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PLEASE READ TO THE CHURCH

Dear Brethren:

I greet you once more in the name of our Triumphant King, Jesus Christ.

Our **BIG National Convention, with a special emphasis on the youth** is one week away, and **all are invited!** We are asking our adults to invite our young people, even those we have not seen at church for weeks and months, to join us. Our concern is that too many of our young people are being torn away from the church.

Many parents are crying and pleading for help for the salvation of their youths who are well qualified, and gifted, but not firmly committed to the Church. The Church needs them. This Convention is the church's response to those pleas and we would like to create an environment and initiate a dialogue where our youth will once more discover that they are needed, feel valued, and given an opportunity to use their giftedness.

This is what we have planned for you:

- ✚ Extraordinary Sabbath School programmes - Children and juniors using the theme **God's Garden**. Youth and adults under the general theme **Gifted. Valued. Needed**.
- ✚ I love my Church testimonies
- ✚ The launch of the Ingathering campaign during the Ten-minutes service
- ✚ Divine Service with a special Litany based on Malachi 4:6
- ✚ Inspiring and challenging Sermon by the Conference President
- ✚ The afternoon's service will be an exciting programme of drama and discussion based on the challenges that face the youth in these last days

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In order to create an ambience for our youths to feel valued, the seating arrangements will be

- The youth 16-35 in the main auditorium
- The adults in the two overflow tents at the rear of the auditorium
- The junior and the teens will be in the tents on the playing field.

We implore those at the down-link sites to have a similar arrangement.

Looking forward to having a wonderful time as we begin the New Year with this special and inspiring programme.

God bless,



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