



Onward!

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AMCF Leaders Meet to Pray, Plan

“Before launching any operation, in a secular sense, we consider the factors, such as ground, enemy, time, etc. In a spiritual sense we go through the same process as we pray about a task ahead of us – but with a difference. We pray and plan and seek the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit...if it is from the Lord, we go ahead in obedience.” – AMCF President General (Ret.) Srilal Weerasooriya

AMCF’s president, regional vice presidents, spouses, and leaders from AMCF’s three supporting organizations met in October to review AMCF’s ministry efforts from the last five years and pray about and discuss ways forward for continued military ministry in the next five years.

Much time was spent in prayer, discussions about past ministry activities, and plans for future ways to reach the world’s armed forces for Christ. Each vice president gave informative reports from their region and sought wisdom on helping military Christian fellowships in their various outreaches.

Four new vice presidents were commissioned with prayer and thanksgiving: Cdr. Wilbert Kirton, Col. Jose Rodriguez, MGen. Essel Sorriano, Col. Juan Cabral, and LTC Timo Vehvilainen (in absentia). We extend our deep thanks to former vice presidents Nestor Ogilvie, Torbjorn Bostrom, Ernie Sacro, and Omar Larrazabal for their service to God and AMCF.

ACCTS hosted the event in White Sulphur Springs, PA, USA with support from Mission Support Organization in South Korea and Military Ministries International in the UK. Please pray for all these AMCF leaders, as well as national military Christian fellowship leaders, as they continue to listen to God and seek His will for military outreach in their nations.

AMCF Prayer

“Heavenly Father,
we thank you
that the blood of
Jesus Christ
cleanses from
all sin.
Bless the service
men and women
of all nations,
and grant
that we who know
the joy of being
‘all one
in Christ Jesus’
may be filled with
your love
and pass it on
to others
through the
power of the
Holy Spirit
until His
coming again.”

*-- this prayer was
adopted by AMCF in
1930 with the
suggestion that it be
prayed each Sunday*

Quinquennial 2019 Photo Album



Prayer for new AMCF vice presidents Col. Rodriguez, Col. Cabral, Cdr. Kirton, and Maj. Gen. Sorriano



Maj. Gen's Park & Yoon (MSO), Maj. Gen. and Clara Buckingham (former AMCF president), General Lee, Pil-Sup (former AMCF president) and LTG Lee, Kap-Jin (MSO)



General Lee, Pil-Sup and AMCF VP Cabral



Mercy Igwe and Dilhani Weerasooriya



Outgoing VP Bostrom and VP Terry



Prayer for AMCF East Asia VP Tzeng



ACCTS staff/interpreter Reifsnnyder and VP Rodriguez



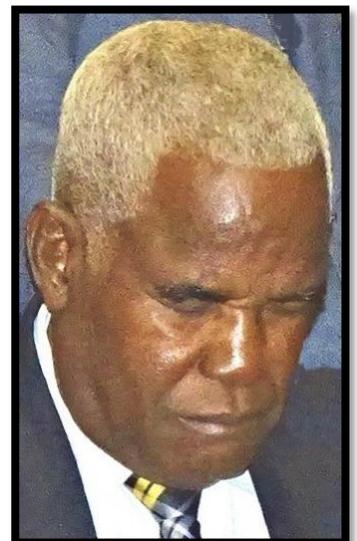
Outgoing VP Ogilvie and VP



Prayer with former AMCF president Gen. Buckingham, Clara Buckingham, former AMCF president General Lee, Pil-Sup and current AMCF president Gen. Weerasooriya & Dilhani Weerasooriya



