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## SUMMER 2018 CONNECTION EDITORIAL

I love family reunions. I enjoy the history represented, the common DNA as well as the family covering at these reunions. Playing together, eating together, and sitting around the fire at night gut laughing at stories; I find it all life giving. I love my family.

Chi Alpha's Campus Missions Conference is our family reunion. This is the one time the entire Chi Alpha family, children included, gather together in one place for shared relationships, celebrations, and ministry. CMC is a special and sacred time. It is special in that it happens only once every four years and its focus is solely directed towards Chi Alpha's missionary families. It is sacred in that as the Chi Alpha family gathers together, we do so in Jesus name. The Holy Spirit is an integral and welcomed "family member" of Chi Alpha and He visits us in all we do; from the water park to the ministry gatherings to golf, He is a part of it all.

CMC is vital to the health of Chi Alpha as a Movement. When we all gather together, it enables us to receive important information that will help us accomplish our work more effectively on campus. Family expresses common DNA and Chi Alpha DNA is passed on at CMC. When we all gather together, we hear the ministry stories and testimonies from campus. Our vision is enhanced, and we are inspired.

**Inspiration** is a motivating force for effective, fruitful, and joyful ministry. Deliberate Chi Alpha missionary kid development program is a strategic part of CMC and through it, our Chi Alpha MKs are inspired to continue in their peer relationships, deepen their relationship with Jesus, and understand their role in their family's call.

The ministry **impartment** that occurs at CMC can never be underestimated. Times at the altar bring remembrance and refreshing of call. Relevant and authentic operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit bring encouragement and direction from God. All of this leads to health in Chi Alpha, health being efficacious ministry and longevity on the field.

From eighty-six persons at the first CMC in 1977 to 1,225 persons at CMC 2018, veritable growth has been observed. As Chi Alpha grows as a Movement, it becomes imperative we have significant moments together: sharing life, calling, vision moving forward, and ministry moments. CMC is our single national venue to see this happen; it is the Chi Alpha family reunion and I love family reunions.

Extending His Kingdom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "E. Scott Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

E. Scott Martin, National Senior Director

**E. SCOTT MARTIN** is the senior national director of Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, U.S.A. He previously served as the Student Mission Director for 18 years. He has served with Chi Alpha since May 1986, where he pioneered Chi Alpha on The University of Arizona. He and his family along with two great teams of "give a year" Chi Alpha volunteers also pioneered Chi Alpha in Central Eurasia.



# THE FIRST-FRUIT OF A GREAT AWAKENING

BY HARVEY HERMAN

We, Chi Alpha, are convinced God is bringing a Great Awakening to the college campuses of America. We further believe we witnessed a “first-fruit” of this Awakening during our once-every-four-year national missionary conference—Campus Missions Conference 2018. CMC convened at the Arizona Grand Resort on July 23-26, 2018 in Phoenix.

Awakenings are always evidenced by a unity of the Spirit, increased anticipation for what God will do, and by a clarity of mission that all leads to a dramatic increase in a harvest

Jason Thomas, to address and bless our missionaries. We have never witnessed something like this display of unity among the prominent national campus ministry organizations. This alone is evidence of a coming awakening.

We are confident the process of disciples-makers making disciples-makers is going to dramatically advance across the board in Chi Alpha. For some Chi Alpha groups, they are already doing so well in disciple-making, they only



of souls. An awakening is trending when worship stirs the soul, fellowship is sincere and deep, and God speaks in prophetic ways to challenge, correct, and to calibrate His call of His people to His Great Commission. Awakenings shake the foundations of a society and it begins in the “household” of God. CMC was a time of shaking.

CMC shattered our previous attendance record with 1,225 missionaries and family members attending. The theme centered on “Disciple-Making Communities.” We broke down the theme through four plenary sessions taught by discipling legends of Chi Alpha, and through 27 breakout sessions all dealing with aspects of the discipling process.

We were graced to have the national director of Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ), Mark Gauthier, and the national director of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship,

need to fine-tune the process. Some will go back far more focused than before on disciple-making, and some will go back to their campus and completely reboot to our national minimum standards of disciples-makers making disciples-makers. When a Movement like Chi Alpha is unified across our 320 campus groups on discipleship, something powerful in the Kingdom of God is afoot.

In our post-conference survey we discovered 98 percent rated CMC as an excellent and extraordinarily wonderful time together. Here are some of their reflections on CMC impact on them:

*What a fantastic couple of days! I'm refreshed, challenged and inspired to reach students and convinced that I'm working with some of the most talented, passionate and anointed campus ministers ever assembled!*



**HARVEY HERMAN** serves Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, U.S.A. as the Program Director, overseeing the Training, Personnel, Field, and Cross-Cultural Missions Teams.



