

## **PCCNA Committed to Emerging Leaders**

Over 60 leaders – both emerging and seasoned – gathered in the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, September 9-10, for the first Emerging Leader's Interactive. Members of the Board of Administration (BOA) of the Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches of North America (PCCNA), most of whom serve in executive positions in their denominations, invited a few of their brightest young leaders to participate in the event.

The meeting proved to be an energetic and inspiring two days of listening, dialogue, reflection, and introspection. The BOA designed the schedule to not only share information but also to receive input from emerging leaders in the Pentecostal movement.

The schedule featured four presenters: two related their journeys to wholeness and the other two focused on their journeys to effectiveness. Bishop George McKinney, co-chairman of the PCCNA and founding pastor of St. Stephens Church of God in Christ, San Diego, California, laid a solid foundation for the meeting as he shared his personal journey. McKinney, the great grandson of a slave and one of 12 children, has become an advisor to Presidents. His presentation was rife with practical wisdom and leadership principles.

Kevin Myers, founding pastor of Crossroads Community Church in Atlanta, Georgia, energized participants with his passion for God. Myers told how he experienced failure and then found his absolute identity in Christ. In humility, Myers called the young leaders to a renewed dependency on God. "Most of the leadership journey is renewing what you already know and taking it to a new level. It's not what we don't know that matters," he said. "It's what we don't do."

Wednesday's presenters were no less interesting and challenging. Joyce Heron, director of Jacob's Well, a Vancouver-based ministry of friendship to people with substance abuse and mental health issues, held the audience spellbound. Heron offered biblical principles for ministry that work in any setting. As the daughter of an adulterous relationship, she urged emerging leaders to follow a life of holiness and justice.

Finally, a son of the church, who questioned the traditional practices, issued a call for personal integrity. Bruxy Cavey, teaching pastor of The Meeting House family of churches in Southern Ontario, Canada, challenged participants to think in new paradigms with his unusual, yet effective, leadership style.

The format allowed each presenter 20 minutes to share his/her journey. Then participants assembled around tables to discuss what they had heard and formulate questions for the Q&A session that followed. Only emerging leaders were allowed to

interact with the presenters. Members of the BOA were given an opportunity to share briefly with the young leaders in the closing session.

The meeting concluded with a call to return to the sovereign mandate of Azusa Street. "A recent study of the youth in the church reveals a shocking fact: many of our young people are not being filled with the Holy Spirit," said PCCNA Co-chairman Bishop James D. Leggett. "It is up to us to pass the legacy to the emerging generations."

If the caliber of the presenters and participants in the Emerging Leader's Interactive is any indication, the future of the Pentecostal Movement seems to be in good hands.

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