

THE CHURCH IN DUNN LORING

2317 MORGAN LANE
DUNN LORING, VA 22027

February 8, 2018

Dear saints,

In fellowship with the co-workers in the Lord's recovery, we warmly invite all the saints in the churches to join us for a conference in the Washington, D.C. area on the weekend of May 4-6, 2018. The burden of the conference is the gospel to all the nations (Matt. 24:14), with a view of reaching African Americans, as well as others of African descent, for the Lord's testimony. All saints are invited to come, but the saints in the churches who are of African descent are especially needed to carry out the work of contacting, shepherding, and building up the new ones that we will meet in the coming days. Hence, they are specifically encouraged to come bringing their friends, relatives, and colleagues with them.

The matter of reaching African Americans has been a burden among many saints and co-workers in the Lord's recovery for a number of years, and it has led to much prayer and fellowship among the churches. Beginning in 2013 some brothers began to pray more definitely for this burden and in the spring of 2015 a conference was held in Houston to fellowship this burden and to labor on the gospel for this beloved community of people. Additional conferences followed in New York City (May 2016), Houston (September 2016), and Atlanta (May 2017). Most recently, in December 2017, the conference in Houston had the highest attendance ever for the first night, with 440 in attendance, followed by 520 on Saturday night. At least 53 new ones from the Houston area attended one or more meetings.

Because this burden for the gospel is a move of the Body of Christ under the direction of Christ the Head, all the saints are needed to pray and participate, regardless of ethnicity. Although it may seem that this burden is a matter of race, in fact, it is a matter of the ratio of African Americans currently meeting in the churches in North America (less than 1%) compared to the general population of African Americans in the United States of America (approximately 12.6%).

Our burden is to find a way to reach, contact, and reap a number of people of African origin both from the college campuses and from our communities for a fuller testimony of the one new man among us. We pray that the Lord would reap some families from these communities throughout the United States and Canada for the expression of His Body, the preparation of the bride of Christ, and the advancement of the kingdom of God.

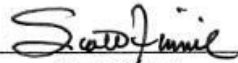
The conference schedule will be as follows: Friday, May 4, at 7:30 PM; Saturday, May 5, at 10:00 AM & 7:30 PM; and Lord's Day, May 6, at 9:30 AM. All conference meetings will be held at the meeting hall of the church in Dunn Loring, Virginia, located at 2317 Morgan Lane, Dunn Loring, Virginia 22027. Detailed information regarding transportation, the availability of hospitality, and hotel information will be included in a follow-up letter in a few days. All inquiries regarding this conference can be addressed to: churchindunnloring@gmail.com

Please feel free to pass this notice on to any saints who would be burdened with this matter. We regret that this notice is late, but we hope that it could be passed on in a timely way so that the saints who attend could make the appropriate arrangements for travel and accommodations.

In His recovery,


Ricky Acosta


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Scott Finnie


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