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About Christian Unity Part Three

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Introduction

Primary areas of disagreement that many Christians have with the NAR are their beliefs about supernatural signs and wonders, apostolic and prophetic offices, receiving new revelation from God (new "words" from God similar to how 1st century apostles heard from God and were inspired by the Holy Spirit), the beginning of the Second Apostolic Age in 2001, and working to bring in the Kingdom of God on earth through the process of the Seven Mountain Mandate (dominion).

My interest as a Christian journalist is whether the NAR claims about the Second Apostolic Age beginning in 2001 are true. If they are, then Christians everywhere need to get on board quickly because God is on the move and "wills" that we all be involved in listening to the prophets and apostles and doing our part to "bring under the dominion of Christ" our "divinely assigned sphere of influence" (ICAL Statement of Faith). If the NAR claims are true, then the "eldership" of fivefold ministry offices (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) are here "to establish spiritual unity and the priesthood of all believers in Christ" and "the Kingdom of God on earth" (ICAL) Statement of Faith). If God has chosen this time and method to bring His Kingdom to Earth, all Christians should hear and obey.

However, if the claims of the NAR about supernatural signs and wonders, apostolic and prophetic offices, receiving new revelation from God, the beginning of the Second Apostolic Age in 2001, and working to bring in the Kingdom of God on earth through the process of the Seven Mountain Mandate are not true, they need to be challenged.

According to Wagner and other NAR leaders, the Holy Spirit moved in the Body of Christ through three groups over a period of 30 years to prepare for the beginning of the Second Apostolic Age (SAA) –

Intercessors – 1970s

Prophets – 1980s

Apostles – 1990s

Each group had a specific mission to accomplish during their appointed decade to get everything ready for the Body of Christ to bring in the Kingdom of God on Earth. According to Peter Wagner and other leaders of the NAR, those groups have succeeded in bringing about the SAA. Because of the large number of organizations involved in the NAR, we have chosen several from each grouping (intercessors, prophets and apostles) as examples of their theology and philosophy for spiritual warfare.

The Intercessors

Peter Wagner wrote this about the work of intercessors that began in 1970 – "The task of intercessors, for example, is to stand in the gap between the visible world and the invisible world. God gives them a supernatural ability to clear the pathway between heaven and Earth. When they succeed in removing the roadblocks that the enemy has erected, God's voice can be heard much more clearly by those of us on Earth."

According to Wagner, the International Convening Apostle over the International Coalition of Apostolic Leaders (ICAL) for many years and now the Presiding Apostle Emeritus of ICAL, God began His work to clear the pathways between Heaven and Earth so His people could hear His voice "much more clearly" using the giftedness of "intercessors."

For the purpose of understanding this "dominion work" of intercession better, we will look at several prominent NAR intercessory groups and individuals. I prefer "eyewitness testimony" when conducting an investigation, so information about each person or group comes from their official websites, books, blogs, videos or sermons rather than people who disagree with them.

First, we will look at some of what the New Testament reveals about intercessory prayer to get some Biblical perspective.

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them ... I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. 'Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them." John 17:9-10, 15-26

"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:41-42

"Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:3-4

"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:26-27

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: 'For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Romans 8:31-36

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient tribulation, continuing steadfastly in in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. Therefore 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:9-21

"Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me, that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, that I may come to you with joy

by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you. Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen." Romans 15:30-33

"For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many." 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

"Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this

age but also in that which is to come. And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." Ephesians 1:15-23

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." Ephesians 6:17-20

"And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:9-11

"For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death." Philippians 1:19-20

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

"We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel." Colossians 1:3-5

"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will all in wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:9-14

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak." Colossians 4:2-4

"Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis." Colossians 4:12-13

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

"For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you, ¹³ so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and

Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints." 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness and the work of faith with power that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run *swiftly* and be glorified, just as *it is* with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard *you* from the evil one." 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all,

to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control." 1 Timothy 2:1-15

"But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:24-25

Global Harvest Ministries (GHM)

Wagner founded Global Harvest Ministries in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1993. He also helped start The World Prayer Center at New Life Church in Colorado Springs in 1998 (Ted Haggard was pastor at the time) for the purpose of 24/7 prayer.

Wagner officially transferred GHM to Chuck Pierce in 2010. Wagner wrote that instead of continuing GHM, Pierce organized Global Spheres, Inc. (GSI), "a new wineskin for apostolic alignment which will carry Doris and me into the future." Wagner wrote that Pierce serves as President of GSI and Wagner is Apostolic Ambassador. Wagner wrote that all of the GHM material had been transferred to the GSI website.

Wagner also founded the Apostolic Roundtable of Deliverance Ministers (ARDM), which birthed the International Society of Deliverance Ministers (ISDM) in 2003. It was convened under the leadership of Peter and Doris Wagner with the purpose of "helping recognized deliverance ministers connect with each other, build personal relationships, learn from and encourage one another, and create a structure for accountability (deliveranceministers.org/about). ISDM is currently under the leadership and direction of Bill Sudduth. His goal for the organization "is to see the ministry of deliverance and inner healing back in mainstream Christianity where it belongs" (deliveranceministers.org/about).

ISDM training includes courses on Understanding Basic Issues in Deliverance by Doris Wagner, Generational Curses by Bill Sudduth, Setting the Schizophrenic Free by Pat Legako, and Inner Healing/Freemasonry by Linda Heidler. ISDM recommends additional training in deliverance and inner healing through Ram Ministry, Inc., Christian Healing Certification Program, Wagner Leadership Institute, Sozo Ministry, His Call Ministries, and Vision Life Ministries. They also sell training guides about deliverance ministry by Ellel Ministries.

Global Spheres, Inc. (GSI)

Chuck Pierce is President of Global Spheres, Inc. (GSI) and Glory of Zion International Ministries (GOZIM). He received his D. Min. from the Wagner Leadership Institute. Pierce describes GOZIM as "a ministry that aligns Jew and Gentile."

Pierce is author of several books, including *One Thing: How to Keep Your Faith in a World of Chaos* (2006), *God's Unfolding Battle* (2007), *Interpreting the Times* (2008), *Redeeming the Time* (2009) and *Time to Defeat the Devil* (2011). He co-authored several books with Rebecca Wagner Sytsema (*Receiving the Word of the Lord: Bringing Life to Your Prophetic Word* (1999), *Ridding Your Home of Spiritual Darkness* (2000), *The Best Is Yet Ahead: Pressing Toward Prophetic Fulfillment* (2001), *When God Speaks: Receiving and Walking in Supernatural Revelation* (2003), *Prayers That Outwit the Enemy* (2004), *God's Now time for Your Life* (2006)) and also co-wrote with John Dickson, Dutch Sheets, Robert Heidler, Robert Stearns, and Pam Pierce.

Pierce shared insights to the role of intercessory prayer in the Second Apostolic Age in his book *The Future War of the Church: How We Can Defeat Lawlessness and Bring God's Order to the Earth* –

"For some time, my predominant role in the Body of Christ has been to use my apostolic anointing to mobilize prayer worldwide. As I have done this through the years, I have identified some prayer points that I believe go hand in hand with this word given in Oklahoma. God wants us to build a wall of fire and protection from city to city and state to state throughout our land. Prophecy is usually given in order to stimulate aggressive intercession.

Before you begin to pray, define the boundaries within which you are praying ... Some of you will pray for your home with the following prayer points. Others of you will pray for your church. Some of you are called to pray for your city. Some have been called by the Lord to pray for your state. And, of course, some will pray for our entire nation or even beyond. Apply the key prayer points below to whichever regional boundary God has called you to pray.

- 1. Ask God to remove complacency from your life and region.
- 2. Ask the Lord for the spirit of grace and intercession to fall on your region.
- 3. Pray for the key authority structures in your region.
- 4. Ask the Lord to build up the wall with the correct spiritual leadership for your region.
- 5. Cry out for corporate worship times to arise in your region.
- 6. As a new level of worship is established in the Church in your region, ask the Lord to break the power of child sacrifice and close down abortion centers.
- 7. Ask for lawless structures that are linked with terrorist activities to be revealed.

- 8. Declare that unjust laws that have been established will be overturned in your region.
- 9. Ask the Spirit of God to penetrate dead religious structures that are resisting His move in your region.
- 10. Do not fear, but cry out for God's perfect restorative grace to take action throughout our entire nation.

This is a *kairos* time for God's people to understand authority, for authority is the key to power ... Through the prophets, He has shown us His holy desire for the future of our nation. However, as we see throughout history, God makes the fulfillment of His desire contingent on the obedience of His people. Apostles, prophets and intercessors play a crucial role. If the apostles, acting on the word delivered through the prophets, effectively mobilize the intercessors, and if the intercessors enter into powerful, strategic, prophetic intercession, we in the Body of Christ will truly be praying the future into being. It will be God's best future for us, and our nation will be blessed as never before." (Chuck Pierce and Rebecca Wagner Sytsema, Chosen Books, 2007)

"The Lord is bringing a new anointing to His people. That anointing will cause prophetic words that have lain dormant to begin to be activated in the atmosphere. The anointing breaks the yoke. Go where the anointing is moving and have a receptive heart ... Declare deliverance and breakthrough throughout this day. Outline your Baal Perazims. Declare that the Master of Breakthrough will rise on your behalf. Ask for a new anointing of

intercession ... The Holy Spirit is breathing a new, fresh sound for victory. If you miss His sound, it will take you out of God's timing in facing off the enemy. Hear the sound of the Spirit of God ... You have the power to outwit the enemy because of what he is attempting to steal from you. He is, therefore, in debt to you and because of your covenant position you have a right to fight him from that position and demand back what is yours through strategic prayer ... Get your back side covered with the glory of God. The armor God has supplied to His New Testament soldiers does not provide for protection of the back of the warrior outside of the intercession of others. This is also consistent with the armies of Old Testament Israel where the 'glory of the Lord' was to be their rear-guard (see Isa. 58:8) ... When operating in rearguard prayer, we ambush our enemy and cause our enemy to stop pursuit and actually lose strength ... Do a Jericho march, even it it's in your prayer closet. Read Joshua 6. Ask God for quietness and confidence against your enemy. Do not release a victory shout until His perfect time ... Declare that any invincible force in your city will fall. Declare wholeness over your city." (*Prayers That Outwit the Enemy*, Chuck Pierce, Rebecca Wagner Sytsema, Chosen Books, 2004)

Pierce believes that personal prosperity also comes with intercessory prayer –

"A time to prosper!' God intends for us to live peacefully. His goal is for us to cultivate and multiply in the place He assigns us. He

means for us to be efficient in what we do, maximizing our allotted time and space. His ultimate goal for us is to live in harmony with Him and with those who enter our lives and spheres of influence.

Faith works in time and space! Prosperity is proportionately related to faith! *A Time to Prosper* will help you understand your time, your space and the dimension of faith that is linked to multiplication. In the midst of your time and space, faith must not only rise but also grow to deal with all the tests that attempt to stop your progress and your prosperity.

