

Did you send in your Quarterly Reports?

Quarterly report forms were included in the March issue of *logos*. It is important that you send them in as soon as possible so that our records will be in order should the IRS ask for them. It is also important that your reports are in our records so that you maintain your 501 c 3 status.

Our Community . . .

The Conference on Practical Christianity was created for many reasons. Among the forerunners of our reasoning was that we wanted more than a gathering of like minds. We wanted a community that worked together to the same end but did not clone each other in our thought processes. It is not so much that there are multiple paths to the same conclusion. Even if this were true and it is not. There is only one path but in the uniqueness of God's creations there is required a method of thought specific to the individual. This means that in our organization we must not let our mental and spiritual activity be totally obedient to the beliefs of the leadership. We are not organized to "follow-the-leader." We are organized to demonstrate the viability of Practical Christianity, the Presence of God, the teachings of Jesus and the Christian theology and philosophy of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore.

I recently read—"This is where the importance of community comes to play. If the community is there only to serve the lead character, it won't last because it is centered around one person. If the service itself is a product of the community, it can continue operating even when the creator leaves the scene". Quoted from a blog whom I think is authored by Kimberly "joyce" M.

As members of the Conference on Practical Christianity it is important that each of us become involved in every aspect of our community. This is one of the reasons that we have made it a policy, in our By-Laws, that all meetings, including board meeting are held with an open-door policy. Any member may attend and, after giving proper notice, address the meeting whether it be a general membership meeting or a meeting of the board.

Many committees have openings that offer the opportunity for you to become active. Our newsletter is always open to receiving your articles and comments. We want you to bring your consciousness to the table to help build the character of our community. Each of us has something to give and it is important to each of us that we share our gifts lest they stagnate for lack of expression.

We, at headquarters, joyfully and expectantly await your active presence in your community.



"We shall serve for the joy of serving, prosperity shall flow to us and through us in unending streams of plenty."
Charles Fillmore



Wanted

Submit an article for the newsletter. Limit your subject to about 500 words. Or write a book review. You peers are always interested in what you are doing at your church. Send it in soon.



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First Ordained Minister of the Conference on Practical Christianity Congratulations Rev. Paula Langguth Ryan

Rev. Gloria Alexander recently performed the Ordination Ceremony for Rev. Paula Ryan in Cocoa, Florida. Rev. Ryan is author of, [Giving Thanks: the Art of Tithing.](#) Rev. Gloria had this to say:

On April 18th, 2007 Rev. Gloria Stanchak Alexander had the privilege of ordaining Paula Langguth Ryan who is the first minister ordained into our new organization as an Independent Unity minister.

It was an awe-inspiring as well as thrilling experience to be able to do this. It was an honor and a privilege to ordain Paula, who was surely chosen by God, into our sacred circle.

Paula is an engaging, warm, energetic and enthusiastic person who truly walks her talk. Everything about her presence and her actions speaks of the best of what Charles and Myrtle Fillmore taught. The ceremony took place at The Gathering, which is also her new home. This is a group of people who move and act and walk the Unity principles more than any other group I have ever had the privilege to attend. Rev. Glo brought a friend up to the ceremony, who also was delighted to be a part of this lovely group who focus on God and what God desires in our lives.

Rev. Paula who teaches great prosperity lessons and workshops demonstrated all the best of what it represents. We were warmly greeted, given a condo to rest at, served dinner in their Café, The Boneyard Café (The Gathering is in a reconverted funeral home), and treated as royal children of God.

The Conference is happy and excited to have Paula as its first new minister. We are thrilled to have one whose personal motto is: "God and I are one."

Rev. Gloria Alexander



Rev. Paula Ryan

News from Fillmore Theological College by Rev. Donald Hudson

Fillmore Theological College is almost a reality. The initial degree programs have been defined and many of the courses in the curricula and their associated assignments and activities have been defined. We are developing a catalog that will soon be completed and ready for distribution. We are so thankful to God for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and know the college is here because it is time. There is one critical element that must be present in order for the college to be birthed in the way and vision we have seen. We need Mentors to interact with and guide the students. Our vision is that the mentor will have a dialogue with each student at the completion of each assignment and before the beginning of the next. This interaction, we believe, is critical to the success of the student and that is our ultimate goal.

