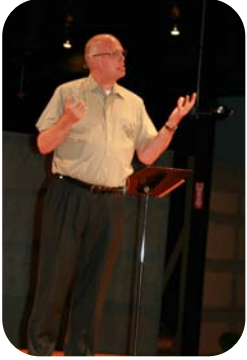


PSWC Celebration 2011 Highlights

Newsong Church, Irvine, CA

May 5-7, 2011

Worship and Ministry of the Word



Dave Kersten, Executive Minister of the Covenant's Department of Ordered Ministry, preaching Thursday evening: "...Look up, take in the great cloud of witnesses, and fix your eyes on Jesus."



Thursday evening worship led by Neah Lee and a Newsong worship team



David Gibbons, founding pastor of Newsong Irvine, preaching on Friday morning: "What if we have made ministry more complicated than it was meant to be? What about listening to the Holy Spirit?"



Efrem Smith, PSWC Superintendent, preaching on Friday evening: "How's your love life? We have to be loved before we can begin to truly love as God calls us to love."



Friday evening worship led by Danny Martinez, pastor of Grace Covenant Church (Spring Valley, CA) and team

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Connections



Over 130 pastors and staff ministers at Thursday's Ministerial Association gathering. Over 350 persons onsite at Newsong Church for one or more element of Celebration.



Recommendations, Recognitions, Elections, and Approvals



Pastor Isidro Gonzalez of Iglesia Salem (Los Angeles, CA), honored as he retires from 40 years of Covenant ministry and goes to Oaxaca, Mexico to plant a church

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION GATHERING

- Seven persons recommended for ordination and transfer of ordination
- Several persons recognized for 25 and 50 year anniversaries of ordination
- Honoring pastor Isidro Gonzalez (see left)
- Election of Laurie Cornell as chair of the PSWC Ministerial Association (MA)
- Election of Brian Wo as PSWC MA treasurer
- Election of two new members to MA Executive Committee

PSWC 109th ANNUAL MEETING

- Four churches recommended for membership in The Evangelical Covenant Church: Bayside of Citrus Heights (Citrus Heights, CA), Edgewater Covenant Church (Pittsburg, CA), Nueva Esperanza Covenant Church (Antioch, CA), Lighthouse Covenant Church (West Sacramento, CA)
- Election of three PSWC Executive Board members
- Approval of a \$ 2.175 million budget for the PSWC in 2012

Stories of God's Movement



Among the stories told, AT LEFT - Erin Kerr, church planter, tells how Mission Hope Covenant Church (Tustin, CA) is literally seeking to love the city of Tustin. CENTER - Melody Johnson, pictured at right, shared how Simi Covenant Church (Simi Valley, CA) has been supported by the PSWC in the church's vitality process. AT RIGHT - Margarita Monsalve shares her story as part of the focus on compassion, mercy, and justice.

Saturday on Skid Row - Celebrating Mothers' Day



AT LEFT - Four young men from Church of the Redeemer (Los Angeles, CA) invite homeless guests to the May 7th Mother's Day gathering sponsored by the PSWC and the Fred Jordan Mission. AT CENTER - Over 400 guests were fed and hosted by volunteers from PSWC churches. AT RIGHT - Chicken dinner coming right up!

Announcements

- Retired Pastors' Retreat at Mission Springs, September 13-15, 2011
- Pastors' Fall Retreat – Seacrest Motel, Pismo Beach, October 10-12, 2011
- 2012 PSWC Celebration – First Covenant Church of Oakland, April 19-21, 2012