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# THE BANNER

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John Stumbo and Alfredo Gutierrez open Council 2019 in Orlando.



"Beyond the known, beyond the norm, beyond the measured, the tested, the safe, the secure . . . a call comes."

**John Stumbo**  
U.S. C&MA president

"I've come to see [Acts 1:8] as not only a command of our Lord but . . . also as a promise and prophecy."

**John Stumbo**

"I asked today for a verse for New York and received a blank. God made me willing to leave all to Him to go with sealed orders."

**A. B. Simpson**  
C&MA Founder, Nov. 22, 1879

## BEYOND

"If we go out by ourselves, we can blaze a trail pretty fast—but we're going to flame out . . . But if we go out as kindred spirits around a common cause, we go beyond our perceived limits. Are you ready to go beyond?"

With this quote by preservice commentator and ultra-marathon runner Mally McLoughlin, the Council 2019 *BEYOND* invitation was made. Alliance Southeast District Superintendent Alfredo Gutierrez accepted that invitation in his opening prayer: "Lord, where you are leading us is beyond where we've been. But we will not go there without you."

After the Grace Church (Middleburg Heights, Ohio) worship team and eager Council attendees raised the roof of the Orlando Marriott World Center convention hall, Alliance President John Stumbo began his message with a pointed question: *How would people crazy enough to believe in the "beyond" not be able to get beyond the issues in our own hearts?*

John cited the spiritual treks of John Mark, who accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journeys, and of Alliance founder A. B. Simpson to illustrate how human weakness or fear can hold us back from all God has for us—but this is not the end of our story "because we know the gospel story is so much better than that."

"We may not have a clear plan. We may be called to go inward and upward toward the unpredictable. A trail awaits—uncharted by us, but not by the Spirit," said John. "We've never been, but there's no place He hasn't."

"Where is He calling you to go? Is there a great frontier of His love waiting for you tonight? Is there an inward, upward plan in our lives where the Lord is beckoning us to trust Him?"

Attendees reflected and responded in a time of communion led by C&MA Board member Steve Elliott, who closed the service with the enduring promise: "Our Lord Jesus is enough for all He asks of us."





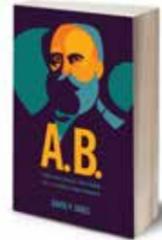
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

To see a full list of announcements, view The Banner online at <https://www.cmalliance.org/events/2019/council/> or on the Alliance Council 2019 app.

■ **Onsite food deliveries:** All food deliveries to the Orlando World Center Marriott (through Amazon Prime, Grub Hub, etc.) must go to the bell stand, and guests will be called to pick up and tip from there. No deliveries will be made to guest rooms.

■ Dr. Martin Sanders has assembled a **team of prayer counselors** who are available to dialogue and pray with Council delegates throughout the week. Team members will be available during the response times at the end of the services—as well as throughout the day—and **will be wearing purple lanyards.**

■ **Be sure to pick up a copy of the new A. B. Simpson biography, *A. B.: The Unlikely Founder of a Global Movement*, at the Merchandise Store for the special, Council-only rate of \$9.99. Come after the evening service tomorrow night and get your copy signed by Dave Jones, the author.**



■ International workers: Visit **MERCY MARKET's booth 237** and talk with us about how we might partner with you in bringing help to the impoverished and exploited in your community.

■ **aXcess.** It's a name to know. It now represents the multiple teams of workers The Alliance has sent for decades to proclaim the gospel and multiply net-

works of faith communities among the least reached. aXcess, CAMA, Envision, and marketplace ministries – together– make up Alliance Missions.

■ **Is your church or district near any of these colleges:** Lancaster Bible College, Indiana Wesleyan University, Trinity College of Florida, Moody Bible Institute, Messiah College, or Asbury University? Then visit the **CRDO booth 311** so we can help you get started in connecting with Alliance students who are there! **Vice President for Church Ministries Terry Smith will be in our booth on Friday night to discuss this great idea!**

■ **C&MA Churches Engaging Refugee Neighbors Informational (& Recruiting) Session** Wed., May 29, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Crystal Q Room, with Rev. Raed Awabdeh and the Refugee and Immigrant Network (RAIN). Afterwards, please join us for appetizers and continued discussion. Stop by booth 326 during the week for RAIN information.

■ **Are you a potential church planter? Come to booth 323** and take an online survey to discern your aptitude for starting a new church. The first 200 people who complete the survey will receive a free gift!

■ **Need to complete your Alliance Polity Course?** Stop by the Leadership Development booth (312) for more information and to apply right here at Council for one of our upcoming cohorts.



