

JANUARY 2017

**And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”
And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.” Rev. 21:5**

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year. Not unlike the rest of the world, we begin 2017 with some significant changes. First off, our new website is under construction and we look forward to introducing it in the near future. If you haven't already noticed, we have a new logo, and new envelopes.

Second, Ruth Ross stepped down as Acting Deputy Executive Director for the Global Council and has resumed her duties as Chair of the AI board of directors. We are extremely grateful for all the excellent and tireless work put in by our dear sister from Canada. She took on a difficult task and set a high bar for all those who will follow her. We are pleased to announce that Mark Mudri has now assumed the role of Acting DED and will serve in that capacity until the end of February. Please pray with us for the Global Council and Mark's new role. Mark's permanent status remains in question until a decision by the Supreme Court of Australia expected in February.

Third, Romi Kobayashi will be retiring after 14 years at the end of this month. For someone with so much understanding and knowledge of AI and its history, Romi is irreplaceable, but please continue to pray with us as we continue to seek for her replacement. If you would like to share your own congratulations and thanks to Romi, please feel free to write to us and we'll be sure to pass along those greetings.

In 2017, three regional conferences are planned. From 2-5 February 2017, Foro Evangélico del Derecho, will host Advocates Europe in Tenerife, Spain, for a conference that will look more closely at the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. From 16-20 August 2017, Advocates Ghana will be the host for the 12th Advocates Africa Conference in Accra. From 16-19 November 2017, ANAJURE will host the 12th Advocates Latin America Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. I invite you to join us at any or all of these three conferences to meet with these wonderful ambassadors to the legal profession. In addition, I travel to Peru for the Global Kingdom Partnership Network in March and to Brazil for the Religious Liberty Partnership Consultation in April for meetings that impact the Church around the globe.

Finally, please pray with us each day of the week for the key leaders from across the Advocates network. I've enclosed the latest list of national leaders from Advocates Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America & the Caribbean, the Global Council, the board of Advocates, and the staff. Your prayers are the engine that encourage all of us in our mission to serving the Body of Christ with the legal talents He has given us. Your financial gifts enable us to equip them. Thank you so very much for both.

Grace and Peace,



Brent McBurney
President and CEO





2017 NATIONAL LEADERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Pray with us for these national leaders

Mondays: Advocates Africa

ADVOCATES AFRICA: *Chairman Mike Chibita (Uganda)*

ANGOLA: Armando Palanga, Maria Lucia Da Silveira; **BENIN:** Agathe Affougnon; Jean-Marc Kodja; **BOTSWANA:** Edward Luke II; **BURKINA FASO:** Paul Dipama; **BURUNDI:** Longin Baranyizigiye; **CAMEROON:** Rose Mbah-Acha; **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** Moussa Yves; **CHAD:** Pasteur Bako Ngarndeye; **COTE D'IVOIRE:** Josue Tchimou; **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO:** Jean Alain Kasonga; **EGYPT:** Emad Felix Moubarak; **ERITREA:** Tedla Aradom; **ETHIOPIA:** Nigatu Tadesse; **GABON:** Moutou David, Sala Watoma R. David; **GAMBIA:** Sagar C.T. Jahateh, Rachael Y. Mendy; **GHANA:** Nketiah Yaw; **GUINEA:** Frédéric Loua Foromo; **KENYA:** Judy Kalinga, Joyce Kabaki; **LESOTHO:** Tsabo Matooni, Sue Merriman; **LIBERIA:** Othello Payman, James Jones; **MALAWI:** Pacharo Kayila; **MALI:** Alison Diarra; **MOZAMBIQUE:** Cauio Carlos Alberto, Annet Ttendo; **NAMIBIA:** Masiza Shakespeare, K.B. Ngutjinazo; **NIGER:** Maitre Nouhou Amadou; **NIGERIA:** Sunny Akanni; **RWANDA:** David Furaha, Vital Nsengiyumva; **SENEGAL:** Joseph Nassakou; **SIERRA LEONE:** Ibrahim Koroma; **SOUTH AFRICA:** Teresa Conradie, Maryna Joubert; **SOUTH SUDAN:** Benjamin Sogora; **SUDAN:** Mary James Ajith; **SWAZILAND:** B.A. Dube; **TANZANIA:** John Osapiri; **TOGO:** Komi Devotsu; **UGANDA:** Dr. Daniel Ruhweza; **ZAMBIA:** Stephen Lungu; **ZANZIBAR:** Yussuf Sulieman; **ZIMBABWE:** Gerald Matiba

