

News Bulletin from the General Superintendent

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General Conference Report

General Conference 2024 in Long Beach, California, was one of the best in recent memory. It concluded with a powerful move of God during the Friday evening service. That night, an estimated 500 people received the Holy Ghost for the first time and 50 were baptized in Jesus' name. Approximately 11,500 people attended the Friday evening service, the largest crowd for a General Conference service since 2010 (which was a Sunday night rally in Houston, Texas).



Approximately 20,000 people registered to attend this year's conference, and total attendance for the week was estimated at 15,000. More than 5,000 viewers watched the General Conference livestream on Facebook, YouTube, and <a href="Discipleship Now. For the week, viewers watched nearly 4.1 million minutes of live General Conference content across all platforms.

You can watch General Conference services on the <u>UPCI YouTube channel</u>. Additionally, prerecorded videos of select seminars also will be available on YouTube in the coming weeks.

Business Meeting

Ministers approved three resolutions during the General Conference business session. The first was an amendment to the Men's Ministries policy allowing districts to retain 50 percent of the annual Men's Ministries offering instead of 40 percent. The second resolution increases ministerial dues for the first time in seventeen years, which will help offset the effects of economic inflation during that period. The third resolution updates our policy for military chaplains. You can access the full text of these resolutions at UPCIMinisters.com.

Elections

We congratulate all our officials who were elected or reelected during the General Conference business session. I want to offer special thanks to Men's Ministries Director Mike Williams and Secretary Jerry Dean for 21 years of faithful service in establishing and growing that ministry. Prior to the conference, both leaders announced their intention to step down from their respective roles at the end of the year. The conference approved the appointments of Paul Pamer as Men's Ministries director and Jay Carney as secretary.

A recap of the business session is available at <u>UPCI.org</u>, and a complete list of elections and appointments is available at <u>UPCIMinisters.com</u>.

Ministers Code of Ethics

The General Board has adopted a Code of Ethics, which compiles various statements throughout the UPCI Manual into one convenient, comprehensive document. This Code of Ethics will be included in the 2025 UPCI Manual. You can access a copy now at <u>UPCIMinisters.com</u> under the tab "Resources for Ministers" in the box labeled "Downloadable Resources."

Hurricane Relief Efforts

Please continue praying for those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. At present, we are not aware of any UPCI churches that sustained significant damage from these storms, but some of our ministers and church members were personally impacted. We are grateful for Reach Out America's efforts to assist victims of these disasters. You can partner with them by donating at ReachOutAmerica.org.

Sincerely in Christ,

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