

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

One of the things I'm investing in during my retirement is CEO Dialogues. Let me share a very brief overview with you to give you some context.

In the summer of 2018, ECFA ceded the rights to CEO Dialogues to the small non-profit that I am running in my retirement, Refueling in Flight Ministries. As you may be aware, Ted Engstrom, Bob Andringa, and Chip Grange established CEO Dialogues about 35 years ago to facilitate dialogue between CEOs of ministries. As the new CEO of Pine Cove, I found the interactions invaluable and participated in several events.

Eventually the founding leaders gave the organization to a group that included John Pearson, Jerry White, Bob Kobielush, Ed Morgan, and a few other ministry leaders. During that time, I was involved in promoting and facilitating some of these events.

About 10 years ago, the second managing group gave CEO Dialogues to ECFA. And again, I was involved in leading several of these Dialogues. ECFA determined that hosting these events was outside of their core mission and suspended operations about three or four years ago.

As I approached retirement, Cay and I pulled together three couples who have known us for many years. We spent three days discussing how I could invest my time and leverage my experience to help others. One idea was to kickstart CEO Dialogues. And that is how we come to this letter!

In the past, the Dialogues were geographically focused drawing together leaders from various cities across the country. We have recast this version of CEO Dialogues to focus on ministry sectors such as media, missions, schools, and of course, Christian camping.

I hope that a CEO Dialogue will be beneficial to you and your ministry.



Dear CEO Dialogue Participant,

Leading a Christian ministry is becoming more and more complex. Managing a new generation of volunteers and staff members presents unique opportunities and challenges. Donors are expecting a new level of accountability. Governmental regulations, often with noble intents, are drafted with minimal awareness of the day-to-day realities facing ministry leaders. Cultural values are rapidly shifting away from traditional norms and expectations. Technology is changing how we connect and communicate.

This is not your father's ministry context!

No one knows the best way forward. But together we can wrestle with the big issues, share best practices and determine the best path forward.

Thank you for participating in this critical discussion. We deeply believe that the 'wisdom is at the table'.

The writer of Hebrews said, *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* (Hebrews 10:25). So, thank you for meeting together so that we can encourage one another and serve God with more effectiveness as we face the challenges of today's complex ministry context.

Excelsior,



Dan Bolin
President
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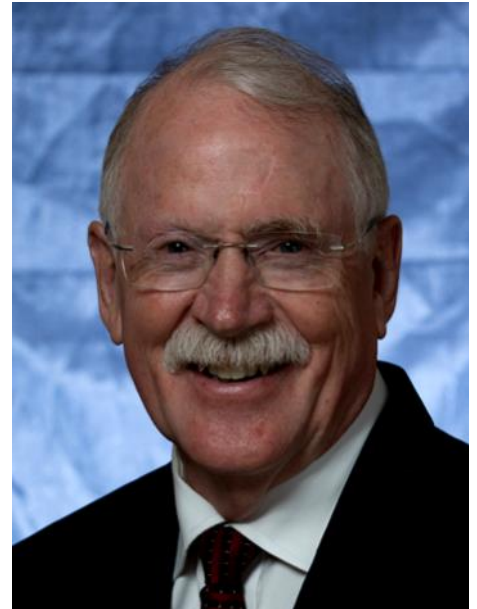
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PERSONAL

Dan was born in Portland, Oregon in 1952; he moved to Tyler, Texas in 1975 and lived there until 2018 when he moved to Arlington, Virginia. He married Cay Pryor Bolin 42 years ago and they have two daughters. Catie was born in 1981 but died of Leukemia in 1990. Haley was born in 1985 and lives in Arlington, Virginia with her husband and children.

EDUCATION

Dan received his Doctor of Ministry from Denver Seminary in 2007 and his MBA from LeTourneau University in 1995. He received his Master of Theology from Dallas Seminary in 1981 and his BA from Seattle Pacific University in 1975.



DR. DAN BOLIN

PRESIDENT
REFUELING IN FLIGHT MINISTRIES

EMPLOYMENT

Dan is the President of Refueling in Flight Ministries. In July 2018 he retired as the International Director of Christian Camping International (CCI). CCI is an alliance of 24 national and regional associations of Christian camps and camping leaders. CCI supports camp, conference, retreat and outdoor adventure ministries in 70 countries and serves 13,000,000 campers and guests each year. He had been in this role since 2007. Prior to CCI, Dan was the President of KVNE/KGLY Christian Radio in Tyler, Texas from 1998-2007. Dan was the Director of Pine Cove Christian Camps from 1983-1997 and served on staff at Pine Cove for a total of 25 summers. Dan also teaches as an adjunct professor at Dallas Theological Seminary.

OTHER

Dan has served on numerous boards including: Christian Camp and Conference Association (CCI-USA), Christian Leadership Alliance, Medical Ambassadors, Bethel Bible Church in Tyler, TX, and the Tyler Independent School District.

Dan is the author or co-author of eight books: How to Be Your Daughter's Daddy, How to Be Your Little Man's Dad (with Ken Sutterfield), How to Be Your Wife's Best Friend (with John Trent), The One that Got Away and Other Life Lessons from Fishing, Avoiding the Blitz and Other Life Lessons from Football, A Hole in One and Other Life Lessons from Golf, The Winning Run and Other Life Lessons from Baseball (with Ed Diaz), and Fresh Bread Devotional.

In 2003, Dan's article, Pop Quizzes, was awarded first-place for devotional articles by the Evangelical Press Association. In 2010 Dan was named a Medallion Award winner by the Seattle Pacific University Alumni Association. In 2016 he was awarded the Scott King Award for life-time contribution to Christian camping.

Dan enjoys fly-fishing, backpacking, hiking, jogging, reading, travel and spending time with his family. He is a seasoned traveler having visited all 50 states and over 50 foreign countries.

