LETTER FROM YOUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to Encounter 2020 - a place and time to "encounter" God together and "connect" with each other!

This yearly gathering is our family reunion and our team has been working hard to make sure that this family reunion is an encouraging place where we are accomplishing the work of the Kingdom in our own hearts, and in the CPD.

This year we welcome Alliance President John Stumbo who will come to share what God has placed on his heart for us and for this time. He is also coming to have some strategic conversations with us concerning some of the more challenging things we are facing as a movement.

It will also be a time for Donice and I to say “goodbye.” Not to you, but to our role with you. We love our CPD family, and want to continue to do our part in helping the CPD to be healthy and thrive. We continue to be hopeful for our future together as we lean in to what God has for us in this season. Please continue to lean with us into what God is doing! We as the CPD are a partnership as well as a family. We cannot continue to move forward without your faithfulness in serving, in giving, and in working together. In the words of one of our church planters, “God’s got this.” Thank you for holding up our arms over the past few years - we could do nothing, let alone what has been accomplished without that. We are grateful for you.

Change is rarely comfortable, and sometimes even scary. But if we approach that change as being from God and in His hands, there can be challenge, excitement, and creativity that accompany that change. None of us is indispensable in our current roles. God is always refining who we are - our character, our skills, our gifts, and even our callings. Let’s take a good look at what He is doing and be sure to join Him there!

Ray Van Gilst
Central Pacific District Superintendent
MISSION

CHURCH PLANTING

The single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches. In other words, while we need to evangelize on a personal level, sharing the gospel within the context of a new church is the most effective way to share our faith. New churches have a kind of life and vitality attractive to the unchurched person.

It’s easier to have babies than to raise the dead. Most struggling churches can and should be brought to life by the power of the Holy Spirit. Still, the most exciting part of the hospital is the maternity ward!

CHURCH PLANTS IN PROGRESS

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry this last year was another year of moving forward in making connections. However slow or little those movements may be, there is definitely a forward progression and we are seeing benefits from it.

We had another wonderful retreat at the Alliance Redwoods with youth leaders and their spouses. We were blessed to receive Word and Direction from Dan Boal our National Youth Leader. The vision that was cast was great and we walked away excited for what Christ is doing in the lives of the Youth in the OMA.

There have been more youth ministries coming together to share in combined summer camps, winter camps, retreats, worship nights and just help in planning events. We have pulled many youth leaders to get ideas on different events, messages, games and service events to share amongst the CPD Youth Leaders. It has been great networking together with resources, time and experience to better serve the youth of the CPD.

Looking forward to an even better 2020 in youth ministry, creating new relationships, strengthening old and sharing the love of Christ through it all.

Jared Hostetler
CPD Youth Leader Point Person

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Our goal is to create a support network for Children’s Ministry workers and to facilitate training opportunities throughout our district. It is a challenging task since we are so spread apart. But I am excited to announce that Foothills Church in Cameron Park will be hosting the Next Conference on Saturday, October 24, 2020. This will be a joint conference for both children and student ministry workers. It will be a wonderful opportunity to hear from national experts and to network with people within our district. Look for more information to be coming out soon.

I am also serving the national office as a special needs ministry consultant and have been working with churches who are looking for ways to serve our special needs population. I am available to consult and train your volunteers. I am looking forward to hearing how God is working within your children’s ministries.

Patty Herrera
CPD Regional Connector for Children’s Ministry
I want to share a short testimony. In 2018, I was teaching TEE classes in Spanish at the District office. One day, I asked one student named Rosa Tapia why she never finishes her homework. Then, she wanted to be honest with me and said, “Pastor Edgar, I love Jesus so much, and I want to serve Him, but I never had the opportunity to go to school during my entire life. I did not know how to read and write.” Then, she asked me, “Do you believe in miracles?”

Well, Manuel and Rosa Tapia are the Hispanic pastors in Williams, CA, with approximately 30 people each Sunday, and Rosa is leading the Bible Study in their home. Nothing is impossible for God.

Edgar Castro
Hispanic Coordinator
### CELEBRATING OUR FINANCIAL GIVING TO MISSIONS
The CPD has given over $2.7 Million to Alliance Missions efforts in 2019. I wonder what new unreached areas and people groups we could engage worldwide if every CP church raised their giving by at least 2% next year? Might you consider talking about this with your leadership team?

