

Our Congregational WORLD

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Warm Christmas Greetings to the members of our WECF Family.

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rev Dr Ron Hamilton



“O Come All Ye Faithful” is a familiar Christmas carol sung around the world in the Advent and Christmas season. It ends with this refrain...

O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Contemporary song writers have expanded this refrain to express our worship of the Lord Jesus Christ!

For He alone is worthy,

For He alone is worthy,

For He alone is worthy, Christ, the Lord!

It is a joy and privilege to sing this song as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. His incarnation was an expression of the promise of Emmanuel, God with us. His sinless life enabled Him to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. His death on the cross paid the penalty for our sin and opened the door of salvation. His resurrection guaranteed the hope of eternal life. He sits enthroned in heaven today and is worthy of our worship.

There is a wonderful picture of this in Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,

who sits on the throne,

and to the Lamb.”

While we look forward to joining this multitude of worshipping believers in heaven, we can experience a bit of this on earth. The World Evangelical Congregational Fellowship is an earthly representation of this heavenly reality.

We are people from many nations, tribes, people and languages who are focused on our devotion to Jesus Christ, His Word, and His promises. We are a Christ-centered fellowship who worship together, serve together, and encourage one another in our faith. This is a taste of heaven that encourages our souls on earth.

One of my favorite moments of the triennial meeting held last May in Bulgaria was featured in the last edition of Our Congregational World.

On three mornings, we heard Bible Hour messages from Rev Georgi Jelev (Bulgaria), Pastor Nikola Ginevski (Macedonia), and Rev Armando Nass (Argentina). The picture below captures the nature of our fellowship and the spirit of the Meeting as Rev Armando Nass (Argentina) preached in Spanish, his wife, Lorena, translated into English, and Ivan Ivanov translated into Bulgarian.



We represent people groups from nineteen nations. Our languages are different as is the color of our skin. But our hearts are united in worship and adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our celebrations of Advent and Christmas will look different as we gather in different places around the world. But our hearts are united in love for Jesus and a devotion to share the “good news” of salvation to people of every nation, tribe, people and language.

Yours in the Lord,
Ron Hamilton

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SPANISH

“O Come All Ye Faithful” es un villancico familiar que se canta en todo el mundo durante la temporada de Adviento y Navidad. Termina con este estribillo...

Oh venid, adorémosle;

Oh venid, adorémosle;

¡Oh venid, adoremos a Él, Cristo, el Señor!

¡Los compositores de canciones contemporáneas han ampliado este estribillo para expresar nuestra adoración al Señor Jesucristo!

Porque sólo Él es digno,

Porque sólo Él es digno,

¡Porque sólo Él es digno, Cristo, el Señor!

Es un gozo y un privilegio cantar esta canción mientras celebramos el nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Su encarnación fue expresión de la promesa del Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros. Su vida sin pecado le permitió ser el sacrificio perfecto por nuestros pecados. Su muerte en la cruz pagó la pena por nuestro pecado y abrió la puerta de la salvación. Su resurrección garantizó la esperanza de la vida eterna. Él está hoy sentado en el cielo y es digno de nuestra adoración.

Hay un cuadro maravilloso de esto en Apocalipsis 7:9-10.

Después de esto miré, y había delante de mí una gran multitud, que nadie podía contar, de toda nación, tribu, pueblo y lengua, de pie delante del trono y delante del Cordero. Llevaban túnicas blancas y sostenían ramas de palma en las manos. Y clamaron a gran voz:

*“La salvación pertenece a nuestro Dios,
quien se sienta en el trono,
y al Cordero”.*

Si bien esperamos unirnos a esta multitud de creyentes adoradores en el cielo, podemos experimentar un poco de esto en la tierra. La Fraternidad Congregacional Evangélica Mundial es una representación terrenal de esta realidad celestial.

Somos personas de muchas naciones, tribus, pueblos y lenguas que están enfocados en nuestra devoción a Jesucristo, Su Palabra y Sus promesas. Somos una comunidad centrada en Cristo que adoramos juntos, servimos juntos y nos animamos unos a otros en nuestra fe. Esta es una muestra del cielo que anima nuestras almas en la tierra.

Uno de mis momentos favoritos de la reunión trienal celebrada en mayo pasado en Bulgaria se presentó en la última edición de Nuestro Mundo Congregacional.

