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2018 EASTER MESSAGE

Easter Greetings to you all in the Name of our risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen!

Jesus says: ***“Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, I am the living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever and I hold the keys of death and Hades.” Rev 1:17-18.*** This is our hope and we strongly believe in this.

At the heart of Christianity is this act of God’s love for humanity. That God would send his one and only beloved Son to die so that we may live for ever and ever. On Easter, we celebrate that, God’s love overcomes death, that goodness overcomes evil and all our sins are forgiven and we receive everlasting love through Jesus Christ.

Christianity today is under siege on two fronts: On one front is a growing secular tyranny which violates the First Commandment and seeks to place human wishes ahead of God. This tyranny on the other end also increasingly violates the First Amendment in a campaign to use the power of government to force Christians to violate their religious beliefs. But we need to ***“proselytize”*** i.e. Persuade, stir, convert another to belief in Jesus because we deeply believe that what we are sharing is important enough to spend our energy on as we converge here today.

For us Christians, we share because we truly believe that the founder of faith told us to, and that his message changes everything. Every Christian or every member of the LCSA for that matter, have to convincingly say: ***“Here am I Lord send me.”*** Isaiah 6:8. **So be always ready for our Lords mission to take it to new frontiers.**

Peace and Grace to you all as you continue to serve him even beyond Easter. Amen!

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