

August 26th 2020

Dear Dr Steve Kinnard

Re: Request To Facilitate The Planned Africa Teachers Orientation Workshop

Following the Teachers Conference held in San Antonio in March this year, and a meeting held during that time with teachers from Africa and a few of those from The United States, the group of teachers from Africa, totalling fifteen has been meeting under the newly formed African Teachers Group (ATG). The ATG nominated five brothers, one from each of the Regions to a co-ordinating body dubbed the African Teachers Service Team (ATST). The goal and objectives of the ATST are mirrored on the Global Teachers Service Team and is set to learn a lot from the mother Group.

In two recent meetings by the ATG and three meetings by the ATST, a decision was reached that we need to have a formal *virtual* Orientation Workshop for the African Teachers covering the below mentioned topics:

- Life and Doctrine: The spiritual life of a Teacher & Potential Pitfalls to Avoid.
- When Teachers Teach: Living out your Appointment as Teacher.
- When Opinions Differ: Coexisting with other Teachers.
- Taking a Stand: What to do when a Teacher goes Rogue.
- Different Gifts but One Lord: Recognizing the Diversities & Specializations of individual's Teaching gift.
- Add to Your Faith: The need for Continuous Education.
- Writing and Publishing: Charting a Roadmap for writing, Presentation and Publishing of Research Papers to local and International Audiences. Peer Reviews & other Rules of Engagement.

We feel that these topics will help us to be better poised for the work ahead of us and the frontiers that our Lord will help us to reach.

Further, the Group unanimously agreed that the ATST request for you to facilitate this pivotal workshop for us. The decision to have you anchor this very important workshop is based but not limited to the following: your reputation as a veteran teacher in the ICOC, the fact that you were involved in our training as teachers, and knowing that you understand our peculiar African dynamics.

The proposed date for the virtual workshop is either September 13th or October 11th 2020.

We look forward to hearing your response to this invite and your more preferred date.

In Him,



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Chairman, ATG/ATST



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