Pray Big and Expect Changes. Most people do not see prosperity in their lives because they do not expect to prosper! 'Expect' ... God created us with a built-in barometer of expectation. That expectation barometer should register at least 9.8 on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest expectation ... What we expect from life is often a direct result of our desires, whether they are Holy Spirit-prompted or not ... Some of you might have deferred your ability to prosper because your hope of the future has been wounded. If you're one of these people, here is a good prayer to pray: I expect You, God, to meet me at every corner. I expect Your presence to overtake me when I least expect You to help me. I expect and desire the best that You have for me. I expect You to open my eyes to that which I have not been able to see or attain. I MEAN TO PRAY BIG! I know that You delight in me and long to make my desires the same as Your best for me. Restore me and redeem the wasted time linked with past failings." (A Time

to Prosper: Finding and Entering God's Realm of Blessings, Chuck Pierce, Robert Heidler, Chosen Books, 2013)

[More about Pierce in the chapter about Prophets]

Generals International (GI)

Mike and Cindy Jacobs co-founded Generals International (GI) in 1985. According to their website, www.generals.org, God called Cindy when she was nine years old to an international ministry with this verse – "Ask of me the nations for your inheritance, and the ends of the world for your possession" (Psalm 2:8). Cindy says she "helps people walk in the ministry of prophetic intercession, equipping them to pray effectively for their families, cities, and nations." In addition to traveling around the world preaching and teaching, she writes for a variety of magazines (e.g. Charisma, Ministry Today, Spirit-Led Woman), is the author of several books (e.g. The Voice of God, Possessing the Gates of the Enemy, Women of Destiny), is a frequent guest on Trinity Broadcasting Network and The 700 Club, and co-hosts a weekly television program (God Knows) with her husband, Mike Jacobs.

Mike Jacobs is co-founder of Generals International and speaks around the world about the spiritual dynamics of business. He and his wife also provide leadership for the Reformation Prayer Network (RPN), which is a "prayer movement for igniting a holy reformation in every sphere of society. RPN is building a network in all fifty states of the United States for each of the seven mountains and also among local churches, children, youth, and intercessory worshipers." (www.generals.org/rpn/)

In a recent video message to GI followers (Dec. 22, 2015), Cindy Jacobs talked about the annual meetings of the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders for the purpose of seeking "the Lord to get a word." She said that 2016 will be "the year the tide turns." She went on to promise followers that "this coming year, the tide will turn for you ... God is a good God; and in 2016, the Lord is going to see that the floods that are overwhelming you stop, and the tide will turn for you."

As a point of reference, Mike and Cindy Jacobs interviewed Chuck Pierce (President of Global Spheres) on God Knows in February of 2015 to announce that the "fresh word" from God was that 2015 would be the "year of the whirlwind and God is going to bring you back around into the blessing that you might have missed in another season." They invited viewers to "receive prophetic insight into how to see God's supernatural blessing come into your life" through the God Knows episode. The show promoted a book written by Chuck Pierce and Rebecca Wagner Sytsema with foreword by C. Peter Wagner titled *Possessing Your Inheritance: Take Hold of God's Destiny for Your Life* (Chosen Books, 2009).

Recent guests on Mike and Cindy's weekly television show (God Knows) have been Dutch Sheets, Will Ford, Robert and Raytene Grassechi, Matt Sorger, Steven Springer, Rebecca Greenwood, Mary Glazier, prophet Sam Brassfield, and prophet Stacey Campbell.

"This is the reality of prayer – every single time that we reach out and pray, we are spending spiritual currency. We are releasing something in the spirit realm that will cause something else to be purchased for the cause of Christ. There's a very real transaction and I believe that this is one of the reasons that the Apostle Paul actually exhorted us in the Book of Ephesians to pray without ceasing because he knew how powerful prayer was ... be continuously reaching forward your spiritual hand, so to speak, by faith praying and releasing prayers for your family, for your life, for your loved ones, for your nations, and believing God that as you do that there will be a mighty transaction because there will be. Prayer is powerful, you have unlimited potential with it, and it works, so just go for it." Faytene Grasseschi, God Knows TV Program

In the "Partner With Generals" section, Bishop Harry Jackson, Pastor Bill Johnson, Pastor Jim Garlow and Rick Joyner ask readers to get behind Generals International because — "It is one of the key ministries in these times, helping to set the stage and get people in their place prepared for the times … One of the most important ministries I know of in the earth today."

[More about Cindy Jacobs in the section about Prophets]

International House of Prayer (IHOP)

Mike Bickle is the director of the International House of Prayer, which has "continued in non-stop prayer led by worship teams since September 19,1999, and is committed to combining 24/7 prayers for justice with 24/7 works of justice" (mikebickle.org/about). Bickle says the 24/7 prayer room was inspired by David's tabernacle in 1 Chronicles 23 and 25. About 1,500 people each spend 50 hours each week in the prayer room, classroom and ministry outreaches. These members of the full-time IHOP staff are referred to as "intercessory missionaries" –

"I define an intercessory missionary as one who does the work of the kingdom from the place of prayer and worship, while embracing a missionary lifestyle and focus ... the conflict at the end of the age will be between two global worship movements. The Antichrist will empower a worldwide, state-financed, false worship movement (Rev. 13:4, 8, 12, 15), but the global prayer led by Jesus will be far powerful" movement more (ihopkc.org/intercessorymissionaries/)

IHOP leaders divide the 24/7 schedule into 12 worship-based prayer meetings a day, each lasting two hours. Each of the "intercessory" missionaries are expected to be in the prayer room for at least four hours a day, six days a week. They use what Bickle calls the "Harp and Bowl" method, based on Revelation 5:8 –

"Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."

"We are offering Jesus unceasing worship, while contending for justice and for the power of the Holy Spirit to be manifest and bring transformation in every sphere of society" (ihopkc.org/prayerroom).

Bickle also founded the International House of Prayer University that has full-time Bible, media, and music schools (IHOPU). The school's mandate is "to equip and send out missionaries as dedicated intercessors and evangelists who work to see revival within the Church and a harvest among those searching for God ... Prior to the return of Jesus, the earth will experience unprecedented worldwide revival and upheaval as God shakes everything that can be shaken (Heb. 12:26). The Word of God tells us that in that hour corporate prayers (Joel 2:12-16) and a radical commitment to pursue and proclaim the knowledge of God will be very important to the Lord's purposes" (ihopkc.org/ihopu/about/).

"Over the last 25 plus years, the Lord has graciously given us about 25 powerful prophetic experiences that provide insight into what will happen in the days ahead in Kansas City, the USA, and other nations. These supernatural experiences were given to several prophetic people in the 1970s and 1980s. They include

times when various believers saw the Lord, heard God's audible voice, saw an angel, or had prophetic dreams that were dramatically confirmed. These prophetic experiences are referred to as IHOP-KC's prophetic history. Scripture, being the highest standard and guardian of truth, is our primary light in a dark world. However, the Lord sometimes gives us prophetic experiences to highlight aspects of our specific ministry assignment and to strengthen us in our faith to believe for the release of His extraordinary blessing." Mikebickle.org/resources/

A group of prophets known as the "Kansas City Prophets" include Mike Bickle, Paul Cain, Bob Jones, Bill Hamon, John Paul Jackson, Larry Randolph, Rick Joyner, James Goll, and Lou Engle. Cain was an older man who had been involved with William Branham and the "Latter Rain" revival of the 1940s. Bickle's church, Kansas City Fellowship (now called Metro Christian Fellowship of Kansas City), became involved with John Wimber's Vineyard movement in 1990.

Bickle has authored several books, including *Growing in Prayer*, *Growing in the Prophetic, Prayers to Strengthen Your Inner Man, Passion for Jesus*, and *After God's Own Heart*. Here are some insights to Bickle's perspective about prayer –

"Over the past several decades, the Lord has been establishing prayer ministries across the earth, some of which function twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. One of the purposes of these ministries is to serve as a catalyst to inspire prayer in the Body of Christ. The Lord's plan is to restore a prayer culture in the

Church worldwide so that the entire Church becomes a praying people—a praying church. This distinction is not limited to a few, but intended for everyone, just as we are called to be the healing church, the evangelizing church, and the discipling church—and all unto the renown of Jesus in the earth. Although not everyone is called to establish night-and-day prayer in their region, every believer and every community of believers is called to fervent, persevering prayer." An Overview of God's End-Time Plan (Praying Church Study Series Book 2), 2001

"I believe we are living in the generation in which the Lord returns. At the top of the Holy Spirit's agenda in this final hour is the mobilization of a worldwide prayer and worship movement. Jesus will not return to earth in a vacuum but only by the beckoning of a praying church. The Father sent Jesus the first time in answer to the prayers of people like Anna and Simeon. Just as God called Anna to fast and pray night and day for over 60 years (Luke 2:36-38), we are asking God to raise up a million Annas who will cry out night and day until Christ's Second Coming." *Unrelenting Prayer*, Oasis House, 2004 (Mike Bickle, Foreward)

"Blessings are promised to those who come to God and ask. Therefore, if we pray, the quality of our natural and spiritual lives will improve. For example, the measure in which we receive insight from the Holy Spirit will increase, and our thirsty hearts will encounter God more deeply.

By praying, we can both release God's blessing in greater measure and cut off the work of the enemy, who seeks to devour our finances, break our bodies, ruin our relationships, oppress our hearts, and destroy our families. Through prayer we can hinder his destruction in our lives. God opens doors of blessing and closes doors of oppression in response to prayer. When we pray, doors of demonic oppression can be shut. We have authority in Jesus's name to stop demonic activity and to release angelic activity in our lives and the lives of others." *Growing in Prayer: A Real-Life Guide to Talking with God*, Charisma House, 2014

Mike Bickle is on the oversight team with IHOP CEO Daniel Lim and TheCall Founder and President Lou Engle, of the Luke18Project, a campus prayer movement directed by Thai Lam.

"We are committed to relentlessly calling forth and training leaders who are fully given to a lifestyle of fervent prayer and passionate worship. Our desire is to see a radical shift in this generation which moves beyond prayer meetings to a culture defined by persistent prayer." Luke18project.com/about/core-values/

One of the primary objectives of the Luke18Project is a new Jesus Movement –

"Just as God visited the Hippie Generation of the 1960s and awakened hundreds of thousands of youth to the love and grace of God, we seek to call students to contend for a new Jesus Movement in our generation to sweep across the campuses of our nation. Our hope is that many believers would be awakened to the love of God afresh and believe together for another Jesus Movement!" luke18project.com/about/

TheCall (TC)

Lou Engle's website, thecall.com, states that Engle is "a revivalist, visionary and co-founder of TheCall solemn assemblies. For more than three decades, Lou's passion has been to call believers into radical consecration through prayer, fasting, and acts of justice. Lou has been involved in church planting, establishing prayer movements and strategic houses of prayer."

Engle said he was deeply impacted by the Promise Keepers gathering at the National Mall in Washington DC in 1997 and "began to raise up a corresponding youth movement of prayer and fasting that could bring forth a sweeping revival across America." A \$100,000 gift in 1999 helped Engle start TheCall DC.

