

# The Flame

May/June 2025

## Charismatic Renewal and Social Action: A Dialogue

By Alan Schreck

In the 1970's, when the faith of millions of Catholics worldwide had been awakened by a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, many began to ask what this meant for activity in the world around us, including social issues such as poverty, hunger, race relations, the arms race, life issues and others. Some Spirit-filled Catholics became more actively involved in service of various sorts to meet human needs. Critics of the Renewal saw it mainly as a prayer movement that diverted attention away from important social concerns. On the global level, Gustavo Gutierrez's 1974 book, *A Theology of Liberation*, challenged the Church to confront and overturn social structures responsible for the poverty and oppression of two-thirds of the population of South and Central America.

It was in this context that two of the most prominent prelates of the Catholic Church publicly associated with the Renewal produced a document on the relationship between spiritual renewal, as experienced in the charismatic movement, and social concern or 'social action'. Unlike the first two Malines Documents produced by a group, this third Malines document consisted of a written dialogue on specific themes between Léon-Josef Cardinal Suenens, Archbishop of Malines-Brussels, Belgium, and Dom Helder Camara, Archbishop of Olinda and Recife, Brazil, whom Suenens wrote, "is known throughout the world as 'the voice of those who have no voice'." Their friendship began when they met at the opening of the Second Vatican Council in October, 1962. Their common concern for the integration of the powerful spiritual grace of the Renewal and the pressing needs of human society, especially poverty and its causes, is evidenced in this document. Suenens summarizes: "In our view, a Christian who is not charismatic – in the full sense of

the word, that is to say, open to the Spirit and docile to his prompting – is a Christian forgetful of his Baptism. On the other hand, a Christian who is not 'socially committed' is a truncated Christian who disregards the Gospel's commandments... To be a Christian means to be 'tuned in' to both Jesus Christ and the world's events.

The virtue of justice, Suenens explains, means to give what is due to everyone: God is entitled to our worship and praise ("It is truly right and just" to do this, as the liturgy declares). Other people are entitled both to be nourished by the Word of God (through the Gospel and the sacraments) and to receive the necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter.

### *Before God*

Their dialogue centered around three themes, the first entitled, *Before God*. Dom Helder Camara writes of the necessity of prayer "which brings us into direct contact with God". He also speaks of the beauty of communal prayer in the basic Christian communities of his diocese, which are true community celebrations of Baptisms, marriages, and special feast days. In these we "come closer to the ideal... to be one heart and one soul in Christ."

Cardinal Suenens observes how in the modern situation, "Christianity is no longer a heritage handed down from father to son... Instead it is rejected or challenged..." Hence most Christians today have to discover on their own the implications of their Baptism and what it means to have a personal relationship with God. The Charismatic Renewal has been instrumental for many in restoring these foundations of "normative" Christian life.

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Dear Readers of The Flame,

Shortly after Vatican II, when expectations were running high about the renewal of the Church, a Catholic liturgist said something to the effect, “**The Church will not be renewed by rearranging the furniture, but only by saints.**” Later this month we will celebrate the feast day for **St. Philip Neri (May 26)**, a saint who can teach us something about renewing the Church. Born in Florence in 1515, he lived most of his life in Rome and died in 1595.

Philip lived in tumultuous times. To use Charles Dickens’ famous opening line of *A Tale of Two Cities*, *It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.* The 16<sup>th</sup> century was the century of Michaelangelo and the Renaissance. It was also the century of the Protestant Reformation and the fragmenting of the Church.

The parents of Philip raised him with a lively faith and a good education. At the age of 18 he began assisting a wealthy uncle with his business. However, after experiencing a deeper conversion to the Lord, he went to Rome where he became both a tutor and religious studies student.

During this time, Philip began to lay the groundwork for his missionary work. He served the poor, ministered to prostitutes, taught youth and drew others to himself. While at prayer in the catacombs in 1545, Philip had an encounter with the Lord that radically changed him. So intense was this encounter, he begged the Lord to stop, fearing that he would die. After that event, Philip always seemed to carry with him a sense of God’s presence that was tangible even to those around him. (After his death, doctors discovered that he lived with two cracked ribs that covered over his enlarged heart.)

Philip was ordained a priest in 1551 with a desire to be a missionary in the far east. However, the Lord redirected Philip’s missionary zeal. The message was: *Rome is your mission field.* He stayed in Rome and gathered men around him and formed the religious community known as *The Oratory*.

