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District Conferences

IMA FLORIDA DIST CONF:

- **Dates:** Thurs-Fri., April 13-14
- **Theme:** It Is Harvest Time
- **Location:** High Point Church of Brandon; Valrico, FL
- **Host Pastor:** Rev. David Goldsberry
- **Speaker:** Rev. Virgil Amundson

IMA NORTH CTRL DIST CONF:

- **Dates:** Thurs-Fri., April 20-21
- **Location:** Amherst Bible Church; Amherst, Wisconsin
- **Host Pastor:** Rev. Derek Nett

IMA CENTRAL DIST. CONF:

- **Dates:** Thurs-Sat., April 27-29
- **Theme:** Kingdom Culture
- **Speaker:** Apostle Greg Hood
- **Location:** Rising River Church; Vincennes, Indiana (US 41)
- **Host Pastor:** Dr. Kathie Eades

IMA SOUTH CTRL DIST CONF:

- **Dates:** Mon-Wed., June 19-21
- **Location:** Church of the Open Door; Hot Springs, Arkansas
- **Host Pastor:** Rev. Teddy Frye

Quotable Quotes for Easter

"The resurrection of Jesus stands fast as a fact, unaffected by the waves of skepticism that ceaselessly through the ages beat themselves against it. It holds within it the vastest hope for time and eternity that humanity can ever know."
—James Orr

"The Easter message tells us that our enemies, sin, the curse and death, are beaten. Ultimately they can no longer start mischief. They still behave as though the game were not decided, the battle not fought; we must still reckon with them, but fundamentally we must cease to fear them any more."
—Karl Barth

"For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."
—Apostle Paul; Romans 6:5

"The Gospels do not explain the resurrection; the resurrection explains the Gospels. Belief in the resurrection is not an appendage to the Christian faith; it is the Christian faith."
—John S. Whale

"This week, whatever you may be facing, remember that in three short days, the disciples and family of Christ went from hopelessness to hopeful—from devastation to celebration, from defeat to victory! Because of the cross and the tomb, you have a hope in Christ!"
—Sheri Easter

"The resurrection of Jesus changes the face of death for all His people. Death is no longer a prison, but a passage into God's presence. Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there."
—Clarence W. Hall

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Not To Be Pitied!



By Rev. Chris Ranalli

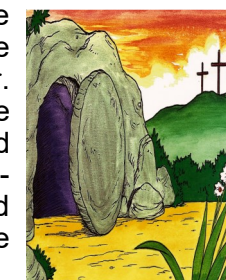
"If only for this life we have hope in Messiah, we are to be pitied more than all men..." (1 Cor. 15:19, NIV)

In the above passage, Paul was writing to the believers in Corinth who had heard that some were teaching that there is no resurrection of the dead. It is difficult—no, incongruous—to imagine a Gospel of Jesus without the promise of the resurrection. And yet, that is what was being preached by some. The Sadducees, including Annas, who was chief among them, did not believe in the resurrection. Annas refused to believe in the resurrection even after Lazarus, his own son, was raised to life! Maybe it was the philosophies of the Sadducees that was influencing these teachers. Paul writes, if this is true then we are to be pitied above all people! What an empty gospel! Remove the hope of the resurrection and we are left with the message of, "Live your best life now."

We are truly to be pitied if our faith leaves us no hope of life after death. If there is no resurrection then our faith is futile and death is to be feared. More than that, it is to be hated, for it is a thief that robs us of those we love. Peter warns us say-

ing, "Know this, mockers will come in the last days... they will mock and say, 'Where is the promise of His coming?' For since the fathers fell asleep, all continues as from the beginning of creation" (2 Pet. 3:3-4). These mockers will come and we shall be pitiable and wretched if we lose sight of our great hope.

There are many religions that teach the benefits of living a contented, peace-loving life, and finding hope through good works. There are religions that even offer hope through reincarnation. But there is only one faith that not only offers the hope of resurrection, but one that has demonstrated it! Not only this, but it is a hope that is for ALL people of each ethnicity and every culture! "For the dead shall be raised imperishable, and we shall all be changed" (1 Cor. 15:52). Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He is coming, and His reward is with Him! (See Isa. 40:10; 62:11).



Purpose of the Planning Sessions

“Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counselors they are established.” Prov 15:22, KJV

Most people not only want to be informed as to what happens at an IMA National Board Planning Session, but also ascertain the purpose behind the meeting. It is good to know where the association is going and how you can become an active member in its forward progress. We should know the heartbeat of leaders and have a clear sense of what God is saying to the greater body of ministers. The following thoughts are designed to help you see the greater picture and purpose of the IMA's Planning Session.