Tres mañanas, escuchamos mensajes de la Hora Bíblica del reverendo Georgi Jelev (Bulgaria), el pastor Nikola Ginevski (Macedonia) y el reverendo Armando Nass (Argentina). La siguiente imagen captura la naturaleza de nuestra confraternidad y el espíritu de la Reunión cuando el Reverendo Armando Nass (Argentina) predicó en español, su esposa Lorena tradujo al inglés e Ivan Ivanov tradujo al búlgaro.

Representamos grupos étnicos de diecinueve naciones. Nuestros idiomas son diferentes al igual que el color de nuestra piel. Pero nuestros corazones están unidos en adoración y adoración a nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Nuestras celebraciones de Adviento y Navidad serán diferentes a medida que nos reunamos en diferentes lugares del mundo. Pero nuestros corazones están unidos en el amor por Jesús y la devoción por compartir las “buenas nuevas” de salvación con personas de cada nación, tribu, pueblo e idioma.

Tuyo en el Señor,
Ron Hamilton

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PORTUGUESE

“O Come All Ye Faithful” é uma conhecida canção de Natal cantada em todo o mundo na época do Advento e do Natal. Termina com este refrão...

Ó, vinde, vamos adorá-Lo;

Ó, vinde, vamos adorá-Lo;

Ó, vinde, adoremos a Ele, Cristo, o Senhor!

Os compositores contemporâneos expandiram este refrão para expressar a nossa adoração ao Senhor Jesus Cristo!

Pois só Ele é digno,

Pois só Ele é digno,

Pois só Ele é digno, Cristo, o Senhor!

É uma alegria e um privilégio cantar esta canção enquanto celebramos o nascimento de nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo. A sua encarnação foi expressão da promessa de Emanuel, Deus connosco. Sua vida sem pecado permitiu que Ele fosse o sacrifício perfeito pelos nossos pecados. Sua morte na cruz pagou o preço pelos nossos pecados e abriu a porta da salvação. Sua ressurreição garantiu a esperança da vida eterna. Ele está entronizado no céu hoje e é digno de nossa adoração.

Há uma imagem maravilhosa disso em Apocalipse 7:9-10.

Depois disto olhei, e eis diante de mim uma grande multidão, que ninguém podia contar, de todas as nações, tribos, povos e línguas, que estavam diante do trono e diante do Cordeiro. Eles usavam túnicas brancas e seguravam ramos de palmeira nas mãos. E eles gritaram em alta voz:

“A salvação pertence ao nosso Deus,

que está sentado no trono,

e ao Cordeiro.”

Enquanto esperamos juntar-nos a esta multidão de crentes adoradores no céu, podemos experimentar um pouco disto na terra. A Irmandade Congregacional Evangélica Mundial é uma representação terrena desta realidade celestial. Somos pessoas de muitas nações, tribos, povos e línguas que estão focadas na

nossa devoção a Jesus Cristo, à Sua Palavra e às Suas promessas. Somos uma irmandade centrada em Cristo que adora juntos, serve juntos e encoraja uns aos outros em nossa fé. Este é um gostinho do céu que encoraja nossas almas na terra.

Um dos meus momentos favoritos do encontro trienal realizado em maio passado na Bulgária foi apresentado na última edição do Our Congregational World.

Em três manhãs, ouvimos mensagens da Hora Bíblica do Rev. Georgi Jelev (Bulgária), do Pastor Nikola Ginevski (Macedônia) e do Rev. Armando Nass (Argentina). A imagem abaixo captura a natureza da nossa irmandade e o espírito do Encontro enquanto o Rev. Armando Nass (Argentina) pregava em espanhol, sua esposa, Lorena, traduzia para o inglês, e Ivan Ivanov traduzia para o búlgaro.

Representamos grupos de pessoas de dezenove nações. Nossas línguas são diferentes, assim como a cor da nossa pele. Mas nossos corações estão unidos em adoração e adoração ao nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo.

Nossas celebrações do Advento e do Natal serão diferentes à medida que nos reunirmos em diferentes lugares ao redor do mundo. Mas os nossos corações estão unidos no amor por Jesus e na devoção de partilhar as “boas novas” da salvação a pessoas de todas as nações, tribos, povos e línguas.

Seu no Senhor,
Ron Hamilton

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NEPAL

Let's Make a Difference!



