

# A KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Many are the ways in which God is seeking to make Himself known to us and bring us into communion with Him. Nature speaks to our senses without ceasing. The open heart will be impressed with the love and glory of God as revealed through the works of His hands. The listening ear can hear and understand the communications of God through the things of nature. The green fields, the lofty trees, the buds and flowers, the passing cloud, the falling rain, the babbling brook, the glories of the heavens, speak to our hearts, and invite us to become acquainted with Him who made them all.

"Our Saviour bound up His precious lessons with the things of nature. The trees, the birds, the flowers of the valleys, the hills, the lakes, and the beautiful heavens, as well as the incidents and surroundings of daily life, were all linked with the words of truth, that His lessons might thus be often recalled to mind, even amid the busy cares of man's life of toil. "God would have His children appreciate His works and delight in the simple, quiet beauty with which He has adorned our earthly home. He is a lover of the beautiful, and above all that is outwardly attractive He loves beauty of character; He would have us cultivate purity and simplicity, the quiet graces of the flowers.

"If we will but listen, God's created works will teach us precious lessons of obedience and trust. From the stars that in their trackless courses through space follow from age to age their appointed path, down to the minutest atom, the things of nature obey the Creator's will. And God cares for everything and sustains everything that He has created. He who upholds the unnumbered worlds throughout immensity, at the same time cares for the wants of the little brown sparrow that sings its humble song without fear. When men go forth to their daily toil, as when they engage in prayer; when they lie down at night, and when they rise in the morning; when the rich man feasts in his palace, or when the poor man gathers his children about the scanty board, each is tenderly watched by the heavenly Father. No tears are shed that God does not notice. There is no smile that He does not mark.

"If we would but fully believe this. all undue anxieties would be dismissed. Our lives would not be so filled with disappointment as now; for everything, whether great or small, would be left in the hands of God, who is not perplexed by the multiplicity of cares, or overwhelmed by their weight. We should then enjoy a rest of soul to which many have long been strangers.

"As your senses delight in the attractive loveliness of the earth, think of the world that is to come, that shall never know the blight of sin and death; where the face of nature will no more wear the shadow of the curse. Let your imagination picture the home of the saved, and remember that it will be more glorious than your brightest imagination can portray. In the varied gifts of God in nature we





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# FROM EDITORS

see but the faintest gleaming of His glory. It is written, 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.' 1 Corinthians 2:9.

"The poet and the naturalist have many things to say about nature, but it is the Christian who enjoys the beauty of the earth with the highest appreciation, because he recognizes his Father's handiwork and perceives His love in flower and shrub and tree. No one can fully appreciate the significance of hill and vale, river and sea, who does not look upon them as an expression of God's love to man.

"God speaks to us through His providential workings and through the influence of His Spirit upon the heart. In our circumstances and surroundings, in the changes daily taking place around us, we may find precious lessons if our hearts are but open to discern them. The psalmist, tracing the work of God's providence, says, 'The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.' 'Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.' Psalm 33:5; 107:43.

"God speaks to us in His word. Here we have in clearer lines the revelation of His character, of His dealings with men, and the great work of redemption. Here is open before us the history of patriarchs and prophets and other holy men of old. They were men 'subject to like passions as we are.' James 5:17. We see how they struggled through discouragements like our own, how they fell under temptation as we have done, and yet took heart again and conquered through the grace of God; and, beholding, we are encouraged in our striving after righteousness. As we read of the precious experiences granted them, of the light and love and blessing it was theirs to enjoy, and of the work they wrought through the grace given them, the spirit that inspired them kindles a flame of holy emulation in our hearts and a desire to be like them in character--like them to walk with God.

"Jesus said of the Old Testament how Scriptures,--and much more is it true of the New,--'They are they which testify of Me,' the Redeemer, Him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. John 5:39. Yes, the whole Bible tells of Christ. From the first record of creation--for 'without Him was not anything made that was made'--to the closing promise, 'Behold, I come quickly,' we are reading of His works and listening to His voice. John 1:3; Revelation 22:12. If you would become acquainted with the Saviour, study the Holy Scriptures.

