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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Regional Conference (Oct. 25-27)**

We will have a regional conference with Brother Ed Marks over the weekend of **October 25-27**. 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. 25, 7:30pm

Message 2: Saturday, Oct. 26, 10am

Message 3: Saturday, Oct. 26, 4pm

Lord's Table & Message 4:

Lord's Day, Oct. 27, 10am

(Please note there is no meeting on Saturday evening)

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

Hospitality Service Announcement

Please use the following link to see the announcement concerning hospitality service in the church for the conference:

<https://www.churchinnyc.org/hospitality-service/>

- **The 2024 December Semiannual Training Registration**

Registration for the 2024 December Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the live training in Anaheim, CA and the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **Friday, November 1, 2024**.

- **The Fall College Retreat (Nov. 8-10)**

The 2024 Fall College Retreat for the students in NY, NJ, and Eastern PA will be held on the weekend of November 8 to 10 at Camp Penuel

(KPCC). Registration is now open and the registration **deadline is November 1**. Details can be found in:

<https://tinyurl.com/24collegeNYNJPA>

- **2024-2025 Church in NYC College Scholarship Application**

A number of generous donations from some elderly saints over the years were given to award scholarships for young people in the church in New York City. We thank the Lord for their generosity and for His practical care demonstrated to us through His Body. This year, the Board of Trustees has made available funds for awarding the **2024-2025 Academic Year Church in New York City Scholarship for Academic Excellence and for Financial Need**. For the scholarship application requirements and application form, please use the URL: <https://tinyurl.com/cnycs24>. The deadline for submitting your application is **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**.

Scholarships are awarded through an application and review process. The submission of an application does not guarantee that you will be awarded a scholarship, but each application will be given careful consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to churchnycscholarship@gmail.com.

- **2024 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Nov. 28 – Dec. 1)**

The 2024 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held in **Atlanta, GA** from **Thursday, Nov. 28 through Lord's Day, Dec. 1**. For more details, please visit LSM website at: https://www.lsm.org/pdfs/2024-tg-conf-info_en.pdf.

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

Nov 2-3, Sat. to Lord's Day: Chinese-speaking Conference (KPCC)

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours will be suspended in October and resumed on November 4, 2024.

PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the blending conference for the churches in Upstate NY last lord's day, and prayer for all the churches in Upstate NY: Amherst, Rochester, Syracuse, Ithaca, Albany and Rosendale
- The Citywide Senior Saints' Conference held this past Saturday, October 19 in Hall 1
- The regional conference with brother Ed Marks which will be held over the weekend of October 25-27 in Hall 1
- The continual homecoming of those who have not been in the meetings for some time and the shepherding of all the saints
- The Lord's move in Canada:
 - a. The regional conference in London, Ontario concludes today
 - b. The Eastern Canada College Age Retreat concludes today
 - c. The strengthening of the local churches throughout all of Canada

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2024 SPRING INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES - Being A Vessel Unto Honor, A Fully Equipped Man Of God, By Being Empowered In The Grace Which Is In Christ Jesus To Fully Accomplish Our Ministry In The Unique Ministry Of God's Economy

WEEK 3: Being Empowered in the Grace Which Is in Christ Jesus to Be Teachers, Soldiers, Contenders, Farmers, and Workmen

Portions from Days 2, 5 & 6:

The subject of 2 Timothy is inoculation against the decline of the church...[There are] five specific titles given to the inoculator in 2:1-15...If we read these verses carefully, we will see that Paul regarded Timothy and his other co-workers as those who should be teachers, soldiers, contenders, farmers,

and workmen...Based upon what he has just written to Timothy [in chapter 1], Paul now goes on to encourage him to be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus [2:1]. Paul did not charge Timothy here to be empowered in knowledge or in gifts. He charged him to be empowered in grace...This grace is God's provision in life given to us that we may live out His purpose. Instead of being discouraged, Paul was empowered in grace, even though he was in prison. (Life-study of 2 Timothy, 2nd ed., p. 21)

When we go to the front to fight the battle, we have to be bold. Then we can win the war. But when we come to build, we have to be wise. We have to realize that the building which we are building is altogether a matter in life...The wise master builder and the building of God are both matters of life and in life. First, Paul's ministry was a matter of planting. Paul says, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth" (1 Cor. 3:6). This is not a matter of fighting, but a matter of the growth in life. Then Paul goes on to say that we are God's cultivated land, or God's farm (v. 9). This farm is not wild or uncultivated, but it is a farm cultivated by God to grow Christ. A farm is also a matter of life. Then Paul says that we are not only God's farm but also God's building (v. 9). This building is surely a building in life. (CWWL, 1986, vol. 1, "Elders' Training, Book 7: One Accord for the Lord's Move," p. 143)

Among Christians today, only the superficial aspects of the truth are not twisted. Virtually all the deeper things of the truth have been distorted...Therefore, we should be not only teachers, soldiers, contenders, and farmers but also workmen, carpenters, cutting straight the word of the truth. The truth here does not merely denote biblical doctrine; it refers to the contents and the reality of God's New Testament economy. The main elements of this truth are Christ as the mystery of God and the embodiment of God and the church as the mystery of Christ and the Body of Christ. We all need to learn to cut straight the word of the truth with respect to Christ and the church.

Corporate Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msgs. 61-62*