



Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. International Headquarters

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Praise the Lord in the Matchless Name of Jesus!

It is my great pleasure and privilege to greet you today and invite you to join me with thousands of others as we gather in the great city of Atlanta, Georgia for our Annual Pentecostal Assemblies of the World Convention, Saturday, August 8th through Saturday, August 15th.

As you know, our coming together is a time of great inspiration and information, as we receive the blessing of God through the anointed ministries of men and women of great faith. As we are favored of the Lord to work for Him in such challenging times, it is critical that we ourselves are replenished and refreshed in order to face the future encouraged, prepared and empowered.

This Convention will be of special historic importance as we are blessed to present for ratification the critical reports and recommendations regarding the *Apostolic Manifesto*.

In our last Convention in Dallas, Texas in 2008, working committees were formed and empowered to look at our organization in the areas of *Vision and Structure, Leadership, Diocese Structure, Finance, International Missions and Critical Issues*. Hundreds of you have been working with us in face-to-face meetings, conference calls, email correspondence and suggestions via the P.A.W., Inc. website in regards to this crucial work. Thousands have been diligent in prayer, asking the Lord to bless and guide us in this work.

I am happy to report that the Lord has answered your prayers!

In a meeting of the full Executive Board in May of this year, major recommendations were presented in the areas of Vision and Structure, Leadership, Diocese Structure, and Finance. *Over 85% of these foundational recommendations were adopted by the Board!* A few were adopted in principle and are undergoing further study. These along with the recommendations regarding *International Missions and Critical Issues* will be presented to the Board in our initial meeting in Atlanta.

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I praise God that He has given us favor as an organization. This work and its adoption by the Executive Board, is a fresh indication that we are prepared to move forward in the work of His Kingdom with renewed focus and spiritual integrity. ***YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICPATION IS CRITICAL TO THIS PROCESS!***

I urge you to be present at the Atlanta conference. Critical recommendations will be presented at the initial business session on the first Saturday, August 8th. Please encourage all those who are in your circle of influence and love the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. to join us in prayer and, if possible, in person. It will be an historic and inspiring gathering of God's covenant people, that you will not want to miss.

May God's choicest blessings be upon you and our organization as we move forward, ***"EMPOWERING GOD'S PEOPLE AND BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM!"***

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