Engle lists nine Values of TheCall –

- 1. TheCall is a massive united solemn assembly.
- 2. The Call exists to see the ending of the shedding of innocent blood in our nation.
- 3. The Call is about reconciliation and the Spirit of Elijah.
- 4. The Call seeks to raise up a nazirite generation.
- 5. The Call exists to bring glory to God and not men.
- 6. The Call is rooted in love.
- 7. TheCall exists to bring believers into their place of authority in God's Ekklesia.

- 8. The Call seeks to establish houses of prayer everywhere it goes.
- 9. TheCall is free.

Lou Engle lives in Pasadena, California and is part of the leadership team at the Pasadena International House of Prayer. He is author of Digging the Wells of Revival: Reclaiming Your Historic Inheritance Through Prophetic Intercession —

"God wants to awaken every one of His sons and daughters to their spiritual inheritance. He stands ready to release to us the anointing, glory, and power from days gone by...and more. He waits to visit us again as He has in revivals past, sweeping multitudes into His arms and filling our streets and homes with His presence. He stands ready to honor His covenants afresh with the fathers and mothers of the faith who have gone before us, and to pass on to us the riches of our spiritual heritage if we but ask and seek for it." Destiny Image, 1998

Engle identified the "fathers and mothers of the faith" in the book's dedication as Frank Bartleman, Aimee Semple McPherson, and John Wimber. Engle also dedicated the book to his pastor, Che Ahn of the Harvest Rock Church in Pasadena. Engle and Ahn are co-authors of *The Call Revolution* (Wagner Publications, 2001) –

"The Revolution Has Begun! On September 9, 2000, over 400,000 youth and adults came together on the Mall at the nation's capital for a day of fasting, prayer, repentance and

reconciliation with a single, solemn purpose: to spark a massive youth revolution that would change the destiny of America.

Now, Ché Ahn and Lou Engle, two key leaders of The Call, bring us a manifesto for a modern day Jesus Revolution. In The Call Revolution, you will be invited to participate in the core values of The Call, which will turn your life upside-down and prime your heart for a massive move of God's Spirit in our nation." Publisher Description

Engle wrote the foreward to Jaeson Ma's book, *The Blueprint: A Revolutionary Plan To Plant Missional Communities On Campus* –

"I dream of an awakening in universities in America that will shake humanism and its professors like a terrier shakes a rat in its teeth. I dream that Christian students would become more radical than anarchists, and that the preaching of Christ and the healing power of God would create riots in the public squares ... that fraternity houses with sons of Greek philosophy would be taken over by the sons of Zion with their 24/7 houses of prayer! But is it merely a dream? No! A thousand times, no! We are in the throes of a great reformation of prayer. In the past two years, spontaneously and almost undirected by human hands, student-run houses of 24/7 prayer have popped up in colleges all across the nation. When God is getting ready to do something atomic, He always sets His people praying. It seems that our universities are going to be ground zero for the revival balm of God ... A new apostolic witness is being demanded in our universities. Through fasting,

prayer and dedication to a stand of no compromise, the Daniels of God are being forged into prophets who will be 10 times better than their peers in the hotly contested battleground for truth." Chosen Books, 2007

Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry (BSSM)

Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry is a ministry of Bethel Church in Redding, California, which is pastored by Bill and Beni Johnson. The mission of BSSM is "to equip and deploy revivalists who passionately pursue worldwide transformation in their God-given spheres of influence." (bssm.net/about/mission)

Bill Johnson's father became pastor of Bethel Church in 1968, and after many years pastoring at Mountain Chapel in Weaverville, California, Bill and Beni Johnson returned to Bethel Church in 1996 to become Senior Leaders (pastors) at the church. They started BSSM in 1998 with 36 students for the purpose of emphasizing "the need for believers to return to the ministry of signs and wonders." BSSM now has almost 2,000 students.

"BSSM is a Holy Spirit-driven ministry school where students learn how to live in the Kingdom of God and extend its borders through a supernatural lifestyle ... People often come to the school because they want to see the miracles, but those who stay for 2nd and 3rd years stay because of the culture and the atmosphere. They want to learn how to sustain and maintain what God has impacted their life and family with and to cultivate a momentum that releases it wherever they go."

First-year classes at BSSM include "Basic Dream Interpretation," Prophetic Intercession and Changing Cities and Nations, Prophetic, Prophetic and Healing Arts, Capturing the Heart Photography: Writing With Light, Writer's Eye, Coaching in Revival Culture, Developing a Lifestyle of a Revivalist, Healing-Operating and Increasing in Miracles and Healings, Preaching, Supernatural Evangelism, Cultivating the Presence and Encounters, Developing Intimacy and Growing in Prayer, Union with God, Faith and Politics, Francis of Assisi, Heaven in Business—Partnering with God at Work, Heaven's Government Invades Earth, Prophetic Intercession and Changing Cities and International Transformation, Social Justice and Nations. Kingdom of God. and Worldview" (bssm.net/academiclife/curriculum).

Second-year classes at BSSM include "Advanced Prophetic, Dreams and Prophetic Intercession, Heaven in Business, International Transformation, Kingdom Administration, Vision Administration, Social Justice, Bioethics, Disaster Response & Recovery Overview, Faith in Politics, Living and Ministering in a Foreign Culture Long Term, Growing in Prophetic Arts, Heart and Mind (Writing), Recording Studio Production, Anatomy of a Catalyst, Moral Revolution, Prosperous Home, United Pursuit, Encounters, and Living From the Inside Out."

According to the church's website (ibethel.org), Bill Johnson is a fifth-generation pastor "with a rich heritage in the Holy Spirit. The present move of God has brought Bill into a deeper understanding of the phrase 'on earth as it is in heaven." Beni Johnson is described as a pastor, author and speaker who has a call to "joyful intercession" that's an integral part of the church. "Her insight into strategies for prayer and her involvement in prayer networks bring breakthrough with global impact."

Bill and Beni Johnson emphasize health and wholeness in body, soul and spirit and serve a growing number of churches partnered for revival – "This apostolic network has crossed denominational lines in building relationships that enable church leaders to walk in both purity and power."

Beni Johnson has her own website (benij.org) where she describes herself as "the happy intercessor." She is in charge of Bethel's Prayer House, intercessors and ministry teams and says her heart is to help people begin to "carry joy in intercession." Beni Johnson believes that being an intercessor is "capturing the heartbeat of heaven and declaring or praying that into your world. It is true agreement with heaven" (benij.org/about).

One of the buildings at Bethel Church is called the Alabaster Prayer House, a 24/7 prayer house. Beni Johnson wrote that sounds of people laughing and talking are heard beneath the building, even though there is no room beneath the prayer house. She explained

that the sounds were normal and that what people hear are "the sound of heaven." She wrote that the sound of Heaven is all around the prayer house, like a "party going on." Beni Johnson wrote that in her opinion, "I think that heaven really likes to hang out in our prayer house."

The Johnsons believe that "releasing the sound of heaven is a very powerful weapon." One of the "tools" they use to release the sound of Heaven is the shofar –

"The shofar is like an air raid siren that alerts us to danger and summons us to action. I believe that the shofar, used the right way, can be a powerful weapon in prophetic intercession. The sound that the shofar produces can cause a change in the spirit realm, which in turn changes our physical realm ... Shofars are a gathering tool for worship and war." (benij.org/heaven)

Beni Johnson is the author of several books about intercession –

"I was not always an intercessor. But I still remember the first time those words were spoken over me 20 years ago. My husband, Bill, and I were pastoring a church in Weaverville, California. We had asked our friend, prophet Dick Joyce, to come and minister at the church. Dick called me forward to prophesy over me and said, 'You are called to intercession. Not for this season but for a season coming.' I remember that, on my way up to receive that word, I whispered to the Lord, 'I will take any gift but intercession.' But somehow, even when Dick spoke those words over me, I

remember that I was not surprised. It was almost as though my spirit already knew it was coming." *The Happy Intercessor*, Destiny Image, 2009

"Intercession With Joy!! Beni Johnson's personal journey to becoming The Happy Intercessor takes you on an exciting adventure to capture the heartbeat of Heaven. From her violent shaking experience to the 'thin place' between Heaven and earth where supernatural spirituality is commonplace, you will be amazed and empowered with the joy she shares. Being addicted to God's presence brings comfort and peace to all believersbecoming a happy intercessor is within your reach. You can make a difference in your family, workplace, community, nation, and world. Filled with modern-day experiences and relevant ancient truths, you will learn why: - Mystics and mystical experiences are important today. - Praying in tongues can lead to powerful intercession. - Intercession is the fruit of being with Him. - Today's children can prophecy with purity. - You should lead an offensive lifestyle. You will be encouraged and inspired by the depth of love and knowledge shared in *The Happy Intercessor*. Even the weariest warrior will jump for joy as a cool, cleansing balm washes over your body, soul, and spirit." Publisher Description

Beni Johnson wrote *Beautiful Me: A Walk In Deeper Intimacy With The One Who Created Us* (Destiny Image, 2010) with Heidi Baker, Sue Ahn, Winnie Banova, DeAnne Clark, Sheri Hess, Anne Stock and Nina Myers. Johnson wrote two chapters titled "Feel the Heartbeat of Heaven" and "Wakey Wakey!"

"The insightful wisdom, joy, and lightheartedness of seven amazing women who have pushed through extreme winters only to fall more intensely in love with Jesus will challenge and provoke you to dance, live, breathe, and have your being in the One who created you to arise and come along with Him as His delicate, brilliant one into the bounteous reality of Heaven on Earth. Shed the orphan mindset that keeps you or your loved ones in spiritual poverty, misery, bondage, or rejection and get caught up in the swirl of deeper Father-daughter relationship with Abba Daddy God, who dispatches all of Heaven's resources concerning you for major help and breakthrough from whatever your cocoon into a lavishly abundantly fragrant "destiny now" season. See how time truly has been on your side! Not one moment has been wasted!

Learn how all of these women: - Sue, Heidi, Beni, Winnie, Anne, Nina, and DeAnn - endured and discovered how to push through their painful labor for the birthing and rushing in of new things beyond belief. Your moment has arrived. Daddy is in the building! Say good-bye to Poverty Flats. Hear the voice of the Spirit of Adoption calling His darling beautiful daughter, "Arise! Come with Me child. Your time is now." Publisher Description

Learn how to: detoxify, filter your reality, and get focused, make it to the place of faith and belief for your circumstances, endure time and overcome the hurdles, observe, focus, shift paradigms, see God on the other side of your pain, get caught up into God's extravagant plan, embrace Daddy's lavish love." Publisher Description

Experiencing the Heavenly Realm: Keys to Accessing Supernatural Experiences (Destiny Images, 2011) co-author with Judy Franklin

"You can experience more!

Not just a passionate persuasion about developing a deeper relationship with Christ - you experience the process step by step with two living deeply with God.

If you are seeking a closer relationship with God, you will be totally absorbed within the visions and personal stories of the supernatural shared in Experiencing the Heavenly Realm.

