

## International Ministerial Congress *Church of God (Seventh Day)*

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Dear Zone leaders, brothers in Christ,

I am writing on behalf of the International Ministerial Congress Nov 5, 2016 Annual Sabbath event. For some time now, the Church of God (Seventh Day) has been growing in areas of the world that we've been working to better support – with faithful people hungry for the Word of God, asking for teaching material and literature, requesting visits, and expressing an eager desire to come to a knowledgeable covenant relationship with Jesus Christ in the context of community. Our annual celebration, on the first Sabbath in November in our churches throughout the world is an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on what God is doing in our midst.

The IMC has been growing significantly over the past decade, and our response is firstly praise and thanksgiving to God, which is then followed by a committed sense of stewardship.

Thus, the photos and information that have been sent in thus far from the Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sabbath are cause for great gladness and joy. Thank you to everyone who participated. Thank you for also sharing a heart-warming array of photos and testimonies. This letter is a follow-up to the Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 IMC Annual Sabbath, requesting the following information to be sent in by the end of January.

- A written report from your Zone area
- Photos, videos (online links), or other material you feel relevant
- Offerings donated

For those areas that have yet to set aside a Sabbath for this purpose, we have also designated Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> this year as a suggested alternative date, where God's grace and presence in our global community can be reflected throughout our Sabbath worship services. Thus the IMC Annual Sabbath event may feature a display of international flags, prayers for leaders and individual zones, a slide show or PowerPoint showing photos from around the world including baptisms; the service may reflect one or two short video messages produced from the recent IMC meeting in Buenos Aires; perhaps a Youth choir or segment with an international theme. Materials to assist with your IMC Sabbath program will shortly be available at the following website link: [imc.cog7.org](http://imc.cog7.org)

We're also asking, as a token of our willing participation, for a one dollar (or more) donation from everyone in our congregations. This will allow our International Ministerial Congress to strengthen and expand its ministry work over the next year. Of course, more generous donations are gratefully accepted and encouraged; we set, however, the "one dollar" level so everyone would be able to participate and share in the stewardship and compassion that reflect our heavenly orientation.

The purpose of the IMC is to provide theological training and teaching material, to promote doctrinal unity among members, and to help coordinate evangelism around the world – all in the context of our growing global family in Christ.

Over the next two months, until the IMC registration and dedicated bank account are finalised, we have agreed in the interim to utilise the existing Church of God (Seventh Day) Denver bank account. Thus all donations received must be annotated that it is for the IMC. To do this, the Denver office of the church must be contacted to let them know of the amount donated, that it is specifically for the IMC and, from which Zone the donation originates. Next year, as soon as we have the details and legalities finalised, we will let you know the details of the dedicated IMC bank account.

In the interim, donations may be made to:

SWIFT Code: WFBIUS6S  
Bank Name: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
Bank Address: 420 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94104  
Account Number: 2452039718  
Account Name: The General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day)

Please forward a copy of this letter individually to the national leadership of the churches represented in your Zone with a personal greeting. Should you have any questions, or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or any of the IMC Officers:

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We hope to have the details and tallies from this year's annual IMC Sabbath event completed by the end of January in readiness for the year ahead. While we are a "young" Congress, we nonetheless share our sense of mission and responsibility as we participate together in all we do for our Heavenly Father's glory and praise.

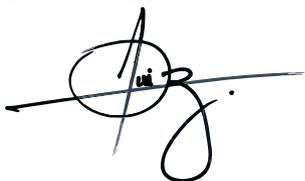
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