

Decade of Pentecost Report

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“Compelled by the Spirit” is 2016 Decade of Pentecost Theme

The Acts in Africa Initiative has announced the 2016 theme for the Decade of Pentecost.

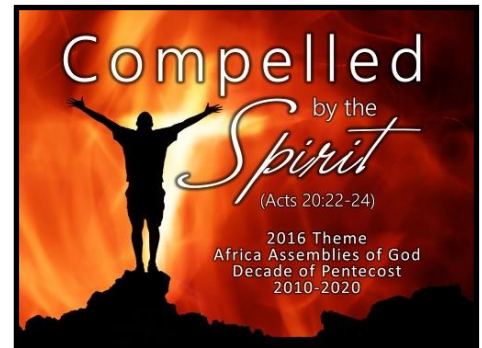
The theme is based on Paul’s declaration in Acts 20:22 that he was going to Jerusalem “*compelled by the Spirit*” (NIV). In Jerusalem he expected to experience hardships and even possible death. Nevertheless (and this is very important) he remained committed to “*the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace*” (v. 24).

During this sixth year of the Africa AG Alliance “Decade of Pentecost” emphasis from 2010 to 2020, the 18 million believers who attend Assemblies of God churches across the continent will be challenged to recommit themselves to testifying to the gospel of God’s grace by continuing to preach the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)—even in the face of opposition. It is hoped that that this theme will serve to inspire Assemblies of God leaders and members to preach the gospel more passionately, plant churches more fervently, and deploy Spirit-empowered missionaries more aggressively than ever before.

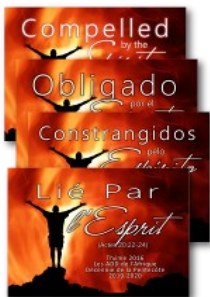
Thus far, in Acts 1:8 Conferences held across the continent, Assemblies of God national and local churches have committed themselves to seeing 10 million new believers empowered by the Holy Spirit, planting 45,676 new churches, and reaching 229 unreached people groups with the gospel. At present, the 50 national AG churches across Africa have 18 million adherents meeting in 81,000 local congregations. At the beginning of the decade, the Africa AG reported 15.9 million adherents and 65,000 local churches.

Together, let’s pray that God will pour out His Spirit powerfully during 2016 and that the Spirit of God will compel us to finish the task of proclaiming Christ in every place and to every person in Africa and beyond.

—Dr. Denny Miller, Director, Acts in Africa Initiative



Theme Poster Available in 4 Languages



The Acts in Africa Initiative has produced 2016 DOP theme posters in four languages, including English, French, Portuguese and Spanish. In addition, the posters are available in two formats: poster format and bumper sticker format. They can be downloaded for free as PDFs or JPGs from the Decade of Pentecost website at www.DecadeofPentecost.org.

In addition to these four languages, if requested AIA is prepared to produce the posters in any African language. To request another language contact Acts in Africa at ActsInAfrica@agmd.org.

Theme Sermon Outlines Available

Dr. Denny Miller, director of the Acts in Africa Initiative, has developed three sermon outlines that go along with the 2016 Decade of Pentecost theme.

The three sermons are

- “Compelled by the Spirit,” an expository sermon on Acts 20:17-24;
- “Compelled to Reach the Lost,” a message explaining four reasons all Christians are compelled to reach the lost; and
- Five Ways the Spirit Compels Us to Do Missions.

You can download these sermon outlines by visiting the Decade of Pentecost website at www.DecadeofPentecost.org/2016-theme/.

New Year’s Emphasis

The New Year is coming soon! This year, why not emphasize the 2016 DOP theme, “Compelled by the Spirit,” during your New Year’s services?

Then, make it your church’s theme for the rest of the year. By doing this you would be moving hand-in-hand with thousands of other Assemblies of God churches across Africa. You would also be emphasizing those things that are close to the heart of Jesus: evangelism, church planting, missions, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your New Year’s program could be for just one day or extend over several days. The important thing is that such an emphasis would get your church moving in the right direction.

You can begin now by downloading the theme posters (above) and theme sermons (below). You can then start planning and praying for the greatest outpouring of the Spirit in the history of your church.



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