Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of Apostolic Faith, Inc.

COOLJC

Taking the Gospel Around the World

"It's Harvest Time"

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"It's Harvest Time: Reaching People Through Evangelism"

"Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."
John 4:35

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Apostle Matthew Norwood
Presider, COOLJC

- I believe very strongly in discipleship. I believe evangelism is still the irreplaceable core of mission, but unless believers become strong disciples, little impact will be made on our world and the church will easily lapse again into nominalism.
- Today, over 30% of humanity consider themselves to be Christians. Is the world a better place as a result?

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Presider's Update

- A current status report on the COOLJC goals for 2007-2010
- A review of the accomplishments and growth for 2007-2010

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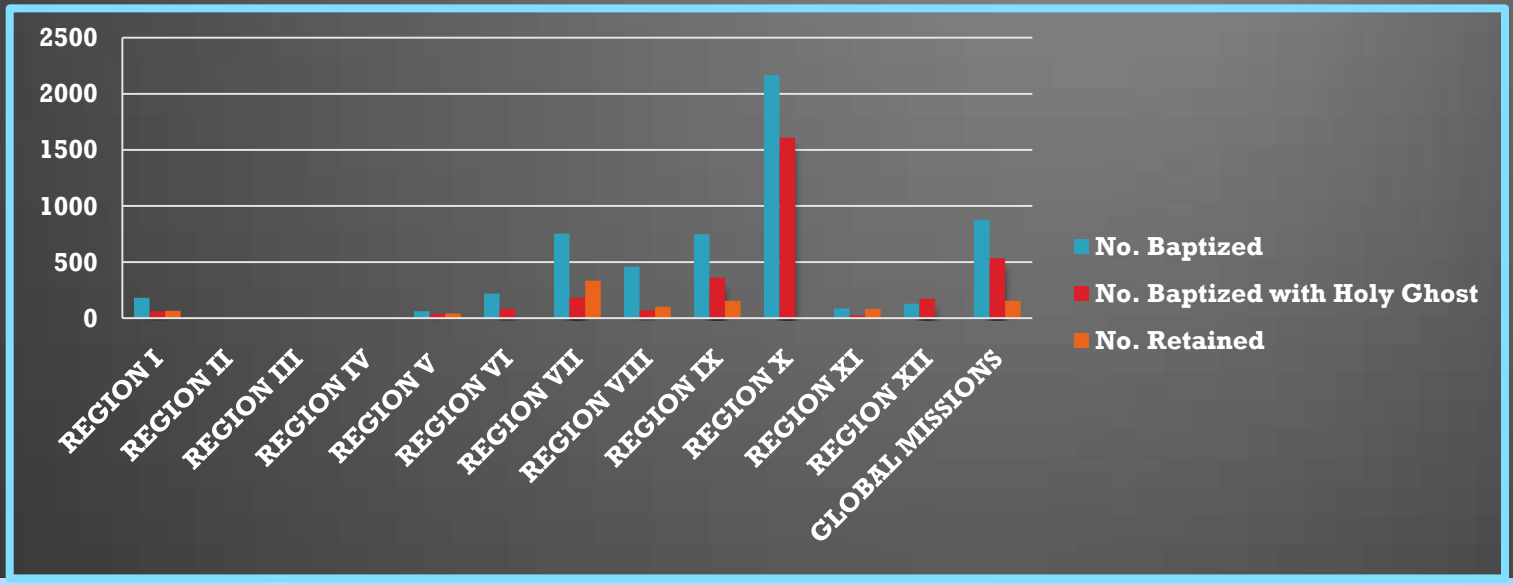
Status Report -- 2007-2010

- This is the first draft of the 2007-2010 Status Report representing approximately 50% of our churches reporting to-date.



Number of Unchurched Adults

There is a difference between "doing church" and "being the church."

The latest study shows that the percentage of adults that is unchurched—defined as not having attended a Christian church service at any time in the past six months—has risen from 21% in 1991 to 34% today.

THE VISION IS FOR SOULS

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HARVEST TIME DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1. RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD.

2. VIEW EVANGELISM AS A PROCESS, NOT A ONE-TIME PRESENTATION.

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HARVEST TIME DEVELOPMENT GOALS

3. EVANGELISM IN OUR CHURCHES MUST BE INTENTIONAL AND FOR ALL.

4. ACTS OF SERVICE ARE SEGUES INTO THE HEARTS AND HOMES OF THE UNSAVED.

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HARVEST TIME DEVELOPMENT GOALS

5. WE ARE LIVING EPISTLES, TO BE KNOWN AND READ OF ALL MEN.

6. PARTNERING WITH AGENCIES, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS IS WISE AND EXPEDIENT.

"IT'S HARVEST TIME"

Theme of Presiding Apostle Matthew Norwood

The theme for the first three years of Presiding Apostle Norwood's tenure appropriately called "Project 10,000" was about souls. The thrust for the second term remains "souls." This is the "raison d'etre" of the church. "It's Harvest Time."