Practical methods to develop a closer walk with God admonish you to engage in a more intimate relationship by getting to know the Father on a personal level. Individual testimonies about how to overcome obstacles substantiate the healing power and loving-kindness of God toward all who seek to know Him and to develop a deeper intimacy with Christ.

You can: Activate your seeing capacity. Experience love in the third heaven realm. Be touched and healed by the Lord. Go

beyond just knowing about Christ. Know Him personally, intimately.

You can be healed by the Lord - emotionally, mentally, and physically - after learning how to experience the heavenly realm." Publisher Description

Prayer Changes Things: Taking Your Life to the Next Prayer Level (Destiny Image, 2012)

"At Bethel in Redding, where we pastor, we have a ministry school. One day while teaching on intercession and prayer, I ended the session and opened it up for questions. One of our young men said, 'I don't feel like I fit into the whole intercession thing.' My response was, 'Wait, what do you think you are doing when we get you up on the stage to dance?' You see, this young man had an amazing ability to dance in a warlike dance to bring a spiritual change to the atmosphere. I told him that when he did that, things happened in the spirit realm. Then I told the whole class that there are many ways to pray and move in intercession, that it's not always about words, and that God uses our gifts for intercession.

At Bethel Church every Saturday we have what we call Healing Rooms. People come from all over the world to this place to receive prayer for healing. One of the things that people do first when they come to the Healing Rooms is to sit and soak in the presence of God. We have live worship and our prophetic artists

painting in one of the rooms, which we call the Encounter Room, and as the people wait to receive prayer, they sit in the room and get all saturated in the presence of God." Beni Johnson, Introduction

"Do you approach prayer with the same attitude and same requests—now you can flow into a new realm.

Prayer Changes Things shows you how to pray the Jesus way—responding to His Father with "yes" as a matter of habit. You, too, can learn to trust Him with that same response in your everyday life.

Prayer Changes Things includes excerpts from the following books and authors:

- · Let Your Yes be Yes by Don Nori
- Spirit-Empowered Prayer Storm by James Goll
- Mystics, Mystical Experiences, and Contemplative Prayer by Beni Johnson
- · Healing and Interventional Answers by Elmer L. Towns
- Prayer That Takes Hold of the Impossible! by Morris Cerullo
- The Power Source by Suzette T. Caldwell
- Praying in Another Dimension by Sue Curran
- The Life-Changing Benefits of Fasting by Mahesh Chavda
- Prayer Can Be Powerful (or Otherwise) by C. Peter Wagner

You can pray with great power and authority—starting today!" Publisher Description

What If...: You Joined your Dreams with the Most Amazing God (Destiny Image, 2013)

"God has an amazing, fulfilling, life-changing purpose for each one of us. Unfortunately, too many women in the Church do not really know who they are or where they fit in God's Kingdom. They have accepted other people's molds and the status quo, but deep inside, they long for more. Their hearts secretly ask, What if...? What if I could follow my dreams? What if I could do more than I'm doing and be more than I am right now? What if I could be really alive with purpose and participate in God's Kingdom? What if I could make a difference?

The answer to these questions is "You can!: Because of Jesus, you are free to be amazing! You are free to follow your dreams! As a woman, you were created to be powerful and to stop into your destiny as a world-changer. At Bethel Church in Redding, California, we are passionate about helping all kinds of people discover who God created them to be and what He created them to do—and then empowering them to step into destiny ... Understanding God's goodness and the freedom that's found in His love is the key to unlocking your destiny. The more you walk in your identity as a free woman, the more you will be able to discern and follow God's plans for your life. Free people dream with God. And only free people know they are powerful enough to turn those dreams into reality and become conduits of the Kingdom everywhere they go." Beni Johnson

"What if you...

- fulfilled your dreams?
- weren't afraid?
- needed healing and received it?
- believed in yourself and partnered with your amazing God?
- could learn to live out of your passion?

And what if you lived in the Kingdom of God, which means you live in righteousness, peace, and joy—it's true! You can be enjoying a life of joy in the Lord, peace in the Holy Spirit, and the righteousness of Jesus Christ, your personal Savior for the of not eating kingdom God is and drinking. but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). Today you can join your 'What ifs' with God's love and anointing—and you will be amazed at what the two of you can do together!" Publisher Description

[More about Bill Johnson in the chapter about Apostles]

Heartland Apostolic Prayer Network (HAPN)

Heartland Apostolic Prayer Network is headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with Presiding Apostle John Benefiel leading the organization. The HAPN website (hapn.us) states that the purpose of the ministry is to "change the heart of America and the Nations" –

"Our purpose and desire is to see the mountains (Isa. 2:2) of religion, family, education, government, media, arts and entertainment and business in America and the Nations impacted by the Kingdom of God through our prayers and influence."

John Benefiel and his wife, Judith, are also Founders and Senior Pastors of Church on the Rock in Oklahoma City. John Benefiel also serves as First Vice President of Church on the Rock International, an apostolic network of more than 6,000 churches worldwide, directs the Oklahoma Apostolic Prayer Network, and is an advisor for the Texas Apostolic Prayer Network.

Binding the Strongman Over America – Healing the Land, Transferring Wealth, and Advancing the Kingdom of God (Benefiel Ministries, 2012)

"Baal has tentacles into every area of our lives. The real question is what can we do about it? The answer is found in the vision of the last days that God gave to Daniel. "Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were

standing before Him; the court sat, and the books were opened" (Daniel 7:10 NASB, emphasis mine).

God's Court: The Supreme Judge is at His court and the books are open. If we want to pray and get results, we've got to take our case before the court and deal with Baal legally. That's exactly what we did here in Oklahoma. In 2007, at a national conference, God released a prophetic word that the strongman over America was Baal and that Christians needed to divorce him and remarry the Lord. One of my good friends, Dr. Jerry Mash, a lawyer as well as a pastor, drew up a legal document on behalf of the people of God to divorce Baal. At the time, we were in a drought so serious that meteorologists predicted that it would take eight years of regular rainfall to catch up. As soon as we divorced Baal, it started to rain and soon every lake and river was at or above flood levels. That year, 2007, turned into one of the wettest on record. That was only the beginning of the changes we've seen in Oklahoma as we've continued taking Baal before God's court. While the nation was in the middle of a huge recession with widespread unemployment, Forbes magazine listed Oklahoma City as the most recession proof city in America.

Measurable Results: While real estate prices declined 14 percent nationally, during that same time, real estate prices in Oklahoma increased 4.1 percent. Personal income in Oklahoma City increased at a rate 50 percent higher than the national average. In 2009, while the national poverty rate soared to 14.2

percent, the poverty rate in Oklahoma dropped to 12.9 percent. This was the first time in our history that the poverty rate in Oklahoma below the national dropped average. unemployment rate has been the lowest in the nation for cities with a population of over a million for virtually the last four years. In the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing, the once shelledout remains of downtown now draw tourists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder, one of the elite professional basketball teams, makes its home there. We have the lowest tax burden of any state. Both the House and Senate have been taken over by conservative Christians and even our laws have begun to change. For instance, no state funds, employees, or facilities may be used for abortions. When Chuck Pierce gave me a prophetic word to go to each state and divorce Baal, I was obedient, and we've witnessed amazing miracles both on state and national levels. The first time we divorced Baal on Wall Street at the site of the statue of the bull (Baal), the stock market, which had been in a nosedive, stabilized. More recently, on July 4, 2011, we divorced Baal at the nation's capital. Fifty days later, an earthquake hit the area cracking the obelisk of the Washington Monument, also doing damage to several other idolatrous images. The list of changes is too long to mention here, but rest assured that as we remove Baal's tentacles from our society, God is blessing America again.

I have even more good news. The same thing that has worked at the city, state, and national levels will work in your own life and family. In Daniel's vision of the last days we are told, "But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever. Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High" (Daniel 7: 26-27, NKJV, emphasis mine). Go ahead and make your case...the court is sitting." John Benefiel

"Binding the Strongman over America will become a textbook to all intercessors, watchmen, prophets, and apostles. It will be used as a prophetic model to redeem lands!" Publisher Description

"Divorcing Baal" is a primary call of John Benefiel, Lou Engle and other apostolic leaders. The following are examples of documents written by an attorney that Christians can use to divorce Baal and bind the strongman in their city, region, state or nation. The full documents are available to read at http://www.hapn.us/divorcingbaal.

"THE HIGHEST COURT OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

THE PEOPLE OF GOD,

Plaintiff,

VS.

THE PRINCIPALITY OF BAAL (Including Baal, Queen of Heaven, Leviathan)

Defendant,

DECREE OF DIVORCE*

This matter comes on for hearing before the Supreme Judge of the Highest Court of the Kingdom of God on the petition of The People of God seeking a Decree of Divorce from The Principality of Baal, the Defendant in this matter.

The Court finds:

- 1. The Plaintiff's assertions are fully substantiated:
 - a. That this marriage was entered into by the Plaintiff based on lies and deceit by the Defendant, and
 - b. That Plaintiff relied on fraudulent inducements and enticements by the Defendant, which Defendant had neither the intention or ability to deliver
- 2. The Plaintiff renounces any and all right, claim or interest in any possession jointly acquired with the Defendant during this Marriage, and that Plaintiff is entitled to have sole right, claim, and interest, in and to all the gifts, possessions and inheritance from Plaintiff's Father, and the Defendant is to be and forever barred from the title, control, or use of any such gifts, possessions or inheritance.
- 3. That all offspring of the marriage have been still born or have had viability for only brief periods and were either destroyed by the Defendant or were so infected by sickness attributed to the Defendant's condition that no life remained in them.

- 4. The Plaintiff repudiates any and all joint claims with the Defendant, and requests this court to sever all relationships with the Defendant of any nature, however and whenever such occurred, and seeks enforcement by this Court of Plaintiff's desire to be known by no other name that that given by Plaintiff's Father.
- 5. The Plaintiff also seeks an everlasting restraining order against the Defendant so as to keep the Defendant away from all persons or property belonging to the Plaintiff.

THE JUDGEMENT

WHEREFORE, this Court being fully advised in the evidence does find for the Plaintiff and against the Defendant in all matters material to the Plaintiff's Petition of Divorce, and does by this decree grant the Plaintiff a Divorce and all requests set forth above.

That being the Order of this Court, from and after this date, so shall it be." Hapn.us

Another document, the "Writ of Assistance," includes a demand for a transfer of wealth from the "treasures of darkness and the hidden wealth of secret places."

"WRIT OF ASSISTANCE

This matter comes before this Court seeking enforcement of its prior decisions in favor of The People of God, the Plaintiffs.

