

Proposal for the Formation of “ICOC Events” as a “Religious Nonprofit Entity”

Submitted by: Kingdom Events Subcommittee of the Evangelists Service Team

Synopsis:

The World Discipleship Summit in 2012 and Reach 2016 demonstrate the desire of ICOC members for large events and God’s blessing to advance His work. The sheer magnitude of these events has made it obvious that we need to take the next responsible step to manage them well including the potentially substantial risks and residual funds. After lengthy discussions with many of those most involved in the execution of these events and the planning of the 2020 WDS in Orlando, the Elders, Evangelists, and Teachers committees have all approved the idea of creating a new non-profit entity that would responsibly coordinate our Delegate-sponsored ICOC Events.

Scope:

ICOC Delegate Sponsored Events

- ILC International Leadership Conference (Hosted in North America)
- ICOC Delegates Meetings
- WDS World Summits and North American Discipleship Summits

Funds

Source: Residual funds from large events.

Use: To facilitate and support further ICOC Delegate-sponsored Summits and events.

Impact:

The ICOC Events non-profit would provide transparent oversight and coordination to our events and provide a clear way to manage funds responsibly to keep our conferences glorifying God and building up the church.

Formation

As a fellowship of churches, we are accustomed to forming “para-church” organizations to take responsibility for various aspects of ministry needs such as HOPEww and Disciples Today. Upon approval of this proposal, the Kingdom Events Subcommittee will take the necessary and proper steps to establish a non-profit ICOC Events.

Governance

ICOC Events will be governed by a board, including elders, evangelists, and administrators from our North American cooperating congregations since it is a US entity. The selection of this board and the bylaws will be approved by the Evangelists, Elders and Teachers Service Teams.

Management

To focus on the day-to-day work, a management team would consist of:

1. Chairman of the Kingdom Events Subcommittee
 2. Elders Service Team representative
 3. Director of the last largest conference.
 4. Administrator with experience with large conferences
- Consultant: Disciples Today representative to coordinate, communicate, keep database, etc.

Timeline

March 2016 – Proposal of ICOC Events presented at the Spring Leadership Meetings.

April 2016 – Edited Proposal distributed to ICOC Delegates for comments.

May 2016 -- Input from Delegates incorporated into final version of Proposal

June 2016 – Vote by email on this and all proposals.

June – August 2016 – Assuming the Proposal passes, the ICOC Events non-profit is created and funded by any residuals from Reach 2016.

Fall 2020 – Reevaluate the funds and the entity after the 2020 World Discipleship Summit.

FAQs

How would the funds be used?

The funds will be used to support and facilitate Delegate-sponsored events. The board will make all final decisions. One possibility in the future is that the fund might, after doing its due diligence, hire disciples to run our large conferences beginning in 2024. In the spirit of Acts 6:2, perhaps future conferences could be run by disciples who specialize in these events, freeing up the local evangelists to stay focused on “prayer and the ministry of the word.”

What about accountability?

The Evangelist, Elders and Teachers Service Teams will approve selections to the board of ICOC Events and the bylaws, guaranteeing healthy accountability. The establishment of the ICOC Events entity assures transparency and accountability of each of the Delegate-sponsored events. Also as a non-profit, ICOC Events must publicly publish its financials.

Why is this fund governed mainly by North Americans?

The vast majority who attend our North American Summits are members of our North American churches. Therefore the entity will be established as a US non-profit. While ICOC Events will undoubtedly benefit other continents, the revenue source will be mainly the North American disciples. Other continents are of course free to establish their own funds as well.

What are the legal costs to establish the fund?

Roughly \$5,000.

Who will pay the set up costs?

The St. Louis church will pay the set up costs for the fund and deduct them from the residual funds.