

REFORM • RESTORE • RENEW

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# WHY RENEW?

Restoration Movement Churches are not thriving because of:

- Legalism
- Traditionalism
- The Attraction of Progressive Christianity
- The Attraction of the Calvinist Alternative
- Dropping out of church

People need a new multi-ethnic, international framing of the best of the Restoration Movement with a Disciple Making focus.



# WHY RENEW NETWORK?

Restoration Movement is perceived as a movement of the past and tied-up with:

- Legalism
- Traditionalism
- Old School

To “**renew** the Christianity of the Bible” is the same thing as “**restore** the Christianity of the Bible,” but it sets up a “new” framing of everything for the future – through a multi-ethnic, international lens.



# WHY RENEW.ORG?

**Renew.org** is a great, simple website (experts tell us):

- 5 letter names (are rare)
- .org domain (older and established)
- Name is the essence of our Brand

**Renew** (substitute for Restore)

- Minds (Romans 12:3)
- Biblical teaching (1 Tim. 3:16-4:4)
- Disciple Making (like Jesus showed and taught)
- Spiritual Vitality (2 Cor. 4:16)
- The church of the Bible (1 Tim 3:14-16)
- Jesus will “Renew” all things ( Matt. 19:28)



# THE PURPOSE OF THE RENEW NETWORK

Overcome self-inspired sentimental theology and promote renewing according to the Bible as a way of life.



Overcome

Promote

# HOW DO WE ACHIEVE RENEWAL

1. God's holiness and awareness of sin - Prayer, Fasting are pre-cursors
2. Focus on the Biblical Gospel – the Holy Spirit will convict, if we are clear
3. Call for renewing of faith and obedience
4. Renew conviction about the Reliability of the Bible
5. Renew what the Bible teaches
6. Emphasize discipling relationships
7. Emphasize mission to others

# WHAT ARE WE RENEWING?

1. The centrality of the Biblical Gospel – salvation requires discipleship
2. Confidence in the Bible
3. Elements of Biblical Faith – through the lens of those elements that are essential, important, and personal.
4. Spiritual Vitality - Beliefs, Hearts, Theology, and Practice (of Biblical Christianity)
5. Holy Spirit Emphasis – prayer, fasting, and the leadership of the Spirit
6. Effective Cultural Engagement
7. Disciple-making, Renewing and Starting Churches

# WHO ARE WE TARGETING?

1. Multi-Ethnic, International Leaders, and diverse leaders - Matthew 28:19-20; Revelation 7:9
2. Aligned with Our Theology – typically Restoration Movement Leaders and churches – Churches of Christ, Independent Christian Churches, International Churches of Christ, and others looking for a Discipleship-First tribe.
  - A. Shodonkeh Johnson
  - B. TCM Leaders
  - C. Others
3. The questions and issues facing Younger Adults in North America (Gen Z and Millennials)



# SAMPLE RENEW PERSPECTIVES

Renew Perspectives are eBooks, papers, Blogs, Vlogs, videos and other resources effectively articulating our faith.

