

# HARVEST NETWORK

## HNI Winter Newsletter

*May our attitude be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*          Philippians 2:5-7

Greetings and “Happy New Year!” to each of you and your family. I sincerely hope you have had a few days to rest following the celebration of our Lord’s coming into this world. Each year I am again filled with awe that our great God and Creator came as one of us. What love and commitment Jesus demonstrates in this sacrificial act! As a New Year dawns may we all fulfill the charge Paul gave the Philippian church to imitate Jesus in showing the same kind of devotion and love as servants of God and our fellow men.

Honored to serve with you!  
Jim Anderson – HNI Presiding Overseer



## ----- HNI NEWS -----

### **Pastor Tom Herbert Appointed to Serve on HNI Elder Board**

Following a month of prayer and feedback, I am happy to announce that **Pastor Tom Herbert** has been affirmed and appointed to the HNI Eldership, the network’s constitutional board of oversight.

Tom has been a very active member of HNI for well over a decade. He serves as lead pastor of LIFE Church (formerly known as Church of the New Covenant) in Jacksonville, IL. Tom has demonstrated a great love for HNI over the years and has contributed to HNI’s development by procuring speakers for HNI events and bringing new members into the network. I am delighted to add Pastor Tom’s gifts and passion to the Board of Elders. Thanks to all who responded to our request for prayers and input into making this important decision!

### **Nominations Remain Open for New HNI Elders:**

The current oversight board consisting of myself, **Dale Sisam, Bob Swanger and Tom Herbert** ask that the members of HNI continue to pray about additional leaders who are gifted and called to oversee our network. We are open to adding two other people to the elder board in 2014. We have kept all of the names nominated in the previous round of nominations and would like to have additional names added to this list as the Lord so leads. Please send any nominations to the HNI Home Office in writing by letter or e-mail. In addition to a name, please include a brief paragraph explaining the reasoning behind your nomination. Thank you!

## 2014 Dues and a Coming Notice of an Increase in Dues

Look for invoices to arrive in late January requesting your annual membership dues. There will also be a notice detailing an increase in dues coming in January. **After seven years without a change in HNI's annual dues structure it has become necessary to make a slight across-the-board increase.** Our sincere desire is to maintain a strong, relational network without placing an unbearable burden on anyone. It is now HNI policy to give members until March 31<sup>st</sup> to pay their annual dues each year. A \$50 late fee will apply after March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### New Regional Representative Appointed in Mid-Atlantic Region:

**Matt Duddleston**, a staff pastor at Resurrection Church in Charlotte, NC, has agreed to assume the responsibilities of the HNI Regional Representative in the Mid-Atlantic region which includes North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Regional representatives are a key part of HNI's commitment to be a relational network. Representatives coordinate periodic gatherings of HNI members, serve as representatives of the network at important events, conduct face-to-face interviews with applicants in their region and provide pastoral care to other HNI members as needed. The network is made a healthier, more caring community through the ministry of each of our regional representatives!

Matt will be replacing **Rollo Leimer** who has truly set the standard for HNI Regional Reps over the past twenty years. Our thanks to Rollo for all of the care and connecting he has done on behalf of HNI!

### Standing with Cornerstone Church in Menasha, Wisconsin

Many of you joined in prayer for **Pastor Dan Kiefer** of Cornerstone Church in Menasha, WI I this past fall as he fought cancer. He lost that battle and is now with the Lord. In mid-December Cornerstone learned that their youth pastor, **Scott Kimball** was diagnosed with melanoma cancer in his lymph and intestinal systems. He is underwent bowel surgery to remove a portion of his small intestines on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will begin chemo treatments sometime in February. He, his family, and church family are standing in faith to believe God for great grace and miraculous healing. Thank you for standing with them. Please contact your local prayer teams on their behalf.

# 2014 HNI National Assembly



Dave Browning



Lee Grady

I encourage all our members to take advantage of early-bird pricing to register for HNI's National Assembly. This year's theme is "Going Wide, While Staying Deep". We will dig deep into the "how-tos" of making deep disciples while, at the same time, going out to reach unreached people and launch new churches. Jesus assured that both were not only possible, but were the dual formula for Kingdom growth. Note: we are giving a large discount this year where three or more people register from the same church or ministry team.

## New in 2014: Pre-Conference Intensive

A pre-conference intensive on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> will be available. The topic is "Creating a Generous Culture" in your ministry. The nationally recognized ministry, "Generous Life" will conduct the daylong seminar at The Harbor Church. This ministry has done wonders in expanding stewardship culture at The Harbor.

**Early-Bird Pricing Now Available for HNI's National Assembly!**

### *Going Wide While Staying Deep*

*Featuring Pastor Dave Browning and Lee Grady*

Tuesday -Thursday, June 24-26, 2014 at The Harbor Church in Hastings, MN  
PLUS! Mon. June 23<sup>rd</sup> - A Bonus Intensive for Church Leaders – "Creating a Generous Culture"