As reported in the previous issue, the Evangelical Congregational Churches of Nepal (ECCN) plan to construct a building that can be used for a School during school terms and a **Evangelical Leadership Training Centre** during school vacations, enabling maximum use of the site and allowing Christian workers to undertake blocks of study while continuing to serve in their churches.

Having purchased land for this purpose adjacent to the Bethel Evangelical Congregational Church, they plan to complete the construction in stages and estimate that the ground floor will cost at least US\$30,000.

Despite limited funds, ECCN has commenced laying the foundations for this major project and urgently needs whatever financial assistance the WECF family can offer.

Gifts can be forwarded through the WECF Treasurer.

IN BRIEF

Darsan EC Fellowship officially opened at Docoria, Sunbarsi, Morang



Jyoti Fellowship officially opened at Govindapur, West Morang



4th ECCN Women's Society Conference at Bardan EC Church, Laxmimarga





On 10 December, Bethel EC Church became a festive haven for around 500 people, marking the advent of Christmas. The main purpose was to spread the Good News among non-Christians.

ECCN Youth hosted the event with a remarkable effort.





SPANISH

Como se informó en la edición anterior, las Iglesias Congregacionales Evangélicas de Nepal (ECCN) planean construir un edificio que pueda usarse como escuela durante los períodos escolares y como Centro de Capacitación de Liderazgo Evangélico durante las vacaciones escolares, permitiendo el máximo uso del sitio y permitiendo a los cristianos trabajadores a emprender bloques de estudio mientras continúan sirviendo en sus iglesias.

Habiendo comprado un terreno para este propósito adyacente a la Iglesia Congregacional Evangélica Bethel, planean completar la construcción en etapas y estiman que la planta baja costará al menos 30.000 dólares estadounidenses.

A pesar de los fondos limitados, ECCN ha comenzado a sentar las bases para este importante proyecto y necesita urgentemente toda la asistencia financiera que la familia WECF pueda ofrecer. Los obsequios se pueden enviar a través del Tesorero de WECF.



PORTUGUESE

Conforme relatado na edição anterior, as Igrejas Evangélicas Congregacionais do Nepal (ECCN) planeiam construir um edifício que possa ser usado para uma Escola durante os períodos letivos e um Centro de Formação de Liderança Evangélica durante as férias escolares, permitindo o máximo uso do local e permitindo que os cristãos trabalhadores realizem blocos de estudo enquanto continuam a servir em suas igrejas.

Tendo adquirido um terreno para este fim adjacente à Igreja Evangélica Congregacional Betel, planeiam concluir a construção por etapas e estimam que o piso térreo custará pelo menos 30.000 dólares.

Apesar dos fundos limitados, a ECCN começou a lançar as bases para este grande projecto e necessita urgentemente de qualquer assistência financeira que a família WECF possa oferecer. As doações podem ser encaminhadas através do Tesoureiro do WECF.

BULGARIA

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“In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.”

Matthew 18:14

Not long ago, we read something interesting about how mirrors affect our lives. If a self absorbed person was to look in a mirror for 30 minutes a day, then in 50 years it would add up to 9125 hours (380 days) that this person has stood in front of a small peace of glass. Interesting, isn't it? What attention we pay to our mortal bodies!

Hello dear friends!

This fact got us thinking about how often we look into the eternal mirror of the human soul - the Bible -so. One of the things we realized needed to fix and pay attention to is personal encouragement.



October 2023



How often do we encourage children in what they do, think or say? The camps and VBS this summer reminded us how much children and teenagers need encouragement, and we also witnessed how much they are encouraged each other during the games, the hikes, the lessons, the talent show.

3 camps, 2 VBS, 163 children, meeting friends supporting the children's ministry. These are numbers behind which are hours of work, responsibility, prayers... We could examine the lives of Deborah, Gideon, Samson, David, biblical heroes who also needed encouragement to



perform the task for which they have been called. The stories of Missionaries Emmy Carmichael and Mary Slessor

reminded us of the greatest Encourager. Let's not forget to pray for young people, the need for them to understand what is happening in the world and what the Bible says about it. Their questions are getting bolder and we want to help them „look into“ the Bible and look for the answers there- not in their phones - another issues that needs prayer- children's addiction to mobile phones.

