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TO ALL THE LOCAL CHURCH BOARD IN NORTH EAST ZONE

PLEASE READ!

Dear Fellow Believers in Christ,

SUBJECT: PREACHING PLAN FOR THIRD QUARTER, 2017

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Pertaining to the above-mentioned subject, please find herewith few points of consideration for the Port Moresby North East Zone Master Preaching Plan for Third Quarter, 2017.

Firstly, for the first time in the National Capital District we have embarked on a Master Preaching Plan that would serve as a template to coordinate preaching itinerary for our field pastors who serve in Zone Two. This initiative is embraced for the following objectives:

1. That the church membership in the North East Zone can get to know the serving ministers within the Zone and appreciate their spiritual service more intimately.
2. That the growth of new churches and influx of membership within our zone has created a situation where the ratio of pastor to church membership is imbalanced. Hence this preaching plan is an initiative to balance pastoral presence and compliment multi-church pastoring enterprise to pastors that are looking after multiple churches. Admittedly, a lone company/hand church at least can feel the presence of a senior pastor or a minister twice a quarter, not only for preaching but also to assist in other pastoral duties while assigned on that particular Sabbath.
3. To help our young ministers experienced pastoral work in different environments.
4. To assist the church and its membership to feel the spirit of unity and cooperation and see themselves in a wider picture where they belong to the Seventh-day Adventist Church within the Zone than confine to their own local churches.

5. To set the platform for effective coordination and ease of communication where instruction, mobilization and implementation of programs and other major events can be achieved with greater ease.
6. To get churches experienced preaching from different perspectives hence making church more lively.

Secondly, this preaching plan is drawn to constantly educate membership about the Discipleship Process and TMI from the Harvest Model in Mark 4: 26 – 29. The theme of this quarter's preaching plan is **"SOIL PREPARATION."** When drawing up the preaching plan from this master plan, every local churches are urged to remind all their preachers to preach on the dynamics of soil preparation as illustrated in the parable. This includes, discussion on the cultural, ethnicity, and geographical setting of the people. Preachers can also elaborate on the nature of man as sinful and how it can affect their response to the Word of God. On the same token preachers can also shed light on how a soul can be assisted to receive the word of God thus becoming a disciple of Christ. Consideration of community services and physical activities are great initiative to prepare people's heart for the planting of the seed and can be emphasized in the sermon.

Whilst having different preachers every Sabbaths, due diligence must be given by the preachers to refrain from repeating the story of the parable on consecutive Sabbaths throughout the quarter. The person preaching in Lesson one (1) will only introduce the parable and particularly soil preparation to set the premise. The other preachers are advised to only extract the principle from the parable story. The principle is garnered to broaden your research through the vast literatures of the Bible. Similarly, widen your study and presentation from Old Testament. One can also do a biographical sermon from the New Testament examples. Get supporting quotations from Ellen G. White to consolidate your points. Preaching from different perspective is greatly encouraged. **"I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO PREACH FROM SERMONS DOWNLOADED FROM INTERNET."** Be creative, innovative and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Use Illustrations that are biblical and not make-up stories, illusions or illustrations that may be offensive in nature.

Thirdly, we have assigned all Pastors twice this quarter to all churches. That means you will have two pastors/ministers from Moresby North East coming to your church this quarter. Most of them will come on Lesson 7 or Lesson 13. This is deliberately done so that they can also take up Stewardship Revival Meeting or initial Quarter ending Revival Meeting leading to the Lord Supper. In the event that if you cannot have your revival meeting on lesson 13, lesson 1 is an option. There are ministers scheduled for lesson 1. Use them for that occasion. If there are Stewardship Revival Meeting on Lesson 7 or Lesson 13 Revival Meeting, I suggest you prepare sermons within the context of Discipleship.

Fourthly, ensure that each Local Churches are responsible to provide transport to pick up the preacher. That means regular communication must be done during the week so arrangements are facilitated before the pick-up. I will draw up an internal directory for all Pastors, Senior Elders, Church Clerks, Treasurers and Personal Ministries Leaders in due course. This internal directory will be used for communication amongst leaders in our zone and for preaching arrangements besides other usages. The refreshments are discretionary.

Finally, for this quarter we have included only the Pastors and Ministers. We will do a mid-quarter review on Lesson 7. And we will also be looking at involving our Elders in this preaching plan and have it implemented next quarter. The Third Quarter's preaching plan is final upon approval from the Minister's Fraternity. However, should there be any conflict or inconveniences, it is subjected to change only with those that are affected.

In conclusion I leave this message with you from **1 TIMOTHY4:2 – 4**, **“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

May God bless you all as you as you humbly consider preaching as a divine appointment to make disciples for the Master and hasten His Coming.

Yours in the Blessed Hope

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