

WWT Board of Directors

Opening Prayer—Matthew 5:14-16

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McKinsey's Global Managing Partner, Bob Sternfels, refers to WWT as a lighthouse, which shines brightly as an inspiration for all businesses, especially diverse owned. As we meet today on the final day of Black History Month, I wanted to highlight that Black history is being made every day by our very own Founder and Chair David Steward and all of WWT's African American leaders.

Dave's journey from his segregated hometown to founding the most successful Black-owned business is an inspiration to many people, especially people of color. As members of the WWT community, each of us has been given an amazing opportunity to join Dave in leading toward a brighter future of social equality.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Each one of us has a specific responsibility, regardless of our background, race, or ethnicity, to actively promote in our realms of influence the advancement of historically underrepresented and disenfranchised communities. While we look back and celebrate the contributions of Black leaders from the past, we also have the opportunity today to bring their light forward to illuminate and inspire future generations.

Please join me in prayer.

Father in heaven, thank you for enabling your light to shine through WWT. Your kingdom shines with the diversity and beauty of your creation. Help us to advance your kingdom here on earth, as it is in heaven by demonstrating the power of diversity that results in each person, made in your image, using their God-given gifts to their full potential. Please continue enabling WWT to shine its inspirational light for all to see and glorify you. I pray this with humble respect for all faiths and backgrounds, in the name of Jesus. AMEN