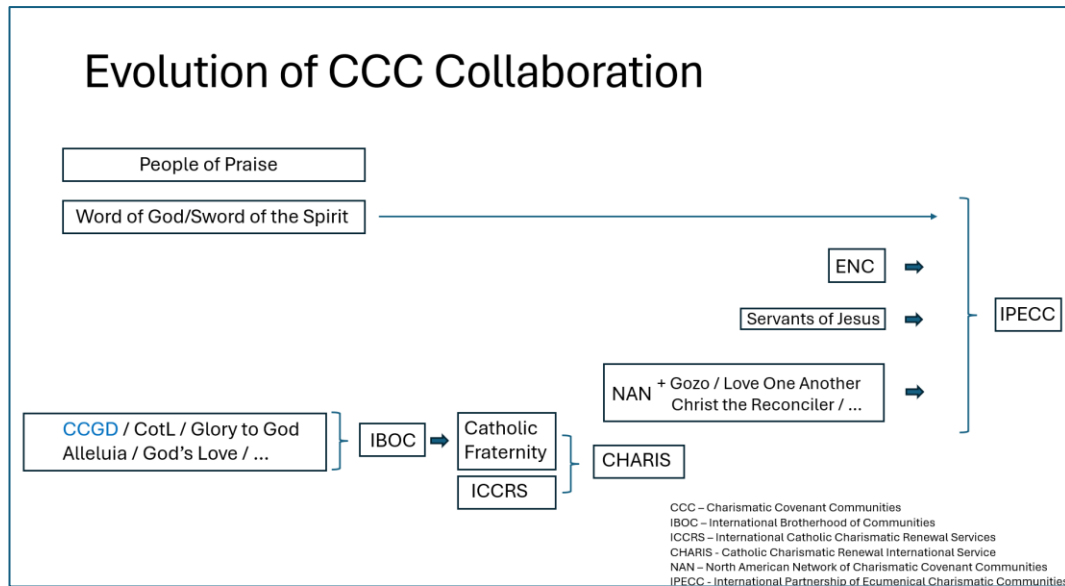


Sisters and Brothers, this past February ten community members were able to attend the North American Network of Charismatic Covenant Communities (NAN) annual conference. As a reminder the NAN network exists for collaboration and support for Charismatic Covenant Communities across North America. Many of you have not had the privilege and opportunity to actually attend the conferences in person, and so the whole concept of charismatic covenant network may not have yet had a personal connection to you. This sharing (originally presented at the Prayer Meeting at our Sunday Gathering on April 27th 2025) is offered to you. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.



This PPT attempts to capture the evolution of collaboration across the Charismatic Renewal. The Renewal in the Catholic Church started with the People of Praise in South Bend, Indiana, and Word of God in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Our Community, the Chrisitan Community of God’s Delight, was formed in March of 1973. We, along with other communities, discerned to not directly connect with other large communities or networks other than those of a collaborative nature. Bobbie Cavnar, our founder, helped to establish IBOC, the International Brotherhood of Communities, for relationship and fellowship with other charismatic communities. Most of these communities were Catholic.

Eventually, there was a desire to more formally associate with the Catholic Church. Some communities ran into issues and did not have as strong a relationship with their local bishop as Bobbie did with Bishop Tschoepe. Eventually the Catholic Fraternity was formed as a way of formally recognizing Catholic Charismatic Communities and solidifying their relationship with their local bishop. Many years later Pope Francis decided that the Catholic Fraternity was getting a little too big to manage inside the auspices of the Catholic Church, so he merged ICCRS, the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services organization, and the Catholic Fraternity to form CHARIS, Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Services. CHARIS’ intent is to be how the Catholic Church supports the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Our community registered with CHARIS, but CHARIS is still in its infancy in terms of becoming active internationally. The communities that were part of the Catholic Fraternity had already built-up strong relationships of collaboration with other Catholic Fraternity communities. So, together we formed NANCCC, the North American Network of Charismatic Covenant Communities. Since its founding other communities have expressed an interest in joining NAN such as Christ the Reconciler from Elgin, Texas;

the Brothers and Sisters of Charity at Little Portion Hermitage in Berryville, Arkansas; and People of Praise in Trinidad.

