



United Church of God
an International Association

Church names Clyde Kilough as new president

Council chairman to assume new duties

CINCINNATI – On May 12, 2005, the 12-man Council of Elders of the United Church of God, *an International Association*, selected Clyde Kilough as the new president of the Church from a final list of three candidates. The selection of Mr. Kilough concluded a process that lasted nearly 60 days following formal input solicited from Church elders and Council members.

Mr. Kilough succeeds Roy Holladay, who served as United's president from 2002 to the present. A long-time Church pastor, Mr. Kilough was elected to the Council in 2001 by the General Conference of Elders. He previously served as the Council's official reporter from 1997 to 1999.

In his remarks to the Council, Mr. Kilough said that the Church's CEO must personally understand the Church's mission and vision and keep it constantly in the forefront of those involved in United's work. "Our members are ready," he emphasized. "They want to be rallied."

He outlined how the Church's leadership and ministry need to stir up the membership and those associated with United with increased focus and zeal. Citing 2 Timothy 1:6, Mr. Kilough reminded those present that "zeal is a spiritual issue." He spoke of us deepening our sense of being an integral part of the Work of the Church of God.

"There are people out there whose lives are waiting to be transformed," Mr. Kilough said. "It's a time for us to rally—a time to revive—as people did in Nehemiah's time."

He went on to quote from the book of Nehemiah: "Then I said to the nobles, the rulers, and the rest of the people, 'The work is great

and extensive, and we are separated far from one another on the wall. Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.'" (Nehemiah 4: 19-20, New King James Version).

Continuing his planned focus as United's new president, Mr. Kilough stressed that: "This spirit has to come from within, not primarily from projects, media thrusts or personnel changes. The Church's core strengths are spiritual, not physical." Concluding his remarks he emphasized: "When our ways please God, He will bless us."

The Council of Elders thanked Mr. Holladay and his wife, Norma, for their three years of leadership and service in strengthening a foundation that will enable broad growth of the United Church of God.

Mr. Kilough was born in 1951 and came into the Church with his parents in 1963. He graduated from Ambassador College, Big Sandy, in 1974 and served congregations in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Canada, from 1974 to 1981. Since then he has served congregations in Arkansas, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Ohio and California. The Kiloughs currently make their home in Sacramento, California, where Mr. Kilough is pastor of congregations in Sacramento and Reno, Nevada. He and his wife have two children, David and Rebecca, and are excited new grandparents.

In accordance with the by-laws, Mr. Kilough will step down from his prior position as chairman of the Council. The family will move to Cincinnati shortly, where Mr. Kilough will devote his full time to his new position at the Church's home office.

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About the United Church of God, an International Association: Basing its beliefs on the biblical practices of the original 1st Century Church, the United Church of God maintains congregations in more than 40 countries around the world. Following the recorded example of Jesus Christ and the first apostles, the Church observes a seventh day Sabbath and the annual Holy Day seasons as outlined in the Old and New Testaments. The main offices of the Church are located in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Church publishes the Good News magazine and a variety of multimedia material outlining its beliefs and teachings. For more information about the Church and its activities, please visit www.ucg.org.