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Board Meeting May 26, 2007

On Saturday, May 26, 2007 a general Board Meeting of the Conference on Practical Christianity was held in Lee' Summit, Missouri. In attendance were, **Rev. Charles Smith, Mr. Robert Kent, Rev. Marty Copelin, Rev. Teny Rule Fisher, Rev. Don Hudson** as Board Members. Non-board members present were: **Rev. Nancy Smith, Rev. Barbara Hill, Mr. John Hill, Mr. Charles Fisher, Ms. Barbara Hudson**. Lord be with me if I left anyone out. You may begin praying now.

What a great meeting it was. Reports on the health of our organization were the best in a long time. Our finances are in the positive column, we are getting new members, more folks are applying for ordination and the business of the Conference is very active.

Rev. Teny Fisher is spearheading our drive to become our own 501 (c) 3 non-profit status. She has submitted it to a professional organization whose only activity is to establish IRS credentials for non-profit organizations such as ours. They have guaranteed we will accomplish independent status and that they will have our application ready in as little as two weeks. We raised \$1000.00 toward this project at the Board meeting and are in process of soliciting gifts for the remaining approximately \$1000.00 we require for final submission. Those feeling so moved to give are requested to mail your gifts to: CPC—P.O. Box 1221—Greeneville, TN 37744 and memo your check **501 (c) 3**. If we receive more than we are required, the balance will go to the general operating fund.

Rev. Barbara Hill is in process of redrafting our Credo and Mission/Vision statements. Rev. Hill has a PhD in Communications from USC and has taught Mission/Vision workshops. These statements define our beliefs, our direction and our work. They are an answer to the question, "Why join the Conference on Practical Christianity?" We are fortunate that Rev. Barbara has been guided to become part of our organization.

Mr. Charles Fisher has a background in reviewing and rewriting church and religious organization by-laws and is in process of reviewing ours to make sure they comply with IRS standards for non-profit organizations. What great fortune that Charles was drawn to our group and moved to play an active role.

Once again, we remind you that Board Meetings are open to all members. Feel free to join us at the next one. When the notice arrives just let us know if you are coming so that we can make sure our accommodations are right. You will also be given notice of *Conference Call* meetings and are invited to listen in. The "how to's" will be sent when the time comes.

To receive a hard copy of the Board Meeting Minutes please email:
revcharlie@fillmoresunity.com

"We fairly sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm to do the work that is ours to do."
Charles and Myrtle Fillmore

Wanted

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



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Quarterly Reports and Good Standing

One of the most important things we can do for the Internal Revenue Service and our 501 (c) 3 status is to keep good records. It is in line with spiritual law that order and cooperation are important to the well being of the individual, the community and to concerns of rendering unto Caesar. (Wasn't just about the coin).

The IRS allows us freedom from tariff and penalty to do our good work as long as we attend to the requirements and regulations they have presented to us. Non-Profit status is truly not a right but a privilege. We are being blessed with this privilege.

Consequently, we must do what is morally and ethically proper to maintain our relationship with the IRS. Good records keeping involves submission and keeping on file our Quarterly Ministry reports. Ministers and organizations belonging to the Conference on Practical Christianity are obligated to submit reports to the Conference on a quarterly basis. Not doing so places all of the other ministers and ministries in jeopardy of losing their 501 (c) 3 protection.

The consequences of not submitting these reports is becoming a minister or ministry **not** in "Good Standing" with the Conference on Practical Christianity. This means that when the IRS sends the verification of member ministries and ministers those who have not submitted the Quarterly Report will be omitted from the IRS verification list. Getting back on the list would then become a matter between the minister or ministry and the IRS.

It becomes too difficult not to take the time to submit the report. The result is that order and cooperation are upset and the consequences can be far-reaching.

Whether you have activity or not, simply complete the form leaving those things you are not doing blank. If it is a problem we can work together to make it right with the IRS.

Blessings to you. It is affirmed that all things work to the good in God's great world.

News from Fillmore Theological College by Rev. Donald Hudson

Alexandre Attipoe of Accra Ghana, has been awarded the first full Scholarship to Fillmore Theological College Chancellor, Rev. Donald Hudson announced.

In addition to tuition Alexandre will receive books and other study materials and a ministry gift of \$100.00 per month for the duration of his study period.

Alexandre has quite a story. If you wish to receive a copy of his biography just email: alexandre@fillmoresdunity.com. The information is not the best resolution but it is readable and well worth the time it takes to read.

