

Thank you very much. Muchas gracias.

Fellow International Directors and leaders,
brothers and sisters in Christ,

I welcome you all to Houston in the name of
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for being here, both in person and
via Zoom. We give thanks to God Almighty
for bringing many of us who have traveled
from far away—especially from Indonesia
and other nations—to be gathered here
together in Houston.



We also give thanks to God for granting us an International Headquarters building here in Houston. Tomorrow afternoon, we will have the opportunity to visit the office.

Last year, I had the privilege of visiting several nations for conventions and regional meetings. These included Nicaragua, Panama, Miami for the World Convention, Finland, Fiji, Ghana, Costa Rica, Togo, and Tanzania, where we held an African Convention. This was the first African Convention in many years, and it was held in the city of Arusha.

We had wonderful conventions, and we give all the glory to God for blessing us in every one of these gatherings.

During these conventions, I sensed a deep hunger among the people for a closer relationship with the Holy Spirit. There is no doubt that the Holy Spirit is moving powerfully across the nations.

This is truly the season of the sons of God—those who are led by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, it did not surprise me that last December, just days before the Global Prayer Day, the Lord gave us a guiding theme for 2026:

“Going Deeper for Divine Acceleration.”

We give thanks to God for His Word.

My dear friends, I want to take this opportunity to inform you that a member of this Fellowship has fully embraced this theme of Divine Acceleration. After hearing from the Lord, he made the decision to donate a significant sum of USD 100,000 for youth development and advancement.

It is his desire that this amount be used exclusively for youth programs. We give thanks to God for his life, and we pray God’s blessing upon his family and his business.

May the Lord continue to raise such men in this Fellowship—men who understand the blessing they have received, men who understand the times we are living in, and men who believe in advancing the Kingdom of God by placing their resources at the feet of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Following this donation, I met with the International Youth Coordinators and asked them to prepare comprehensive plans for youth activities for this year and beyond.

During these discussions, one major topic arose: the definition of “youth” within our Fellowship. After careful consideration, we all agreed that youth in this Fellowship should be defined as 30 years old and below.

We also agreed to encourage nations to divide youth into two groups:

- * those 19 years old and below, and

- * those aged 20 to 30 years.

It is important that, as a Fellowship, we focus on both groups, because both are vital to the growth of this Fellowship and to the future of the vision.

Therefore, I appeal to all National Leaders: please give special attention to the youth in your nations. They hold the key to the future, and the Lord is using them powerfully—especially through social media.

At present, two regions are lagging behind in youth membership: Europe and the Caribbean. We need to pray for these regions and allocate resources to support them. We must also raise young men and women in our nations who can help strengthen youth activities in these regions.

This year, we intend to give special attention to these two regions.

My dear friends, the need for training—both in new nations and in existing ones—has become very urgent. Training is what holds this Fellowship together.

I have always admired the strong training culture in Latin America, where nations have built training centers and invested deeply in leadership development. Our brothers there have clearly recognized that without training, this Fellowship cannot grow.

After much prayer, I have therefore established a Media and Training Committee to develop short training videos using modern tools, including digital platforms and artificial intelligence technology.

We are living in the age of AI, and the time has come for this Fellowship to take advantage of these tools. We have an immense resource database, and work has already begun, producing very encouraging results.

These training videos will be based on the Super ALTS and ELTS materials. This year, there will be more virtual training seminars and virtual training centers to support nations that need assistance.

Already, significant training is taking place in Spain through Latin American leadership, and this is producing fruit. We want to replicate these models across all regions, especially as we see the success of the “One Chapter in Every Nation” initiative.

We must follow up with virtual training to ensure that new nations entering the Fellowship are well grounded, catch the vision early, and are properly trained. Members who do so will never turn their backs on this Fellowship.

The Media and Training Committee consists of the following members:

- * George Prah (Ghana) – Chairman
- * Rafael Cuestas (Guatemala)
- * Oscar Bayo (Nicaragua)
- * Benjamin Toledo (Honduras)

These are men whom God has endowed with passion for the vision and experience in training and leadership development.