So who can be a Mentor and how much time is involved. We are looking for individuals that are members of the Conference on Practical Christianity and who will volunteer to spend from 8 to 12 hours per month in activities that include grading papers, answering questions, and interacting with students either in chat sessions, facilitating on-line forums, or participating in conference calls. The candidate will have to KNOW the subject/book the course is based upon and if possible have taught the subject matter. The application form can be found on our website: www.fillmorecollege.com They can be emailed to :

Chancellor@FillmoreCollege.com or mailed to::

Fillmore Theological College
235 Cedar Creek Circle
Cedar Creek, Texas 78612-3143

When heart and mind and body are filled with the consciousness of the love of God and fellow human beings, we prosper.

Myrtle Fillmore

**Conference on Practical Christianity
Membership Application**

Yes, I would like to join or transfer my membership from WFPC to the Conference on Practical Christianity.

Title: Ms. Miss Mrs Reverend Dr. Other _____ Date of Application: _____

Name of Person or Organization: _____

Address #1: _____ Address #2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Membership Classifications and Dues:

General Member \$60.00—Professional Membership (Minister or Licensed Teacher \$95.00—Church or Study Group \$125.00

I am enclosing my dues for Calendar Year 2007 Member Classification: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Note: Dues are payable each January for the coming year. Dues are not prorated and are nonrefundable. At all classifications of membership the member is entitled to full voting privileges (One vote per membership) at all General Membership meetings in addition to all of the rights and privileges listed in the by-laws of the Conference on Practical Christianity.

Mail Membership Application and Funds to: **Mr. Robert Kent, Treasurer**
Conference on Practical Christianity
P.O. Box 1221
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Due Now

**Ministers/Organization Quarterly Report
First Quarter 2007**

Thank You

Name of Minister or Organization: _____

Address: _____ City _____ St ___ Zip _____

Board President _____ Phone # of Board President: _____

No of Sunday Services _____ No. of Other Services _____

No of Weddings _____ No of Christenings _____

No of Memorials _____ No of Workshops _____

No of Hospital Visits _____ No of Prayer Meetings _____

You are blessed for all you do.

Is your tithe enclosed with this report? Yes. Amount \$ _____ Thank you. You are appreciated.

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**THE CONFERENCE ON PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR FISCAL 2007 THROUGH THE MONTH ENDED
MARCH 2007**

DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS RECEIPTS	Prev. DSB	RECEIPTS MARCH	DSB MARCH	RECEIPTS TO-DATE	DSB 2007 TO-DATE
Beginning Balances						
Dues, Tithes and Fees						
Office rent, utilities, equipment, supplies, and postal charges						
Professional services and fees						
Other						
Petty cash, College Transfer						
Totals						
Ending Balances						

Please Note: Financial Statements are not published on the web but are Printed for members in the monthly hard copy of the newsletter

*The Conference fiscal year is January through December.

**For the sake of efficiency and economy, the reports of fiscal activity have been condensed and simplified.

**General Board of Directors Meeting—May 26, 2007
Lee’s Summit, Missouri**

The exact location of our Board Meeting will be announced at a date closer to the meeting date. As per our policy, all Board meetings are open to any member who has paid their dues for the current year. Members who attend and are not on the Board will pay their own expenses. If you are not a member of the Board but wish a particular subject be discussed then you must present it to CPC headquarters ten (10) days prior to the meeting. All requests must be in writing and must be in the form of a proposal to be added to the agenda.

Currently we are planning to vote on our Mission/Vision Statements, our Credo, our CPC By-laws and the Minister’s Code of Ethics. Copies of these documents may be had by emailing Rev. Charles Smith at; revcharlie@fillmoresunity.com.

Reports will be presented on the committees, specifically: Newsletter, website, Member Relations, Treasurers’ report, Ordination Committee, Annual Meeting Committee and Fillmore Theological College.

While it may not be reasonable to expect the general membership to bear the expense and time of attending these meetings it is important that you make your voice heard. Take the time to communicate with a Board member to encourage he or she to speak in your behalf of things that interest you and things you feel we should be pursuing. You must declare ownership of your organization in order for it to serve you well. After the fact is not often the best time to respond.

Email addresses are on the website. <http://www.fillmoresunity.com>

Self Respect . . . an awakening for each of us. by Rev. Charles Smith

Hosea 4:1-6

Listen to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel, for the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land. There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery they employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed. Therefore the land mourns, and everyone who lives in it languishes along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky, and also the fish of the sea disappear.

