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“Annual Conference: It is time to start planning to attend our next Annual Conference.... Now with the rapid influx of members into the IMA, we are looking to the best we ever had.”

~ IMA Founder, W. E. Kidson, 1959

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”

~ Psalm 32:8

“When we go to church... Or Christian conferences, we can build some impressive spiritual muscles, but unless we use those muscles to change our lives, build the church... Call for the sick and poor, we are just posers.”

~ Richard Sterns

“Half the disputes between Christian [ministers] arise from them not knowing one another.”

~ Charles Spurgeon

“The problems you face today will be your ministry tomorrow.”

~ Rev. Kevin Suiter

Bible Conference Survival Kit:

- 1. Toothpick:** Remember to pick out good in others (MT 7:1);
- 2. Rubber Band:** Remember to be flexible (Rom. 8:28);
- 3. Band-Aid:** Remember to mend hurt feelings (Col. 3:13);
- 4. Button:** Remember to button your lip when needed (I Peter 3:10);
- 5. Tea bag:** Remember to relax and recite blessings (I Thess. 5:18).

“People go wrong in their fellowships before they go wrong in their doctrine.”

~ John R. Rice

84% of pastors desire to have close fellowship with someone they can trust and confide in.

PLEASE NOTE:

IMA National Board is planning not to send out the IMA PROCLAIM Newsletter in paper copy after 2021. Rather, the newsletter will be emailed to members and found on the IMA website.

If this poses a problem for you or your ministry, or you have any comments to make regarding this decision, please contact Dr. Timothy Warner, National Chairman, at imadrtimothy@gmail.com

PROCLAIM Newsletter is read and appreciated by many pastors and missionaries. We want members and others to continue reading IMA articles and announcements contained in monthly newsletters.

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Fellowship at IMA Conferences

By Rev. Virgil Amundson



I received my Ministerial credentials from the IMA, and was ordained in 1967. The very first conference I attended was in St. Louis, MO during that time. The early founders of the IMA were present, and I remembered as a young minister, how they took time to encourage me and make me feel important as a new member. I learned from that experience that the IMA was a loving and embracing group of ministers that I wanted to be associated with.

The IMA has added some great men and women of God through the years. We are blessed to have a variety of gifted and anointed leaders with good insight into the Word of God. We are privileged to hear some of these men and women speak during the general conferences. We always come away from an IMA conference with our minds renewed, our faith lifted, and our hearts encouraged.

A PLACE FOR YOUNG MINISTERS

Relationships have always been important to me, and I have discovered that most of us in ministry will search out a few meaningful relationships to fulfill that need in our lives. The IMA provided the vehicle for me to build friendships with other brethren of like faith. The greatest opportunities to expand those friendships and to learn from my fellow brethren have taken place during the annual IMA National Conference.

Most of our older pastors in the IMA are casting an eye toward a successor to their ministry. There is a great opportunity for young ministers to receive credentials and become involved with a well-established ministerial association. The IMA Conference is a great place to develop potential leaders and to connect with other younger ministers. I have always invited the potential young ministers in our church to attend the IMA General Conference; it always turned out to be a good experience for them, and many have now become licensed ministers in the IMA. The IMA General Conference recognizes this potential for young ministers and offers special recognition to include them. I encourage pastors to bring other leaders under your ministry to the IMA General Conference this year.

I've been able to attend the general conference for most of my 50 years of pastoral ministry. To meet ministers for the first time is exciting for me, because it is an opportunity to extend a friendship for a lifetime. It is interesting to hear a brother or sister's story about the work to which God has called them. I know of many ministers who attended an IMA General Conference that have stayed connected with friends they made and continue to keep in contact with one another. The IMA is a great fellowship association!

The IMA is a gift to us! We can best honor the leaders and pastors who host the general conferences by our participation and attendance. If not, you will be missed, because we love you!

Please join us at the 2021 IMA National Conference

CONFERENCE INFO...

Dates: Monday-Wednesday
September 20-22, 2021

Place: Faith Bible Chapel
Arvada, CO (Denver area)

Hosts: Pastor Jason and Sheryl King



Key Note Speaker: Dr. Phil Brassfield
Destiny Leadership Institute



Theme: "Encountering God"

Lodging Accommodations:

Conference Hotel: SpringHill Suites Denver West.* (\$119 per night).

Supplemental Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Wheat Ridge—Denver West.* (\$99 per night if booked by Aug. 19th).

