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AGRM's 100th Annual Convention now less than a month away!

The most recent price-break deadline for AGRM's 100th Annual Convention saw a record influx in the number of registrations for the event, which will take place June 11–14 at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. Attendance appears to be headed for the highest number in recent memory—perhaps the highest number ever. In addition, the convention exhibit hall is sold out and rooms booked at the Biltmore are well over AGRM's room block. This indicates that no one wants to miss this memorable milestone event!

But if you haven't registered yet, don't worry! You can still be part of the convention, which will feature more than 80 informative seminars, inspiring general sessions, and a number of unique ways we will celebrate the association's 100th anniversary together.

To get the most up-to-date details—including details on the event itself, as well as how to register, ground transportation, room reservations, and more—go to www.agrm.org/convention. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event!

AGRM board suggests a bylaw change

For the first time in several years, there will be something to vote on at AGRM's annual business meeting. The board is recommending reclassifying associate members from voting members to non-voting members. Since anyone interested in rescue mission ministry can become an associate member,

theoretically, associate membership could grow and eventually outnumber individual members connected to missions. If that were to ever happen, rescue mission leaders and staff could be in the minority. Currently, the chances of this are quite remote, but the board is interested in protecting the association from the possibility and ensuring that people actually serving in rescue missions control the association. The vote will take place at the Annual Business Meeting in Phoenix on Thursday, June 13, at 4:00 p.m. All current members are eligible to vote.

Ed Morgan to lead ECFA's CEO Dialogues event

Ed Morgan, AGRM board vice-chairman and president of **The Bowery Mission and Kids With A Promise** (New York, N.Y.) will be leading ECFA's 2013 CEO Dialogues events Friday, May 17, at the Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs. The event will feature Ed and Jerry White, president emeritus of The Navigators, who will foster open conversation that focuses where participants both struggle and succeed in their leadership journeys.

North Carolina governor appoints Ernie and Gail Banks to advisory groups

Ernie Banks, executive director of **Durham Rescue Mission** (Durham, N.C.) has been appointed by the Governor of North Carolina, Pat McCrory, to serve on the state's Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs. This council advises the Governor and the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services on issues affecting people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The Governor has also appointed Gail Banks, the mission's chief financial officer, to serve a three-year term on the Governor's Crime Commission. This Commission serves as the chief advisory body to the Governor and the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety on crime and justice issues.

Looking down the street...

- Mary Bates, who serves as chief legal officer for **Washington City Mission** (Washington, Pa.) was selected as the recipient of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's 2013 Louis J. Goffman Award for outstanding pro bono service.
- Dan Danielson, executive director of the **New Life Center** (Fargo, N.D.) has announced that he will retire on May 22. Dan served as assistant director of New Life Center for six years and as executive director for 29 years. He succeeded his father, Gary Danielson, who served as executive director of the mission for 34 years and executive director emeritus for 22 years. Rob Swiers will succeed Dan as the new executive director.
- Roger Phillips, who was instrumental in founding the Sacramento Union Gospel Mission and later became the director of the **Yakima Union Gospel Mission** (Yakima, Wash.), passed away Friday, May 3. Roger was director of the Yakima mission for just shy of 30 years. After stepping down as director, he served as the mission's director of development for another 15 years. Roger was a past president (board chair) of IUGM/AGRM. A celebration of Roger's life was held yesterday in Yakima. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Yakima Union Gospel Mission, P.O. Box 565 Yakima, WA 98907.
- The **New York City Rescue Mission** (New York, N.Y.) held a Mother's Day banquet for 560 shelter moms and at-risk children. Celebrity guests included Hoda Kotb from NBC's *The Today Show*. Throughout the day, mission volunteers, staff, graduates, and neighbors told stories for camera and microphone—especially a powerful [three minute history](#) of the mission and its outreach by long-time mission friend, Kelly Wright of Fox News.
- AGRM welcomes new business member **Advocace Media** (Coppell, Tex.) The company helps nonprofits raise funding through donors, direct mail, and other development strategies. [Paula Martin](#) serves as account coordinator for AGRM members.

- The association also welcomes new business member [iDonate](#) (Dallas, Tex.). This company makes giving simple by providing software and services to charities so they have more time to do more good. Through its revolutionary Giving App, iDonate processes non-cash and cash donations and gives charities access to new forms of revenue. [Greg Murtha](#) serves as the company's main contact for AGRM members.
- We also welcome new business member **Repko Grants** (Arcadia, Calif.), a consultancy dedicated to helping nonprofits build revenue from private and corporate grants. [Rachel Repko](#) is the company's founder/president.