AMCF VPs Mathew, Sorriano, Tzeng, and van Heel in discussions



VP Kirton in prayer



Vice presidential discussions



Anne Bostrom and Mercy Igwe



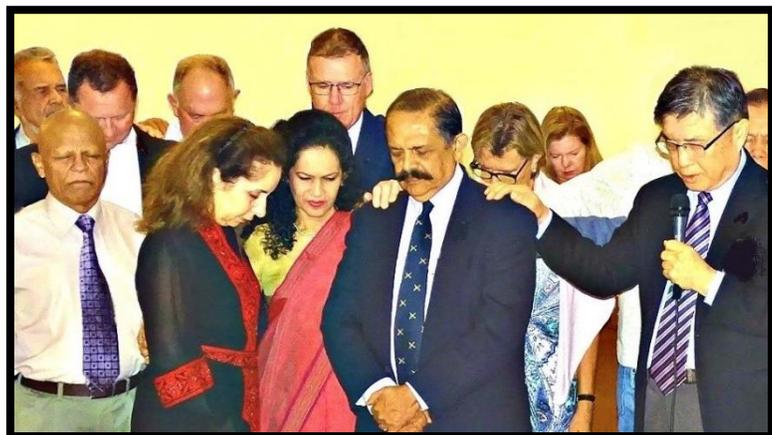
**VP Sorriano, VP van Heel, Jo van Heel,
Grace Oumeish, and VP Oumeish**



Prayer for South Asia VP Mathew



Quinquennial Participant Reflections



“The Quinquennial brought together the long-awaited fellowship between the VPs, which I know has built lasting relationships...It is my prayer that the friendships and the camaraderie built during these gatherings will further strengthen and build the spirit of ‘All one in Christ Jesus’ for His glory.” – *Gen. (Ret.) Srilal Weerasooriya, AMCF President*

“At White Sulphur Springs, the Presidential Bench (AMCF President & VPs), the PSOs and their spouses had such blessed time of praise and worship, fellowship, prayer walks, informal chit chat, discussions and times of prayer in unity of spirit. It was indeed refreshing and strengthening of faith and trust in our good God. We dwelt throughout our stay on the theme, ‘This is the way, walk in it’ (Isaiah 30:21) in our devotions.” -- *Cdr. Salem Mathew (Pakistan), AMCF South Asia vice president*

“The fellowship throughout the conference was awesome, but it was the reports in particular from the vice presidents who live in regions where there is not freedom of worship that impacted me most. Coming from a region where there is freedom of worship, I left the conference encouraged and more committed to the realisation of the AMCF vision. While I have been blessed immensely from the general interaction, I have been humbled also to have given the opportunity to interact with such great men and women of God who are pursuing the Great Commission with passion.” – *Cdr. Wilbert Kirton (Barbados), AMCF North America vice president*

“It was an opportunity to meet with the Presidential Bench, build relationships, and to learn from their experiences. It was also great on the Thursday evening to meet together to pray for the team planning the next conference.” -- *LtCol Jamie van Heel (Australia), AMCF Pacific Region vice president*



“It was a great blessing to share with our brothers from other regions, as our God is doing great things with them and within their regions. The reports were excellent...the fellowship demonstrated was unforgettable.” – *Col. Jose Rodriguez (Honduras), AMCF Central America vice president*

AMCF Leaders

Please continue praying for the AMCF president and vice presidents, who serve as volunteers and often use their own resources to fund their ministries. Pray as well for the national leaders at all levels of military Christian fellowships around the world.



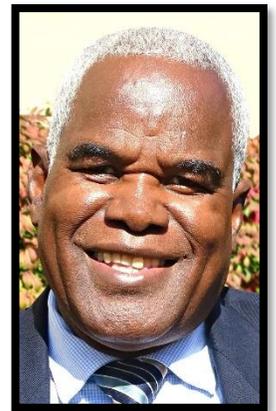
AMCF President
Gen. (Ret.) Srilal
Weerasooriya
(Sri Lanka)



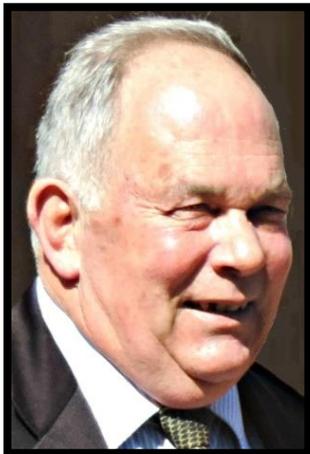
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Cabral
(Paraguay)



