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## Retro Article: Texas Conference

Article from Houston, Texas; March, 1958



We hope you enjoy a look at this article from the IMA archives (March 1958), when the National Conference was being held in Texas, just as it is this year in 2022.

The Texas District met in their Annual Conference at Houston Gospel Tabernacle, in Houston, Texas, February 12 and 13. This was in the middle of a good Bible Conference which was in progress.

All were unanimous in expressing their appreciation for the Conference. We are especially happy for the progress that is being made in

the Texas District. We now have fifty ministers in the State of Texas alone.

It was decided to enlarge our borders for the present at least by taking in surrounding states and making it a larger district, thus giving a greater tie of fellowship to all in this section of the country. Several visiting ministers decided to cast their lot with us, for which we are very thankful.

The following were elected to serve on the District Board for the

ensuing year: A. A. Matney, Chairman; W. D. Starkweather, Secretary; Chester Yeazel and Carlos Parker, Board Members.

All were rejoicing over the growth of the Association from an international stand point. Since the Association was formed in Dallas several years ago, it makes the Texas brethren feel like they have a real interest in the success of the Association worldwide. The prayer of each one is that God will continue to bless and draw us all closer together as the time for His coming is near.

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## Virtual Vs. Reality

By Rev. Julius Morar; IMA Missionary

As the world is going the way of Virtual, the importance of Reality will never fade. Thank the Lord for IMA Annual Conference! It is a REALITY—as we gather at a place physically and meet people in-person. It is a FELLOWSHIP.

**Fellowship magnifies the Lord.** Psalm 34:3 implores believers: “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.” When you see so many saints from different walks of life praising God, it just magnifies (enlarges in fact or appearance) the goodness of our good Lord.

**Fellowship provides encouragement.** I Thessalonians 5:11 reminds us to “Encourage each other to build each other up, just as you are already doing” (TLB). IMA has been a great source of encouragement to so many leaders as well as the saints. I have seen people leaving the Annual Conference encouraged and enriched.

**Fellowship makes us stronger.** Matthew 18:20 promises, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” The conference makes us realize that we are not alone. We have each other and



God in our midst. Doesn't it prove we are more robust and I (we) can do all things through Christ which strengthens me (us)?

**Fellowship helps us grow.** II Peter 3:18 says, “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” Every believer has the seed of Faith. However, seeds need the right environment to grow. The IMA Annual Conference provides the right environment to help your faith, your love, and your commitment toward God and His people to flourish.



**Summary:** Coming together is a great way for each of us to draw closer to God. It helps us to renew our strength and commitment to our ministries. We also impart essential lessons to one another. I Corinthians 14:26 states, “How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, a tongue, a revelation, an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.”

The upcoming IMA Annual Conference is going to be great. Your heart will be blessed. Come prepared; leave prepared.

### District Chairs:

- Dr. Charles Dewing
- Rev. Philip Tolman
- Rev. Joe Campbell
- Rev. Romualdo Corpuz
- Rev. Karrie Landsverk
- Rev. Julie Wells
- Rev. Keith Owens
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- Rev. David Spurlock
- Rev. Robert Garcia

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- Rev. Chad Hayes
- Rev. Sean Dudley
- Rev. Dan Hernandez
- Rev. Kurt Juszczak
- Rev. Paul Mason
- Rev. Mike McCord
- Dr. Timothy Warner

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# Give It All You've Got!

By Rev. Matt Chambers; Ray of Hope Church



As a young man, my father taught me one simple but important lesson: You get out what you put in. As Christians, we know it as, "You reap what you sow." I describe Ray of Hope Church, where I serve, as a greenhouse. If a person plants themselves, they will grow. The IMA means the same to my family and myself. I began to know more and more men and women of God in our organization. The greatest part is that they wanted to know my family and me, too. This is only the beginning of wonderful relationships. The people of IMA care! They care about family, ministry, each other, and spreading the glorious gospel of Jesus.

In a greenhouse, you always see more than one plant. One of the great things about the IMA is the diversity. People from all over the world have different backgrounds, different ways of doing ministry, different ages, but one focus; Christ. I know for my family, people in the IMA have been

wonderful. They let my daughter know they are excited to see her, and make us feel we are a part of something bigger than our family. The people at IMA conferences have been welcoming, hospitable, and gracious toward us.

