

About “New Life Providence Church”

Mission Statement:

New Life Providence Church is a growing multi-site congregation with over 3,000 in attendance each weekend at its campuses in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, Virginia. New Life Providence (NLP) is *evangelical* in doctrine, *charismatic in ministry, eclectic in worship*, and intentional in its efforts to help members relate to one another as a multi-ethnic, multi-gifted blend of God’s people.

Dance

Male and female dancers with a background in *ballet, tap dance, hip-hop, street, urban, classical, and Latin make up the dance team*. Whether you are a professional dancer or a beginner, the dance team welcomes you!

New Life Providence is an “Emerging Church”
In June 2010, they held:

**“THE EMERGING
MULTI-ETHNIC CHURCH
CONFERENCE”
with the theme:**

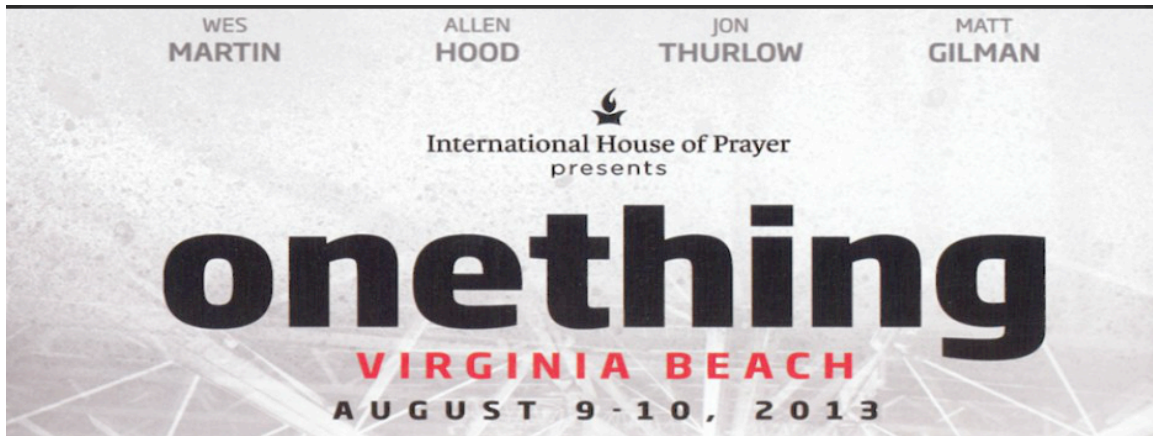
SHIFT. ADVANCE. LEAD.

These are “code words” for the “Emerging Church Movement.”
All the speakers for this conference are in the growing “Emerging Church” cult movement.

They hold membership in:
the “Mosaix Global Network,” a conglomerate Emergent Church organization which specializes in teaching/instructing their brand of Emergence.

“New Life Providence Church” has invited the IHOP cult to come for a conference: (Let us hope that SNBC does not attend.)

(No, this is not the International House Of Pancakes)



What is IHOP?

A dark side to International House of Prayer's allure

By MARY SANCHEZ

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Certainly there are more dangerous places for a young person to get lost.

IHOP, south Kansas City's evangelical missionary movement, was created 13 years ago by a man who grew up in the Center School District. It's one man's version of religion made big.

The suspicious have long leveled the charge of "cult" against IHOP (International House of Prayer). That will likely increase in light of recent news coverage.

A young woman with ties to IHOP was found murdered at Longview Lake. A young man with ties to IHOP is charged with suffocating her.

IHOP, it should be emphasized, isn't accused of anything criminal in the murder. Only those eventually charged will bear that burden.

But the praying elephant in the room is that this religious movement is the perfect cover for the sort of wickedness outlined in court records describing Bethany Ann Deaton's murder.

Deaton, 27, came to Kansas City from Texas, drawn to do an internship with IHOP. She lived in a house full of people, including her husband, also drawn by IHOP.

IHOP has bought scores of area homes to provide quarters for similar young devotees.

This ministry is a siren call to young adults with a taste for wanderlust, a need to feel a part of something, determined to differentiate themselves from their parents, their high schools, their hometowns.

Founder Mike Bickle has a constant supply of converts. The business plan: Attract enthusiastic young people and evangelize them to believe the end times are near, that they are needed to go forth and make ready.

It's why the former Terrace Lake Shopping Center is filled 24/7 with out-of-state license plates. They come for round-the-clock prayer.

There's a muted energy in the expansive prayer room. And a lot of pacing as young people roam around the lines of chairs. It's for the visual. The prayer is webcast. It's led from a stage full of musicians and readers chanting repetitive phrasings of faith.

The young people aren't out boozing it up or drugging, which can lead to bad outcomes.

But many also aren't in college, living near family, preparing for a career. IHOP runs a "university" that isn't. Not by accreditation.

Bickle's been candid in interviews about hearing God speak to him, and believing he's been to heaven twice.

For the curious, IHOP will hold its annual "onething" gathering Dec. 28-31 at the Kansas City Convention Center. More than 25,000 people are expected.

IHOP does not deserve the barbs likely to come its way as details of the murder unravel. But the organization can't completely divorce itself from the fact that it lured characters involved with a horrific murder to Kansas City.

Drawing young people with grand ambitions, after all, is the mission.

Stay watchful as International House of Prayer draws attention to KC

By MARY SANCHEZ

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Christiane Amanpour's two-part special was billed as the ultimate road trip through the Bible.

The CNN correspondent and ABC global affairs anchor researched the shared beginnings of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. She scaled Mount Sinai, walked the streets of

Jerusalem, searched archaeological sites for evidence of Moses' parting of the Red Sea. All together, a fascinating compilation of thought-provoking scenes.

And then the series concluded Friday — in south Kansas City.

Amanpour went to the old Terrace Lake Shopping Center, where much of the **International House of Prayer** is located.

IHOP. The evangelical movement that has drawn thousands of young people to the area to fast, pray 24/7 in a televised setting, and otherwise give themselves and often their money over to this ministry.

One blogger (who was confused about the Missouri/Kansas state line) posted this succinct take on the series' rather shoe-horned ending:

“Thoroughly enjoyed the exploration of all the ancient religious sites. But after all that religious parity, why would you juxtapose thousands of years of ancient and modern international worldly renown scholarly research and data at the very end to a small Kansas group that holds a 24 hour prayer group.”

Why indeed.

The Kansas City Convention Center holds a clue.

Numbers. Masses of people were drawn this weekend for IHOP's annual young adult conference. It concludes this evening. At least 25,000 people were expected.

IHOP's round-the-clock singing and prayer have been transferred to the convention center.

Amanpour's interview with IHOP founder Mike Bickle is snippets mostly.

She touched on the controversial aspects of the IHOP phenomenon, how it is accused of luring the vulnerable as they seek answers, a purpose in life.

The segment was taped in October, before a young woman drawn from Texas by IHOP was found suffocated at Longview Lake in what prosecutors contend was a murder staged to appear as a suicide. A man with ties to IHOP has been charged.

IHOP has not been implicated, and it shouldn't be. The killing just raised awareness, more queries, about this group.

People ought to remain curious and watchful. IHOP will continue to make an imprint on this area and be part of how Kansas City is noted.

Amanpour asked a question that was on the minds of many locally. She asked Bickle if he thought himself a prophet. He said no.

Let's hope he stays on that course, and no one else gets confused, either.