

December 2016

Dear Colleagues and Friends

At our Annual Christmas Celebration, the Lord showed us by letting us experience “His” path. It brought Joy to The World and to us on “Joy Night”. The Lord Is Come!! We experienced the purpose of the Cross, namely “Family Unity” (Revelation 5:9)

- In “His” presence there was the fullness of joy. The sound of joy, and peace radiated the room (Psalm 16:11)
- Loving, honoring, preferring one another, varied cultures, each esteeming one another greater than themselves. (Romans 12: 9-11; Philippians 2: 3)
- Joy Night -A Light Shined Forth. More Than Acceptance -It was a God Glorifying Embrace.

May that be your experience this Christmas Season as you gather with family, friends and colleagues. Attached are some Key Biblical Principles manifested at our Annual Christmas Celebration. May the Spirit of Christ strengthen your resolve to be “His” manifestation on earth as you [read one of our several Joy Night 2016 Reports](#) below.

A Different Spirit Manifested at Joy Night for All To Embrace 2017

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

You are much loved and appreciated!!



Christ Is All!!

Dr. Corinthia Ridgley Boone
International Christian Host Coalition (ICHC)



Joy Night 2016: An Embrace of Kingdom Diversity – A Celebration of Christian Unity

There is an anointing that God is releasing within the body of Christ. This anointing is an answer to Jesus’ prayer in John 17, that we would be “one.” Christian unity has been under attack since the beginning of the church, but God is releasing understanding and an anointing that breaks the yoke of discord and division. Joy Night 2016 was a release of this special anointing. God allowed me to recognize this anointing on Dr. Corinthia Boone and to see that she has walked in this anointing for many years. God is now calling others to pick up the torch and receive such an anointing. It is the pursuit of the full

meaning of the family of God. True Christian Unity. It requires the embrace of all members of God's family; no matter how different they are. We are called together to embrace different forms of worship, different cultures, people from all age groups, and people from all socio-economic groups. We must begin to intentionally embrace people that don't look like us, act like us, sound like us, or move in the circles we move in. There is an equality in the body of Christ that allows for each of God's children to worship God together in harmony. And the sound that is produced is something we have yet to hear. It is a heavenly sound. The sound of many voices joining in with the choir of heavenly angels. It is the sound of freedom.

True Christian unity can only be achieved by moving beyond acceptance into truly embracing all the different parts of body. This is what brings diversity into the body. Diversity does not naturally take place; it must be intentionally pursued. The enemy understands that kingdom diversity is the gateway to true Christian unity and he fights it more than anything else. But, there is an anointing that breaks the yoke. AMEN! We must first acknowledge that there is a problem. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said that 11am on Sunday mornings was the most segregated hour of the week. This comment was made during an interview on meet the press in 1960. Still today nearly 86% of all churches, according to Lifeway Research, are made up of predominantly one racial group.

Here is Dr. King's full statement:

I think it is one of the tragedies of our nation, one of the shameful tragedies, that eleven o'clock on Sunday morning is one of the most segregated hours, if not the most segregated hours, in Christian America. I definitely think the Christian church should be integrated, and any church that stands against integration and that has a segregated body is standing against the spirit and the teachings of Jesus Christ, and it fails to be a true witness. But this is something that the Church will have to do itself. I don't think church integration will come through legal processes. I might say that my church is not a segregating church. It's segregated but not segregating. It would welcome white members.

(Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., interview on Meet the Press, April 17, 1960)

"But this is something that the Church will have to do itself." What a powerful statement given over 55 years ago, but still true today. Integration is the intentional process of coming together as one body, in one accord, and as one family. Integration is God's mandate, not man's. The strategy of segregation is division and discord in the body of Christ. And the enemy has been successful thus far; BUT THERE IS AN ANOINTING THAT BREAKS THE YOKE! This anointing breaks down our biases towards other people groups and brings healing on the inside from the pain of racism, sexism, ageism, classism, etc.. It unites us through love and allows us to walk together, speak with one voice, and worship as one church embracing each other's differences and the uniqueness of the body of Christ. Joy Night 2016 was an expression of this type of God glorifying holy embrace and celebration of the family of God. And God is calling us to receive this anointing and walk in it as we move forward together in ministry.

