

THE **ARC**
THE ALLIANCE FOR RENEWAL CHURCHES

ARC Assembly

“Remembering the Deposit”

Eight Perspectives

The Good Shepherd who has chosen you to feed His lambs and tend His sheep calls you on again to...

1. Take Care of Your Center


- **Romans 12:1** – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”
- **Luke 10:41** – “But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,”
- **John 12:26** – “If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”

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- **ARC Common Concerns:**
WORSHIP
“The chief end of men and women is communion with God, and the chief expression of that communion is worship.”


2. Keep the living and authoritative Word of God exalted before His people

- **II Timothy 4:1-5** – “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry”



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- ARC Common Concerns:
AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE
“The Scriptures are our touchstone for truth in all matters regarding the Christian life.”
“We place ourselves under the authority of the Scriptures and submit to that authority in exegesis, theology, and preaching, as well as in the living of our lives both individually and corporately.”



3. Establish and sustain a pattern of leadership prayer and corporate prayer

- Ephesians 6:18** – “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”




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- ARC Common Concerns:
EMPOWERING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
“We must rely on the Holy Spirit in every aspect of our lives: in ministry, in struggle with sin, and in each area of responsibility to which we are called.”



4. Re-gather the Flock around covenant relationships

- Romans 12:3-5** – “³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”




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- ARC Common Concerns:
COMMUNITY
“Community is inherent in the nature of the one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is also the matrix and vital core of human life.”
“We reject the practices of our individualistic culture which breed isolation and alienation.”




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- ARC Common Concerns:
COVENANT
“The essence of our relationship with God and our relationships with one another is expressed in covenant.”
“We look to the Holy Spirit to empower and lead us that our covenants might increasingly reflect the faithfulness of our God who keeps covenant with us.”




5. Develop your emerging leaders

- **II Timothy 2:1-2** – “¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”




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- **ARC Common Concerns:**
DISCIPLESHIP
“Discipleship includes a growing, personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ; welcoming Christ’s lordship over our lives and our possessions”




6. Keep a current bead on and heart for the changing culture

- **I Corinthians 9:19-23** – “¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.”




6. Keep a current bead on and heart for the changing culture

- **ARC Common Concerns:**
EVANGELISM
“God has given the church the message of reconciliation in Christ, and has committed to us the proclamation of the message to the whole world. The word of the gospel is good news, an announcement of God’s self-sacrificial redeeming love made visible in Christ, given for the forgiveness of our sins, and calling us to a redeemed life as God’s people.”




7. Know where you stand and why you stand there regarding gender issues

- **I Cor. 11:7-11** – “⁷For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man. ⁸For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. ⁹Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. ¹⁰That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. ¹¹Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman;




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- **ARC Common Concerns:**
HUMAN IDENTITY
“Men and women are made in the image of God; therefore, each human being is special and important with individual integrity that must be respected.”
“The present human condition is fallen and abnormal. The corruption of sin has affected all human activities.”
“...we deplore repressive and abusive treatment of men and women in any sphere of human activity.”



8. Reach out to the harassed and helpless with your gifts

- **Matthew 9:35-38** – “³⁵And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”
- **Luke 9:13** – “But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.”



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- **ARC Common Concerns:**
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
“Faith without works is dead, and among the works God considers to be indicative of true faith are helping those in distress, feeding those who are hungry, and ministering to all who are captives. God is the Creator of all, and in the gospel he has declared his will to be the redemption of men and women from every kind of oppression, whether spiritual, social, economic, or political.”



Finally, a presidential appeal

- Hold these before the Lord
- Take time as leaders to come to unity of purpose around them
- Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your heart for this trajectory