

2023 International Summit and Convention Theme: "It's Harvest Time Again"

In July 2023, the UPCAG will host its 104th Summit and International Convention. We are excited for our first in person conference in four years post-COVID. This year's conference theme, "It's Harvest Time Again" focuses on how the church can rebuild rather than simply restart. As a Council we are faced with national and international issues ranging from: mental health, same sex marriage, discrimination, and politics. In this post pandemic era we need to be reengaged and reenergized. We cannot go back; we can only go forward. The truth is, we don't need to go back. Many of us were stuck in ministry ruts that were no longer effective. We now have an opportunity to go from surviving to thriving. We can move forward without demands and even constraints that may have previously limited the fresh wind of the Holy Spirit. "So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." Matthew 9:38

You can take part in this truly unique experience with us and help to make it a transformative event for all who attend. Please prayerfully consider individuals within your congregation/district to serve as Workshop Presenters.

Our Council has a great heritage and was established with a strong foundation in sound biblical teaching and instruction. Great giants in the Word of God were the essence of our Council. The objective for the workshop sessions is to challenge and motivate attendees to continue the work of The Lord and the foundation established by our predecessors by:

Advancing the Kingdom of God Rising to a New Level of Spiritual Functioning Preparing for Growth

Each presenter will be provided the option of having a tech support team member to assist in navigating the screen share process, keeping noise to a minimum and any other support deemed necessary.

Workshops will be 1 ¼ hour in-person sessions during the convention and run concurrently.

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 — 10:45 am — 12:00 pm Thursday, July 13, 2023 — 10:45 am — 12:00 pm — 12:05 pm - 1:20 pm — 10:45 am — 12:00 pm — 10:45 am — 12:00 pm — 12:05 pm - 1:20 pm



Possible Workshop Topics

Below are proposed workshop topics. Prayerfully consider whether any of them speak to your spirit regarding "Its Harvest Time Again". If you have another topic that falls under the general guidelines of the theme, feel free to submit it as well.

- **Self-Awareness in Leadership** Successful leaders are aware of their strengths and weaknesses, and they know how to make the best of them. Self-aware leaders make better decisions and are more adept at setting priorities.
- **Rivalry In Leadership Inferiority/Superiority Complex** A superiority complex is a behavior that suggests a person believes they are superior to others. An inferiority complex is an intense feeling of inadequacy, resulting in the belief that one is deficient or inferior which may make the person become overly concerned with how they appear to others.
- Outreach and Community Engagement Building strong relationships in your community is an important part of successful church outreach.
- **Non-Discrimination** Faith-based organizations must remain attentive to evolving legal developments in order to promote and protect their religious nature, corporate structure, member practices, and facility usage.
- Social Media and the Church Churches are understanding that engaging followers online is important. Social media offers a much wider reach and more space for congregations to actively engage beyond Sundays.
- Society's Permissiveness and its Impact on the Church Many Christian marriages end in divorce. A high percentage of pastors fight depression, and even leave the ministry due to moral failure, spiritual burnout, or contention in their churches.
- Mental Health and its Effects on Society and the Church World The first step in solving any problem is admitting that it exists. According to the Anxiety & Depression Association of America, millions of people struggle with depression and anxiety. There's also been a significant increase in teen suicide. How can the church recognize and help individuals struggling with mental health issues and help our teens feel a part of life?
- The Spiritual Battles and Warfare Warfare in the spiritual realm is real and extremely evident in this day. Christians must learn how to fight the battle in the spiritual realm.
- The Church's Involvement in Politics How involved should the church be in who governs the nation and perspectives that impact the future?



- The Purpose and Power of Praise and Worship Learn how to enhance environments to encounter the presence of God.
- "What?? You didn't know? Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost!" He wants to dwell in a healthy temple.
- **Developing Disciples** Discipleship is where potential leaders are developed.
- **Next Level Church** The church is meant to change the world. Is the Church at the center of power, or on the margins?
- The Post-Pandemic Church A church's ministry will need to be spirited and compelling, in order to compete with the convenience of worship at home in pajamas.
- Christian Dating: Where is my Boo? Is it possible to trust God, the ultimate matchmaker, to orchestrate a beautiful love story for you?
- The Millennial Parent Balancing "gentle parenting" vs sparing the rod.
- **Forgiveness** When you have been hurt, the last thing you may want to hear is that you need to forgive.
- Temptation: Understanding and Overcoming Temptation is not the sin, giving in to it is!
- My Money How to be a cheerful giver when you're broke!
- **Single & Satisfied or Married & Miserable?** Going from single to married and staying married, are people happier or less happy than when they were single.

Attached is a Workshop Presenter Proposal form. Proposals must be submitted by email to drjudiw@gmail.com no later than Friday, March 31, 2023. Thank you in advance!

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Workshop Chairperson
UPCAG 2023 Int'l Convention



WORKSHOP PRESENTER PROPOSAL FORM

Deadline: March 31, 2023

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E-mail Address:	
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Pastor's Name:	
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WORKSHOP TITLE: (Please select the workshop topic you would like to present.)	
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