Tuesdays: Advocates Asia & Oceania

ADVOCATES ASIA: *Exec. Com. Chairman Min Choon Lee (Malaysia), Exec. Com. Hon. Sec., Gregory Vijayendran* **AUSTRALIA:** Mark Mudri; **AZERBAIJAN:** Asif (Sadig) Huseynov; **BANGLADESH:** Elizabeth Halder; **CHINA:** Julia Feng; **HONG KONG:** Victor Yau (C@B), Steven Yip (CLF); **INDIA:** Robin David, Pramod Singh, Tehmina Arora; **INDONESIA:** Tony Budidjaja, Saudaranta Tarigan; **ISRAEL:** Marvin Kramer, Botrus Mansour; **JAPAN:** Hiroshi Nagao; **JORDAN:** Haytham Eraifej; **KAZAKHSTAN:** Samira Shindauletova; **KOREA:** Dongsub Sim; **KYRGYZSTAN:** Asel Bayastanova; **LEBANON:** Elie Kharat; **MALAYSIA:** Min Choon Lee; **MONGOLIA:** Baasankhuu Octyabri; **MYANMAR:** Saw Hla Henry; **NEPAL:** Bishwash Sunuwar; **PAKISTAN:** Ezra Shujat, Joseph Francis; Mushtaq Gill **PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** Andrew Kwimber; **PHILIPPINES:** Aldwin Salumbides, Elgene Feliciano; **RUSSIA:** Katya Smyslova; **SINGAPORE:** Gregory Vijayendran; **SRI LANKA:** Yamini Ravindran, Godfrey Yogarajah; **TAJIKISTAN:** Parvina Ahmedova; **THAILAND:** Anurak Poonnoo; **UZBEKISTAN:** Nail Gabdullin; **VIETNAM:** Nguyen Van Dai

Wednesdays: Advocates Europe

ADVOCATES EUROPE: *President Latchezar Popov (Bulgaria)*

ALBANIA: Toni Gogu, Altin Naqe, Fatmir Lacey; **ARMENIA:** Lusy Avagyan; **AUSTRIA:** Robert Kramer; **BELARUS:** Dina Shavtsova, Sergei Shavtsov; **BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA:** Aleksander Vukovic; **BULGARIA:** Latchezar Popov; **CZECH REPUBLIC:** Adam Russ, Martin Okac; **CROATIA:** Jasmin Avdagic, Tihomir Kukolja; **FINLAND:** Ville Hoikkala; **FRANCE:** Nicolas Duval; **GERMANY:** Patrick Menges, Martin Franke, Peter Gegenwart, Armin Eckermann; **GREECE:** Pepie Pagoni, Vassilios Tsirbas; **HOLLAND:** Inge Bijdevaate, Eline de Groot; **ITALY:** Gianfranco Amato, Pascquale Annicchino; **KOSOVO:** Pal Bala; **MACEDONIA:** Laste Spasovski; **MOLDOVA:** Aliona Cara, Evghenii Sologubenco; **MONTENEGRO:** Sinisa Nadazdin; **NORWAY:** Henning Heitmann; **POLAND:** Ursula Pomorska; **PORTUGAL:** Fernando Loja; **ROMANIA:** Benjamin Lup; **RUSSIA:** Katya Smyslova; Yuri Snisarenko; **SERBIA:** Dusan Kostic; **SPAIN:** Eliseo Gomez-Lor; **SWEDEN:** Ruth Nordström, Per Karlsson, Mats Tunehag; **SWITZERLAND:** Benjamin Doberstein, Henri Minder; **TURKEY:** Hurrem Chevic, Egesu Oscara, Mine Yildirim; **UNITED KINGDOM:** Michael Sookias, Paul Diamond; **UKRAINE:** Andrei Somov, Ivan Mykhalchuk, Sergei Gula

Thursdays: Advocates Latin America (FIAJC)

FEDERACIÓN INTER AMERICANA de JURISTAS CRISTIANOS/ ADVOCATES LATIN AMERICA:

Board: Uziel Santana (Brazil): President; Robert Bolivar Diaz Lopez (Ecuador): Vice President; Lorenzo Hernandez (Guatemala): Treasurer; Rosana Guillen (Uruguay) Secretary; and Elizabeth de Larios (Guatemala): Vogal. **Deliberative Council:** Marcel Legarra (Uruguay): President; Hugo Pineda Dagoberto (El Salvador): Vice President; and Pedro Rivadeneira (Ecuador): Secretary. **Fiscal Council:** Valmir Nascimento (Brazil), Lidia Garcia (Argentina) and Grisel Arrecis (Guatemala). **ARGENTINA:** Luis Guillermo Daglio; **BOLIVIA:** Dr. Harold Isevich Melgar; **BRAZIL:** Gilberto Ribeiro; Uziel Santana; **CHILE:** Carmen Gloria Moreira; **COLOMBIA:** Juan Carlos Tobon Arboleda; **COSTA RICA:** Dorca Henriquez; **CUBA:** Alina Zaragoza Ramírez; **ECUADOR:** Espléndida Navarrete, Pedro Rivadeneira; **EL SALVADOR:** Hugo D. Pineda, Patricia Melara de Rivera; **GUATEMALA:** David Sentes Luna; **HONDURAS:** Gilda Espinal, Geovanny Pinto, Rivaldo Rivera; **MEXICO:** Isaac Vargas, Rogelio Quiroga; **NICARAGUA:** Guadalupe Gomez, Melba Alguera; **PARAGUAY:** Bettina Chamorro, Daniel Varela; **PERU:** Ana María Caro; **PUERTO RICO:** Ivette Montes, Sonimar Losada; **URUGUAY:** Marcel Legarra; **VENEZUELA:** Rhaizza de Villarreal

Fridays: Advocates North America & Caribbean

ADVOCATES NORTH AMERICA:

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA: Radford Hill; **BARBADOS:** Anne Reid, Tennyson Vaughn; **BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS:** Lorraine St. Rose; **CANADA:** Derek Ross; **DOMINICA:** Jeffrey Douglas-Murdock; **GRENADA:** Thandi Lyle, Olabasi Clouden; **GUYANA:** Tejnarine Remroop, Justice Yonette Cummings, Kim Kyte-John; **JAMAICA:** Shirley Richards; **SAINT LUCIA:** Liz Joseph; **SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES:** Mandella Campbell; **TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:** Alice Soo Hon, Hyacinth Griffith, Maureen Rajnauth-Lee; **USA:** David Nammo, Jennifer Patrick

Saturdays: Advocates Global Council & Board Members

Global Council – Exec. Committee: Chairman, Min Choon Lee (Malaysia); Vice Chair, Teresa Conradie (South Africa); Secretary, Gregory Vijayendran (Singapore); Treasurer, Mark Mudri (Australia); At-Large, Latchezar Popov (Bulgaria); At-Large, Elizabeth de Larios (Guatemala).

Members – Africa: Dr. Bankole Sodipo (Nigeria); Hon. Mike Chibita (Uganda); **Asia:** Robin David (India); Dongsub Sim (South Korea); **Europe:** Eliseo Gomez (Spain); Peter Gegenwart (Germany); **Latin America:** Uziel Santana (Brazil); Grisel Arrecis (Guatemala); **Middle East:** vacant (please pray for new representative); **North America/Caribbean:** Justice Alice Soo Hon (Trinidad & Tobago); Ruth Ross (Canada).

AI Board: Chairperson, Ruth Ross (Canada); Vice-Chairmen, Calvin Beresh (Canada) and Jeffrey Brauch (Treasurer) (USA); Secretary, Sam Logan (USA); Matt Bristol (USA); Teresa Conradie (South Africa); Timothy Klenk (USA); Hee Eun Lee (South Korea); Min Choon Lee (Malaysia); Peter Rathbun (USA); Roger Sherrard (USA); Ken Starr (USA); and Morse Tan (USA)

Sundays: Advocates Staff & Family

Please pray for Mark Mudri and his wife Lynn; Romi Kobayashi; and Brent McBurney, his wife Elizabeth, son Ian and daughter Sarah Louise.