

On February 12, 1936 Brother Wesley R. Steelberg arrived in Philadelphia with his family from Sacramento, California to serve as Pastor of Highway Tabernacle. One of his first acts was to establish a Thursday afternoon prayer meeting, followed by a Missionary Hour during which missionary letters were read and prayer offered on their behalf.

The Ladies Bible Class of the Sunday School Department appointed Sister Hilda Simokat to visit homes in the neighborhood of the church, in order to reach Gospel-needy families. Later on the Church named Sister Simokat as full-time City Missionary. As a result, Story Hours were opened in many homes throughout the City.

Brother Steelberg also initiated a Radio Broadcast with title of "Voices of Peace" which became a fruitful ministry. Letters began to arrive asking for spiritual help, and many of the listeners attended Highway where they found Christ as their Saviour.

Under Brother Steelberg's ministry the church moved forward in a dynamic way, and the Young People's Group engaged in active Christian work, conducting street meetings, visiting homes for the aged, hospitals, rescue missions, etc. winning many souls for the Master.

Upon terminating his ministry in Highway Tabernacle, Brother Steelberg held positions as Superintendent of the New York-New Jersey District, and as one of the four Assistant Superintendents of the Assemblies of God. In the year 1949, he was elected to the office of General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri, serving until he was called to his Eternal Reward on July 8, 1952.



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