### PREPARING FOR THE FIELD (ALME)
We currently have several more couples preparing to go to the field. Alex and Kat Krum, serving at Price Chapel in Utah; Mitchell and Jordan Kellogg, serving with our Arabic ministries in Sacramento; Ben and Destiny Khiev, serving at Faith Chinese Alliance Church in Oakland; Timothy and Jessica Chapman who attend Gateway Fellowship in Sacramento, and Jason and Andi Ho from San Jose Christian Alliance Church, are all doing their ALME service and preparing for what God has for them overseas. Let’s keep these folks in our prayers!

### PARTNERSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES

#### SENEGAL:
Mosaic Church in Las Vegas has just tethered the CPD to Senegal by starting a partnership working with business professionals in the capital city of Dakar. There are lots of needs and opportunities for our churches to engage in this country, so let me know if you are interested.

#### CUBA:
Our Hispanic church community of the CPD has recently formed a partnership with Alliance Cuba. We have committed to helping build a much needed seminary on the eastern side of the island. If you would like to join our Hispanic churches in this endeavor, please contact me or Edgar Castro for more info.

#### CENTRAL MEXICO:
The CPD has sent a new couple to the field! Mike and Alyssa B. were sent to Spain to work with Muslim refugees and they have done well thus far with learning language and have recently landed in the new town where they will begin to plant a new outreach ministry. We are also partnering with O’B O’Brien, who has recently landed in Chiang Mai, Thailand. He is starting a regional hub that will begin research on how to engage the most resistant of the unreached people groups of India. We have also sent our very first young person to Laos! What a privilege to be able to expand our reach as a district to various places around the world! Let’s continue raising up new leaders for the global harvest!!

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### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
The CPD’s Missions base in Mexicali, MX continues to thrive and expand its reach into the surrounding community. Gil Blanco and his team are not only helping our churches make a lasting impact in Mexico, many short-term team members are coming back with changed hearts as a result of stepping out of their comfort zones by serving others in a cross-cultural context. If you would like to learn how you can get involved, please contact me at tim@cpdistrict.org.

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### LAOS:
Our new initiative in the restricted country of Laos is gaining momentum and there is room for more partnerships. Rescuing girls from human trafficking, engaging unreached people groups, leadership development, various businesses and farming are some of the ways we are having a meaningful and impactful presence! If you would like more info about connecting with this field, let’s get together and talk. I would love to connect more churches with this new initiative.

### CAMBODIA:
The opportunities in Cambodia continue to expand. With new, unreached villages coming to Christ and many new people needing to be discipled, our workers on the ground are welcoming teams to come and assist them in various ways. If you would like more info on all the things happening in Cambodia – let’s talk, as there are plenty of fresh opportunities!

### CENTRAL MEXICO:
As most of you are probably aware, we have been partnering with Alliance Mexico to engage an unreached tribe in the mountains of central Mexico. Good News – we have brought our very first Guarajio to faith in Christ – a young woman! It has only been one year since we started this ministry and already God has granted us this victory! If you are interested in hearing more about this so your church can get involved – let’s talk, as there is room for more partnerships!

### TAIWAN and TURKEY:
Also have fresh partnership opportunities.

### VISION TRIPS
These research trips are for pastors and leaders in our churches who have decision-making power, and who are influential within the congregation. The idea is, they will bring a team with me to see the work overseas and then return to report and get the church engaged.

Have you been to an Alliance Field yet? Are you ready to GO? Let me know!!

Tim Agnello
Missions Engagement & Intercultural Care
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

As the Director of Leadership Development for the CPD my primary task is to help workers in their licensing and ordination processes. There are four values that guide me in that task. In all that I do I am trying to:

. . . clearly communicate the requirements of licensing and ordination to those involved
. . . make sure the tasks required are practical in that they will help prepare our workers for a lifetime of ministry
. . . make the process relational so that those licensed or ordained feel that they have been welcomed as peers into the Alliance family
. . . offer quality instruction concerning the great history and theology of our movement

Our CPD licensing and ordination program is a work in progress. Please pray with me as we seek to make the process clear, practical, relational and instructional for each person who joins us.

