we will be careful not to compete with, or compare ourselves to, other expressions of the Body of Christ, either positively or negatively.*
- *When people come into our individual churches from other congregations, we will do everything possible to help them resolve any real or perceived conflicts or hurts that may have incurred in their previous experience.*
- *If someone leaves a church which is a part of 5PGCAN and begins attending another fellowship within the network, the pastors agree to communicate with each other by letter or phone any information relevant to the transference of membership.*

In essence, we agree to practice the teaching of Romans: "If possible, as much as lies within you, be at peace with all men" (Rom. 12:18).

- *We believe that the Church is a BATTLESHIP, not a cruise ship.*
- *Prayer for the Church in Greater Columbus is our responsibility (Eph. 1:15-23).*
- *We will practice intentional networking and prayer with other Christian leaders in our neighborhoods.*
- *We agree to get behind initiatives that solve city problems.*
- *We will practice and encourage all Christian leaders to resolve conflict according to Matthew 18.*
- *We will prioritize 5-Points Greater Columbus Apostolic Network quarterly gatherings and other co-sponsored events.*

Each participating pastor or ministry leaders is expected to make a ONE TIME contribution of \$500 to 5PGCAN; the \$500 ONE TIME contribution will include the spouse of the leader. Offerings will be taken at each quarterly gathering to maintain ongoing financial requirements i.e. speaker honorariums, venue and related costs.

Please complete the attached application for membership.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the **Bible** to be the inspired, only infallible, authoritative **Word of God**.
 - *1 Thessalonians 2:13*
 - *2 Timothy 3:15-17*
- We believe there is **one God**, eternally existent in three manifestations:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - *Matthew 28:19*
 - *John 10:30*
 - *Ephesians 4:4-6*
- We believe in **the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ**, in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.
 - *Matthew 1:23*
 - *John 1:1-4; 1:29*
 - *Acts 1:11; 2:22-24*
 - *Romans 8:34*
 - *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*
 - *2 Corinthians 5:21*
 - *Philippians 2:5-11*
 - *Hebrews 1:1-4; 4:15*
- We believe that, **for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.**
 - *Luke 24:46-47*
 - *John 14:6*
 - *Acts 4:12*
 - *Romans 3:23*
 - *2 Corinthians 5:10-11*
 - *Ephesians 1:7; 2:8-9*
 - *Titus 3:4-7*
- We believe in **the present ministry of the Holy Spirit** by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
 - *John 3:5-8*
 - *Acts 1:8; 4:31*
 - *Romans 8:9*
 - *1 Corinthians 2:14*
 - *Galatians 5:16-18*
 - *Ephesians 6:12*
 - *Colossians 2:6-10*
- We believe in **the resurrection of both the saved and the lost**—they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
 - *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*
 - *Revelation 20:11-15*
- We believe in **the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.**
 - *1 Corinthians 12:12, 27*
 - *Ephesians 1:22-23*
- We believe in **the Church's responsibility to the poor**. We believe Jesus expressed in life and teaching that Christians have a financial and moral responsibility to help the poor, the disadvantaged and the homeless, helping those in the faith as well as unbelievers. The definition of helping entails a responsibility to the total person physically, mentally, and spiritually.
 - *Lev. 19:15*
 - *Psalm 82:3*
 - *Psalm 112:9*
 - *Proverbs 14:21*
 - *Matthew 11:5*
 - *Luke 14:21*
 - *James 2:5*
- We believe that **the ministries of evangelism and discipleship are the responsibilities of all followers of Jesus Christ.**

- *Matthew 28:18-20*
- *Acts 1:8*
- *Matthew 28:18-20*
- *Romans 10:9-15*
- *1 Peter 3:15*
- **We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, and that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female.**
 - *Genesis 2:24*
 - *Matthew 19:5-6*
 - *Mark 10:6-9*
 - *Romans 1:26-27*
 - *1 Corinthians 6:9*
- **We believe that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to the ministry of evangelism.**
 - *Matthew 9:35-38; 22:37-39; 28:18-20*
 - *Acts 1:8*
 - *Romans 10:9-15*
 - *Romans 12:20-21*
 - *Galatians 6:10*
 - *Colossians 2:6-10*
 - *1 Peter 3:15*
- **We believe that human life is sacred from conception to its natural end, and that we must have concern for the physical and spiritual needs of our fellow man.**
 - *Psalm 139:13*
 - *Isaiah 49:1*
 - *Jeremiah 1:5*
 - *Matthew 22:37-39*
 - *Romans 12:20-21*
 - *Galatians 6:10*

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Apostle (*one sent with a commission*) A messenger on a particular errand (*2Cor.8:23; Phil.2:25*)

Prophet: *public expounder; communicating words from God to men; can involve both "forth telling" and "foretelling" (1Cor.14:3)*

Evangelist: *one who announces Good News; this will include a special ability to communicate the Gospel (Acts 21:8; 2Tim. 4:5)*

Pastor: *shepherd; relational gifts of counseling, guarding, warning, and guiding God's flock (John 10:11; 1Tim.5:17; Titus 1:9; 1 Peter 5:2)*

Teacher: *instructor; the Spirit-given ability to build into the lives of Christians a knowledge of God's Word and its application to their thinking and conduct (2Tim.2:2; Matt.28:16-20)*

Jesus fulfilled all five offices in His person:

Apostle (Acts 14:14)
Prophet (Acts 11:27)
Evangelist (Acts 21:8)

Pastor (Acts 20:28)
Teacher (Acts 13:1)

For many generations the Church has been comfortable with the governmental gifts and offices of evangelist, pastor and teacher. Only in this present generation have apostles and prophets begun to be

recognized. For the purpose of this prospectus it is assumed that most Christian leaders have a working understanding of these three ministry gifts.

