

A Global Communion of Apostles

And the respective companies, networks, teams and expressions of the church whom they serve.

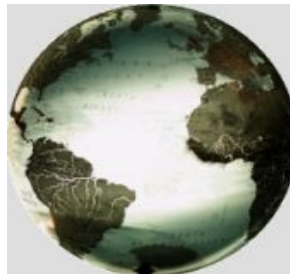
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APOSTOLIC/PROPHETIC ROUNDTABLE PLANNED

Mark your calendar, and plan your budget. This “invitation only” roundtable and forum on APOSTOLIC ARCHITECTURE will be in Charlotte, North Carolina, September 14-19, 2009.



THREE VENUES

Dozens of equipping ministries will be invited to listen, and then participate by submitting questions during a follow-up forum which will take place on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

A fellowship of relating leaders will continue from Thursday evening until Saturday noon, which may include special focus groups, seminars, etc. All roundtable and forum participants are invited to remain for this third venue.

ROUNDTABLE

Don Atkin
Greg Austin
Sam Drye
Steve Crosby
Marc Dupont
Tony Fitzgerald
David Fredrickson
Paul Galligan
Ron McGatlin
David Orton

Rob Ricciardelli
Milt Rodriguez
Wolfgang Simson
Frank Viola
Bryon Wiebold
Jon Zens

Several wives will also be included .

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“Apostolic Architecture”

September 14-17, 2009 – Charlotte, North Carolina USA

1. *Pursuing together a fresh and clear understanding of apostolic ministry that is neither reactionary nor apologetic, neither hierarchal nor without substance.*
2. *Moving toward a common understanding of the content of the apostles’ teaching that was steadfastly followed by the early church.*
3. *Increasing our grasp on apostles and prophets functioning together as the foundation of which Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone.*
4. *Developing organic, non-franchising configurations of one city ~ one church.*

Local Landmark

**BILLY
GRAHAM
LIBRARY**

Tour

Wednesday afternoon following roundtable and forum..

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many.



A GLOBAL COMMUNION OF APOSTLES



Don Atkin

I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me ~~~

that they may be one as We are ~~~

As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world ~~~

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one ~~~

that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. – John 17:9, 11, 18, 22, 23.

Restoring the communion of apostles is essential to reforming the church. Many recognize and receive varying levels of apostolic ministry. Full restoration waits for the church to receive those who have been sent, without reservation or limitation.

Apostles must walk together in unity before this kind of trust and fidelity can be expected from the body of Christ. The church will be able to trust apostles who love and submit to one another. The fellowship of the church is to flow from the fellowship of apostles:

That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and

truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. I John 1:3.

The glorious visible unity of the first apostles confirmed to the world that our Father had sent His Son, and that He loved them as He loved Him. Their testimony regarding the new creation, and heaven's kingdom on earth, drew multitudes to a pure form of church. Their example offers us a pattern to emulate as we address unresolved perversions left over from the Dark Ages.

THE APOSTLES AND REFORMATION

Martin Luther is credited with initiating the reformation of the church with the revelation of justification by faith. Not much has happened since then that can be honestly identified as reformation. In fact, there are so many forms of the church today that much of the world has written us off. God is not the author of confusion.

The restoration of the apostles must come before the reformation of the church can be completed. Apostles are master builders, architects, with the revelation of God's blueprint.

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore.”

Jesus initially gave the au-

thority of His name to the apostles, and sent them with the blueprint, the pattern. The twelve apostles stood together as one man on the day of Pentecost. They modeled the corporate intention of God for the ascension apostles who would serve the New Covenant order.

Prophets and teachers are equal with apostles in value and importance. But, they are not master builders. Prophets will continue to blow varying and sometimes conflicting and confusing trumpets, and teachers will continue down many rabbit trails, until God's order is established by the Holy Spirit. Prophets and teachers will find full release of authority, and accuracy of anointing, when they are rightly aligned with apostles who are rightly aligned with one another.

Everyone should mature into the ability to read his/her part of the blueprint. Apostles provide the cohesive overview and oversight of the building process. Prophets will come alongside apostles as foundational ministries, and teachers will build upon that foundation.

