

President's Report to District Conferences

Spring 2026

As I begin this new chapter, I'm so grateful to be on mission together with you! Thank you for the key role you play in living out *All of Jesus for All the World*, in local neighborhoods and in nations around the globe. You are leading, encouraging, coaching, galvanizing, correcting, praying . . . doing the daily work of seeing the mission of Jesus fulfilled. Your investment in others is having more impact than you know. Only in heaven will we see the complete story of what the Lord has accomplished.

Grateful for the Alliance Family

A conversation I had last August at Resonate, a conference for newly licensed workers, was a reminder that it is easy to take our Alliance family for granted. He told me, "I just heard about The Alliance for the first time seven months ago, and here I am at Resonate. I'm so glad I found this family!" Another leader repeated what others have often said: "The Alliance is one of the best-kept secrets in the American church scene." They have found a welcoming body of believers who keep "the main thing the main thing": pursuing Jesus and His mission. That's who we are—a Christ-centered, Acts 1:8 family. There are so many good things happening. I came away from interactions



*Rosilio Román
speaking at Resonate 2025*

with 146 new workers and spouses at Resonate with renewed enthusiasm for the many ways that Jesus is accomplishing His purposes through Alliance workers all around our country—and through hundreds of international workers making an impact in the far corners of our world.

Building the Team

One of our early prayer points was to see the Lord bring together a team of leaders who can advance the next chapter of our mission advance. We're grateful that three new vice presidents were elected by the C&MA Board of Directors: Kelvin Walker, Paul Crosby, and Kevin Mason. We thank the Lord for providing such anointed and gifted individuals to join the leadership team in this next season and are eager to see what God will do in and through them.

Kelvin, most recently serving as the district superintendent of the Metro District, has been appointed as the vice president for Church Ministries. He has led in many areas of the U.S. church over the years: corporate vice president, member of the Board of Directors and President's Cabinet, lead pastor, worship pastor, and campus pastor. He brings this wealth of experience combined with a humble and expectant heart to serve the U.S. Alliance church. We are so grateful for the way Rosilio Román led with grace and integrity as interim VP for Church Ministries, and we're grateful he will continue serving alongside Kelvin.



Kelvin Walker

Paul is serving as the vice president for Development, replacing Tim Meier, who has led so effectively these past years and has assumed the role of lead pastor at Grace Church (he can be assured of my prayers as he leads a church family dearly loved by Mary and me!). Paul has served as a church planter and an international worker, in corporate partnerships with Big Brothers Big Sisters, and most recently in leading the funding engagement efforts for The Alliance.



Paul Crosby

Kevin is serving as the vice president for Operations/ treasurer, replacing Ken Baldes, who faithfully served for 20 years and joined the pastoral staff at an Alliance church in Colorado Springs. Before joining The Alliance as the controller in 2025, Kevin served as a fractional CFO, and prior to that, had spent nearly two decades in progressive finance and accounting leadership roles across both public accounting and Fortune 500 companies. He brings rich experience and a deep commitment to service.



Kevin Mason

I also want to express appreciation for my predecessor, John Stumbo, who has led us these previous 12 years. It's been a gift to meet numerous times during this "baton pass." Typical of John, he has been strategic and generous in sharing lessons learned along the way. I'm very grateful for his example and friendship.

One Alliance Place

At the beginning of February, the construction team installed the exterior framing and have already moved on to interior framing on both floors. As our efforts to raise funds nears the finish line, we remain on track to occupy the building in October 2026. Would you join us in prayer for the remaining funds and also for favorable construction contracts? Our heart is to see people encounter Christ through us on this newly developed real estate.



Our Coming King

Coming out of Council 2025, there were a number of questions related to our millennial stance as the “preamble” was not passed and it was stated from the platform that we would return to this conversation. I will be working with our district superintendents and association leaders, as well as the Board, to discuss options and recommend next steps. For now, let’s continue to honor one another as we continue to work out our Alliance approach to “the millennium” and beyond. As we do so, let’s not forget the many things we agree on: the imminent, bodily return of Jesus to judge the living and the dead. He is coming soon, so let’s stay focused on the task ahead: “This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matt. 24:14).

Alliance World Fellowship

Did you know that there are over 24,000 churches connected to The Alliance in 88+ countries around the world? Remarkably, the number of missionaries (1,700+) sent from other countries continues to grow, and they now send a combined number of individuals that is higher than the U.S. and Canada put together! From October 8–12, 2025, representatives from these national churches gathered in Cote d’Ivoire for a quadrennial conference. There is a growing sense of collaboration and desire to partner together on strategic initiatives and multi-national mission teams.





All of Jesus for All the World

This is not only the theme for our Missions Engagement this year; it's our heartbeat in The Alliance, inviting each person to experience the fullness of Christ for daily living, and our desire to see every person given an opportunity to encounter a life-transforming relationship with Him. Each Alliance church is asked to take a Sunday or a full week to concentrate on this deeper life and missions focus as we highlight our vital role in the worldwide work of The Alliance. Your faithful prayers and generous giving are being used by the Lord to make an eternal difference.

Go to cmalliance.org/impactreport2025 to read stories of impact across The Alliance.





Vision and Focus

In a season when many denominations are seeing decline, we rejoice in the growth that is being experienced in our family of churches. Our **now.** campaign focused on one new international worker and one new church each week, and by God's grace, we have seen that happen these past two years. We will continue to pray and work toward those goals this coming year to help us fulfill the mission Jesus has entrusted to us. Additionally, I am working with our Board of Directors on seven priorities for this next year before Council 2027. You will be hearing more about that in the coming months. In all of this, we are assured of His empowering presence as we advance in His name! Here are the latest stats for our U.S. Alliance family, demonstrating missional momentum in many local churches:

- 2021–Professions of Faith: 17,795; Baptisms: 7,382
- 2022–Professions of Faith: 19,777; Baptisms: 9,064
- 2023–Professions of Faith: 21,207; Baptisms: 11,023
- 2024–Professions of Faith: 23,597; Baptisms: 12,196





Friends, our Father is writing a good story. I trust you'll hear more of that as you gather for your District Conference. What an honor we have to be included in the life transformations He is bringing about through the Church. We're in this work together. I'm struck by how often the Scriptures emphasize our interdependence: "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for *us*, fixing *our* eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Heb. 12:1-2). Like giant redwoods, it's the intertwining of our roots that provides us the necessary support to withstand strong winds and storms. Nobody stands alone. We're at our best when we're on mission together. I'm eager to see all that Jesus has in store for us!



Jonathan Schaeffer
C&MA President