As NAN was being formed, reconciliation was happening at an international level across other large Charismatic Communities and Networks. This has given rise to an international network of collaboration called IPECC, the International Partnership of Ecumenical Charismatic Communities. Besides NAN, Sword of the Spirit network, the European Network of Communities (ENC) network and Servants of Jesus Community in Australia have all formed this international network of collaboration. This PPT was a very simplistic way of introducing NAN and how it fits with other efforts at collaboration across the Charismatic Renewal.

Mission of NAN

- 1. Build relationships among NAN leaders based on our mutual love and trust.**
- 2. Help one another in common challenges**, growing in spiritual formation, personal and communal holiness, supporting our youth, raising up new leaders, responding to the Holy Spirit in ministry and use of the spiritual gifts, serving the renewal of the Body of Christ.
- 3. Witness by our love for one another and our covenant life as a people of God.**
- 4. Our Mission is to** *fulfill the Great Commission by promoting Christian unity, teaching transformation and reconciliation, bringing the baptism in the Holy Spirit to the whole Church, and bringing the love and mercy of God to the poor, the unborn, the defenseless and the underserved.*

The mission of NAN is to build relationships among leaders to support one another. We gather together as communities to help one another in common challenges, raising up new leaders, and responding to the culture of this world. We continue to witness our lives together with a particular focus on what it means to live a covenant life, and to respond to what the Holy Spirit is doing in our day to fulfill the Great Commission of spreading the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Resources: Website <https://www.nanccc.org/>



NAN is not just here for leaders. It is available to all of us. The easiest way for you to participate and get the benefit would be to go to our website NANccc.org. If you hover over the Events page, you'll see that we've existed for five years and have had five conferences. All the conference material has been recorded and made available (see below or on the website). You can click and play each presentation. There are applicable talks for us as a community and as individuals. It's a great resource.

2025 NAN Conference

The 2025 NAN Conference was hosted by the Alleluia Community in Augusta GA starting the evening of February 20th, 2025, and concluded the evening of February 22nd, 2025. The theme of the conference was "Covenant Community: What is It, How It Accomplishes God's Plan, and What Sustains It". While we all live in a covenant community, our understanding of it flows from our own unique experience. The overall objective of the conference was to explore how God specifically raised up covenant communities to address His desire to renew His church.

Last year, I was asked to be the moderator of the North American Network, so on Thursday I gave the welcome followed by talk one on "The Need for Covenant Communities." On Friday, there were talks about "What Is Covenant Community" and "How Covenant Community Accomplishes God's Plan." The theme on Saturday was "What Sustains Covenant Community." John Michael Talbot, who attended and fully participated in the conference, led our time of prayer and worship on Saturday. The following are url links that you can click on to hear each talk.

Thursday evening

[NAN Welcome – David Peterman Jr.](#)

[Talk #1 – Need for Covenant Communities? – James Munk](#)

Friday

[Talk #2 – What is Covenant Community – Dan Almeter](#) [Witness – Nathan Castellanos](#)

[Talk #3 – How Covenant Community accomplishes God's plan – Paul and Marcia Dinolfo](#) [Witness – Mike Kent](#)

[Talk #4a – How Covenant Community accomplishes God's plan – Michal Steiner](#)

[Talk #4b – How Covenant Community accomplishes God's plan – Paul and Rachel Balducci](#)

[Panel discussion and Q&A with the Talk presenters](#)

Saturday

[Talk #5 – What sustains covenant community? – Bob Garrett](#) [Witness – Thomas McAdams](#)

[Talk #6 – What sustains covenant community? – David Peterman Jr.](#) [Witness – Tod Densmore](#)

[Talk #7 – Servant Leadership – Jonathan Cospere](#)

[Panel discussion and Q&A with the Talk presenters](#)

Witness and Ministry – John Michael Talbot

The ten of us from God's Delight who made the trip to Augusta this past February were very blessed by it. This is one of the reasons for this testimony. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to use the resources, the wonderful talks, sharings, and testimonies on the website as we continue to respond to the opportunities to grow as a covenant community in Dallas. I also encourage you to make plans to attend the 2026 conference next February.

Again, if you have any questions, please contact me at Contact.the.NAN@gmail.com

God Bless,

David Peterman (Jr.)