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District Conferences Begin This Month

Regional conferences for Citygate Network's districts will take place this month and next. Five districts will have "traditional" district conferences at locations in their areas, and the remaining districts will participate in "virtual" district conferences. The calendar for these events looks like this:

September 17–19: **Bluegrass District Conference**, Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, North Carolina

September 24–26: **Liberty District Conference**, Spruce Lake, Canadensis, Pennsylvania

September 25–27: **Deep South District Conference**, Camp Weed, Live Oak, Florida

September 25–27: **Great Lakes District Conference**, Blue Gate Inn, Shipshewana, Indiana

October 3–5: **Evergreen District Conference**, Union Gospel Mission (Spokane)—Center for Women and Children, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

October 9–10: The **Heartland**, **Rawhide**, and **Sierra** districts will be taking part in a virtual district conference, which will combine video content with live interaction and networking. This is not necessarily a permanent arrangement, but rather the testing of a common meeting style in today's world. We have chosen these districts because the distance that separates missions and ministries makes it difficult for many of them to travel to a central meeting point.

The **Northern Lights District**, which gathered in Milwaukee during the annual convention, has the option of joining the closest district events across the border in the U.S. and/or taking part in the virtual district conference.

Visit www.citygatenetwork.org>Events for more details. Registration and sponsor/exhibitor information is currently available for the districts holding live events.

Your Mission May Still Be Able to Access the Benefits Program

With September 1 now behind us, the Citygate Network Benefits Program is awaiting open enrollment (late October/early November) before the benefits program begins on January 1. If your mission is planning to participate in the program, but it hasn't yet completed the initial steps, please send a quick note to Citygate Network Vice President Justin Boles at jboles@citygatenetwork.org and let him know. We're working with several missions who were unable to get final approvals before the deadline.

Citygate Benefits Program to Offer Medicare Consulting

As part of Citygate Network's ongoing effort to provide members with the resources they need to inform and educate employees about benefits, we want to make you aware of an additional service provided by the Citygate Network Benefits Program. In addition to our core benefits package, we will also be offering Medicare consulting, education, and assistance. This service will

be provided by Jeff Caron with Easy Medicare Planning, LLC, a nationally licensed and accredited broker who has been providing this service for other large, faith-based organizations. To learn more about the Medicare resources we've made available, go to www.citygatebenefits.com/medicare, email Jeff at info@easymedicareplanning.com, or watch a quick [introductory video](#).

Have You Grabbed Your Citygate Network Logo?

Members are able to use new Citygate Network logos in print and online to promote their affiliation with the organization. By utilizing the new logo, you are refreshing your link to North America's oldest and largest group of ministries known for welcoming desperate and destitute people into gospel-powered life transformation.

There are multiple versions available for print and electronic use.

To download the new mission member logos, available with two different taglines, go to www.citygatenetwork.org/member_logos. On this page, you will also find options to download Certified and Certified Excellent versions of the logo.

Business members can go to www.citygatenetwork.org/business_member_logos to download business member logos.

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Opportunity to Receive Free Shelter Design

Brooke Hendrix, a graduate student at Texas A&M College of Architecture, is planning to design a homeless shelter for her final study project this school year. She is currently looking for an organization (preferably in Texas, but possibly elsewhere) to design the facility based on actual needs and an actual site. She says that her goal is to "design a shelter with a focus on improving the mental health of the occupants." Brooke will be working on the project for the current school year, through May 2019. A preliminary design will be done by December 2018, when she will receive critiques and comments, followed by a final design in the spring. Any funding to build the facility will come from the mission or other organization building it.

If your mission already holds land and is planning to build a new facility or for additional information, you can contact Brooke at hend9541@tamu.edu, and/or her supervising professor, George Mann, at manngi885@gmail.com.

CEO Summit Receives High Praise

Nearly 70 people were on hand last week for Citygate Network's CEO Summit in Nashville, Tennessee. Mission and ministry leaders shared ideas and insights on personnel matters, board issues, legal concerns, leadership transition, and much more. Those attending also heard special presentations on the need for innovation, the absence of mercy in most churches and ministries, and refreshing one's brand and image. The group enjoyed a tour of Nashville Rescue Mission and a concert by mission-friend Matthew West. Those who participated were very appreciative for the time together. Our 2019 CEO Summit will be August 27–29.



Participants gather at Citygate Network's 2018 CEO Summit in Nashville.