Rev. Jan Sloan, was kind enough to make Alexandre known to the CPC and to the College. She has been in contact with Alexandre for some time now and has agreed to be his mentor as he begins his studies with Fillmore Theological College.

We all look forward to witness the enfoldment of Alexandre as the Christ in him grows to his full potential. You may email Alexandre at:

acimgh@yahoo.com if you wish to congratulate and encourage him. Our highest blessings go to Alexandre and his family as they continue to do God's work.



Alexandre Attipoe is second from left and is pictured with his wonderful family.

If we value independence, if we are disturbed by the growing conformity of knowledge, of values, of attitudes, which our present system induces, then we may wish to set up conditions of learning which make for uniqueness, for self-direction, and for self-initiated learning.

Carl Rogers

**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
Greeneville, TN 37744

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.

Please mail to:

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

Description	Previous	Prev.	Receipts	April	Receipts	Disb
	Receipts	Disb	April	Disb	2007	2007
					To-Date	To-Date
Beginning Balances						
Dues, Tithes, Fees						
Office Rent, Equip,						
Supplies, Postage						
Professional Fees						
Petty Cash, College						
Transfer						
Totals						
Ending Balances						

Please Note: Financial Statements are not published on thw 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.

Prosperity by Charles Fillmore

Poverty or Prosperity, it all depends on you. All that the Father has is yours, but you alone are responsible for the relationship of the Father's good to your life. Through conscious recognition of your oneness with the Father and His abundance you draw the living substance into visible supply. (p 68)

Posers Submitted by Rev. Marty Copelin

1. CAN YOU CRY UNDER WATER?
2. WHY DO YOU HAVE TO "PUT YOUR TWO CENTS IN".. BUT IT'S ONLY A "PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS"? WHERE'S THAT EXTRA PENNY GOING?
3. ONCE YOU'RE IN HEAVEN, DO YOU GET STUCK WEARING THE CLOTHES YOU WERE BURIED IN FOR ETERNITY?
4. WHAT DISEASE DID CURED HAM ACTUALLY HAVE?
5. IF A DEAF PERSON HAS TO GO TO COURT, IS IT STILL CALLED A HEARING?
6. IF JIMMY CRACKS CORN AND NO ONE CARES, WHY IS THERE A STUPID SONG ABOUT HIM?
7. IF THE PROFESSOR ON GILLIGAN'S ISLAND CAN MAKE A RADIO OUT OF A COCONUT, WHY CAN'T HE FIX A HOLE IN A BOAT?
8. WHY DO PEOPLE PAY TO GO UP TALL BUILDINGS AND THEN PUT MONEY IN BINOCULARS TO LOOK AT THINGS ON THE GROUND?
9. WHY IS IT THAT PEOPLE SAY THEY "SLEPT LIKE A BABY" WHEN BABIES WAKE UP LIKE EVERY TWO HOURS?

From the Children

A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it I'm having a real good time like I am."

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After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

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One particular four-year-old prayed,
"And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

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A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service,  
"And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"  
One bright little girl replied,  
"Because people are sleeping."

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A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3.
The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.
Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.
"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say,
'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,
"Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Submitted by Rev. Marty Copelin

We will soon have a new addition to our website and to our Conference. It is called Unity World Products and should be up within the week. Unity World Products is solely owned by the Conference on Practical Christianity and all of the benefits from the site will go to our operating fund.

The site will feature all of the available Fillmore books that are free so that they are available to the student in PDF format. Additionally we will feature Books and CD's and other products of our members who chose to make their items available for sale to others in the conference or to visitors to our website. Other books will be those suggested by members that have an educational value to our members.

Clerical vestments, jewelry, Conference and Fillmore Theological College branded products such as T-shirts, Sweat-shirts, Caps, Notebooks, Pens, Coffee Mugs and other items will also be featured.

You, as a member are asked to present any ideas you might have that will add to our Unity World Products website.

College Catalogue

Rev. Don Hudson has been working hard to complete the catalogue for Fillmore Theological College. Advance peeks at the work he has done so far demonstrates a truly quality product.

The catalogue will present all of the administrative details, FTC policies and procedures, a statement of Mission and Vision as well as a statement of values.

Diploma and Degree programs and courses of study will be presented along with a list of courses and course descriptions.

We will initially put the catalogue online at <http://www.fillmorecollege.com> in an FTP format available for downloading and soon, as budget permits, the catalogue will be made available in print for distribution in our churches and for mailing.