Though not the only source of renewal in town, Philip was a particularly effective re-evangelizer of Rome. At the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Church was characterized by lukewarmness and corruption. By the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Church was devout and mission focused. What were St. Philip Neri’s methods?

He did several things. First, Philip sponsored weekly holy hours for priests and bishops. With the best of music (Palestrina was one of his disciples), Eucharistic adoration and preaching, the spiritual life of many of the clergy was revived. Secondly, Philip formed disciples who would eventually be ordained

priests and bishops and even become cardinals. His followers upgraded the hierarchy. There was a trickle-down effect throughout Rome.

Finally, Philip himself was an attractive witness for Christ. He lived simply, but did not eschew the modern conveniences and advancements of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. As a confessor, he exercised gifts of the spirit, especially words of knowledge that disclosed the heart of penitents and enabled them to get free from sin.

Philip’s most endearing character trait was joy. He was known as the saint who was always joyful. He often said, *A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one.* One of his followers, who was given to fits of depression, would simply stand outside his door and experience relief.

In some ways, St. Philip Neri is a saint for our tumultuous times. And like St. Philip, our mission field is near at hand. We do not have to travel to the ends of the earth. The *New Evangelization* is about engaging our neighbors who have stopped practicing the faith. They may even be in our own households. We are tasked with bringing the person of Jesus Christ in a compelling way to the people around us that somehow breaks through their religious apathy and cynicism.

Like St. Philip, we need to be open to the gifts and movements of the Holy Spirit as well as the tools our technological culture gives us. And, as in St. Philip’s time, we need to make use of music that can engage listeners and draw them back to God.

Finally, we need to manifest the joy of the Lord in our daily lives. Amid the stresses of our time and relentless predictions of impending catastrophes, we know who we are, why we are here and where we are going. Like St. Philip Neri, *the joy of the Lord is our strength* (Nehemiah 8:10). Our confidence is Jesus Christ. We need to live with joy in the Lord.

Pope Francis has selected a theme for this Jubilee Year: *Hope does not disappoint.* This is a portion of Romans 5:5. The full passage reads:

and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us

As we have experienced this lavish gift of the Holy Spirit, let us radiate the hope and joy of the Lord. Our fearful and weary world needs us!



In Christ,  
Fr. Bob Franco

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Register by mail or with PayPal  
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In advance **\$40** per person

At the door **\$50** per person  
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Options for Lunch (\$10) and Dinner (\$18)  
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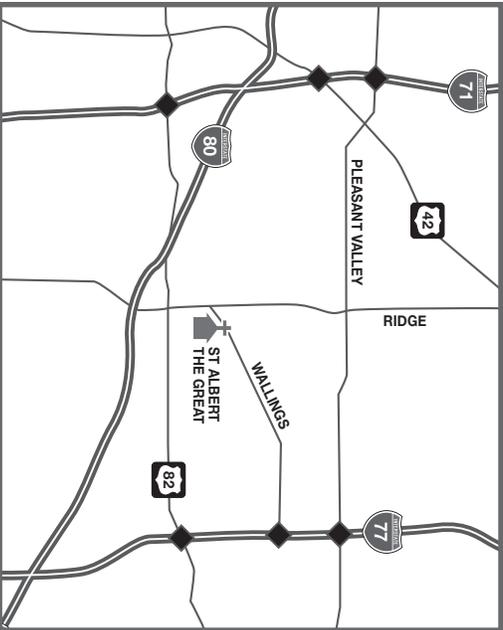
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**STRENGTH**

- Nehemiah 8:10

EVENT DATE

**Saturday**  
**July 26, 2025**

**Doors Open at 7:45am, Close by 9pm**

Conference begins at 8:30am

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**\$40 REGISTRATION**  
plus Lunch & Dinner options for purchase

EVENT ACTIVITIES

- Praise & Worship by Matt Faftrak
- Morning Prayer
- Dynamic Teaching
- Saturday Vigil at 4pm
- Healing Prayer



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**MOST REV. MICHAEL G. WOOST**  
Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland

MASS CELEBRANT

## EVENT SPEAKERS



**DR. JACI SABOL** is a board certified neuro-psychologist and former Director of Neuropsychology at the University of Texas and Texas A&M, and a former assistant professor of neurology and neurosurgery at these institutions. She has authored or contributed to several scientific and medical research articles. In addition, Dr. Sabol is a longtime worship leader and speaker on matters of faith, especially where faith and science meet. She is currently Director of the Center For Spiritual Care in her diocese, which assists with spiritual issues, including deliverance and exorcism. She is on the executive board of directors for *Faith On Fire!*



**DAVE VANVICKLE** fell in love with the Lord at the age of 14 and has dedicated his life to bringing others into a radical relationship with Christ. He is a popular speaker and retreat leader who presents on topics related to spiritual warfare, the universal call to holiness, and authentic Catholic spirituality. He is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville and has years of experience assisting priests with their ministries of deliverance and exorcism. He is also co-host of the popular Ascension podcast "Every Knee Shall Bow." Dave resides in Pittsburgh with his five children: Sam, Max, Judah, Josie, and Louisa.



