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***Reflecting Hope Letter to all:
Reflecting Hope Pilot Participants, Pastors, Bible Workers, Elders, Personal
Ministries Leaders, Church Clerks, Communication Directors, Youth Leaders
and anyone interested in equipping the church to do sustainable Evangelism.***

***A special invitation to Our Reflecting Hope Training Retreat
November 3-5, 2023***

Dear Fellow Believers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

The BUC' strategic Priority no.1 is **Reflecting Christ**. Under that initiative the BUC has embraced the GC Christ for Europe and developed a three-year evangelistic programme for our territory called **Reflecting Hope**. 2023 is our pilot year. 2024 is the year we ask our Pastors to engage in this initiative. 2025 is the year we ask all our churches across the Union to embrace this initiative.

Our aim is to support Conferences and Missions personnel to target Pastors and key individuals in local congregations to be equipped to function efficiently during the 2024 Reflecting Hope drive. Our Purpose is to transition evangelism from being one-off events to a cyclical lifestyle approach (legacy building initiatives within communities) to Evangelism.

To encourage churches to engage and understand their local demographics to utilise appropriate resources effectively to further the aims of the Reflecting Hope initiative and the BUC's vision and values (Valuing People, Servant leadership, Inspiring Hope, Transforming Lives) and Strategic Priorities 1 (Reflecting Christ), 2 (Asset Management), 3 (Resources), 4 (People), 6 (Finance), 7 (Communication)

The BUC Reflecting Hope team along with the Conference/Mission Personal Ministries and Ministerial Directors have worked collaboratively to develop resources and a training weekend that will equip the local churches to support Pastors and members as we begin to plan for 2024.

The **Reflecting Hope Retreat** will offer our members essential skills and training on how to be effective in leading people to Christ. The convention will cover issues from the first contact with a non-Adventist to developing that person so that he or she will become an active member of the Church; even skilled enough to lead out in their own evangelistic outreach.

Through a series of dynamic presentations, transforming plenary sessions and challenging seminars you will be inspired, challenged, and refocused to minister with the tools to reach your community.

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Date: November 3-5, 2023

Venue: Leonardo Hotel Hinkley Island. Watling St, Burbage,
Hinckley, LE10 3JA

Early booking discounts:

- £50 pp, for the first 100 individuals if booked by 31 August
- £100 pp thereafter, for the first 100 individuals if booked by 30 September
- Full price thereafter of £190 pp, plus an admin fee of £20

It is therefore in your interest to book early.

Closing Date: 13 October 2023, is the deadline for all applications

Bookings: Email kguthrie@adventist.uk to register or complete the attached booking form. You can also book through the Reflecting Hope website below.

Website: www.reflectinghope.org/training

I am convinced that this **Reflecting Hope Retreat** will richly bless and challenge our Pastors and members to do something for the Master. Please contact your local Conference/Mission and church for other funding sources. The BUC has ensured that this is the cheapest price available for all those who wish to attend. Please take advantage of this special price before 30 September 2023. If you apply after that date the full fee will apply plus an admin charge.

Please could you promote this event in your local church, giving your leaders the opportunity of attending even if the Church cannot afford to send them.

May God richly bless you as you empower others to serve Him!

Yours in His Service



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