

# **ARISE**

**Stand together  
as The Church**



**GOD'S MIGHTY MEN  
2021 CONFERENCE  
Sept. 25, 2021**



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# ARISE:

## STAND TOGETHER AS THE CHURCH SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

- 8:00am ..... **Speakers' and Pastors' Fellowship & Prayer**
- 8:30am ..... **Praise Music - the Band**
- 8:35am ..... **GMM Welcome & Prayer:** Lester Lavalais, Mel Turner
- 8:50am ..... **Spotlight on Truth:** Justice Keith Kautz, WY Supreme Court
- 9:10am ..... **Main Speaker Kick-Off:** Rev. Samuel Rodriguez  
President of the National Hispanic Christian  
Leadership Conference, Pastor of New Season Church
- 10:00am ..... **Break** - refreshments, fellowship and visit ministry tables
- 10:45am ..... **Competition:** Karsten Sween, Eastern Director of FCA WY
- 10:50am ..... **Spotlight on Hope:** Dr. Richard Berry, Psychologist
- 11:15am ..... **Pastor Blasts** - Mel Turner introducing:  
**Chaplain Vincent Shaw**, USAF, Cheyenne  
**Rev. Fr. Joseph Collins**, Holy Apostles Christian Orthodox Church, Cheyenne  
**Pastor Stevie Ganison**, New Kingdom Church of God in Christ, Cheyenne  
**Kolten Powell**, Navigators Campus Director at the University of WY, Laramie
- 11:33am ..... **Main Speaker:** Rev. Samuel Rodriguez
- 12:18pm ..... **Invitation:** Pastor Nathan Winters
- 12:38pm ..... **Wrap-Up:** Mel Turner
- 12:45pm ..... **Closing Prayer:** Lester Lavalais
- 12:50pm ..... **Networking Breakout Session**  
Suicide prevention Q&A with Dr. Berry and networking
- 1:00pm ..... **Lobby Closes**
- 2:30pm ..... **(NLT) Breakout Session concluded**
- 3:00pm ..... **Civic Center Closed**

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## Rev. Samuel Rodriguez

**Christian. Husband. Father. Pastor. CEO. Author. Movie Producer.  
Presidential Advisor. Yankee Fan. Trekkie.**



Samuel Rodriguez is lead pastor of New Season, which Newsmax has named one of America's most influential mega churches. He is the President of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC), the world's largest Hispanic Christian organization with 42,000 plus U.S. churches.

Rodriguez stands recognized by CNN, FOX News, Univision and Telemundo as America's most influential Latino/Hispanic faith leader. Charisma magazine named him one of the 40 leaders who changed the world. The Wall St. Journal named him one of the top 12 Latino leaders and he was the only faith leader on that list. He has been named among the "Top 100 Christian Leaders in America" (Newsmax 2018) and nominated as one of the "100

most influential people in the world" (TIME 2013).

Rodriguez has advised Presidents Bush, Obama, and Trump and frequently consults with members of Congress to advance life, religious liberty and biblical justice initiatives including immigration and criminal justice reform. By the grace of God, Rev. Rodriguez is one of the few individuals to have participated in the inauguration ceremonies of two different Presidents representing both political parties. In April 2020, Rev. Rodriguez was appointed to the National Coronavirus Recovery Commission to offer specialized experience



and expertise in crisis mitigation and recovery to help our national, state, and local leaders guide our nation through the COVID-19 pandemic. He is the recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award presented by the Congress of Racial Equality.

Rodriguez is a best-selling author, including "The Lamb's Agenda" and "Be Light". He is an executive producer of three films including BREAKTHROUGH. He resides in Sacramento, CA with his wife, Eva, and their three children.





# SPEAKERS

## SPOTLIGHT ON TRUTH



**Keith G. Kautz**

Wyoming Supreme Court Justice

Keith G. Kautz is a Justice serving on the Wyoming Supreme Court. He was appointed to that position on August 4, 2015, by Governor Matthew H. Mead, and was

retained in office in the general election in November 2016. Justice Kautz served as a District Judge in Wyoming from January 1993 to August 2015. Before taking the bench, Justice Kautz practiced law in Sheridan and Torrington. He graduated from the University of Wyoming School of Law in 1978.

While on the bench, Justice Kautz served on numerous boards and commissions including the Wyoming Board of Judicial Policy and Administration, Wyoming Civil and Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committees and the Wyoming Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics. He is a Commissioner on the Uniform Law Commission. Justice Kautz received the Wyoming State Bar Leadership award in 2006.

Justice Kautz has been married for 46 years (Karen) and has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. He is an active member of Cheyenne Hills Church, and serves as a study group leader and lay speaker.

## SPOTLIGHT ON HOPE



**Dr. Richard Berry, Psy.D.**

Dr. Berry holds a Doctor of Psychology in Counseling Psychology from the University of a Northern Colorado (1985). He has 35 years of experience

in practice, and recently retired from leadership of Youth Alternatives in Cheyenne WY. Dr. Berry specializes in loss, grief and suicide prevention. He is a published author, heads Berry Counseling and Consulting LLC, and coordinates the counseling ministry at Cheyenne Hills Church. Dr. Berry has been married for 48 years (Bonnie) and has three children and four granddaughters.

