



Greater Sydney SDA Conference

Making The Most of Year End

Over year end things often slow down in intensity around the church. With members away generally there are less programmes and meetings. This provides time to rethink, recalibrate and set the sails for the New Year.

Things to be working through over year end:

1 – Make Time to Recalibrate:

Take some time to recalibrate your personal life and your ministry. Work through the issues of self leadership and ensure you are in a healthy place spiritually.

- Make time to invest into the people closest to you.
- Try some new spiritual disciplines
- Put a physical exercise plan in place
- Put in place your personal growth plan for 09

2 – Sharpen Your Leadership Gift:

What will you be reading/listening to over the holiday break? Maybe take a notebook with you on holiday so that you can write down good ideas that come to mind in your quieter time. However, make sure your reading time does not take away from your family who may have been waiting all year to get you away from church.

- Read a book outside of a discipline you usually read in
- Make some time just to surf the net looking for leadership/church life resources
- Take a bunch of church life magazines with you on holiday just to flick through when you are relaxing
- Put in place your leadership growth plan for 09.

3 – Plan Your Next Vision Steps:

Be working on how you will move forward with vision in the New Year. What sermon series best launches the vision for the year? What will you write in your church newsletter to launch into a new year? What will your first board meeting of the New Year be like? New Year is a great time to make some fresh starts.

- Make time to be praying about God's vision for your church
- If away visit other congregations with an eye for how they communicate vision
- Have conversations with your family where you explain the vision for the church and then pray as a family for the church
- Think through what step you are up to in the vision process and make plans to move into the next phase of vision preparation, development, casting, motivating or evaluating.

4 – Grow Your Leaders:

Take time to meet individually with your leaders over year end, especially your new leaders to ensure they know where they are headed and what is expected from their role in the New Year. If you have developed role descriptions work through these and what they mean. Maybe year end will give you some time to develop descriptions for your leaders if you do not already have them.

- Make time to spend with your leaders in a social environment
- Provide your leaders with an article to read or DVD to watch over year end
- Encourage your leaders in recalibrating their spirituality over year end

5 – Take a Break

In the middle of it all remember to take a break and be refreshed.

- What will you do for fun?
- Who are the funny people you will spend time with?
- What will you do with each person in your family to be fully with them?

Have an enjoyable holiday season.

See you at ICLD in 09

Conference Office – Feb 11
Macarthur Adventist College – Feb 12

'If you have been given the gift of leadership then lead with all diligence.' Romans 12:8