

## SECTION IV

### REPORTS

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

We have a very strong board that is very concerned with the health and welfare of the churches. We wrestle with things behind the scenes, national and statewide. We fast, we pray, we dialogue, we discuss. These are people who really want to hear what the Lord has to say. Our success is based on how well we work together.

I challenge you with Revelation 3:3 Remember then what you have received and heard, keep it and repent if you are not alert, I will come like a thief, and you will have no idea the hour that I will come upon. Lest we forget.

We have accomplished many things for the kingdom, so much so other conventions inquire about us. The Executive Board is concerned with how we are serving the Lord with complex issues. Support and dialogue with Dr. Whitworth is important and we are a strong convention because of our staff. Our executive leaders can pray, project, and prepare, but all their efforts are vanity if all our churches forget our mandate.

Revelation tells us of Christ as the King of kings and Lord of Lords, how the world will end, the victorious return of Christ, a new heaven, and a new earth. Jesus says right to the angel of the church in Sardis: I know your works, you have a reputation for being alive, but you were dead. Be alert and strengthen what is alive. Remember then what you have received and heard, keep it and repent if you are not alert, I will come like a thief, and you will have no idea the hour that I will come upon you.

What God wants us to be is a convention that will not forget Him. His number one complaint is this: I know your works, I know you have a reputation for being alive, but actually, you're dead. We have to be careful that we do not allow our successes to give us a big head and then rely on past accomplishments thinking that they will allow us to continue what we are doing. We have to pay attention and we cannot stop. We must keep going forward because Jesus has given us a mandate. Remedy – repent and remember where you came from, remember who saved, redeemed, and kept you, and remember why I put you where I put you. Don't forget. One of the most effective strategies of Satan is prosperity. Prosperity has done more to hurt the body of Christ. We cannot expect a crown without a cross. We must leave a legacy for future churches in the BRN.

We can't forget what the Lord has assigned us to do as a convention. Let us not forget the warning and encouragement from the Lord. Jesus is coming back and I want to be dressed in

white clothes and I want my name found in the Book of Life and I cannot wait for the Lord to acknowledge my name. So, hold on, keep fighting for Jesus, because you too will be dressed in white, your name will be written in the Book of Life and He will acknowledge your name and one day this will all be over. Don't look for fame or prestige, look for the One who will say well done my good and faithful servant.

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## **FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Finance & Operations Committee presented their report during the Business Session. The report can be viewed on pages 2-3 of the Business Session packet in Section II of the 2023 Annual. The 2024 budget was voted on and accepted by the messengers during the Business Session.