

Could This Prophetic Partnership Help Fulfill the Great Commission?

When the Church of God of Prophecy (COGOP) inked a new deal with the Pentecostal Theological Seminary (PTS), they were creating a partnership that could fulfill the Great Commission.

The memorandum of understanding is a public announcement the sister organizations will collaborate on leadership development and higher education opportunities for the COGOP, says Dewayne Hamby, COGOP director of communications.

“We recognize that the harvest God has called the Church of God of Prophecy to reach will be beyond our reach unless we prepare ourselves as much as possible,” says Brian Sutton, partnership coordinator and program coordinator for the Church of God of Prophecy.

“Pentecostal Theological Seminary’s commitment to our Wesleyan Holiness tradition and emphasis on preparation through both Word and Spirit makes us natural collaborators in leadership development. Additionally, we feel that God is glorified when we partner with like-minded believers to build God’s kingdom together,” Sutton says.

The Wesleyan Holiness Tradition stresses a life of Christian holiness and moral responsibility. Through PTS, COGOP is preparing students educationally with a Pentecostal worldview.

According to their website, PTS wants to share with students the vibrant, dynamic aspects of Pentecostalism, while celebrating and honoring heritage and tradition.

For COGOP, this means their leaders and members will now have the accredited certifications necessary to access virtually anywhere in the world to spread the gospel.

“This helps the seminary to fulfill its mission, which is to build the resources for the kingdom of God, but it also helps the Church of God of Prophecy working with us to provide the kind of education that its ministers would need,” says Dr. David Han, vice president of academics for the seminary. “It’s a win-win situation for us and I’m really excited about this collaboration that really carves a new path both for the seminary and the Church of God of Prophecy.”

Classes are expected to begin next fall.