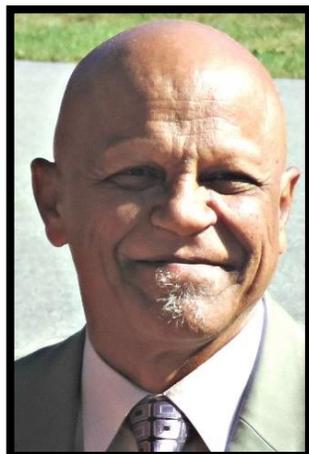
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Gp. Capt. (Ret.)
Son Igwe
(Nigeria)



North America VP
Cdr. (Ret.) Wilbert
Kirton
(Barbados)



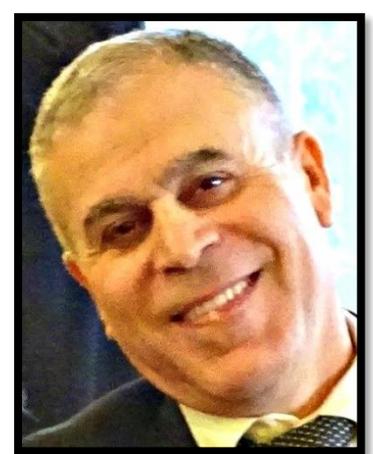
Southern Africa VP
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Louwrens
(South Africa)



South Asia VP
Cdr. (Ret.)
Saleem Mathew
(Pakistan)

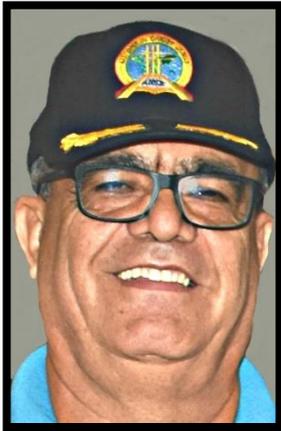


**French-Speaking
Africa VP**
Col. (Ret.) Daniel Njoya
(Cameroon)



Middle East VP
Brig. Gen. (Ret.)
Isam Oumeish
(Jordan)

AMCF Leaders (continued)



Central America VP
Col. (Ret.) Jose
Rodriguez
(Honduras)



South East Asia VP
MGen. (Ret.) Essel
Soriano
(Philippines)



S. Central Europe VP
Cdr. (Ret.) Mike
Terry
(United Kingdom)



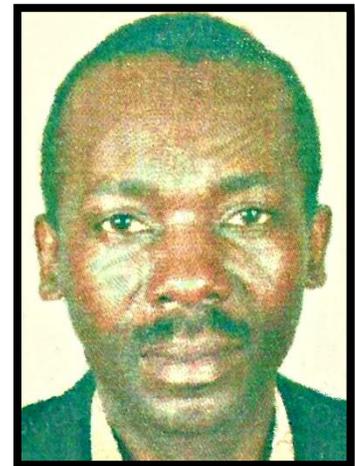
East Asia VP
LTC (Ret.) Andrew
Tzeng
(Taiwan)



N. East Europe VP
LTC Timo
Vehvilainen
(Finland)



Pacific Region VP
LtCol (Ret.) Jamie
van Heel
(Australia)



East Africa VP
BGen. David
Wakaalo
(Uganda)

AMCF is a community of military Christian fellowships (MCFs) and individual military and civilian Christians in over 150 nations. AMCF members encourage and inspire each other in their spiritual growth and service to their nations.

MCF Photos from Around the World



The AMCF Central American Conference (September), hosted by the MCF of Panama.



The 2019 AMCF East Asia Conference (August), hosted by the MCF of Japan.



MCF of Croatia Interaction Conference, October.



MCF of Ghana members on AMCF Day of Prayer and Praise, 5 October.



Ukrainian MCF-hosted Thanksgiving dinner for military widows and children.

“The authority by which the Christian leader leads is not power but *love*, not force but *example*, not coercion but *reasoned persuasion*.”

Leaders have power, but power is safe only in the hands of those who humble themselves to serve.”

– John Stott

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