



CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

NORTHEAST REGION YOUTH & TRANSITIONS MINISTRY

Bishop Leroy Greenaway—Regional Overseer

Min. John Lee, Jr.—Director

Dear Pastor & Congregation,

Greetings in the Mighty and Awesome Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Truly, our God is a great God who continues to show Himself faithful. First, I pray that this letter finds you well and blessed in and by Him. Second, I'd like to say that it has been an honor to meet those that I've been blessed to meet in person thus far, and look forward to meeting and serving even more as opportunities allow.

I would also like to use this opportunity to once again thank God for the ministry of Min. Morais Cassell, our former Regional Youth and Transitions Director, who is also our current Regional Evangelism Director and Youth Camp Director. His service to the young harvest has impacted many lives, including my own, and I look forward to serving with him continually throughout the Region and the Kingdom at large. His heart for this generation goes beyond position; it truly is his life's work! I also am elated to serve under the leadership and tutelage of our Regional Overseer, Bishop Leroy Greenaway.

The main purpose of this communication is to keep you informed of some of the plans in store for Youth Ministry from a Regional context. The Regional Youth and Transitions Ministry continues to seek to be a resource to you and your local church. This ministry is a catalyst for the building of healthy local youth ministries first, which will in turn lead to a strong youth ministry regionally. My heart's aim is to work alongside each ministry and their leadership, to build an environment that not only prepares our youth for our Lord's coming and service within the Church, but also to be strong contributors to the world that they live in today.

Currently, the vision for Youth Ministry as a Region is **Connect: God, Self, Family, Church, Community, World**. Our Scriptural focus is the book of Ephesians, emphasizing the following from Ephesians 2:21-22 ESV: *"...in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."* Attached you will find a document which gives a brief explanation of what is hoped to be accomplished with this vision. As time goes on, we'll go deeper into our short and long term goals with this vision.

Through this communication, I would like to bring three components that are already in place: Monthly Regional Intercessory Prayer Conference Call, Regional Month of Service, and the Wisdom Challenge. I'll conclude with telling you some of the ideas that are forthcoming as we seek to build and empower our youth and young adults to be holistically effective in this present age.

Monthly Regional Intercessory Prayer Conference Call – Beginning in August 1, 2015, every first Saturday at 8am, we will be meeting on a conference call to pray for our youth, young adults, families, and churches impacted by this ministry. The conference line is (712) 775-7031, and the access code is: 429-235-786. During this call there will a short devotion to encourage participants from one of our leaders, and then we will spend some time in prayer with the needs of the Regional Youth Ministry and beyond. All prayer

requests and concerns can be emailed to cogopnerym@gmail.com. Also, the aim is to also have a Regional Intercessory Team that can be regularly made aware of prayer concerns. If anyone in your local church would like to participate, please contact me directly.

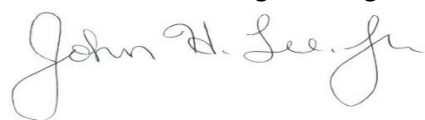
Regional Month of Service – September 2015 has been set aside as a Regional Month of Service. In John 21:15-19, we see Jesus asking Peter if he loved Him. Peter’s reply was that he did. Yet Jesus gave three responses during this discourse, “Feed my lamb, tend my sheep, feed my sheep.” Jesus was stressing the importance of caring for and serving those around us. In September, each local youth ministry is encouraged to engage in community service. Through community service we engage in active evangelism and show those who participate how to care for their fellow man. Ideas for serving include: clothing/food drives, street/community clean-ups, visiting nursing homes/prisons/shut-ins, etc. The possibilities are endless. More details are forthcoming.

Wisdom Challenge – October 2015 has been set aside to seek the Wisdom of God with practical application as we take the “Wisdom Challenge.” One of the proponents of Youth Ministry will be stressing the importance of sound decision-making. The framework for these decisions will come from learning and applying the Word of God. Our focus book for this Challenge will be the book of Proverbs. The goal is to have an interactive Biblical journey throughout the month touching each chapter. There will be videos and thought-provoking questions to help participants understand the Word and apply them to daily living. For this, we are looking for Pastors and leaders that would like to take a chapter, make a video for YouTube, and compile questions for reflections. If you would like to participate, have a recommendation for someone, or even have questions, please feel free to contact me.

As we continue to press along, we’re hoping to see revamped Prayer Summits that we’re looking to expand to become “Empowerment Sessions.” Also, we’ll have various trainings and webinars to keep building and sharpening laborers in the ministry. Lastly, if you would like for me to come to your local church, please feel free to send all inquiries to Sis. Nicholee Wynter, who is assisting me administratively. Her email is nicholeewynter@yahoo.com, and her phone number is 718-864-1996. Please also find a QR code below with all of my personal contact information as well. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you so much for reading this communication. I look forward to great days ahead as the Holy Spirit leads and guides us into the higher heights, and deeper depths in Him. God bless you all!

In Service to both King and Kingdom,



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