

VISION MEETING

The Vision meeting is usually held on the second Sunday night in January. It provides an opportunity to come together once a year and to unify our churches around the vision God has for us as a corporate people. It is a prophetic meeting which identifies the mind of God for this body and sets the tone for ministry for the year. The Vision Meeting assists the local pastor, instructing his local ministry in a way that is compatible with others in *The Fellowship* for the year ahead.

PASTOR'S / LEADERS INSTITUTE

Every pastor benefits from continuing study of current ministry ideas and techniques! Input from qualified teachers and mentors will encourage pastors, ordained elders, and church leaders and keep them up-to-date on the latest ministerial ideas. Institutes are consistently scheduled in the months of February and August each year. We meet at the Pomona headquarters church to learn pastoral techniques from some of the finest teachers of our day. Meetings begin at 9:30 and continue until 1:30PM. Though designed for pastors (and spouses if desired) church leaders are encouraged to attend! At every quarterly Institute session we offer separate training for your prayer team, youth leaders, children and music department. A mid- morning brunch is included in the day's activities.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Two- Day Regional Meetings are held once per year in each region by the Regional Director appointed by the *Shield of Faith Fellowship of Churches International, Inc.* Executive Board. It includes Friday evening worship service at 7:30PM. Saturday morning includes a fellowship breakfast for pastors and seminars for church leaders in various areas of ministry. The meeting concludes with a dynamic preaching service around noon.

The concept is to:

- **UNIFY** churches in the Region/Diocese.
- **RECRUIT** pastors and churches that are interested in assessing the Fellowship and its benefits.
- **TRAIN** leaders in local churches.
- **TEACH** apostolic doctrine and provide opportunity to train altar workers in helping seekers to receive the Holy Ghost.
- **EXPOSE THE FELLOWSHIP** giving visibility in the respective regional setting and local Christian community
- **TO INSPIRE THE SAINTS** of the local SOF churches, causing them to fully understand what they are a part of.

CONVENTION

The purpose of the *Shield of Faith Fellowship of Churches* annual Convention is to bring the body together both pastors and their congregations. The convention begins the Tuesday after Easter Sunday and continues every night for the duration of the week. Morning seminars, mid-day service, and children's church are available.

The Convention provides a time:

- To worship as a body on one accord.
- To train pastors and ministers
- To share successful ideas.
- To guarantee that all the Shield of Faith Family are aware of new developments.
- To receive new pastors, license new ministers, and appoint officers.
- To do the business of the fellowship.
- To partake in the fruitful revelation that God is giving to various prophetic voices around the world.
- To come together and interact officially and unofficially.