There were young people that were a blessing for us during the summer, especially during the camps! The majority of our volunteers, were yesterday's campers who do not want to end the camp. They were ready to come as leaders! Praise the Lord!





In the beginning of September we had a work meeting with the colleagues from CEG that serve in other cities in Bulgaria- a time for refreshment, renewal, encouragement, planning. It is wonderful to know what God is doing where you cannot be present, but you can be encouraged that labor in the Lord is not in vain.

With the start of the new school year, the Good News Clubs are also ahead of us. Let's pray together for new open doors. Our eyes are directed to the three „B“ - Belashtitsa, Brani pole, Bresnik! (3 villages close to Asenovgrad)

Several teacher trainings are coming up in preparation for the „Operation Christmas Child“ project, in which we will help teachers to organize children's evangelization holidays and how to share the Gospel with children in different areas of the country.

The SEF Organisation is planning another online course for effective teacher training in the fall. If you want to get involved or know people who are interested, please give us a call!

Correspondence courses have their place in children's lives, but unfortunately the participants have decreased a lot and this is understandable with the advancement of technology. Yet it is our prayer that God will work and change through these lessons.

The „Otkrivateli“ website is being renewed and becomes an attractive place where children can learn many things through the adventures and stories online. www.Otkrivateli.com

Dear friends, finally we'll share with you encouragement from parents who, welcoming the children from the camp, have seen the change in them. Despite difficulties, challenges, and sometimes discouragement, God finds ways to encourage us to keep going.

„Good morning Danny! Once again I want to say to you and the whole team, God Bless you abundantly!

My son excitedly talks about how nice it was and, above all, how he is waiting for next year's camp... that was also my wish, that I wouldn't convince him, but that he would want to be with you! Thank you so much...he is praying with more words now, he has grown emotionally and there are so many more good changes...you are great!"

„Good evening! I want to thank you for the care and good attitude during the camp towards my daughter. It's so good to see how Jesus works in the hearts of children and change them through your work and dedication. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Be healthy and may God give you strength and inspiration in your work with children. We are already counting down the days until the next camp!“

„Hello, I want to thank you for the camp, our children are very happy

and grateful and we are already registering them first for next year. We want to go back with the same children and the same team! The children sang a few songs and said the verses they had learned during the camp in front of the whole church.“

Surely you know the tale of the magic mirror, which dispassionately and accurately answers a single question. God's mirror answers all questions with love and care! We ask the Lord to reveal to you the beauty of His law and beauty in Christ's character.

Be encouraged as participants in God's work among children!

Danny and Zhoro



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IN BRIEF: BULGARIA, MACEDONIA, UK



ESC Orizari Sunday School, Bulgaria (from Ps Petar Kolev)

Rev Mike and Mrs Margaret Plant (UK) visited Macedonia in October , where they met friends and ministry colleagues and Mike preached and spoke at a one-day Conference on ‘Church Growth,’ where his three messages were on ‘The Gospel - the foundation for growth,’ ‘The Holy Spirit - the power for growth,’ and ‘The Church God grows and which is ready to grow.’



In November, Pastor Nicola Ginevski (Macedonia) addressed the EFCC UK Ministers' Conference and preached at Hayes Town, Ashford and Hemel Hempstead Congregational Churches



MANIPUR INDIA



The situation is going from bad to worse. Gunfights between the two rival communities, burning of villages and houses have become the daily phenomena in the state. There is no hope for peace to return this year as now, only two months are left before the end of the year.

Presently, 7,020 houses have been burnt, more than 5,000 villages have been burnt, 270 Churches have been vandalized and nearly 200 people have lost their lives. The situation is so horrifying that curfews have been imposed in all the districts of the state and people are asked to remain on the alert in their homes and requested not to step outside, unless there is an emergency.

Consequently, in light of this situation, groups of women of Lamka (Churachandpur) district have started guarding and protecting their respective areas from strangers and suspected people or possible threats that could harm the local residents and houses. These women have divided themselves into two groups. The first group begins its duty early in the morning at 7:00am, remaining at its post until 7:00pm. Then, the second group takes over from 7:00pm until 7:00am the next morning, and the cycle continues.

They tirelessly remain on-duty for 12 hours every day. They have set up their camps in the junctions of Kotsohoi, E.Bungjang, Sejang and Commiserate villages. Women are willingly sacrificing their lives and fighting for their land, just as the frontline workers and young village defence volunteers are doing. Please pray for them so that they may find strength and perseverance each day from God to fulfil their duties with faith.

