

## ORIENTATION:

### 1. HOW TO BE “ASSEMBLIES OF GOD” THROUGH MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT.

- a. Historically, Assemblies of God is about MISSIONS.
  - *“A primary reason the General Council was formed in 1914 was to create cooperation in Pentecostal missionary work. Missions have remained a central focus of the denomination since that time.” – Wikipedia, General Council of the Assemblies of God.*
- b. Locally and internationally, the Assemblies of God is about MISSIONS.
  - *“...the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, is the world's largest Pentecostal body.”*
  - This is because of its continuing emphasis on missions, and because of its being Pentecostals:
  - **Thomas Trask Interview:** What is the relationship between missions and Pentecost?  
*“You can be missions minded without being Pentecostal, and many worldwide evangelical organizations are making a significant missions impact. But you cannot be Pentecostal without being missions minded. Missions is the result of Pentecost. That's why Pentecost was given--so the Church would become a missions-driven body. Yet, a significant number of churches are Pentecostal in doctrine and practice but are not missions minded. They have missed the purpose for why God gave the infilling of the Holy Spirit to the Church.”*
  - So the question really is: “Why do we exist as Assemblies of God?”

#### c. **Here’s what Our Constitution and By-Laws say:**

ARTICLE II, Statement Of Purpose... *“That the priority reason-for-being of the Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc. (PGCAG) is to be an agency of God for evangelizing the world, to be a corporate body in which man may worship God, and to be channel of God’s purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son.*

*“That the Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc. (PGCAG) exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason-for-being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs, adding necessary dimension to worshipful relationship with God, and enabling them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the Body of Christ.”*

ARTICLE IV, Prerogatives. 1. *To encourage and promote the worship of the one true God.* 2. *To encourage and promote the edification of the believers.* 3. *To encourage and promote the evangelization of the Philippines and the world.* 4. *To approve all Scriptural teachings, methods and conduct; and to disapprove un-Scriptural teachings, methods and conduct.* 5.

*To provide a basis of fellowship among Christians of like precious faith. 6. To establish and maintain such departments and institutions as may be necessary for the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the work of this Pentecostal fellowship.*

d. **SUMMARY:** To be Assemblies of God is to be **Pentecostals doing Missions together.**

## 2. HOW DO WE DO MISSIONS TOGETHER:

a. We have the Spirit, the System and the Structure:

- **SPIRIT. Power.** ACT 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

- **SYSTEM: Partnership.** PHI 1:5...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 1:27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. 4:15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

**Undivided Efforts:** MAT 12:25 *Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.*

- **STRUCTURE: Plan.** The General council was so designed so we can synergize together. *"The Assemblies of God is defined in its constitution as a "cooperative fellowship" of "churches and credentialed ministers". It has a representative form of government derived from presbyterian polity and organized in three levels of administration: congregations, district councils and the General Council.*

**The General Council:** Oversees the missions work (local and global) through its officers. ARTICLE XII - Duties Of Officers, Section 1. Duties Of The General Superintendent/President: *1. Shall serve as the overseer of the PG CAG. 2. Shall formulate programs in keeping with the policy and directive of the General Council which shall be implemented at all levels of the organization.*

**The Districts Council:** Functions as branches of the General Council, especially in the implementation of missions programs and the promotion of participation of churches and ministers. ARTICLE XIII - District Councils. Section 1. *The District Councils are formed as territorial, supervisory, jurisdictional and organizational subdivisions of the Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc. to carry out its purpose, exercise its prerogatives, and realize its principles and foster fellowship among its constituents.*

SECTION 4. Relationship *1. The District is an integral part of and in full cooperation with the Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc. and shall recognize and be subject to the said Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God as the parent body. 2. The local churches are and shall always be related to the District where located and General Council; 3. Every District shall implement the General Council programs and policies which shall be adapted to the District level. All that pertain or belong to the PGCAG works within any District shall be subject to the program and policies of the District where they belong.*

ARTICLE XVIII – DEPARTMENTS: *All Departments of the PGCAG, Inc. shall function and work in close coordination with the Executive Presbytery through the General Superintendent. They shall serve as the implementing agency of the program of the PGCAG, Inc. in fulfilling its three- fold mission, i.e., worship of God, building up of the Body of Christ, being perfected in the image of His Son and evangelizing of the world.*

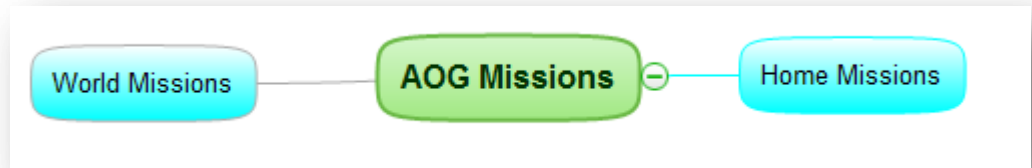
ARTICLE XXVII – HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT. SECTION 1.

AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE 1. The Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God, shall assume responsibility and do all within its power for the spread of the Gospel. In keeping with this obligation, there shall be an extension Home Missions Department emphasis at all times. 2. The work of the Department shall include: a. The Church Extension on the local church. b. Specialized ministries needed among those people of the Republic of the Philippines who must be evangelized but are neglected because of language barriers, physical confinement, handicaps, and comparative isolation due to religious prejudices or geography.

**LOCAL ASSEMBLIES:** The secret of the Assemblies of God movement is the empowered local churches. If the local church is weak, the movement is weak. But when the local churches are strong, the movement is strong.

ARTICLE XIV- LOCAL ASSEMBLIES:... 3. It shall fully enjoy the privileges and obligations of a local church of the PGCAG with regards to its local activities. It is under obligation to consistently support its own pastor and workers in an exemplary and dignified life. It is under obligation to underwrite the expenses of its own operations. 4. Its activities shall be conditioned by its relationships with the District and the Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc. It shall embody and carry out the policies and programs of the District and the PGCAG, Inc. 5. It is not an isolated and absolutely autonomous entity. Rather, it is an integral part of the whole body of Christ, through the PGCAG, Inc.

## OUR TWO-WINGED MISSIONS WORK:

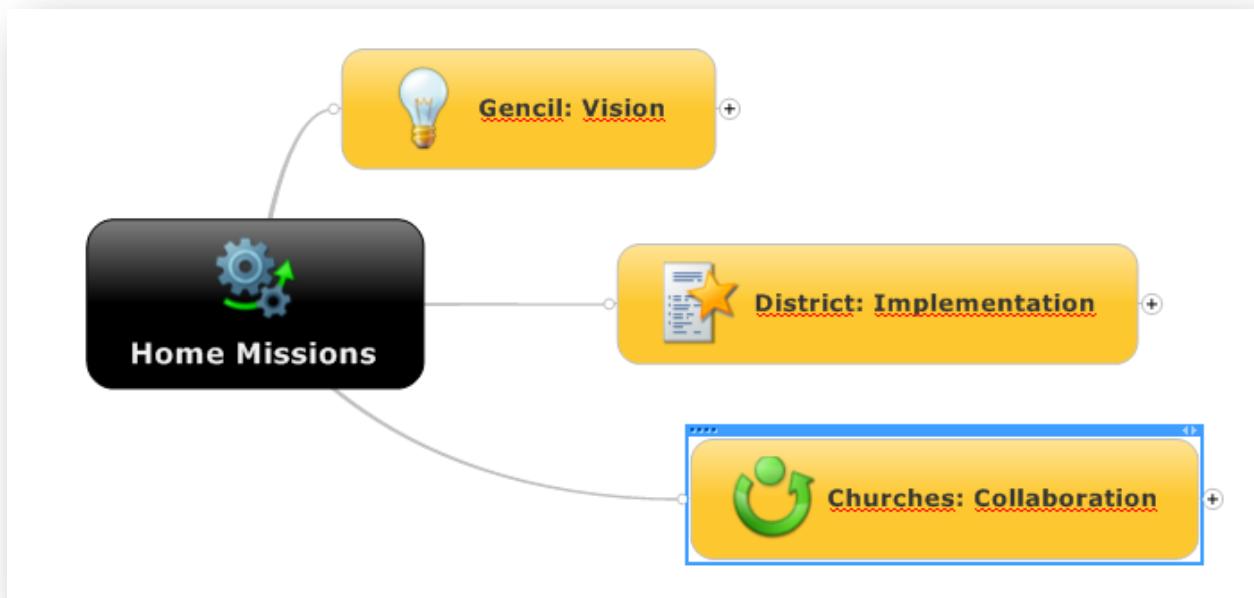


While we expand the missions work in our nation through Church Planting (Harvest) and Church Growth (Health) – we are also extending our missionary work in the nations and unreached people groups. Our Home-Missions happens simultaneously with our World-Missions.

The PGCAG is an active partner of World Assemblies of God. We collaborate together in the reaching of other nations. The expansionist plan of Jesus is “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth.”

We have an active World Missions Department, which is so connected with a vital Home Missions Department in the sharing of resources and attention.

## OUR HOME MISSIONS WORK FLOW:



## Gencil Decadal Vision: *Saturation Challenge!*

### Gencil Decadal Goals (2011-2020): 2020 New Churches

Saturation Challenge JOS 13:1 Lessons from the Conquest of Canaan. Lessons applicable to the unfinished work of discipling the nations.

