

National Prayer Leaders Gather in Hollywood

Leaders of the Hollywood Prayer Network (HPN) believe that “through prayer for Hollywood comes cultural revival.”

The National Prayer Committee (NPC), which moves its annual meeting to different cities, gathered strategically in Hollywood in January to meet with entertainment industry professionals and pray for revival and spiritual awakening in “the world’s most influential mission field.”

Karen Covell, who heads up HPN (hollywoodprayernetwork.org), says, “There’s no place in America you can go that is not affected by Hollywood.” Her ministry serves more than 10,000 professionals in the Los Angeles area and other entertainment centers across the country. The NPC prayer leaders listened to a panel discussion and prayed over several members of the HPN network, including actors, make-up artists, producers, stunt people, musicians, and other industry professionals.

Covell also encouraged NPC members to take a more hopeful view of Hollywood. “Don’t discourage young Christians who want to be here. I will get them connected and make them part of a community. We need Christians in Hollywood to build community.”

Other NPC leaders gave reports of how God is orchestrating prayer across the nation. Kathy Branzell, president of National Day of Prayer (NDP), notes the 2022 theme comes from Colossians 2:6–7: “Exalt the Lord who has established us.” She says that in a very divided nation, “we have forgotten how to keep our conversations from turning into confrontations.”

The National Day of Prayer is always observed on the first Thursday of May, and it will never be cancelled because, according to Branzell, “It is law and our president *must*

declare a day of prayer for our nation.” This year’s NDP will be on May 5. “We exist to mobilize unified public prayer across America,” says Branzell. More information about how to host an observance in cities, churches, and other public places can found at *nationaldayofprayer.org*.