



Now Plus Twelve: Christian Camping International¹

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Now Plus Twelve: Responding to Change

A Brief Assessment and Overview:

1. What changes in your camp program and resources have been made in response to changes in the churches or communities your camp is serving?

2. What changes in your camp program and resources *need* to be made in order to serve churches and society more adequately?

3. What changes in your camp program and resources will likely need to be made in the next 12 years in order to provide services that churches and society will need?

Now Plus Twelve: A Future for Christian Camping

1. No matter what—Matthew 28:18-20

2. What have we learned to deal with since 1976?

3. What do we *not* handle adequately in terms of the characteristics and needs of people today?

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4. Given the *trends* we see now, what are we apt to need to adapt to or deal with by the year 2000?

5. What *unexpected* possibilities may put us into different tasks and opportunities in the year 2000?

6. What trends in society, in the world toward which we must work, should be confronted? How?

7. What can be done across the next 12 years that will make the Church stronger?

Now Plus Twelve: Heeding the Warnings

1. From the George Gallup document (1984)² what warnings do you believe to be especially important?

2. In the Gallup document, what clues do you see about the future of the church? (What will the church need to confront? What will the church need to be?)

3. Reflecting on what you have written above, and based on the Gallup document, what are the challenges to Christian camping?

² George Gallup, Jr., based on *Forecast 2000* (New York: William Morrow & Company, 1984)

Now Plus Twelve: Ways Christian Camping Can Help

In the year 2000, Christian Camping can be engaged in the following:

1. Can Help the Church
2. Can Help Families
3. Can Help Society

Circle one of the above (1, 2, or 3) and describe the possible Helps in terms of the three areas of needs listed below:

a. By equipping people who will . . .	b. By helping people deal with . . .	c. By being prepared for times of special need, such as . . .

Now Plus Twelve: Draft Declaration

Because we believe that the world in 2000 will present important challenges to the Church of Jesus Christ, the next 12 years in our planning, building, and resource development need to move toward these goals:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Examine your goals against the factors identified in the following chart:

	FUTURE FORCES	FACTORS	WHAT TO DO
1.	Wars, Terrorism, and the Nuclear Threat	- The nuclear threat. - More wars and conflicts. - Terrorism.	- Limit the proliferation of nuclear arms and materials to smaller nations. - Negotiate arms reduction with the Soviet Union. - Help majority world countries to develop a vested interest in the international economy.
2.	Over-population	- On a daily basis, news reports vividly describe hunger, poverty, and joblessness in our nation, including a growing army of “homeless” men and women on our city streets.	- Improve food distribution. - Reduce population concentrations. - Limit world-wide population.
3.	Economic Pressures	- Inflation. - Unemployment. - Priority of productivity.	- Become a more sophisticated manager of your money. - Try to determine whether a given job will be viable in the future. - Accept automation as the wave of the future. - Think in terms of alternate employment. - Give yourself some sort of financial cushion.
4.	Technological Progress	- Widespread discontent as people are displaced from jobs. - A new generation of criminals. - Threats to national security. - The increased vulnerability of a high-tech nation to nuclear attack. - The creation of a new class of poor. - Threats to personal freedom and privacy.	
5.	Environmental Emergency	- Massive water pollution. - Increasing air pollution in key American cities and in the upper atmosphere. - Contamination of the countryside through the escape of nuclear wastes or a “nuclear cloud” from any of the various nuclear plants around the country. - Ecological imbalance in life cycles of the oceans. - Unregulated dumping of toxic industrial wastes.	
6.	Crime and violence	- The question of the future of crime and violence in our society is complex. - Education, urban crowding, the influence of the mass media, family discipline, racial relationships, and many other factors may enter into the equation.	- There’s reason to be somewhat optimistic on this issue—if peace-loving citizens can band together, increase their sensitivity to the sources of these problems and work as a community to resolve them. We’ll certainly never see the end of crime and violence as

		- Even as we take steps to protect ourselves on one front, we may well find that a new, more dangerous threat arises from elsewhere.	long as human beings are living close to one another. But with a continuing, concerned effort, we can at least expect to see some improvement before the year 2000.
7.	Faltering Family	- Alternative lifestyles. - Sexual morality. - The economy. - Grassroots feminist philosophy.	- One of the greatest challenges we face before the year 2000, both as a nation and as individuals, is how to make our all-important family ties strong and healthy. It's only upon such a firm personal foundation that we can hope to venture forth and grapple effectively with more public problems.
8.	Hope for Good Health	- Self-improvement. - Self-abuse. - Alcohol.	- The threat from drugs and alcohol should certainly serve to sober up all Americans about the future prospects for their health. We must learn to master these negative influences before we can benefit fully from
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			Great advances in medicine are occurring. But if each individual can learn to control or avoid destructive substances, increasing numbers of Americans should be in a better position to take part in the generally upward trend in the state of our nation's health.
9.	American Politics	- The pressure of frustration. - The pressure of apathy. - The pressure of activism.	- Certain ideas capture public interest and dominate the political agenda, only to fade away within a short while. So it's important for each of us to develop an individualized early-warning system that enhances our sensitivity to the ultimate implications of our present actions. We must learn to recognize which are the real problems that threaten us, and we must face them before they can overwhelm us.