Our new international website will be launched very soon, and many of these training videos will be available there, making them easily accessible throughout the world.

My dear friends, the Lord has given us all the nations of the world, and He has instructed us to ask of Him, and He will give us the nations. He has given us the nations so that we may establish chapters in them.

To help coordinate and evaluate this process, I have appointed—during this year of Divine Acceleration—Benjamin Toledo as the International Coordinator for “One Chapter in Every Nation.” He will work closely with the Regional Vice Presidents in all regions.

We must set measurable targets and regularly evaluate progress to ensure that no nation is left behind.

The Lord has also given us three pillars, which many nations have already embraced and are actively applying:

1. School of the Vision
2. Global Prayer
3. Global Media and Publicity

Nations that have obediently followed these pillars are already seeing fruit. I strongly encourage all nations to fully pursue this path so that we may see growth across every region.

The International Office stands ready to assist in any way possible. We are here to help every nation that needs support.

My dear friends, today we will be discussing matters concerning our bylaws. However, I want to remind us all that we belong to a spiritual organization. Therefore, as leaders, we must always seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in every decision we make.

Let our deliberations today be conducted in love, because God—who lives in us by His Spirit—is love. At the end of the day, may we leave here more united than ever, ready to focus on the real work ahead: the vision that we have inherited from God through our founder, Demos Shakarian.

This year, as I have said before, the Lord is calling us to go deeper with Him for Divine Acceleration.

God dwells in us by His Holy Spirit, and therefore He is calling us to go deeper within—recognizing that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. We often hear Christians say, “My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit,” but sometimes we do not fully understand the depth of what we are saying.

That is why the Lord is reminding us:

Go deeper within. My presence is in you. I dwell in you.

We must learn to fellowship with God inwardly and remain continually conscious of His presence, so that we may live holy lives and operate in power.

We are not ordinary people.

We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood—kings and priests—born again to reign in every circumstance of life. You can only reign when you truly know who you are in Christ.

That is why we must go deeper:

to know who lives in us,

to know that greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world.

When we understand this, we will no longer magnify the enemy. Many in the Body of Christ magnify the enemy because they do not walk in the consciousness of who they are in Christ. But Christ has already won the victory—it is our responsibility to enforce that victory by reigning as kings and priests.

As we draw from within to bring into manifestation the plans God has for our lives, let us also remember the plans God has for this Fellowship in every nation.

We have a special calling in this ministry. God has not called us to be full-time ministers, but to be business people and working professionals who carry His Spirit, bringing light into a dark world.

That is why I keep hearing the Lord say this year:

Meditate more.

Meditate on the Word.

Meditate on His presence.

Let us not allow Eastern religions to hijack the biblical meaning of meditation. Scripture tells us in Joshua 1:8: “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night... then you will make your way prosperous, and you will have good success.”

Therefore, this year we are calling for deeper meditation on the Word of God and on His presence within us. As we intentionally make time for this, we will grow spiritually and experience success and prosperity in every area of our lives.

The Word of God assures us that He has already given us everything that pertains to life and godliness through His divine power. We lack nothing.

As men who testify in the marketplace, our lives must reflect the excellence of the God we serve—a God who loves us and desires that we prosper in every area of life.

Therefore, Father, in the name of Jesus, I pray Your blessing over every man gathered here today. Bless each one, Lord, for Your blessing makes rich and adds no sorrow.

Open the eyes and ears of our understanding. Help us to live lives led by the Spirit and not by the flesh. Let us live with continual awareness of Your presence within us.

Holy Spirit of God, fill us anew. Breathe upon us. Anoint our lips. Use us mightily for Your service.

Father, we thank You. Father, we bless You. We stand ready to be counted among the great army You are raising. Thank You for the privilege of serving in this Fellowship—we do not take it lightly.

In Jesus’ mighty name.

Amen.