



Greater Sydney SDA Conference

Getting Ready for a New Year

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 and set the sails for the New Year.

Things to be working through over year end:

1 – Yourself:

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. Put in place your personal growth plan for 08.

2 – Self Leadership Development:

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. Put in place your leadership growth plan for 08.

3 – Vision:

Be working on how you will launch the vision in the New Year when everyone is back. 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.

4 – Setting The Direction With 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.