

# GETTING CONSTRUCTION Highlighting Churches of God ministries in Maryland, Delaware, DC and the Virginia Peninsula

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#### **Drawing Maps**

Alexander the Great changed the course of history. As one of the world's greatest military generals, he created a vast empire that stretched from Macedonia to Egypt and from Greece to part of India. His conquests included Anatolia, Syria, Phoenicia, Judea, Gaza, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Persia and Bactria, and he extended the boundaries of his own empire as far as Taxila, India (Pakistan).

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It was said of Alexander the Great that as he marched forward in his conquest, he took the map that he was given and began his campaign of dominance. After some time, he went as far as his map could take him. History records that when he reached the end of what was "known", he was faced with a dilemma. Should he stop and turn around, or continue on his conquest? History tells us that he threw his worthless map aside and began to draw his own map. He didn't allow the unknown to sway him. He just continued to march forward and with each step, he drew a new map.

In many ways, that is the dilemma that we are facing today. We don't have a blueprint or a roadmap to guide us through this present crisis. It is time that we, like Alexander the Great, start drawing our own map.

You are going to need to lead your followers with confidence, certainty and security. They are looking to you for leadership and safety. I suggest that we accept this responsibility with gladness, lead with integrity and start drawing the map. That is why I suggest that you develop a plan of action for church systems that will help now and in the future. You need a plan for:

- 1.Personal Ministerial Health
- 2. Facility Readiness
- 3. Multiple Financial Streams
- 4. Community and Connectivity
- 5. Virtual Ministry Presence & Schedule

You can find suggestions at <a href="www.cogdelmarvadc.com">www.cogdelmarvadc.com</a> and <a href="http://www.churchofgodcommunications.com/covid19">http://www.churchofgodcommunications.com/covid19</a>.

The church was made for moments like this. We are poised and positioned to make this our finest hour. Be bold and courageous and don't allow fear the opportunity to detour you from the task at hand. We will overcome! We will conquer! We will succeed! We will be victorious!



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God has not promised skies always blue, flower-strewn pathways all our lives through. God has not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God has promised strength for the day, rest for the laborer, light on the way, grace for the trail, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love.

**Annie Johnson Flint** 



#### **2020 INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The 78th Church of God International General Assembly, scheduled for July 21-24, 2020, has been postponed until a date to be decided in 2022. This decision was made after much prayer and deliberation concerning issues related to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. In addition to the postponement of the General Assembly, "it was decided that we would maintain state level leaders at their current assignments and ministry locations over the next two years. By leaving our state and regional Administrative Bishops and Youth Directors where they are currently ministering, the time between now and the General Assembly in 2022 will not count against their tenure limitations".

If you need to make further inquiries concerning the 2020 General Assembly postponement, please go to <a href="http://www.churchofgodcommunications.com/ga2020">http://www.churchofgodcommunications.com/ga2020</a> for questions and answers.









# Telmarva-DC Youth & Discipleship Department

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Regional Youth & Discipleship Directors



With this new season of COVID-19 upon us it seems like everything is changing. Everyone has a digital footprint and designer pajamas are the latest fashion trend. We now shelter in place as our churches have moved from buildings to our living rooms. Considering the avalanche of change, I am incredibly thankful that Christ is unchanging...

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

He is constant, unshakable, and ever-present in our time of crisis. He is the foundation upon which we stand, and He is the hand that holds us steady. Our region, our churches, your family and your life rests in the shadow of the Almighty. I am certain of His amazing plan and abundant provision as we move onward together.

As we press forward, consider these exciting opportunities that engage new ministry designs as we engage new ministry possibilities.

