Apostles who attempt to fit into the current religious system are compromising their grace as master builders. Jesus said: *No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment.*

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THE APOSTLES AND DOCTRINE

The early church was faithful to apostolic teaching and authority.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine. – Acts 2:42.

Today, there are many separating, segregating and denominating doctrines. A host of doctrines of flesh and demons have divided the body of Christ.

Cultural matters affect doctrine and practice. The council at Jerusalem was arranged because of cultural differences between Jews and Gentiles, and the varying beliefs and practices that resulted.

The communion of apostles led the way in keeping *the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*. It will be today's apostles, in fellowship with one another, who will guide the varying persuasions of the church into that unity and peace as we grow into the culture of the kingdom.

The twelve apostles of the Lamb represented a global communion in the then-known world. Our world is much larger today, and cultures are even more varied. Advanced technology in communication gives us opportunity to respond in faith to the call for global communion.

THE APOSTLES AND OTHER MINISTRY GIFTS

Communion ~ fellowship ~ among apostles includes everyone and everything that is meant to flourish within their respective spheres. Prophets are included. Teachers are included. Pastors and evangelists are included. The saints are included in this global communion.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. – Ephesians 4:4-7.

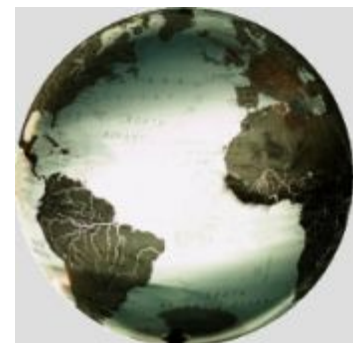
It is the *grace of apostleship* that will reform the church according to the design of God. This grace is to be exponentially released through our *communion*, our *fellowship*, with one another.

Christianity started out in Palestine as a fellowship. Then it moved to Greece and became a philosophy, then it went to Rome and became an institution, and then it went to Europe and became a government. Finally it came to America where we made it an enterprise."

- Richard Halverson, Chaplain,
United States Senate

We pray for the reformation of the church and our restoration as a fellowship that is to cover the earth with God's glory.

Finally, we acknowledge that, *unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.* We can only be prayerful, watchful and responsive, as we see and join Him in what He is doing. That's what sons do!





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Our Purpose:

To encourage and facilitate fellowship (communion) among apostles and the companies and the fellowships they serve, believing that we can do together what we are unable to do alone.

Our Vision

To help others to see that the work of the kingdom is a corporate work of interdependence that extends beyond our individual ministries. The whole is greater than any part thereof.

Our Goal

To link leaders so that the many members of the body may be functionally joined together. The body is one, joined bone to bone from the Head downward.

Our Strategy

To convene apostolic leaders and fivefold ministers, facilitating relationships that will build together toward God's government and peace increasing in our spheres and in our generation.

Functional Guidelines

Identity: We have no official man-made organization. We are a growing organism looking to connect in the Spirit with other apostles and their spheres within the global community.

Nature: Stronger and deeper than human structure and organization can provide, this global communion is joined, knit, connected and linked by the work of the Holy Spirit and the love of the Father, to walk out the kingdom together as God designs and directs.

Relationship: At the core of our being, we believe that God's primary building strategy is by relationship ~ first vertically with Him, and then horizontally among us. We affirm Jesus Christ as the only Head of the church that He is building, and we are His bondservants.

Vision: To labor together in practical ways ~ networking through relationships to expand the kingdom of God among the nations, to serve God's purpose in bringing many sons to glory, thus filling the earth with His government and glory.

Purpose: One of the primary purposes of this communion is to facilitate joint ventures in strategically impacting global missions through established relationships which are fostered in meetings such as round-table dialogues, conferences and expanding contacts through the website.

Councils: There is no standing council. Members of called councils voluntarily serve, and pay all of their own expenses pertaining to their participation.

Moderating: Don Atkin (based in Charlotte, North Carolina – USA) moderates.

Connecting: Any apostle in the global community may be identified with this communion through an established relationship with a relating apostle who can testify to his authenticity, character and integrity.

Clarification: This approach is our way of protecting relational integrity for the purpose of co-laboring without developing an organizational structure. We are keenly aware that we represent only a very small portion of the total global communion of the saints. Our desire is to cross-pollinate with other expressions of apostolic communion as the Holy Spirit creates opportunities.