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## GLOBAL CHURCH NETWORK

During his years serving as an evangelist, Dr. James O. Davis, president of [Global Church Network](#) (GCN), formerly known as Billion Soul Network, learned that more than 90% of pastors worldwide have no formal education. Burdened by the lack of ministry training among teachers and pastors, in 2001 he shared his vision with the late Dr. Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade (now Cru), with whom he co-founded the organization that has since gone on to impact millions of people across the world. In August of that year, they announced before the Assemblies of God General Presbytery their ambitious mission to help plant five million new churches around the world with the goal of saving one billion souls.

GCN equips pastors and church leaders from around the world for outreach in their surrounding communities by holding its international, biennial Synergize conference and annual leadership summits, which have been attended by more than 85,000 individuals.

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Additionally, local churches from around the world have joined GCN as a Billion Soul™ Church.

A Billion Soul Church is a Bible-believing, Christ-centered, spirit-filled, Kingdom-minded and mission-sending church that is characterized with prayer, passion for souls, discipling peoples, visionary leadership, sacrificial giving, and commitment to fulfill the Great Commission.

A Billion Soul™ Church is:

- A synergizing Church that networks and partners with others to complete the Great Commission;
- A soul-saving Church with a focus on doubling in size within ten to fifteen years;
- A seeking Church that prays for the Great Commission to be fulfilled;
- A sending Church that trains ministers to send into the harvest field and plants churches;
- A sowing Church that invests resources and finances into GCN.

GCN includes more than 2,750 denominations and 700,000 churches and has reached its founding milestone of bringing one billion individuals to salvation and helping to plant five million churches. Going forward, the GCN's missional goal is to help fulfill the Great Commission by the 2,000th anniversary of the Christian church in 2030 through the [FINISH:2030](#) initiative.

On February 15, 2024, in the heart of Synergize 2024, GCN will launch Jerusalem 2030, scheduled to convene at the International Convention Center of Jerusalem on June 9-11, 2030. Three thousand leaders will be invited in honor of the first three thousand who came to Christ when Peter preached his first sermon at the First Pentecost, consummating the birth of the Church.

To learn more about GCN, visit [gcnw.tv](https://gcnw.tv).



## DR. JAMES O. DAVIS

Dr. James O. Davis is the founder of Cutting Edge International and [Global Church Network](#), a growing coalition of more than 2,750 Christian ministries and denominations from around the world who are synergizing and mobilizing their efforts to build a premier global community of pastors to help finish the Great Commission by the 2,000th Birthday of the Church ([Finish2030.com](#)). With more than 700,000 churches represented, the Global Church Network has become the largest pastors' network in the world.

Christian leaders recognize Dr. Davis as one of the leading networkers in the Christian world. More than 85,000 pastors and leaders have attended his biennial pastors' conference and leadership summits across the United States and in all major world regions. Dr. Davis has been named among the "Top Ten Christian Influencers in the World."

From 1997 to 2000, Dr. Davis served on the Amsterdam 2000 Executive Committee with the late Dr. Billy Graham and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Amsterdam 2000 hosted more than 11,000 leaders from 217 nations, provinces and territories. The main focus of Amsterdam 2000 was to ascertain where the gospel is not and to mobilize evangelistic leaders to help complete the Great Commission.

In October 2017, Dr. Davis spearheaded and hosted The Wittenberg 2017 Congress in Berlin, Germany. The Wittenberg 2017 Congress celebrated the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This historic congress brought together more than 600 influential leaders from more than 80 denominations and every world region. Finish 2030 was launched at the gravesite of Martin Luther, the Protestant Reformer.

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## DR. JAMES O. DAVIS (continued)

In September 2005, the Global Church Network launched the Billion Soul Initiative in Dallas, Texas. The overarching goal established was the planting of five million churches for a billion-soul harvest in 10 to 15 years. In October and November 2019, GCN achieved the goals of one billion souls saved and five million new churches planted respectively.

Dr. Davis served 12 years as the National Evangelists Representative at the Assemblies of God World Headquarters, leading 1,500 evangelists and training thousands of students for full-time evangelism. Ministering more than 45 weeks per year for the last 40 years, Dr. Davis has now traveled over ten million miles to minister face-to-face to millions of people in nearly 140 nations.

