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We all seek significance in our lives, our work, our relationships, our communities. We do so in many different ways and at different levels, and yet we all yearn for signs that point the way to purpose and meaning.

As Christians we know our ultimate significance is found in Christ alone. But what does significance in Christ mean? Jesus showed us true significance when, just hours before His crucifixion, He wrapped a towel around His waist and washed the disciples' feet. In the image of the towel and basin we see humility, service, generosity, and a different kind of love. In this most astounding act, Jesus shows us how to have purpose, meaning, and significance in the way we live our lives. "Go and do likewise."

I believe God is calling Love In the Name of Christ to an even deeper significance—in each of our personal lives and across the Love INC movement. Love INC can have Christ-like significance in the lives of people in need, in the Church, in our communities, in our nation. Please join us April 27 to 30 at the Love INC National Conference in seeking God, continuing to equip our hearts and minds for ministry, refreshing our spirits, enjoying fellowship together, and growing in our understanding of Significance In the Name of Christ. May God bless you.

Robert Odom

President

Love In the Name of Christ

The Love INC National Conference is designed to serve Love INC affiliates including:

- Executive directors
- Board members
- Staff
- Volunteers
- Ministry partners
- People interested in forming a Love INC affiliate and learning more about the Love INC ministry

We strongly encourage as many people as possible from each affiliate to attend the conference because of the many learning opportunities.

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Rev. John Weborg is professor emeritus of theology at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1975. Weborg is the primary developer of the seminary's distinctive spiritual formation program. An author and frequent lecturer, Weborg has also served as pastor of Evangelical Covenant churches in Illinois and Pennsylvania.



Mark McCloskey serves as professor of ministry leadership, program director, and lead faculty of Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Previously McCloskey served in a variety of leadership capacities as a staff member of Campus Crusade for 24 years. He presently serves on the board of the Urban Leadership Academy and as a consultant in all areas of organizational development.



Robert Odom has served as president of Love In the Name of Christ since 2001. Odom led Love INC through its transition as a ministry owned by World Vision to a separate national nonprofit organization in 2003. Previously Odom was senior director of World Vision U.S. Programs and has served as executive director of numerous community agencies and organizations in the Midwest dedicated to addressing the issues of poverty.



Dr. Ray Pritchard is a speaker and author living in Tupelo, Mississippi. For 26 years he served as a pastor in Los Angeles, Dallas, and Chicago, most recently serving 16 years as the senior pastor of Calvary Memorial Church of Oak Park, Illinois. Pritchard has authored over 20 books including three books published in 2005: *The Incredible Journey of Faith*; *Credo: Believing in Something to Die For*; and *The Healing Power of Forgiveness*.



Rev. Brent Nelson has served as senior pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota since 1989. He has also served in Christian radio with the Northwestern College Radio Network and has spoken at the Love INC National Conference and two Love INC President's Summits.

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Music at the conference features Christian recording artists, as well as local church praise and worship teams. Special musical guest is:



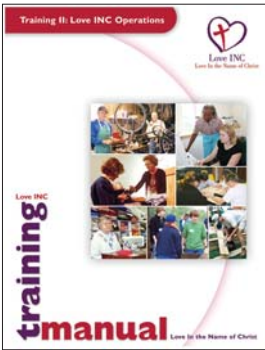
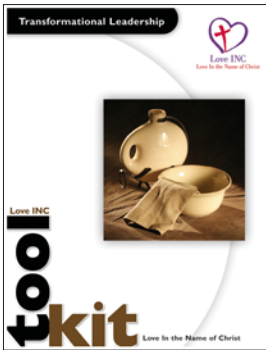
The Minnesota Teen Challenge Choirs perform weekly at area churches and community organizations, sharing their music and testimonies. Multiple choirs are comprised from over 300 residents of Minnesota Teen Challenge, one of the largest residential drug and alcohol treatment programs in the state. The program's mission is

to assist teens and adults in gaining freedom from chemical addiction by applying Biblical principles, enhancing social skills, improving work habits, building supportive relationships, and growing in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



w o r k s h o p s

Conference participants may select three workshop sessions to attend during the conference. Special workshop features include the introduction of a new Love INC tool kit on Transformational Leadership and a workshop based on the new Love INC Training II Manual: Clearinghouse Operations.



