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Dear co-minister with the Spirit:

My wife Donna and I were richly blessed by **Renewed in Christ**—the GCI International Conference held last month in Orlando, FL. We attended with over 1100 other people from 30 countries. In this issue, we remember with pictures (for more pictures and some short videos go to <u>http://gci-usa.blogspot.com/p/orlando-conference.html</u>).

In opening remarks at the conference, Dr. Dan Rogers highlighted our calling to cominister with the Spirit, helping people journey *from union to communion* with God. This journey leads people from initial acceptance of their inclusion in God's life and love into deepening fellowship with God—including participation in the Father's mission of *making disciples with Jesus*. This journey is summarized in our US mission motto:

Dr. Dan Rogers



Dr. Ed Stetzer

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From union to communion, making disciples with Jesus.

Along with other conference speakers (including Ed Stetzer, at left), Dan reminded us that this mission is not our own. It is what God is doing. But what privilege and joy there is in being called, equipped and sent by the Spirit to participate!

A conference highlight was hearing about GCI congregations actively on mission with God. We heard of existing churches transformed, new ones planted, and members young and old on mission at home and far away.

As part of my work in CAD, I am privileged to gather and publish some of the mission stories coming from our US church family. It is our desire to support our congregations by celebrating what we see God doing in their midst.

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Toward that end, we have launched **IT LOOKS LIKE THIS**... a website with videos and pictures of our US churches and ministries on mission with God. Take a look at http://gci-usa.blogspot.com/. And may I ask a personal favor? Please help us celebrate your congregation's journey by emailing your story to me at Ted.Johnston@gci.org.

Celebrating the journey, Ted Johnston CAD communications

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IT LOOKS LIKE THIS... GCI International Conference 2010

Here are a few pictures from the Orlando conference. For more pictures and some conference video clips, go to <u>http://gci-usa.blogspot.com/p/orlando-conference.html</u>. Enjoy!



GCI International Directors and Mission Developers meet



Dr. Dan Rogers addresses plenary session



Guest speakers Cathy & Dr. Gary Deddo



Anthony Mullins addresses young adults



Higher Ground leads worship

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