

The start of a new year is always perceived as the end of a period and the beginning of another that promises to be better. With this in mind people set goals, make promises, start projects and celebrate the successes of the past year.

We at the Inter-American Division believe that now is a good time to thank God for the wonderful manifestation of His grace in the Church during the last twelve months. The evidences are countless across our territory and so we give glory to our Lord. But to honor all that God has given us, it is necessary to rekindle our passion for prayer, for Bible study and witnessing. That is why when 2013 was assigned as the Year of the Laity, we did so with the goal of building a permanent relationship with God. In other words, our celebration of the new year should not be limited to a few days or weeks, but we must seek to give our best in devoted service every day and every moment of our lives.

In our Division office, we have launched a special dedication and commitment, where our guest speaker is a lay evangelist. Eugene Benjamin from the island of Antigua and Barbuda in the Caribbean, presented a series of messages that challenged us to do our work as ambassadors of Christ and stressed the need to be reconciled with Him, according to the biblical inspiration of 2 Cor. 5:17-20.

As administrators, pastors, teachers, colporteurs, doctors, and church members, we are called to go, preach, teach and baptize. Let us make this our daily task during 2013, sharing the joy of living a life devoted to God. I am sure that at the end of year, we will celebrate victories together and receive the reward of the Lord which says: "Well done faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord.



Israel Leito President Inter-American Division

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation..

2 Cor. 5:17-19

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## **UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES:**

#### **IANUARY 9-19**

World wide prayer initiative "10 Days of Prayers" (Operation Global Rain).

#### **IANUARY 19**

NOW Challenge, Twitter Impact I - #GodL (God Listens)

## JANUARY 21-23

Holy Convocation for leaders at the Division headquarters in Miami, Florida.

# **JANUARY 25**

Ordinance of Humility and Communion Service throughout churches in the Inter-American Division.

#### **IANUARY 26**

Holy Convocation for leaders of churches throughout the Inter-American Division.

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