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Dear Saints in Christ (sometimes called laity),

Have you ever had an idea strike you as a total inspiration? This happened to me recently as I was studying Ephesians 4 where the Apostle Paul says pastors equip the Saints for the work of ministry. The Priesthood of all believers. How do we do that?

We have a **Springs Academy** for pastors over the phone. Why not have a **Springs Academy for the Saints** over the phone? Allow me to explain. In Springs of Living Water, which is a Christ-centered, servant-led initiative in church renewal, groups of pastors have five conference calls spread across twelve weeks. This has been very energizing.

In a **Springs Academy for Saints**, groups of Saints would use a guide for their spiritual renewal and that of the church. This would guide us in daily scripture reading and prayer. We would learn the about servant leadership that follows the model of Christ. Further, we would learn five roles of Saints in the local church and how to do them.

Rather than find out what is wrong and fix it, congregations find what is right and build upon it. In a process we look at how a church spiritually builds one another up and discovers the calling of the congregation. Each church is led to a guiding scripture that helps them discern a vision and plan. Then they learn how to implement their plan.

The Saints learn how to respond to their unique calling in the church, their home, at work, and daily life, and so build up the Body of Christ. We will give tools for the work in the church where everyone has a role and is trained to implement it. Thereby we grow in our faith and draw others into the exciting mission of the church today.

Would you feel a call to join in this journey of training, where there is growth in faith and exciting discussions by phone on how to live out your calling? And with your pastor, feel re-energized in your church and your family and in daily life? We would be happy to hear from you.

In Christ's service,

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