

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Northeast Spring High School Conference (Cont.)**

The conference for the Northeast young people in grades 9-12 concludes today, March 31, in **Camp Penuel**.

- **Citywide Senior Saints Conference (Apr. 6)**

The Citywide Senior Saints Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 6**, starting at 10am in the Jamaica Estates meeting hall (**Hall 1**). The conference is for all the nine halls. Translation and lunch will be provided.

- **Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (April 19-21)**

A Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the saints in the Northeast will be held from **April 19-21 in Camp Penuel**.

Registration form and more details can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/springyws>. The deadline for registration is **April 8**.

We strongly encourage the saints who will stay overnight to register as soon as possible to secure accommodation at the camp due to limited onsite housing.

We also encourage the saints to arrive on Friday night, **April 19**. Dinner will not be provided and there will be no formal meeting on Friday evening, but saints who arrive early can get settled in, spend time together, and fellowship before the conference starts.

- **2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference (May 24-27)**

The 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference will be held in **Bellevue, WA** from **Friday, May 24 through Monday, May 27**.

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**

1. **May 10-12 (Fri. to L.D.):** Chinese-Speaking Conference in KPCC
2. **May 17-19 (Fri. to L.D.):** Northeast Middle School Conference in KPCC

- **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 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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the regional conference held the past weekend on *The New Covenant Ministry and Its Ministers*, and prayer for all the churches in New Jersey and New York State
- The Northeast Spring High Schoolers' Conference being held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) concludes today
- The Citywide Senior Saints' Conference which will be held on Saturday, April 6, in Hall 1
- The salvation of the children in grade 5—Let us pray for the preparation of the hearts of the children, for the attendance of the children over the next several weeks, for the families of all these children, and for the serving ones; there are 36 fifth graders among all the nine halls of the church
- The Lord's move all over the earth—Let us pray for conferences concludes today in San Pedro

Sula, Honduras (for the churches in Central America), in New Zealand and in Richmond, VA (for the churches in the Mid Atlantic)

- 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: 2023 INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING BLENDING CONFERENCE- THE ENJOYMENT OF CHRIST AND OUR GROWTH IN LIFE UNTO MATURITY**

***Week 3: Dealing with Our Heart for the Growth of the Divine Seed of Life within Us unto Our Maturity in Life for God's Building in Life***

#### **Portions from Days 1 & 2:**

If life is to enter into the spirit, it must pass through the heart; if life is to proceed out from the spirit, it also must pass through the heart. Thus, the heart is the pathway through which life must pass. It can be said to be the entrance and exit of life. The heart is the entrance and exit of life: the coming in of life and the going out of life both depend on the heart. Moreover, the heart is also the switch of life. If the heart is shut, life can neither enter in nor be regulated out. Once the heart is open, however, life can enter in...Whichever part of the heart is closed, the life of God cannot regulate to that part; whichever part of the heart is open, the life of God can regulate to that part. Thus, the heart is really the switch of life. Though life has great power, yet its great power is controlled by our small heart. Whether life can be worked out depends entirely on whether our heart is open. It is like the electric power of a generating plant, which, though powerful, is controlled by the small switch for the light in our room; if the switch is not turned on, electricity cannot enter. (CWWL, 1953, vol. 3, "The Knowledge of Life," pp. 107-108)

Since the heart is so vitally related to life, God has no other alternative but to deal with our heart so that His life might be regulated out from us. Toward God, our heart has four great problems: hardness, impurity, unlovingness, and unpeacefulness. Hardness is a matter of the will, impurity is a matter not only of the mind but also of the emotion, unlovingness is a matter of the emotion, and unpeacefulness is a matter of the conscience...[God]

deals with these four aspects so that our heart may be soft, pure, loving, and at peace.

A pure heart means a heart that exceedingly pure and simple toward God. (See 2 Cor. 11:3.) It only loves God and wants God; besides God, it has no other love, inclination, or desire. Matthew 5:8 says, "The pure in heart...shall see God." Thus, if the heart is not pure, we cannot see God. If our thought is a little concerned with things outside of God, or if our emotion has a little love toward things outside of God, our heart is no longer pure; the life in our spirit is also hindered because of this. Therefore, we must pursue "with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Tim. 2:22), and be those who love the Lord and want God with a pure heart; then we can let the life of God work freely within us. (CWWL, 1953, vol. 3, "The Knowledge of Life," pp. 110-111)

**Corporate Reading:** *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 11-12*

## MINISTRY READINGS

### **NOT SETTING THE MIND ON STUDYING THE TRUTH**

When we come to the Bible in a simple way, we should never set our mind on finding doctrines in the Bible. ... Our studying the food frustrates our eating. In the same way, when we come to the Bible, we should not come with a heart to study doctrine or to investigate some truth. If we have such a mind, we will be unable to enjoy God; we will not find food in His Word.

### **DROPPING OUR CONCEPTS**

When we come to the Bible, we also need to drop our concepts. We must never wear glasses that are colored by our concepts. We all have a pair of colored glasses within us that prevents us from knowing the true color and meaning of the Bible.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 16: Learning to be Simple to Pick Up the True Meaning of the Bible (part 2)*