

International Ministerial Congress
Church of God (Seventh Day)

28 October, 2016

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing this en route in New Zealand, awaiting our return flight to Australia.

The Church of God (Seventh Day) is steadily growing internationally, to where the International Ministerial Congress is now represented by 45 countries. The recent IMC conference in Buenos Aires in Argentina officially acknowledged another five countries! What occasion for rejoicing! It's this kind of awakening growth that should stir our hearts to ponder just what God is doing in our midst. We are a people who are defined by the Word of God, and the love that flows from this welcomes new brothers and sisters with open arms.

The first Sabbath of November annually is set aside as the Church of God (Seventh Day) International Ministerial Congress day encouraging the participation of every local congregation.

Sabbath Services on Nov 5th can have an international theme, and you're invited to bring to services something that reflects our growing global unity. You may share news from around the world, be it recent baptisms, photos and events of our churches across Asia, Africa, the Americas, Europe or the Pacific. Several inspiring IMC videos are currently being produced in time for this event.

The purpose of the church's International Ministerial Congress Annual Sabbath is to highlight and share in God's grace and success in our growing community.

Everyone can participate. As a token of inclusiveness, we're asking for a one dollar (or more) donation to be taken up from each member in our international churches. This may not sound like much, but neither did the "widow's mite". Yet, it's that willingness and generous heart that is worth so much to Jesus.

The purpose of the IMC is threefold:

1. To promote doctrinal unity among members
2. Help coordinate evangelistic programs internationally
3. Provides theological training, literature, and assistance to missionaries

We invite you to share with us in this exciting journey. (If perchance this message doesn't reach you in time to coordinate or participate in the designated IMC Sabbath, then we've also set aside Dec 3rd as an alternative date).

By way of introduction, following in the footsteps of our previous IMC Secretary, Heber Vega (who worked tirelessly for the church and mostly behind the scenes over the past four years, and whose foundation I will endeavour to follow), my wife Rebecca and I grew up valuing the Sabbath in our heritage, thanking God now for our six children and three granddaughters. Living at the "ends of the earth" near Perth in Western Australia, we'll be

relying mostly on utilising digital conferencing to effectively collaborate and communicate. But more than that, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in the direction that Christ leads, I humbly solicit your prayers, as together with these dedicated and faithful servants, we expand the boundaries of His Kingdom:

Bryan Cleeton	Executive Director	USA/Canada
Ramon Ruiz	President	Mexico
Whaid Rose	1 st Vice President	USA/Canada
Jorge Gillig	2 nd Vice President	Argentina
Lawyer Obara	Treasurer	Nigeria
John Klassek (myself)	Secretary	Australia

You'll note that this is the first time the IMC Executive has been so widely represented, and we hope and pray that the next four years of our terms of service to you blesses and encourages what God is already doing.

By God's grace, in Christ's service,

John Klassek

PS Please don't forget to send us reports and photos of the IMC Annual Sabbath in your area.

PPS And, please "Like" our Facebook feeds, enabling you to automatically receive ongoing announcements, news, as well as photos received of IMC Sabbath in various parts of the world.

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