



## Three Benefits Every Pastor or Church Leader Will Receive From Conferences

### ***GREETINGS,***

I know you are probably asking, “Will conferences really provide me with the necessary training I need to grow my church and grow in my calling as a Pastor or Church Leader?” In short, my answer is, “**YES!**”

Throughout the year, you CAN find Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops with topics such as:

1. Strengthening one's personal relationship with God;
2. Discovering and developing one's spiritual gifts;
3. Managing the business and legal aspects of church work;
4. Creating and running ministries for children, youth, outreach, and adults;
5. Church finance and budgeting; and
6. Church planting.

Today, conferences, seminars, and workshops have become an alternative way for many pastors to receive a type of “formal” training while starting or growing their churches.

Now let me give you some reasons why and the associated benefits:

#### **Benefit 1: You can receive training specific to your needs.**

Depending on your background in ministry, it may be difficult to find a seminary program that addresses what you need to learn.

For instance, a minister who has served as a youth pastor for 15 years may not need training in teaching, preaching, and pastoral counseling. However, he may find that he needs additional training in matters of corporate management, such as how to establish a corporation, how to run a board meeting, and how to create and balance budgets.

Attending conferences allows you to choose specific training based on the areas you need to work on most.

#### **Benefit 2: You have the opportunity to network with other Pastors and Ministers.**

Networking with other leaders is an invaluable tool. You can receive encouragement from other ministers facing the same challenges as you do. Additionally, these ministers can teach you about resources you never knew existed. You can learn about ministry models, curriculum, software, and more.

### **Benefit 3: You can be inspired.**

Through the training you receive at conferences, you can be inspired with new ideas to refine the operations and direction for your church.

As a Minister, you pour out your life to your congregation and community, and often receive nothing in return. You are okay with that because you have the heart of a Servant Leader. However, the reality is that you also need to be poured into.

### **You minister best when you are ministering from an overflow.**

By attending conferences, you have an opportunity to be strengthened, built up, and poured into. In fact, it is possible for you to attend the same conference year after year and learn something that you may have missed the first time you attended.

### **It is time to be proactive in your ministry and not reactive.**

There are many conferences available for you to take advantage of and I encourage you to ask other pastors and church leaders about conferences they would recommend. Who knows, they may even want to attend with you.

There is one last option for you to consider. I want to take this opportunity to invite you to attend The Quarterly Sessions, The Monthly Pastoral Seminars & Symposiums and The Annual Convocations of **Agape Christian Ministries International**. This is always an opportune time for you to learn vital information in church compliance and strategies for expanding your Church's Vision and Reach. I also encourage you to bring along board members, church leaders and committee chairpersons and members.

Faithful attendees of our events are also offered delegate participation as we continue to be innovative for growth and development as an organization striving to remain relevant in every season and age.

***“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you, we bless you in the name of the Lord!”***

Sincerely in the Lord's service,

*Bishop Lee Donelson Sr.*

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