Like a greenhouse, there is more to our Association than what meets the eye. As you look at a greenhouse, you can see the growth, but it is hard to see the photosynthesis that is taking place. The plant takes the sunlight and turns it into life. The IMA helps the minister gain in perspective. Life is challenging; ministry is demanding. I have found the IMA cares about its members. Ministers provide spiritual water to the thirsty, spiritual food to the hungry, and spiritual richness of soil for the roots to grow. This can be found in fellowship, worship, or the Word that is preached! I have found that growth does not only take place in formal



events, but it may be over a donut and coffee with Dr. Warner, a late night burger with Paul Mason, a bowl of noodles with Joe Campbell and Mike McCord, or meals with my Mid-Central District friends.

We cannot forget about the living cultivator that works in the greenhouse and the sun that shines through to provide a consistent atmosphere. The IMA proclaims the Great Cultivator of the Heavens and Earth, Jesus Christ. He is preached, taught, and shown with the power of the Holy Spirit throughout the world. It is like sunlight shining in the greenhouse; we cannot physically see the Spirit of God, but we can feel and see the effects. Since Christ is preached by the power of the Holy Spirit in the IMA, rich fellowship is given; brotherly love is shown. Benefits are great for myself, family, and ministry. So, let's grow together, sow together, and give it all we've got!

# BOLD LEADERSHIP in Tough Times



By Rev. Chad Hayes; Chairman of the National Board

The last two years have been the most challenging years in my twenty-five years of ministry. Most ministers I have spoken with have expressed a similar sentiment. It seems many political and social issues have intensified. Commitment amongst many church members and attenders has waned. Concern over the economy is high. With these challenges, I have had to make some assessments. I have come to understand that as the pressure mounts, if I am not watchful, I become susceptible to failure and burnout. As I reflect on the last couple of years I must say, I have been closer to buckling under the pressure than I'd like to admit. However, I recognize a few things that have allowed me to continue to walk in my call and sustained me as a leader.

and take some time to enjoy life. As Pastor Brady Boyd has said, "You are not forsaking your responsibilities when you rest. It is for the sake of your responsibilities that you must rest." Psalm 62:1 says, "Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from Him (NIV).

## RELATIONSHIPS

There have been so many situations over the past two years where I have had to rely on my peers and mentors to get through tough situations. The advice and encouragement they have given have been invaluable. Ecclesiastes 4:10b warns us, "But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up" (NKJV).

## HARD WORK

Without a diligent work ethic, we fall behind and end up overwhelmed. We must take care of our responsibilities. We must stay on top of our work so that it doesn't end up on top of us. "Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically" (Romans 12:11; NLT).

We are in a season that requires bold leadership. I pray these principles help you be your best, just as they have helped me. I look forward to connecting with each of you this month at our IMA National Conference. I anticipate we will be equipped, refreshed, and encouraged together.

## DEVOTION

It starts here. Without a close walk with the Lord, we are doomed for failure. We have to stay plugged in. We cannot neglect prayer, fasting, worship and time in the Word. We must be fueled by the Holy Spirit, or we cannot make it in these tough times. Isaiah 40:31a says, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength" (NKJV).



## REST

If we don't take time to recharge, we will burnout. When we rest, we are at our best. It's important that we have time off, spend time with our loved ones

## From the IMA Home Office

Greetings from the Home Office! At the time this newsletter is being sent out, National Conference is just around the corner. As a reminder, earlier this year, the IMA Home Office changed physical locations to Louisville, KY. Accordingly, the new mailing address for all future IMA correspondence will be as follows:

**NEW ADDRESS!**

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P.O. Box 6644  
Louisville, KY 40206**

We will continue receiving forwarded mail from the Shell Lake address to ensure that everyone has had time to be made aware of the new changes. God bless you!

Sincerely, Rev. Sean Alexander, IMA Member Service Coordinator (MSC)

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## Quotable Quotes

"I want the whole Christ for my savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field." ~ John Wesley

"My job is not to solve people's problems or make them feel happy, but to help them see the grace [of God] operating in their lives." ~ Eugene Peterson

"Pastors and Bible teachers go about their work in communal settings, where they listen to, as well as deliver sermons; hear as well as speak, gain biblical insights... as [well as] pass them on." ~ Peter J. Leithart

"You must read to lead. Reading feeds. It opens our souls to a long line of counselors." ~ Dave Harvey

"Aloneness can lead to loneliness. God's preventative for loneliness is meaningful, open, sharing relationships with one another. In Christ, we have the capacity for the fulfilling sense of belonging which comes from intimate fellowship with God and with other believers." ~ Neil Anderson

"If you are having difficulty loving or relating to an individual, take him to God. Bother the Lord with this person. Don't you be bothered with him—leave him at the throne." ~ Charles Swindoll

"A prayer culture is fueled by experience, not explanation. A passion to seek the Lord in prayer is more caught than taught." ~ Daniel Henderson