And the Lord said unto the servant, go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. ***Luke 14:23***

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"Do you think the work of harvesting will not begin until the summer ends, four months from now? Look around you! Vast fields of human souls are ripening all around us, and are ready now for reaping. The reapers will be paid good wages and will be gathering eternal souls into the granaries of heaven! What joys await the sower and the reaper, both together! For it is true that one sows and someone else reaps. I sent you to reap where you didn't sow; others did the work, and you received the harvest."

John 2:35-38 TLB

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The world is hungry for the "Living Bread." We have the "Living Bread" and the mandate is to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. We have the "Water of Life" and the world is thirsty. We have the "Light of the World" and the world is in darkness. Shine the light!

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We must be alert for the wonderful opportunities the Lord will send our way to give the message of the Gospel to those around us—family, friends, co-workers and the community. The methods may vary, but the work is timeless. Jesus Christ is proclaimed!

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Often the proclamation will simply be the life we live. Let us make sure that the life we live reflects the glory and the majesty of the Great God we serve.

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STRATEGIES TO WIN SOULS

There are two ways to grow a church:

1. **We must bring people in the "front door."**

2. **We must keep people from going out the "back door."**

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There are two questions on which we must focus:

3. **How can we develop strategies that will bring more people in our front door?**

4. **How can we develop strategies that will keep people from leaving through our back door?**

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~Five Strategies for Finding Them~

- **EVANGELISM STRATEGY 1.** ***Be present in your community.***

Be the extension of the Savior's hand in the community. Church leaders must answer the question: "Who are we helping?"

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- **EVANGELISM STRATEGY 2. *Proclaim the Gospel.***

Local churches must answer the question:
"How are we helping people hear the Good News?"

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- **EVANGELISM STRATEGY 3.** ***Persuade people to accept Christ.***

Church leaders must answer the question:
"How are we helping people make decisions for Christ?"

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- **EVANGELISM STRATEGY 4. *Help people grow in the Christian life.***

  The local church must have effective ways to disciple new converts. Church leaders then must answer the question:

  "How are we helping people grow in their faith?"

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- **EVANGELISM STRATEGY 5.** ***Help people reproduce new believers.***

The local church should train church members to become soul-winners.

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~Five Strategies for Keeping Them~

- **ASSIMILATION STRATEGY 1.** ***Help people develop friendships.***

  Church leaders must answer the question: "How are we helping our people develop friendships?"

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- **ASSIMILATION STRATEGY 2.** ***Help people become involved.***

Church leaders must answer the question: "How are we helping our people to use their gifts and talents?"

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- **ASSIMILATION STRATEGY 3.** ***Help people belong.***

Church leaders must answer the question:
"How are we helping our people to belong?"

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- **ASSIMILATION STRATEGY 4.** ***Help people work together.***

Church leaders must answer the question:

"How are we helping our people identify with our values and goals?"

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- **ASSIMILATION STRATEGY 5.** ***Help people grow in their faith.***

Church leaders must answer the question:

"How are we helping our people face the realities of life?"

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- **ASSIMILATION STRATEGY 6.** ***Help people maintain physical, emotional and spiritual health.***

Church leaders must answer the question:

"How are we helping our people maintain a high level of health awareness?"

Global Missions

(Africa, Germany, India, Mexico and West Indies)

How are We Doing?

Are We Making Progress?

- ✓ For I was hungry and you fed me . . .
- ✓ For I was naked and you clothed me . . .
- ✓ For I was a stranger and you took me in . . .
- ✓ For I was sick and you visited and prayed for me . . .
- ✓ For I was thirsty, and you gave me drink . . .

Our mission is to provide food and necessities, and then offer them the Bread of Life. We cannot change lives until we meet the most basic needs of life.

All Nations Sunday

International Day of Fellowship

October 23, 2011

Join churches around North America in inviting the many ethnic groups of your community to church for a time of fellowship in a "cross-cultural" evangelistic outreach effort. This dynamic service unites communities and helps your church make connections with diverse cultures in your area. Churches who use these strategies will experience great success. The focus is not to just have a large attendance, but to make all members aware of the great potential for a breakthrough into the multicultural harvest with Apostolic revival.