**REV. ROBERT FRANCO** has been active in the Charismatic Renewal since he was 19 and states that his vocation flowed from it. He has been the Bishop's Liaison for the Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese since 1992. He served on the Fraternity of Priests Board of Directors as member, chairman, and editor of the Fraternity's Newsletter, *The Visitation*. He is currently the pastor of St. Peter and St. Julie Billiart parishes in North Ridgeville.

## CONFERENCE PRAYER

*Father God, as we come before you, we give you praise, honor and glory. Through your Son Jesus Christ, we humbly ask your forgiveness for all our transgressions. As we prepare for this conference, we ask you to fill our hearts with your guidance and wisdom. Fill our minds with the truth and power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Be with the men and women who are responsible for organizing this conference, with those who are leading us in worship and with those who bring us your word. Bless the participants who join this conference.*

*Make us be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and fruitful in prayer. (Romans 12:12), because the Lord is our strength and our song. He has become our salvation (Psalm 118:14). May we be assisted, O Lord, by the worshipful intercession of our dear Blessed Mother. Amen*

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# Prayer Group Information



CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES PRESENTS

## *Pentecost Mass Celebration*

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 p.m., starting with  
Praise and Worship

**WHERE:** Julie Billiard Church  
5500 Lear Nagel Rd.,  
North Ridgeville 44039

**CONTACT:** CRM at 440-944-9445



All are invited to celebrate Pentecost as a community and join in as we pray, in power, for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. After Mass, there will be an opportunity for individual prayer for healing, and there will also be fellowship time.

**SS. Cosmas and Damian Charismatic Prayer Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m.** in the church gathering area under the Holy Spirit Dove. Come and experience vibrant praise and worship, intercessory and healing prayer, and scripture sharing. To contact us, or be on the prayer group email list, call 330-310-2595 or email [dennycarleton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dennycarleton@sbcglobal.net). We play music highlights, prophecies, and teachings from the prayer group on <https://arkandoasis.net/>.

The **Community of Praise Prayer Group** meets at St. Paul Catholic Church, 241 South Main St., North Canton, OH 44720. Their prayer meetings start at **6:30 pm on the second Monday** of each month. The 2025 meetings will be January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9. They meet inside the main church in the area of the "old Sanctuary". Parking is behind the Church, and there is an elevator to the upper level where the Main Church is located. For more information contact Don and Rosemary Pfiffner at 330-499-9371 or email: [pfiffner67@gmail.com](mailto:pfiffner67@gmail.com).

**Our Lady of Angels Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening from 7:30-9:00 pm** in the Primary building of Our Lady of Angels School (behind Linus Hall), 3644 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland 44111. Our meetings thrive with Praise and Worship, the exercise of the Word Gifts, and teachings or sharing each week. We pray for each

other and our personal intentions. We close the evening with fellowship. A healing team is available for personal prayer after every meeting as well. **IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE, WE ARE HAPPY TO ASK YOU TO PRAY FOR OUR UPCOMING FALL LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR!** Details to follow. Phone Tom Stamper for more information 216-536-6495.

**The Living Word Healing Prayer Ministry** at St. Ambrose Parish in Brunswick meets face to face on the **first and third Tuesdays of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in our Chapel.

We allow the Winds of the Spirit to flow over us as we praise the Lord through music, sharing, and group reflection. We allow time for God to open our hearts and minds as we listen to His Word both through Scripture and Word of Knowledge. Every meeting ends with healing prayer as we ask Jesus to come to us in a special way to heal our brokenness and touch us with His Love.

**The Families in Christ Jesus** small household-based groups meet in private homes on Thursday evenings (contact Susan Federico for details cell 216-312-3978 [smfederico78@gmail.com](mailto:smfederico78@gmail.com)). All of the households meet together on the first Thursday of the month at St. John of the Cross Church at 7:45 pm. Below is the schedule for the first Thursday of the month gatherings for May and June. All are welcome!