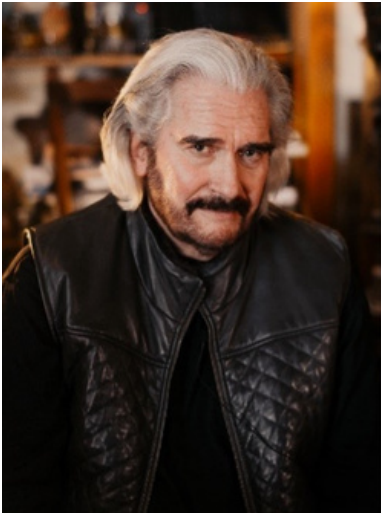
Dr. Davis earned a Doctorate in Ministry in Preaching at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and two master's degrees from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. The author of more than 20 books, including his most recent, "The Synergistic Church: The Answer to Fulfilling the Great Commission" and "Unhindered! Power Principles for the Extraordinary Christian Life," Dr. Davis has written and contributed to numerous key resources for the Global Church.



## DR. JAMES O. DAVIS (Condensed Bio)

Dr. James O. Davis is the founder of [Global Church Network](#) and Cutting Edge International who many consider to be the leading Christian networker of our time. For more than 40 years, Dr. Davis has successfully developed and deployed more than ten major international initiatives, which in turn have created compounding momentum throughout the entire Body of Christ.

Dr. Davis is committed to synergizing and mobilizing the Global Church for the completion of the Great Commission. A prolific author, international speaker and recognized expert on networking and leadership, Dr. Davis has ministered face-to-face to millions of people in more than 140 nations over the last 40 years. Global Church Network has become the largest pastors' network on the globe, partnering with more than 2,600 ministries and 700,000 churches around the world.



## Leonard Sweet

Leonard Sweet is currently the E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Drew University in Madison, N.J. and a Visiting Distinguished Professor at George Fox University in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Sweet has been Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Theological School at Drew University for many years. Founder and President of Spirit Venture Ministries, he has been a leader in the United Methodist Church and a consultant to many of America's denominational leaders and agencies. Dr. Sweet is a founding member of the Global Church Network and serves on the Finish 2030 Leadership Team.



## Dr. Kenneth C. Ulmer

Dr. Kenneth C. Ulmer is a founding member of the Global Church Network and serves as the Senior Pastor-Teacher of Faithful Central Bible Church in Inglewood, California. Since his arrival in 1982, the church has grown from less than 300 people to more than 13,000. Dr. Ulmer is also the Presiding Bishop over Macedonia International Bible Fellowship based in Johannesburg, South Africa, an association of pastors representing ministries in Africa and the U.S.





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GCN pastors and leaders will assemble in Israel June 9-11, 2030, for the Jerusalem 2030 Summit, to celebrate the 2000th birthday of the Church. GCN will invite 3,000 key leaders worldwide to honor the 3,000 who were saved during the first Pentecost.

Founder and president of GCN, Dr. James O. Davis, is the author of:

- *The Faith Book: The Master Key to a Grand Life of Faith*
- *Unhindered! Power Principles for the Extraordinary Christian Life*
- *The Joy Book: The Unspeakable Christian Life*
- *The Synergistic Church: The Answer to Fulfilling the Great Commission*
- *Living Life from a Heavenly Edge*
- *We Are the Church: The Untold Story of God's Global Awakening (coauthored with Dr. Leonard Sweet)*
- *How to Make Your Net Work: Tying Relational Knots for Global Impact*
- *The Forgotten Baptism: Your Leadership Path to Fulfilling Your Vision (coauthored with Dr. Kenneth Ulmer)*
- *Scaling Your Everest: Lessons from Sir Edmund Hillary*
- *Gutenberg to Google: The Twenty Indispensable Laws of Communication*
- *The Great Commission Study Bible (coauthored with Dr. Ben Lerner)*
- *The Billion Soul Story*
- *12 Big Ideas*
- *The Pastor's Best Friend: The New Testament Evangelist*
- *Living Like Jesus*
- *The Preacher's Summit*
- *What to Do When the Lights Go Out*
- *It's a Miraculous Life!*
- *Signposts on the Road to Armageddon*
- *Beyond All Limits: The Synergistic Church for a Planet in Crisis (coauthored with Dr. Bill Bright)*



# FACT SHEET: FINISH 2030

For more than 20 years, GCN has synergistically partnered with thousands of organizations and more than 700,000 churches, spanning virtually every denomination and world region. In 2017, they added a finish line: 2030 — the 2,000th birthday of the Church.