## Biblical Confidence

- Why Trust the Bible
- Renew Theology
- Biblical Christianity

## Hard Topics

- Eternal Destiny
- Human Life
- Sex, Gender and Family

## Cultural Impact

- Marijuana
- God's Teaching on Tolerance
- Inner City

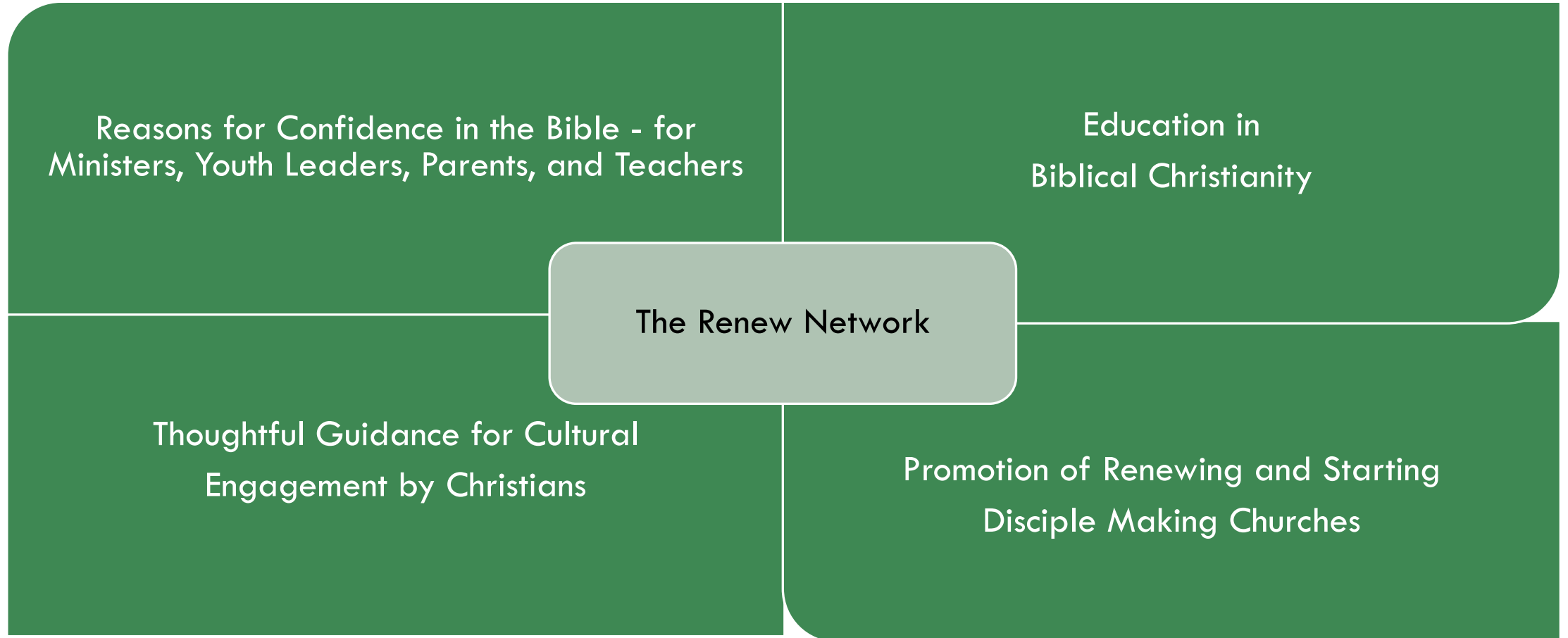
## Faith Purpose

- Baptism
- Disciple-Making
- Kingdom-living

## Renew Churches

- Disciple Making as Core Mission
- Fasting and Prayer for Renewal
- Church Planting

# WHAT THE RENEW NETWORK OFFERS



# OFFER: BIBLICAL CONFIDENCE

Ministers, parents, youth leaders, and teachers lack the confidence to share their faith and talk about the Bible.

We will establish a framework for building biblical confidence by producing resource and training materials that equip Christians for meaningful and engaging conversations.

# OFFER: EDUCATION IN BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

Church leaders often seek “formal approval” or, in Christian Church circles, “ordination” from a variety of sources, most of which do not align fully with the key Elements of Our Faith statement.

The Renew Network will encourage research fellowships and degrees in theology from “Renew” supported programs that produce a new generation of talented, biblically sound teachers and ministers.

The Renew Network will develop a “Leadership and Ordination” process and curriculum for elders and ministers. Through online technology leaders in diverse places will be able join and receive “certification.”

# OFFER: THOUGHTFUL GUIDANCE FOR CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT BY CHRISTIANS

Christians struggle to interact with opponents of the faith, their children, and secular society.

Working with renew scholars, ministers, leaders and social scientists, the network will develop a framework, resources, and training for active engagement.

# OFFER: RENEW AND START DISCIPLE MAKING CHURCHES

Disciple-making is the core mission of the church, yet many church leaders consider it an optional activity, unaware of its potential for renewal.

We will update selected Discipleship books from Discipleship.org, bring in many new books and resources and apply Renew Perspectives to revitalize the **Restoration Movement**.

# POTENTIAL FOR MINISTRY PARTNESHIPS ...

\*The following numbers are estimates - The total number of churches in the addressable market is 18,327 with a combined membership of 3,157,322.

\*We will invite leaders and churches to stay within their fellowships, but to add in the fellowship with Renew Network.

Restoration Movement Groups	Congregations	Members	Budget	% of the budget for Ministries and Support and Missions
Unaffiliated Christian Church / Church of Christ congregations	5,293	1,453,160	TBD	TBD
Churches of Christ	12,584	1,584,162	TBD	TBD
International Churches of Christ	700	110 000	TBD	TBD