God revealed His Four Concerns -

- Concern For the Limited Time– *When Joshua was old and well advanced in years.* Time and age, placed against the remaining unfinished work.. there is shortage of time.
  - In the work of Missions, there is no limit, except the time limit: all authority, all the world, all nations, in the name of the Father-of the Son-and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey ALL things.. I am with you ALWAYS,-- UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE.
  - People are dying.. without a witness.
- Concern for Declining Strength. Aging brings decline of capabilities, waning of interest, losing of sight. The fighting spirit could be replaced by inclination to surrender.
  - In the Last Days says God, I will pour out my Spirit: to empower the church for a bigger task.
- Concern For the Unoccupied Territories - *there are still very large areas of land..* to be dispossessed and possessed. God has measured and identified the area that He wanted to give as an inheritance to Abraham and his children. God wants to defeat their enemies (and the Canaanites that was to be judged for their crimes they have committed against God.. and it just so happened that Israel was God's instruments to punish them.)
  - In the Work of Missions, at home and abroad, there are still Billions of people, and thousands of people groups and sectoral categories that needs to hear the Gospel. 30,000 Barangays, of the 40,000 do not have a church in the Philippines.
- Concern for the Work to be Done - *to be taken over.* What has been accomplished did not lessen the size of the remaining task. The need for war of invasion and occupation was still bigger and harder. The job was not yet done.
  - In the Work of Missions, our job is not done. Conflict between our goal and God's Goal. Note: God is not working for us to reach our Goal. – We are working for Him to reach His goals, purpose and intent.

## Biblical framework for Saturation Challenge:

1. **The Scope of Salvation Plan** – That it includes all the ethnos/ and peoples of the world. That none should perish. That all may be saved. Preach the Gospel to all nations.. MAT 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

2. **The World as a Field** - The field is the world and one planting the good seed is the Son of Man: Jesus is a *church planter*<sup>1</sup>.  
Mat 13:36-39 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.
3. **The Commission of Territorial Conquest** - into all the world. From Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and unto the ends of the earth. .. Until the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.
4. **The Pioneering Philosophy** - to go where Christ is still unknown, to preach to those who have not heard yet. To occupy the vacancy left by neglect, delay or disobedience of the Church. ROM 15:20 It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. 21 Rather, as it is written: "Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand."
5. **The Priority of Lost and Unserved** – leaving the 99 to find the lost one.. The saved exist for the unsaved. The Church is the only enterprise that exists not for itself but for others. LUK 15:4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? MAR 1:37-38 and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" 38 Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

## Shared Vision: DAWN Movement: Discipling A Whole Nation

**Global:** *“Our vision is to mobilize twenty thousand apostolic leaders who will train and release an army of two million church planters to see twenty million churches planted by the year 2020.*

- Asia is where DAWN began. It was a vision given to Dr. James Montgomery, then missionary to the Philippines. It was in the Philippines that the vision was birthed and field tested. In 1980, DAWN Philippines set a goal of 50,000 local churches by the year 2000 from a baseline of 10,000 churches. By the end of the period, the Lord gave over 51,000 local congregations!
- 1. Always begin with "Z" (not "A") - what is a fully disciplined nation? What is the end result we are seeking? What will it look like when the task is completed? A fully disciplined nation is one in which there is a local church in every neighbourhood, village and community of man (a church for every 1000 people).<sup>2</sup>
- 2. **Saturation Challenge:** Is a vision- not a program, to see the AG Church planted in every City, town, and Barangay in the Philippines.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. C. Peter Wagner, “The single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches.”

<sup>2</sup> From [www.dawnministries.org](http://www.dawnministries.org)

## Some proponents speak out in favor of church planting:

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- "The multiplication of new churches is the best evangelistic method under heaven." Peter Wagner
- "There is only one way the Great Commission can be fulfilled, and that is by establishing Gospel-preaching congregations in every community on the face of the earth." David Womack
- "The church's evangelistic task demands that every barrio, apartment building, and neighbourhood have a church faithful to God's Word established in it." Roger Greenway
- "Giving opportunity to all men to appropriate salvation can truly be done only by establishing millions of congregations of practicing Christians, ideally one in every small community of men." Donald McGavran
- "It seems to me that we should say, a church for every people group in the world and at least one for every 1,000 within those groups." Dr. Ralph Winter Comparing the effectiveness of church planting models.

## Review: Assemblies of God Decadal Goals (2011-2020)

1. 2,020 new churchplants.
2. 1 Million Adherents
3. 200 Missionaries
4. 2000 Education Ministry Schools

## 8-POINT Decadal AGENDA for the Assemblies of God

1. Pentecostal Prayer and Revival
  2. Upgrading and Training of Leaders
  3. Intentional all-Church Discipleship
  4. Strategic and Creative Evangelism
  5. Pro-Local Church Structure and Policies
  6. Stewardship and Economic Uplift
  7. Plant Another Church
  8. World Missions Enterprise
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