YouTube Launches Suite of Fundraising Tools

YouTube has announced a suite of new features designed to offer creators and their fans new ways to contribute to charitable causes. This includes beta versions of new fundraising and campaign matching tools, as well as a variation of YouTube's Super Chat service, called Super Chat for Good. According to a [report](#) by Techcrunch, YouTube creators and registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits will be able to create fundraising campaigns that are embedded next to their YouTube videos. YouTube says it will handle the logistics and payment processing.

Company Proposes Unique Way to Provide Housing

The New York–based creative agency Framlab, has a concept proposal for the production of hexagonal pods called Homed that could help house New York City's homeless population. The firm aims to utilize often overlooked urban spaces, such as windowless, blank façades of multistory buildings, by attaching the single-occupancy units onto these unused surfaces of “vertical land.” According to an [article](#) in *Architect Magazine*, the exterior of the unit would be

fitted with prefabricated steel and an oxidized aluminum façade, while the interior would be clad with wood laminate. Each module would offer customization options for appliances, furniture, storage space, and utilities. Attaching pods together would expand the interior space and add other functions such as a shower, an extra bed, a reading nook, or communal space.

Non-Addictive Painkiller May Help Reduce Addiction

Scientists have tested a non-addictive painkiller in primates and found it to be safe and effective. The fact that the compound was successful in a species so closely related to humans strengthens the findings, which could help solve the opioid crisis. According to a [report](#) by *Medical News Today*, a team of scientists at the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center developed a non-addictive painkiller called AT-121. The drug was designed with a dual purpose in mind: To block the addictive action of opioids and to relieve chronic pain. Researchers developed AT-121 so that it would simultaneously have an action on the “mu” opioid receptor, which makes opioids effective in relieving pain, and the “nociceptin” receptor, which inhibits the addictive effect of opioids.



Despite Low Unemployment, Americans Still Need Help with Food

By some measures the U.S. is hitting its stride, with unemployment near record lows and strong consumer spending helping propel the nation’s quarterly growth to a four-year high. But within the cracks of the economy, many people continue to struggle meeting basic needs, including putting food on the table. According to a CBS News [report](#), in Indiana—which ranks 11th in the U.S. in sales of agricultural products—nearly 20 percent of residents have lacked money for food sometime within the past 12 months. The three states with the most severe food gaps are Mississippi, Louisiana, and West Virginia, with more than 20 percent of households in each struggling to get enough to eat. According to experts, many residents have jobs that earn too much for them to qualify for federal aid, yet lack sufficient income to get by on their own. In addition, nearly half of the 41 million Americans who are defined as “food insecure” aren’t eligible for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as food stamps.

Oregon Ranks First for Homeless Youth

Oregon ranks as top in the nation for the rate of homeless children and youth, and 10th in the percentage of foster care placements, according to a new report by WalletHub. The report compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 24 child welfare metrics using statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau and other sources. According to a [report](#) by the *Daily Astorian*, the state’s number of homeless students was at a record high in 2016–2017 at 22,541, according to the most recent state count. That was a 5.6 percent jump from 2015–2016. Meanwhile, inadequate housing is the third biggest driver of foster care placements, according to statistics from the Oregon Department of Human Services. The percentage of foster care placements due to inadequate housing has increased from 13 percent in 2015 to 17 percent in

2017.

New Opioid Overdose Statistics Suggest Crisis Is Worsening

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 116 people die from opioid-related overdoses every day. These numbers reached record highs in 2016, prompting President Trump to temporarily declare a state of emergency in late 2017. However, new opioid overdose statistics show the crisis could actually be getting worse. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show a 6.6 percent increase in provisional drug overdose deaths between 2016 and 2017. According to the CDC, nearly 72,000 people died from drug overdose in 2017. According to a [report](#) by Bustle, a handful of states saw a decrease in all drug deaths between 2016 and 2017, but the majority of the United States saw an increase. In particular, Nebraska, North Carolina, New Jersey, and Indiana report the highest percent increases, ranging from 14.5 percent to just over 33 percent.



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Given to Anger

“Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared” (Proverbs 22:24–25).

Most of us are well aware that “bad company corrupts good morals” (I Corinthians 15:33) and we become who we are consistently with.

When we come across verses such as these in Scripture, people’s faces flash through our mind’s eye. A name pops into our head, or we recall and replay a situation where we were wronged.

However, the face that rarely comes to mind is our own! Are you that man or woman “given to anger”? When you’ve had a bad day at the office, is it your spouse or kids who share in the day’s suffering because you lash out at them?

Don’t be fooled, being “given to anger” is undoubtedly a snare, but so too is constantly seeing others as the ones who need the fixing or the change. It’s easy to put the blame on others when you might be the one with the short fuse.

Don’t be known as another angry Christian to the world around you. Be sure to examine your own life as much as you do others.

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