

The Assemblies of God is partnering with a global evangelism initiative called GO2020. GO2020 has mobilized millions of people for evangelism around the world. They presented their movement to the PCCNA (Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America) leaders, and all 29 of North America's Pentecostal/Charismatic fellowships and denominations agreed to join this global effort of reaching the lost. This is a unique opportunity as the Assemblies of God, Church of God, Four Square, Church of God in Christ, Pentecostal Church of God, Pentecostal Holiness and many more are joining arms to reach America for Christ. During their 2018 annual meeting, every fellowship committed to working together to join this initiative taking place in May of 2020. Jeff Farmer, who serves as the chairman of PCCNA, stated this was the first time every denomination and fellowship committed to working together in a collaborative effort. He believes this is historic and a true miracle!

General Superintendent Doug Clay is in full agreement and wants the Assemblies of God to be involved on a national level. He is encouraging all of our districts and churches to get involved. He asked me to lead this endeavor, so we have put together a simple and straightforward plan that any church can implement, no matter the size. We geared this so that a bi-vocational pastor who works 50 hours a week is able to participate, while our mega churches with 5,000 plus members can, as well. They can participate in one of five different levels, or all five!

Level 1:

This entry level only requires a few minutes for a couple of weeks on Sunday morning to encourage their congregants to reach someone with the Gospel on a particular Saturday that works for them in the month of May. A simple phrase that embodies the spirit of what we are doing is, *"Each one can reach one."* Therefore, if all a pastor does is announce for a couple of Sundays for their church to reach someone with the love of Jesus Christ on the Saturday of their choice in May 2020, they are a full participant in GO2020.

Level 2:

In level 2, the pastor will implement level one and also utilize videos promoting GO2020, made available right after General Council on the Assemblies of God website (ag.org). There will be a link to GO2020 resources. These video links will include encouragement to get involved from General Superintendent Doug Clay, along with other national voices like Pastor Samuel Rodriguez, Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke, and others. Pastors can incorporate these videos to help motivate their congregation beyond just simply announcing GO2020.

Level 3

In this level, the pastor will implement our ***"Prayer, Care, Share"*** strategy, or ***"Intercede, Invest, Invite."*** This can be implemented in sermons that will also be provided on our AG website link for GO2020. These sermons will simply serve as resources and are not mandated in and form or fashion.

There will be two sermon outline options motivating believers to pray for the lost. This falls under the "Prayer" or "Intercede" concept. In this sermon, believers will be encouraged to pray

for 1-5 people who have not received Christ. A process will be shared so that congregants can write down 1-5 people they're committing to pray for. They will keep one list of their 1-5, and turn in the other to the church. This empowers the pastor and church to join in prayer for all of these individuals. This has been proven to help create a culture of praying for the lost, which increases one's burden for people who have yet to receive Christ.

Next, there will be two sermon outlines that give ideas and strategies on how to connect in a natural way with the people they are praying for. This fits our "Care/Invest" strategy. The pastor will have direct access to download these sermons, if they choose.

Then, under the "Share/Invite" process, we will provide two sermons that will ignite them to share and provide practical applications on how to share Jesus with unbelievers. We have found that most believers "want" to share their faith and reach the lost, but they simply don't know "how" to share the gospel. These sermons will equip them to share the gospel!

Level 4

This level will be a combination of the previous three. However, this level will provide special times of training and mobilization to reach people with the Gospel (particularly on a Saturday in May of 2020). Training will be made available and will reflect the plethora of different styles and expressions within the Assemblies of God. These trainings will include, but are not limited to, servant evangelism, how to share one's personal testimony, how to start conversations, power evangelism, and many more. The pastor will also have complete liberty if he chooses to use evangelism explosion, dare to share, the way of the master, or one of the many resources available throughout the body of Christ.

Level 5

This level will utilize the office of an evangelist. The Assemblies of God has many evangelists experienced in equipping people to share the Gospel. Many of them have decades of experience in igniting, equipping, activating, and helping pastors strategize plans for continued evangelism after the outreach. A list of these equipping evangelists will be available. The evangelists on this list will have a proven track record of serving the Body of Christ in mobilization and outreach. Level 5 will serve the church and pastor far beyond a month or weekend. It will be a tool of empowerment with long-lasting fruit. Each evangelist will help the pastor identify and install an evangelism coordinator within the church to help harness the momentum that is gained during this GO2020 process.

Once again, I'd like to stress that the pastor can do as little or as much one wishes. The simple motto for GO2020 is that "***Each one reach one.***"

Request for the District Superintendent

We do request that the District Superintendent appoint a district facilitator/coordinator for GO2020. This individual can be an evangelist within your district, a youth leader with a passion for souls, a key pastor that's been successful in outreach, someone on the district staff, or anyone you feel would be a good fit to help promote GO2020 within the district. Our hope is

that this individual would promote this alongside the superintendent at district functions and at sectional gatherings, as well. Additionally, our Assemblies of God media director, Mark Forrester, will be working with us to put videos together of key influencers within the district. This will help promote GO2020 via social media, as well.

I will be available to the appointed facilitator/coordinator via monthly zoom meetings, and will support them, answer any questions, and give strategies that will be of value to make this a success. Their input will likely help others, as well.

There will be a timeline for the *Prayer, Care, Share* strategy that will begin after the first of the year to serve as a grid if a district or church chooses to use it.

If you have any questions or input, please feel free to call or write. As I stated on the phone, I would be glad to help you promote this at any district event, presbyter retreat, minister retreat, or function that would help serve you or make this a success in your district. I look forward to hearing back from you and working with you and your district appointed facilitator/coordinator for GO2020.

Together in the harvest,

Joe Oden
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