"Fill the whole heart with the words of God. They are the living water, quenching your burning thirst. They are the living bread from heaven. Jesus declares, 'Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you.' And He explains Himself by saying, 'The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.' John 6:53, 63. Our bodies are built up from what we eat and drink; and as in the natural economy, so in the spiritual economy: it is what we meditate upon that will give tone and strength to our spiritual nature.

"The theme of redemption is one that the angels desire to look into; it will be the science and the song of the redeemed throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Is it not worthy of careful thought and study now? The infinite mercy and love of Jesus, the sacrifice made in our behalf, call for the most serious and solemn reflection. We should dwell upon the character of our dear Redeemer and Intercessor. We should meditate upon the mission of Him who came to save His people from their sins. As we thus contemplate heavenly themes, our faith and love will grow stronger, and our prayers will be more and more acceptable to God..." Steps to Christ, 85-89.

# STUDIES

# ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

#### INTRODUCTION

"The dealings of God with His people should be often repeated. How frequently were the waymarks set up by the Lord in His dealings with ancient Israel! Lest they should forget the history of the past, He commanded Moses to frame these events into song, that parents might teach them to their children. They were to gather up memorials and to lay them up in sight. Special pains were taken to preserve them, that when the children should inquire concerning these things, the whole story might be repeated. Thus the providential dealings and the marked goodness and mercy of God in His care and deliverance of His people were kept in mind. We are exhorted to 'call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions." Hebrews 10:32. For His people in this generation the Lord has wrought as a wonder-working God. The past history of the cause of God needs to be often brought before the people, young and old. We need often to recount God's goodness and to praise Him for His wonderful works." Testimonies for the Church, Volme 6, 364.

This document has been produced as an initial step towards filling the need for a record of the development of organization within the movement of the Church Triumphant. It has also been produced to provide a record of the resolutions at the movements organizational conferences held in 2017 and 2018. As much history has preceded and followed the two conferences, this document has been written as a narrative to hopefully give greater context to the conferences and the decisions made at them.

#### 2001 - THE PROPHETIC CONTEXT

The practical actions that have been taken with regards to organization have a solid basis in prophetic truth. A number of lines establish this fact - one being the line of Moses. Christ's descent upon Mount Sinai typifies the descent of the angel of Revelation 18 on September 11, 2001 (9/11). When He descended Moses tarried for 46 days representing the tarrying time for the priests which also commenced at 9/11. Christ descended to give Moses the two tables of His covenant, the ten commandments. At 911, the two tables of Habbakuk 2:2 as well as the 1843 and 1850 charts became present truth. These are the two tables of God's covenant with the Church Triumphant. When Christ descended, He not only gave Moses the ten commandments but also committed to

him the plans for the organization of His people.

"Soon after the encampment at Sinai, Moses was called up into the mountain to meet with God. Alone he climbed the steep and rugged path, and drew near to the cloud that marked the place of Jehovah's presence. Israel was now to be taken into a close and peculiar relation to the Most High–to be incorporated as a church and a nation under the government of God. The message to Moses for the people was:

"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 303.

"The building of the tabernacle was not begun for some time after Israel arrived at Sinai; and the sacred structure was first set up at the opening of the second year from the Exodus. This was followed by the consecration of the priests, the celebration of the Passover, the numbering of the people, and the completion of various arrangements essential to their civil or religious system, so that nearly a year was spent in the encampment at Sinai. Here their worship had taken a more definite form, the laws had been given for the government of the nation, and a more efficient organization had been effected preparatory to their entrance into the land of Canaan.

"The government of Israel was characterized by the most thorough organization, wonderful alike for its completeness and its simplicity. The order so strikingly displayed in the perfection and arrangement of all God's created works was manifest in the Hebrew economy. God was the center of authority and government, the sovereign of Israel. Moses stood as their visible leader, by God's appointment, to administer the laws in His name. From the elders of the tribes a council of seventy was afterward chosen to assist Moses in the general affairs of the nation. Next came the priests, who consulted the Lord in the sanctuary. Chiefs, or princes, ruled over the tribes. Under these were 'captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens,' and, lastly, officers who might be employed for special duties. Deuteronomy 1:15." Patriarchs and Prophets, 374.