*Yet let no one find fault, and let none offer reproof; for your people are like those who contend with the priest. So you will stumble by day, and the prophet also will stumble with you by night; and I will destroy your mother. **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.***

It is well observed among those of us who would call ourselves ministers simply because we have passed the given courses of study and have passed the tests of a committee that we think we have arrived and need no further study. Not as a judgment but more as an example to our students must we be careful not to settle into the state of ministry but we must understand that we must constantly be in the act of becoming a minister.

In Hosea, chapter 4, we are reminded of our human tendency to be one of the “boys” or one of the “girls” by tolerating behavior of others that do not serve them well and then we try to follow the patterns so that we will “fit in.” If we fit in then we can help them to change things by changing their behavior.

We do not set our examples by mimicking their behavior but by standing strong for the Truth. Ill conceived behavioral conduct is an affirmative pattern for life. We do not behave one way and affirm another. We affirm that which we know to be true and walk as an example of our perception of Truth.

In Hosea, God is telling us that we shouldn't find fault nor should we offer reproof. We must seek that which is Truth and then stand up for our knowledge. Practical Christianity is about finding the Truth and standing tall in the knowledge that God is this Truth and it is this same Truth that is the only answer to every question.

Therefore, we must listen to the word of the Lord. To the scriptures we profess to have allegiance. We must conduct ourselves as if God were standing next to us at all times. Don't we say that God is everywhere present and always present?

Do not stumble by day but walk by the example of Jesus Christ and in the night you will sleep the peace that passes all understanding. Continue your study so that when you have opportunity to practice your knowledge and to pass it on to the children you will be well prepared. Do not settle for the status quo but become more that you are by attaining knowledge of God's law and scripture.

Your conduct, if respected by you, is also pleasing to God. Your conduct is the example you show the world and it is ultimately your conduct that will contribute to the good of the world.

We are told, *"The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; and with all your acquiring, **get understanding.**"* Proverb 4:7

Knowledge is one approach to intellectual understanding and intellectual understanding is the first step towards spiritual understanding. We must not turn our backs on knowledge. We must always study things of God so that we are pleasing to ourselves, to God and to all around us. It is in this way we can help others find their way.

Understand that your example must be in everything you do. Do not use swear words, do not deceive by saying one thing and doing another, do not act any other way than you would act in front of God who is always standing with you.

Remember, leaders do not go with the pack they lead the pack. Leaders do not acclimate themselves to their environment, they construct their environment. Leaders do not argue but leaders cooperate and in so doing find cooperation in all they think, say and do.

"That you may retain your self-respect, it is better to displease the people by doing what you know is right, than to temporarily please them by doing what you know is wrong."

William J.H. Boetcker

It is never about self-esteem but about self-respect.

Charles H. Smith

Forgive everyone and everything; get rid of your spiritual parasites.

Carmen

The Conference of Practical Christianity

Virginia Tech

Teach us to pray.

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

*"Pray, then, in this way:
'Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil."*

[For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]'

Luke 11:1 . . .13

Lord, teach us to pray," kept running through my mind. We know that God knows what the boys and girls who fatally fell to the gunshots now need. We know that God is already providing comfort and love and grace to the family, friends and loved ones need in time of unfathomable sorrow. We know you know what those of us removed from the area of mayhem and devastation need for understanding.

But, please dear God let us know what we need. Let us know the question if it is more than why. Let us know of the solution that will give us the peace that passes all understanding.

We are told:

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. *Philippians 4:6-8 (King James Version)*

"Teach us to pray, O' Lord. Help us in our understanding that we may know what must be done to bring about an end to everything senseless in our lives. Teach us to pray, that we may serve you in bringing about your desires for our highest good. Teach us to pray, that you influence becomes interwoven in the fabric of this great universe you've given us to house our expanding understanding. Teach us to pray, that our priorities are in You and not in the world. Teach us to pray, that every thing we think, say and do reflect Your Grace and Love and Forgiveness. Teach us to pray, that we may teach others of our collective power in coming to You as our Source of faith and understanding. Teach us to pray as we are told in 2Chronicles 7:14:

"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Teach us to pray that our hearts will not hurt, that we live in peace and that we learn to pursue higher things.

Teach us to pray.

Our blessings and healing prayers go to all of those who have suffered in the Virginia Tech incident. We pray the Holy Spirit moves in and through them healing their hearts, their minds and their spirits as they attempt to pick up their lives not to resume them but to gain in the absence of those who are left behind in the tragedy so that each person becomes more that they already were and that they are the new examples of understanding to all of the world. Amen.