May 1 Speaker - Deacon Ryan Arto, St. Sebastian Parish

June 5 Speaker - Deacon Chris Loxterman, St. John Vianney Parish

The **Bukas Loob sa Diyos (BLD)** or in English - **Open in Spirit to God (OSG)**, is a Filipino Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community. While the majority of BLD members are from the Philippines, it also includes other brothers and sisters of many nationalities and heritage backgrounds. We meet every **Thursday, at 7:00 pm** at the Mary Queen of Peace Chapel, 4423 Pearl Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109. We hold weekly praise and worship service in-person. Also, on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., we celebrate a mass followed by a healing service.

We are a communion of families and a community of persons called together as one people through the moment of encounter and a process of renewal to a relationship of faith, hope, and love with God. For more information, please contact Rudy and Fe Fontilla at (440) 403-5719 or email: [rudyfontilla1975@yahoo.com](mailto:rudyfontilla1975@yahoo.com).

**The ICC Prayer Ministry meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday Mornings from 10:00am – Noon** in the Parish Center Bldg., Goebel Hall, (behind Immaculate Conception Church, 2846 Lake Street, Madison, Ohio 44057). The meetings are open to Catholic Church members in the area. Mary Cusack of Holy Family Church in Stow, OH, has agreed to teach this Saturday program. These meetings will contain praise, worship, light refreshments, healing, prophecies, scriptures and other prayer teachings.

For your information, Immaculate Conception Church has been chosen to be one of the sacred shrine sites during the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. The faithful may want to take this time to visit, pray and receive the special graces associated with the Jubilee Year. A Jubilee cross is displayed in the Sanctuary.

The **Holy Spirit Prayer Group** of St. Mary Church in Hudson is a Charismatic Holy Spirit led prayer group that meets the first and third Saturdays of each month year around. We meet **from 10am to 11:30 am** in the Chapel. The main focus of our meeting is to praise and worship the living God. We not only offer praise and worship but also periods of silent prayer to seek and hear God's words and His messages to us. We share words of God, share stories, and offer intercessory prayers for hurting and suffering brothers and sisters.

Our prayer group offers a Healing Prayer Service also on the 1st Sunday of each month from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. For further information, please contact us at [HealingPrayers@stmaryhudson.cc](mailto:stmaryhudson.cc) or call Robert Rodriguez at 440-804-6358.

# CRM and Prayer Group Events

## FIRST SUNDAYS

The **Holy Spirit Prayer Group** of St. Mary Church hosts an in-person **Healing Prayer Service** on the **first Sunday** of each month. The service will be held in the chapel from **12:30-1:30 pm**.

We encourage you to submit your prayer requests to [healingprayers@stmaryhudson.cc](mailto:healingprayers@stmaryhudson.cc). St. Mary Church is located at 340 N. Main St., Hudson 44236, Tel: 330-653-8118.

Our prayer teams will be available to pray for the healings of your body and spirit. Fr. Larry will, depending on his availability, offer an anointing for those seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or weak with aging.

## SECOND WEEKEND OF THE MONTH

**Holy Family Healing Prayer Group (Stow)** offers **Healing Prayer** after all masses the second weekend of the month (**Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:30 AM masses**) and after **Tuesday and Friday 8:00 AM daily masses**. Prayer teams will meet you in the back of the church. If you are unable to attend one of the masses, we offer homebound private prayer. Private prayer for physical, inner healing and Unbound can be scheduled by calling 330-686-0017. Jesus is Alive! Come experience His healing power.

## MONDAYS, SEPT 9TH - MAY 19TH

**Holy Family Healing Prayer Ministry - Classes Starting.** When someone approached Jesus for healing, He only asked, "What do you want Me to do for you?" (Mk 10:51) If He can calm the sea and make a path, He can heal you. You are His beloved child with a plan just for you! Learn more about your Identity as a child of God, praying for Healing and Inner Healing, Prophecy and developing an Intimate Relationship with God. Classes for the 2024-2025 year are starting soon - no charge/no free will offering. Join us **Mondays, Sept 9th - May 19th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM or 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM** at Holy Family Catholic Church, 3179 Kent Rd., Stow, 330-687-8843!

## TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS

See **Holy Family Healing Prayer Group (Stow)** under SECOND WEEKEND OF THE MONTH.

