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Introduction

I begin this report of the 2022-2025 Quadrennium by reminding us of our origins in 1898 and 1911. For more about the origins and recent history of IPHC, see *Remembering for the Future* (<https://iphc.org/gso/2020/10/26/new-book-celebrates-the-history-of-the-iphc/>).

In 1898 two groups with holiness theologies inspired by the Bible and John Wesley were formed in various parts of the United States. The *Fire-Baptized Holiness Church (FBHC)* established by B.H. Irwin began in the Midwest and quickly spread across the northern and southern states. The *Pentecostal Holiness Church of North Carolina (PHCNC)* began in eastern North Carolina under the leadership of A.B. Crumpler. His movement expanded into the South Carolina low country. When these groups began, “Pentecost” was a synonym for “holiness.” It was not until after 1906 that “Pentecostal” came to refer to a distinct spiritual experience.

In 1900 the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church experienced a leadership crisis which led many of the original congregations and ministers, especially north of the Mason-Dixon line, to leave the struggling organization. The loss of most of the northern congregations would have a significant impact on the IPHC cultural center of gravity which would impact both movements. A young J.H. King became leader of the FBHC and moved the denomination to Georgia. Most of the FBHC congregations in South Carolina and Georgia remained under King’s leadership.

In 1906 the Holy Spirit empowered a small group of African Americans in a home on Bonnie Brae Street in Los Angeles. Characterized by speaking in other tongues, healings, and multi-ethnic ministry, the revival quickly spread across Los Angeles, the nation, and the world. The core theology of the Azusa Street revival was justification by faith in Jesus Christ, sanctification as a second definite work of grace, the baptism with the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues, divine healing, and the second coming of Jesus Christ.

In the fall of 1906 G.B. Cashwell from Dunn, North Carolina, traveled to Los Angeles to experience the revival. Receiving his Pentecostal experience, he returned to Dunn and announced special services beginning on New Year’s Eve, 1906. The Pentecostal revival

quickly spread across North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Alabama. In 1907 the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church accepted the Pentecostal experience and the school founded by Rev. N.J. Holmes in Greenville, South Carolina also accepted this experience.

By 1910 ministers and leaders of both denominations had developed strong personal relationships. King had moved to Falcon, North Carolina. Discussions of a merger began in 1910 and on January 31, 1911, in the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon, North Carolina, the two groups merged. In Falcon, the leaders of the two groups accepted the theological construct of the Fire-Baptized as the Basis of Union and they chose the name Pentecostal Holiness Church for the newly merged denomination.

Over the years, the theology of the IPHC matured in 1928 by adding elements of Wesley's adaptation of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Faith of the Church of England. By these additions, we affirmed historic Christian affirmations expressed in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. In its early years, the IPHC adopted more of the ecclesiology of its former Methodist founders. Thus, in the USA and certain countries our nomenclature includes judicatories named "conferences," and denominational leaders as "superintendents" and "bishops."

Today the IPHC from the 1911 merger is 115 years old, and from the original two movements, is 128 years old. We are already more than a quarter through the 21st Century and gather at the 30th General Conference since 1911 to prayerfully seek the direction of the Holy Spirit for the future.

Arise 2033 and Current Statistical Information

In 2017 the goals of *Arise 2033* were announced at General Conference. Those goals are focused on the year 2033 as the IPHC joins millions of Christians in commemorating the two-thousand-year anniversary of Jesus' death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Those goals are: 1) an IPHC congregation in 75% of the USA counties; 2) 200 USA new immigrant congregations; 3) IPHC presence in 150 nations; 4) 5000 new congregations outside the USA; 5) House churches in major USA cities.

As of December 2025, the status of these goals is: 1) while there has been recent growth in the USA, most of that growth has occurred where we are already present. Currently there are IPHC congregations in 552 out of 3,143 counties (17.56%; see the map in the General Conference magazine); 2) the total number of new immigrant congregations is undetermined, but there is growth among Hispanic, Asian, and African immigrant congregations; 3) through World Missions Ministries efforts, the IPHC is now in 123

nations (excluding our affiliate in Brazil). As our global ministry expands, the goal of 150 nations by 2033 is within reach; 4) the goal of 5,000 new international congregations has been met and exceeded with 6,007 new congregations outside the USA since 2017; 5) the goal of reaching major USA cities continues with church planting and with house churches, especially in the greater New York City area. Though much remains to be done, we praise the Lord for His abundant grace and provision as the IPHC continues to reach the lost.

