



A Time for Change

As WONMP approach's the 8 year mark, those that remain of the original founders, and some of us "Johnny come lately's"; realize that the course you set doesn't always get you where you really need to go. That has proven to be the case with WONMP. *There is a time to stay the same, a time for change.*

I came to WONMP as the President in 2008 and have worked diligently to point WONMP in an ecclesiastical direction, because the history is clear to me; God's natural medicine belongs under the auspices of ecclesiastical jurisdiction, not the government. At the same time, I am also firm that practice requires proper education and standards and we have continued to strengthen the organization in this direction. In the meantime we have worked to prove our position that natural medicine is an ecclesiastical function; Dr. McWilliams has dedicated considerable time to exhaustive research on monastic, clerical, pastoral and natural medicine practices, and as a result has virtually rewritten the history of naturopathy. In addition, we have joined with a team of legal counselors to research the matter of the separation between Church and State in terms of medical matters.

Needless to say, many thousands of hours and dollars have been invested in this effort, and we have confirmed to our satisfaction that millions are suffering and dying because secular medicine has taken the lead as the first choice in medicine, whether emergency, chronic or self limited, and God has been largely removed. Our effort to restore pastoral medicine is *not* intended to interfere or compete with conventional medicine because such is clearly a blessing; it *is* our intention to see God restored to medicine, to see his natural medicines available freely, to see that the people have a choice for chronic illness, and to see His message for health returned to the pulpit.

It is time that we make the final move to plant ourselves firmly on the ecclesiastical path. Today more than ever U.S. states are coming after practitioners whether licensed or not that offer alternatives to drugs, and it is high time that we shake off the old, leave behind the secular completely and take the next step in protecting His safe, natural medicine. For months we have been gravitating toward an establishment that better defines who we are, what we believe and what we have to offer practitioners. Over the last months Dr. McWilliams and I, in counsel with attorneys, have satisfied ourselves that it is timely and appropriate to put "WONMP" into the annals of the past and *roll out* a whole new image.

The "Pastoral Medical Association" (PMA) is our choice. We presented this concept to a small group in Houston recently with overwhelming success and approval. We are now more than ever, convinced of this righteous path. The change will entail a major overhaul of WONMP. The PMA will operate as the international regulatory board for the practice of pastoral medicine; functioning much like a State board and deriving its authority through recognition by other international ecclesiastical jurisdictions. This will strengthen our legal position, the protection for all practitioners, and will lay the groundwork for U.S. States and other countries to recognize the PMA as a regulatory authority.

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There will be established an international advisory committee whose appointee's will represent the PMA in their respective corners of the world. This board will serve as an advisory committee to the Board of Professional Regulation, which will be the direct board that regulates the practice of pastoral medicine. A representative from each area of healthcare will be seated on the regulatory board to represent their own constituents.

I will continue to serve for now as the President, and Dr. McWilliams will continue as Chancellor. We have spent a number of years bringing the organization to this point, and we wish to see the restoration of pastoral medicine to the pulpits of the World and to its rightful place as the first choice in medicine for Believers. We do this in humility, for practitioners and for the people that will benefit from a revival of pastoral medicine; that form of healthcare that places God at the center.

The change that is upon us brings a heavy burden of administrative duties to lay WONMP to rest, and to birth the PMA. We ask for your patience and your support while we prepare to bear this yoke to restore His medicine to the people.

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