

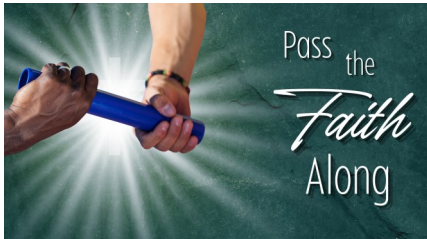
WPA E-CONNECT



We exist to equip congregations and leadership to help people find and follow Christ.

April 2022

“Pass the Faith Along”



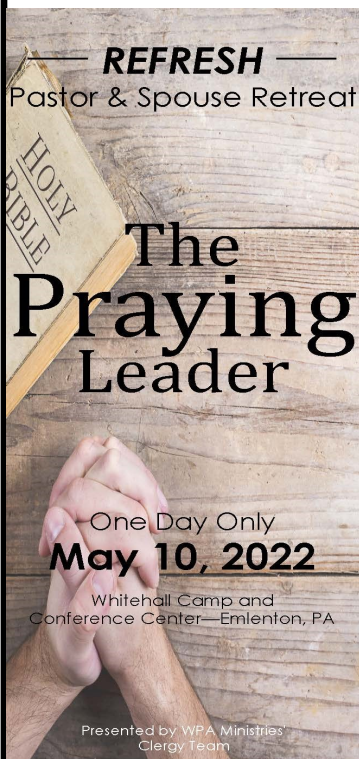
As we gear up for the summer of 2022, I am excited about all the different opportunities for growth we have. The Church of God has always been a relational movement – where we are enriched by learning from and worshipping with each other. As we have struggled through these last two years, we have missed many of those opportunities. However, this year we have many options for ministry and for gathering and for passing our faith to others. From IYC for the youth, who are gathering in San Antonio, to the Regional CHOG Conventions in California, Indiana and Florida; from the WPA Camp Meeting in July to the NACOG Camp Meeting at West Middlesex in August, we have a full plate from which to choose. The CWC Convention in Florida in October will be merged with the Regional CHOG Convention for a great time of celebration and connection.

Also planned for February, 2023, the Rise Up Ministries Team have scheduled a work camp to the Dominican. Go to <https://www.riseupmin.org/> for more information.

Please take advantage of these opportunities to pass the faith. As we minister together we grow together and we expand our territories of impact for the Lord.

Rebecca New-Edson

Do you need **REFRESH?**



Our annual Clergy Refresh is only 4 weeks away. Presented by the Clergy Ministry Team, this year we are excited to bring Rev. Jessica Hall to our Refresh Day. Jessica will be leading us in “The Leader at Prayer” A day away where she helps us unpack the critical nature of prayer for our ministry, our churches, and our communities. Come and join us as we spend the day together. Bring your spouse and your heart ready for prayer. Join us from 9AM-5PM.

Registration is \$40 per clergy, \$15 per spouse, \$10 for retired clergy. It includes lunch.

If you need lodging, make sure you mark that online as well. Lodging is \$27 single, \$48 double.

Register online at wpamin.com/refresh. Make sure you mark your gift “Refresh”.

— REFRESH — SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 10th
Pioneer Hall

9:00 – 10:00 AM	Gathering <small>Continental Breakfast Provided</small>
10:00 – 10:20 AM	Worship
10:20 – 11:30 AM	Session 1 <small>with Q&A</small>
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 1:15 PM	Worship
1:15 – 2:30 PM	Session 2 <small>Q&A/Breakout Session</small>
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Free Time <small>for Personal Reflection</small>
2:45 – 4:00 PM	Session 3 <small>Q&A/Breakout Session</small>
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Prayer
5:00 PM	Head Home

A special offering will be received for the disaster relief in Ukraine. 100% of the offering will go to refugee assistance, medication, food, and necessary resources to the Churches of God in Ukraine, so they can disburse them where they are most needed.

CHURCH OF GOD 2022 REGIONAL CONVENTIONS

3 GREAT LOCATIONS

CALIFORNIA



APRIL 26-28, 2022

Destiny Christian Fellowship
Fremont, CA

In-person registration

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INDIANA



JUNE 21-23, 2022

Madison Park Church of God
Anderson, IN

In-person and virtual registration

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FLORIDA



OCTOBER 13-16, 2022

In conjunction with the
Church of God Women's Convention

Orlando, FL

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<https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/2022-regional-conventions/>

WE HATE TO SEE HER GO!

Sadly, our Administrative Assistant, Jenna Beichner has resigned and will be leaving the office this month to start her own business. We have loved having Jenna with us and will sincerely miss her sweet smile and lovely attitude, as well as her very capable bookkeeping and administrative skills. We wish you well, Jenna. God speed as you start on this new journey!

CONGREGATIONAL VACANCIES

Pennsylvania Churches Seeking Pastors

Connellsville Church of God

Ellwood City Church of God – effective July 1

Meadville, United Faith Church of God

Penn Run, Maple Grove Church of God

Pittsburgh, New Life Church of God

West Lebanon Church of God

Interested? Call Rebecca New-Edson at 724-867-9601

TRANSITIONS:

Congratulations to **Rev. Traci Blystone**. Traci has become the new Lead Pastor at Hammers Street Church of God, Portage, Pa. She and Melvin have moved to Portage and started April 2. We wish you well, Traci, and know that where God calls you, God will continue to lead you.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Chaffee**. Jennifer has just accepted the call to the Lead Pastorate at Scotland Avenue Church of God in Punxsutawney. She is finishing up her ordination process. Jennifer will start within the next few weeks. God's blessings to you and Kenneth.

BACKGROUND CHECK RENEWAL DUE NOW

WE STILL A FEW CLERGY MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR BACKGROUND CHECKS and Mandated Reporter Training. It is time to update them. Pennsylvania State law requires that they be renewed every 60 months. Those in violation may need to meet with the Credentialing Services Committee. Remember, any licensed or ordained minister is required by the state to have up-to-date checks. Retired Clergy (inactive) are exempt from the requirement.

1. Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance
Go to <https://epatch.state.pa.us>
2. Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance
Go to <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>
3. FBI Criminal History Report (Fingerprinting)
Go to <https://www.identogo.com>
Service code : 1KG756
4. Mandated Reporter Training
Go to <https://www.reportabusepa.pit.edu>

SAVE THE DATE:

TUESDAY, May 10	<i>REFRESH!</i> - Clergy and Spouse Day "The Leader at Prayer" - Rev. Jessica Hall	WHCC
TH-SUN, June 21-23	Church of God Regional Convention "IDENTITY"	Anderson, In
TH -SUN., June30-July3	IYC – "UPGRADE" Register at https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/iyc-2022/	San Antonio,Tx
SAT-SUN., July 16-24	WPA Camp Meeting Rev. Kevin Earley, Evangelist Rev. Tina Lipps, Youth Evangelist	WHCC
SUN-SUN, Aug.7-14	National Association of the Church of God Camp Meeting	West Middlesex,Pa
TH-SUN, OCT.13-16	CWC Convention Church of God Regional Convention	Orlando, Fl
FR, Oct. 21	WPA General Assembly	Meadville, Pa
FR-SUN, Nov.18-20	THIRST, WPA Youth Convention	Erie, Pa
FEB.18-25, 2023	RISE UP! Ministries Mission Trip www.riseupmin.org	Dominican Republic

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