Thus, based on this application, organization can be seen to be present truth beginning at 9/11. The Hebrews lost patience with Moses and apostatized by imposing upon Aaron to make them a golden calf which they subsequently worshipped. This is a symbol of the image of the beast crisis which follows 9/11. Moses then descended from the mount to execute judgment upon those who had apostatized. This represents the judgment at the Sunday Law. Therefore, the history of Moses represents the history of the Church Triumphant from 9/11 to the Sunday Law and Moses' history clearly locates organization at 9/11.

Another witness that places organization at 9/11 is the reform line of Christ. Christ's baptism in 27 AD typifies the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the sprinkling of the latter rain at 9/11. Following His baptism, Christ went into the wilderness to be tempted or tested by Satan. This represents the testing process that began for the priests at 9/11.

The selection and ordination of the twelve disciples also followed Christ's baptism. This was the beginning of the Christian church which was soon to replace the Jewish church. In like manner, at 9/11, Christ began to establish the Church Triumphant which is replacing the Seventh Day Adventist Church that is now being passed by. The ordination of the twelve disciples was specifically the beginning of the organization of the Christian church. Hence, the organization of the church triumphant has been present truth since 2001.

In Millerite history, a people was raised up which proclaimed the first and second angels' messages and followed Christ by faith into the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary. Their history is marked from 1840 to 1844 and based on the Millerite reform line, 1840 to 1844 is a type of 9/11 to the Sunday Law. This being the case, it must be seen that, although the Millerites did not organize a new denomination in the sense of establishing a new, legal religious entity that was recognized by the government, they did separate from the Protestant churches and stand as a distinct religious body. Over the course of their history organization is typified as the Millerites had ministers that preached their message, they established publishing houses (Signs of the Times and others), held their own camp-meetings and constructed houses of worship (e.g. The Boston Tabernacle). On October 22, 1844 God had the necessary Millerites which He would use to organize the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Although organization is located at 9/11 prophetically, practical steps to organize at the movement level did not begin until years later. These steps are the subject of the following sections.

#### **2014 - INITIAL DEVELOPMENTS**

In 2014, Elder Pippenger began to develop a schedule and protocol (a circuit) for visiting the various groups within the movement in the United States. This was a practical response to the prophetic truth that organization was present truth. It was also initiated in response to a need for further consolidation of the various groups in America and beyond, following a shaking that began in 2012 and became widespread in 2014. Brethren and leaders in the movement from ministries such as Path of the Just (now named, The Sure Word), and Restoring The Old Paths began to propagate erroneous doctrines pertaining to "the day of the Lord," the book of Joel and other subjects. They also rejected and fought against the then new light on Ezra 7:9, the exclusive internal work and the line-upon-line methodology upon which these truths are established. The prophetic narratives that made sense of these developments at the time taught that the doctrinal differences these men were highlighting masked a deeper purpose to overthrow the order God had established within the movement; which order recognized Jeff Pippenger's preeminent role as the reformer for the final generation. Hence, their rebellion was principally a rebellion against organization.

Ultimately their efforts to overthrow God's instruments and His order failed as the movement has grown from strength to since their departure.

#### **2016 - FIRST ORDINATIONS**

In 2016, three individuals met at the winter trimester for the Arkansas School of the Prophets. These were Marco Barrios whose principal field of labour had been South America, following his departure from Germany, the land of his nativity. Parminder Biant from the United Kingdom was also present; the principal field of his labours had been the ACE (Advanced Christian Education) School in Wales at which he taught Bible Prophecy. Also present was Thabo Mtetwa who lived and laboured in Canada while maintaining connections on the African Continent where he was born.

In discussions with Elder Jeff Pippenger, the three men previously mentioned shared their experiences labouring in their respective regions of the Lord's vineyard. An issue that was highlighted by all of them was the fact that believers in the present truth message were increasingly finding themselves being pushed out of their home churches. As their involvement with the present truth message became known, they found themselves being denied baptism, marriage and other requests made to ministers of the conference churches. Many suffering under such conditions had found reprieve by forming their own bodies of worship and worshipping separately from their brethren in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Notwithstanding these measures, they still found themselves in need of the ordinances of church life (baptism, marriage, Holy Communion etc.) yet without access to them.

