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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Citywide Senior Saints' Conference (Oct. 19)**

We are glad to announce that we will have a special in-person gathering for all the senior saints, including all the districts and all languages. The conference is for all nine halls of the church. Lunch, translation and transportation will be provided.

Place: Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates hall)

Time: Saturday, October 19, 2024, 10am

- **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**.

- **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**

Oct. 25-27: Conference with Brother Ed Marks (Hall 1 Meeting Hall)

- **Service Office Hours**

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

PRAYER BURDENS

- The International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) concludes today in Warsaw, Poland—The general subject of the messages is *Living in the Reality of the Kingdom of God*; let us pray for the release of the Lord's speaking during the training, for all the speaking brothers as well as all the attendees, for the health, safety and travel of all the brothers, for the Lord's covering of all the practical services related to the training, particularly the audio and video service, and for the all the trainings being held remotely via video in so many localities throughout the earth, including NYC
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing and His speaking in the Northeast High School Juniors & Seniors Retreat held two weeks ago—Let us pray for the further operation of the Lord's word in

the hearts of all the young people and for the high school seniors as they consider before the Lord which colleges to apply to

- Let us pray for the preservation of all the children in the church in the midst of this dark age and for their preparation to be vessels for the Lord; let us pray for all the parents to have the wisdom to “nurture them in the discipline and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4) and that there would be an atmosphere of love in every home
- The Lord’s move in Europe:
 - a. The urgent need for saints who are available to participate in shepherding trips to France to care for the seeking ones who were contacted during the recent gospel trips
 - b. One-year visas for full-timers migrating to France—So far, four graduates of the FTTA Extension in Boston and two serving families have applied to receive a one-year visa to live and serve in France; let us pray that these saints and those who apply after them will receive the needed visas
- 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: 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 1: *Living in the Reality of God’s Eternal Economy for Its Fulfillment by Building Up a Habit of Exercising Our Spirit, Fanning Our God-given Spirit into Flame*

Portions from Days 2 & 4:

As Christians, our spirit has been regenerated. To be regenerated is to be reinforced.God’s life.....has been added into our spirit.When we believe in the Lord Jesus, God first gives us the divine life. Second, God gives us the Holy Spirit. Also, He gives us many heavenly things, such as His forgiveness, righteousness, peace, and joy. God has given us justification, reconciliation, and His full salvation. All these were given in addition to God’s life and God’s Spirit. Actually, all these heavenly

things are included in God’s life and God’s Spirit, which have been added into our spirit. We have a regenerated and reinforced spirit, a very strong spirit, with a companion. This companion is the Triune God. The Triune God becomes our companion in our spirit. What an enriched spirit we have! (CWWL, 1993, vol. 2, “The Spirit with Our Spirit,” pp. 180-181)

Now that we have seen the importance of our spirit, we want to see the exercise of our spirit. We must build up a habit of exercising our spirit.In the morning, the first thing I spontaneously say is “O Lord.” To call on the Lord by saying, “O Lord” is a habit of exercising our spirit.[It] makes a big difference. If you rise up in the morning without saying anything, you may pray in a routine way without really touching the Lord. This is because there is no exercise of your spirit. We have to build up a habit of saying, “O Lord.” When we say, “O Lord,” we touch the Lord. This is the habit of exercising our spirit. (CWWL, 1993, vol. 2, “The Spirit with Our Spirit,” p. 181)

We should force ourselves to say, “O Lord Jesus!” The word exercise implies forcing. To exercise is always a forced matter. When the Olympic athletes are exercising to practice or compete, they must have a strong will. They force themselves to exercise. If we Christians want to be strong and want to grow in the Lord, we must force ourselves to use our spirit.

Let us suppose that a problem comes into your family life. It may be a problem between you and your spouse, between you and your children, or between you and your parents. If you do not exercise your spirit at that time, your entire soul with your mind, will, and emotion will become prevailing. Then the soul will overcome and subdue you, conquering your spirit. This can even cause you to lose your temper in a bad way. Therefore, whenever you are in a hard situation, you have to force yourself to exercise your spirit. To force yourself to exercise, or to use, your spirit makes you a different person.

Corporate Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 57*