## THIRD SATURDAYS

The **Living Word Healing Prayer Ministry** at St. Ambrose Parish in Brunswick offers a monthly **Healing Prayer** event which

takes place in the Church **after the 4:30 p.m. Mass** on the **third Saturday** of every month. Healing prayer ministers are available to offer prayer for spiritual, emotional, or physical healing. Please join us so that the Spirit of God can touch you with healing love!

## FRIDAY MAY 16TH

Catholic Renewal Ministries invites all to **XLT-An Evening of Healing Praise** to be held on **May 16th from 7 - 9 p.m.** at St Justin Martyr Parish. There will be a time of praise and worship, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, healing prayer, confession and refreshments. St Justin Martyr Church is located at 31785 Steven's Blvd, Eastlake, OH 44095, north of Vine St, East of Rt 91. Come experience God's love and mercy in a profound way.

## SUNDAY JUNE 8TH

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a charismatic **Pentecost Mass Celebration, Sunday, June 8th, at St. Julie Billiart Church**, 5500 Lear Nagel Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. **The celebration will start at 2:00 p.m.** with praise and worship. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. After Mass, there will be an opportunity for individual prayer for healing, and there will also be fellowship time. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. All are invited to celebrate Pentecost as a community and join in as we pray, in power, for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

## SATURDAY JULY 26TH

### 42ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

All are invited to attend Catholic Renewal Ministries' 42nd Annual Conference to be held on Saturday July 26, 2025, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength". Guest speakers will be Dr. Jaci Sabol, a neuropsychologist, who is a longtime worship leader and speaker on the faith and who serves on the board of Faith on Fire!, Dave Van Vickle, a popular speaker who presents on topics related to spiritual warfare, our call to holiness, and authentic Catholic spirituality, and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening.

Visit the CRM website: [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org) or call 440-944-9445 for more information. Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 16th, is \$40, and at the door \$50. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and celebrate the Jubilee Year.

## WANTED - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Catholic Renewal Ministries Service Committee is looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve as ushers and greeters at the various events during the year including **Charismatic Masses** (usually on Friday nights), Healing Services, special events, and the annual Conference. You would not be required to serve at every GSC event during the year, but would be called upon to serve as an usher or greeter for various events at your convenience. Prayer groups please ask and encourage your members if they would help out in this ministry of service. If you are willing to usher or greet, please send your name, e-mail address, and/or phone number and what prayer group you are associated with. Even if you are not currently attending a prayer group, please consider helping out with ushering or greeting. Thank you!

Carolee and Rich Zentkovich  
Prayer Group Coordinators Usher/Greeter Ministry

440-221-8169 | [cjzentkovich@gmail.com](mailto:cjzentkovich@gmail.com)

## WANTED - GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Catholic Renewal Ministries is looking for a few new members for the General Service Committee.

We meet once a month, usually the third Monday of the month, to discuss plans and events for the Renewal. Members are encouraged to provide ideas for the growth of the Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese, and to provide help as needed. Current committees are: Conference, Prayer Groups, Healing, Hispanic, Program, Music and Word Gifts.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ken Posavad at 440.319.9646 or [kposa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kposa@sbcglobal.net)



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### ***At the Service of Man***

No Christian, Cardinal Suenens observes, can isolate himself from the world. Yet “social action” – a Christian duty – must be understood broadly. Both he and Dom Helder Camara stress that small, basic Christian communities with a common life of prayer and service are important expressions of “social commitment” today.

Cardinal Suenens insists that the charisms and the fruits of the Spirit explained by St. Paul are essential in battling evils and sufferings of the world today. “... it is not enough to work for the people; one has to work with them...”

### ***Apostles of Christ***

How do Christians change the world? Cardinal Suenens and Bishop Camara agree that the only way is for “lay apostles” – all the faithful – to be converted [“without a deep personal conversion, no one can become an instrument for the conversion of the world” – Bishop Camara], and to live the Gospel faithfully and radically in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In this document both Cardinal Suenens and Bishop Camara challenge those in Charismatic renewal – and all Christians – to pray and to live our faith more radically. As Dom Helder Camara put it: “To revolutionize the world, the only thing needed is for us to live and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ with real conviction.”

*Alan Schreck is a professor of Theology at Franciscan University, and has been involved in the Renewal since 1970. He is the author of A Mighty Current of Grace: The Story of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (Word Among Us Press, 2017). This article originally appeared in Pentecost Today 2020 Issue 4 and can be found under resources at [www.pentecosttodayusa.org](http://www.pentecosttodayusa.org).*

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