In discussing how to cater to the brethren who found themselves in this difficult situation, it was suggested that the movement ordain brethren who would be invested with the authority to perform these ordinances as and when they were needed. Elder Jeff then promptly suggested that the three men before him be the first to be ordained for this purpose and on the 27th of February Thabo Mtetwa, Marco Barrios and Parminder Biant were ordained as ministers within the present truth movement. The initial intent was that Parminder Biant would serve Europe, Marco Barrios would serve South America and Thabo Mtetwa would serve Canada and the African continent. However, in the course of time, it would be seen that the ministry of these three men was world-wide in scope and not at all limited to the regions initially designated to them.

As is often the case in sacred history, the men involved in this ordination simply acted to meet a need that they saw in the world field. They only subsequently realized that the steps taken to ordain them was a direct fulfilment of prophecy. A number of lines bear witness to this fact. One example is the prophetic chain of Adventism.

The initial concept for the prophetic chain was presented by Elder Pippenger in 2010. This study identifies a chain of events from Eden to the end of the great controversy. The links in this chain are the three-and-one combination that has its basis in the structure presented by the three angels of Revelation 14 ("three"), and the fourth angel of Revelation 18 ("and one").

There is an application of the three-and-one combination which roughly corresponds with the four generations of Adventism. The first link in this application begins with Millerite history in 1798 and runs through to 1863. Miller, Litch, and Snow proclaimed the prophetic messages that tested their generation. They are the "three." Their testimony was followed by the Great Disappointment. Following them as a fourth witness, Ellen White was raised up with the spirit of prophecy which has been testing Adventism ever since it was given.

The next link covers the period from 1863 to 1888 and comprises of Ellen White, Alonzo Trevier Jones, and Ellet Joseph Waggoner. These three messengers, coming in the second generation of Adventism's history, conveyed the 1888 message which was God's attempt to pour the latter rain upon His people. There was a disappointment, however, as this latter rain message was rejected by God's people. The fourth in this link was William Warren Prescott. Prescott was one in a line of apostates that would further the work of rejecting light and thus drag God's church deeper and deeper into the darkness of apostasy.

The third generation runs from 1919 to 1957. The link corresponding with this generation begins with Prescott and includes Arthur Grosvenor Daniels and William Clarence White. These men rejected the Spirit of Prophecy through their rejection of the truth that the Daily represents paganism and not Christ's sanctuary ministry. Prescott and Daniels were key players in the work of establishing the new organization Ellen White describes in Selected Messages, Book 2 pg. 204-5 and it is this act of apostasy that constitutes the disappointment in this three-and-one combination.

"The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith, and engaging in a process of reorganization. Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church, would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities, and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice, but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.

"Who has authority to begin such a movement? We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth?" *Selected Messages*, Book 1, 205.

The fourth in this link is Leroy Edwin Froom. Froom was a leading scholar in the church who was involved in the catastrophic act of compromise that was the evangelical conferences of 1955 to 1956. These conferences saw Froom sitting in secret meetings with renowned evangelical leaders and conspiring to water down the Adventist Church's distinct beliefs in order to make them more acceptable to mainline evangelical denominations.

Froom thus forms the first in a link corresponding with the fourth generation of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Froom worked with Walter Reed and Roy Allen Anderson in the evangelical conferences. The disappointment in this link is the acceptance of apostate Protestant theology that has left the Adventist church in complete darkness. This state of affairs brings God's people to the fourth in this link which is Jeff Pippenger. Jeff Pippenger marks the transition from the fallen Seventh Day Adventist Church to the link of the Church Triumphant. The Church Triumphant began in 1989 and has three leading ministers that have been ordained for the purpose of organizing it. This organized Church Triumphant is the final church that will be standing when Christ (the fourth) comes for the second time.

Thus, it can clearly be seen that the ordinations that took place in 2016 were led of God and that they are a subject of Bible prophecy.

