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"Ethnic diversity is not a social justice issue; it is a Kingdom of God and gospel issue."

Bryan Loritts
pastor of Abundant Life Christian Fellowship, Silicon Valley, CA



The Nyack School of Music brought the crowd to its feet as they performed an original composition of A. B. Simpson's "Yesterday, Today, Forever."

WALKING THROUGH CHANGE

After a series of encouraging reports during the Wednesday morning service about God at work among the Alliance family, John Stumbo walked us through a timeline highlighting some of the significant changes our family has experienced together over the past 50 years. He then turned to others on the stage and said, "Respond to what you just heard." Kelvin Walker, superintendent of the Metropolitan District, vice chair of the C&MA Board, and morning service worship leader answered.

"Movements were never intended to be monuments," Kelvin responded. "And when movements become monuments, they become edifices of brick and mortar that crumble and fade away. God has not called us to be a monument. God is continually calling us to be a movement—and this next phase of change is about movement."

With that, John launched what he described as a two-year discussion about some changes he believes God is prompting our Christ-centered, Acts 1:8 family to consider—

addressing the language we use to describe ourselves, our theology, and the way we conduct our ministry in this era of human history—that could ultimately help determine our effectiveness as one of God's end-times families.

John notes, "Living organizations have to take a step back and ask, 'Are we doing what we need to do to the best of our ability with the fewest barnacles attached to the ship to be a forward-moving, mission-advancing, kingdom-declaring body of believers with as few things slowing us down as possible?'"

John urged us to assume good intent of one another as we enter into these discussions from diverse perspectives. "Family, would we learn to trust and stand with each other? [Can we] not assume someone who disagrees with us is automatically in the heretical category?"

"I raised the corporate blood pressure by announcing it's a season of change," admits John. "As I launch into a new season of conversation, [I pray] we can show the world how to disagree in a gracious manner."



ANNOUNCEMENTS

To see a full list of announcements, view The Banner online at <https://www.cmalliance.org/events/2019/council/> or on the Alliance Council 2019 app.



DINING

Special Dining Options at Orlando World Center Marriott for Alliance Council 2019 Attendees:

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

Breakfast buffet	\$14.00*	Tues., 5/28/19-Sun., 6/2/19
Lunch buffet	\$14.00*	Wed., 5/29/19-Sat., 6/1/19
Dinner buffet	\$18.00*	Wed., 5/29/19-Sat., 6/1/19

PANTRY

Complimentary beverage (specific options) when you select a lunch or dinner option	Wed., 5/29/19-Sat., 6/02/19
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*Plus appropriate tax and tip

■ **Let's double our impact!** All gifts given to the GC Day Offering here at Council—up to \$500,000—will be doubled through a generous donor's matching grant! The offering will be taken during the Sunday morning service. Let's multiply our generosity this week to send all 60 new international workers!

■ **A prayer and fasting meeting**, led by Ron and Anita Morrison, will be held Friday, May 31, from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in Crystal J2.

■ A special, limited release of authenticated, **handwritten sermon notes by A. W. Tozer**, penned for his "Attributes of God" sermon and book series, will be available **for sale at the Merchandise Store**.



■ **Alliance Women** "Connecting Women for Kingdom Impact." Come visit us in booth 313!



El Distrito Hispano del Este está equipando y movilizando para cumplir la Gran Comisión.

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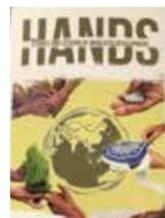


ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

■ Help **Chapel Pointe**, our senior living community in Pennsylvania, **celebrate 75 years of service** by encouraging its residents. On the anniversary, June 15, we want to bless residents with an uplifting, handwritten card to remind them that they are treasured. Stop by the Chapel Pointe booth today to participate!

■ **Which spiritual gift do you have?** Are you an Apostle, Evangelist, Pastor, Prophet, or Teacher? **Come to booth 323** and take a short online survey to find out. A special gift will be given to the first 200 people who complete the survey.

