

March 10, 2010

Greetings Pastor,

I pray this letter finds you enjoying God's great blessings and favor!

For some time now, my mind and prayers have been turned toward the International Assembly, coming July 27—August 1, 2010, to Greensboro, North Carolina. I expect a tremendous outpouring as delegates from around the world join together for this biennial celebration. Please join with me in praying for this event and, if possible, make plans to attend!

Enclosed in this mailing, you will find several pieces of information that will be beneficial to you as you prepare your church for the 2010 Assembly business discussions. You will find three documents that have been prepared by our Assembly Committees. These include the following:

- *"Bible Translations,"* a document for affirmation prepared by the Biblical Doctrine and Polity Committee
- *"The Presence and Manifestations of the Holy Spirit,"* a document for affirmation prepared by the Biblical Doctrine and Polity Committee
- The Report of the Finance and Stewardship Committee

Once again this year, the proxy system will be used during the business session. The Report of the Finance and Stewardship Committee will be the only document subject to approval by the proxy system this year.

Enclosed you will find a Proxy Pre-Registration Form for your selected proxy. Please note that this form is to be completed and returned to your **State/Regional Office by April 30, 2010**. This form does not require you to indicate your church's initial decision on the Committee report; it simply identifies the individual that your church has selected as a representative. You will want to take a moment to familiarize yourself with the helpful information available on the back of the form. It gives a general overview of the timeline for pre-registering your proxy, as well as information concerning reports and registration once at the Assembly venue.

Additionally, you may want to visit our website at www.cogop.org to download valuable tools for introducing this system to your church and guiding them through its implementation. If you do not have Internet access, feel free to contact my office to receive these documents by mail by calling Shaun McKinley, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT, at (423) 559-5103, or e-mail smckinley@cogop.org.

Thank you for investing your time to study the enclosed documents and familiarize your congregation with its contents. I look forward with anticipation to all that God will do at the 2010 International Assembly as together we *"Pursue His Spirit!"* I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



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