Another way I help with leadership development in our churches is to conduct Strengths Development Inventory training. The SDI inventory is a great tool to help church staff and lay leaders "develop more productive cultures and more collaborative teams. And our interpersonal assessments improve individual skills and relationships through coaching on expectations and feedback" (quotation from https://totalsdi.com). I have led SDI training with leaders in several churches since becoming certified. The CPD will have me come to your church at no charge if you should desire to make use of this excellent tool.

I offer a course on C&MA history and beliefs. It is important that "C&MA DNA" is understood by our new leaders. Over one hundred workers have taken the one-day seminar I offer.

I consider it a great privilege to serve in this position. I am so thankful for the opportunity.

Mike Mitchum
Director of Leadership Development

LICENSING, ORDINATION & CONSECRATION COMMITTEE

You will see the acronym LOCC show up if you spend much time in the Christian & Missionary Alliance. It stands for Licensing, Ordination & Consecration Committee. This is a team of people who will walk alongside you as you move towards becoming an official pastor or worker within the C&MA.

LOCC Members

- Mike Mitchum | Chairman | District Office
- Timothy Brooks | Interim Pastor | Neighborhood Church of Williams
- Edgar Castro | Casa de Dios
- Bruce Guckelberg | Interim Pastor | Hillcrest Alliance Church
- Patty Herrera | Foothills Church
- Leron Heath | Tozer Seminary
- Darren Lim | Home of Christ Church
- Brian Long | Foothills Church
- Thomas Mount | Neighborhood Church of Chico
- Joshua Ratiani | Shiloh Neighborhood Church
- Rich Taylor | Chico Bible Fellowship
- Raymond Van Gilst | District Superintendent
- KC Wong | Silicon Valley Alliance Church
- Roberta Miller | Administration | District Office

Congratulations!

“I consider it a great privilege to rub shoulders with those who are seeking licensing and ordination. This committed group of people is the future of our movement.”

-Mike Mitchum

7 Ordained in 2019
Joshua Chang 11.14.19
Man Lung Cheung 2.23.19
Jason Ho 1.20.19
Rui Li 9.29.19
Jose Ochoa 11.14.19
Jason So 1.15.19
John Stone 7.11.19

21 Licensed in 2019
Manar Awabdeh 3.28.19
Chris Balint 2.27.19
Teresa Barrera 9.21.19
Bertha Castro 9.21.19
Guo Jie Chen 10.16.19
Marcus Givens 2.19.19
Buddy James 10.3.19
Matthew Lautz 6.20.19
Tony Leair 1.11.19
Bang Xiang Luo 10.16.19
Lewis Luo 1.24.19
Debbie Ong 2.27.19

Greg Prow 11.14.19
Lilia Ramirez 9.21.19
Cathy Sanchez 9.21.19
Sarah Sexton 6.21.19
Manuel Tapia 9.21.19
Jonathon Van Gilst 9.26.19
Steven Vue 2.27.19
Jermaine Worley 6.18.19
Mong Yang 9.4.19

9 Total Provisional Workers
Pastoral Transitions are probably the most important time in the life of a church when it comes to becoming or being a thriving church. Our churches will all face transition at one time or another. It is a part of the life of your church. And while we hope it does not happen too often, nevertheless, it will happen.

We have developed an excellent tool for your church when the time comes so that you don't feel like you don't know what to do next. Our step by step Transition Guide will help you through this challenging process with excellence and confidence.

New Lead Pastors

The following Lead Pastors were called by Central Pacific District churches and newly appointed by the District Superintendent in 2019:

- Jeff & Jodi Harris
  Cedars Church, Newark, CA
- Philip & Frieda Chu
  West Valley Church, Campbell, CA
- Ron & Kellie Kennedy
  Stockton Alliance Church, Stockton, CA
- Ed & Maria Crable
  Hillside Alliance, Hayward, CA
- Sam & Poyi Lai
  San Francisco Chinese Alliance, San Francisco, CA

Interim roles are extremely important as churches take time to do the transition process properly. The right transition pastor is nearly as important part of our transition process as is finding the right lead pastor.

Interim Pastors

The following Interim/Transition Pastors were appointed to CPD congregations by the District Superintendent in 2019:

- Tim & Kathy Brooks
  Williams Neighborhood Church, Williams, CA
- Bruce & Carlon Guckelberg
  Hillcrest Alliance Church, Roseville, CA
- Michael & Meichu Liang
  Guam Chinese Christian Church, Guam
- Louie and Kim Mar
  Peninsula Community Alliance Church, San Mateo, CA

Emerging Leaders

“Legacy is not what we give the next generation when we die, but what we give them while we live.”

