Forward by Faith...ICOC 3.0

Dreaming about the Future of our Fellowship

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Before reviewing these questions, please read these:

- 1) ICOC 3.0 Regional Leadership Meetings Guide
- 2) ICOC 3.0 Regional Leadership Meeting Template
- 3) ICOC 3.0 Regional Leadership Meeting Discussion Groups

The success of these discussion groups was found in these key elements:

- Preparation: Participants reviewing the preparation videos by the Teachers, etc.
- Topic Presentations: Each topic was presented and then discussed before the next Topic was presented.
- Truth and Grace in our comments with respect to all participants.

GOALS: These meetings had two simple goals relying on the Spirit's guidance to further the discussion:

- 1. What do we agree that needs to change to please God?
- 2. What vision do we have for the future?

These are big questions for a big God! Obviously, all those answers would not come in just three days, but we started the conversation. The goals were not to make any decisions, but simply to listen to one another and pray to discern God's will.

NOTE: The answer to many of these questions are the options: Yes, No, Maybe, I Don't Know. These should take the least amount of time to discuss.

TOPIC #1 THE POSSIBLE DREAM

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Should we be a global movement?
- 2. If so, do we need to be organized globally?
- 3. Do we need a <u>vision statement</u> serving as a rallying cry?
- 4. If so, what vision statement would you suggest?
- 5. Do we need to significantly upgrade our global communications infrastructure?
- 6. What are key elements for such a global communications infrastructure?
- 7. Do we need a global missions organization to strengthen our missions societies?
- 8. If so, what are key elements of success for a global missions organization?
- 9. Do we need a structure for conflict resolution on a global and regional level?
- 10. Do we need an organization to manage resources, like people and money, globally and regionally?

TOPIC #2 DELEGATES RECONSIDERED

QUESTIONS:

- 1. In your view, what has contributed to our having 684 churches and 108,000 members around the world?
- 2. Is our present growth rate concerning to you?
- 3. What are the underlying issues that cause you concern?
- 4. Do service teams serve our present needs?
- 5. Does the delegates system serve our present needs?
- 6. If not, what alternative would you suggest for the service teams or delegates?
- 7. Do you think we should have a global leadership team that is appointed to do certain tasks?
- 8. What are your top 3 tasks for a global leadership team?
- 9. How would you select a global leadership team?
- 10. To whom should they report?

TOPIC #3 WHERE IS OUR HEART REALLY?

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Do you think that a "Zero budget, volunteer only" approach is the best strategy for our Brotherhood/Global fellowship?
- 2. If not, which global needs are most compelling to you?
- 3. Do you believe that if given a clear explanation, and time for implementation, that churches in your part of the fellowship would be open to supporting "Brotherhood efforts"?
- 4. If resources become available, what would be the best process for deciding how to allocate those funds?
- 5. If resources become available, what would be the best process for evaluating how effectively the money was spent after the fact?