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Joint Winter Retreat - Meeting Syllabus

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.”

I. General Retreat Information

Dates:	Dec 28 (Sun) - 31 (Wed)
Venue:	Camp Cedar Crest 33325 Green Valley Lake Rd Running Springs, CA 92382
Retreat Theme:	“Children of Light” Matthew 5:14
Guest Speaker:	Pastor David Park Christ Central of Southern California
Seminar Speaker:	Pastor Eddie Song Light of Love Mission Church
Guest Praise Team:	TBA
Fee:	\$160/person

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II. Participating Churches

Canaan Presbyterian Church, Bellflower	Pastor Jae
Calvary Presbyterian Church, Buena Park	Pastor Rachel
Gardena Presbyterian Church, Gardena	Pastor David
New Life Oasis Church, Los Angeles	Pastor Joseph
New Life Vision Church, Los Angeles	Pastor Jiwon
	Pastor Danny
Gospel Presbyterian Church, La Habra	Pastor Roland
21 st Century Baptist Church, Anaheim	Pastor Eric
Orange Canaan Presb Church, Santa Ana	Pastor Julie
Living Water Church, Cerritos	Pastor Simon
Hana Church, Buena Park	Pastor James
	Pastor Esther

(Estimated total attending: 220, +/- 20)

III. Retreat Meetings Schedule

Mtg#	Date	Location	Topic	Leader	Items Due
1	Sun 9/28	Canaan Pres 17200 Clark Ave Bellflower, CA 90706	Introductions		
2	Sun 10/12	Gardena Pres 1340 W Gardena Blvd Gardena, CA 90247	Preparation "How God Develops Leaders"	Pastor Rachel	Reflection 1 Chain Fast Begins
3	Sun 10/26	Calvary Pres 7082 Crescent Ave Buena Park, CA 90620	Character "A Life That Moves Others to Follow"	Pastor David	Reflection 2 <u>\$200 Church Deposit Due</u>
---	Sun 11/2	TBA	Staff Bowling Trip		
4	Sun 11/9	New Life Oasis 1041 S Oxford Ave Los Angeles, CA 90006	Goal "Moving People On to God's Agenda"	Pastor Joseph	Reflection 3
5	Sun 11/23	Gospel Pres 1751 W La Habra Blvd La Habra, CA 90631	Influence "How Leaders Lead" (Devotional 1)	Pastor Roland	Reflection 4
---	Sat 12/6	Gardena Pres 1340 W Gardena Blvd Gardena, CA 90247	Pre-Retreat Rally		
6	Sun 12/7	Living Water 19200 Pioneer Blvd Cerritos, CA 90703	Pitfalls "What Disqualifies Leaders" (Devotional 2)	Pastor Simon	Reflection 5 <u>Apps & Fees Due</u>
7	Sun 12/21	Canaan Pres 17200 Clark Ave, Bellflower, CA 90706	"The Leader's Rewards" (Devotional 3)	Pastor Jae	Reflection 6
8	Sat 12/27	Canaan Pres 17200 Clark Ave, Bellflower, CA 90706	Optional mtg, final prep (if necessary)		
---	12/28-31	Camp Cedar Crest	SHOWTIME!!!		

IV. Purpose of Meetings

These meetings have been designed to unify, encourage, and equip the leaders of this retreat. We'll achieve this through fellowship, leadership seminars, small group devotionals, staff body worship and skit preparations, and of course, prayer.

We know our leaders are very punctual, but in case anyone needed a little added incentive to be on time, all late staffs (incl. pastors) will put \$5 into the **LATE JAR**. Anyone more than 10 minutes late will put in \$10. Pastor Simon, avid hunter and gun enthusiast has been commissioned to enforce this rule.

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V. Assignments

All staff will be required to complete and submit each reflection assignment on its due date. The reflections will need to be **minimum one paragraph, maximum one page**.

All Assignments will be turned in to and reviewed by your pastor at the beginning of each meeting. All long-distance staffs must email their reflections to 4lolya@gmail.com.

Beyond the inherent blessings that come with the reflections, there will also be more tangible incentives for completing them on time!

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VI. Prayer Meetings

Leadership lessons will be followed by a time of prayer (20 minutes), where we will have an opportunity to lift up the retreat and the youth kids. We will also use this time to pray for each other in small groups, pray for personal prayer requests, and for God to bless the hosting church.

VII. Chain Fast

Our Chain Fast will be from **Oct 13th to Dec 19th**. The fast will only take place **Mon-Fri**. Remember, fasting is not just about abstaining from food but more importantly about spending time with God in prayer. It is also about reaching out to the needy, so we encourage you to take the food you would have eaten for yourself and give it to someone in need.

After you have completed your scheduled fast, **text the next person in line**--let's keep each other accountable to fast! As an added visual encourager, we will place a marble in a **PRAYER JAR** for every meal fasted. Let's fast and pray until it overflows!

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VIII. Body Worship & Skit

One of the distinguishing features of the LOLYA Retreat is this extra measure of staff participation. After the Prayer Meeting the staff will split into two teams to prepare a Body Worship as well as a Skit, respectively, to be presented to the youth kids during the retreat.

While these presentations are very entertaining and blessing for the youths, we have seen over the years how encouraging and unifying they are to the staff. The kids will be blessed by the product, but we hope that you will be blessed by the process. k~~~

IX. Pastoral Meetings

While the staffs are busy practicing the BW and Skit, the pastors will meet together to discuss retreat logistics, review reflection assignments, and engage in various other spiritual activities, yes.

X. Retreat Devotional Topics

Monday

Genesis 1:3 - "Let There Be Light"

Tuesday

John 8:12 - "Jesus, the Light of the World"

Wednesday

1 Thes 5:5 - "You Are the Light of the World"

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VI. Staff Expectations

*"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men...you are serving the Lord Jesus Christ."
-Col 3:23-24*

*"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."
-Eph 5:15*

Be On Time and Be Ready

Meetings start at **5pm sharp**, so out of respect for all staffs please be punctual.

Exceptions:

While it is not recommended, one absence will be permitted (non-transferrable!). Staff members who are simply not able to attend meetings (because of school in another state, etc.) are still eligible to participate as a retreat staff, but with limited duties. They will still be responsible for submitting the reflection assignments on time via email. If you anticipate schedule conflicts please speak to Pastor Jae.

Be a Good Role Model

>>>Let's **keep** each other accountable; taking every opportunity to encourage and pray for one another as we share our lives and concerns.

>>>Let's **watch** our words and deeds and maintain purity, understanding that our actions have communal, not just individual, consequences.

>>>Let's **show** our students what true unity and love in Christ looks like through our fellowship together as the retreat staff.

Finally, Some Great Advice for Leaders:

"Eagerly start the day's main work. Do not murmur at your busyness or the shortness of time, but buy up the time all around. Never exaggerate duties by seeming to suffer under the load, but treat all responsibilities as liberty and gladness. Never call attention to crowded work or trivial experiences. Before confrontation or punishment, seek from God a real love for the one at fault. Know the facts. Be generous in your judgement. Do not believe everything you hear; do not spread gossip. Do not seek praise, gratitude, respect, or regard for past service. Never allow yourself to be placed in favorable contrast with anyone..."

Edward W Benson,
Archbishop of Canterbury, 19th cen.