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On behalf of the Love In the Name of Christ national board and staff I want to invite you to attend the 2011 Love INC National Gathering to be held at Village Church of Gurnee in Gurnee, Illinois October 27-29, 2011.

These are very challenging times for all of us with many profound changes taking place in our country, our communities, and in the ministry of Love In the Name of Christ. But, this is also an extremely exciting time for Love INC. The need for Love INC in our communities has never been more intense and the potential for Love INC to grow and profoundly impact our communities and nation has never been greater.

To meet this challenge and this opportunity will require all of us, individually - as members of the Body, and collectively - as the unified Body of Christ - to work together. Every affiliate's presence and participation is needed and desired.

Please join us for what is sure to be a very Spirit filled three days of teaching, discussion, prayer, worship, and fellowship with one another as we explore our theme "The Defining Difference" and chart the future of Love In the Name of Christ.

Your Brother in Christ,

Steven T. Ough
Board Chair

P.S. Between now and throughout the National Gathering, please pray that God will bless the preparations for the event, all those who are involved in bringing it to fruition, and will provide the means to allow every affiliate to attend.

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Participants may select **three** workshop sessions to attend during the gathering.

Core Schedule *(subject to change)*

Thursday, October 27	Friday, October 28	Saturday, October 29
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Biblical Basis of Love INC	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Leading From the Heart - Part I	8:30 AM – 10:30 AM National Director Presentations and Q&A
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM The Defining Difference – Part I	10:30 AM – 11:45 AM Workshops	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Closing Program
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch	11:45 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch	
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM The Defining Difference – Part II	1:00 PM – 2:15 PM Workshops	
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM The Defining Difference – Part III	2:45 PM – 4:00 PM Workshops	
	4:15 PM – 5:20 PM Leading from the Heart - Part II	
5:00 PM Open evening. Dinner - on your own	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Dinner, Program and Concert	

Plenary Session Descriptions

The Biblical Foundation of Love INC

This session will highlight Bible passages that are foundational to the Love INC ministry. The passages are organized around three themes. (1) What can only God do in and for the ministry of Love INC? (2) What, specifically, is God calling Love INC to do? (3) What are we asking clients to do? These passages provide support for our mission statement as well as the Love INC “defining difference.” This session is presented for the purpose of establishing a common understanding of the biblical foundation for the Love INC ministry and keeping us “on the same page” as a national movement.

The Defining Difference

The *Defining Difference* is not so much in what we do, but how and why we do it. These sessions will take a comprehensive look at what those differences are and give tools to help you communicate them to your communities. It will include a study on the emotions and mind-set of people in need and how our response to their need affects them. You will also receive training on a new piece designed to improve the relationship between your partner churches and your affiliate. The Defining Difference training can transform your affiliate and strengthen the relationship with your partner churches and the community.

Leading From The Heart

We are navigating our personal and professional lives during a time of uncertainty and change. In these times, our churches, our affiliates and our communities need Christian leaders who lead out of their heart. What is the human “heart?” Where is it? How do we live from it? How can we make an impact on the world around us through our heart? What does it mean to lead from the heart? In this two-part workshop, you will receive in-depth and thought-provoking answers to these questions. Be prepared to be challenged, comforted and transformed!

National Directors Presentations and Q&A

The national Board of Directors, with input from local affiliates, has created a set of strategic initiatives for fundamentally restructuring the Love In The Name of Christ national organization. During this session the newly appointed National Directors will briefly present their plans for implementing these strategic initiatives in their respective areas of responsibility for the coming year, and answer any questions you have for them. Come prepared to ask your questions, and come prepared for change – this is not the Love INC national of old.

Workshop Descriptions

NATIONAL RESTRUCTURING STRATEGIC INITIATIVE WORKSHOPS

The national board has developed a high-level set of strategic initiatives that will fundamentally restructure the way Love INC operates. Local affiliate input and feedback on these initiatives is needed if we are to be successful in restructuring and transforming Love INC into an organization that can effectively and efficiently meet the needs of existing and developing affiliates, and have a lasting and profound impact on our communities and nation. Through a combination of presentation and breakout sessions you will be asked to provide your input on the various strategic initiatives and their strategic objectives. These six strategic initiative workshops are your opportunity to help shape the future of Love In the Name of Christ for years to come.

BASIC FUND RAISING PRINCIPLES WORKSHOP

Learn about the important steps and principles to follow in fund raising for your Love INC. You will get ideas on how to be creative, consistent, timely and successful in generating dollars for your ministry. Along with learning what guidelines to follow and knowing how to develop a fund raising timeline, you will also receive detailed information on a variety of successful fund raising ideas which have been used by other Love INC ministries. A time to develop a timeline of fund raising in your own ministry will be included in this workshop.