The Plaintiffs seek to employ a Writ ancient in its application and consistent in its purpose. In its origins, a Writ to assist the subjects of the King in fulfilling their duties to the King, and in more recent time "a mandatory injunction; (the) effect of which is to bring about a change in the possession of realty – it dispossess the occupant and gives possession to one adjudged entitled to it by the court". (63 P2d 756,759). The Writ of Assistance is a process issued by a Court of equity to transfer the possession of lands, title or possession to which the Court has previously adjudicated, as a means of enforcing its decree. (110 P2d 554,556)

Accordingly, The Court Finds:

- 1. The People of God have sought and obtained from the Court a Decree of Divorce wherein the Plaintiff was found to be entitled to have sole right, claim, and interest, in and to all gifts, possessions and inheritance from Plaintiffs' Father and Defendant was forever banned from the title, control or use of such gifts, possessions or inheritance. (Psalm24:1) (Psalm 115:16)
- 2. The People of God have committed, and do continue to affirm their commitment, to avoid any contact or participation with the Principality of Baal and its vast extensions, and to be trustworthy in the use of the gifts, possessions and inheritance to which they are entitled.

- 3. The People of God are entitled to the blessings of Abraham, (Galatians 3:13-14) and are entrusted with those blessings to be a blessing in the earth (Genesis 12:2-3). This Court holds that the blessings of the Plaintiffs' Father are to make The People of God truly rich and He intends no sorrow or toiling to be added to it. (Proverbs 10:22) Additionally, this Court finds the wealth accumulated by those following the Defendant's practices lawfully belong to the Plaintiffs remaining in right standing with this Court. (Proverbs 13:22) (1John 3:8)
- 4. In addition to this Court's Decree of Divorce entered against the Principality of Baal in favor of The People of God as Plaintiffs, this Court finds that previous proclamations of this Court support the issuance of this Writ of Assistance, including the following:
 - a. The thief must repay sevenfold, and must give all the substance of his house; (Proverbs 6:30-31). He must restore seven times what he has taken.
 - b. The wicked man, though he piles up silver and has plentiful garments, the just will wear them and the innocent will divide the silver. (See Job 27:13-17)
 - c. The Plaintiffs' inheritance is from the Father who purposed only that His House be filled with splendor because the silver is His, and the gold is His and it is to His House that He grants peace and prosperity (See Haggai 2:7-9) Page 1 of 2

- d. It is the Will of The Father of the People of God that the Plaintiffs alone receive the "treasures of darkness and the hidden wealth of secret places." (Isaiah 45:2-3)
- e. While the Defendant claims as his own vast possessions, this Court has ruled, and does here again rule that "He who by charging excessive interest and who by unjust efforts gets gain and increases his material possessions gathers it for those who are kind and generous to the poor", the Plaintiffs here. (Proverbs 28:8) While the Defendant has gathered it, this Court rules "he must give it" to The People of God who are "good in God's sight." (Ecclesiastes 2:26)

The Highest Court having fully considered the Plaintiffs' plea for a Writ of Assistance to enforce its prior rulings and proclamations, and finding the request timely made, does this day issue this Writ of Assistance on behalf of The People of God, Plaintiffs:

- 1. Giving The People of God this day power to gain wealth to confirm this Court's covenant to their fathers. (Deuteronomy 8:18)
- 2. Ordering that all those empowered by this Court to enforce its rulings and proclamations forthwith grant full assistance in the transfer of all wealth, possessions, properties, and gifts belonging to the Plaintiffs as The People of God, to employ the Power and Might of this Highest Court to perform this Word, calling into obedience all enforcement authorities to continue

in this transfer until it is fully completed and The People of God are in unchallenged possession. (Psalm 103:19-21) This Writ extends to all the extensions and manifestations of the Principality of Baal, however named or designated, known or hidden, and however related to this Prince of Demons. (Matthew 12:24)

It is the unlimited authorization of this Writ to bind this strongman and the entire house over which he has rule, to authorize the carrying off of all property in his possession or delegated under him to any part of his principality or in any way related to him, and to plunder his house. (Matthew 12:29)

Therefore, let the Writ issue, and from this order there shall be no appeal." Hapn.us

Christians are directed to first declare the Baal Divorce Decree over their life and area (e.g. city, state, region, nation), invoke the Writ of Assistance over their assignment, keep their focus on the Lord and examine their heart and motives. Once these have been completed, Christians are to read the "Declaration of Light," which includes Scripture about light and darkness in the world and how Christians are light in the world, children of light, commanded to walk in the light, are seated in high places with Christ Jesus, and will "come into agreement as to anything we ask on earth, it shall be bound by the power of heaven."

Based on those Scriptures, the Declaration of Light claims the following (listing highlight from each paragraph) –

- 1. We break and release every curse or threat of retaliation associated with leaving a faith contradictory to the Word of God. We announce release of those held captive by deceit.
- 2. We declare there is no god contest, (Isaiah 46:5). There is one God and there is no other, (Isaiah 46:9). We expose that the One True God is not made by adherents. He is not great because people call Him great. He was great before man existed and he is alone God if no man gave Him praise, (Job 38:4, Isaiah 44:6).
- 3. We declare the God who is very God has created no religion, that all religions are flawed creations of men, that True God ahs created a means of relationship with Him and one another because of His love. We acknowledge that God loves what he created and desires that none should perish, (John 3:16).
- 4. We affirm we have no power to purpose or accept any compromise of the promises of God, and we declare illegal in the earth any action of any people, Nation or nations that undertake what is contradictory to the Word of God, (Psalm 33:10,11). We render judgment upon all such laws or actions and set the power of Heaven to dismantle their effect. (Psalm 2, Psalm 47, Isaiah 40:17, 23).
- 5. We declare that those God has chosen as a people, He has commanded to be blessed, and He blesses those who bless them. We affirm the children of Israel are not chosen for the

purpose of excluding others, but as a light to all Nations, as a demonstration of God's love made known through the redemptive work of The Messiah, (Genesis 12:2-3, Psalm 33:12-15, Galatians 3:14).

- 6. We acknowledge the faith and obedience of Abraham, father of many nations according to the Word of God, (Gen. 17:5, Romans 4:17, 18) and the Father of our faith, (Romans 4:16, hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19). We acknowledge Abraham as the father of Ishmael and the proclamation of God to make of Ishmael "a great Nation," (Genesis 21:18). We declare the love and the goodness of God toward all the children of Abraham. We do not curse those deceived. We curse the deceiver and the works of deception.
- 7. We declare the True God of Abraham and his descendant gives life and does not conquer with force but by love. We affirm He is love, He empowers love and goodness for those who have made themselves enemies, (1 John 2:5; 1 John 4:7-8; 5:3-4; Matthew 5:43-45).
- 8. We declare in accordance with the Word of God that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual forces of wickedness, (Ephesians 6:12). We expose Baal by every name and place. We expose into the light that Allah is the same principality that was called Baal in other places and times. In obedience to God's command we declare the only valid covenant relationship is with God alone. We

renounce all the Baals, and willingly surrender from our mouth "the names of the Baals," (Hosea 2:16-17). We call for the testing of every spirit and speak over this place that every spirit that confesses Jesus as the Christ, Yeshua as The Messiah, has come in the flesh is of God; and every spirit that does not confess that is not of God, (1 John 4:2,3).

- 9. We declare that in Christ the Messiah, men, women, nationalities, ethnicities, Jew and Gentile, sick, needy, slave and free have been made equal before God, and therefore, we judge that no religion, society or group including or excluding on such basis has a God foundation (Galatians 3:26-28), and must fall.
- 10. We restore and claim back for the Kingdom of God every high place, structure, or Nation that is redeemable.
- 11. We call restoration of the purity of relationship to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit without the attachments of dogmas, practices or rituals altering or attempting addition or structure beyond Biblical revelation." Hapn.us

The Declaration of Light continues to affirm true brotherhood and –

"call every divisive spirit overruled by the command of the Lord to love one another as we have been loved by Him ... reveal and expose that the Baal principality houses the religious spirit and perverts worship into false practices and lifeless rituals ... we call down that manifestation of the religious spirit and all the names of its gods ... we call the power of Heaven to enforce what has been revealed in the heavens this day." Hapn.us

The last phase of this legal petitioning of Heaven is from the Plaintiffs – Citizens of the Kingdom and Citizens of This Nation – versus the Defendants – The Principalities, Powers, and Rulers of This Present Darkness. This is the final legal document for Christians to claim in the Divorce of Baal.

"PETITION

Come now the Plaintiffs and all those similarly situated and for our Petition and Prayer do state and allege:

- 1. We are by the grace of God Joint Heirs with Jesus the Messiah and made Citizens of Heaven by adoption, and by the laws of this land fully vested with citizenship in this Nation. We come into this Hearing as a people often divided by our own opinions and agendas, which we acknowledge have not and can not be justified before the One Truth we recognize in the judgments of this Highest Court. We desire to set aside the variations of our positions to be united in the Petition we make before you. We know that beyond our own variations there are peoples who adhere to a world of other influences they call "gods", theories, philosophies and practices. We assert that most of those, including many of our own, have been influenced by the very powers we cite as Defendants in this Petition.
- 2. We assert no right to appeal except that granted to us by authority beyond ourselves, and are eternally grateful for the status thus granted to us. We do not allege any right or

privilege, except that belonging to all who are similarly situated by virtue of the divine favor upon those who have gone before us, and from whose spiritual and national heritage we descend.

- 3. As mandated by this Court, we acknowledge that we can not enter this Petition without clean hands and a pure heart, and to that examination we offer ourselves.
- 4. We do plea that where the Defendants gain control in the governmental affairs of the Plaintiffs, and those similarly situated, oppression occurs. We assert that it is irrefutable from spiritual and historic evidence that the hopes and freedoms of humanity are destroyed where the Defendants are allowed to gain rule, that whenever the Sons and Daughters of God have remained silent and abandoned the truths of the Word of God liberties are lost, economic desolation prevails, that the Defendants under the guise of progress, or change, or tolerance, enslave the free, and enforce the silencing of all those who oppose their godlessness.
- 5. We seek the Declaratory Judgment of this Court that apart from the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and His Spirit at work in the earth, there has never been, nor can there ever be, liberty among men. We offer the evidence of history, from the beginning of time until this plea, that no people, no nation, has ever known the heart of peace, the extent of freedom, the

rights of the many, and the prolonged prosperity of the majority, that this Nation has experienced as "One Nation Under God." We offer the proof that no other spiritual undertaking, no other claim of deity, no other governmental scheme or philosophy has produced what this Nation has known and yet to this day prevails. We offer the evidence that across the earth for these hundreds of years, people have fled from every other system accepted or devised by men to find refuge here. We assert that unless this Court releases the Power to preserve this historic phenomenon, it shall be irreparably harmed and the favor of God which has heretofore granted it, is in immediate peril of being withdrawn at the instance of foolish alternatives designed by the Defendants.

- 6. We humbly and respectfully seek the intervention of this Court as our last and only recourse for the reversal of the acts of the Defendants. We do seek that God arise and His enemies be scattered. We do place ourselves at the grace and mercy of this Court to enforce the Sovereign Will of the Most High God. We know no other peace. What we seek we ask for all, both the knowing and the deceived. We seek the harm of no one, other than the Defendants, and the release of all those whom the Defendants have, and would enslave by their deceits.
- 7. We petition that every law of this Land be judged solely by its adherence to the never changing, ever consistent, rulings

of this Court that are not altered by the whims of the political variances. We submit ourselves to the justice of this Court alone and ask that in all affairs governmental, personal, cultural, or societal the measure of right be determined by this Court as faithful and true. We seek the Declaration that no act, legislative, executive, or judicial shall be given power and effect, that sets itself in opposition to what this Court has from ageless time announced to be right.

