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Dear Pastor, Dean and Administrator,

We hereby wish you all the best for the new year 2010. May you experience His Times of Refreshing.

A New Curriculum

We have a brand new curriculum. It has been many years in the making and available since 2009. About three schools started to follow it in 2009. Now about 60% of the old schools are switching over to the new curriculum. All new schools will also follow the **Church Life** curriculum. It will be the only programme available in 2014 or perhaps the complete change will take place much sooner.

Advantages of Church Life

This new **Church Life** programme has many advantages over any other ministry course in existence. It has a new mix of learning materials which includes practical skills, IT skills and the MBC Word-based modules. Some of the material (the old CLT) is presented as **a topical outline** (which is expanded in the lecture) and other material present its topic through a completely written out document for pre-reading and discussion (i.e. the MBC material). The text books are in A4 format with a much improved layout which uses a **font size** that is much more readable. The programme also offers an **e-learning portal** on the Internet and CDs are loaded with extra resource material, colourful pdf's, and PowerPoint slides. Some **online testing** is to be implemented this year. Overall this is a quantum leap of improvement for our material – made possible by the new e-learning technology of the 21st century.

A Bridging Course – Saving One Year

It is now time for getting our **planning** into top gear to maximise our facilitation of 7,200 students to benefit from this. When the Lord Jesus said those words which still echo to us 20 centuries later: **Make disciples, baptize, and teach them all ...** He knew that the people in **290 Bible Schools** in South Africa would be disciplined by mentors, enhanced by e-learning. It is hard work and sometimes without recognition and the reward we expect is small. But in heaven there awaits us a crown and heavenly reward. For this many saints have deemed the earthly suffering to be worth it. Let us therefore also take courage.

To reduce your suffering we have worked out a way in which the 2009 first years can move over to Phase 2 of 2010, thereby **saving them a whole year** in their studies. We attach an Excel sheet called ChurchLifeSchedule (to the e-mail) to explain our suggestion in detail. A few notes will be helpful:

1. The three pages represent on the **left** and the **right** a schedule for

- a normal **Phase 1** (left) and **Phase 2** (right).
2. **In the middle** is presented a way in which the first year students of 2009 will be able to do Phase 2 this year (2010).
 3. The lectures in red are those where they attend the same class as the Phase 1 students (new intake 2010)
 4. The lectures in purple are the **Phase 2** lectures they have to do.
 5. The lectures with a light blue background are the ones they have to do mainly as a **self-study** with assignments as the only evaluation.
 6. The skills are introduced on **one day** or lecture and **the cards** are inspected at the same time as **a test** some time later to see if they did the practical. In this way they will get the credit.
 7. The class schedule for Phase 2 will be given **a different order** in 2011, when there is no need to do the **bridging course**

Student Fee Record

We also prepared an Excel sheet called **Student Admin** if you are looking for a way to keep track of the money. Look at the example, then [clean the area with the dummy figures](#), enter your Tuition Centre number and see your name come up from the list as we have it. Change the list (page 5) if you must, and then notify us of the name change. Set your fee (**as a negative figure**) for the year in the light yellow block and delete the unused figures (depending on how many students you have. Now you may enter the registration fees and monthly contribution for every student as well as any bursaries or bounced cheques you may receive. Add also your monthly costs of **books** and **lecture fees** you paid out. Your running balance will show in the last column, hopefully indicating a profit for the year. It can accommodate **80 students**. We hope you like this simple but effective Excel sheet. [[get it here: www.clt.org.za/infodocs.html](http://www.clt.org.za/infodocs.html)]

Administration of Church Life

We enclose a **PowerPoint slide show** which was especially made for you to better understand the administration of the new course.

New Class Results Record

We will also send an electronic **Class Results Record** on Excel. A handbook for the **testing, evaluation of assignments** and of the **tasks** will be produced and distributed with the test book. Remember, we speak of **tests** instead of exams because we take tests throughout the year instead of presenting them at the end of the year. The idea of **exams may bring fear** to the mind of every student. On the other hand, we know that “love drives out fear”.

We hope the year will not be too testing.

The CLT Board.