*Rates available Sun—Fri, Sept. 19th-24th

MY PRESENCE WILL GO
WITH YOU,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.
EXODUS 33:14

See you at conference time!



"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD.' Where the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, to the Testimony of Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD." Psalm 122:1,4

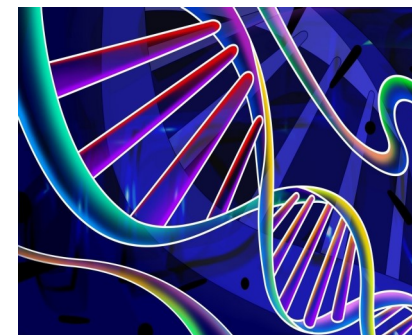
God loves it when His people come together in the precious name of the Lord! Let's GATHER in His name; MINISTER in His name; PRAISE in His name; EQUIP in His name; and REACH the lost in His name. You may ask, "Why should I/we attend an annual IMA National Conference?" Here are a few reasons:

- ☐ We need clear prophetic words in this season of ministry;
- ☐ Our country is in dire need of ministerial accuracy in her pulpits;
- ☐ Coming together reconnects us with fellow ministers of the IMA;
- ☐ We'll clearly understand what God is saying to our group of ministers;
- ☐ We will be equipped to serve the Lord with more passion and effectiveness.

Featuring:

- ☐ Dynamic Worship & Evening Speaker
- ☐ IMA Trending
- ☐ Breakout Sessions
 - Dealing with Culture
 - Building from Here
 - Women's Breakout
- ☐ Panel Discussion "In Times of Pressure"
- ☐ Celebrate Missions Service
- ☐ IMA National Business Meeting
- ☐ Tuesday Luncheon:
National & District Boards
- ☐ Featuring IMA Ladies Luncheon
Wednesday

Food & fellowship provided



DNA of IMA

Part 7: IMA Conventions



By Dr. Timothy L. Warner; IMA National Chairman

Since its inception back in 1954, Annual Conventions have always played a huge role in moving IMA forward. In the process of time the word for annual gatherings morphed from CONVENTIONS to CONFERENCES. For our purposes, the terms are synonymous. Ministers meeting together under one banner in Christ, and the IMA, were a means of equipping ministers. The objective was to make Gospel ministers effective in their personal calling, whatever it may be.

So far we have considered these fine aspects of the DNA for IMA: The Holy Spirit, Love for Missions, The Respect Dynamic, Honoring Life, Cry for Freedom and Christian Education. Today we shall focus on IMA Conferences. Truly the DNA for IMA is to host [ministerial] conferences. Interviewing ministers who were there "back in the day" say pastors, leaders and youth came to our annual conferences. Ministers who were bi-vocational used vacation time to attend. High value was placed on recruiting and being present at IMA conventions.

Conferences or Holy Convocations are easily identifiable in church history; they are still active in most ministries today. Gatherings of this nature are biblical as well. God called the children of Israel to gather in His name for the following annual feasts: Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. Though there were other such feasts in Israel, the aforementioned three were mandatory for the people of God to attend.

Reviewing dozens of articles and hundreds of pages of previous IMA monthly newsletters, it is clear that National Conferences were hosted by IMA pastors and churches. Here are some conferences:

- 1955 Evansville
- 1958 St. Louis
- 1967 Houston
- 1982 San Antonio
- 1995 Little Rock, AR



ering with fellow ministers in our beloved association bonds members together and sharpens the sword to minister in freshness of the Spirit. It creates new ideas to implement on the home front, gives opportunity to "receive" from God and offers a personal touch with missionaries from round the world.

To the left is a picture and invitation to gather in St. Louis, MO.

IMA conferences have come "a long way" in growth and development. Much prayer, fasting, and planning goes into each National gathering. IMA leaders have a healthy passion for God to be present and working when we meet.

This year IMA National Conference is hosted at Faith Bible Chapel in Denver area. Let's all go to Denver (2021)!

Lets All Go



3610 Grandel Square, St. Louis

District Conferences were added later as the IMA grew in number. According to early records, it seemed conventions were held in states. For example:

"The Texas Conference met in the Annual Conference at Houston Gospel Tabernacle" (FEB 1958).

"The Florida Conference was surely a time for God's blessing and glory to rest upon us in" (May 1958).

It is a healthy practice to attend IMA Conventions today both on National and District levels. Gath-

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