

New Apostolic Reformation (NAR)

New Apostolic Reformation- a fast-growing new movement of Christians. Emphasis on signs and wonders. Teach that God is giving new revelation through new apostles and prophets. Aberrant. teaching. Geivett and Pivec avoid use of word “heresy”

A New Apostolic Reformation? By R. Douglas Geivett and Holly Pivec 2014
Counterfeit Kingdom. By R. Douglas Geivett and Holly Pivec 2022

2019 incident- Wake Up, Olive!

NAR Epicenter- Bethel Church in Redding, California. Pastor and Apostle Bill Johnson
Associate pastor and Prophet Kris Vallotton 11,000 members/ widespread influence

The Question of Spiritual Gifts in Today’s Church

Continuationists vs Non-Continuationists (Cessationists) Books take a neutral stance
Pentacostalism Charismatic Christians. 2 Corinthians Chapters 12 and 14

Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry (Hogwarts). Connection to New Age

Jesus: “Beware of False Prophets” 3 tests- Orthodoxy, Lifestyle, Prophetic Fulfillment
Apostles- takeover and spiritual abuse. 5-fold ministry. Control tactics.

What is NAR? C. Peter Wagner Not new teachings. Accounts for much of the church
growth, particularly in the Global South.

NAR and politics

Counterfeit Revival (vs true revival)

Revelation of divine strategies for building God’s kingdom. 7 mountain ministries

A distorted Gospel

Promises of prosperity and fulfilled dreams

Aberrant eschatology

Prayer declarations

Fresh revelation

Vigorous spiritual warfare

A diminished Jesus

Encounters with angels

NAR influence on the Asbury revival / True Biblical revival measured in terms of
repentance, holiness, obedience

The Passion translation of the Bible by Brian Simmons. Lack of qualifications. Adding to
God’s Word. A NAR agenda.

Toxic worship music- “Music bypasses all of the intellectual barriers, and when the anointing of God is on a song, people will begin to believe things they wouldn’t believe through teaching” –apostle Bill Johnson

An orthodox response- Romans 16:17-18.

Podcasts.

Documentary Video- “American Gospel: Christ Alone”

Relationship of NAR to prosperity gospel- “They are married” - former NAR apostle

“How Trumpism has pushed a fringe charismatic theology into the mainstream” Religion News Service, opinion, 5/6/24

“Angels from Africa: Reckoning with the New Apostolic Reformation” Baptist News, 9/7/2021