Did you know?

These events also took place in 1913, the year the International Union of Gospel Missions (IUGM, AGRM's predecessor) was formed:

- The Lincoln Highway, the first automobile road across the United States, is dedicated.
- Arthur Wynne's "word-cross," the first crossword puzzle, is published in the *New York World*.
- The United States Soccer Federation is formed.
- The National Temperance Council is founded to promote the temperance movement.
- R. J. Reynolds introduces Camels, the first packaged cigarette.

From "[1913 in the United States](#)" on Wikipedia.



Mental health professionals petition diagnostic manual update

An estimated 3,000 doctors have signed a petition of protest against the psychiatric industry's latest bible for diagnosis and treatment, the DSM-5, charging its contents could lead patients to be prescribed unnecessary medications. According to a [Washington Times report](#), the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the "psychiatric bible" for professionals, is set for its first update in 19 years. The DSM-5 guides how mental health professionals diagnose and treat patients, and influences how they're reimbursed by insurers for mental disorders. The doctors aren't happy with the updates, and have signed a petition in protest, which states: "We, the undersigned, are concerned that the [DSM-5] includes many diagnostic categories with questionable reliability...[and] did not receive a much-needed and widely requested external scientific review [and] may compromise patient safety through the implementation of lowered diagnostic thresholds." Those petitioning warn that the new manual "may result in the mislabeling of mental illness in people who would fare better without a psychiatric diagnosis, [and] may result in

unnecessary and potentially harmful treatment with psychiatric medication.”

D.C. Council removes homeless proposals from city budget

The City Council of Washington, D.C., voted on Monday to deny Mayor Vincent C. Gray's proposal to include controversial changes to the city's homeless law in his budget for the upcoming fiscal year. According to a [Washington Post report](#), council member Jim Graham (D) instead introduced the identical reforms as separate legislation and will hold the first public hearings on June 3. “The mayor was proposing major changes in the Homeless Services Reform Act without any opportunity for public input,” Graham said. “We all had the same reaction. There's probably some good things in there, probably some not so good. But let's have a public process.” The mayor's proposal sought to give homeless families provisional placements in shelters, require them to move into their own apartments with a temporary rent subsidy, and mandate that they save 30 percent of whatever income they receive, including welfare benefits, in a savings account. Advocates, including homeless families from D.C. General family shelter who testified before council members, said the move would make it harder for families to get into shelters and easier to get kicked out. City officials, faced with a burgeoning homeless population and crowded shelters, said the current shelter system encourages dependence, and moving the homeless into permanent housing would get people on their feet faster and save the city money. Without the reforms, they warned they'd have to close some of the shelters that now operate year-round and open them only on cold nights. At issue is the city's “rapid rehousing program” that gives families temporary help paying rent. City officials say it is a path toward stability and tout a 91 percent success rate. But advocates and homeless families fear that once the rental assistance ends, they wouldn't be able to afford the steep market rates for rent with minimum wage jobs.

Agency urges eating insects to fight hunger

The United Nations says eating insects may combat global hunger and boost health worldwide by reducing malnutrition and even air pollution. According to a [CBS News report](#), the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) says that grasshoppers, ants, and other members of the insect world are an underutilized food for people, livestock, and pets. According to the 200-page report released Monday at a news conference in Rome, 2 billion people worldwide already supplement their diets with insects, which are high in protein and minerals, and have environmental benefits. The practice of eating bugs is known as entomophagy. The most commonly eaten insect groups, according to FAO, are beetles, caterpillars, bees, wasps, ants, grasshoppers, locusts, crickets, cicadas, leaf and planthoppers, scale insects and true bugs, termites, dragonflies, and flies. Insects contain “good fats,” can be rich in calcium, copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, phosphorus, selenium and zinc, and are a source of fiber. The report calls insects a healthy, nutritious alternative to mainstream staples like chicken, pork, beef, and even fish. Insects are “extremely efficient” in converting feed into edible meat because they are cold-blooded, the agency said. Currently, most edible insects are gathered in forests, and insect farming that does take place is often family-run and serves niche markets. But the U.N. says mechanization can ratchet up insect farming production. Insect farming is “one of the many ways to address food and feed security,” the food agency said. “Insects are everywhere and they reproduce quickly.” University biologists have analyzed the nutritional value of edible insects, and some of them—such as certain beetles, ants, crickets, and grasshoppers—come close to lean red meat or broiled fish in terms of protein per gram (ounce).



