

BUILDING HEALTHY LEADERSHIP WITH THE PHILIPPINE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE'S VISION 20/20



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The Philippine Advent Christian Conference (PACCI) for the past two years has stressed the theme, "Building Healthy Leadership aiming towards PACCI Vision 20/20." It is our vision to see 20,000 disciples in the year 2020. To ensure the vision's fulfillment, we adopted a system called "Intensified Cell Group Strategy." We envision an intensive cell or small group ministry in every local church, making them the avenue toward building each member into a leader. To help us obtain our goal for this vision, we are working to build healthier leadership. This will stand for the next coming years, because we know establishing quality leaders is essential to the ministry.

Leadership influences the success or failure of any organization. It is revealed in history that when God's people had a good king, all was well. In contrast, when they had a bad king, everyone went to poverty. The time surely is coming that the Lord Jesus will come as a judge, who won't just separate the sheep from the goats, but will also prove how faithful we are as his servants pertaining to the task entrusted to us. PACCI has pledged to contribute to the fulfillment of God's vision to make all people groups of the world followers of

the Lord Jesus. As a conference body, accomplishing our share in the Great Commission requires strong and healthy leadership.

Trainings, particularly on disciple-making, are conducted in districts down to the local church level, with a goal of aiming to raise 500 cell group leaders during a two-year period. As of now, there are 267 volunteers/cell group leaders (including assistant leaders) working alongside their pastors in making disciples through small groups. This record is based upon responses from those who attended the trainings and pledged to engage in discipleship.

During the 8th Biennial meeting, the report indicated 4,799 as total membership. As of February, 2017, the tally rose to 5,268, denoting a 9% growth rate. Twenty-nine organized churches in 2014 now reaches to 32, while our outreach churches grew by 10, with 42 in 2014 to a present count of 52. Subsequent to the membership growth, a notable increase in our monetary receipts and balances has been seen. This year has dawned with over 300,000 pesos (\$6,000 US).

God has allowed me to see my six years of overseeing the conference as an avenue and a



period for further learning. I have failed in some instances, but I sensed failure as an integral part of the learning experience. In fact, it is in experiencing failure that finally led me to aim for excellence.

In my meditations, the Lord has led me to his words calling us to be his body. We are of many parts of which he is the head. The body cannot become whole if one or even a part of it is absent. So for it to accomplish much, there has to be complementation of each part. God provided us the means where we need to fix our meditation. From him, who is the head, the whole body grows and builds itself up when it is joined and held together by every supporting ligament and as each part does its work. Surely, God has great things for us to accomplish during our time and we need to work together as one body to complete his work.

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PRAYER & PRAISE

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"Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!"
(Psalm 93:4 ESV)

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PRAY

1. For Beth Larkin as she continues to transition into her new role of Coordinator of Women's Ministries & Event Operations.
2. For the approval of the new curriculum at Oro Bible College (Philippines) to be implemented in June 2018, for more students for the various programs and for provision for funds to meet Oro Bible College's budget.
3. With the Liberia AC Conference as they seek to find a speaker from the USA or Canada for their planned Leadership Conference in October 2017.
4. For Ghana Conference President Simon Bissah as the Ghana Conference has decided to disperse due to a lack of needed financial support from ACGC World Outreach. Please pray, too, for our AC mission work as this decision brings sadness and disappointment to our world outreach efforts.
5. For safe travel and good health for missionaries Jefferson and Penny Vann as they travel around the US sharing

missions with our AC churches, groups, camps and individuals who have a burden for our AC mission work.

6. For Ken Perkins (president of the Nova Scotia Conference and pastor of the Bear River Church) and his family, who will be ministering in Malawi for several weeks to our AC Malawian pastors. Please pray that these servants will have good health and God's protection and that their ministry will glorify him.

7. Pray that the AC outreach ministries will not be hindered through lack of funds.

8. That God will begin now bring forth members for a strong ministry team for Cristo Salva's next scheduled mission trip (October 16 - 23).

9. Pray for Latin America Area Director John Gilbert as he leads chapel on July 31 - August 4 (Mon. - Fri.) at Lakeside Camp, Belgrade, ME. Pray that the Lord will provide opportunities for John to connect and share our AC mission work with those who are attending.

PRAISE

1. God for the folks that attended the Department of Student & Family Ministries discussion at the Triennial Convention. Pray that we will be able to take their feedback and serve our churches in a helpful way.
2. The Lord that the Department of World Outreach has received approximately 30 new prayer participants who are now receiving the weekly World Outreach Prayer Network e-mail.
3. The Lord for the AC churches, WHFMS and mission groups and individuals who have contributed to our 2017 Penny Crusade.
4. God that in the St. Xavier's school in Bihar, all 57 students in class 10 passed the board exams, including 18 students who had 100% marks in all their subjects.
5. The Lord that 700 children participated in VBS in the Bihar ministry in India.
6. God for the DRC Conference's project to help make underprivileged and orphaned children followers of Christ by grounding

them in the Word of God, providing them with a meal, as well as spiritual food. The Conference has seen the impact of this project on these children's lives. Many children have been able to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

Please pray for the following ACGC Directors' and Coordinators' Activities

Meredith Broadway, Coordinator of Educational Ministries

- August 3: Darkness to Light Facilitator Training

Beth Larkin, Coordinator of Women's Ministries & Event Operations

Matt Larkin, Director of Student & Family Ministries

- July 27 - August 5: Croatia

Steve Lawson, Executive Director

Justin Nash, Director of Communication

Dawn Rutan, Director of Finance

Jeff Walsh, Director of World Outreach

- July 27 - August 5: Croatia