Events This Past Year – 2019 Events

- Encounter Conference: February 25th - 27th | Chico, CA
- Envision Summit: April 29th - May 3rd | Montreal, QC
- Friends & Cities: May 1st - 3rd | NYC, NY
- Emerge Retreat: Oct 3rd - 5th | Lassen, CA
- Poets & Prophets YA Conference: Oct 11th - 12th | Guadalajara, MX
- LEAD Summit: Oct 18th - 19th | San Jose, CA
- Preachers School: November 4th - 7th | Redding, CA

Events This Coming Year – 2020 Events

- Envision Summit: May 11th - 14th | Queens, NY
- Poets & Prophets YA Conference: Sept, 2020 | Guadalajara, MX
- Emerge Retreat: Oct, 2020 | Lassen, CA
- LEAD Summit: Oct, 2020 | San Jose, CA
- Preachers School: Nov, 2020 | Redding, CA

New Webpage Launched

www.cpdistrict.org/emerging-leaders

If you're feeling called to invest in emerging leaders, contact Nate at nathan@thestirring.org or Jim at jim@thestirring.org.
PARTNERSHIPS

ALLIANCE REDWOODS DISTRICT CAMP REPORT

Many CPD churches responded to our request for fire relief funds and I want to express my deepest gratitude. As a result, you enabled us to serve thousands of first responders and hundreds of displaced fire victims with caring Christian Hospitality the past three years!

As we start afresh in 2020, what are your big dreams? I’ll confess that ten years ago, my dreams for Alliance Redwoods were way too small…

• In 2010, we established our 2020 vision which was to serve 200,000 guests by 2020. God gave us favor and we’ve now served well over 400,000 guests over the past 10 years.
• We wanted to celebrate 10,000 decisions for Christ at our districts camp grounds. We now believe we have seen over 20,000 (5% conversion rate).
• We wanted to serve more low-income middle school students through Outdoor Education. We’ve now served more than 100,000 students and have become one of the top locations for Outdoor Education in the state of California!

God is so good. He has given us a 100% increase over our big dreams over the past ten years. And He is also able to exceed your expectations, even your wildest dreams.

What would “We Are Better Together” look like IF our CPD Churches, Camp and College collaborated more effectively in the decade ahead? Please, pause for a minute and listen: What is God saying to you?

Did you know that annually?

• Sonoma Canopy Tours zips over 20,000 visitors https://www.sonomacanopytours.com/
• Outdoor Education impacts over 15,000 public school students https://redwood.camp/
• Conference Grounds ministry serves over 20,000 guests https://allianceredwoods.com/

That is over 55,000 annual visitors at your District’s camp grounds making it one of the most impactful Christian camps on the planet. My heart’s desire for the past 21 years has been to serve the churches of the CPD as well as serve as an extension of your ministry by making Christ known through His creation to over 35,000 pre-believers annually!

If God is prompting you to find out more about what is happening at your District’s camp, please come talk to me, my wife Christine or Jon Maves our Campus Pastor during Encounter or reach out to us at: Jim Blake at jimb@arcg.camp or Jon Maves at jonm@arcg.camp.

Jim Blake
Executive Director

SIMPSON UNIVERSITY REPORT

As Simpson University nears its centennial year in 2021, we are grateful for the steadfast vision and prayer-filled legacy of those who have gone before us, and we look with humble excitement to what lies ahead. We saw God’s grace abound in 2019, with clear indications of His hand at work in students’ lives. More than 30 students have made decisions for Christ thus far this school year! God is present and has blessed us beyond words. We continue to seek His face and follow His direction as we move into 2020.

MISSION STATEMENT

Simpson University is a Christ-centered learning community committed to developing each student in mind, faith and character for a life-time of meaningful work and service in a constantly changing world.

