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Dear minister on mission with God:

As we know, our Heavenly Father is fulfilling his mission, through the ministry of his Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. It brings us joy to know that as a part of Christ's body, GCI has a part in our Lord's ongoing ministry. We view that ministry as a ***movement of multiplication*** and it is our passion in GCI-USA to participate actively. We will be detailing just what that looks like at our **2011 regional conferences** (see page two for details, including dates). I look forward to sharing that time with you.



Our commitment in CAD is to equip and support our churches for ministry with Jesus. Our focus in recent years has been equipping for *multiplying disciples, leaders & ministries*. We remain committed to continuing that in 2011 and beyond as well as focusing on helping congregations participate with Jesus in *multiplying new churches*.

At a recent gathering of pastors and other GCI leaders, (see picture at left), we discussed multiplication opportunities. A key priority we identified is that our churches work together through their district networks to assist in planting some new churches.

Several districts are moving in that direction. Here is what DPL Glen Weber reports:

Four district pastoral leaders in Southern California (Eric Shaw, Bermie Dizon, Heber Ticas and I) are stepping into the exciting challenge of planting churches together. Our plan is to form a network that will multiply GCI congregations in the Los Angeles basin and beyond. In partnership with CMM, we are developing church multiplication strategies and resources. It appears that the Lord already is raising up church planters for us.

I ask our pastors to bring their congregational leaders and workers with them to a 2011 regional conference so that in the interactive workshops we can brainstorm ways to participate together in multiplying disciples, leaders, ministries & churches. I also ask that our districts schedule some time in 2011 a ministry development seminar that addresses the topic of multiplication.

In Christ's service,
Dan Rogers

P.S. To learn more about our vision for multiplication, watch the following videos at ***IT LOOKS LIKE THIS:***

- A series of Bible studies that I led covering part of the book of Acts:
<http://gci-usa.blogspot.com/p/church-multiplication-study-in-book-of.html>
- Some thoughts from me and two DPLs concerning church multiplication:
<http://gci-usa.blogspot.com/p/multiplying-leaders-ministries-and.html>

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U.S. 2011 Regional Conferences



On Mission with God

multiplying disciples, leaders & churches

GCI members and their families and friends are invited to ***On Mission with God***—the 2011 GCI-USA Regional Conferences. These conferences will explore innovative, yet achievable ways for congregations and ministries of all shapes and sizes to participate in what Jesus is doing to multiply his disciples, leaders & churches.

The regional conferences will be held in the following eight locations, on the dates indicated (all in 2011):

- Ontario, California February 25-27
- Vancouver, Washington March 25-27
- Chicago, Illinois April 8-10
- Newark, New Jersey May 20-22
- Lexington, Kentucky June 24-26
- Dallas, Texas July 22-24
- Orlando, Florida August 5-7
- Denver, Colorado September 23-25

Plenary sessions at the conferences will feature inspiring worship followed by encouraging messages from Drs. Joseph Tkach (GCI president), Mike Fezell (GCI vice president) and Dan Rogers (GCI superintendent of US ministers).

Most of the time in the conferences will be devoted to “hands-on,” interactive workshops that address practical ways for congregations to be on mission with God. Topics will be of interest to pastors, ministry leaders and ministry workers of all kinds.

Several of the workshops in each conference location will be facilitated by a special guest and friend of GCI, Steve Elliott. Steve is president of *Church Assistance Ministry*—an organization that offers consulting and training related to church development and church planting. Steve has served for many years as an Evangelical Free Church of America pastor, church planter, district superintendent, church planting director and missionary. He has trained church planters throughout the US, and in Ukraine, Russia, Philippines, Japan and other countries.

Additional regional conference information and registration instructions will be posted early next year on the events page of the GCI website at <http://www.gci.org/events>.