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“Why Unity Matters and How to Pursue It”

Genesis 11:1-9; St. John 17:1-11

Monday, October 24th – Sunday, October 30, 2011

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&

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and

*The Board of Bishops, National Officials,
Trustees, & Pastors*

*Cordially invites you and expects
you to be in attendance at our*

82nd General Assembly 2011

The Week of October 24th - 30th

*Make your reservations and send
your Pre-Registration in*

today.

See You In Orlando, Florida.

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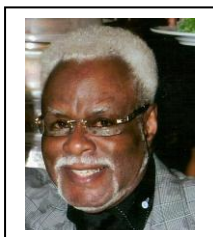
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\$4. Roundtrip



*George W. Ward
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Greetings

Unity

“There is one body” (Ephesians 4:4). There are many local “church bodies” around the world, but all true believers are members of that one body of which Jesus Christ is the Head. As Christians, we may wear different denominational labels, but we all belong to Christ and to one another in a spiritual unity created by God. Our task is to endeavor “to keep [safeguard] the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3).

In Ephesians 4: 4-6, Paul listed the seven bonds that unite the people of God:

- *One body:* the church – Ephesians 1:22-23
- *One Spirit:* the Holy Spirit sent from the Father
- *One hope:* the return of Jesus Christ – Titus 2:13
- *One Lord:* our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 12:3)
- *One faith:* the basic Christian doctrine given to the apostles – Jude 3; 1 Timothy 6:20-21

- *One baptism:* the baptism of the Spirit
- *One God:* the Father of all.

At this point, we must carefully distinguish between *unity* and *uniformity*. Unity comes from life within and is a living thing, while uniformity is something mechanical and manufactured. A company of soldiers in a parade are uniform in what they wear and do, but this uniformity is no proof that they are experiencing unity. They may be angry at their commander and perhaps even at each other. You can produce uniformity by pressure from without, but unity comes only from power from within. Churches experience unity as they share Christ’s life, while cults promote uniformity as they demand submission.

The church is more than an organization. It is an *organism*, a living body, energized by the Spirit of God. This is not to suggest that church organization is wrong, because if an organism is not organized, it will die. But when the organization becomes more important than spiritual relationship to Christ, then “institutionalism” sets in and the church starts to exist only for itself. How tragic!

Local evangelical churches may differ from one another in minor matters of interpretation and organization, but it is important that they present to the world a united witness of love (John 13:34-35; John 17:20-23). Why? Because God put the church into the world to help him “put things together.” The Father’s ultimate goal is that ; he might gather together in one all things in Christ (Ephesians 1:10). If the local church, diocese church or the national church is divided, and the divisions are competing with each other, then the church is working against the very plan of God.

As we read through the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, we see the emphasis on “gathering all things together in Christ.” In Ephesians 2:1-10, believing Jews and Gentiles

are made one in Christ. The unity of the whole church is emphasized doctrinally in Ephesians 4:1-16 and practically in Ephesians 4:17 and Ephesians 5:17. The letter closes by emphasizing unity between husbands and wives (Ephesians 5:18-33), parents and children (Ephesians 6:1-4), and masters and servants (Ephesians 6:5-9). This unity on earth is accomplished through the church by the head of the church in heaven. We are in this world to do the will of God and help “gather together all things in Christ.” Ours is the “ministry of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

The spiritual unity of God’s people is not something that we must bring about ourselves. It is already an accomplished fact. “There is one body” – Ephesians 4:4, note ought to be one body.” Paul was not referring to some all-inclusive organization, a “world church,” so to speak, but to the body of Jesus Christ in the world, a spiritual body made up of living members, people who have trusted Christ Jesus and received new life through the Spirit.

Here, then, is our second responsibility, to be enthusiastic to maintain and promote the spiritual unity of God’s people. Be a peacemaker, not a troublemaker, and help to put things together in your world.

Unity and diversity must work together or one will destroy the other. Unity without diversity is uniformity, but diversity without unity is anarchy. The church needs both unity and diversity if it is function in this world. God has given diverse gifts to his people and these gifts must be used for the building up of the body of Christ.

You will discover this year at our 82nd General Assembly diversity through the diverse gifts God has given to the Church of the Living God. Unity has to do with the gift of the Spirit, while

diversity has to do with the gifts of the Spirit. Each facilitator that will be involved in the educational process of training and leading the various workshops/seminars are fully equipped with the graces of the Spirit. Each facilitator is spiritually prepared, academically trained and in the spirit of excellence possess the tools to build our great church in the spirit of love.

We've got it all plus more for you at the 82nd General Assembly-CLG:

- results-driven training and education facilitated by CLG’s best educators
 - empowering ideas
 - networking with peers
 - engaging speakers & preachers
 - CLG National Mass Choir, Guest Choirs, Psalmists & Musicians
 - Service of Remembrance honoring Bishop David E. Drone
 - BWWC Annual Brunch
 - vendors for delegates and attendees to patronize
 - incredible anointed and awesome preaching
 - Spirit-filled evening worship experience
 - Networking for pastors and auxiliary department leaders
 - And so much more, etc.
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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October celebrates the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) in order to raise awareness of the disease and raise money for research. One of the major goals of NBCAM is to encourage women to self-check for early detection of breast cancer.

During this annual international health campaign, communities all over the world

participate in various events to support the awareness and to continue to raise money.

