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# Stop the Extinction and See Kingdom Expansion!

By Rev Dominic Yeo, Chairman of the World AG Fellowship

**G**reetings to every Assemblies of God General Council. God has just “flagged on” the World Assemblies of God Fellowship for her next lap in the race. With every baton of leadership that is handed from generation to generation, there is a generational blessing and anointing that continues for the new generation. That generational blessing is upon us as we march toward our divine mandate to grow the World AG Fellowship churches to one million by the year 2033.

While His mandate and our mission are clear, it's important for us to recognize that there is spiritual pushback for every endeavor in kingdom advancement. The enemy's mission has been the same for generations — to bring extinction to the church of Jesus Christ.

Our role is to stop the extinction so that the church of Jesus Christ continues to take ground in every



generation! We are closer to extinction than we think we are. Negligence will cause us to be one step and one generation away from extinction. God is the God of the generations. MM33 isn't just for this moment but for the generations to come!

We are called to **SHINE!** The congress theme of Shine should continue to echo in our hearts. If we do not awaken *to shine*, then darkness will prevail over our nations. If we do not awaken *to shine*, chaos will be the highlight of our nations and spiritual death will come upon our world. We need *to shine* for the sake of our nation, society, family, and the sake of our generations and the generations to come!

God is concerned about the generations to come. He's a God of continuity. It is not just enough to have a thriving church today and fail to be prepared for our tomorrow.

**When the church fails to live by the definitions of the Word of God, we are one step toward extinction.** The Bible tells us to bring the sick to church. But when COVID-19 hit the world, instead of being defined by the Word of God, we allowed ourselves to be redefined and told the sick to stay home and tune in to church online!

**When the church does not produce disciples, we are one generation away from extinction.** If the church does

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not produce disciples, the church will become an endangered species. Large crowds can dissipate quickly — COVID-19 revealed that truth to us when many churches saw an exodus of congregation members who have not returned to church even though the doors have reopened.

**When the church cannot win souls and add to the church, we become a losing stock and a liability in the Kingdom and Economy of the Kingdom of God.** Let's not be happy with transfer growth but rejoice when we shift the spiritual climate in our cities and nations.

**When the church is not concerned with Kingdom Expansion through Church Planting, we lose our purpose and calling.** When we allow ourselves to become encumbered by prosperity, celebrity status, and political correctness, we miss the mark and perform a disservice to the people we lead. The Christian life is not just about health and prosperity, it's about kingdom expansion.

Kingdom expansion through church planting is what we are emphasizing as the Assemblies of God. As the chairman of this global denomination, I commit to giving all my energy toward this mission of seeing One Million churches a reality.

We can't let the baton in the race drop. We must understand that every generation has its race to run. The closure of one generation is the opening chapter of the next generation. When God introduced Himself as the father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, each of those generations told a story. It's not an isolated story but a continuance of the God who works within each generation.

The baton for one million churches has now been handed to THIS generation. It is now upon us to run this lap well and continue to pass it to the next generation who will assume the responsibility to

keep on running this race till completion. And if Christ continues to tarry after 2033, we will be one million churches stronger to keep on winning more souls and planting more churches till He returns!

As we make efforts to stop the extinction of the church by living according to the definitions of the Word of God, by producing disciples, by winning souls, and by church planting, I see a new era for the World Assemblies of God happening.

In this new era, I believe we will have greater Togetherness. Unity will be our strength and dynamo to make new waves in our cities and nations. I see greater covenantal relationships among General Superintendents of the World AG Fellowship. Let nothing break the bond of fellowship among us.

As we move with greater Togetherness, I see elevated levels of Training happening in our General Councils and at Regional gatherings. We may be a movement of the Spirit, but we can also grow our Bible Schools for stronger development of pastors and leaders and in turn, see our churches stronger.

With greater Togetherness and elevated levels of Training happening across all our AG General Councils, I believe we will have an explosion of Transformations! There will be powerful moves of God in our churches, communities, and nations!

