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**Memorandum from WDA Board Chairman, Woody Johnson
Announcement of New President – Worldwide Discipleship Association**

March 31, 2026

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Worldwide Discipleship Association (WDA), I am honored to share an important leadership update with you.

First, we extend our deepest gratitude to Bob Dukes for his faithful service and significant contributions as WDA's outgoing President. Bob helped launch WDA in 1974 alongside WDA's first President, Carl Wilson. Under Bob's leadership, WDA completed the full development of our discipleship materials, established a wonderful culture, and oversaw the implementation of a restorative ministry as a crucial part of discipleship. These accomplishments have strengthened our ministry foundation and positioned us to serve the Church worldwide.

Following a thoughtful and prayerful search process, **the Board is pleased to appoint Nate Harkness as the next President of WDA**, effective March 31, 2026. Nate brings a strong track record in disciple-making, vision-casting, and leadership, and a pastoral heart for equipping leaders and churches around the world. We are confident he will lead with integrity, vision, and a collaborative spirit.

Nate's appointment reflects our ongoing commitment to WDA's mission: equipping churches and leaders to make lifelong disciples of Jesus. Nate has faithfully served as Executive Director of Ministry, where he has demonstrated strategic insight, pastoral wisdom, and growing leadership capacity. I have personally witnessed his relational warmth, courage in addressing complex challenges, and clarity in guiding others forward. *He is deeply committed to preserving the values and priorities that have shaped WDA while bringing fresh energy and perspective to expand our reach and effectiveness.*

We invite you to welcome Nate in the coming weeks through upcoming events, virtual gatherings, and regional visits. (Additional details will be shared soon.) We encourage you to engage with him, ask questions, and share how WDA has impacted your life and ministry.

As we enter this new season, we ask for your continued prayers and active support. Your involvement—through prayer, volunteer service, and financial partnership—will be essential as we enter this next season of faithful disciple-making together.

Sincerely,

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Chairman of the Board of Directors
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