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Greetings Fellows,

The Conference is over now, our goals are defined, admonishments have been given, and hopefully a new direction is in the making. The latter I shall hasten to explain applies to our Black ministers. I am not at liberty to launch into a lengthy discourse on the subject, but suffice it to say that the wrinkles have been ironed out, I will explain in detail. Mr. Armstrong handled the matters in his usual thorough manner. The agenda consisted of numerous reports by our Vice Presidents, most of which stated the accomplishments of the past year, areas of mistakes, and three to five year projections. The scope of God's Work loomed up surprisingly when viewed from the resulting figures. Those in charge are now able to see more clearly how prolifically figures multiply when reaching intended goals, for example "which would you rather have, a million dollars or a penny the first day and doubled each day thereafter for thirty days." It now seems we are soon to reach the stage where the Work is to build in gigantic leaps. Mr. Armstrong has been telling us this very thing for some time now.

The Foreign Work takes on more significance now that Mr. Dart has reassessed the various areas. Clarence Bass has been desiginated as the Regional Director of the Caribbean. We suggested a raise in rank, but it has not been approved at this time. The area is growing fast and becoming a major concern, because of the hostility and open scorn against all foreigners. Jobs are only open to local residents, and foreign businesses are warned that work permits will not be granted unless conditions favorable to the country in question are met.

The situation in Africa is similiar. I am to make the tour again this year, West Africa only. We felt it better to relinquish Central and East Africa because of the growing number of requests in West Africa. So after careful consideration of the assembled facts West Africa is to become region #3, a feast site is to be sought for 1974. The monetary problems are monumental, but by employing the system used by Clarence in the Caribbean we feel all will work out favorably.

The situation here at home concerning Black ministers is not in too favorable a condition to date. We here in the Church Administration Department have not been given guidelines as yet. The major direction has not been clearly defined by Mr. Armstrong or the committee of Evangelist, I do however, have a future conference date with Mr. Antion. Something concrete will no doubt be formulated, and our involvement in God's end time work will be spelled out.

Your prayers are solicited as never before. It seems somewhat redundant to repeat the request, but when full significance is known of the present trauma regarding Black ministers you will unhesitatingly agree His guidance must be seriously sought for.

Your Servant in Christ,

Harold L. Jackson

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