Referred to as **FINISH 2030**, the collaboration includes regional FINISH 2030 Summits, where targeted leaders gather to establish a collective goal of the number of pastors and ministers needed to be trained in the next ten years to complete the Great Commission in their region. As part of this endeavor, the Million Ministers Mandate was established to create enough onramps for one million new young ministers to be equipped and empowered into full-time ministry in the next seven to ten years.

During 2023 and through June, 2024, GCN hosted FINISH Summits in Asia, West Africa, Europe, Caribbean and Southern Africa. So far, the collective goal toward the Million Ministers Mandate is 1,074,000 young ministers trained in the next seven to ten years.

GCN has committed to carrying out this calling through the following F.I.N.I.S.H. objectives:

- FIND the world's unreached people groups and engage them.
- INTERCEDE for the unreached and for one another.
- NETWORK together for the greatest synergistic impact.
- INVEST our time, talent and treasure into this kingdom cause.
- SEND missionaries into the world regions where the Gospel isn't known.
- HARVEST together until the very last person has heard.

### **Mount Everest Training Center:**

In September 2018, the Global Church Network hosted a "Give Me This Mountain Initiative," in Kathmandu, Nepal. More than 1,500 church planters traveled both short and long distances; some hiked for two weeks through the Himalayas to attend the summit. Since the launch of "Give Me This Mountain Initiative," hundreds of church planters have been trained and are now planting churches at the highest altitudes in the world. Yet, this is not enough to equip the number of church planters needed for the 20,000 plus villages that have never heard the Gospel and have never had a church located in them.

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The Global Church Network, in partnership with The Nepal Fellowship of Churches, are moving forward with the development and deployment of the first-ever [Mount Everest Training Center](#) in Solukhumbu, Nepal at the 8,000 ft. level.

## **Global Church Divinity School:**

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## **Synergize Pastors and Leaders Conference:**

The Synergize Pastors and Leaders Conference, organized by Global Church Network (GCN), was developed and designed for Christian leaders who desire to network, synergize and mobilize for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Since its inception in 2002, the biennial conference has drawn more than 55,000 Christian leaders from more than 100 nations representing 100 denominations.

Synergize 2024 took place on February 14-16, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, gathering influential international pastors and leaders who collectively represent more than 100 denominations, 80 countries and every world region. The three-day event featured 25 renowned plenary speakers sharing powerful messages related to the conference theme of The Unhindered Gospel — a reference to the last verse of the book of Acts which says the gospel was shared “with all boldness and without hindrance!”



# SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

## **About Global Church Network:**

- When was the Global Church Network founded?
- What does it mean for churches and denominations from every world region to partner synergistically?
- How does GCN equip pastors and church leaders from around the world for evangelistic outreach?
- What is FINISH 2030?
- What is the Million Ministers Mandate and how does it impact how quickly we fulfill the Great Commission?
- What are the Global Hubs of Christianity and why are they important?
- In 2019, GCN reached its first milestone of one billion souls and 5,000 churches. What is GCN's next milestone/s?

## **About FINISH 2030:**

- What is the strategy of FINISH 2030 to accomplish its goal of fulfilling the Great Commission by the 2,000th anniversary of the Christian Church?
- What can local churches do right now to help achieve fulfillment of the Great Commission?
- How can those who are not pastors or evangelists contribute to the fulfillment of the Great Commission?

## **About the Great Commission:**

- Why do you believe this is the generation that will complete the Great Commission? What do they have that previous generations did not?
- Practically speaking, what will it take to finish the Great Commission?
  - What are the five "needs" for fulfilling the Great Commission on a global scale?
- You say that fulfilling the Great Commission is not about money, it's about motivation. Can you tell us more about this thought process?

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## **About the Global Church Divinity School (GCDS):**

- What is the significance of GCDS as it relates to FINISH 2030's goal of fulfilling the Great Commission by 2030?
- What distinguishes GCDS from other ministry training courses and resources?
- How is the GCDS teaching faculty selected?
- What are the various credentialing levels and learning tracks available through GCDS?
- What is the Global Church Library?

## **About the Mount Everest Training Center:**

- What is "the Christian's Mount Everest?"
- What is the missional significance of the Mount Everest Training Center?

## **About the Synergize Pastors and Leaders Conference:**

- What impact has the Synergize conference had over the 22 years since it began?
- Why is it important for Christian pastors and leaders to network, synergize and mobilize?