Apostolic: *Apostolic describes the movement and advance of the Church, as the Kingdom of God penetrates the darkness. It is a movement under the leadership of apostles, led by the Holy Spirit in concert with the other ministry gifts, especially the prophet. An apostolic movement plants churches where there are none and unites fragmented congregations by leading them to maturity and uniting them in the Great Commission.*

Prophetic: *Prophetic describes a Christian person or people group, church, ministry or movement that depends on the Bible as the inerrant Word of God and the “spontaneously, without conscience steps of reasoning or inquiry” word of the Lord. All prophetic people must view prophecy through the lens of the Bible. Often a prophecy will be a quote from the Bible with a right now or future application.*

RECOMMENDED READING

Understanding the Apostolic by Dr. Scott T. Kelso.

This document is attached and contains good definitions of both the apostolic figure and function.

Billy Graham’s Mantle By Lou Engle March 2018

This document is attached and contains many prophecies given prior to and just after his homegoing.

BOOKS:

Apostles and Prophets: The Foundation of the Church by C. Peter Wagner

Jesus revealed Himself to be the cornerstone of the Church. But He has built His Church, and continues to build it, through apostles and prophets – people who are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Peter Wagner gives us new insights into how the people who are called to crucial roles in the Church - apostles and prophets, as well as evangelists, pastors and teachers - must work together to fulfill their divine purpose and that of the Church.

Apostles and the Emerging Apostolic Movement By David Cannistraci

This is a textbook on the most essential concepts for understanding, biblically and practically, what apostles are and what they do. This book is a good starting point for those seeking a better understanding.

Apostles and Prophets and the Coming Moves of God by Bishop Bill Hamon

This informative book provides an historical context for what is happening in the apostolic and prophetic movement.

Moving in the Apostolic by John Eckhardt

This book is motivational as John Eckardt shares the excitement of actually ministering with an apostolic anointing. When you read it you will love apostles.

End Time Warriors by John Kelly and Paul Costa

Many would agree that John Kelly is the most articulate spokesperson on the scene today for the nuts and bolts of apostolic ministry. His book will help raise your understanding of contemporary apostles to a new level.

The Apostolic Church Arising by Chuck Pierce and Robert Heidler

This book traces the history of the original apostolic centers that we read of in the New Testament to their current existence and multiplication. This will help you better understand the apostolic prototype the Lord created for His Church to overcome the gates of hell.

A New Apostolic Reformation?: A Biblical Response to a Worldwide Movement by R. Douglas Geivett & Holly Pivec

This critique provides a framework for understanding and interpreting the widespread but little-known New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) movement. The authors wrote this book with two major goals in mind. First, to give people an idea of the sheer size and reach of the NAR movement. And second, to systematize its key teachings and practices by evaluating them on the basis of Scripture and careful reasoning.

Reinventing American Protestantism by Donald E. Miller

Sociologist of religion Donald Miller undertook an extensive study of three movements that were among the pioneers of the New Apostolic Reformation in America: Vineyard, Calvary Chapel and Hope Chapel. This is not a dull book on sociology but an extremely informative description and analysis of these dynamic prototypes. There is no other book quite like it.

The New Apostolic Churches edited by C. Peter Wagner

While doing research on the New Apostolic Reformation Wagner had the privilege of building personal relationships with several of the movement's top apostolic leaders. In this book he writes an introductory chapter, and then eighteen apostles contribute first-person chapters on their own movements. He calls this the "catalog" of the New Apostolic Reformation.

Churchquake! By C. Peter Wagner

This is a textbook on the New Apostolic Reformation. If you only have time to read one of the seven books Peter Wagner has written, this is the book he recommends for the overall picture.

Fathering Leaders, Motivating Mission: Restoring the role of the Apostle in Today's Church

By David Devenish

What is an apostle? And how should this biblical role function in the church of today? A new wave of 'apostolic ministry' has emerged in the church in modern times, but views differ on what this term means. David Devenish, a longstanding leader within the Newfrontiers movement, has many years' experience of working with churches in the UK and in other cultures around the world. Now he distills what he has seen, done and learned into a thoughtful reflection on the biblical patterns of apostolic ministry and contemporary practice. For anyone seeking to understand and appreciate the place of apostolic ministry in today's church worldwide, this is an invaluable guide