As the chairman of the World AG Fellowship, I call every one of us to these 3 'T's — Togetherness, Training, and Transformations and the MM33 Mandate where we will accomplish the task of missions, to see great evangelization, strong prayer movements, and discipleship.

Let us see Kingdom Expansion happening together for the glory of God! Amen!





# MM33 Advances into Adoption Phase

By Rev Dominic Yeo, Chairman of World Assemblies of God Fellowship and Chairman of MM33 Taskforce

Since the prophetic exhortation shared by the late Dr George Wood at the 2017 World Assemblies of God Congress, the wheels of MM33 began spinning to work toward seeing one million churches by 2033. Right until October 2023, MM33 was actively getting its vision out to our 60 million adherents of the Assemblies of God in more than 140 countries.

The definition of ADOPTION is the act of accepting, embracing, or starting to use something, as an idea, behavior, characteristic, or principle. Adoption is “owning” it. The official signing of signatures on the MM33 covenant is our prophetic declaration of embracing and committing our national councils and churches to engage in the greatest work of evangelism, discipleship, and church planting the world has ever seen.

At the recent World Assemblies of God Congress held in Madrid, MM33 shifted gears and advanced into the Adoption Phase. Dr Mohan, former acting chairman of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, and Rev Dominic Yeo, chairman of the MM33 Taskforce, marked the shifting of gears with the signing of the MM33 covenant that bore the signatures of General Superintendents from almost 70 countries.

That prophetic act of signing the covenant at WAGC 2023 signified the “marching together in unity for the glory of God,” said Rev Dominic, our new Chairman of the World AG Fellowship. “MM33 is about kingdom expansion. General Councils have been gathering to plan and strategize for great things to happen. We want to be able



to accomplish the task of missions, and to see great evangelization, prayer movements, and discipleship. In fact, we are already seeing an expansion in the area of discipleship as more discipleship movements come forth from different General Councils.”

## What are the active next steps to take?

**Communicate the vision of MM33 on all fronts.** Share it with as many General Councils as possible. Bring the charge of planting, praying, and discipleship, to your districts and to your churches. Have your churches envision how they can plant churches, look into discipleship programs for your churches, and have times of prayer together.

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It is time to shift the church from being a family to being an army. A people of God that will arise to take ground.

**Dedicate teams and staff to bring about the implementation of plans and strategies.** Appoint your national coordinator who will work closely with the General Superintendent to communicate with the churches in your General Council. This coordinator will take a lead role in representing MM33. This is an important step in ensuring continual collaboration with others within the World AG Fellowship toward the MM33 vision. Scan the QR to fill out this form <https://forms.gle/wJeLR2BeV42UrQ1A6> with the name and details of your MM33 National/Regional coordinators.



**Identify the strengths and weaknesses for growth.** Evaluate the churches in your General Council so that relevant training and development can be planned for. Study models of church planting and discipleship for implementation for your nation and culture. Look into what are the infrastructures that need renewal and what are the barriers to be removed.

**Develop accounting measurements.** In this Adoption phase, General Councils need to look into accounting measurements in your nation for the movements in MM33 to evaluate where you are and how these seven areas can grow to new levels.

1. Church Health
2. Discipleship
3. Prayer



4. Evangelism
5. Next Generation
6. Signs and Wonders
7. Church Planting

**Share resources.** As momentum builds, and breakthroughs begin, share your success stories and strategies with your nation and region. Gather testimonies to share about what your nation or region is doing with regard to MM33, share them with us at [connect@mm33.global](mailto:connect@mm33.global).

With the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and increased partnerships across our 171 national councils spanning more than 140 countries, this vision of seeing one million churches by 2033 is possible!





# AG World Congress 2023 Recap

By Rev Juan Carlos Escobar, Chairman of the IX World Congress and President, Spain Assemblies of God

Spain has experienced one of the most significant events in the history of the gospel in our country and, undoubtedly, the most important event organized by the Assemblies of God. *Shine!* has brilliantly shown the influence we can have in the impact on the Church in Spain, but also for what it has meant in the spiritual world through every message, prayer, prophetic declaration, time of worship, and, of course, the wonderful times experienced by all the 4,200 registered participants from almost 120 countries from four continents of the world, without forgetting the hundreds who could not come because of the restrictions for issuing visas by the European Community.

