

Senate Resolution 374

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th and Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 19, 2022, as Apostolic World Christian Fellowship Leadership Summit
2 2022 Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1970, Bishop W.G. Rowe, the founder and chairman of the Apostolic World
4 Christian Fellowship (AWCF) for 20 years, asked key Apostolic ministers to come together
5 to study the feasibility of a world wide fellowship; and

6 WHEREAS, presently, more than 135 Apostolic organizations have agreed to work together
7 for the common cause; the continuation of the message of the Apostles, which started on the
8 day of Pentecost, A.D. 33; and

9 WHEREAS, in May 1991, Bishop W.G. Rowe retired from his general chairmanship of the
10 AWCF and was succeeded by Bishop Samuel L. Smith; and

11 WHEREAS, the headquarters is located at 421 N. Main, Evansville, Indiana; and

12 WHEREAS, the four-fold vision of the Apostolic World Christian Fellowship is unity
13 among all Apostolics regardless of organizational back-grounds. Personal differences must
14 be surrendered in order to submit to the prayer of Jesus Christ, that we become one; and

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15 WHEREAS, the motivation of the ministry indicates that we must "pull out the stops" and
16 share successful programs with each other in order to get the job done. Big businesses spend
17 millions to develop leaders; we are in the Fathers business. Too few of us understand the
18 need for setting spiritual goals, and fewer yet the methods of spiritual church government.
19 We must motivate each other. God has methods that work, let's find them and share them;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the challenge of the laity indicates there is a wealth of energy and potential
22 sitting in our pews. Paul said the five-fold ministry was for the perfecting of the saints. The
23 word "perfecting" means equipping; thus, we in the ministry are responsible to equip, train,
24 and prepare the laity, challenging them to be involved in lay ministries; and

25 WHEREAS, the missions indicate that reaching the lost both at home and world wide is the
26 lifeline of the church; the very reason for the Body of Christ to exist.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize January 19, 2022, as Apostolic World Christian Fellowship Leadership Summit
29 2022 Day.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
32 press.