#### 2016 - THE OMEGA APOSTASY

Following the ordination of the three elders, strange developments began to be seen in relation to Mark Bruce who was formerly a member of staff at the Arkansas School of the Prophets. Upon returning to Europe Bruce started his own ministry - Tree of Life - and began the work of travelling to teach whatever groups were willing to give him an audience. In the course of time concerns began to be sounded about the initially subtle but increasingly divergent trajectory of his teachings. These doctrinal differences, and various interpersonal matters, were the subject of and justification for a series of meetings that took place in Wales in the month of December, 2016. These meetings were attended by Elders Pippenger, Biant, Barrios, and Mtetwa. Manjit and Emma Biant were also in attendance as well as Mark Bruce.

It became evident at those meetings that Bruce was presenting a new prophetic model whose conclusions were divergent from understandings that were foundational to the movement from its early years. Not only this, but it became clear that Bruce did not recognize the ordination of the three elders as he was of the belief that Elder Pippenger was in apostasy. It followed from that belief that the three elders were ordained by "unsanctified hands" and thus were not recognized by God. His conclusions were in part deductions drawn from his prophetic applications and in part his personal perspective (however wrong it was) on how he felt he had been mistreated by Elder Pippenger and his brethren.

It was at these meetings that it began to be seen that the prophetic model Mark Bruce was presenting, his rejection of organization and those who had been ordained to carry this work forward, was the revelation of the Omega apostasy in the history of the priests. This apostasy became more direct and more open following the meetings in Wales.

The Omega apostasy is fundamentally an attack on organization. Its attack is doctrinal in that it destroys the prophetic models that establish the fact that organization is present truth. It also appeals to people's emotions and draws them from their loyalty to the organized movement through accusations of kingly power and false claims of mistreatment by the movements leadership. This Omega apostasy is typified by the Alpha apostasy which began with Lucifer's rebellion in Heaven. The very same tactics used by the first rebel in his apostasy were seen in the Omega.

"Pride in his own glory nourished the desire for supremacy. The high honors conferred upon Lucifer were not appreciated as the gift of God and called forth no gratitude to the Creator. He gloried in his brightness and exaltation, and aspired to be equal with God. He was beloved and reverenced by the heavenly host. Angels delighted to execute his commands, and he was clothed with wisdom and glory above them all. Yet the Son of God was the acknowledged Sovereign of heaven, one in power and authority with the Father. In all the councils of God, Christ was a participant, while Lucifer was not permitted thus to enter into the divine purposes. 'Why,' questioned this mighty angel, 'should Christ have the supremacy? Why is He thus honored above Lucifer?'

"Leaving his place in the immediate presence of God, Lucifer went forth to diffuse the spirit of discontent among the angels. **Working with mysterious secrecy, and for a time concealing his real purpose under an appearance of reverence for God, he endeavored to excite dissatisfaction concerning the laws that governed heavenly beings, intimating that they imposed an unnecessary restraint**. Since their natures were holy, he urged that the angels should obey the dictates of their own will. **He sought to create sympathy for himself by representing that God had dealt unjustly with him in bestowing supreme honor upon Christ**. He claimed that in aspiring to greater power and honor he was not aiming at self-exaltation, but was seeking to secure liberty for all the inhabitants of heaven, that by this means they might attain to a higher state of existence.

"God in His great mercy bore long with Lucifer. He was not immediately degraded from his exalted station when he first indulged the spirit of discontent, nor even when he began to present his false claims before the loyal angels. Long was he retained in heaven. Again and again he was offered pardon on condition of repentance and submission. Such efforts as only infinite love and wisdom could devise were made to convince him of his error. The spirit of discontent had never before been known in heaven. Lucifer himself did not at first see whither he was drifting; he did not understand the real nature of his feelings. But as his dissatisfaction was proved to be without cause, Lucifer was convinced that he was in the wrong, that the divine claims were just, and that he ought to acknowledge them as such before all heaven. Had he done this, he might have saved himself and many angels. He had not at this time fully cast off his allegiance to God. Though he had forsaken his position as covering cherub, yet if he had been willing to return to God, acknowledging the Creator's wisdom, and satisfied to fill the place appointed him in God's great plan, he would have been reinstated in his office. But pride forbade him to submit. He persistently defended his own course, maintained that he had no need of repentance, and fully committed himself, in the great controversy, against his Maker.

