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To,
All the Presbyters and Authorized Lay-Preachers,
C.S.I. Diocese of Madras.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings.

The Annual Lay-Preacher's Conference for this year will be held from **10th to 12th October 2008** at the **C.S.I. St. Ebba's Higher Secondary School, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Chennai 600 004**. The theme for this year's Conference is "**COMMUNICATING GOSPEL FOR COMBATING CASTE!**" ("**சாதியை அழித்திட சத்தியத்தைப் பறைசாற்றுவோம்!**") Kindly fill in the enclosed Registration form and send it to the Director before **20th September 2008**. Kindly note the following guidelines and information regarding the Conference.

1. The programme will start on Friday the **10th October 2008** at **5.00 P.M.** with Tea and Registration. There will be no registration on the other days.
2. All the commissioned Lay Preachers are expected to attend this programme without fail from the beginning till the end.
3. The Registration Fee for each participant will be:
 - a. City and Town Pastorates: Rs.250/=
 - b. Rural Pastorates: Rs.200/=
4. The Registration Fee is to be paid by the respective Pastorate or Unit. The amount should be paid on the first day of the conference in cash or by Cheque, drawn in favour of **The Hon. Treasurer, C.S.I. Diocese of Madras**, which, may be handed over in person. (Kindly note the Registration Fee need not be sent directly to the Diocesan Office).
5. The travel expenses for all the participants should be paid by their Pastorates or Units.
6. The Lay-Preachers should bring their authorization book with the recommendation of the Presbyter for renewal and hand it over at the time of registration. **Without the recommendation of the Presbyters, authorizations will not be renewed.**
7. All the participants from the City/Town Congregations are requested to make a contribution of Rs.150/= each and those from the Rural Congregation Rs.100/= each towards Book Fund. The contributors are eligible for a gift of books from the Diocese. It is compulsory for every participant to make contribution for the Book Fund and get the books.
8. All the participants are requested to pay Rs.50/= towards the subscription for the Lay-preachers' Fellowship. This is to be paid by the individual Lay-preachers and not to be claimed from the Pastorates.
9. Participants will be provided food for three days (5.00 p.m. on 10th October to evening tea on 12th October) and for those who need accommodation, it will be provided. Please write to me in advance for need of accommodation. Please bring your Bible, Bedding and Torch light.
10. Registration will be made only on remittance of all the contributions viz., registration fee, contribution for book fund and subscription for Lay-preachers' fellowship.
11. **Attendance for all the sessions is compulsory for the renewal of authorization.**

Looking forward to meet you.

With kind wishes.

Very Sincerely yours,

Rev. M. Enose,
Director, Board for Lay-Training.

Cc.: The Bishop,
The Officers, MDC.,
Convener, Ministerial Committee,
Rev. B.J. Premiah
Mrs. Chrislet Flowercy, Secretary, Lay-Preacher's Fellowship.
The Correspondent, C.S.I. St. Ebba's Hr. Sec. School
Mrs. Mary Ramola, Headmistress, C.S.I. St. Ebba's Hr. Sec. School.
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