U.S. safety board proposes tougher drunk-driving threshold

In an effort to reduce alcohol-related car crashes that claim about 10,000 lives each year, U.S. safety investigators are urging the lowering of a decade-old benchmark for determining when a driver is legally drunk. According to a [CNN report](#), the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is recommending that all 50 states lower the threshold from 0.08 blood-alcohol content (BAC) to 0.05. The idea is part of a safety board initiative to eliminate drunk driving, which accounts for about a third of all road deaths. The board acknowledged that there was “no silver bullet,” but that more action is needed. “This is critical because impaired driving remains one of the biggest killers in the United States,” NTSB Chairman Debbie Hersman said. She added that progress has been made over the years to reduce drunk driving, including a range of federal and state policies, tougher law enforcement, and stepped up national advocacy. But she said too many people are still dying on America’s roads in alcohol-related crashes. Lowering the rate to 0.05 would save about 500 to 800 lives annually, the safety board report claims. Under current law, a 180-pound male typically will hit the 0.08 threshold after four drinks over an hour; that same person could reach the 0.05 threshold after two to three drinks over the same period. The NTSB cannot impose its recommendations through regulation; the agency can only recommend changes to federal and state agencies or legislatures, including Congress.

Restaurant meals have higher calorie counts than fast food

Fast food might have a reputation for being a diet disaster. But as two studies published in JAMA Internal Medicine found, sitting down to a meal at a restaurant does even more damage to your waistline and overall health. According to an [ABC News report](#), an analysis of the nutritional information of food ordered at 19 sit-down restaurant chains revealed that the average meal contained a whopping 1,128 calories. That’s 56 percent of the average daily 2,000-calorie intake recommended by the Food and Drug Administration for a healthy adult. Researchers noted that previous research found the average fast-food meal delivers just 881 calories. Belt-busting calorie counts weren’t just found in the restaurant’s dinnertime portions either. A typical lunch packed more than 1,000 calories on average. At 1,226 calories on average, breakfast meals totaled even higher. Dining at smaller, independent eateries appears to be even more disastrous to weight-control efforts; researchers calculated that the average lunch or dinner entrée with sides at independent restaurants contained 1,327 calories, which is 17 percent more than similar menu items offered at larger chains. The report concluded that diners could reduce calories by ordering half portions, splitting an entrée, or asking servers to doggie bag half of your meal before it hits the plate. Further, diners can skimp on sauces, dressings, and extras, as well as surfing the web for calorie counts at restaurants before heading out to eat.

Task force recommends screening all adults for alcohol misuse

A government-backed advisory panel—the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF)—is urging that questions about alcohol use become a part of regular physical checkups. According to a [Time magazine report](#), about 21 percent of American adults admit that they engage in risky drinking behaviors, from overindulging, which can lead to physical and mental harm, to alcohol dependence. And it remains the third leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. In an effort to address the risk, the USPSTF reviewed data to determine whether more rigorous screening could identify and intervene in more cases of potential alcohol abuse. The task force members analyzed results from trials that randomly assigned adults, adolescents, and pregnant women to different screening and behavior counseling strategies for alcohol misuse between 1985 and 2011. The researchers concluded that doctors should screen all adults ages 18 and older, including women who are pregnant, in order to identify more people who have problems with alcohol. The data supported the benefits of finding these high risk people and providing

them with proper treatment or counseling to prevent more serious alcohol abuse. “Nearly 30 percent of adults drink more alcohol than is considered healthy, and there are serious consequences for themselves, their families, and their communities. For example, alcohol misuse contributes to more than 85,000 preventable deaths each year,” said one task force member. The panel said there is enough evidence to suggest that behavior counseling interventions could reduce weekly drinking, as well as limit drinking in the long-term and discourage binge drinking. Some of these counseling methods include stress management as well as drinking diaries, and face-to-face sessions or written self-help literature. According to the researchers, the most effective behavioral interventions took no more than 10 to 15 minutes, and were delivered by the clinician and another nurse or provider.



Minor Donor Groups

Consider the following idea focused on smaller donors to your mission, from [The Fundraising Authority website](#).

Put together a minor donor group. These groups of smaller givers—those who give \$50–\$500 per year—have the goal of motivating the donors to stay supportive of your organization and give at a consistent level each year.

Give the group a catchy name and a small list of membership benefits (such as an e-newsletter just for the group, a bumper sticker, etc.). This group will differ from major donor groups in areas such as the amount of time and resources you want to spend on group organization. For example, where a major donor group might meet once per month or once per quarter, you might hold only one minor donor group meeting each year.



