

CHURCH FORWARD

2026 National Conference Resolution

The church is God's Plan A for our world today – and there is no Plan B. What began at Pentecost in Acts 2 continues on today and will continue on until the church is someday raptured to join our Savior in Heaven.

Our confidence is that the Lord's design to use His church for His purposes will never fail because *He* is the one who is building His church (Matthew 16:18).

However, in these days of the diminishing of the importance of the church (perhaps especially, of the local church), it is essential that we as a fellowship of churches remember the paramount importance of the church in our world and to remember what God has called us to be and to do.

How Scripture defines us should embolden us in our *Great Commission*, our purpose in the world today...

- We are His people (1 Peter 2:10)
- We are the household of God (Ephesians 2:19)
- We are His spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5)
- We are a holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:5)
- We are His flock (John 10:11)

So, there is no retreat. There is no searching for another way or option. Ours is a glorious calling.

Christ, the Lord of the Church, has tasked us, His people, with being His representatives in this dispensation, the Age of Grace.

And so we, the messengers gathered here at Cedarville University, this June 30, 2026, recommit to being the gospel-driven movement of interdependent churches that God has called us to be, and with God's help, will seek to multiply disciples, leaders, and churches in every region of North America.

1. We resolve to do so with a clear purpose moving forward.
2. We resolve to do so with willing sacrifice.
3. We resolve to do so with love and unity for one another.
4. We resolve to do so with joy.