# SPEAKERS

## PASTOR BLASTS



**Vincent X. Shaw**

Chaplain Captain, USAF

Chaplain Shaw is a Captain at the 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. He is part of the spiritual care to 5 Groups and 19 Squadrons, and 11 hosted units that defend America with the world's premier combat ready intercontinental ballistic missile force. He advises leadership and ensures the free exercise of religion. He bolsters and delivers spiritual resiliency through pastoral care & counseling, visitation, morale enhancing activities, and soul care of USAF personnel and their families.



**Rev. Fr. R. Joseph Collins**

Economos, Holy Apostles Christian Orthodox Church, Cheyenne

Fr. Joseph was ordained to the diaconate in 2015 and the priesthood in 2016. Fr. Joseph served parishes in New York from 2013-2020. He, his wife, and their three children were transferred to serve the community of Cheyenne, and the greater Cheyenne region. His passion is to preach the Gospel courageously and to teach others about the enduring faith and teachings of the Apostles (the faith and teachings handed down to, and lived by, the Orthodox Church for 2,000 years).



**Pastor Stephen Ganison, Sr**

New Kingdom Church of God in Christ Cheyenne

"Pastor Stevie" was first ordained as Elder in 2012, and was recently installed as Pastor of New Kingdom. As a 30-year employee of the City of Cheyenne, he was appointed by the Mayor to serve on an Employee Committee, and continues as a strong advocate for positive community programs. He is a gifted singer and talented musician with a passion for sharing the Gospel message of the Kingdom to the Church, the community, and the world.



**Kolten Powell**

Navigators Campus Director at the University of Wyoming, Laramie

Kolten has worked with the Navigators at the University of Wyoming since 2012. He has directed the campus ministry for the last four years, and he oversees teams of staff and 50+ student leaders. He has a passion for raising up lifelong laborers and leaders and sending them out from UW to jobs, neighborhoods, families, and churches all over the world. Kolten and his wife, Katie, spend most of their free time raising their two young children.



# GOD'S MIGHTY MEN

## OUR VISION

Brothers in Christ inspiring unity in our communities through an annual conference.

## OUR MISSION

GMM will host a Spirit-powered conference bringing Christian men together across many denominations and other differences to pray, to worship God, and to hear and respond to the Gospel.

The Goals of this event are to provide **DEPTH**:



1. **D**eepen: our relationship with Christ.



2. **E**ncouragement: that strengthens men in unity, from the Word and from the Holy Spirit.



3. **P**assion: to fan the flame of purpose in men to be all they are called to be in Christ.



4. **T**eam: to create and fortify the band of brothers in Christ, across the region within a day's travel of Cheyenne.



5. **H**ome Church: to return Mighty Men of God to each home church, strengthening their churches to influence their communities for Christ.

# NOTE FROM THE GMM "HUB"

Welcome to the 2021 God's Mighty Men conference! Our theme is:

## **ARISE!...Stand Together as The Church!**

This theme especially resonates with David's words to the leaders of Israel recorded in **1 Chronicles 22:19** (AMP): ***"Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God. Arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy articles and utensils of God into the house built for the Name of the LORD."***

Points readily be drawn from this verse and its context include:

- The first priority is to seek the Lord with mind & heart.
- The King commanded ALL the leaders of God's people, unified...
- To build the sanctuary of God (which is now is us: The Church)...
- Intergenerationally, as David prepares to pass the task to Solomon.
- Israel has just suffered from a severe pestilence; sound familiar? King David repented and focused God's people on glorifying the LORD.

Of late has culture had more influence on the Church than the Church has had on the culture? May it not be so. When brothers in Christ arise and stand with God's priorities first, together across generations, congregations, ethnicities, and other differences, then we are truly behaving as The Church should. The Gospel-driven Church has the answers our region needs. May we shine brightest when things are dark around us, mighty men only by the power of God, "for such a time as this."

Your GMM board is also known as the "Hub". It has been a stretch to bring the conference back to the Civic Center this year, but we were blessed to enjoy the gracious participation and hard work of many GMM team leaders, volunteers, ministry partners and speakers. We are humbled by the generous support of all our church and corporate sponsors. THANK YOU!

To get information about this and future GMM conferences, to share your feedback, and/or to learn about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities:

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To God be the glory, forever!

Bob Wilson

Bobby Gudahl

Lester Lavalais

Matt Freeman



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## Worship Music

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bass Guitar - Robin Roberts | Rhythm Guitar - Jerry Gallegos |
| Drums - Josh Eyres          | Worship Leader - James Damey   |
| Keys - Knute Holiman        | Shofar - Pete Brennan          |
| Lead Guitar - Doug Lineen   |                                |

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Event Coordinator - James Damey  
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*Genesis 18:19*

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