The catalogue will be announced to members, by email, within the next few weeks.

Seems I just obligated Rev. Don.

i remember something—
something delicious, warm and safe
a glimpse of God perhaps
my memory is a feeling
not in my mind do i recall
but in my heart where this sensation
delights my emotions
and brings blush to my skin

i remember something—
a glimpse of God perhaps
each time i observe a harmony of life
the magnificence of a sunset
the blooming of a flower
the smile of God on the face of another
the honest laughter of a child

i remember something—
a glimpse of God perhaps
and i begin to recall the more
as i look inside and see
the beauty of creation
the wondrous being of me
made in the presence and substance
of love that is Spirit

i remember something—
a glimpse of God perhaps
as I contemplate all that I am
my heart leaps in understanding
as I see God in me
i see God in everything
and I am swept up in the glory
and order of divine love

i remember something—
and i realize what it is
a glimpse of God
the image becoming more revealing
as i go into the silence
to that secret place most high
in the mansion of God
prepared for me in the love of the Christ

and i remember no more
I recall only a Holy void
within lies my soul
in the experience of unfoldment
i cease being and become
as i am bathed in Spiritual amnesia
and held in the breath of God



He knows all about art, but he doesn't know what he likes.—James Thurber

About the Bible

Facts and Fun

The Bible consists of 66 books, written by 44 authors over a period of about 1500 years. The Old Testament has 39 books and was written between 1400 and 400 B.C. The New Testament consists of 27 books and was written between 50 and 100 A.D.

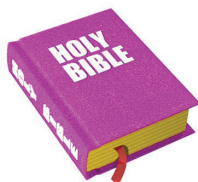
Around A.D. 1228 Stephen Langton divided the entire Bible into chapters. Around A.D. 1448 R. Nathan divided the Old Testament into verses and in A.D. 1551 Robert Stephanus divided the New Testament into verses. The Geneva Bible, published in 1560 was the first time the Bible appeared divided into chapters and verses.

- There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament for a total of 66 books.
- The middle book of the Old Testament is Proverbs.
- The middle book of the New Testament is 2Thessalonians
- Words occurring only once in the Bible are:
 - Eternity (Isaiah 57:15)
 - Grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5)
 - Gnat (Matthew 23:24)
- The word "God" appears in every book of the Bible except Esther and Song of Solomon
- The word "Christian" appears only three times in the Bible: Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16.
- The last word in the Bible is AMEN.

Among the many reasons we strive to become students of the Bible is so that we can give foundation to our thoughts and actions and, if a minister, our talks.

You will find as you study the Bible that many of the Truths we proclaim have basis of origination in the Bible. When we understand the Bible we understand ourselves.

Additionally a good working knowledge of the Bible helps us to become more competent spiritual counselors as we go about God's business of spreading the word of Truth and healing around the world.



Metaphysics

The Nature of God

There is only One Presence and One Power in the universe, God the Good, Omnipotent.

God is not a person

WE CANNOT get a right understanding of the relation that the manifest bears to the unmanifest, until we set clearly before ourselves the character of original Being. So long as we think of God in terms of personality, just so long shall we fail to understand the relation existing between man and God.

Twelve Powers of Man p52 Charles Fillmore

God is all of the Good that is

The central proposition in the inspiration of Spirit is that God, or primal Cause, is good.

Christian Healing p10 Charles Fillmore

God as principle is the absolute good expressed in all creation. When we know God and "worship him in spirit and truth" we recognize Him as this great goodness, which is omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, ready and willing to guide, to bless, and to uplift.

Keep a True Lent p9 Charles Fillmore

God is Being

God is power. Not simply God has power, but God is power. In other words, all the power there is to do anything is God. God, the source of our existence every moment, is not simply omnipotent (all-powerful); He is omnipotence (all power). He is not alone omniscient (all-knowing); He is omni-science (all knowledge). He is not only omni-present, but more--omnipresence. God is not a being having qualities, but He is the good itself. Everything that you can think of that is good, when in its absolute perfection, goes to make up that invisible Being we call God.

Lesson in Truth p19 Emilie Cady

God is Principle

The unchangeable life, love, substance, and intelligence of Being. Principle does not occupy space; neither has it any limitations of time or matter, but it eternally exists as the one underlying cause out of which come forth all true ideas.

Revealing Word p84 Charles Fillmore

The student is always encouraged to research any cited works, to read them in context and then to understand them. Works cited above are available to read on line at www.unityworldproducts.com