

Pastor, Magazine Call Leaders to 'Summit on Integrity'

Is the church in crisis? When it comes to integrity among leadership, Larry Stockstill thinks so—and he wants you to do something about it.

Larry Stockstill, pastor of Bethany World Prayer Center in Baton Rouge, La., is calling church leaders to do more than just talk about living right. At the Summit on Integrity, a one-day gathering of ministry leaders, he's urging them to commit to a lifestyle of integrity that encompasses every area of private and public life.

Amid an increasing number of high-profile church scandals, Stockstill is partnering with *Ministry Today* magazine and the new Ministry21 Network to invite leaders to a daylong discussion on Nov. 16 in Lake Mary, Fla., on how church leaders can combat the sliding morals found in the ministry world and take a stand for righteousness.

"Isn't it time we come back to the purity of a Billy Graham, whose 'Modesto Manifesto' kept him free from sexual embarrassment, numerical exaggeration, financial impropriety and vicious divisions for more than 60 years?" Stockstill says. "Why is the American population less inclined to follow spiritual leadership than ever in our history? Why does the credibility rating of spiritual leaders

rate below 'used
car salesman' and thousands of leaders drop out of the
ministry annually? It's
time we confront the spiritual, moral and ethical decline in
the body of
Christ."

The summit will feature discussions on financial integrity,
sexual and relational purity, personal character, and other
integrity-related
issues that apply to personal, family, corporate and even the
national arena.

Along with receiving personal ministry time, church leaders
will be invited to
sign both the Statement on Integrity, which will be released
to the public, and
a more personal Remnant Covenant. This written oath is based
upon Stockstill's
book *The Remnant*, which has been distributed to more than
150,000
leaders in the U.S. and overseas, and argues that
"accountability in standards
of church discipline, finances, media, Internet, travel,
counseling and
appearances can revolutionize the present climate of suspicion
and loss of
influence presently characterizing ministry leadership."

While leading the 10,000-member, multi-campus Bethany World
Prayer Center, Stockstill also served as
guest editor for the Fall
2010 issue of *Ministry Today*, which centers on integrity and
offers
the story behind the Stockstills' commitment to integrity that
has spanned more
than four generations. Stockstill's father, Roy, started
Bethany World Prayer Center in 1963, and two of Larry's sons,

Joel and
Jonathan, both serve as Bethany pastors.

“Integrity is needed in every season of life, yet the church desperately needs to address and revisit the concept of integrity—and thankfully, the Stockstills have a reputation for holiness and purity,” says *Ministry Today* executive editor/publisher Steve Strang. “Larry is one of the few people who has earned the right to call church leaders back to this foundational principle, and I believe the Summit on Integrity will be invaluable in sparking a new level of commitment for those who attend.”

For more information about the Summit on Integrity, including how to register, click [here](#).