Submitted by,
ICHC Team Partner Josh Robinson - Speaker

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

NO DIVISIONS

10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. **1 Corinthians 1:10**

LIVE IN HARMONY

16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. **Romans 12:16**

ALL A PART OF THE BODY

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. **14** Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. **22** On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, **24** while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, **25** so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **26** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. **27** Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. **1 Corinthians 12-14, 22-27**

UNITY ENABLES GOD'S BLESSING

1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!... **6B** For there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forever. **Psalms 133:1**

BOUND TOGETHER BY LOVE

14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. **Colossians 3:14**

CALLED TO FREEDOM – FREEDOM TO SERVE

13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **Galatians 5:13**

What God Was Doing: (A Glimpse)
God activated "His" Word in our Midst at Joy Night 2016

Male Pastors of different Cultural Expressions walked in Jesus example of godly servant leadership
- An example for others to imitate.

Preface

- We need men of Christian maturity that provides others with Authentic Christ like servanthood.
- People are watching to find out what a Christian look like, what he acts like, and what is his attitude – (Mark 10:45) the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve” – Men like Jesus serving others – “Jesus washed his disciple’s feet”
- A Christian man’s attitude toward serving is a living sermon
- Male role models of servanthood, like Jesus, being a good example for Now Generation.
- Being an example means reflecting Jesus to those around you in a way that causes them to take notice. (Titus 2:7)
- Jesus and his disciples served the five thousand. “His disciples served the people as Jesus divided the five loaves and two fish among them. (Mark 6:41)

ICHC Multicultural Male Pastoral Team Leadership Demonstrated Servanthood.

- The Lord Jesus gave Himself redemptively to create a people who would live as servants of God in the serving of others.
- Godly men characterized the life of Jesus Christ, the quality of unselfish servanthood.

Quality of Unselfish Servanthood:

- These male Pastors served at the Buffet table and ate after all were served.
- If Christian men are going to continually grow and mature into Christ – like character, men must experience giving of themselves in servanthood to and for others.

Men -Example Setters

- Servant Living stands opposed to the primary concerns we see today where the focus of our culture and society is more on our own personal happiness and comfort.
- At “Joy Night 2016” our “Multicultural Pastoral Team Leaders chose to edify all present by a Christ like Spirit, serving others.

To God Be The Glory!!

Submitted by,
Eric Yarbough, Leader of Multi-Cultural Serving Team
“Joy Night” 2016

The Now Generation and Mature Speaker!!!
God Activated “His” Word in Our Midst at Joy Night 2016

Who's the Greatest? (Luke 22:24-27)

- The greatest in Gods sight are those who humbly serve
- Jesus said “But I am among you as the one who serves – KJB – For whether who is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serves”.

A Highlight of the Evening

- Men Serving At the Buffett Table.
Their Christ like Spirit – Awesome!!
Added to the tone for the evening.
 - Loving as members of “One Family” preferring and showing honor to one another, (Romans 12: 9, 10)
 - May this be a continued “Hallmark” of Joy Night.

Thank you “Men” for Being an “Example of Greatness.”

Scripture References

Purpose – Called: Heart of a Servant – Why: Being a Servant is Knowing Jesus!!!

(Matthew 23: 11-)

- The greatest among you “will be” your servant (Bible Hub)
- The greatest among you “must be” a servant. (English Standard Bible)
- The greatest among you “shall be” your servant. (Berean Study Bible) (Matthew 20: 26-28)
- But among you it will be different.
- Whoever wants to be a leader (great) among you must be your servant (Mark 9:35)
- Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of all.

Submitted on behalf of the many Young & Mature who commented they saw Jesus by the Men serving.

A Different Spirit Being Released On the Earth!!!

Submitted by,
Joy Night Steering Team

Triumphant Church, Authentic Agape Love

A guest said, "I have heard of the Triumphant Church, I have studied about it and now I have seen it." From the moment we entered the room you could feel a genial peace. There was an anointing in the atmosphere of peace. The engagement of people was authentic agape love. There was no dissimulation amongst as sea of members of the Body of Christ, all ages, all nationalities, all denominations and all expressions. Worship was lead by an inter-generational team. Men of ICHC served all. This experience was seamless harmony. The whole earth waited to see the manifestation of the sons of God and the world was not disappointed. We have all matured in our becoming Christ towards one another. The praise belongs to God.

Submitted by,
André Nero Randall

Beautiful and Powerful Time of Fellowship

It was a beautiful and powerful time of fellowship. I love how the Lord orders our footsteps and brings us into connection with just the right people at just the right time. My only regret is that we just don't do this often enough, for the kingdom of God is built on these eternal friendships. We were created to live and function together as one body and one people of God.

Blessings.