"All the powers of his master mind were now bent to the work of deception, to secure the sympathy of the angels that had been under his command. Even the fact that Christ had warned and counseled him was perverted to serve his traitorous designs. To those whose loving trust bound them most closely to him, **Satan had represented that he was wrongly judged, that his position was not respected, and that his liberty was to be abridged. From misrepresentation of the words of Christ he passed to prevarication and direct falsehood,**  accusing the Son of God of a design to humiliate him before the inhabitants of heaven. He sought also to make a false issue between himself and the loyal angels. All whom he could not subvert and bring fully to his side he accused of indifference to the interests of heavenly beings. The very work which he himself was doing he charged upon those who remained true to God. And to sustain his charge of God's injustice toward him, he resorted to misrepresentation of the words and acts of the Creator. It was his policy to perplex the angels with subtle arguments concerning the purposes of God. Everything that was simple he shrouded in mystery, and by artful perversion cast doubt upon the plainest statements of Jehovah. His high position, in such close connection with the divine administration, gave greater force to his representations, and many were induced to unite with him in rebellion against Heaven's authority." The Great Controversy, 495-496

As with the first apostasy in Heaven, the Omega apostasy is not an event but a progressive crisis. Hence these themes of attacking the doctrinal basis of organization, and appealing to people's sympathies through accusations of kingly power and false claims of mistreatment will be seen again.

#### 2017 - FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORGANIZATION

In September 2017, the movement held its first international conference on organization in Romania. This conference was attended by leaders and representatives from many countries and regions where the present truth message has a presence. It had two primary purposes - the first was to address doctrinal controversies that had been making their way through the world movement. Key among these was the subject of the Psalm 23 prophetic model which was being taught by Chiawuotu and Kimberly Anyanwu from the United Kingdom. A second doctrinal issue pertained to Daniel 11:23-29. Elder Mtetwa had one view while the teachers of the Psalm 23 prophetic model had their own. It was determined to address both these doctrinal subjects at the conference. The second purpose of the conference was to discuss what steps needed to be taken next in the organization of the movement.

The Psalm 23 prophetic model was seen by all the attendees (except the man and woman presenting it) to be erroneous. Furthermore, based on its implications for the movements prophetic model and the erroneous methodology used to sustain it, the Psalm 23 model was seen to be another manifestation of the Omega apostasy which had been identified in December the previous year. When the presenters saw that what they believed to be new and important light was unanimously rejected, they declined to present anything on Daniel 11:23-29 and left the conference early.

Baptism–Much progress was made in the area of organization however. It was emphasized that the movement is not merely a sub-group within the Adventist Church, but rather an entirely new church; a new denomination with whom God was entering into covenant while simultaneously divorcing the Seventh Day Adventist Church for their apostasy and continued departure from His word. By virtue of the fact that this movement is in fact a church and the true church, it followed that baptism be required as a rite of entry into this church.

It was determined that people holding leadership positions within the movements ministries, schools and fellowships would be required to set an example by being the first to be baptized. Then baptism would be enjoined upon brethren in their respective jurisdictions with all the necessary preparations being made to ensure that candidates are prepared to participate in the ordinance. If someone in a leadership position did not wish to be baptized they would be asked to relinquish their position and allow for their replacement by individuals meeting this requirement.

Offices–Elder Barrios led the delegates in a study of the various offices seen within the new testament church. It was seen and agreed upon that in terms of function, the three ordained ministers fulfilled the role of apostles. The apostles were ordained by Christ, who is a type of the reformer in our time, to minister to all the churches. They had a world-wide scope to their work and authority to ordain elders in local jurisdictions. They were also invested with the authority to perform the ordinances of church life and to carry out church discipline.

In line with biblical criteria, elders were seen as leaders of a limited jurisdiction such as a church. Elders were ordained by apostles and they also had the authority to perform the ordinances of the church and carry out church discipline.

A third office that was identified was that of a Bible Worker. A Bible Worker is someone who has demonstrated that they have the gift of teaching. Such individuals can be ordained as official recognition of their gift by the organized movement. Their ordination would also serve to express that they are approved of the movement and can be held in confidence by brethren wherever they go. Bible workers do not have the authority to perform the ordinances of the church however and, while only men can serve in the capacity of apostles and elders, women can be ordained to the office of a Bible Worker.