At the end of April, the National Board will be meeting on behalf of the entire IMA. The “planning session” initially stated to plan for the current year's upcoming National Conference. As time progressed and the association grew, the purpose enlarged to hear reports from the various districts; handle any problems that may have arisen; discuss and set policy; be updated on new IRS laws or regulations; develop vision; chart progress; create ways for future growth; discuss ways to better care for our members; monitor our missions outreaches; and learn how to be more effective as an “international, living, vibrant fellowship of ministers.” All this is being done; and much more.

Each national board member has agreed to function in a specified responsibility that relates to various ministries of the IMA. Throughout the year, these elected national board members operate in their assigned duties, answer questions, contact members, distribute funds, encourage leaders, etc.



When we come together for the “Planning Session” members share reports on their responsibilities and give information and input to the entire Board. Together, we seek to meet needs for the greater body of ministers in the IMA. In short, they are the “multitude of counselors” that “establish” purposes for the Association, as mentioned in the above Proverb.

Of course, we are not able to address every issue or complete all tasks as prescribed on our agenda, but we can accomplish a tremendous amount of business on behalf of the IMA and for the kingdom of God. This year we will cover areas such as:

- Plan themes/places for upcoming conferences;
- Hear reports from the Home Office and current policy;
- Update communication (Proclaim, internet, mailings);
- Meet with our Missions Director on IMA missionaries;
- Recruitment for new and younger ministers to join us;
- Consider ways to be more effective in equipping ministers;
- Discuss direction, vision, and God's leading for the future.

Be assured that your elected leaders are men of God who possess Christian character and are well-seasoned in ministry. We have the members' best interest in mind and desire to serve the greater Body of the IMA. Most of all, we seek to do the Lord's will and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. We apply fresh prophetic unction in charting our future. We are “not slothful in business; but fervent in spirit; serving the Lord” (Rom. 12:11). Our objective is to become more Relational, Actional and Missional to achieve our God-given purposes to equip and empower ministers to serve the Lord.

Much thanks to Rev. Mike McCord for serving on the National Board; Dr. Don Crabtree has been elected to this seat in 2022.



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The Five All's of Easter

By Rev. David Cook

Easter's dawn not only welcomed a new day, but it celebrated a new dispensation of God's grace. God's plan of salvation for mankind was completed. The huge stone that closed up the tomb of Jesus was rolled away. The angel sat on the stone. The grave was empty.

FIVE ALL'S TELL THE STORY:



ALL HAIL

The angel instructed the women: “Go tell His disciples.” Excitedly, they ran to tell the good news. Jesus met them and greeted them with a joyous, “All hail” (Matthew 28:9). This celebratory, exciting greeting vibrates with triumph. It is the signal to rejoice and celebrate history's greatest event.

Jesus' message is: “All hail! I have triumphed over death. I robbed the grave of its terror. I have defeated Satan.” The cross was a glorious victory! Sin's reign was broken.

Jesus completely satisfied the claims of justice, so He could now be just and the justifier of all who believe in Jesus. (See Romans 3:26). Now all can be saved; all can experience sin's forgiveness and know the peace of God. God's arms are open. Heaven's welcome mat is out. Let the good

news be shouted out. He's alive — He lives forever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

ALL POWER

What a staggering claim, “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18). What a contrast. Days earlier He seemed helpless in the face of the murderous crowd. If He had the power, surely He would not have allowed himself to be crucified. He submitted meekly “as a lamb to the slaughter” (Isaiah 53:7).

But now He stood before them and announced His authority over heaven and earth. They had witnessed His power on earth. They had seen blind eyes opened and the lame walk. They had seen lepers cleansed and the demon-possessed set free.

But now He announced His total dominion over the universe. His resurrection guaranteed Him a name that is above every name, at whose name every knee will bow in heaven, earth and hell.



ALL NATIONS

During His earthly life, Jesus ministered almost exclusively to Jews. Ministering to the Syro-Phoenician woman, He informed her He was sent only to the house of Israel. (See Matthew 15:24). He gave His disciples instructions not to go to the Gentiles, “but go rather to the lost sheep of the

house of Israel” (Matthew 10:6).

Jesus crossed the borders of Israel on only a few occasions, but now He has commanded His church to go into all the world. The world that God so loved must now be told of that amazing grace.

ALL THINGS

The disciples were to teach them “to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you (Matt. 28:20). The choice of the message was His; their responsibility was to proclaim it. It is still the solemn duty of Christ's church to preach the gospel to the whole world. The resurrected Christ commands it.



ALL THE WAY

“Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20). This promise has been the anchor to which millions of Christ's followers have clung. He had said, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

Millions of God's people have persevered in trials because of His unfailing presence. But this wonderful promise is especially precious to those who go into all the world to teach and preach all nations the gospel.