Submitted by,
Eric Michael Teitelman

Joy Night 2016 Response

I appreciated the theme of Kingdom diversity for the Joy Night, and how that theme was keep at the forefront of the activities. While the discussions and examples of Kingdom diversity are all well and good, we need to make sure that it's truly Kingdom diversity and not man's diversity that we're exemplifying. All in all, the event helped bring to light something that we all as believers need to remember—Kingdom diversity in unity.

Submitted by,
Ruth N. Jones

It was a very nice experience to have seen so many multicultural groups having fellowship as one body in Christ. I found it enjoyable to see so many groups fellowshiping with other groups not of the same kind.

Submitted by,
Rachel N. Jones

Quite a night to remember!

Very refreshing to have experienced in "this hour" a mini replica or prototype of what God wants for His church, "to be done on earth, as it is in heaven." The theme of cultural diversity was immediately reflected through the ministries in attendance, as well as the flavorful cuisines, which were very good.

Apropos to the night's theme was having table discussions that channeled an awareness of our own potential prejudices and/or limitations (heart). But, Praise be to GOD, we were given opportunities to share, to determine godly solutions, and to pray.

As in the song: "Joy to the World, the LORD has come, let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Hence, it was a platform, in which future "Joy Nights" can be built upon.

Submitted by,
Judith E. Coleman

Joy Night 2016, My Reflections

I was interested in attending Joy Night 2016, although I did not know what to expect, except the acronym (Jesus Others and You). It was another multicultural evening, this time we enjoy some time "getting to know our brothers and sisters in Christ", just introducing ourselves and getting to know names of the familiar faces of those we had met before on another occasion. The question and answer period which I called "Table Talk" was very interesting and enlightening. I was seated at the table with the "musicians", the youngest and her parents who I instantly fell in love with. I participated in every aspect of Joy Night and only wish that there was more time to really connect with others after the program.

A very powerful scene stuck with me, when it was time to eat, the men were serving the flock. It reminded me of when Jesus was sitting down, He called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." In the ministry (Shâlam World Outreach (MD), Inc.) which I am a part of, serving others is played out in real time, and something we hear repeated often is "True greatness comes in serving others". We saw true greatness displayed on Joy Night 2016. If you ever get an opportunity read the book "The Rainbow Fish". Sometimes we think the most important thing is to be the first, to be the most beautiful, to be the smartest, or to be the GREATEST! That isn't what Jesus said. He said that the most important thing was to think of others first and ourselves last. If we want to be great in God's sight, we should seek to be a servant rather than seeking to be served. That is what the men of God displayed "Joy Night 2016".

Submitted by,
Minister Deborah F. Bloxon

Reflections of Joy Night

1. God's grace for unity was upon His people.
2. The people were open to receive from one another.
3. There was honor and respect felt among the Now Generation and the other different age groups.
4. Everybody was happy to be together.
5. There was joy in the atmosphere.
6. The believer's greeting flowed freely in Kingdom Diversity.
7. Table talk was very productive and eye opening.
8. Thank God for Dr. Boone and her vision for the multicultural. We see it developing in the Pastors.

Submitted by,
Bishop Bobby Holmes

Summation of Joy Night Thoughts

I am honored to be called to share in this journey with Together in Ministry and those who've heard, who hear and who will hear the Lord's call to Himself and His work in the DMV. It is evident that the earnest prayers and accompanying worship of the Lord's elect over many years has brought us to an appointed time of transition.

On Joy Night I served as the host at "The Next Generation" table, where there as a mix of 3 generations represented (i.e. millennials, Gen X and a Boomer). The conversation and climate was one of honor and shared trust. The adults at the table warmly welcomed the youth and the youth showed genuine respect to the adults.

The bishops, pastors, and leaders walked in a humility that released a freedom among their congregation members.

I believe the expressed desires and intent of leaders among us: to get together more, to be intentional in touching, to shine together, to embrace the beauty of Christian diversity and for our love to be a love of action should inform of us our Heavenly Father's divine mobilization. I am reminded of how the prophets and teachers of Antioch; in Acts 13, were worshiping the Lord and fasting when the Holy Spirit instructed that Banabas and Saul be set apart. As they continued in prayer and fasting, the Holy Spirit sent them off together. I feel that there is a caution to not go forth in our understanding, presumption or traditions but to receive the Lord's clear direction in prayer. In the ministry name that we all rally around "Together In Ministry", the word "together" comes before the word "ministry" so I pray that we will cooperate with the Lord's work in our heart/relation (John 17:21-23) precedes the ministry that we engage in at each point.

Submitted by,
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