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Christian Discipleship “Developing Authentic Disciple of Jesus Christ”

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Dear Pastors,

Greetings to you in the Mighty and Exalted name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I also extend to you and your fellowship many blessings for the Christmas season.

I am once again excited to issue you and your entire leadership team an invitation to the Eastern Canada's 2020 Leadership Conference. It will be held on **Saturday, January 25th, 2020**. This conference has become an annual gathering for Eastern Canada's leaders to focus on the development of the critical practices necessary to bring the Leadership Development vision for this region to fruition. Also, it is an opportunity for us as leaders to be inspired, empowered and refreshed so that we may continue to do His will.

Each year, the Leadership Development session strives to equip and empower leaders for the challenges of ministry, as well as to rejuvenate and motivate you to have a greater impact on your congregation and the community in which you serve. This year is no exception. Our hope for this year's conference is to give you an opportunity to deepen your understanding of “Christian Discipleship,” as we seek to “Develop Authentic Disciples of Jesus Christ.”

The main scripture for the conference is: Matthew 28:19-20— “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

We anticipate some of the outcomes from this year's conference will be:

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- To Develop A Model of Discipleship
- To Understand the Biblical Basis for Discipleship
- To Explore the Goal of Discipleship
- To Consider the Cost of Discipleship
- To Discover the Support of Discipleship
- To Embody the Process of Discipleship

I would recommend that **you extend a personal invitation** to all members of your leadership team, seasoned existing leaders, leaders in training, emerging leaders and youth to accompany you to this conference. This will help in achieving one of our conference goals of providing a platform for new and emerging leaders to participate on a national level.

As you make preparations to attend, please be mindful that the cost of the conference is \$65.00 per person. In order to encourage our youth to attend, a special youth rate of \$50.00 will apply to any youth application. The fee includes some light refreshments and a lunch. The **early registration deadline is Wednesday, January 15th, 2020. A late fee of \$15.00 will apply after the due date.** Please help me and the Administrative Office team to prepare for your attendance by completing and submitting the attached registration package. Should you have any questions, please contact myself or the Administrative Office for further conference information. I look forward to seeing you all. **The location of the conference will be at The Living Arts Centre, 4141 Living Arts Drive, Mississauga, ON L5B4B8.**

Yours in His Service,

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Enclosed:

- Registration form (please photocopy as needed)
- Flyer to be posted

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