It was also determined to not recognize the positions held by people in the Seventh Day Adventist Church prior to their joining the movement. That is to say, if someone was a pastor or elder within the Adventist Church they do not keep that position when they join the movement - they come in as laypersons. In situations where fully fledged fellowships joined the movement (fellowships with ministers, elders, and bible workers already in place) as has happened in some localities, there would have to be a review of the leadership after an appropriate period of time. That review can lead to new people being installed in those positions or the previous leaders being reinstalled to their former positions. Structures–It was also determined that the movement recognized three forms of organization within its body. These were fellowships, ministries, and schools. A ministry is an organization established for the purpose of disseminating the present truth message. They are evangelistic in character and their work is generally done through publishing - be it print, audio, or video uploaded to online platforms such as youtube or distributed via DVDs. They also employ speakers to teach the message and hold convocations, campmeetings, and other gatherings designed to reach the target audience of the present truth message which is principally Seventh Day Adventists.

Fellowships are church congregations in line with the traditional understanding of the concept. They serve as places of gathering for believers of the present truth message to participate in congregational worship and other spiritual exercises. Fellowships are to be run according to the model of gospel order presented in the new testament. They are wherever possible to have ordained elders who serve as leaders of these fellowships and these elders must meet the biblical qualifications for the office as stated in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

Schools are academic institutions operating according to the "blueprint" for true education provided by Ellen White. These institutions focus on training believers to teach and defend the message and they strive to offer a well-rounded education which includes medical missionary work and training in various practical pursuits such as agriculture.

An example of a locality in which all three forms of organization exist is Arkansas where the ministry of Future for America is located. The ministry focuses on teaching the message through printed newsletters, the organization of recorded camp meetings and the speaking ministry of Elder Jeff Pippenger and others. There is also Lambert Community Fellowship which is a separate organization that has its own board and functions as a church. Additionally, the Arkansas School of the Prophets functions as a separate and distinct entity from the ministry and the Fellowship. Within different regions of the world, any or all of these three forms of organization can exist depending on the needs of that area. It was also emphasized that special care needs to be taken to consider the specific requirements (stated by inspiration) to successfully run each of these three enterprises as well as to give heed to any prohibitions cited by inspiration - i.e. a woman can lead a ministry, but a woman cannot be an elder of a fellowship as this is contrary to the Bible.

A principle was emphasized which stated that difficulties within these structures should be addressed internally or at the local level as far as possible and that the three ministers should only be brought into such matters when local structures have failed to resolve them on their own.

#### 2017 - ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF THE OMEGA

Great leaps in progress were made at this first conference on organization. The Holy Spirit was present and the attendees were blessed with powerful tokens of the Lord's leading. However it is the testimony of Inspiration that wherever God is doing a work to build His people, Satan is ever on the grounds seeking to overthrow it.

"Satan contests every inch of ground over which God's people advance in their journey toward the heavenly city. In all the history of the church, no reformation has been carried forward without encountering serious obstacles. Thus it was in Paul's day. Wherever the apostle would raise up a church, there were some who professed to receive the faith, but who brought in heresies, that, if received, would eventually crowd out the love of the truth. Luther suffered great perplexity and distress from the course of fanatical persons who claimed that God had spoken directly through them, and who therefore set their own ideas and opinions above the testimony of the Scriptures. Many who were lacking in faith and experience, but who had considerable self-sufficiency, and who loved to hear and tell some new thing, were beguiled by the pretensions of the new teachers, and they joined the agents of Satan in their work of tearing down what God had moved Luther to build up. The Wesleys also, and others who blessed the world by their influence and their faith, encountered at every step the wiles of Satan in pushing over-zealous, unbalanced, and unsanctified ones into fanaticism of every grade." Spirit of Prophecy, Volume 4, 245.1

As stated earlier, the principal teachers of the Psalm 23 falsehood suffered a great disappointment due to the rejection of their false prophetic model. As often happens in such situations, these individuals became disaffected and embarked on a campaign to discredit the conference and its outcomes. Reports were circulated far and wide to the effect that they had been mistreated, that the leadership of the movement had rejected light and had thus gone into darkness and were leading the flock of God astray. They augmented these falsehoods with the claim that kingly power was being exercised by the leadership of the movement. This is the very same pattern seen at the beginning of the Omega apostasy with Tree of Life and it is the very same pattern seen in Satan's rebellion in Heaven.