- 8. We set forth here that the following are among those present, prior, and continuing acts, against which we seek Judgment:
 - a. The Covenants of this Nation justly entered into and upon which the innocent have relied, that have been breached with the Host People of the Land.
 - b. The laws of enslavement that have granted some people groups unjust advantage over others that this Court has held to be entitled to equality before God.
 - c. The laws which abrogate the rights of the innocent and unborn, having been granted life by the Creator, yet permitted to be terminated by the execution of those who did not and could not create it.
 - d. The laws which under the guise of tolerance seek to silence the voices of those who speak the Word and Will of God; laws which seek to establish rights where God has

not granted them, to pervert and distort the natural laws of God by an edict of man.

- e. The laws which seek to alter the inalienable rights which God has granted to pursue life, liberty, and happiness; laws which take from, and limit some, under the pretext of granting to others what has been forcibly taken away; to attempt the governmental creation of what the individual has not pursued.
- f. The laws which attempt to override the foundational principles upon which this Nation was granted life, under God. The attempt to gather to an elite few, at the federal level, what the Nation's founders entrusted to the people, and to their closest sovereign government, that is, all power, except that expressly granted to the federal level. We ask this Court to take judicial notice of those sacred documents which enumerate the foundational principles, and to take note that it is destructive of those principles to abrogate the rights of the people, and their closest sovereign government while cloaking such abrogation with terms of crisis, the better good, and the more able. We seek the Declaration that rights lost can not be easily regained and that centuries and bloodshed are often the toll of liberties surrendered.
- g. Public or private pronouncements that the God who has blessed us can not be honored without offense to others

and must be dishonored to enable those who disbelieve to be rightly treated under the law.

9. We do acknowledge before this Court that our cause is not against flesh and blood, no person, party or purpose, except the Defendants alone. We do on knowledge and belief indentify that the Baal Principality, by whatever name or guise used, in whatever culture, in whatever time, is a named Defendant among the Defendants. We do confess and acknowledge that no person or people, throughout time of which we are aware, including ourselves, has escaped the persistent ploys and schemes of the Defendants, except our Savior and Advocate, Yeshua the Messiah, Jesus the Christ. Thus, it is in His Name alone that we claim our standing to be heard before this Court.

Having, therefore, set out our Petition, Plea and Appeal, we do pray the Judgment of this Court be rendered on our behalf and against the Defendants, and in execution thereof do seek the Declaration and Order of this Court.

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CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM AND CITIZENS OF THIS NATION ORDER AND DECLARATION

The Court having been fully advised in the positions of the Parties, and having taken judicial notice of the relevant

documents and historic evidence, and finding it indisputable that the actions of the Defendants are consistently harmful to past, present, and future generations, it is the Order of this Court:

- 1. That judgment be granted against Defendants, and all acting in consort with them, from carrying out any ploy, scheme, or device however devised or employed, that commits the wrongs cited by the Plaintiffs
- 2. That all powers and authorities subject to enforcing the rulings of this Court be and hereby are authorized to execute this Order, and all such orders necessary to fulfill the intended purpose of this ruling.
- 3. That it is the Declaratory Judgment of this Court:
 - a) that the Defendants are incapable of good either to the individuals or to their governments, culture or society.
 - b) that it is baseless for any individual or government to place reliance upon the Defendants or any acting in consort with them.
 - c) that apart from the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob there has never been nor can there ever by, sustainable liberty, peace, justice and prosperity to the people of this or any nation.
 - 4. Let it be known that the One and Only God, the True God, that is like no other, shall not sleep or slumber until

His good, acceptable, and perfect Will is fulfilled in the earth.

5. It is the Decree and Declaration of this Court that no act, no law, no resolution, of any court, or council, or any person acting with apparent authority, shall stand in contradiction to the Orders of this Court, and all such attempts shall be judged solely by the determinations of this Court.

And of these Judgments there shall be no end.

The Supreme Judge of the Highest Court in the Kingdom of God And the Plaintiffs

CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM AND CITIZENS OF THIS NATION

AGREE: LET IT BE "hapn.us

Other legal documents include the Life Decree, which addresses the issue of abortion, and the declaration of Freedom which addresses human trafficking, gangs, incest, pornography, and the theft of a child's youth.

"We judge the mountains of the earth over government and education and declare you shall protect the innocent and bring down the abuser. We announce freedom from the deception of darkness that one can gain anything from the bondage of another human being and declare even the abuser can be set free of that deception and enter into God's amazing grace.

This is our Decree and our Judgment: Where the Spirit of The Lord is, there is Freedom. (II Cor. 3:17) We call and dispatch the Spirit of the Lord into every place where any child for any reason is held in bondage or abuse. Lord, enforce your will in the earth in the faithful decree of your Church." Oapn.us

Another document relating to divorcing Baal is "Taking Dominion Over the Atmosphere," which includes taking dominion of the atmosphere through worship "by using known and unknown frequencies, seen and unseen, known language and spirit language," and applying the blood of Jesus "in the form of offering forgiveness to all peoples, places and things and to all molecules in the air that carry sound or have evil memory. This removes Satan's legal right to attach to people, places or things – matter."

Other aspects of taking dominion over the atmosphere include –

- Our part is to the be voice of the Holy Spirit yielding to pray and sing in known language and in the spirit, offering forgiveness, which removes the legal right for the enemy to remain, then Jesus can release the angels to go and execute the orders.
- 2. Each day has a Mountain of Culture assigned to is, so the participants can pray both in known and spirit language for the

leaders of that mountain, for all the people called to that mountain, all the people working in that mountain, and all matter that is associated with that mountain.

3. Each day has been assigned a color frequency from the rainbow and a musical key frequency. People who worship should "wear the color, worship with banners and flags of the color, spiritually apply the color to every area of Oklahoma; all the things on the land, under the land and in the atmosphere." They should also sing the music key all day in the spirit, "with instruments or with the sample song in known language." Opan.us

The document goes on to state that "the idea is for all of us to work together in unity doing the same thing on the same day to cover all the air space and regions in Oklahoma by penetrating, cleansing, and occupying the atmosphere with the Culture of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ." Opan.us

The stated belief is there is a correlation between the colors of the rainbow, musical keys and healing for both the human body and the Body of Christ. The Oapn.us website also includes a chart showing the various "frequencies" available to Christians to penetrate the earth's atmosphere in spiritual warfare.

[We will look at the important part music plays in taking dominion of the atmosphere in a later chapter.]

Some of the written resources listed for taking dominion of the atmosphere through intercessory prayer include –

The Messianic Church Arising By Dr. Robert D. Heidler www.glory-of-zion.org

Dream Encounters By Barbie Breathitt

Keys to Taking Your Quantum Leap By Dr. David Van Koevering

Releasing the Prophetic Destiny of a Nation By Dutch Sheets, Chuck Pierce

Angels in the Army By Dale M. Sides

Closing Gates of Hell By Dale M. Sides

Possessing the Gates of the Enemy By Cindy Jacobs

The Reformation Manifesto By Cindy Jacobs

Worship Warrior By Chuck Pierce By John Dickson

Worship as it is in Heaven By John Dickson By Chuck Pierce

Prayers that Rout Demons By John Eckhardt

Dominion, How Kingdom Action Can Change the World By C. Peter Wagner

Dealing with Demons By Selwyn Stevens

In Plain Sight By Gloria Farley Sheridan Book, Inc,

Teaching on the Seven Mountains of Culture By Lance Wallnau

Reformation; The Seven Mountains Reformed Creation Science Series, Lucifer's Illusions: Volume 13 By Dennis Gordon Lindsay, Christ for the Nations

International Society of Deliverance Ministries (ISDM)

The ISDM began in 2003 as an outgrowth of the Apostolic Roundtable of Deliverance Ministers (ARDM), which Peter and Doris Wagner established in 2000. Wagner and other ARDM members agreed to expand from a roundtable group of 25 to a much larger professional society. ISDM is currently under the administration of the Righteous Acts Ministries (RAM) of Colorado Spring, Colorado, under the supervision of Bill Sudduth. Members of the ISDM Apostolic Roundtable include C. Peter & Doris Wagner, David Kyle Foster, Jean Zehnder, Becca & Greg Greenwood, Chris & Karen Hayward, Henry & Tina Malone, Dee & Pat Legako, Sherill Piscopo, Selwyn & Ann Stevens, Charles & Meg Kraft, Patricia & Peter Roselle, Max and Nancy Van Dyke, Robert and Linda Heidler and Bill & Sylvie Sudduth (deliveranceministers.org/Prospectus.htm).

Bill Sudduth explained that his vision "is to recognize and network deliverance ministers nationally and internationally. He also wants to restore a level of credibility to the ministry of deliverance by providing continuing education and peer level accountability for deliverance ministers. His goal is to see the ministry of deliverance and inner healing back in mainstream Christianity where it belongs" (deliveranceministers.org/about.htm).

Gaining membership to ISDM includes a nomination process, paying a one-time administrative fee of \$35 and an annual fee of \$150.

"Presumably ISDM members will be those who are involved in deliverance ministry on a fairly consistent basis. They should have some visibility, and others in their circles of influence should recognize them as what might be termed specialists in the field. Since dealing with the demonic can open doors for possible misunderstanding, criticism, excesses, or even accusations of malpractice in counseling, it is important to establish standards of integrity and accountability among deliverance ministers. ISDM hopes to help meet that need by holding members responsible, as much as possible, for their activities. In order to do this, it must be understood that the apostolic leadership of ISDM reserves the option of discontinuing membership if, after due process, the need should arise" (deliveranceministers.org/Prospectus.htm).

Fundamental Positions

ISDM recognizes that responsible deliverance ministers operate across a fairly wide spectrum of beliefs, convictions, techniques, methodologies, points of view, reservations, and opinions. In order to create an environment which ISDM members perceive as safe and comfortable, and in which they can openly relate to peers, it has been deemed advisable to set forth, in writing, a list of ISDM fundamental positions.

By doing this, ISDM in no way is attempting to set itself up as an authoritative guardian of legitimate deliverance truth. ISDM is fully aware that God is using other brothers and sisters in Christ to set captives free who may not agree with these fundamental positions of ISDM. We bless them and pray that God's power will continue to work through them, even though we recognize that they would not be comfortable as ISDM members. These fundamental positions simply constitute the glue which holds ISDM together.