The IPHC is in 123 nations with a global membership of 2,049,427 (excluding our Brazil affiliate). From our founding, the Holy Spirit has instilled a spirit of global missions. Through the dedicated efforts of missionaries and national leaders, pastors, and laity, we continue to expand to new nations. WMM has been led by Bishop Talmadge Gardner since 2012.

For the past eight years Bishop Garry Bryant has led EVUSA. In the USA, over the past four years 111 new IPHC congregations have been planted through EVUSA's *Healthy, Growing, Multiplying Churches (HGM)* with an additional forty-eight in preparation. From the 111 new churches, there have been 6,043 salvations and 851 water baptisms. Church revitalization in the USA this past quadrennium included 198 English speaking and 102 Hispanic speaking. Acts2Day grew in the USA with 124 new churches.

Additional ministries in EVUSA have made a significant impact on the church. US Army Chaplain (COL) Jerry Jones, U.S. Army, Retired has served as Chaplains Ministry Director since 2012. He is retiring from this position at this General Conference. His twenty-eight years as a military chaplain laid the foundation for his effective leadership in the IPHC. There are currently twelve Active Duty and Reserve/National Guard IPHC Chaplains. Replacing him as Chaplains Director is Air Force Chaplain (LTC) Randy Sellers, U.A. Air Force, Retired.

IPHC Mission 25 led by Rev. Gary Burd has served the IPHC with an energetic and effective motorcycle ministry. From resourcing Native American Indians to raising thousands of dollars and multiplied thousands of diapers for the Royal Home in Falcon, North Carolina, M25 is an IPHC mechanism for reaching people on the edges of society.

Discipleship Ministries led by Bishop Tommy McGhee continues to provide ministry resources for IPHC local congregations. These include Women's Ministries led by Whitney Davis, Men's Ministries led by W.A. Mills, Student Ministries led by Stephen Jones, Girls Ministry led by Tiffany Trainor, and Boys Ministry led by David Moore. DM resources include "In-Between" to assist in developing mature followers of Jesus, "Rooted" for preschool and children, and "Vigilant," a vital child-safety resource for local congregations.

Discipleship Ministries, EVUSA, and World Missions Ministries reports in this magazine provide more information of the accomplishments and resources of these ministries.

It is increasingly clear that the IPHC is a global church. We are ten times larger outside the USA than within it. Furthermore, in both the USA and Canada IPHC immigrants from other nations are establishing IPHC congregations among their people groups. Examples include the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Canada under the leadership of Bishop Rick Mootoo, where the IPHC has grown from 19 to 42 churches since 2020 and in May 2026 established the first IPHC conference in French speaking Quebec Province. In January 2023 former leaders of the IPHC Indonesia, Rev. Johannes Tarigan and Rev. Yusek Ferry, came to the USA and have planted five IPHC congregations in the Golden West Conference (Southern California) led by Bishop Bill Terry. Other areas include African immigrant churches in Across Conference led by Bishop Hector Andrade (North Central USA), and West African churches in Redemption Ministries led by Bishop Hans Hess. These are in addition to Hispanic, Philippine, and other international congregations across the USA and Canada.

We thank the Lord for our global church sending “missionaries” to the USA, Canada, and Western Europe, bringing renewed vitality and vision to reach the lost for Jesus Christ!

In the United States there are twenty-six conferences which are defined primarily by geography. Of these, six are led by Spanish speaking superintendents and one Korean speaking. In addition, Acts2Day Conference under EVUSA is a mechanism for expansion in areas where we are weak or do not have churches.

In the Introduction I mentioned the shift in the “center of gravity” that occurred in 1900. Because of that shift the IPHC in the USA has been primarily a denomination with strength in the Southeast and parts of the Midwest. Through the 1930s migration of Oklahomans to California, the IPHC established numerous churches in that state. While there are individual congregations in some northern states, our growth has been slow, especially in larger populated cities like New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Boston. Thankfully in recent decades we have seen growth in these areas through new immigrant churches.