Colorado Springs, Colorado: Graduate Services Program Director—The Springs Rescue Mission is seeking a qualified director to provide leadership and direction to its graduate services program. Email résumé or questions to jays@springsrescuemission.org. *Added 5/15/2013*

Jacksonville, Florida: Director of Emergency Services and Recovery Programs—City Rescue Mission seeks someone to direct our Christ-centered emergency services and recovery programs. Will be part of senior leadership team and supervise a staff of 47. Should be driven by desire for continuous improvement evidenced by outcomes measurement. Must have at least five years managerial experience with a demonstrated history of managing for results, preferably in a human services environment. Master's degree in a related field or bachelor's with related certification. Send cover letter and résumé to

dbugher@crmjax.org. Added 5/15/2013

Buellton, California: Multiple Personnel—Want to follow Christ's call to sell all and follow Him? White Stone Ranch offers unique opportunity in Santa Barbara County for people to consecrate their lives to serving the needy in pilot program. www.whitestoneranch.org Added 5/15/2013

Newark, New Jersey: Director of Development—Goodwill Rescue Mission is seeking an experienced director of development. Responsible for strategic diversity and growth of our fundraising and marketing, including direct mail operations with our direct response agency, foundation grant management, and church and major gift donor relations. Contact Ron Schober at rschober@grmnewark.org. Added 5/1/2013

Hagerstown, Maryland: Thrift Store Manager—The Hope Center is seeking a qualified manager to manage the daily operations of the ministry's two thrift stores. Email résumé to hagestownrescue@verizon.net. Added 5/1/2013

Inverness, Florida: Case Manager—The Path of Citrus County is looking for a male case manager apprentice for its shelter. This is a live-in position, with room and board paid, plus hourly wage. The mission will pay for case management training for the right person. Driver's license required. Fax résumé to (352)489-8505. Added 5/1/2013

Orlando, Florida: All Things Sweet Manager—Responsible for proactively soliciting corporate sales accounts, securing and working food truck stop locations, and serving as spokesperson for Orlando Union Rescue Mission's culinary training program. To apply, email résumé to laurie.fewless@ourm.org. Added 5/1/2013

Orlando, Florida: Donor Services Coordinator—Responsible for the data entry of donor gifts into PledgeMaker and ensuring timely completion of donation acknowledgments (receipts), reports, and other projects. To apply, email résumé to amanda.fewless@ourm.org. Added 5/1/2013

Orlando, Florida: Community Relations Coordinator—Proactively builds relationships and engages community by sharing about Orlando Union Rescue Mission's work through news coverage, special events, mission fairs, speaking engagements, and other community events. To apply, email résumé to amanda.fewless@ourm.org. Added 5/1/2013

Santa Rosa, California: Women's and Children's Shelter Staff—Redwood Gospel Mission has an open position in its women's and children's shelter. Seeking a woman with a heart for the homeless to join the mission's team. Candidate needs to be flexible, calm, and have a clean driving record. Previous experience with homeless preferred. Interested applicants should call (707) 573-0490 or email dceinar@srmission.org. Added 5/1/2013

Phoenix, Arizona: Program Director—Phoenix Rescue Mission is seeking a program director to provide oversight to their Christ-centered emergency shelter and residential recovery programs for men. Candidates should have extensive experience in providing oversight to large therapeutic community programs for men, women, and families with addiction, homelessness, domestic violence, and/or other life-controlling problems. The program director must have good leadership, administrative, and supervisory skills. Candidates must be master's level and license is preferred. All interested candidates should email résumés to gpaisley@phoenixrescuemission.org. Added 5/1/2013

Long Beach, California: Executive Director—The Long Beach Rescue Mission is looking for an executive director. For information please check the mission's website at <http://lbrm.org/news-and-events/job-opportunities>, or contact Cindy Pena at (562) 591-1292, ext. 112; via email at cpena@lbrm.org. Added 5/1/2013

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Teach Us to Pray

We do not know, dear Lord, just how to pray
Through the strange, awful tumult of today;
Teach us again—we grow bewildered quite,
We do not know, dear Lord, how to pray aright;
Our tongues are heavy and so slow to speak,
Give us the words for which we vainly seek.
Teach us to pray—we have been taught to love
And not to hate...O God, be mindful of
The turmoil of our days, the doubt, the fear,
Speak out, dear Lord, and let thy voice be clear,
Help us to pray the prayer of thy dear Son;
"Father, forgive them...may thy will be done,"
Give us thy far, clear vision, Lord, today;
Give us thy wisdom—teach us how to pray.

By Grace Noll Crowell. Reprinted from Our Missions, Volume 27, Number 1, July 1943. Our Missions was the publication of the International Union of Gospel Missions (IUGM), which was later renamed the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM).

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