(Rev Jangkhola Dounel)



SPANISH

La situación va de mal en peor. Los tiroteos entre las dos comunidades rivales y el incendio de pueblos y casas se han convertido en fenómenos cotidianos en el estado. No hay esperanzas de que la paz regrese este año como ahora, sólo faltan dos meses para que termine el año.

Actualmente, han sido quemadas 7.020 casas, más de 5.000 aldeas han sido quemadas, 270 iglesias han sido vandalizadas y casi 200 personas han perdido la vida. La situación es tan espantosa que se han impuesto toques de queda en todos los distritos del estado y se pide a la gente que permanezca alerta en sus hogares y no salga, a menos que haya una emergencia.

En consecuencia, ante esta situación, grupos de mujeres del distrito de Lamka (Churachandpur) han comenzado a vigilar y proteger sus respectivas áreas de extraños y personas sospechosas o posibles amenazas que puedan dañar a los residentes y las casas locales. Estas mujeres se han dividido en dos grupos. El primer grupo inicia su tarea temprano en la mañana a las 7:00 am, permaneciendo en su puesto hasta las 7:00 pm. Luego, el segundo grupo se hace cargo desde las 7:00 p. m. hasta las 7:00 a. m. del día siguiente, y el ciclo continúa.

Trabajan incansablemente durante 12 horas todos los días. Han instalado sus campamentos en los cruces de las aldeas de Kotsohoi, E.Bungjang, Sejang y Commiserate. Las mujeres están sacrificando voluntariamente sus vidas y luchando por sus tierras, tal como lo están haciendo los trabajadores de primera línea y los jóvenes voluntarios de defensa de las aldeas. Por favor oren por ellos para que encuentren cada día fuerza y perseverancia de parte de Dios para cumplir con sus deberes con fe.

(Reverendo Jangkholam Doungel)



PORTUGUESE

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Consequentemente, à luz desta situação, grupos de mulheres do distrito de Lamka (Churachandpur) começaram a guardar e proteger as suas respectivas áreas de estranhos e pessoas suspeitas ou possíveis ameaças que possam prejudicar os residentes locais e as casas. Essas mulheres se dividiram em dois grupos. O primeiro grupo inicia o seu serviço logo pela manhã, às 7h00, permanecendo no seu posto até às 19h00. Depois, o segundo grupo assume o comando das 19h00 às 7h00 da manhã seguinte, e o ciclo continua.

Eles permanecem incansavelmente de plantão por 12 horas todos os dias. Eles montaram seus acampamentos nas junções das aldeias Kotsohoi, E.Bungjang, Sejang e Comiserate. As mulheres estão a sacrificar voluntariamente as suas vidas e a lutar pelas suas terras, tal como fazem os trabalhadores da linha da frente e os jovens voluntários da defesa das aldeias. Por favor, ore por eles para que possam encontrar força e perseverança de Deus todos os dias para cumprir seus deveres com fé.

(Rev. Jangkholam Doungel)



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MYANMAR



Despite ongoing conflict raging in many places across the country, our sister churches in Myanmar conducted a Training Seminar on 23-28 October, 2023, at the 'Good News Church,' Yangon. Thirty-six people were in attendance and the theme was Justification and Sanctification.



Above Left: Recent Baptism Candidates

Left: Children of Shalom Children's Home

CCCC USA

ANNUAL GATHERING HIGHLIGHTS

We shared a wonderful celebration of our 75th anniversary at the annual gathering held in St. Cloud, Minnesota this summer. Over 300 people, including volunteers, shared in the gathering.

The theme, “Forward Together,” was developed by our speakers and presenters. The worship team did a wonderful job of bringing us together “Before The Throne Of God Above.”

A big “thank you” is due to Susan Moody and Tim Dubeau who served as co-coordinators for the planning of the meetings. We are also deeply grateful to the more than 70 volunteers from the Avon Community Church who hosted this annual gathering.

Our Board members shared their thoughts about the meetings...