In this report I mentioned New York City and Los Angeles for several reasons. First, both cities have populations from nearly every major people group in the world. They are fertile ground for reaching people who in turn become evangelists and missionaries to their native people group. Second, in both cities the IPHC has connections to already established properties that can be centers for recruiting, training, and mobilizing new

IPHC ministers from diverse languages and cultures. Third, from those called and trained, these new IPHC ministers can go to other major USA and international cities with the gospel message. Fourth, there are religious and people groups in nations where it is almost impossible to publicly engage them with the gospel. The USA provides a place where engagement can legally occur without the threat of government persecution. For years I have prayed that these two locations will become training and sending centers for the IPHC. It appears as if the pieces are coming together for this to occur. I ask the global IPHC to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we “stretch out the curtains of our tents and expand to the right and to the left” (Isaiah 54:2, 3).

Significant Events in the 2022-2026 Quadrennium

Lilly Grants. The first grant from Lilly Endowment for \$1,000,000 was given to the General Superintendent’s Office of Clergy Development in 2018. In his role as then Clergy Development Director, Chaplain (COL), Lou Shirey, U.S. Army, Retired, was instrumental in opening doors for the IPHC to receive opportunities to apply for Lilly grants. Today, Dr. Shirey continues to lead *Thriving in the Seasons of Ministry* and 117 USA pastors benefited from the first grant. A second Lilly Grant for *Thriving* for \$450,000 was received in 2022, was matched by denominational funds, and 134 pastors are part of this grant. This second program concludes in March 2027. This program has been recognized by Lilly for its fruitfulness and granted another \$300,000 that was received in 2026 to be used at the conclusion of the current *Thriving* program. The total Lilly funds from these three grants is \$1,750,000 which has been poured into the spiritual formation of IPHC pastors.

In addition, in 2023, under then IPHC Clergy Development Director Rev. Steve Ely, we received a Lilly Grant of \$1,250,000 for the *Pastor Care Initiative*. As of June 7, 2026, sixty-five IPHC pastors have received NOW Grants with matching funds to help with immediate financial assistance. As of June 7, ninety-one IPHC pastors have received funds in LATER grants where those funds have been contributed and matched in the IPHC Guidestone 403b Retirement Program. At this General Conference there is a booth where you can speak to Rev. Chris Thompson, Rev. Bob Ely, or Rev. Freyman Valdez to learn more. Information is at <https://phpastor.org/lilly-endowment/>.

As noted in the report from Discipleship Ministries, two additional Lilly Endowment grants have been received to assist in discipleship formation in USA congregations. The first grant for \$1,246,500 is the Initiative for Faith and Family and is led by Dr. Michelle Anthony. The second grant is for \$1,250,000 for Cross Generational Worship and Prayer and is led by Tiffany Trainor. To learn more about these programs go to <https://iphc.org/discipleship/>.

Arise in Prayer. The IPHC has historically been committed to prayer. In the 1980s *World Intercession Network (WIN)* was formed and became the foundation for continuing global prayer initiatives. As a ministry in the General Superintendents Office, *Arise in Prayer* provides training and resourcing for IPHC congregations to become “houses of prayer” (Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 21:13). *Arise in Prayer* has focused on global IPHC prayer for 1) more laborers (Matthew 9:37, 38); 2) Supernatural Resources (Philippians 4:19); 3) Open Doors (1 Corinthians 16:8, 9); 4) Lasting Fruit (John 15:16).

Arise in Prayer has initiated significant actions for IPHC this quadrennium. First, a digital Prayer Wall is available at <https://iphc.org/prayerwall/> for anyone in the IPHC. Second, there is a toll-free number that IPHC ministers can call for prayer (844-MINPRAYER). Third, the Epaphras Army mobilizes young adults for prayer (<https://iphc.org/gso/epaphrasarmy/>). Fourth, there have been dozens of Prayer Summits around the globe. In 2023 over five hundred people participated in USA Regional Prayer Gatherings. India has seen a significant response to *Arise in Prayer* where several thousand women in North India have met to pray for their nation and the world.

The *Arise in Prayer* team is led by Bishop Beacham, Bishop Garry Bryant, Bishop Ray Boggs, Rev. Manuel Pate, and Rev. Garryt Bryant as administrator.

