Living Stream Ministry

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To: All the churches in the United States and Canada

Re: Book Service Workshop

Dear Brothers:

We are writing to invite your church to participate in the book service workshop that was announced on April 14, 2018, during the International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) in Anaheim. A portion of that announcement is repeated below.

Both Watchman Nee and Brother Lee realized the crucial role that the publications and the book service plays in the establishing, growth, and spreading of the churches. Two quotations from *The Collected Works of Witness Lee* express his feeling concerning the publications and book service.

The churches in Southeast Asia have been able to maintain their spiritual life for the past thirty years mainly through the publications of the Book Room...During the past twenty years, eighty percent of the more than 300 churches in the West have been raised up through the publications. (*CWWL*, 1984, vol. 5, p. 207)

The book service is a very important service in the churches, and it has an especially important relationship to the elders...I hope that the elders in each locality will give the saints some help and encouragement so that each household will have a supply of spiritual books. (pp. 190-191)

From 1984 to 1986, Brother Lee held annual gatherings in Taiwan to fellowship about the book service. One elder and book service saints from every church in Taiwan and many of the co-workers attended these meetings. The Taiwan Gospel Bookroom has continued to hold these annual meetings up to the present time. Based on this history, we are pleased to announce that a book service workshop for the churches in the United States and Canada will be held **August 4-5**, **2018**. Please note that at least one leading brother must attend for your church to be allowed to participate.

Enclosed in this registration packet is a link to the online application form and information regarding the meeting schedule, meals, accommodations, and transportation. Only online registrations will be accepted. Please follow the instructions listed on the enclosed information sheets. The registration deadline is July 7, 2018. Please honor this deadline to assist the serving ones who are making preparations for this workshop; we ask that all applicants submit their registration as soon as possible.

Yours in His recovery,

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Information for the **Book Service Workshop** Anaheim, California

- 1. Dates: August 4-5, 2018
- 2. Location: Ministry Conference Center (MCC), on the Living Stream Ministry (LSM) campus in Anaheim, California.
- 3. **Registration:** One leading one and one or two serving ones from each church may register and make their donations online at <u>https://secure.lsm.org/workshop.cfm</u>. A church may not participate unless a leading brother attends. Others who register must be approved by the leading brothers. Couples should register individually, and if they requesting LSM hospitality, they will be housed separately.
- 4. **Deadline:** The deadline for registration is **July 7, 2018**; this is a firm deadline. Please remember your registration is not complete without your registration donation. A late charge of \$25 will be charged for any registration received after July 7.
- 5. Attendees: One leading brother from each church <u>must attend</u> the workshop with one or two saints (brothers or sisters) who are burdened for the church book service.
- 6. **Translation:** There will be no translation; all attendees must be fluent in English.
- 7. **Technology:** Attendees must bring a laptop computer, tablet, or iPad and a smart phone. Some workshops will include exercises using their digital devices to access the ministry websites to access printed, audio, and video ministry materials.
- 8. **Materials:** A three-ring binder will be provided with handouts and extra paper. Attendees should come prepared to take notes.
- 9. **Cost:** The workshop donation is \$60 for those who need LSM hospitality. This will include two nights lodging, four meals, and materials. The donation for local saints and others who do not need lodging is \$25 for two meals (excluding breakfasts) and materials. Attendees should submit their workshop donation with their registration. Any registration received after July 7 will incur a late charge of \$25.
- 10. Lodging: Those receiving LSM hospitality Friday and Saturday night will be housed within one mile of the MCC. (Couples will not be housed together.) For all those receiving LSM hospitality, houses must be left clean, trash emptied, and the used bedding and towels be placed in the basket near the front door.
- 11. **Food:** Those who have special diets (gluten free or vegan) should indicate this when they register.
- 12. **Transportation:** All attendees receiving LSM hospitality must provide their own transportation to the MCC on Friday between 5:00pm and 10:00pm.
- 13. **Shuttle Service:** Shuttles between the MCC and your assigned housing will be available on Friday evening and the Lord's Day morning because of luggage. Those taking LSM hospitality need to be physically able to make the 15-minute walk between their housing and the MCC Saturday morning and evening; otherwise, they should arrange their own transportation.

14. Checking In: All attendees receiving LSM hospitality must check in between 5:00pm and 10:00pm at the MCC on Friday, August 3, to pick up their workshop materials and their lodging assignments. All others will check in on Saturday morning between 7:30am and 8:30am.

15. Workshop Topics

- a. A healthy book service
- b. Book displays and sales counters
- c. Lending libraries
- d. Coordinating with the LSM book section
- e. LSM book packages
- f. Distributing rainbow booklets and special promotions
- g. The Collected Works of Witness Lee
- h. Recovery Version Holy Bible
- i. Life-study of the Bible
- j. The Holy Word for Morning Revival and book service shepherding
- k. LSM websites
- 1. Internet purchasing
- m. Listening to the ministry
- n. Church reading programs
- o. LSM copyright policy
- p. Pursuing the truth in the homes
- q. Internet reading and study groups

16. Schedule

Friday, August 3

5:00pm - 10:00pm LSM hospitality check in and housing assignments

Saturday, August 4

7:30am	Breakfast for LSM hospitality
7:30am	Check in for local attendees
8:30am	Opening Message 1:
	The Vision and Burden of the Church Book Service (1)
9:00am	Various sessions with breaks
12:30pm	Lunch for all attendees
1:00pm	Various sessions with breaks
6:00pm	Dinner for all attendees
6:45pm	Various sessions with breaks
9:00pm	Corporate overflow
9:30pm	Dismissal

Lord's Day, August 5

7:15am	Breakfast for LSM hospitality and housing check out
8:00am	Lord's table meeting
8:30am	Opening Message 2:
	The Vision and Burden of the Church Book Service (2)
9:00am	Various sessions with breaks
12:30pm	Dismissal (no lunch provided)

17. **Registration Assistance:** If you have any questions or need assistance, you may contact the LSM Registration Section either by phone at 714-236-8456 or by email at register@lsm.org.