*After CMC, I am more prepared to enter this coming school year as an missionary intern. CMC reminded me and reinforced in me the why behind what we do as campus missionaries. It also provided an opportunity to consider where God could be calling my family after this year.*

*Awesome! Best CMC yet. Full of great content that helps us work in our mission with wisdom. There is much wisdom in XA nation and the speakers were those with proven fruit. This is incredibly valuable to us as campus missionaries. We leave the experience refreshed, inspired, encouraged, and more equipped to be effective on our campus.*

*My wife and I left refreshed and renewed in vision and in connection with the XA family. I'm so proud to be part of this movement on the most strategic mission field in the world, the university campus!*

*I have never left a conference more inspired to do my job well, or loving my job more. Thank you for all your hard work, and for everything you did to make this conference happen. That conference was a turning point in our movement and was above and beyond incredible.*



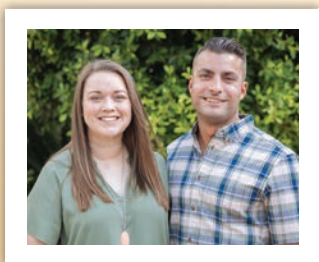
## WELCOME ALEX RODRIGUEZ

### NATIONAL TRAINING DIRECTOR

We are thrilled to announce Alex Rodriguez is assuming the assignment of National Training Director for Chi Alpha Campus Ministries. The Training Director leads a Training Team who serve to establish the core curricula for missionary staff

training, preside over essential staff training events, direct the Campus Missionary-in-Training internship program, and oversee the creation of staff training resources for Chi Alpha.

In particular, Alex will be responsible for our Reach the U Institute (RUI), Campus Missions Conference (CMC), and Student Institute of Campus Ministry (SICM) conferences, the national Campus Missionary-in-Training program, and our disciple-making initiatives. He will assume his new Training Director role by Thanksgiving of this year. Alex is married to his high school sweetheart Abby.



## WELCOME BRIAN & MINDY HARGETT

### EXPEDITIONS DIRECTORS

We are excited to announce Brian and Mindy Hargett as the new Chi Alpha Expeditions Directors. The Expeditions Director leads university students to the nations by networking them with Assemblies of God World Missions and is

typified by student short-term domestic and foreign trips, graduate give-a-year and pray-about-a-lifetime assignments, and strategic study abroad programs.

Brian and Mindy have been Chi Alpha missionaries in North Carolina for the past 22 years, the last 18 as pioneers and directors at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC. Additionally, Brian has served in several roles on a district and area level. Both Brian and Mindy have a passion for equipping and launching college students into all the world to make disciples who make disciples.





# 2018 FOUNDATION DINNER

BY MARY VALLONI

On Friday, July 27, following the close of the 2018 Campus Missions Conference (CMC), the National Chi Alpha Ministry Center and the National Chi Alpha Advancement Advisory Group hosted the Second Chi Alpha Foundation Dinner in Phoenix, Arizona. It was an evening of vision and fellowship as Chi Alpha friends joined together from across the country to support the advancement of Chi Alpha Campus Ministries.

The evening began with an Ambassador Reception with appetizers, photos, and the presentation of awards to Chi Alpha's top national supporters. The reception was followed by dinner where guests had the honor of hearing from keynote speaker, Daniel Blomberg, Senior Counsel for The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and Chi Alpha's religious liberty attorney, in addition to Senior National Director E. Scott Martin and the recipients of the Christou Apostoloi Medal of Honor.

so do it!" In 2014, Dr. Tory and Jenny McJunkin served as the inaugural chairmen of the National Chi Alpha Advancement Advisory Group and are credited with launching the Chi Alpha Foundation and the National Chi Alpha Alumni Association. The McJunkins continue to serve in leadership on the Advancement Advisory Group. Over the years they have exemplified generosity and have been an example for others to follow.

Nearly \$150,000 in support came in the night of the dinner, but above all the dollars that were raised, we had a room full of people who were all in on Chi Alpha.

Senior National Director E. Scott Martin shared, "We had an incredible evening of inspiration and encouragement and our time together was strategic to the advancement of Chi Alpha and the Kingdom of God."



A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the first Christou Apostoloi Medal of Honor, an honor given to an individual, family, church, organization or company that has gone above and beyond to advance the mission of Chi Alpha Campus Ministries. The medal of honor was presented at the dinner to Dr. Tory and Jenny McJunkin.

As a former Chi Alpha Director, Jenny (Egge) McJunkin has never really left Chi Alpha and her love for the ministry has continued beyond her years on campus. Dr. Tory shared at the dinner, "I love my wife and if my wife loves Chi Alpha,

Special thanks to our table sponsors, individual donors, and dinner guests who joined us in Phoenix and thanks to our National Chi Alpha Advancement Advisory Group led by Chairmen Dr. Kore and Michelle Liow, Dr. Tory and Jenny McJunkin, Jayme and Sandy Freitas, Andy and Margaret Allen, Brian and Patricia Smith, and Brendan and Heidi Carey.

MARY VALLONI is a Consultant for Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, U.S.A. She has been consulting for Chi Alpha for over 3 years.





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