After 6 years of waiting and the traumatic experience of the cancellation of the Congress in 2020 due to the impact of the pandemic, the dream has been realized thanks to the efforts of many. So, from the Assemblies of God in Spain, there is a deep gratitude to all those who made *Shine!* possible — every attendee, volunteer, donor, sponsor, exhibitor, participant, and all the executives of the World Fellowship of the Assemblies of God. Glory to God for every moment and experience in Madrid! Unforgettable and historic!

## A Program That Will Mark a Decade

*Shine!* has been a Congress intentionally designed to become a strategic event that offered a program directed towards the leadership of the Assemblies of God in the world. More than fifty ministers participated and presented the Word of God in different services, panels, lectures, and workshops.

Also, *Shine!* has served as a platform to give impetus to the adoption stage of the MM33 Vision. We believe that the next decade could be key



in the development of the Assemblies of God in the world since reaching the goal of one million churches would mean that we would be entering the most powerful Harvest ever experienced in the history of the Church.

## An Excellent Production

The production of the Congress of the Assemblies of God World Fellowship has meant the fulfillment of our strong desire to host everyone well. The congress required unprecedented execution to maintain levels of high excellence and for the activities of a program that saw the involvement of more than 300 volunteers who served with passion and with no reservations.

The *Shine!* World Congress was broadcast to hundreds of countries, reaching tens of thousands of people from all continents.

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The broadcast was simultaneously translated into Italian, French, and Portuguese. This broadcast could be seen through the official YouTube channel of the Congress, on Shine's website, and on the social networks of some councils that directly shared the event.

In addition to the main broadcast, all the workshops were recorded, as well as the different meetings of the Next Generation Congress, which held simultaneous meetings in an auditorium set up for the occasion.

Regarding the impact of the Congress on the different social networks, it is worth noting that for this occasion we have added to the already existing Facebook page (created on the occasion of the 2017 World Congress in Singapore) an Instagram profile and a YouTube channel, which will serve as a platform for the promotion of the upcoming events of the World Assemblies of God Fellowship, adding more than 3,000 followers to the previous audience. The impact of the different publications of the promotion campaign shows a total number of 859,403 people who have seen some publications related to the World Congress and 17,932 who have visited the profile of our social networks. In addition, the Congress website had a traffic of 34,000 people who connected during one of the online transmissions.

We will soon be announcing the availability of all the recordings, which will be accessible from the Congress website: <https://shineworldcongress2023.com/>.

## **Involvement With New Generations**

Shine! was a starting point for a new work in the younger generations of the Assemblies of God. For years, the WAGF executives had been working on the need to intentionally involve the leadership of the next generations of youth in Assemblies of God events worldwide,



and, as a result, the first Next Gen World Congress was held with a specific program for youth leadership.

The program included a panel, plenary lectures, and two worship services. During the panel, different international speakers presented the experience of revival as an impact on their ministries, ending with a time of prayer followed by a prophetic time, where the same speakers placed a mantle on five young people representing the new generations of the five continents.

The Next Gen program was attended by more than 800 youth leaders from different countries. It is worth noting how these spaces and times were intentionally established between the different presentations that offered the opportunity to develop relationships and share experiences of their reality in their countries.



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In addition, for the first time, a specific program for hundreds of children was also carried out, which involved a program that not only paid special attention to the youngest but also made them the main focus of the development of *SHINE! KIDS*. Hundreds of children and teenagers were ministered to by the Holy Spirit through teachings, times of praise, group times, and, in a stellar way, the impressive participation of all the children in the closing of the Congress, which marked in a significant way the Congress by visualizing the essential involvement of the new generations in the future of the Global Church and the Assemblies of God.

## Times of Praise and Worship

The musical production and direction of the Congress were decisive in enhancing our essence as a movement. In addition, it was done in a way that acknowledges the global cultural challenge of constant changes that we are experiencing in this information age.

