

Final Paper: PMN 340 Alliance Doctrine and Polity

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Topics Summary:

The mission of the Christian is that lost souls matter to God. If lost souls are important to God, they should be important to me. The primary mission of the Alliance is Jesus' last words.

According to their website *Jesus' last words before His glorious ascension into heaven were given as a commission to His disciples. This Great Commission remains a command—a mandate—to every believer in Jesus Christ. His Great Commission is the call of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.* [Our Faith and Mission \(cmalliance.org\)](http://cmalliance.org)

The one term repeated throughout the class videos was "It's All about Jesus. "It is all about Jesus; Christians should live like that's true. But, unfortunately, some Christians live like it's about them; A.B. Simson did not live like that. His teachings, his sermons, and his songs were about Jesus. I was impressed by the plethora of songs that Rev Simpson wrote.

The Four-Fold Gospel is the spinal cord of the Christian & Missionary Alliance. It's the backbone of our organization. The principles of the Four-Fold-gospel are essential biblical themes for Christians to live by,

I agree with the Christian and Missionary Alliance's theology, polity, and positions.

Issues of sexuality, divorce, remarriage, the role of women in the Church, and conception have been spelled out and supported with scriptures. There is no ambiguity in the teachings. I am

Completing the C & M.A. Doctrinal Questionnaire was a teaching experience. The questionnaire helped qualify why I believe what I believe and why I am a member of an Alliance Church. The questions were direct and personal. I am clear on the history of the C & M.A. I understand the

doctrinal distinctives. I am fully aware of the missions and values of the organization. Finally, I am aware of my options for ministry and the critical requirements for the C & M.A.'s credentialing process. The local Church is critical. The local Church raises funds that are used to support missionaries. The local Church is where missionaries go to share their stories and victories on the mission field. The local Church is where young people are recruited for the mission field.

Lessons Learned

I see myself as staying engaged in the Christian & Missionary Alliance. I was raised in a Moravian Church; I surrendered my life to Christ in an Assemblies of God Church. I have been attending Clarendon Road Church, now the Alliance Tabernacle, since 1979.

I enrolled in the master's of divinity program because I wanted more from my Christian walk. I am about to retire from secular work for a second time and need direction as to where God wants t to do and go. I have learned I cannot stand by and see lost people go to hell. I have learned that although I do not have a specific call, I am open to the Holy Spirit leading. I have learned that the path will not be easy. A. B. Simpson had challenges and setbacks; life is not perfect. I have learned that I must study the word of God, pray, and take time to reflect and to listen, just like our founder, A, B. Simpson.

The M Div. program has been excellent. It has been challenging yet rewarding and fulfilling, and I have not heard God's specific call yet. I am incredibly thankful for the spiritual disciplines. They are called different names by various people, yet, they point to the same thing, It's all about Jesus and Jesus only.

I am currently with Dr. Charles O. Galbreath is, a not-for-profit organization.

The HEAL Center (Hope, Empowerment, Advocacy & Learning) Our mission is to The H.E.A.L. Center Community Development Corporation. This faith-based nonprofit seeks to foster holistic change in the Flatbush neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. We hope to facilitate holistic change by providing essential services to affected populations. We strive to empower the community to become productive citizens by providing programs such as educational enrichment, immigration, job training, housing, emergency food services, and other services that empower the community to obtain self-sufficiency. Our vision is to actualize the potential of our great community. We want to partner with local businesses, churches, and nonprofits to transform our neighborhood for social and societal revitalization.

I am open to what God has for me; please pray for me as I walk down this path,