“There was a wonderful presence of God’s Spirit not only at the Board Meetings but extending throughout the week both in the Delegate Meetings and the Plenary Sessions. It was such a joy to be there!” (Joan Granitsas)

“The Lord so wonderfully answered our prayers with a memorable 75th Annual Gathering. We were all exhorted, edified and encouraged by His Word and His presence, and blessed by relationships both new and old. As we return refreshed to our churches, what happened here will surely flow down to those in our flocks.” (David Bodanza)

The 75th Anniversary was the best conference I’ve attended in my 45 years of ministry. The spiritual food was a feast as was the fellowship, services, and seminars. Many thanks to Tim and Susan ... Avon Community Church and so many others who served so well. (Mark Gorgans)

Rev Dr Ron Hamilton (Conference Minister)





SPANISH

ASPECTOS DESTACADOS DE LA REUNIÓN ANUAL

Compartimos una maravillosa celebración de nuestro 75.^º aniversario en la reunión anual celebrada en St. Cloud, Minnesota, este verano. Más de 300 personas, incluidos voluntarios, participaron en la reunión.

El tema “Adelante juntos” fue desarrollado por nuestros oradores y presentadores. El equipo de adoración hizo un trabajo maravilloso al reunirnos “Ante el Trono de Dios en lo Alto.”

Un gran “gracias” a Susan Moody y Tim Dubeau, quienes sirvieron como co-coordinadores de la planificación de las reuniones. También estamos profundamente agradecidos a los más de 70 voluntarios de la Iglesia Comunitaria Avon que organizaron esta reunión anual.

Los miembros de nuestra Junta compartieron sus pensamientos sobre las reuniones...

“Hubo una maravillosa presencia del Espíritu de Dios no sólo en las Reuniones de la Junta sino que se extendió a lo largo de la semana tanto en las Reuniones de Delegados como en las Sesiones Plenarias. ¡Fue un placer estar allí!” (Joan Granitsas)

“El Señor respondió maravillosamente nuestras oraciones con una memorable 75^a Reunión Anual. Todos fuimos exhortados, edificados y alentados por Su Palabra y Su presencia, y bendecidos por relaciones tanto nuevas como antiguas. A medida que regresemos renovados a nuestras iglesias, lo que sucedió aquí seguramente afectará a aquellos en nuestros rebaños”. (David Bodanza)

La 75^º Aniversario fue la mejor conferencia a la que he asistido en mis 45 años de ministerio. El alimento espiritual fue un banquete al igual que el compañerismo, los servicios y los seminarios. Muchas gracias a Tim y Susan... Avon Community Church y a tantos otros que sirvieron tan bien. (Mark Gorgans)

Rev Dr. Ron Hamilton (Ministro de la Conferencia)



PORTUGUESE

DESTAQUES DO ENCONTRO ANUAL

Compartilhamos uma celebração maravilhosa do nosso 75º aniversário no encontro anual realizado em St. Cloud, Minnesota, neste verão. Mais de 300 pessoas, incluindo voluntários, participaram do encontro.

O tema “Avançar Juntos” foi desenvolvido por nossos palestrantes e apresentadores. A equipe de adoração fez um trabalho maravilhoso nos reunindo “Diante do Trono de Deus Acima.”

Um grande “obrigado” é devido a Susan Moody e Tim Dubeau que atuaram como co-coordenadores no planejamento das reuniões. Estamos também profundamente gratos aos mais de 70 voluntários da Igreja da Comunidade Avon que organizaram este encontro anual.

Nossos membros do Conselho compartilharam suas idéias sobre as reuniões... “Houve uma presença maravilhosa do Espírito de Deus não apenas nas Reuniões do Conselho, mas estendendo-se ao longo da semana, tanto nas Reuniões de Delegados como nas Sessões Plenárias. Foi uma alegria estar lá!” (Joana Granitsas)

“O Senhor respondeu maravilhosamente às nossas orações com uma memorável 75ª Reunião Anual. Todos nós fomos exortados, edificados e encorajados pela Sua Palavra e pela Sua presença, e abençoados por relacionamentos novos e antigos. Ao retornarmos revigorados para nossas igrejas, o que aconteceu aqui certamente afetará nossos rebanhos.” (David Bodanza)

O 75º aniversário foi a melhor conferência da qual participei em meus 45 anos de ministério. O alimento espiritual foi uma festa, assim como a comunhão, os cultos e os seminários. Muito obrigado a Tim e Susan... Avon Community Church e tantos outros que serviram tão bem. (Marcos Gorgans)

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