

June 1, 2024 Letter to Prayer Point People



In a recent online regional prayer meeting I attended, Pastor Leo Park declared, “A Fire is Burning!” Yes, yes, yes! If one just attended the recent Allegheny West Annual Conference in Mount Vernon, Ohio, there would absolutely be no doubt! The fire landed and burned brightly from May 22nd through May 25th at Mount Vernon Nazarene University as Allegheny West 413 clergy, 372 delegates, 94 spouses and 51 guests (total 930) experienced that Holy Spirit flame! This is my campus (I’m trying to retire! ☺) and there is a central location you may have sauntered past if you took the scenic route to Hyson Campus Center for meals. Mid-campus stands a brick pillar housing a flame with a plaque below that holds the MVNU motto,

“To Seek To Learn Is To Seek To Serve.”



Yes! We need to keep putting on new kindling, fanning the flame, asking the Spirit to keep the strong fire burning! We need to be live embers that take what we experienced of our amazing Triune God at conference back to our local churches!

Here are some of the burning points the Lord seared into my heart at conference:

- “Build the altar first! (before the Temple, before the walls, before anything) The altar is where we define our faith on which God can light the fire. The altar is where the people of God connect to the heart of God.” Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore
- If I have Jesus as my Savior, I am a COGPOW – a Child Of God and Person Of Worth “God uses our brokenness more than our strength...When we are vulnerable, then we are usable.”– Rev. Dr. Jeff Greenway
- “Start seeing yourselves as instruments of the Holy Spirit to reform a nation! ...We are in a time of real shaking that may last for decades...We pray the GMC will be a place of deep humility that allows Jesus to have His rightful place. Now is the time. This is the place You are the people!” Rev. Dr. Bill Arnold
- “Until He returns, we contend for the faith in a fallen world...The church needs to be at its best when our culture is at its worst.” Dr. David Watson

Take out the embers He has entrusted to you this week to begin a passionate fire in each of our GMC churches. In the words of our President Pro-Tempore of the GMC, Rev. Dr. Jeff Greenway,

Do Not Stop No Matter What!