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TONY DUNGY TO ATTEND NATIONAL ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CONVENTION

ORLANDO – The Assemblies of God Discipleship Ministries Agency has announced that Tony Dungy, former head coach of the Indianapolis Colts and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, will be a guest speaker during its luncheon at the 53rd General Council of the Assemblies of God meeting here August 3-7. The Discipleship luncheon will be held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando on August 5 at 12:00 p.m.

“We are thrilled to have a man of Tony Dungy’s class and integrity join us for our 53rd General Council in Orlando,” said Assistant General Superintendent Alton Garrison. “We are looking forward to hearing Coach Dungy talk about what it means to live an uncommon life.”

Dungy, the first African-American head coach to lead his team to a Super Bowl title, retired from the Indianapolis Colts following the 2008-09 season. Known for his remarkable success on the field, Dungy made a significantly greater impact through his off-the-field contributions. Grounded by his strong Christian faith, Dungy has been involved in a wide variety of charitable organizations, including All Pro Dad, Abe Brown Ministries, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Boys & Girls Clubs. He also works with Baskets of Hope, The Black Coaches Association, Indiana Black Expo, the United Way of Central Indiana and the American Diabetes Association.

Dungy is also a bestselling author. His memoir, *Quiet Strength*, reached No. 1 on the New York Times bestsellers list in July 2007 and is one of the best-selling sports titles in history. His children’s book, *You Can Do It*, also reached No. 1 on the Times’ list, while his newest book, *Uncommon*, ascended to the No. 2 position.

Coach Dungy will be signing copies of *Uncommon* in the exhibit hall the afternoon of Wednesday, August 5. Individuals pre-buying the book from GPH will receive priority signing.

Tickets for the Discipleship Ministries Luncheon may be purchased for \$35. Because of the two-hour allotted time for book signing, there will be a limited number of people whose book will be signed. To help accommodate this, Discipleship Ministries is offering a GC09 pre-buy special. A limited number of copies of *Uncommon* are available for \$20, and may be picked up on site in Orlando just prior to the signing. For more information and to purchase the book or luncheon tickets, visit www.discipleship.ag.org/tonydungy. All luncheon attendees will be entered into a drawing to win a signed football.

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The 53rd General Council convenes in Orlando, Florida, August 3-7, 2009. Over 30,000 church members are expected to gather at the Orange County Convention Center for activities during the day, then for evening services Monday through Friday nights.

The General Council is the biennial business meeting of the Assemblies of God, one of the largest Pentecostal groups in the world with nearly 60 million members. This meeting is for the U.S. Assemblies of God, which has nearly 3 million members and adherents.