

Dear Community Development Attendees,

Merry Christmas. The New Year is fast approaching. 2018 brings a new opportunity for growth and development. With this in mind, we have planned the Community Development Initiative. The idea for this meeting was birthed while in South Africa during a prophetic interaction. The vision was a gathering of apostolic leaders to share intelligence in how to position 21st Century churches for community development and economic empowerment.

The meeting will be **February 22-23, 2018, in Washington, DC.** This gathering could not come at a more opportune time. Our communities are in need of our strategic impact more than ever. I am looking forward to your attendance and know your presence will add tremendous value.

Our hosts, Pastors Eugene and Patrice Sheppard, have been in ministry for almost thirty years. They are the lead pastors at Living Word Church in Washington, D.C. Additionally, their community impact has been tremendous. Lydia House is a 21st-century model founded by the Sheppards in 1990. It is a stellar community service project that will be worth seeing first hand. With their tremendous expertise in Community Development, this Initiative could not be facilitated by better people.

Caterina and I are excited about the leaders who will attend. We are expecting pastors from across the nation. We anticipate that you will return to your respective cities with insight that will enrich and empower your ministries.

Please see the attached itinerary. We recommend that you fly into Reagan National Airport (DCA) and take the shuttle to the host hotel. The host hotel is the Residence Inn Arlington Capital View, located at 2850 South Potomac Avenue, Arlington, VA 22202.

Book your hotel room by calling the Marriott Reservations at 1 (888) 236-2427 or (703) 415-1300 on or before the **DEADLINE Monday**, **January 15, 2018**. Ask for the Living Word Church room block.

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Itinerary

February 21	Arrival
February 22	8:30 am- 4:00pm
	Tour National African American Museum/National Bible Museum Reception at the Sheppard's Home to follow
February 23	9:00am-5:00pm Visit Lydia House
	Community Development Workshop
February 24	Departure

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