Workshop topics include (subject to change):

- Clearinghouse Operations: Moving from Good to Great
- Transformational Leadership (new tool kit)
- Body Building: Mobilizing the Church
- How to Present the Compelling Vision of Love INC
- Increasing Impact through Gap Ministries
- Multiple Approaches to Homes of Hope
- Developing Relational Ministry
- Fundraising (Challenging but Doable)
- Budget Counseling Program
- Leading as a Board of Directors
- Leading as an Executive Director
- Keep the Fire Burning: Staying Motivated in Ministry
- Faith and Emotional Well-being
- Take Your Marketing to the Next Level
- Volunteers: Moving People from Pews to Service

c o r e s c h e d u l e

(subject to change)

Thursday, April 27	Friday, April 28	Saturday, April 29	Sunday, April 30
7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast for Directors Retreat	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast	7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast	7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Directors Retreat		8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Plenary Session	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Worship and Close of Conference
	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Plenary Session	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Workshops	
	12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch	12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch	12:00 p.m. Hotel Check-Out
	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Plenary Session	1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Plenary Session and Affiliate Awards for Years of Service	
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Conference Registration Open	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshops	3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshops	
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner and Opening Program	6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner and Program	6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner and Concert	
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Fellowship	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Fellowship	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Fellowship	

National Directors Retreat *for* Execu- tive Directors *and* Board Members

April 27, 2006
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Growing Our Understanding of **Poverty** and the **Poor**



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The National Directors Retreat provides a unique, annual forum for the leadership of Love INC to gather from across the country to learn, discuss, and strategize on topics of significance to the Love INC movement.

This year's retreat focuses on increasing our understanding of the needs, issues, and increasing opportunities to serve the people in need who seek help from Love INC. This topic will make a difference in an affiliate's effectiveness in serving clients and deepen Love INC's impact and significance in the lives of people in need.



Terie Druessi Smith, author and speaker for aha! Process from Marion, Ohio, will serve as keynote presenter. Smith has served as supervisor of prevention services at the Morrow County Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Inc. for more than nine years. She is a former public school teacher and currently serves as adjunct faculty for several colleges in Ohio. Smith co-authored *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities* with Ruby Payne and Philip DeVol.

Also presenting at the retreat is Rev. John Weborg, professor emeritus of theology at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. The retreat is led by Love INC President Robert Odom.

The retreat is held on Thursday, April 27 at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport, the same location as the National Conference that begins at 6:00 p.m. that evening. Because of the morning start time, participants should arrive at the hotel on Wednesday, April 26. The cost of the hotel sleeping room for executive directors for Wednesday night is paid by the Love INC National Headquarters, and is \$142 (includes taxes) for each board member. *(There is no charge if a board member shares a room with an executive director.)* Breakfast and lunch are provided during the retreat.

To register, use the conference registration form provided.

registration

Cost

\$325 per person for double occupancy.

\$495 per person for single occupancy.

Cost includes three nights, eight meals, plenary sessions, workshops, and materials.

Cost for individual sessions or meals available upon request. Additional night stay is \$142 per room per night (includes taxes).

The conference fee covers less than 50 percent of the actual costs of the conference; the Love INC National Headquarters underwrites the remaining costs. If you are able to make a donation to help defray the additional conference expenses, it is greatly appreciated.

Registration Confirmation

The conference fee and completed registration form are due by Friday, March 31, 2006 to Love In the Name of Christ, National Headquarters, 430 Oak Grove Street, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Please send your registration form as soon as possible via fax at 612.872.6006 or the return envelope enclosed. You will receive a written confirmation including hotel brochure and any updated conference information.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

If you are unable to attend the conference and have already registered, you may substitute someone in your place. Cancellations may not be refundable after April 14, 2006.

For more information about the conference, call the Love INC National Headquarters at 800.777.5277.

Your attendance at the conference constitutes permission to publish photographs taken at the event that may include you.

location

The Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport
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Minneapolis, MN 55425
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- Three miles from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport.
- Complimentary Hilton shuttle service to/from the airport every 30 minutes.
- Complimentary Hilton shuttle service to/from the Mall of America.
- Guest rooms feature hair dryers, coffee makers, ironing boards, individual climate control, color remote televisions, voice mail, and high-speed internet access.
- Hotel features Blue Water Grill, complimentary parking, swimming pool, two whirlpools, sauna, and exercise room.



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