# DINING

Special Dining Options at Orlando World Center Marriott for Alliance Council 2019 Attendees:

## LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

Breakfast buffet	\$14.00*	Tues., 5/28/19-Sun., 6/2/19
Lunch buffet	\$14.00*	Wed., 5/29/19-Sat., 6/1/19
Dinner buffet	\$18.00*	Wed., 5/29/19-Sat., 6/1/19

## PANTRY

Complimentary beverage (specific options) when you select a lunch or dinner option	Wed., 5/29/19-Sat., 6/02/19
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- **Alliance Women** "Connecting Women for Kingdom Impact." Come visit us in booth 313!
- Help **Chapel Pointe**, our senior living community in Pennsylvania, **celebrate 75 years of service** by encouraging its residents. On the anniversary, June 15, we want to bless residents with an uplifting, handwritten card to remind them that they are treasured. Stop by the Chapel Pointe booth today to participate!
- **Celebrate with us 121 years of God's faithfulness in Chile.** Join the president of The Alliance in Chile, Chilean representatives, international workers, and other guests as we thank God for what He has done. This FREE reception will be at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29. Conference room to be announced.
- **Toccoa Falls College Alumni and Friends** The TFC luncheon will be held Thursday, May 30, at Black Fire Brazilian Steakhouse from 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Come by booth 218 for tickets and information.
- **PURCHASE: "Weeping for the Lost"** is a photo-illustration depicting A. B. Simpson praying for the world. It is a wonderful reminder of the passion that took the gospel to the world through the sacrifice of many "sent-ones." Samples may be seen at the Archives Table.
- A special, limited release of authenticated, handwritten sermon notes by A. W. Tozer, penned for his "Attributes of God" sermon and book series, will be available for sale at the Merchandise Store.
- Affordable, accessible, and adaptable materials for "Helping Children See Jesus!" Stop by **Bible Visuals International's** booth to see our new VBS curriculum, "Voyage of Grace," and to check out our visualized Bible lessons, mission stories, and songs. KIDS—we have a coloring contest for you. Stop by to participate!
- **Reach families with SOULMATES FOR LIFE** If you are looking for a sure-fire way of reaching your community, stop by the Consentia Group booth (226) and learn more about this affordable marriage outreach opportunity for any size church. Hear stories about how Alliance churches are seeing results.
- **Fortified Marriages Ministry** provides excellent resources to help build strong marriages within the local church. Visit booth 217 for more information about how the church can stem the tide of divorce and strengthen marriages to be a witness for Christ.
- Did you know your partnership with **Operation Christmas Child** does far more than provide a gift for a child in need? Shoeboxes are an effective tool for evangelism, discipleship, multiplication, and even church-planting and reaching the un-reached in more than 100 countries! Stop by our booth to find out more.
- Looking for next steps for your youth ministry team? **Stop by the Alliance Youth booth** to learn about our coaching program. While you're there enjoy our Council-exclusive offer of a free 1-on-1 coaching session. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!
- **Visit the Rethink Creative booth** to learn how to leverage creative solutions for your local church. Rethink Creative is a brand strategy and design studio that helps change-making organizations tell their stories and advance their mission. Our core services include strategy, branding, web design, and video.
- **Win a trip for two to New York City! Visit the Nyack College/ATS booth** and register to win a trip to New York City for a School of Music performance. Airfare, hotel accommodations and event tickets for two are included. More details at booth 215!
- **Celebration Web Design** offers handcrafted websites. We are happy to offer a free website review to anyone who visits our booth during the conference. Our staff is dedicated to furthering the Kingdom of God by partnering with authors, ministries, missionaries, and churches to create websites with purpose.
- America's law enforcement officers are a unique people group who need the gospel now more than ever but are often hard to approach. **TheStrongBlueLine.org** is a unique ministry designed to share the gospel with our officers. Stop by our table for more information.
- Pastor, ministry staff, or international worker? Purchase and complete a ministry health assessment from **Total Ministry Health** for a chance to win a week vacation at Sunset Rock Retreat in Florida or Wolf's Mountain Lodge in Pennsylvania. Reclaim your call, restore your well-being, and rebuild your effectiveness. Booth 231. [totalministryhealth.com](http://totalministryhealth.com).
- **Grace Church Worship and Leadership Conference**, coming July 18, 2020, features three tracks (leadership, worship, tech) and will focus on building a healthy culture from the top down that has a Kingdom mindset above all. Cost: \$25, including lunch. Email [worship@gracecma.org](mailto:worship@gracecma.org) for details.