

# Developing

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My wife and I participated in a conference December 28-31 with 15,000 students under age 25 and another 1,500 persons over age 25. Young leaders from multiple nations and cultures engaged onsite in anointed worship and bold, biblical teaching. Video streaming produced access to 200 nations. Each time we entered their special 24/7 Prayer Room hundreds of young, emerging leaders were focused for hours at a time on loving, praising, and pursuing Jesus.

On New Year's Eve just before midnight, the four-day conference concluded with extraordinary, exceptional, stunning, unforgettable commitment to Christ. Hoping for 1,000 to respond, leaders were elated when 5,000 came forward to accept a sacred charge: for the rest of their lives, they would become friends of the Bridegroom and serve as forerunners to help prepare the way for Jesus' return.

The seven commitments of "The Sacred Charge" were:

1. Live holy: be like Jesus, walk the Sermon on the Mount, and keep purity covenants
2. Pray daily: invest two hours daily in prayer and the Word
3. Fast weekly: set your heart to fast two days each week as a lifestyle
4. Do justly: personalize compassion focusing on the fatherless and oppressed
5. Speak boldly: witness faithfully Jesus' heart for the Church, Israel, and the nations
6. Disciple diligently: equip forerunners in weekly prayer meetings and Bible studies
7. Give extravagantly: tithe and give generous offerings to global mission and prayer

God calls through your leadership. Thousands of next generation leaders are ready and willing to respond with lifelong commitment. Refuse to settle for business as usual, especially if offering primarily "ChurchLite": merely fun and games for youth. Raise the bar! Challenge them to biblical, extraordinary, lifelong commitment to Jesus Christ in person.