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God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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Sprague Grant Aids In Church Planting!

To many in IFCA International circles, the names "Roy and Elvia Sprague" are synonymous with "Church Planting"! Their ministry with Northwest Independent Church Extension is both well-known and respected. Henry Vosburg, the Executive Director for Midwest Church Extension, recently referred to the Spragues as *"IFCA's most established and fruitful church planting servants."*



Henry Vosburg

Henry also serves as a member of the IFCA Board of Directors and Chairman of the IFCA Church Planting Commission. He made that comment when he introduced a new Grant at the 2024 Annual Convention of IFCA International. The Grant will be available to qualifying IFCA International church planting endeavors, and has been named *The Roy & Elvia Sprague Church Planting Grant*.

The Pacific Northwest Regional President, Jay Mosser, stated, *"Those of us who have been around the Northwest for a while are aware of the ministry of NICE. For 30+ years this ministry was led by Roy and Elvia Sprague. It is highly appropriate that IFCA International would name a church planting grant in their honor."*



Earl Brubaker

Earl Brubaker, who has ministered alongside the Spragues as Missionary Pastor, Church Planter, Assistant Director and then Director of NICE added, *"In addition to all his involvement here in the Northwest, Roy was for many years Chairman of the IFCA Church Extension Council which*

broke the ground for making church extension a premier ministry of IFCA."

With all of that in mind, Jay Mosser presented a challenge to those attending the PNW Regional this March. Jay declared, *"The Spragues are our people! The PNW Regional should make a strong statement of support of this Grant."* So the Regional Board proposed that churches and individuals will have the opportunity to help fund the Sprague Grant, and for the next few months, any donations will be matched by the Regional up to \$1000.00. This proposal was unanimously approved by those in attendance at the Regional meetings. The challenge is on!



Jay Mosser

Roy and Elvia were humbled and moved by the show of love and respect from their colleagues. But Roy was quick to add, *"This honor came unexpectedly to Elvia and me. We look at ourselves as simply being servants together with NICE. To see what God has accomplished; well, it's been teamwork, not just us! To God be the glory!"*



Roy & Elvia Sprague

I Thessalonians 5:12,13 state, *"We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work."* Consider honoring the Spragues by contributing to the Sprague Grant. You are part of the team! For more information regarding the purpose, goal and vision of the Grant, as well as criteria and eligibility, visit ifca.org/spraguegrant.

So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. I Corinthians 3:7