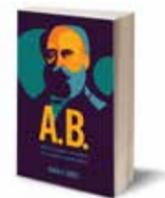
■ **CAMA has a new book!** It's authored by global development practitioners and focuses on stories and lessons of wholistic development. **Get yours today at the Merchandise Store.**



■ Looking for next steps for your youth ministry team? **Stop by the Alliance Youth booth** to learn about our coaching program. While you're there enjoy our Council-exclusive offer of a free 1-on-1 coaching session. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

■ Dr. Martin Sanders has assembled a **team of prayer counselors** who are available to dialogue and pray with Council delegates throughout the week. Team members will be available during the response times at the end of the services—as well as throughout the day—and **will be wearing purple lanyards.**

■ **Be sure to pick your copy of the new A. B. Simpson biography, A. B.: The Unlikely Founder of a Global Movement** at the Merchandise Store for the special, Council-only rate of \$9.99.



■ **Orality: Discipling through Story** Did you know that nearly all Americans under age 35 are oral-preference learners? Come experience the power of stories from God's Word and learn how they can be used in ministry! Join us in the Chicago Denver room on Saturday, June 1 at 3:30 p.m.

■ **Grace Church Worship and Leadership Conference**, coming July 18, 2020, features three tracks (leadership, worship, tech) and will focus on building a healthy culture from the top down that has a Kingdom mindset above all. Cost: \$25, including lunch. Email worship@gracecma.org for details.

■ America's law enforcement officers are a unique people group who need the gospel now more than ever but are often hard to approach, much less to share the gospel with. **TheStrongBlueLine.org** is a unique ministry designed to share the gospel with our officers. Stop by our table for more information.

■ **Fortified Marriages Ministry** provides excellent resources to help build strong marriages within the local church. Visit booth 217 for more information about how the church can stem the tide of divorce and strengthen marriages to be a witness for Christ.

■ Did you know your partnership with **Operation Christmas Child** does far more than provide a gift for a child in need? Shoeboxes are an effective tool for evangelism, discipleship, multiplication and even church-planting and reaching the un-reached in more than 100 countries! Stop by our booth to find out more.

■ Affordable, accessible, and adaptable materials for "Helping Children See Jesus!" Stop by **Bible Visuals International's** booth to see our new VBS curriculum, "Voyage of Grace," and to check out our visualized Bible lessons, mission stories, and songs. KIDS—we have a coloring contest for you. Stop by to participate!

■ **Celebration Web Design** offers handcrafted websites. We are happy to offer a free website review to anyone who visits our booth during the conference. Our staff is dedicated to furthering the Kingdom of God by partnering with authors, ministries, missionaries, and churches to create websites with purpose.

■ **Visit the Rethink Creative booth** to learn how to leverage creative solutions for your local church. Rethink Creative is a brand strategy and design studio that helps change-making organizations tell their stories and advance their mission through strategic creativity. Our core services include strategy, branding, web design, and video.

■ **Win a trip for two to New York City! Visit the Nyack College/ATS booth** and register to win a trip to New York City for a School of Music performance. Airfare, hotel accommodations and event tickets for two are included. More details at booth 215!

■ Pastor, ministry staff, or international worker? Purchase and complete a ministry health assessment from **Total Ministry Health** for a chance to win a week vacation at Sunset Rock Retreat in Florida or Wolf's Mountain Lodge in Pennsylvania. Reclaim your call, restore your well-being, and rebuild your effectiveness. Booth 231. totalministryhealth.com.

■ **Reach families with SOULMATES FOR LIFE** If you are looking for a sure-fire way of reaching your community, stop by the **Consentia Group booth** (226) and learn more about this affordable marriage outreach opportunity for any size church. Hear stories about how Alliance churches are seeing results.

■ **Ladies**—use your shopping dollars to make a difference in the lives of exploited and vulnerable women. **MERCY MARKET**, booth 237, sells products that bring freedom and restoration. Don't forget to use your coupon in your packet!

■ **Need to complete your Alliance Polity Course?** Stop by the Leadership Development booth (312) for more information and to apply right here at Council for one of our upcoming cohorts.

■ **PURCHASE: "Weeping for the Lost"** is a photo-illustration depicting A. B. Simpson praying for the world. It is a wonderful reminder of the passion that took the gospel to the world through the sacrifice of many "sent-ones." Samples may be seen at the Archives Table.

■ **aXcess.** It's a name to know. It now represents the multiple teams of workers The Alliance has sent for decades to proclaim the gospel and multiply networks of faith communities among the least reached. aXcess, CAMA, Envision, and marketplace ministries – together – make up Alliance Missions.