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To: All the Churches in the Lord's RecoveryRe: International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones—October 2024

Dear Brothers:

We would like to announce the upcoming International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones. The training will begin at 9:00 AM on Friday, October 4, 2024, and conclude at 1:00 PM Lord's Day, October 6, 2024. The training will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Centre; Skalnicowa 21, 04-797 Warsaw, Poland.

In addition to the live ITERO, each locality will have the option to hold an ITERO video training to be carried out in a similar manner to the semiannual video trainings. Churches will have the option to watch the live webcast stream or the archived messages. **There will not be individual login credentials for the registered trainees in each locality.** Brothers will need to follow the schedule for viewing the messages and for studying that is set by the responsible ones in their locality.

In order to continue this gathering in the way of training, we require that all attendants register and submit a donation through their locality. The International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones is for only elders and responsible ones. All registrants must be recommended by the elders in their locality. We respectfully ask that sisters not apply. Please see the attached letter regarding who should participate in the ITERO. We hope that through such perfecting times, the Lord will make us all able ministers of the New Testament, effective building material for the universal building up of the Body of Christ, and good stewards and serving ones in our respective local churches.

A blending meeting will be held after the conclusion of the ITERO in Warsaw on October 6th at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Centre. A link to the website with detailed information regarding the blending meeting is included on the enclosed Information Sheet.

Enclosed in this registration packet is registration information and crucial information regarding the meeting schedule, accommodations, and transportation. Training coordinators should provide the enclosed training details to all the registered brothers in their locality. <u>The registration deadline is</u> <u>July 1, 2024</u>. This is a firm deadline. Since much is involved in the preparation of the training, we ask that all applicants turn in their registration as soon as possible.

Yours in His recovery,

Living Stream Ministry

Letter to the leading ones concerning ITERO

Dear leading brothers in the churches,

Over the years we have noticed an increase in the number of brothers who participate in the International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO), and particularly we have noticed that in some localities the number of registered brothers is inordinately high. Also, a number of the co-workers have noted that there is an increasing number of brothers who seem immature or are not yet suited for this kind of training, and this hinders what can be released by the ministering brothers to those who should properly attend. Looking back at the way Brother Lee first established the elders' trainings in the U.S. in the 1980s and how he continued to conduct these trainings in the 1990s, we, in fellowship with the ministering brothers who oversee ITERO, feel that some adjustment is necessary to bring this training back in line with Brother Lee's original arrangement. Thus, we are writing to you, the leading ones, to clarify who should be invited to participate in ITERO.

First, it should be stressed that ITERO is not simply a perfecting training for the brothers in the churches. We understand that in some places the leading ones may feel that ITERO can help many brothers in the church to grow in life and to be perfected in service, but this is not the intention for ITERO. This training is, as its name indicates, a training for brothers who are actually elders or who bear responsibility in the church, and the purpose of ITERO is to train and perfect these brothers in this particular service. Second, we also understand that it may be difficult to clearly define how much responsibility a brother should bear in order to be invited to participate in ITERO. Thus, after careful consideration and fellowship, we would like to offer some clear guidance. Of course, every brother who has been serving as an elder is invited to participate in ITERO, and we hope that every elder will attend as often as the Lord gives him the way to do so. But there may be other brothers who bear responsibility in the whole church, not just in a district or in a group, who also should participate in ITERO. These brothers should be ones who often join the fellowship among the elders as the elders care for the whole church. No doubt, these ones will be responsible for a district or a smaller group of saints, but that should not be the limit of their responsibility; they should be ones whom the elders feel bear some responsibility in the church as a whole. Third, Brother Lee allowed "learners" to attend ITERO, and by this we understand that he meant those brothers who are being raised up and are now learning to bear responsibility for the whole church, not only for a district or smaller group. Following his lead, we hope these learning ones would also participate in ITERO.

Brothers, we fully trust your discernment in this matter as well as your heart for the proper arrangement and atmosphere in this training. We hope that by clarifying what ITERO is and is not and by offering some guidance concerning who should participate, you will be able to assist us in making sure that ITERO remains true to Brother Lee's intentions. We also realize that these clarifications may limit the number of brothers who should attend ITERO and that some brothers who formerly attended will not be invited to attend in the future. We hope that you will be able to shepherd these ones so that they will not be discouraged and to continue to perfect them in their pursuit, growth, and function.

Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated and will no doubt serve the training for the elders and responsible ones greatly.

Thank you, brothers.

In Him,

The brothers who oversee LSM

Information for the International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones Warsaw, Poland

- 1. **Dates:** October 4-6 2024
- 2. Location: DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Centre, Universal Ballroom; Skalnicowa 21, 04-797 Warsaw, Poland.

3. Registration:

A. All brothers must submit their registration and donations through their locality. Training coordinators, in fellowship with the local elders, should collect the registration information and donations from the brothers in their locality that have been approved to attend the ITERO.

