

## **The NAN Council Retreat**

The NANCCC Council Retreat (Oct. 10-12) was focused on building relationships, knowing each other's communities better, and seeking God's will for this time. This was done by personal sharing, listing of current community activities, and responding to pointed questions and scenarios. The weekend in Dallas was exceptionally well organized and led, chiefly by host and Moderator David Peterman Jr. of the Christian Community of God's Delight. All communities are well positioned now to know the strengths and focus of all the other communities. The next step is to start to share these experiences with each other's communities so that we can accelerate the rate of growth and development of these works.

Below are questions we prayed over and discussed:

- Lord, what are those gifts You have so generously given to us?
- What is our biggest wound, Lord?
- What is Hell's strategy for us, Lord?
- Where are you asking us to attack, Lord?

Below are topic-based subjects we discussed:

- Growing in holiness as leaders
- Order of our Gatherings/Prayer Meetings...Praise and Worship
- Balancing outreach with community-building
- Engaging younger families
- Retaining our youth through transitions
- Raising up of new leaders
- Passing on the charism of Covenant Community
- Partnering with others, such as Encounter School of Ministry
- Importance of mission

--Jim Cleaton