It was wonderful to enjoy songs and hymns that have been sung by the Church throughout the 20th century and that speak to our DNA, placing Jesus Christ at the center of our worship and proclaiming the dynamic and powerful work of the Holy Spirit. At the same time, the cultural diversity of the Congress attendees was combined as a powerful testimony and worship to our God.

For the Hispanic world and for the history of the Assemblies of God, it is noteworthy that for the first time since the world congresses of the Assemblies of God have been held, the time of worship was conducted in Spanish and English, even enjoying spaces in Spanglish, demonstrating that it is possible with current sounds and popular musical arrangements around the globe, to sing our essence, lifting up our Lord to be exalted and glorified in every moment of worship, and



allowing, at the same time, people from different languages, nations, and different generations, to participate with a sense of belonging.

Soon, the post-production work will make available to the Church the different medleys of choruses and hymns, as well as the original song “Shine” to continue reliving times of praise and worship that will make it possible not only to relive moments of the Congress, but also contribute to enhance the life of praise and worship in our churches in the world.

## Evangelistic Night

The last night of the Congress was the opportunity to offer an evangelistic campaign. Weeks in advance, nearly 300 churches downloaded the materials in which they found all the resources to mobilize them in prayer and to develop a plan to invite non-believers to attend



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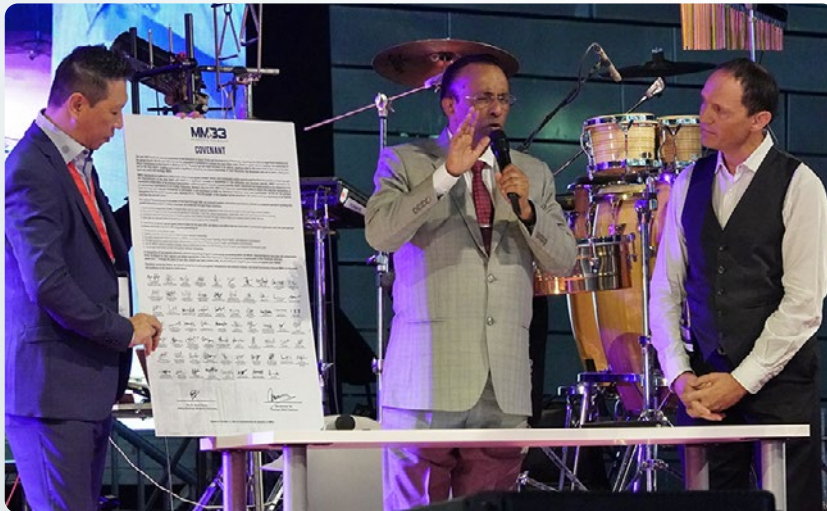
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in person or online to receive the gospel message. In addition, 100,000 evangelistic tracts were distributed in Spain by the churches. It is also worth mentioning the evangelization in some areas of Madrid by the Youth Department of the Assemblies of God of Spain.

It was undoubtedly a night in which testimonies, music, and the gospel message bore fruit. Dozens of people in Spain and other parts of the world received Jesus through the broadcast of the activity. More than 9,500 views were recorded during this last session of the Congress, which was a beautiful closing for an event. The event ended in a blend of celebration that became an opportunity to proclaim the gospel!

## Toward 2026

The Congress in Madrid has ended, and God has been good to allow us to participate in the annals of the history of the Church. *Shine!* has served to remind us in a forceful, diverse, and creative way of the



mandate of Jesus to our Assemblies of God: as part of the Church of the Lord we must rise as a torch that shines and shines to be “the one of the world” that influences the nations and dispels the power of darkness to make possible the dawning of hope in millions of lives that still do not know Jesus.

The announcement of the next Congress in the city of Accra, Ghana, marks a medium-term horizon in which we will meet again to celebrate the mighty acts of God that will take place during this first third of a key decade in the history of the Assemblies of God. In the meantime, and until this new global appointment, we must continue working for the extension of the Kingdom of God to the ends of the Earth without losing the focus of what is our common vision proclaimed since MM33: His Mission, Our Passion.