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Twenty-Ninth General Conference International Pentecostal Holiness Church

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Opening Celebration

The 29th General Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) convened July 27-29, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront in Jacksonville, Florida, in the Grand Ballroom. The opening celebration began at 9 a.m. (EST) with praise and worship led by the General Conference Worship Team, Band, and Choir under the direction of Trés Ward.

The ensuing procession included the American, Christian, and IPHC flags; members of the Council of Bishops (COB); members of the World Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship (WPHF); and IPHC missionaries and national leaders carrying flags honoring their fields of service from the 102 countries where the IPHC has an established ministry presence.

General Conference Chairman, General Superintendent Presiding Bishop Arthur Douglas Beacham, Jr., welcomed delegates and guests to the 29th General Conference. He then led the congregation in reciting the Apostles' Creed and praying the Lord's Prayer together. Dr. Beacham then passionately delivered a Homily using John 13:1-5 as his scriptural text. Members of the Council of Bishops distributed the communion elements while the congregation sang "Is He Worthy?"

While the elements were being distributed, Mrs. Femke Helland from The Netherlands and Mrs. Khumo Dibetsoe from South Africa, in a display of humility and servanthood, washed each other's feet.

Prior to the sacraments being observed, the Chairman posed the question, "Has everyone been served?" Representatives from five continents responded that not everyone had been served. Becky Linkous read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and General Superintendent Beacham then led the General Conference in partaking of the elements.

Morning Business Session

Presiding Bishop A. D. Beacham, Jr. welcomed delegates to the opening business session of the 29th General Conference and recognized the following individuals:

- First lady, Mrs. Susan Beacham; and daughter Beth Beacham-White
- Reverend M. Donald Duncan
- President D. Chris Thompson and wife Mrs. Betty Thompson
- Reverend Paul and Mary Howell
- Members of the Former IPHC General Executive Board
- Members of the Former IPHC General Board of Administration
- Former Members of the IPHC Council of Bishops
- Bishop Timothy Yoo, the new Superintendent of the Korean American Conference
- IPHC Missionaries
- Retired Missionaries

- National Leaders from outside of the United States
- Reverend Sherrill and Velvlee Orvin
- Retired Military Chaplains
- Current and active Military Chaplains and their spouses
- Retired Clergy
- Chaplain Brasswell and wife and Reverend Terry and Imogene Fowler in honor of their wedding anniversaries.
- Bishop Leon Stewart and his wife, Mrs. Donna, are watching online
- Mrs. Faye Leggett for her service to the Church
- Mrs. Esther Underwood for her service to the Church
- Mrs. Nan Carpenter Clark for her service to the Church
- All Chaplains serving in hospitals and marketplace ministries
- Femke Helland and Khumo Dibetsoe for their genuine love and kindness shown through the participation in the foot washing demonstration during the distribution of the communion elements.

General Superintendent Beacham introduced parliamentarian Patricia McDougle to the General Assembly.

The State of the Church was presented through oral presentation by Presiding Bishop Beacham as he reviewed the contents of the General Conference Magazine as presented to the General Conference body. A copy of the printed report will be attached and incorporated for reference as addendum A.

The Chairman recognized the families of those who passed due to COVID or COVID-related complications by asking them to stand and sharing a brief word of prayer over them.

The Chairman offered a motion to confirm the written report of the church, which was unanimously accepted.

The morning general session was recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m. to return at 2 p.m.