Inter-America: Schools and universities to pause for a special day of prayer

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The division-wide event will mark the second consecutive year that regular class programs are put on hold to dedicate prayer and Bible study time, says Dr. Gamaliel Florez, education director for the church in Inter-America. It's an objective that educators have been working towards since last April, when the day of prayer initiative swept through schools and universities as an activity held throughout the IAD during its revival and reformation initiative, Constant in Prayer.

Executive committee members voted last year to set aside a day of prayer and Bible focus throughout its schools during the current five-year period, which concludes in 2015.

Students and teachers will spend time reflecting on the benefits of prayer and the Holy Scriptures as an integral part of worship and spiritual revival.

Top church leaders from the Inter-American Division will travel to each of the 21 major church regions or unions to participate in special programs in designated schools and universities.

A special live program from the University of Southern Caribbean in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago will feature Pastor Israel Leito, president of the IAD, with a spiritual message. Music and special prayer activities will also be featured. The program is scheduled to begin at 3:45 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (or 2:45 p.m. Trinidad Time) and will be in English.

In Guatemala, more than 5,000 students and teachers in the 27 schools will halt all student activities to take time to pray, study the Bible and testify in their community, according to Yanet Cima, education director for the church in Guatemala. The church in the Central American country will hold concerts, marches and special parades through main streets and special drama performances designed to illustrate the need for prayer and study of the Scriptures in society, she said.

A number of activities will also take place in the Dominican Republic where more than 20,000 and teachers in the 98 primary and secondary schools will put away assignments and notebooks to focus on the Bible, pray and participate in drama performances.

Elsewhere in Inter-America, schools and universities will hold special programs to include parents students and their family members to participate.

For more information on the special prayer revival throughout schools and universities in Inter-America, and to view the live webcast of the March 7, 2012 program at the University of Southern Caribbean, click here

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