

Advancing Church Ministries Association of Pastors, Leaders and Intercessors

A Personal Word from Francis Frangipane

Before you read the more detailed associate information, let me state up front that I have one primary motive in launching this association: to see mature Christlikeness manifested in the church. As we achieve this primary goal, I also have a secondary goal, which is to help facilitate Christ-centered unity among pastors and churches in every city throughout the world. I am confident that this objective is not only possible—it is essential. There are many of us who share this vision, and it is my hope that this association will become a living source of grace en route to our full transformation. It is my deepest conviction that the mature unveiling of Christ in His church will awaken the Father's pleasure, and when the Father's pleasure is stirred, His power to transform our world soon follows.

Historically, the goal of attaining Christ's likeness has too often been obscured by religious traditions and misdirected emphases. Added to this battle, our true spirituality has been cocooned in the cultures of our times, and this too blinds us. We will need to fight to stay focused. Indeed, our association will also increasingly de-emphasize the temporal as we see more clearly into the priorities of the eternal. Let us recognize that the Spirit of God calls us to an unfolding life-vision. Our holy quest takes us from glory to glory. Therefore, by necessity, we must allow the Lord to upgrade us along the way.

What I am saying is that, although we have much to learn, we will need to unlearn things as well. The Holy Spirit is bringing us back to the "simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ" (2 Cor 11:3). If the world has branded the church as irrelevant, let our relevancy be this: that we are known for knowing Him.

Finally, what we seek to plant in our cities is the same spiritual substructure we have developed in our school, namely: passion to attain Christlikeness, humility, redemptive intercession, and commitment to Christ-centered unity. To reach these goals I willingly lay down my life. These basic but powerful fundamentals are the bedrock of our association. They will support a great variety of expressions and ministries upon which we all will grow.

So, when you read the information which follows, please remember that ultimately what we are after is not an organization, but Christlikeness. The synergy and possibility of uniting in Christ, to me, is breathtaking. Together we can accomplish the impossible. I am convinced that, in time, we will look back at where we were when we started and consider what God has given us, standing amazed at the grace of God.

"[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him—that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding [the wonders of His Person] more strongly and more clearly. And that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers]; and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed . . ." (Phil 3:10 Amp)

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