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A Word from Dr. David Little--FOM Executive Committee Chairman

The Fellowship of Missions is a separatist organization of mission agencies, formed to provide fellowship, information, and to be a separatist voice for those who advance the cause of Christ throughout the world.

As a young pastor many years ago, I remember receiving an article from FOM comparing different mission associations and their member agencies. This chart was helpful to me as a young pastor trying to honor Christ and lead the church to support missionaries connected with God-honoring, separated agencies. It truly was a “voice” for fundamental missions.



Talking about the FOM meetings, don't forget two dates. The **FOM Annual Conference** will be held at Baptist Church Planters in Grafton, Ohio, September 15-17th. As you view the theme and speakers in this issue, I hope you will plan to attend this time of information and fellowship. The **CEO Retreat** will be held September 13-15.

For a few years, FOM agency leaders have enjoyed a CEO's Retreat. We have found that CEO's relish this special time of fellowship and challenge. This retreat is designed to bring leaders together for a “time apart from the pressures of leadership.” The program includes sharing personal testimonies, such as salvation, the call to ministry, influences in ministry, and plenty of time for prayer. We try to stay away from the business of agencies and major on personal and spiritual growth. This year, our spiritual teacher will be Dr. Doug McLachlan. God has graciously provided a donor who makes it possible for CEO's to attend at no cost. Please take advantage of this great opportunity. (Scroll down for details)

Presently, FOM is seeking a man to serve as President. The executive committee is actively searching for the right man to lead this organization. Please pray that the Lord will reveal the man of His choosing to lead us forward. The executive committee hopes to present a nomination to the body at the annual meeting in September.

In this day of theological confusion, there is a great need for biblical truth throughout the mission fields of the world. FOM stands as a clear voice for separatist fundamentalism. Many in Christendom struggle with taking a doctrinal stand that draws a line of separation between believers. But the truth is that every believer does believe and practices separation. The difference is where each believer draws the line. The Fellowship of Missions brings together agencies that have chosen to “draw the line” through doctrinal agreement.

Our prayer is that the agencies connected with FOM will have a world wide impact. If you are not part of this fellowship of agencies, contact us and enjoy being part of this association.

2008 FOM CEO Retreat—September 13-15 (Holiday Inn, Westlake, OH)

Our main speaker will be Dr. Doug McLachlan. Our hearts will be challenged and blessed from the Word of God and the experiences of our dear brother.

A donor has graciously provided the housing and main meals for our conference. Your room, Sunday noon meal and Sunday night meal will be cared for by FOM. You will be responsible for your Saturday evening meal, breakfast (see priority coupon-if you sign up, you get one free breakfast for each morning), and noon meal on Monday. The Holiday Inn is located near Crocker Park--a specialized shopping area with lovely restaurants and shops. Ladies, you will love the area. If you would like to see the possibilities, go to "www.crockerpark.com."

Each CEO should make reservations with Holiday Inn, as part of the Fellowship of Missions Retreat. Confirm with your own credit card. The number to call to make reservations is: 800-762-7416 or 440-871-6000.

Also, if you desire to use this hotel for the FOM Annual Conference (15-17th), you need to make reservations and you will be responsible to pay for the extra nights. The motel is located in Westlake, Ohio about 20 minutes from Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport and 25 minutes from Baptist Church Planters. Other motels are closer and will be listed on the regular conference form sent with the February FOMenter.

-- David Little, Chairman FOM Executive Committee

2008 FOM Annual Conference—September 15-17 (BCP Home office, Grafton, Ohio)

“...Information technology (IT) has created an entirely new playing field for missions...IT empowers people to get information for themselves...This is very fertile ground for the gospel.”¹ Mission Agencies need to recognize and avail themselves of ever increasing opportunities to extend their ministries. Leadership must provide proactive direction to its personnel. Frequently, missionaries in remote areas are better equipped and informed than their home offices. It is time to change! Leaders take note!

Our 2008 Annual Conference will address the theme “Tools For the Trade”.

- **The Tools of Leadership** (Plenary speaker Dr. Brad Quick, Elyria, Oh)
- **The Tools of the Internet** (Ron Winsek and Rob Heijermans)
- **The Tools of Publishing: Articles / Books** (Dr. William Smallman)

¹ Gary Corwin, “Missiology—God Medicine and a Fourth Leg,” EMQ (July 2007): 282 (Notes from FOM 2007 Annual Conference workshop)

- **Women's workshops**
 - **Women Mentoring Women** (Joan Seger, Biblical Ministries Worldwide)
 - **Single Women serving in a Man's Mission** (Dr. Joy Anglea, BMM)

All conference sessions will be held at Baptist Church Planters new facility in Grafton, Ohio. This is located south of Elyria, Ohio. Further details regarding conference program, accommodations, meals, etc. will be available in the next FOMenter. However, it is not too soon to reserve these dates in your calendar.

ABSENT FROM THE BODY, PRESENT WITH THE LORD

On January 6, 2008, at approximately 4:30 a.m. ABWE President Emeritus Dr. Wendell W. Kempton slipped the bonds of his cancer-ridden body and entered the presence of His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Dr. Kempton was surrounded by his wife and children at his home in Lititz, PA, as he passed from earth to heaven.

As we have heard him say so many times at the home going of saints to whom he ministered, "GLORY!"

Please be in prayer for Dr. Kempton's wife, Ruth, and immediate and extended family during this time. The family is at peace that Wendell is no longer suffering from the cancer that took his life but is now experiencing the eternal life & joy he proclaimed to so many people around the world.

IRS Releases Final 2008 Form 990 for Tax-Exempt Organizations, Adjusts Filing Threshold to Provide Transition Relief

The IRS has announced the release of a redesigned Form 990, Return of Organizations Exempt from Income Tax--the form that most public charities and other tax-exempt organizations are required to file annually. The 2008 Form 990 and background materials about the Form 990 redesign are available at:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=176722,00.html>

The new form will be used for the 2008 tax year starting in 2009. For further information contact:

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New hosted web publishing system available to missionaries

(The following information is being provided as a source for web publishing assistance. Please note this does not indicate an endorsement by the Fellowship of Missions.)

Mark Whitcher, a web developer based in Pensacola, Florida, has developed a web publishing system called Net-at-hand (available at net-at-hand.com) that he wants to make available to missionaries. The system is simple enough for anyone to use, and Mark also offers full support to anyone who needs help. Net-at-hand provides everything needed to create a great-looking website (web address, professional designs, tools for blogs, albums, calendars, and more). It takes just a minute to create a free account and have a functioning website ready to fill with content.

Mark's burden is for God to use this system to further the ministries of missionaries around the world. In order to accomplish this, he is doing two things to help missionaries create websites.

First, Mark has created a special pricing plan for missionaries. This plan doubles the size of the site missionaries can create for free, and also provides a 25% discount for any paid-level plan. Just tell your missionaries to enter the promotion code "fom0108" (without the quotation marks) when they

create a free account at net-at-hand.com. Many of your missionaries may need only what is provided with the free plan.

Second, Mark is writing a series of informative articles to help missionaries create effective websites. You can view articles at missionaryblogging.net-at-hand.com. This information is coming from insights gained while serving the Lord as the lead designer for A Beka Book publications for over thirteen years.

Contact Mark by email at mark@anideaweb.com if you have any questions; he will be happy to assist you any way he can.

List of Denominational websites, New Religious Movements, Articles and Research....

You should bookmark this site for information on US and Canadian Denominational websites. The Hartford Institute for Religion Research--<http://hrr.hartsem.edu/denom/homepages.html>