ISDM agrees that: there are such things as demons; demons are created beings with distinct personalities; demons are active throughout the human population; the ultimate intention of demons is evil; demons are organized under a hierarchy of leaders with Satan as the head; the legal or positional authority of demons has been nullified by Jesus' blood on the cross; demons have supernatural power to attempt to execute their wicked desires; while demons have been defeated by the cross, they have not been destroyed and they will remain active throughout this present age; demons are vulnerable to confrontation empowered by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus; Christian believers can be demonized and thus in need of personal deliverance ministry; deliverance can involve a truth encounter, power encounter, allegiance encounter or all three; demons may manifest during deliverance; demons can speak in the vernacular, often through the mouths of their victims; some deliverance may occur through events such as conversion, filling of the Holy Spirit, baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

Statement of Faith

Since it is essential that the members of ISDM be cemented together by a common set of fundamental beliefs, the following doctrinal statement defines the primary biblical and theological parameters of the organization: The International Society of Deliverance Ministers (ISDM) positions itself in the evangelical theological stream of Protestant Christianity. It adheres to the Apostles' Creed and to the core doctrines of the Protestant Reformation, namely the ultimate and essential authority of the Scriptures for Christian faith and practice, justification by faith, and the priesthood of all believers. It believes that God is a Trinity of three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that Jesus was born of a virgin, that He was physically raised from the dead, and that an individual's personal relationship to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior determines that individual's eternal destiny in heaven or hell. The fulfillment of Jesus' great commission to make disciples of all nations is central to the focus of ISDM.

Because of the recently-acquired visibility of the Theophostic approach to counseling and inner healing, and because of questions that it has raised in the minds of ISDM members and other deliverance ministers, ISDM Apostolic Round Table has felt it wise to include a statement of its position in this Prospectus:

While recognizing that the system called Theophostic Ministry contains some positive elements and that some individuals find

help through it, ISDM, while not rejecting Theophostic Ministry outright, does not recommend it nor endorse the totality of its theology, practices or claims."

(deliveranceministers.org/Prospectus.htm).

Bill Sudduth was actively involved in the Brownsville Revival in Pensacola, Florida. He served as a member of the pastoral care staff and faculty at the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry. Sudduth claims God has called him "to restore the Bride of Christ to her rightful place, through discipleship, teaching, preaching, deliverance, and healing." (ramministry.org/about_who_we_are.htm).

The Brownsville Revival began as an intercessory prayer movement at the Brownsville Assembly of God of Pensacola, Florida in 1993. John Kilpatrick became pastor of the church in 1982 and started a two-year prayer initiative that culminated in 1995 in what many call the Brownsville Revival and Pensacola Outpouring. Dr. David Yonggi Cho, pastor of one of the largest Pentecostal churches in the world (Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, Korea with more than 800,000 members), is said to have prophesied the revival in Pensacola. Many books have been written about the five-year series of meetings (1995-2000), including *The Fire That Never Sleeps* by Michael Brown, John Kilpatrick, and Larry Sparks —

"As I taught on the subject of revival in the years leading up to Brownsville, I used definitions of revival that other leaders had coined, including things like, 'Revival is God stepping down from Heaven,' but I never came up with my own definition until teaching a class on revival at the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry. While not catchy, it does reflect my understanding of this critically important subject. Here's my working definition: 'Revival is a season of unusual divine visitation resulting in deep repentance, supernatural renewal, and sweeping reformation in the Church, along with the radical conversion of sinners in the world, often producing moral, social, and even economic change in the local or national communities." Dr. Michael Brown, *The Fire That Never Sleeps*, Destiny Image, 2015

Larry Sparks, who co-wrote *The Fire That Never Sleeps* with Brown and Kilpatrick, wrote this about how the Brownsville Revival impacted Pastor John Kilpatrick –

"Kilpatrick recalls, 'Suddenly, I felt a wind blow through my legs, just like in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. Both of my ankles flipped over so that I could hardly stand.' The experience intensified. 'I wondered what in the world was going on. I stood on the side of my ankles, unable to get my footing. Finally, I asked a friend to come over and help me. He lifted my legs by pulling on my pants and helped me walk back up the platform. At that point, I took the microphone and said, 'Folks, this is it. The Lord is here! Get in, get in!'

It was then where theology became personal experience for Kilpatrick, who said: 'I had preached about the glory of God and the presence of God, but up until that point, had never fully experienced what I spoke about. As the Spirit fell that morning, I remember Steve walking by me and simply waving his hand in my direction, saying 'More, Lord!' I hit the marble floor like a ton of bricks—like I weighed 10,000 pounds. I laid on that floor from 12:30 through 4:00pm, until some men finally were able to get me up." Larry Sparks, CharismaNews, June 18, 2015

Sudduth was involved with the Brownsville Revival and the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry for seven years. He worked with the pastoral care department and headed the deliverance ministry. He wrote that during his time at Brownsville he saw the need for "apostolic alignment and spiritual covering" for ministers and ministries that did not fit into the traditional church mold.

Sudduth became associated with Ken Sumrall's Church Foundational Network and Buford Lipscomb's Liberty Church in Pensacola, becoming the administrator of Lipscomb's Apostolic Family Ministries (AFM). In 2005 Sudduth began his own apostolic network called the Apostolic Association of Related Ministers (AARM) focused on equipping Christians in the areas of ministering, teaching and training on deliverance and inner healing. Sudduth said he aligned AARM with Global Spheres in 2008 to work with Peter and Doris Wagner and Chuck Pierce –

"We at AARM are here to provide spiritual covering and oversight to men and women of God who are following hard after God's calling on their life even when it's not considered mainstream." Pastor Bill Sudduth, apostolicarm.com/home.htm

U.S. Prayer Center (USPC)

The U.S. Prayer Center is located in Houston, Texas. The founders are Eddie and Alice Smith. Eddie serves as President and Alice as Executive Director. They were involved in pastoring and evangelism before starting the U.S. Prayer Center in 1990. Eddie Smith is also CEO of Worldwide Publishing Group and Alice Smith is a member of America's National Prayer Committee, the International Reconciliation Coalition, and the International Strategic Prayer Network. She received her Doctorate of Ministry from Wagner Leadership Institute in Colorado Springs. Alice says her first calling is to intercessory prayer.

One of Alice Smith's first books about intercessory prayer was Beyond the Veil: Entering into Intimacy with God Through Prayer (SpiriTruth Publishing, 1996). She revised the book in 2010 (Regal Books) –

"Our society is decaying and degrading. Abortion, murder, rape, suicide and war ravage every continent. As Kay Arthur, outstanding Bible scholar and vice president of Precepts Ministries, has said, 'America's cup of iniquity is full.' Not only that, but hunger, starvation and disasters abound. Our world is chaotic. Society is being destroyed by its own evil devices.

We, the Church, *have* the answer! The answer is the presence and power of God expressed through an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. But many of us have sought more for His presents

than His presence. The Church is generally powerless ... When the world needs us most, sin, division and faithlessness have left us impotent.

We're unable to do the works Jesus did, let alone the greater works He claimed we would and could do ... So why aren't we doing them? ... We aren't doing His works because many of us are too out of touch with God for His Spirit to display His power!

Our powerlessness is largely a result of our *prayerlessness*. We are eating the bitter fruit of our failure to pray. Our children, government, churches and society are reaping the result of dry eyes in the pews and crusty hearts in the pulpits.

Not only are we prayerless, but we're also *purposeless*. Rather than reach the world with the gospel, most of us are satisfied to attend weekly services, which are too often 'weakly' services. Where is the 'salt' in our society? ... Salt that has lost its saltiness (or flavor) takes on the taste of the food with which it is mixed. Ironically, the Church has taken on 'the flavor of the world.'

Not only are we *powerless, prayerless and purposeless*, but we are also *polarized, pulled apart* and *pitted against each other*. Division reduces the Church's effectiveness by causing it to operate in a spirit of dysfunction, disharmony and disillusionment.

Christ is the only solution to our counterproductive grumbling and bickering. The perfect example of unity is the relationship between the Father and Himself, an intimate relationship revealed throughout Scripture ... We must imitate the unity Christ and the

Father have modeled for us if we are to successfully build His kingdom." Alice Smith

In her book Delivering the Captives: Understanding the Strongman—and How to Defeat Him (Bethany House, 2006), Alice Smith wrote about delivering people from demonic spirits –

"Deliverance from demonic spirits is a significant ministry taught in the New Testament and practiced by Jesus and His disciples. Yet it is almost entirely missing in the church today. Many Christians either ignore or reason away the need for deliverance. Nevertheless, this is a clear command from Jesus to us, the church—that where they are present, we are to 'drive out demons' (Matthew 10:8; Mark 16:17 NIV). Deliverance ministry, therefore, involves

- · breaking demonic schemes and curses,
- casting out demons, and
- releasing an individual from demonic oppression and influence.

Is the ministry of deliverance for a specialized few or is it the responsibility of us all? Mark 16:7 says, 'And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.' The question isn't whether this ministry is valid and necessary, but rather how do we apply it and to whom? Power ministry should be one of a true Christian's credentials, and yet sadly we have delegated deliverance to a

'specialized' few. This book will equip you with the credentials to do the works of Jesus, whether for yourself or for others." Alice Smith

Alice Smith also wrote Beyond the Lie: Finding Freedom from the Past and co-wrote Spiritual Housecleaning: Protect Your Home and Family from Spirit Pollution with her husband.

Eddie Smith has written several books about intercessors and spiritual warfare –

Spiritual Advocates: How to Plead for Justice, Stand in the Gap, and Make a Difference in the World by Praying for Others (Charisma House, 2008 .. originally written in 2001 as The Advocates)

[The book opens with a view of Heaven and God sitting on His throne as Judge of the universe. A defendant, named Cheryl, is seated next to God. She is sickly and frail, young wife and mother of three. She is afraid and anxious. Satan, the prosecutor, the accuser of the brethren, enters the courtroom to level his charge against the woman. God asks, "Is there counsel here today who is ready to plead this woman's case?" God asks three times for someone to act as the woman's advocate, but no one steps forward to be her defense attorney.]

"An advocate must defend her. In court, an *advocate* is an attorney who speaks on behalf of a client. Advocacy is similar to intercession. An *intercessor* is one who stands in the gap for

others (as their advocate) in prayer. Beloved, if one of us is not interceding on Cheryl's behalf—and the millions of others like her—they have no earthy defense attorney. They are without advocacy to protect the actions of the evil one. No one wants to go to trial without an attorney!

We must learn how to become spiritual intercessory advocates. We do so by defending the causes of others. Defending another is a stretch for some who spend their time judging and accusing others. By their actions, they are offering themselves as witnesses for the devil's prosecution. Let's help change this." Eddie and Alice Smith

"Eddie and Alice Smith are well-known as leaders who focus on the power of prayer, and they receive continual requests for information about how to be an effective intercessor for the needs of others. This book contains their unique teaching for intercessors, and uses the analogy of a legal courtroom to show us the importance of standing before God in prayer and intercession as advocates for others. It helps us to envision the nature of heaven's courtroom, and gives the steps for conquering the adversary, Satan, in heaven's court." Publisher Description Making Sense of Spiritual Warfare: Finding Clarity About the Combatants, Weapons, Precautions, Goals, Victory (Bethany House, 2008)

"The purposes of spiritual warfare vary from casting out a demon to warring against principalities, from seeing solutions to personal or family problems to seeing the salvation of the nations.

