

**WORLD CONVENTION
(CHRISTIAN - CHURCHES OF CHRIST - DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

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World Convention provides both the opportunity and means of sharing between churches and individuals within the Stone-Campbell family of churches around the world.

It seeks to build up fellowship, understanding and common purpose within this global church family on an everyday basis, and through quadrennial conventions. Our ministry in the last year has consisted of:

- a) Publishing the global magazine "*World Christian*".
- b) Publishing the monthly email newsletter, "*ChristiaNet*".
- c) Maintaining the World Convention web site which includes a growing number of national descriptions of your church family's witness.
- d) Emphasizing your church family's unique story and witness through the writing of articles and by speaking in Churches and assemblies.
- e) Lifting up daily global prayer through our prayer network, "11: 11 - Get Connected".
- f) Strengthening networking through global correspondence, visiting and networking with leaders from various countries and 'streams' within the movement.
- g) Maintaining links with other Christian World Communions.
- h) Organizing the quadrennial World Convention global gathering.

Plans for the 2008 World Convention to be conducted in Nashville, Tennessee, July 30 - August 3 have been the key focus of our ministry this past year. The theme will be '*Together in Christ*' emphasizing the foundational principals of the World Convention. A steering committee comprising representatives from the three streams has been formed to plan the convention. Many exciting options will be on offer and a strong "missional" emphasis will be present in all aspects of the program. New initiatives include participation in both local and international mission projects, more than 40 workshop sessions, a comprehensive children's program and a convention for youth. The opening night speaker will be Cynthia Hale from Ray of Hope Christian Church. The closing communion service will include a celebration of the bicentennial of Thomas Campbell's writing of the "*Declaration and Address*". Six major sponsors have formed partnerships with us to facilitate the World Convention, these include the Division of Overseas Ministries / Global Ministries and the Disciples of Christ Historical Society. We are most grateful for their partnership in making this a successful event.

This past year we published two books written by our General Secretary/Executive Director Jeff Weston. The first was released at General Assembly titled "*Power for Pressurized People*" it is a 10 lesson study on the Pauline letter to the Church at Colossi. The second was an e-book titled "*Traditions of Christmas*". Both books have been well received. We continue to develop profiles on the 180 countries where the Stone-Campbell movement has witness. Historian Clinton Holloway has researched and now written profiles on over 115 countries. These have all been posted on our web site. Our goal is to have at least 150 profiles completed prior to the 17th World Convention.

A new aspect of our ministry has been the development of mentoring relationships with a number of Church leaders and Pastors of two-third world Churches. Many of these folk are in isolated locations and lack pastoral support. Executive Director Jeff Weston maintains the relationship via email, personal mail and visits. At present pastors from six countries are in the program. Jeff Weston has undertaken teaching ministry in India, South Korea, Kenya and Zimbabwe this past year. We receive many invitations for Jeff to visit and teach overseas.

As of July 2007 we revised our magazine "*World Christian*". It is now produced in full color on gloss paper in a handy magazine format. There has not been an increase in production cost due to the reduced size. The new size has facilitated a discount in postage costs. We have also made provision for people to receive the *World Christian* via our web site, thus further saving on postage costs.

The existence of World Convention is a constant reminder to all within our movement that the church is universal and that all those with roots in the 19th Century Restoration Movement are bound together through a common heritage and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Unity (in order that we might effectively represent the gospel) is our polar star. Everything we do as individual Christians and as the Church, we must do with the understanding that we are a part of the one Body of Jesus Christ.

WORLD CONVENTION OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST
Operating Fund

Statement of Financial Activities For the year ending December 31,

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Disciples Mission Fund	\$ 20,372	\$ 22,171
Endowment Fund Income	24,711	24,547
U S & Canadian Churches-Disciples	10,151	3,874
U S & Canadian Churches-NACC	14,260	2,360
U S & Canadian Churches-Church of Christ	2,000	100
World Convention Friends and Gifts	34,103	34,100
Salary Support from Assembly Fund	40,000	35,000
Other Income	<u>8,631</u>	<u>1,870</u>
	<u>\$ 154,228</u>	<u>\$ 124,022</u>
EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries and Benefits	\$ 99,288	\$ 82,025
Travel and Committee Meetings	18,359	12,091
Office Expenses	17,352	13,047
Promotion and Publicity	32,832	17,132
Other	<u>358</u>	<u>507</u>
	<u>\$ 168,189</u>	<u>\$ 158,628</u>
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	<u>\$ (13,961)</u>	<u>\$ (780)</u>

BALANCE SHEETS AT DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 19,858	\$ 9,957
Accounts Receivable	-	2,381
Sundry Other Assets	<u>176</u>	<u>289</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 20,034</u>	<u>\$ 12,627</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Notes Payable	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000
Payable to Assembly Fund	72,635	50,993
Payable to Endowment Fund	17,837	17,582
Sundry Other Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 529</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 122,472	\$ 101,104
 Fund Balance	 <u>\$ (102,438)</u>	 <u>\$ (88,477)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 20,034</u>	<u>\$ 12,627</u>

OTHER FUNDS

	<u>Bader</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Assembly</u>
Balance December 31, 2006	\$ 39,689	\$ 724,454	\$ 56,261
Receipts	2,213	19,716	90,467
Net Loan Proceeds/(Repayments)	-	-	3,250
Disbursements	<u>-</u>	<u>24,711</u>	<u>70,755</u>
Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$ 41,902</u>	<u>\$ 719,459</u>	<u>\$ 79,223</u>