B. Registration can be completed in one of two ways:

- 1. Online Registration:
 - a. Training coordinators may enter the registration information online at <u>www.lsmregistration.com</u> for each brother that plans to attend the live ITERO.
 - b. Training coordinators may send a link to the brothers in their locality who are approved to attend the live ITERO that will allow them to fill out a registration form and register for the ITERO.
- 2. Registration by Email/Fax/Mail: The training coordinator can send the enclosed registration form by email to register@lsm.org, by fax to 714-236-6005, or by mail to 2431 W. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801. Please be sure that all fields of the registration form are complete for each brother that intends to register. All registration submitted online or by email, fax, or mail must be received by the LSM Registration Section on or before the registration due date. <u>Registration forms submitted by email, fax, or mail that are received after the July 1 due date will not be accepted.</u>

4. Deadline:

- A. The deadline for registration is <u>July 1, 2024</u>; this is a firm deadline. Please remember that the ITERO registration is not complete without the training donations. **There will be no allowance for registration after the July 1 due date.** Any registration received after the July 1 registration due date will not be accepted. Please take note of the ITERO registration deadline and plan conservatively when making announcements to the brothers so that they can submit their registration information in a timely manner.
- B. Late registration and substitutions: There will be no allowance for late registration or substitutions after the July 1 due date. Any ITERO registration received after the July 1 registration due date will not be accepted. In particular, walk-up registrations or substitutions on the first day of the ITERO will not be accepted.
- 5. **Qualifications:** Co-workers, elders, and responsible brothers who are recommended by their local elders.
- 6. Sisters: LSM will not host any activities for sisters during the ITERO. However, the churches in Poland have graciously made some arrangements for them. For detailed information, please go to the following website: www.itero2024warsaw.org. Aside from this, those who accompany their husbands to Poland will be on their own for the duration of the training. Please note that the brothers' registration does not include any provisions for their wives' transportation or meals. Again, for more information, please go to www.itero2024warsaw.org.
- 7. **Translation:** There will be translation into Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Polish. Some additional languages may also be provided. Those who need translation will need to download an app called "Listen Everywhere." You can download this app to either an Android phone or an iPhone. After installing the app, you will need to be <u>inside</u> the Universal Ballroom in order to connect with the server. When inside the ballroom, connect to the Wi-fi network "Translation1024." Open the Listen Everywhere app and then select the desired language.

Saints should bring their own headphones or earbuds and may also want to bring an external battery pack if they will need to charge their phone, as there will be no charging stations available in the ballroom.

If they would prefer, those brothers who need translation may also bring their own FM radio, headset, and extra batteries.

- 8. **Training Donation:** The training donation is \$350.00 USD for all applicants. Brothers should submit the training donation with their application to their training coordinator with sufficient time for it to be submitted to LSM by July 1, 2024. The training donation includes the cost of the ITERO outline. ITERO donations are non-refundable.
- 9. Lodging: Lodging is available at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Centre, as well as the nearby Arche Hotel and Hotel Boss. Special discounted group rates have been arranged at these hotels. A limited number of hotel rooms at the Living Stream Ministry group rate have been set aside at each of these hotels. These group rates include breakfast and dinner. Saints are encouraged to make their hotel reservations as early as possible in order to get the discounted rate. For room reservations please go to: www.itero2024warsaw.org.

Please note that no rooms are available at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Centre before Thursday, October 3, 2024.

10. **Transportation:** Brothers should purchase their own airline tickets. Please book flights to the Warsaw Chopin Airport, Airport Code: WAW. Brothers will need to make private arrangements for ground transportation from the airport to their respective hotels. Taxis and ride-share services are available at the airport and most signage is available in English and Polish. Additional transportation information is available at <u>www.itero2024warsaw.org</u>.

During the ITERO, transportation to and from the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Centre, where the meetings will be held, will be provided to registered brothers who are staying at the Arche Hotel and the Hotel Boss.

- 11. **Meals:** Breakfast and dinner are included in the room rate at each hotel. Lunch is provided by Living Stream Ministry on Friday, Saturday, and Lord's Day for only those brothers who registered for the ITERO. There are no restaurants within walking distance of the hotels. Brothers should plan to eat breakfast before arriving for the first session each day and should return to their hotels for dinner after the conclusion of the group study sessions.
- 12. **Visas:** Most visitors to Poland do not require a visa for a short-term stay (under 90 days). Please check your local government website for visa requirements when traveling to Poland.
- 13. **Currency Exchange:** Credit cards are accepted at most establishments in Warsaw and there are ATMs available at the airport and hotels.
- 14. **Information:** The saints in Poland have prepared a website that will provide detailed information regarding hotels, transportation, the October 6th blending meeting in Warsaw, church visitation, etc. The website is: <u>www.itero2024warsaw.org</u>. Please check this website regularly for information and updates.

Please also read the attached letter carefully for important information on all of the above points. It should equip you to have a trouble-free experience with your flight arrangements, visa application, hotel booking, entrance into Poland, domestic transportation, and tour booking (optional).

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LIVE TRAINING SCHEDULE

Friday, October 4, 2024

9:00 AM	10:45 AM	First Morning Session
10:45 AM	11:15 AM	Coffee/Tea Break
11:15 AM	1:00 PM	Second Morning Session
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	3:45 PM	Afternoon Session
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Group Study Sessions

Saturday, October 5, 2024

9:00 AM	10:45 AM	First Morning Session
10:45 AM	11:15 AM	Coffee/Tea Break
11:15 AM	1:00 PM	Second Morning Session
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	3:45 PM	Afternoon Session
4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Group Study Sessions

Lord's Day, October 6, 2024

9:00 AM	10:45 AM	First Morning Session
10:45 AM	11:15 AM	Coffee/Tea Break
11:15 AM	1:00 pm	Second Morning Session
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Lunch

Please note:

- 1. Brothers should plan to eat breakfast before arriving for the first session each day.
- 2. Brothers should return to their respective hotels at 6:00 PM for dinner each day.
- 3. Brothers should go to bed no later than 11:00 PM.