If you too are called to learn the lessons of battle, know that there are at least three essential 'musts' of leadership in spiritual warfare:

- (1) You must receive the assignment from God
- (2) You must consent to God's call.
- (3) You must always operate under the control of God's Spirit.

Furthermore, the Word reveals another crucial truth: The first step of effective warfare is to 'cry out to the Lord.'

Second, we know spiritual warfare exists for the same reason we know electricity (also invisible) exists—we experience it. There's evidence of the battle all around us. There are victims and victors. The effects are measurable." Eddie Smith

How To Be Heard in Heaven: Moving from Need-Driven to God-Centered Prayer (CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2011)

"At any given moment, billions of people around the world are praying. How many do you suppose are speaking to the living God? More important, of those who are, how many do you think He hears? Obvious He will not a prayer He doesn't hear.

In Matthew 6:7, Jesus said of the heath who babble repetitious prayers, 'They think they shall be heard for their much speaking' (KJV), implying that they won't be heard. To spend one's entire life praying prayers that aren't heard in heaven is as fruitless as a stork trying to hatch a nest full of golf balls!

Certainly what we say in prayer is important, but we shouldn't forget that it's the person, not the prayer, that God hears. He doesn't answer prayer. God answers praying people. So in your quest to be heard in heaven, become a person God listens to." Eddie Smith

"Eddie's burden to write 'How To Be Heard In Heaven' comes from seeing people stuck in what he calls the first level of prayer: praying to receive. There's a need, we pray, and God responds with an answer. What many are missing are the second and third levels of prayer: praying to relate and praying to produce. When your prayers are God-centered rather than need-driven, you will not only see more of God's power demonstrated for His glory, but you will also develope a deeper and more effective prayer life."

Intercessors & Pastors: The Emerging Partnership of Watchmen & Gatekeepers (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2012)

"Sadly, much of the twenty-first century church is in disarray. Despite Paul's 2,000-year-old admonition against division in the church (1 Cor. 12:22-25), it's plain to see that the body of Christ is severely splintered. Among the divisions are:

- Denominationalism
- Racial tensions
- The gender gap
- The Charismatic versus non-Charismatic issues
- Minister and laity distinctions

Although in the past twenty years we've seen some encouraging reconciliation in the church, the lost world might rightly ask, 'Why are these Christians trying to reconcile me to God when they are not even reconciled to each other?' It's an excellent question, and one that deserves an answer. After all, reconciliation implies relationship!

But there is something else. Along with the need for reconciliation, we must offer the Lord new wineskins. God wants to pour out the new wine of revival upon his church. In fact, he ahs saved the best wine until last. It is a purifying wine, a healing wine, and an empowering wine. New wine however, requires new wineskins. (Mark 2:22) As someone has said, 'All new wineskins have one thing in common. They are freshly dead.'

We are on the brink of what may be history's last great revival and a worldwide harvest of souls. God is renewing the nature of the church (his bride) as he prepares her for earth's final spiritual battle to be followed by the marriage supper of the Lamb.

However, Jesus said, 'A house divided against itself will fall' (Luke 11:17). As unity enables, so also disunity disables. For 2,000 years, a disabled church has tried,

- To reach a disable world
- To fight against the kingdom of darkness
- To complete the Great Commission

As a result of our divisions, not surprisingly, we have accomplished little. After 2,000 years of opportunity, much of the world is yet to know God and the eternal salvation that could be theirs through His Son, Jesus Christ. Two thousand more years of the same from the church will produce the same pitiful results! That is precisely why we need *watchmen* (intercessors) who will 'stand in the gap in prayer,' and for *gatekeepers* (pastors), who will move into their Kingdom positions to work effectively with them." Eddie and Alice Smith

"For years I have thought that if I were Satan, a top priority would be to keep pastors and intercessors apart. That is why I know that Eddie and Alice's book will definitely frustrate the devil and open new doors for the power of God to flow through our churches and into our communities." Dr. C. Peter Wagner

Strategic Prayer: Applying the Power of Targeted Prayer (Revival Waves of Glory Books, 2015)

"Without question, prayer is the most important—and potentially the most powerful—tool in a Christian's arsenal. And do I need to inform or remind you that all of us were born into a war and live on the battlefield?

The conflict between the forces of good and evil, of God and Satan, has been raging since the day sin was found in Satan's heart (see Isaiah 14). We're in the fight, and prayer is our primary weapon.

Strategic prayer ... is essential prayer that is necessary to conduct war, accomplish an objective, and destroy the enemy and his devices.

The problem is, much of our praying is pointless, passionless, and powerless. It's poorly formed, thoughtlessly presented, and we wonder why it's largely ineffective.

I'm such a pragmatist that I'm irritated at the way many of us pray without preparation and, worst of all, without expectation! We keep looking for problems to fire off in prayer for God's attention but then pay no attention at all to His response.

It's time we learn to pray practical, specific, result-oriented prayers. After all, the earth is our Lord's, the fullness of it, and everyone who lives on it. He's filling it with the knowledge of His glory! (Psalm 24:1; Habakkuk 2:14). And He's invited us into a joint-venture partnership with Him to complete it." Eddie Smith

"Learn to Pray Targeted, Specific, Result-Oriented Prayers Prayer practitioners Eddie Smith and Michael L. Hennen identify twenty-seven principles that will equip you to pray more purposefully and

effectively. Using them, you will focus on the Lord's answers rather than your requests understand strategies for a successful offensive grasp the critical importance of timing learn the enemy's goals and strategies and prepare for victory as God's glory is revealed Complete the practical survey that follows each principle to spiritually map your prayer target. Then use your map to effectively focus both personal and corporate prayer. This goalbased, proactive approach to prayer will bring results in individuals, churches, cities, and nations as you enter into partnership with God."

Prayer Storm/Encounters Network (PS/EN)

James Goll is the International Director of Prayer Storm and President of Encounters Network. He is also Founder of God Encounters Training, a member of the Harvest International Ministries apostolic team, and an instructor in the Wagner Leadership Institute (where he earned his Doctorate in Practical Ministry in 2006).

James and Michal Ann Goll started Ministry to the Nations 25 years ago in Missouri and changed the name to Encounters Network after moving to Nashville, Tennessee in 1996. Michal passed away in 2008 and James started Prayer Storm in 2009.

Goll has 12 "Core Reformational Values" for his ministry -

- (1) Kingdom Advancement
- (2) Prayer Assignments
- (3) Presence Awareness
- (4) Prophetic Activation
- (5) Purity Aspirations
- (6) Supernatural Anointing
- (7) Compassion Acts
- (8) Mission Ambassadors
- (9) Diversity Advocates
- (10) Relational Affinity
- (11) Israel Alignment
- (12) Apostolic Application

"In the spirit of revival and reformation, James desires to facilitate unity in body of Christ by relational networking among leaders of various streams and backgrounds. His passion is to 'win for the Lamb the rewards of His suffering.' Praying for Israel is a burden of his heart, as Israel fulfills her role in the consummation of the ages." Encountersnetwork.com/AboutEN/JamesWGollBio.aspx

Goll is the author of 25 books, many of them about intercessory prayer. He explained the genesis and purpose of the name Prayer Storm in a book by the same name –

Prayer Storm: The Hour That Changes the World (Destiny Image, 2008, with foreword by C. Peter Wagner)

"In the spring of 2007, I had a vivid dream. I would call it a 'commissioning dream,' because, in this dream, I heard an audible voice utter these words: 'I commission you to restore and release the global Moravian lampstand!' With that imperative sentence ringing in my ears, I woke up. There in my bedroom, in amber-colored letters, I saw two words written out in front of my eyes: *Prayer Storm*.

I was fully awake. Suddenly it was as if God's Spirit downloaded into my spirit what this meant. Intuitively, I knew that Prayer Storm would be a worldwide call to consistent, persistent prayer and that it would involve four expressions of prayer. Prayer Storm would focus on three particular areas, vitally undergirded by a fourth. Prayer Storm would involve prayer for (1) revival in the Church,

(2) the greatest youth awakening that the world has ever seen, and (2) Israel, all the descendants of Abraham. These prayers would be strengthened by widespread, well-coordinated intercession for (4) God's intervention in times of major crisis.

I sensed an urgency in the voice of the Lord as His words were engraved upon my soul. This was important to Him. This undertaking needed immediate attention. My calling as a watchman on the wall had been renewed instantly, and I needed to respond, like Esther, 'for such a time as this' (Esther 4:14). It was all here:

Commission, restoration, release...

The Moravian lampstand...

Revival, Youth, Israel, Crisis Intervention...

It would be a Prayer Storm.

"Without a concerted storm of prayer around the clock and around the globe we cannot expect to see revival in our time. Updating the model of the Moravians in Hernnhut, Germany two centuries ago, James Goll lays out a plan for today: an Internet-based community of intercessors who commit to pray one hour per week for (1) revival in the church, (2) youth awakening, (3) Israel, and (4) major crises. God does nothing but in answer to prayer, said John Wesley. This first book in the Prayer Storm series helps to raise up a new worldwide band of fervent intercessors." James Goll

[Goll wrote that the Moravian Lampstand referred to a 100-year prayer watch started in 1727 based on 24 men and 24 women devoting one hour every day to concerted prayer.]

Other books by James Goll include The Lord Art of Intercession: Restoring the Power and Passion of the Watch of the Lord (1997), Encounters with a Supernatural God (1998), Kneeling on the Promises: Birthing God's Purposes through Prophetic Intercession (1999), Father, Forgive Us: Freedom From Yesterday's Sin (2000), Exodus Cry: Sounding a Prophetic Call to Strategic Prayer for Israel and the Jewish People Worldwide (2001), God Encounters: The Prophetic Power of the Supernatural to Change Your Life (2005). Intercession the Power and Passion (2005), A Call to the Secret Place (2005), The Prophetic Intercessor: Releasing God's Purposes to Change Lives and Influence Nations (2007, written with Cindy Jacobs), Angelic Encounters: Engaging Help From Heaven (2007), Shifting Shadows of Supernatural Experiences: A Manual to Experiencing God (2007), Discovering the Seer in You: Exploring Your Prophetic Gifts (2008), The Beginner's Guide to Hearing God (2008), The Call of the Elijah Revolution (2008), The Coming Israel Awakening: Gazing into the Future of the Jewish People and the Church (2009), Deliverance from Darkness: A Study Guide for Finding Freedom and Walking in Blessing (2010), A Radical Faith: Essentials for Spirit-Filled Believers (2011), and Finding Hope: Rediscovering Life after Tragedy (2015).

Other well-known "intercessors" -

Gary and Emma Colbert – Safe Haven International Ministries

Alice Smith – U.S. Prayer Center

Barbara Wentroble – International Breakthrough Ministries

Ken Gott – House of Prayer Europe

Daniel Pandji – National Prayer Network

Paul Cain

Jill Austin

Arnon Boyd

Evelyn Boyd

William and Katherine Coleman

Scott Morton

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