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This year has been a time of rejuvenation and growth for my ministry. As a pioneer in the single-focused topic of ministry, my mission is to help people establish an authentic relationship with God. With continued discernment, growth, and practice, I have found ways to expand my ministry, which is an ongoing process that requires laying the groundwork.

Emerging from the pandemic has given me a fresh start, and one of the examples of this is my Facebook Messenger ministry. It is a daily outreach practice where I send grounded, inspirational, and hopeful messages, which has led to developing supportive spiritual relationships with some people. I believe that any ministry is about love and presence, and building relationships is crucial. I continue to participate in my church's daily life and attend conference events to strengthen relationships with churches and pastors.

In the upcoming year, I hope to continue being more visible and active in the Conference by further developing programs. One program, in particular, is my coffee shop ministry, which is an informal way to strike up conversations with people. These conversations start on neutral ground, and often lead to meaningful moments, sometimes deeper and more meaningful talks. Another aspect of my coffee shop ministry is holding group conversations hosted by myself and other ministers or spiritual leaders, with conversation starter topics or questions, where the spirit's energy leads us on. I plan to continue visiting churches to speak to the congregations during Sunday services and meet individuals afterward for further discussion about my ministry and possible ways I can be of service.

This is my fifth year of ministry, and I wanted to reiterate its essence. It's nothing new, just keeping it simple with my theology. I point out and connect the spiritual tools that recovery and Jesus ask us to do: to pray, meditate, listen, be of service to others, and be a loving presence. I offer my gift and offering back to the church and those seeking to quench their spiritual thirst and establish an authentic relationship with God. It's my answer to God's call to be of service, and I look forward to listening to where the Holy Spirit leads me in the upcoming year. If you have further questions, please reach out to me.