



2019 Annual Celebration

Saturday, October 19

On a cool, sunny Saturday afternoon, New Englanders from ME, MA and CT —along with a few others from NY and PA — gathered at the Faith Christian Church in Gardiner, ME to commemorate HFC’s 17 years of ministry and service! We celebrated together through worship (lead by the FCC worship team), a variety of testimonies and reports, prayer, the declaring God’s Word (from Bishop Buckwalter) and a spectacular meal! A special report was given by Mr. Henri Ngolo of the Diaspora Global Resources Ministries of Dayton, OH (a Congolese outreach ministry focused on leadership development and discipleship training).



Our Celebration brought together a total of six congregations enhanced by multiple languages and cultures (French, Lingala, Chinese and English)! Together, our group was a wonderful representation of the broader makeup HFC includes, with at least eight different language groups as members!

The HFC theme for 2020, submitted by Bishop Henry Buckwalter, was also shared: *“Advancing the Kingdom: Embracing our Freedom in Christ.”* Bishop Henry’s main point was this: *“To experience contentment as believers and be effective in our ministry to the world, we must embrace our freedom in Christ. A believer trapped in bondage to doubt, sin, or anything that hinders them, will be robbed of joy and will not reflect the true character of Christ.”* Henry shared an exciting message on this topic, including the following points: 1) How do we embrace our freedom in Christ? 2) Why is it important to embrace our freedom in Christ?



We were all deeply touched by all the testimonies presented, including from Anita Charlestin (Haiti) and Christ McNichols (ME). All the testimonies brought glory to Christ Jesus and encouraged our hearts as we heard of God’s wonderful grace throughout the HFC congregations and ministries!





A spectacular meal was served following the celebration, and once again, it was amazing! We thank Dale and Betty Morrel for their organization and serving of it!

It is with deep appreciation that the leaders of HFC thank all who shared, served and sacrificed for this event! What joy and encouragement everyone received from it!



★ Submitted by Darrell Minnich

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