

WELCOME NOTE

Dear Brothers & Sisters

Welcome to Goudini Spa, South Africa and to the Continent of Africa. We are thrilled that you took time out of your busy schedules to be with us during this very important Consultation. We are extremely grateful that the leadership of the WEA Mission Commission has agreed to bring this International Consultation to Africa. We believe that this a strategic time in the history of our Continent. At the recent Continental Consultation called MANI (Movement for African National Initiatives), 520 Christian leaders affirmed that Africa's time has come! The meaning of Africa is "pleasant" and our prayer is that this will be a pleasant experience for you.

You come at a time when the Church on this Continent is growing at phenomenal pace. You also however come at a time when there are still severe challenges facing the Church in Africa, such as the continued spread of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, poverty, corruption, dearth of leadership, conflicts and the challenge of some of the least reached. Another challenge facing us is that while we believe we are doing a fair job of reaching this Continent, the question is how we can truly participate in Global Missions.

We believe you are here to give further impetus to what God is already doing on this Continent. You being here will be an encouragement to your fellow brothers and sisters on this Continent. We also believe that you being here will further cement the partnership between Africans and the Global body of Christ.

May we together seek and know the Lord's mind for our wounded, broken world during this week. May this week be a time not only of participation for you but of refreshing as well.

Your fellow brothers

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