



Church of God (Holiness)  
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Greetings Pastor and/or Convention Delegate!

I trust all is well for you and your family and that your congregation has been able to navigate the challenges of the past year with the Lord's help. You are in our thoughts and prayers as you faithfully serve the Lord in your church and community. I am writing to let you know some important information about the upcoming General Convention that will be held this year at the Church of God (Holiness) in El Dorado Springs, MO. We are thankful for their gracious hospitality and we are looking forward to a great Convention this year!

As you may be aware, the General Convention of the Churches of God (Holiness) has tasked the Home Mission Department with the responsibility of leading strategic planning efforts. To that end, Home Missions authorized the formal establishment of a Strategic Planning Committee with the stipulation that the committee contain representation from each of the major departments of the COGH. The Strategic Planning Committee has been hard at work to plan some informative and challenging sessions for our time on the agenda at Convention. We are pleased to have, as our guest, Dr. Ronald Duncan to spend the day with us. Dr. Duncan is the Executive Director of the Global Wesleyan Alliance ([www.wesleyanalliance.com](http://www.wesleyanalliance.com)) and has been consulting with our committee for the past 18 months. He has been leading us through a journey of church renewal. We are excited to share an update on that journey with you at Convention. During Convention we will be covering, among other things, the following:

- *Research data on the Church of God (Holiness), including results from the survey issued last Fall.*
- *Understanding the state of the church in America and the biblical foundations for renewal*
- *An update on church revitalization work that is just beginning and the plan for the future*
- *Listening to your feedback during a breakout session.*

You won't want to miss this great day! Yes, we will be conducting the business of the Churches of God (Holiness), but we hope you will leave refreshed, renewed, and challenged to envision an exciting future for Kingdom work through the COGH!

We are doing something new as well! **We would like to formally invite all pastors and delegates to a dinner following Convention that will be held onsite at the church. We are calling this the "COGH Vision Dinner" and it will begin at 5:30.** In addition to a great dinner, Dr. Duncan will be sharing a session we are calling "Revitalization: Working towards a New Vision for the COGH." This dinner and session shared by Dr. Duncan

is not a part of the Convention agenda, but will build on what was covered during the strategic planning session earlier in the day. We hope that you will make it a priority to be there. We anticipate the dinner lasting from 5:30 - 7:30. **There is no cost to attend this dinner.** A generous donor has agreed to underwrite the cost. **But we do ask that you RSVP.** Chad Pollard, President of Kansas Christian College, is the chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee. His assistant, Kim Leonard, has graciously agreed to accept the reservations for the evening meal. **If you are planning to be there, please contact Kim at [kim.leonard@kansaschristian.edu](mailto:kim.leonard@kansaschristian.edu) or by calling 913-722-0272 so that we can add you to the RSVP list!** A flyer is also included with this letter that outlines all of the pertinent details.

General Convention 2021 will be a great one! Don't miss it! And plan to stay after and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we share a dinner together and dream about a new vision for the Church of God (Holiness)! See you there!

May the Lord Bless You!

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### ***Strategic Planning Committee***

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*Jack Smith - Director of Home Missions*

*Mark Avery - Chair of Home Missions Board / Chairman of General Convention*

*Brandon Speak - President of COGH Youth Council / Home Missions Board Member*

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