Various fundraising methods enables the American Cancer Society to save lives by:

- Helping people stay well by educating and empowering women to live healthy lives and reduce their risk for breast cancer, and to get screening tests such as mammograms to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat.
 - Helping people facing breast cancer get well by providing information, day-to-day help, and emotional support to guide them through every step of their breast cancer experience.
 - Finding cures by investing in and conducting research that leads to groundbreaking discoveries into breast cancer's causes and cures.
 - Fighting back by working with legislators to support laws that help fight breast cancer and help all women get access to screenings and care.
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Safety Tips

Travel safety is a big issue these days. So it will be wise to know all about safety tips before you arrive in Orlando, FL for the 82nd General Assembly. No place on earth is completely safe, therefore, don't leave things to chance. Always use common sense and always stay in well lit areas at night, especially for women. This is to ensure that nobody tries any funny business. So here is a list of things to be careful about and some safety tips:

Before You Leave

- Depending on the duration of your vacation abroad, pack sufficient medicines to meet any specific needs of your family members. You may need to bring along your family's medical information, prescription medications etc.
- Inform your trusted relatives and friends of your itinerary so that you can be contacted for emergencies. However, avoid discussing your absence in public.

- If you leave your house vacated, you may want to stop or suspend all deliveries – an accumulation of newspapers and mail will attract the attention of would-be burglars. It is highly advisable to ask your trusted relatives, friends or neighbor to check your home regularly and collect mail and newspapers for you.

- Make sure that electrical appliances are unplugged, the gas supply is shut off, and the water taps (or supply) are tightly turned off.

- Clean out your wallet/purse before you go; take only essential credit cards. Plan to use credit cards or traveler's checks instead of cash wherever possible.

- Pack things of value and great necessity such as medicine and jewelry in a carry-on baggage item that will stay with you.

- Get to know more about the crime situation in the places you are going to visit so that you can be better prepared.

- Discuss with your family members about the safety and security precautions described in this article. Set some essential safety rules for your kids.

When You Are In The Airport

- Have someone look after the baggage while you are checking in.

- Do not put your carry-on baggage on the conveyor belt until you are clear to walk through the metal detector. There have been cases where the baggage was taken away by somebody (intentionally and unintentionally) while its owner was still being stuck in the queue.

When You Are Staying In A Hotel /Motel

- The first thing to do is to check out the exit routes and familiarize yourself with the evacuation procedures.

It is always good common sense to keep the following safety tips in mind when traveling:

- Always lock the front and/or patio doors when inside a hotel room and before leaving. Use the safety chain/lock for security.
- Never open the hotel room door unless you know who is there. If you did not call for the service offered by the person at the door, call hotel security or the front desk to see if they have sent someone to your room.
- Place valuables in a safety deposit box in your room or at the safe in the hotel office. Do not leave valuables in your car.
- When checking into a hotel, consult the floor plan map on the back of your room door to familiarize yourself with fire and emergency exits.
- When driving, keep all car doors locked.
- Give or pin your cell phone number to children in case you are separated.
- For emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

Safety tips for bag-snatchers are:

- Wear your purse/bag strap across your chest if possible. If not carry it on your shoulder but don't let it dangle down.
- Keep your bag closed at all times. Keep your bag close to you, with a hand on it.

The point here is a bag-snatcher would look for the easiest bag around. Your behavior pattern will automatically take you in or out of the target list.

- Don't show where you put your money to strangers.
- Guard your bag, wallet, cell-phone, camera, jewelry, wrist watch, and anything else of value in any crowded place. (such as Metro, bus, tram, market, street, entrance to a place).
- Keep your bag in front of you where you can see it, not behind you. Because bag-slashers might slash your bag or pocket with a razor blade without you even seeing or feeling a thing.

- Keep an eye on the young boys without families around. That small cute boy might grab your bag while runs past you.
- Never carry your passport and plane ticket with you. Have a copy of your passport if you need to.
- Never carry more than \$50 with you, there are ATMs everywhere.
- Hold your cell phone while speaking. Cell-phone theft is very common these days and it can happen anywhere in Istanbul.
- Despite all this, if your bag is snatched, it's best to scream hard. Yelling "Help!" will call bystanders to your aid.
- Do not attempt to pursue the thief, even if you think you can catch him. Bag-snatchers carry knives so it would be best to leave it to the police.
- Travel with others if possible. Alone travelers are targeted more often.

NINE (9) MINISTERIAL GRACES

1. **Knowledge:** Knowing what you are teaching – Luke 6:39
2. **Discretion:** Sound judgment; don't be more than who you are. 2 Cor. 11:12; Gal 2:2
3. **Truthfulness:** Be honest and believable 2 Cor. 1:18; 4:1-2; 13:8; 1 Thess 2:1-5
4. **Gentleness:** Take on the characteristics of Jesus. Turn the other cheek. 1 Cor. 4:14-16; 2 cor. 2:1-10; 1 Thess 2: 7,8,11
5. **Forbearance:** Bearing and understanding. 2 Cor. 11:4; Philippians 1:15-18
6. **Meekness & Humility:** come to serve and not be served Luke 22:27; John 12:14-15; 1 Cor. 3:6-7; 4:6, 8, 10; 2 Cor. 4:7; 10:1 etc.
7. **Firmness:** Tenacity; Standing and staying power – Gal. 2:3-5
8. **Blamelessness:** Faultless. Don't bring any reproach on your ministry. 2 Cor. 6:3,6,7; 1 Thess 2:10; 1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22
9. **Zeal and Devotion:** Your allegiance, service and eagerness to the ministry. (Ready, willing and able). Romans 1:9-12; 14:7; 10:11-12; 2 Cor. 5:12-13; 11:28; 12:19; Philippians 1:22-26; Colossians 1:7-8; 1 Tim. 4:15-16; 2 Tim. 1:6-7; 1 Peter 4:11

We are looking forward to seeing you in Orlando at the 82nd General Assembly CLG.