Corporate Repentance
The following statement was shared by the board of directors at Foursquare Connection 2022.

We embrace that God’s favor was poured out on Sister Aimee and the Foursquare church birthed 100 years ago to be a blessing to all people and nations (Gen 22:18).

We recognize the ongoing presence of sinful patterns that successive generations, including our own, have allowed to influence our decisions, compromise our accountability, and excuse our behavior towards others. We know the enemy’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy and that Jesus came to give life (John 10:10).

We repent for when we have compromised our capacity to steward the blessing of being in leadership (Gal 6:9).

We recognize that the integrity of God’s Church mandates we repent of these generational patterns and resolve to replace them with healthy rhythms that will bring the fullness of God’s promises where organizational faithfulness and kingdom fruitfulness may multiply.

We repent for choosing organizational priorities that fly in the face of abuses suffered by victims, and we will strive to take appropriate steps to safeguard those who hurt (Mt 9:36).

Moving forward, we make a commitment to put the purity of God’s church (Mt 5:8) before any organization. We will no longer tolerate abusive leadership or engage in decisions that place the abuser above the abused.

We are committed to navigating these complex waters with integrity and in the wisdom and counsel from many (Prov 15:22).

We believe that life-giving pastoral leadership can be both healthy and fruitful. We believe that kingdom multiplication must not be held hostage to abusive, unethical, or immoral leadership as a necessary evil to ensure success.

Therefore, we repent of a historic leadership culture within Foursquare that values gifts and personalities above the biblical standards of leadership clearly set forth in Scripture.
We repent of bullying and intimidation, anger disguised as passion, sexual innuendo, racist biases and behaviors, belittling and degrading speech, and all manner of control over God’s people.

We will engage pastoral discipline when and where necessary in a timely manner.

We will not allow leaders to leave uncontested when there is clear evidence of abusive leadership. We recognize that we owe our allegiance to Jesus whose children we have a pastoral responsibility to protect.

We will revisit our policies and plans for trauma-informed care that recognizes the victim and seeks to pastorally care for the abuser whether or not they are restored to a leadership role.

We believe that deep spiritual community leads to healthy spiritual families. We believe in being made whole through the gifts of our sisters and brothers coming together, reflecting the Imago Dei.

The body of Christ functions in love when all its parts are harmoniously working together on mission.

As we conclude our first 100 years and set our trajectory for the next 100 with clean hands and a pure heart (Ps 24:4), we repent of a spirit of autonomy and independence that is born out of pride.

We will pursue the example set by Jesus when He said, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all (Mark 9:35)”

Moving forward, we will value a posture of humility that leads to wisdom (Prov 11:2).

We will commit ourselves to a practice of interdependence and mutual accountability, which provides haven for our limitations and allows us to grow into the likeness of Christ (2 Cor 3:18).

We pray the compassion of Jesus moves us to action and leads us into being the Church that the gates of hell cannot prevail against (Mt 16: 18).