The Seventh IPHC Global Assembly. A highlight of this quadrennium was our first Global Assembly since the 2020 Covid Pandemic. Over three hundred global IPHC leaders, missionaries, and pastors met in Kusadasi, Turkey for times of worship, reports, inspiration, and networking. From there we toured the Biblical sites of the Seven Churches in Revelation 2, 3 where devotions and prayers were given in addition to historical and archeological information. A highlight of the tour included a visit for Holy Communion and prayer at the IPHC church located in Denizli, the modern city of Biblical Laodicea.

IPHC Archives. Following the retirement of Dr. Harold Hunter as IPHC Archivist, Dr. Kristen Welch accepted this position. Among the significant actions she has initiated, the following are noteworthy in this report. First, Over 4,000 cassettes, VHS, reel to reel, and other records have been digitized. Many of these are sermons, handwritten letters, old photos, old conference minutes, blueprints, and dissertations by IPHC writers. These are available online at no charge. Second, numerous items have been added to the Bishop J.H. King and Blanche King Collection. Dr. Welch has prioritized upkeep of the King House in Franklin Springs and Emmanuel University has assisted in this effort. Third, partnerships have been established or built upon with the Oklahoma History Center, the Pentecostal Consortium, Holmes Bible College, regional IPHC Archives

locations, and international affiliates. For more information on IPHC Archives visit <https://iphc.org/gso/archives/>.

IPHC Stance on Current Issues. For decades, the IPHC has stated its opposition to abortion on demand and prayed for the overturning of the US Supreme Court ruling *Roe v Wade* (1973). For years we have recognized Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and encouraged pastors to preach on this topic. During those years, many individual IPHC members attended the National March for Life in Washington, DC, and attended State March for Life events. In my first term as General Superintendent I decided to attend the National March for Life in Washington and encouraged other IPHC leaders and groups to attend. I am particularly grateful for the support of this ongoing effort from Bishop Abel Palomo in the Mid-Atlantic Conference and Mr. Joey Leggett, the leaders and women of the Royal Home, and others from Falcon Children's Home for their continued involvement. Along with millions of other Americans who have prayed, we rejoiced at the 2022 *Dobbs* Supreme Court decision that overturned *Roe v Wade*.

As a denomination we continue to hold to the Biblical teachings that homosexuality is an abomination to the Lord. We reject the 2015 Supreme Court *Obergefell* decision that recognized same-sex marriage. The IPHC firmly holds that marriage is between one person identified as a male at birth and one person identified as a female at birth. Our rejection of these practices does not eliminate our Christian love and care for those in these and other sinful acts. We attempt to "speak the truth in love," declaring the redeeming grace of God and our identity found in Jesus the Messiah.

It is appropriate that we are remembering the 1925 General Conference at this 30th General Conference. In 1925 the IPHC made it clear that one could not be an IPHC member and belong to racist organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan. We maintain that position and continue to call for racial reconciliation around the globe. Furthermore, the Council of Bishops in April 2026 adopted a position paper that gives the Biblical grounds for our rejection of IPHC members belonging to any secret society, such as the Masons, and other like entities. Global IPHC congregations and ministers seek to be ministers of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18) demonstrating the healing among people found in the gospel.

Over the past Quadrennium the IPHC has consistently stood with Ukraine in its resistance to Russian aggression. As of this report, \$1,218,556.50 has been given to the IPHC Ukraine Emergency Relief project. We are grateful for the dedicated and faithful service of Bishop Valery Reshetinskyi and his outstanding team at Christian Hope Church in Kiev.

The brutal and merciless October 3, 2023, attack against Israel by Hamas has led to continued war as Israel defends its borders. IPHC prayers and financial support have gone to Israel through IPHC Living Israel. As the war has devastated Gaza, IPHC support has gone to Gazan Christians through IPHC Pastor Kader Khoury and the IPHC Apostolic Church in Bethlehem. We pray that the conclusion of military actions throughout the Middle East and Persian Gulf will lead to stability and peace.

We are grateful for the growing global impact of Hope Center Ministries in providing restoration to men and women bound in various addictions. There are thirty-six USA IPHC congregations with Hope Centers and nineteen outside the USA across nine IPHC nations. Weekly there are reports of men and women being redeemed by Jesus, baptized, and discipled in local IPHC congregations. We rejoice with these efforts that are changing the destinies of thousands of people.

IPHC positions on immigration and other issues are those expressed by the National Association of Evangelicals, of which IPHC was a founding member. These position papers are available at <https://iphc.org/position-papers/>.