RAISING FUNDS THROUGH EVENTS, PROJECTS, AND RECURRING REVENUE

Learn about a variety of successful and easily used fund raising events which have the ability to generate more revenue each year. You'll learn about promotions and publication ideas which are effective. You will learn how to build momentum in fund raising and make the appropriate "Ask" at the appropriate time. You will receive many actual ideas and examples of proven fund raising projects, events and campaigns. You get many ideas to generate more dollars to free up your Love INC ministry to do more ministry. A time to develop some of your own next steps will be included in this workshop.

IMPLEMENTING THE LOVE INC VISION IN YOUR COMMUNITY

With input from local affiliates, we have recently completed the creation of a Love INC vision statement – something that Love INC has never had before. But how does, or can, this new vision for the future of Love INC impact your local Love INC affiliate? Attendees of this workshop will expand their understanding of how a vision and mission statement must work together to provide guidance and direction within all levels of an organization. Attendees will also develop a plan for how their local affiliate can translate this broader vision for all of Love INC into a local vision and strategy to lead, energize, and motivate their staff, churches, volunteers and donors.

Workshop Descriptions (cont'd)

BOARD ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING WORKSHOP

In this active, hands-on workshop, board members will learn how to use national materials to assess their board performance, select areas needing attention, and work on planning. Participants will engage in some self-reflection and begin work on actually creating some much-needed affiliate materials. Especially helpful for young affiliates and new board members, but a good reality-check for all board members.

BUILDING BLOCKS OF A HEALTHY BOARD

Do you want to learn how to have an effective, dynamic board that is actively engaged developing your affiliate? This workshop examines the building blocks of a healthy board of directors. Participants will come away with tools to assess board performance and concrete means for better equipping board members for their significant role in Love INC ministry.

MOBILIZING VOLUNTEERS

Are you challenged finding volunteers who want to serve? Do you need help placing and training them after they show an interest in serving? Do you have trouble keeping your volunteers? Are your systems for tracking them cumbersome and difficult to use? Would you like fresh ideas on how to nurture and help them feel valued? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this workshop is for you. It's all about volunteers and that's what Love INC is about – mobilizing.

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Who Should Attend the 2011 NATIONAL GATHERING?

Anyone who has a connection to Love INC including:

- Executive Directors
- Board Members
- Staff
- Volunteers
- Pastors
- Lay leaders
- Spouses
- Ministry partner
- Supporters
- People involved in developing a new Love INC affiliate

We strongly encourage as many people as possible from each affiliate to attend.

REGISTRATION

COST \$225.00/person (Includes meals as noted on agenda, general sessions, workshops, materials and transportation to/from Milwaukee airport and to/from hotel and Village Church). Cost DOES NOT include hotel or airfare.

Where We Will GATHER Village Church of Gurnee

847-244-6606

1319 N. Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, Illinois 60031

We have gone to an online registration system this year to make the registration process easier and more cost effective. The registration pages are full of information about the Gathering and related logistical information. Please look through them completely paying particular attention to the Hotel & Transportation information. When you are ready, click on the "Register Now" button to proceed.

You will find the 2011 National Gathering Registration Website at:
<http://www.regonline.com/loveincnationalgathering>

Registration deadline is October 5, 2011. Please register as soon as possible. You will receive confirmation as soon as you complete your online registration.

HOTELS

The National Gathering has selected three official hotels. These are the only hotels which will be included on the morning transportation route to Village Church and return that evening or any other group function that is part of the official National Gathering agenda. ALL rooms at the three official hotels must be reserved through the National Gathering Online Registration Website.

The hotels are:

Hampton Inn, 5550 Grand Avenue, Gurnee, IL 60031

Country Inn & Suites, 5420 Grand Avenue, Gurnee, IL 60031

Best Western, 5430 Grand Avenue, Gurnee, IL 60031

Further description of accommodations can be found on the 2011 National Gathering Registration Website.

QUESTIONS

Three ways to find out more information about the 2011 National Gathering:

1. Check out FAQs on Registration Website at:
<http://www.regonline.com/loveincnationalgathering>
2. Email: Love INC HQ at info@loveinc.org
Call: 1-800-777-5277
3. Email: Doug Kwikkel at info@3-dpartners.com
Call: 262-361-4939

CANCELLATION/ REFUND POLICY

Cancellations will not be refunded after October 5, 2011. However, if you are unable to attend the gathering and have already registered, you may substitute someone in your place.

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