

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD AND AMBASSADOR COLLEGE ACRONYMS

A

AC - Ambassador College

ABC - Ambassador Bible Center, training school operated by UCG.

ACD - Association for Christian Development, founded by Ken Westby, and all that's left of the 1974 breakaway Associated Churches of God.

AICF - Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, defunct WCG organization.

AJP - Albert J. Portune, former business manager and leading evangelist in WCG

ASK - Association for Scriptural Knowledge, founded by ELM (formerly FBR).

AU - Ambassador University, the short-lived accredited version of AC

B

BA - *The Bible Advocate*, magazine produced by CG7

BCG - Biblical Church of God. Defunct splinter group which separated from WCG in the late 70s. Founder Fred Coulter went on to launch CBCG.

BI - British Israelism

BSA – Bible Sabbath Association, distributor of literature providing awareness of the seventh-day Sabbath. It also publishes the *Sabbath Sentinel* magazine

C

CBCG - Christian Biblical Church of God led by Fred Coulter after his initial splinter, BCG, fell apart.

CEG - GCG splinter group Church of the Eternal God

CEM - Christian Educational Ministries, run by RLD.

CG7 - Church of God (Seventh Day) based in Denver. Also called COG7

CGE (or COGE) - Church of God, The Eternal founded by Raymond Cole (brother of CWC)

CGG - Church of the Great God led by John Ritenbaugh.

CGI - Church of God, International. Founded by GTA

CGOM - Church of God Outreach Ministries. Made up mainly of former CGI members.

COE - Council of Elders.

COG - Church of God or Churches of God. A collective term for the various

Sabbatarian splinters.

COG7 - see CG7

COG21 - Raymond McNair's Church of God 21st Century

COG-AIC - Church of God - An International Community. Splinter of UCG led by UCG's first president, David Hulme.

COG-EIM - Church of God - Established in Modesto. Originally pastored by Don Billingsley until he formed COG-FF.

COG-FF - Church of God - Faithful Flock -. Don Billingsley.

COGW (or COGWM) - Church of God Worldwide Ministries (formerly Churches of God Worldwide), a splinter from ICG.

CWC - C. Wayne Cole, once a top minister in WCG

CWL – Coworker Letter

D

DLA - David L. Antion, another top minister who separated in the late 70s, and brother in law to GTA.

DUB - Days of Unleavened Bread

E

ECG - Eternal Church of God (Art Braided)

ELM - Ernest L. Martin, influential dissident theologian who founded FBR, then ASK.

F

FBR - Foundation for Biblical Research, created by the late Ernest Martin (see ELM).

FN - Faith Networks, independent ministry associated with Guy Swenson.

FOT - Feast of Tabernacles

G

G&S - Giving & Sharing – a service offering free and discount books to the Church of God. It also produces regular *Giving & Sharing* newsletters and the *Church of God News. Positive News of the Churches of God.*

GTA - Garner Ted Armstrong, son of HWA

GTAEA - Garner Ted Armstrong Evangelistic Association, now run by Ted's son Mark

GCG - Global Church of God, the original Meredith splinter (see LCG)

GIF - Grace International Fellowship, proposed name for the WCG, quickly ditched in favour of GIC (Grace International Communion) which was wisely also ditched.

GN - *The Good News*, a member publication for WCG members (out of

print), but also an outreach magazine published by the UCG (in print)
GRF - Gerry R. Flurry, PG of the PCG.

H

HLH - Herman L. Hoeh, WCG's foremost scholar, author of the *Compendium of World History*

HWA - Herbert W. Armstrong

I

ICG - Intercontinental Church of God. Gate's second splinter after he left CGI

J/ K

JWT - Joseph W. Tkach. Comes in two flavours, Senior & Junior. Both ascended to the office of PG in the WCG and let the Church into apostasy.

L

LCG - Living Church of God, created out of the GCG led by RCM

M

MOA - *Mystery of the Ages*. Final book by HWA

MD - *The Missing Dimension*. Inspired by HWA titles such as *The Missing Dimension in Sex*

N/ O

NTE - New Testament Evangelism. Cooperative COG group led by Guy Swenson, a former UCG minister.

P

PCG - Philadelphia Church of God, led by Gerry Flurry

PG - Pastor General. Title given to HWA and passed on to his successors. Also used by GRF.

PT - *The Plain Truth*

Q/ R

RCG - Restored Church of God, a small splinter led by David Pack. Also Radio Church of God, the original name for the WCG.

RCM - Roderick C Meredith.

RFM - Raymond F. McNair. An evangelist-rank minister

RLD - Ronald L. Dart, long-time associate of GTA and currently running CEM.

S

SEP - Summer Educational Program. WCG Youth camps.

STP - Systematic Theology Project.

T

TCW - *Twentieth Century Watch*, GTA's version of the PT

TJ – *The Journal*, a periodical of news of the Churches of God

TPM - Triumph Prophetic Ministries, William Dankenbring's work

TW - *Tomorrow's World*. Title of a WCG co-worker magazine that was later used by RCM

U

UCG - United Church of God. More properly known as UCGia.

UCGia - United Church of God, an International Association.

V/ W

WCG - Worldwide Church of God.

WN - *Worldwide News*, tabloid published by WCG. Now re-titled *WCG Today*.

WNP - *World News & Prophecy*. UCG publication that ties in Bible prophecy with current events.

WT – World Tomorrow television and radio programmes

WWCG (sometimes WWCOG) - Common but incorrect acronyms for WCG

X/ Y

XCOG - ex Church of God.

YOU - Youth Opportunities United. WCG Youth program.