Christmas Greetings from the Director of the Men’s Department of Baptist World Alliance

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2:14

As we enter this season of joy, celebrations, family gatherings and the like, I want to remind us of the reason why we celebrate this Advent Season. We celebrate the birth of our Savior. I pray that we will not only get caught up in the giving and receiving of gifts, Santa Claus and all the gala that has become a part of many of our celebrations. There are many situations of unrest around the world that we need the peace and good will that was announced two thousand years ago by the angels to the shepherds on that night that our Savior was to be born. From Africa to the Ukraine, From France to the United States, we see situations of unrest where there does not appear to be Peace. We need God’s Peace on Earth in 2015 just as we did 2000 years ago. As the angels reassured the shepherds “Do not be afraid” we must become those agents of peace in our world. I want to encourage each of us in our individual Families, our Men’s groups, our Communities, Our larger Church Community to be those agents of peace. The German Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer said “By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.” Let us genuinely seek to understand our brothers. There is no room for racism and injustice. Let us reach out to our Neighbor in the spirit of Peace to our Fellow man. My Brothers, we will not be able to be those agents of peace in our own power. We must seek to become part of God’s Will and allow Him to work through us. As we approach the end of 2015, I am very appreciative to members of the Men’s Department and the dedication they have shown to our causes. May God Bless each of you during this holiday season and may we celebrate the Birth of Our Savior and allow His spirit to work through each of us that we may become those agents of Peace to the World. Let us sing anew the words “Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come”

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