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## A Tribute to Dr George O. Wood

On Jan 12, 2022, Heaven welcomed home, a faithful servant and son of the faith. Dr George O. Wood passed away after a 4½-month battle with stage 4 cancer.

Since 2008, Dr Wood has been the chairman of World Assemblies of God Fellowship (WAGF), the world's largest Pentecostal body, with 164 member councils with more than 70 million adherents.

He was a legend. But he was also a fatherly figure to many people who has come under his leadership or interacted with him. He was known to teach Bible school students to reduce their sermon points to a single word. And so, we present our tribute of Dr Wood with four single words – Reliance, Responsibility, Risk, and Reward.

### On Reliance.

He was one of the longest lasting leaders among the 13 general superintendents of the U.S. Assemblies of God, serving from 2007 to 2017. No matter how long he's served, he had such a deep reliance on the Holy Spirit.

At the 57<sup>th</sup> General Council in Anaheim, Dr Wood said, *"In our Fellowship, we have great methods, great tools for evangelism, discipleship, church growth, relational healing, and a host of other things. All that's well and good, but those alone will not take us where we need to go! It is still 'not by power, not by might, but by my Spirit, says the LORD!'"*

Dr Wood reminded us, that as the WAGF, we cannot rest on the accomplishments of the past. There must be a fresh anointing upon the Assemblies of God, a fresh impetus to finish this task which the Spirit has given us.

### On Responsibility.

In 1988, Dr Wood was leading a wonderful congregation in Costa Mesa. Ray Rachels had just been elected district superintendent and the balloting began for assistant superintendent. And even though Dr Wood was reluctant to be an assistant then, he heard the Spirit saying, "George, you have been a good leader but you are a lousy servant. I want you to shine Ray Rachels shoes for a few years." So, Dr Wood left his name in and was elected. Through that, God prepared and moved him along the trajectory that ultimately led him to being general secretary and then general superintendent of the U.S. Assemblies of God.

He was a man who truly lived out responsibility wherever the Lord commanded him to. Said Dr Wood, "Sometimes, we mistakenly kid ourselves with the idea, 'Well, if I don't do God's will for my life, He has someone else to do it.' I want to tell you that there is no one standing in line to take your place."

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## On Risk.

Dr Wood was a paperboy at the age of 15. He knew he had a call to preach the Gospel. But he was shy (his own words). Nonetheless, he took the risk. When he was done with his paper route, he would cycle over to a church under construction. After making sure all the workers had left for the day, he walked onto the cement platform where he thought the pulpit would be. This shy young teenager would practice preaching to an imaginary audience for a few minutes as though he was Billy Graham or C. M. Ward. When finished, he would get back on his bicycle and retreat into his shy self.

From imaginary to a worldwide audience. Dr Wood is a strong advocate for risk, "All growth in the kingdom comes from people taking risks – whether it's an organization or you as a person. Risk is another word for faith. There is no growth in the kingdom without risk."

Dr Wood has been pivotal in growing and shaping the World Assemblies of God Fellowship. As the Assemblies grew more diverse, he worked to make sure more women, minorities, and people under the age of 40 had prominent roles in directing the denomination's future.

He was a great visionary. In 2017, at the 8<sup>th</sup> World Assemblies of God Congress held in Singapore, God released through him, a prophetic word – where churches around the world, working together with a mighty outpouring of the Spirit see the greatest evangelism and revival in our generation, presenting to the Lord one million churches in the year 2033 through the MM33 initiative. What a man of tremendous faith and passion!

## On Reward.

Dr Wood once said, "Have you ever asked, 'What did the good Samaritan get out of helping the beaten man left to die?' Absolutely nothing for Himself. His reward was that the man could recover."

Similarly, while he won't be able to be with us in person when we officially launch MM33 in 2023 at the 9<sup>th</sup> World Assemblies of God Congress, we are certain that he will be cheering us on from Heaven as WAGF continues to carry the Lord's mandate and make it our personal mission to go and make disciples of all nations.

Dr Wood will be greatly missed, but his legacy will continue to echo through time.

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