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Unity Task Force – San Antonio Report

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3

As a result of the Panama meeting last fall, and under the oversight of the Catalyst Team and Elders Service Committee, a primary focus for Kingdom Unity has been ignited. **The Unity Task Force** has been established with the intent of being proactive in helping our 32 families of churches deal with conflicts and difficulties of many kinds, including cultural diversity challenges, doctrinal disagreements and the like that may arise within or between regions of our global fellowship. The **Unity Task Force (UTF)** is comprised of 11 members and includes elders, evangelists, women’s ministry leaders, teachers, and church leaders and spans our globe from China to India to Europe, from Australia to the United States.

The desire of the UTF is to be more proactive and less reactive in matters of conflict. This approach puts an important emphasis on **conflict resolution training** for our 32 regions. To date each region has designated a contact person to interact with the UTF. It is our plan that in the near future training materials will be disseminated to these regions and useful dialogue will be established in regards to dealing with conflict. This will not only help us get ahead of conflicts that may arise, but also start a discussion regarding long standing issues and newly developed difficulties that are currently in need of reconciliation.

In addition to conflict resolution, the Unity Task Force, working with the global regional families, proposes to build on the Unity Cooperation Proposal (UCP) to **affirm our ICOC fellowship**. This would include discussing ways to better connect regional families with each other and to strengthen "ligaments" in the global body as well as enhance our understanding of diversity issues across our family of churches.

We as a team are committed to develop a better understanding of the issues that are potential dividers among us. It is our goal to diffuse these issues through training, dialogue, and biblical resolution with the goal of the ***“unity of the spirit, and the bond of peace.”***