IPHC Clergy Development. Part of the General Superintendent's Office, this ministry has numerous areas of responsibility: Clergy Care, Ministerial Credentials Program, Continuing Education, and PLACE (<https://phpastor.org/>). The Ministerial Credentialing Program (MCP) underwent significant study and revision following 2017. The late Bishop Dayton Birt led this study which was the basis for a ground-breaking new digital/video MCP implemented by the late Rev. Steve Ely. PLACE is an initiative developed by Rev. Ely to help new ministerial candidates and current ministers stay up to date in ministerial communications (<https://phpastor.org/contact/>). Clergy Care provides information on Sabbaticals, clergy counseling, clergy retreat centers, and Lilly Grants (<https://phpastor.org/care/>).

After more than a year of battling cancer, Rev. Ely passed away on January 31, 2026. I had the privilege of serving with him when he was the IPHC National Youth Pastor and when he planted a thriving church in Oklahoma City. His service to the IPHC and the General Superintendent's Office was extraordinary. The full implementation of the Ministerial Credentials Program is due to his computer management skills and passion for ministerial excellence. He loved the IPHC with enormous passion and longed to attend this General Conference.

IPHC Financial Services. Included in this aspect of IPHC Ministries are Accounting, IPHC Extension Loan Fund, and IPH Foundation.

Since IPHC Accounting Services have been led by Mrs. Brenda Phillips, the IPHC Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Mrs. Phillips has led this department since December 2010. She will be retiring as of this General Conference. She oversees a staff of four additional people. The 2009 General Conference called for a CFO to replace the functions of a formerly elected Stewardship Director. Mrs. Phillips brought needed experience as a Certified Public Accountant to this part of the denomination's finances. In 2016 we became a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). Working with professional auditors, she brought us to unqualified audits with no comments for 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

We began the quadrennium with \$6,720,967 in church and minister's tithes in 2021 to \$7,252,357 in 2025, an increase of 8% over these past four years. In 2021 general church reserves were \$8,039,602 in 2021 and at the end of 2025 were \$10,369,180, an increase of 29%.

Mrs. Phillips has worked closely with every general church ministry as well as assisting conferences and some of our educational institutions. We are grateful for her faithfulness, dedication, and integrity in leading this important aspect of the church. Financial services also helps USA IPHC ministers with the 403(b) IPHC Retirement Plan administered by Guidestone.

She has worked closely with the IPHC Finance Committee led by Rev. Darrell Cox. The Finance Committee is integrally involved in general church finances and oversight of departmental budgets.

The IPHC Extension Loan Fund (ELF) is led by Rev. Travis Lowe. Many IPHC individuals and churches have used the ELF for investment and use of funds for ministry (<https://www.elfiphc.org/>). We are deeply grateful for the impact of the ELF in advancing church properties primarily in the USA.

The IPH Foundation is led by Rev. Preston Mathena (<https://iphfgiving.org/>). This is an under used IPHC asset to help local churches and other IPHC ministries through a variety of means whereby IPHC members can more effectively use their financial assets for their family and the Lord.

Concluding Remarks.

My thoughts at the close of this quadrennium not only reflect the past four years, but also the fourteen years the Lord and General Conference have allowed me to serve as General Superintendent.

When I came into office in July 2012, there were three former living General Superintendents: Bishop Ronald Carpenter, Sr., Bishop James D. Leggett, Bishop Leon Stewart. Today, those three godly men are with the Lord. But over these years their friendship and advice was valuable to me.

The IPHC participates in several Christian organizations that serve the larger Christian community: Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches of North America, the Pentecostal World Fellowship, National Association of Evangelicals, Christian Churches Together, Empowered 21, the Global Church Network, and Towards Jerusalem Council II.

In my personal report that is included in this General Conference magazine, I mentioned the honor of serving with godly men and women who have led general church ministries. Besides them are the seldom seen, but absolutely essential men and women who are the employees of our General Church offices (Global Ministry Center). Without their faithfulness and skill the ministry would not occur. To them I express my deepest thanks and appreciation!

On behalf of Susan Reed Beacham, my wife of fifty-three years, and myself and our family, we thank the Lord for all of you and honor you gave us to serve. To the next General Superintendent and elected leaders, you have our full support, encouragement, and prayers.

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