These false reports caused a shaking which was particularly damaging in the United Kingdom where many fell away upon receiving these lies. Addressing the shaking served to distract the leadership of the movement from taking action on some of the resolutions of this international conference, most notably the resolution to require, plan for, and begin to conduct baptisms within the movement and to begin this work with the leadership in all regions of the Lord's vineyard. The opportunity to implement this resolution came at the following international conference.

#### 2018 - SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORGANIZATION

The second international conference on organization took place from 10th - 14th June in Torre Pellice, Italy, immediately following an international camp meeting hosted by the German ministry Future Is Now. This camp meeting was especially significant as it was there that the subject of definite time was reintroduced. This paved the way for the reception of the truth that the 9th of November 2019 is Midnight, which truth was proclaimed at the Arkansas school in October of this year (2018).

The purpose of this conference was to address how the movement would manage its finances. Challenges had arisen in different parts of the world field which called for a studied and united decision from the movement. There was also the question of how to support the work which is growing rapidly in poorer regions of the world.

The meetings were exploratory, seeking to come to a clearer understanding of the scope of the problem faced by workers and organizations in different regions.

History of financial management in the SDA church was reviewed. It was seen that the tithe and offering system was part of a progressive development and that there were numerous renditions before they finally settled on the tithing system. It was determined to have the three elders produce a report with recommendations on how the movement needed to manage finances.

This conference also provided the opportunity to begin to act on the decisions that were made at the previous conference, decisions which were forestalled on account of the shaking. Jeff Pippenger, the three elders and 22 others entered the baptismal waters. The first local elders were ordained during the international camp meeting. These included Noel Del Rosal who was set apart to serve Mexico and the region of Central America and Maurice Eugene who was set apart to serve the French speaking world. The first Bible workers were also ordained. These were Terrie Lambert from Australia, Tamina Blaesing from Germany and Emma Biant from the United kingdom.

Developments on the continent of Africa also led to an important decision at this conference. The movement's rapid growth there, and the fact that the majority of those joining the movement were youth, meant that the region quickly outgrew the capacity of any one individual to oversee in an effective manner. It was decided to ask Manjit and Emma Biant to become the movement's first missionaries to Africa to which they agreed. It was thought that their experience teaching the message, in counselling and mentoring youth and young adults, and in managing a school, would be important assets that would do much to give tone and strength to the work on the continent and drive it forward. The focus of their labours is East Africa, which includes Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Rwanda and Ethiopia.

#### **2018 - SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS**

Marshall Nkomo was ordained as an elder for Zimbabwe at a camp meeting held from the 10th - 16th of September in Middelburg, South Africa. Mawande Mbongela was ordained as an elder for South Africa at the same camp meeting. In November, Gabriel Barrios was ordained as an elder for Brazil. Wesley Joaquin Correia was also ordained as an elder for the same country. Wesley's commission however includes that of a Bible Worker as his ministry is not limited to Brazil. He has served and will continue to serve as an international speaker.

## **RESOURCE MATERIAL**

## BOOKS

Future for America The Time of the End Magazine Jeff Pippenger

> Prophetic Keys Jeff Pippenger

The Final Rise and Fall of the King of the North Jeff Pippenger

> The Midnight Cry Francis D. Nichol

The Foundations of the Seventh-day Adventist Message and Mission P. Gerard Damsteegt *Truth Triumphant* B.G. Wilkinson, Ph.D.

Future News: Frequently Asked Questions, Part 1 & 2 FFA

> Future Is Now (English) Viso Verum Pamphlet Series

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Fundamentum Fedei Pamphlet Series FIN

The Exhaustive Dictionary of Bible Names Dr. Judson Corwall & Dr. Stelman Smith

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## OTHER

**Future for America** Electronic Content Library Hard Drive FFA

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