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Praise the Lord for His endless love and guidance as we work towards building capacity of Christ centered educational institutions in Ethiopia!

Easter in May It is our prayer that you had a blessed Easter celebration! Ethiopia will be celebrating resurrection day of our Lord Jesus Christ on May 2, 2021. Wishing you all a happy Ethiopian Easter, Melkam (መልአም) Fassika (ፋሲካ) on May 2, 2021!

On March 22, 2021 we conducted our second on-line interactive seminar entitled ***“Building Effective Higher Education Leadership”***. The seminar began with prayer followed by a short devotion based on the following scriptures: Ephesians 4:11- 12, Philippians 2:2-3, Proverbs 3:5-6, Philippians 2:13, Psalm 29:11, Philippians 4:13 and Philippians 1:6. ***The take-away message was***, knowing that our assignment is from God - to equip His people, we embark on this journey respectfully valuing each other, trusting the Lord to strengthen and guide us, and recognizing that all things will work together for His Glory!

The focus of ***“Building Effective Higher Education Leadership”*** part I seminar was on ***Human Capital – Mission and Student Success***. We are grateful for our



presenter, ***Dr. Peter Senkbeil***, who has a long history

with Concordia University Irvine (CUI) and currently serves as the Vice President & Special Assistant to the President at Concordia University Irvine. At this capacity, he is responsible for new academic program development,

community and government relations, accreditation, assessment, and other special projects.

In spite of his busy schedule in addressing the current higher education challenges due to the pandemic, Dr. Senkbeil was generous with his time in preparing for this seminar. We spent several hours via zoom, in planning, exchanging ideas, understanding the existing challenges, and realities of cultural contexts. The ultimate goal was to work towards delivering a meaningful and applicable educational experience to Mekane Yesus Management Leadership College (MY-MLC) faculty and leadership team. His dedication to Christian higher education and mission work is unequivocal.

CUI, as one of the successful Christian Higher Education in the USA, the sharing of best practices and experiences to build capacity of fellow Christian academicians at MY-MLC by seasoned educators, is on target with one of the goals of this ministry – to provide professional growth-related support in the journey towards the formation of an effective Christ centered educational institution in Ethiopia.

Addis Ababa is approximately 9,124 miles flight distance away from Los Angeles International Airport and 11 hours ahead of Pacific Standard Time (PST). Furthermore, typical workday in Addis Ababa is 8:00am to 5:00pm which corresponds to 10:30pm to 7:00am PST. This means most of our **live** online meetings are conducted between 10:30pm and 2:30am PST. In a season of “social distancing” this is a true example on how the Lord’s mission is progressing and thriving well using technological means to share the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and equip brothers and sisters in

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Christ in advancing the Kingdom’s work in Ethiopia.

As the facilitator and contributor to this seminar, in reflecting at the level of participation during presentation, discussion and question/answer time,



there is no word to express but to say as in **Psalm 133:1**
“How good

and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” I am grateful and privileged to serve at this capacity, and I thank the Lord for navigating this new journey of ministry at this time. This is truly one of the blessings that has come out of this pandemic season. Thank you for your partnership and continued support in this ministry’s journey.

Please pray for:

- >People of Ethiopia and for the rising COVID-19 infections.
- >The Lord’s intervention on COVID-19 related challenges around the world.
- >Leadership team, faculty, students, and all spring 2021 activities at Mekane Yesus Seminary and MY-MLC.
- >Renewed energy and health while navigate ministry work in 2021.

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