

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2022 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat (Oct. 14-16)**

The 2022 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat will be held on October 14-16 at KPCC. Since 1999, we have held a special gathering every year for our high school juniors and seniors to further equip them as they transition out of high school and into college. **Registration is due today.** For more details, please visit pursuewiththose.org.

- **The Regional Conference (Oct. 28-30)**

We will have a regional conference with Brother Ed Marks over the weekend of October 28-30. The meetings will be held at the Jamaica Estates meeting hall (Hall 1) located at 87-60 Chevy Chase Street, Jamaica Estates, NY 11432.

The conference schedule is as follows:

Message 1: Friday, Oct. 28, 7:30pm

Message 2: Saturday, Oct. 29, 10am

Message 3: Saturday, Oct. 29, 4pm

Lord's Table &

Message 4: Lord's Day, Oct. 30, 10am

Details will be posted on the church website www.churchinnyc.org and on the church App.

- **The 2022 December Semiannual Training Registration**

Registration for the 2022 December Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the live training in Anaheim and the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **October 31, 2022**.

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours are available for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

Day & Time: Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 10:30AM-11:30AM.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTFob3AwQlBodz09>

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114

Passcode: 3131

One tap mobile: +19294362866,, 3785123114#

The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

PRAYER BURDENS

- The International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) which concludes today—Let us give thanks and pray for all the leading ones in the churches throughout the whole earth; the general subject of the messages is Loving the Lord and Loving One Another for the Organic Building Up of the Body of Christ
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His faithful care of the church as the great Shepherd of the sheep (Heb. 13:20) and as our High Priest who lives always to intercede for us (Heb. 7:25-26) and prayer for the church's further going on:
 - a. The strengthening of the oneness in every household
 - b. The strengthening of the burden for the gospel
 - c. The shepherding of all the saints of all ages
 - d. The strengthening of the service groups in all nine halls of the church
 - e. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- Thanks to the Lord for the recent new beginning in Brooklyn (Hall 4) with the new meeting hall there—Pray for their meetings and that through

the practical services many saints will grow, be brought into function and be built up

- Pray for the saints and the people of Puerto Rico and Florida in the aftermath of the recent hurricanes which impacted those areas—Give thanks to the Lord that there was no loss of life among the saints and pray that the Lord would grant all the saints His superabounding grace and meet their every need in Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 1:14; Phil. 4:19)
- The Lord’s move in Europe:
 - a. Thanksgiving and praise for the Lord’s raising up of a new lampstand in Lisbon, Portugal
 - b. Upcoming gospel trips in Germany and Switzerland (October 10-23)
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2022 Memorial Day Weekend Conference Taking The Way of Enjoying Christ as The Tree of Life

Week 4: Grafted into Christ to Become Part of the Tree of Life

Portion from Days 1, 3 & 4:

We should keep the principle that the Word of God as the divine revelation shows us that God’s main purpose is to make Himself one with man and to make man one with Him. In John 15 the Lord said, “I am the vine; you are the branches...Abide in Me and I in you” (vv. 5, 4). This shows us that God and the believers in Christ are one. We and God were once separate, but one day we, the wild branches, were grafted into Him in Christ (Rom. 11:24). We have been grafted into Christ as the tree, and this grafting has made us one with Him. What is needed now is for us to abide in Him that He may abide in us. Then He and we will be one, having one life, one nature, and one living. (Life-study of the Psalms, pp. 200-201)

A grafter knows that in order to have a successful grafting, both of the grafting parts need to be cut and to die. First, the part to be grafted has to die, and second, the part to be grafted into has to die also. Only when both sides die can the grafting be accomplished. On Christ’s side, one day, as the branch of David [Zech. 3:8; Jer. 23:5; 33:15], He died on the cross; however, although He died in the flesh,

He was resurrected in the Spirit (1 Pet. 3:18b). Through death and resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b). By becoming such a Spirit, Christ was ready for the grafting. On our side, as sinners, we need to repent and receive the Lord...[Then] He as the life-giving Spirit enters into our spirit and puts the divine life in us.

What are the results of the grafting? When the fatness of the better tree supplies the grafted branch, all the negative things are taken away. Then the original function of that branch is restored and strengthened.

As the divine life discharges the negative things, it works to resurrect God’s original creation.... Furthermore, as the divine life discharges, resurrects, and uplifts, it supplies the riches of Christ to our inward parts.... the divine life will saturate our whole being.... By this saturation of the divine life we are conformed to the image of Christ.

The divine life is prepared and able to do such a work within us. But we need to exercise ourselves concerning what the Lord has shown us. We need to be faithful to contact Him, to pray to Him, to read the Word, and to breathe Him in. To do these things is to set our mind on the spirit (Rom. 8:6). When our mind is set on the spirit, no part of our inward being will be separated from the spirit. This will give the divine life a free way to discharge the negative element, to resurrect, uplift, and supply our faculties, and to saturate every part of our being.

Corporate Reading: *“The Meaning of Human Life and a Proper Consecration” Ch. 2: The Meaning of the Universe*