VISION STATEMENT

Simpson University’s passion is to be the university of choice for students who aspire to achieve their chosen life goals through a Christ-led, transformational and innovative education.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019:
• International students & diversity growth – 44 percent non-Anglo student population
• WASC accreditation for the next six years
• Sent 30 students on global WorldSERVE trips
• Colleges of Distinction recognition in four categories
• Betty M. Dean School of Nursing identified as one of the best nursing schools in the country and No. 8 in California
• Exceeded our enrollment goal in 2018-19 and 2019-20
• Added a new kinesiology degree and commercial music program
• Added five new athletic teams and a bass fishing program
• Provided 100,000 community service hours
• Received two $500,000 grants to support new academic initiatives
• New gym floor and scoreboards
• Offered new scholarships (including a Legacy Alliance Scholarship for C&MA students)

WHERE WE ARE GOING IN 2020:
• New programs in Digital Media, Computer Information Systems, Engineering, and Social Work
• Focused on Community Partnerships
• Planning our Centennial Campaign for 2021

For almost 100 years, Simpson University has been a “Gateway to World Service.” It is our privilege to partner with the C&MA in reaching the world for Christ as we recruit, welcome, teach, challenge, guide, and walk with students through their college years.

Pursue Shalom,

Dr. Norman D. Hall
President, Simpson University

P.S. We invite you to watch and share this Simpson Rising video: https://vimeo.com/341424062
Dear Central Pacific District,

We have the distinct privilege of assisting Central Pacific District leadership team and staff with the flow of communications that come out of the District office to our pastors, workers, members and volunteers. That involves working with the CPD team on the following initiatives:

1. Maintaining and updating the website (www.cpdistrict.org), posting blogs, and sending email communication.
2. Ensuring that the communication flow within the District remains aligned with the goals and visions set forth by the District Leadership.
3. Assisting the Encounter planning team with registration and communications for Encounter.
4. Assisting in planning a Missions Engagement Survey for the CPD.

We can’t tell you how impressed we are with the continued commitment of the leadership to the communication efforts. In 2019, your CPD team, while working to serve you faithfully in each of their roles, also managed to achieve the following milestones in their communication efforts:

- **Website Visits**: 18,000+
- **Email Updates**: 180+
- **Blog Posts**: 53
- **Blog Views**: 12,600+
- **Subscribers added**: 260

The statistics above, while only numbers, reflect the consistency of the communication that the CPD has put in place with the District. This reflects well the goals set of becoming a leadership that is good at communicating and has a confidence from the members of the CPD that indeed, communication is a priority.

We count it a privilege and honor to work with the Central Pacific District Leadership Team and Staff in the ongoing efforts to help every church sense and feel their connection to the District as a whole, and to recognize the support and resources that are available to you as a member of the Central Pacific District.

Thank you for letting us serve alongside you.

Michael & Kathryn Redman and Team

Half a Bubble Out Communications
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Pastor Jared Hostetler is married to his best friend Jennifer since 2002 and they are blessed with one amazing son, Andrew. Jared has been at Almaden Neighborhood Church since the fall of 2007 and started working with the youth shortly after.

**Frank Harding**  
District Treasurer  
frank@cpdistrict.org  
Frank is a native Californian, born and raised in Los Angeles. He served in the Air Force in Vietnam in 1964-65. He worked in banking, real estate finance and real estate investing for private and public pension funds for a number of years. He and Brenda are currently members of The Pointe Church of Antelope.

**Patty Herrera**  
Regional Connector for Children’s Ministry  
patty@cpdistrict.org. Patty was the Children’s Director at Foothills Church for the past 14 years. She is formerly a teacher of the deaf and taught at the California School for the Deaf, Riverside before becoming a Program Specialist for San Bernardino County Schools and an instructor at California State University, San Bernardino.

**Karla Tovar**  
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent  
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Karla joined the CPD family in October of 2018 and graduated from the University of California, Davis in 2017 with a B.A. in International Relations & Spanish. Every day she has the great privilege of observing people from all over the world grow in their faith for our Lord Jesus.

**Brenda Aman**  
Bookkeeper  
brenda@cpdistrict.org  
Brenda serves as Business Administrator for Neighborhood Church of Redding as well as here at the district office. She has the unenviable job of making sure we color inside the lines financially. She is in the office one day a week and has rebuilt our entire financial system.

**Robert Miller**  
Administrative Assistant to Leadership Development  
roberta@cpdistrict.org  
Robert is a part time district staff member. Her main job is to maintain the official records for those in the licensing, ordination and consecration process. She also keeps the district’s databases up to date. Roberta still splits her time working at both the district and the church.