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2009 ILI Mission, Values and Goals

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During our stay in Prague last summer, my wife Sara and I made some key practical decisions about our plans to relocate ILI headquarters to Prague in June 2010. One important decision is that we will operate from Prague, rather than an outlying town as we had previously considered, as we know many people in Prague and have already established productive working relationships that will support our “Cesta Tam” ministry. In this ministry we will offer English conversational lessons, making new friends and strengthening our ties with those we already know, so that we can have a positive influence in as many ways as possible.

This fall’s Presidential election, in which I worked for Barack Obama’s “Campaign for Change,” underscored and confirmed ILI’s commitment to helping people to improve their lives by assisting them in achieving their goals, dreams and purposes.

The ILI business programs of the 1990’s were successful in helping Central and Eastern European business leaders to change their business paradigms and methods to reflect the new reality of the global market economy. Since then, ILI has steadily moved toward assisting people in their spiritual lives; this year’s mission statement makes reference to ILI’s desire to be part of the “doing of good” that traditionally has been an American characteristic. Our mission reflects this desire.

2009 Mission of ILI

The mission of the International Leadership Institute is to pro-

vide urgently-needed services and programs aimed at assuring that the United States of America becomes, as it has always proposed to be, a force for good in the world. This mission is in harmony with the vision and spirit that animated the founders of the US, as expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

Values that support the ILI Mission

The International Leadership Institute stands for and promotes the values of compassion, generosity, tolerance, equality and loving kindness, as well as patience, humility, goodness, peace and joy, as practiced over the centuries by many Christian saints, in all walks of life and as expressed in all the various doctrines and practices of Christ’s Church on earth. Within this set of values is articulated a sincere desire to help people live the authentic, rewarding and fulfilling lives that their Creator intends for them to live. We intend to assist people in achieving their God-given goals, dreams and purpose.

ILI Leadership Development

In pursuit of this mission, and with the guidance of these values, the Institute will endeavor to develop and equip Christ-centered leaders who will step into the “leadership gap” that exists in the US and, in particular, in the American Christian Church. These Christ-minded leaders will be competent, effective and able leaders who offer relevant and practical solutions to pressing social needs, and who strive for unity within the body of Christ.

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Goal #1: Following Christ

As I have considered our mission and values, and prayed about ways in which to live them out, I have decided that I will, in all I do, follow the example of Jesus Christ. Born into an intensely nationalistic culture, He regularly made foreigners and outcasts the heroes of His stories.

He challenged the closed minds of legalistic and cultic religious leaders; he respected the weak (especially women and children) in a time when such respect was largely unknown; he dined with harlots, set criminals free and made friends with tax collectors, the hated embodiment of his nation's oppression.

Following Him calls for living out these principles:

- *Loving, defending and caring for my neighbor as much as I love, defend and care for myself;*
- *Practicing true equality of gender, race and personal orientations;*
- *Rejecting violence as a way of exercising power or settling disputes;*

- *Recognizing the sacredness of our planet and all its inhabitants*
- *Helping my own country, the United States of America, to be a force for good in the world.*

The Power of Christ

I know that following Christ calls for commitment and sacrifice, yet the commitment is not difficult, nor is the sacrifice heavy ("for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light," said Jesus). I also know that I can accomplish nothing at all without the power of Christ ("for it is not I, but Christ Who dwells within me," said St. Paul). The power of Christ is made manifest in His sons and daughters, and I know I will

need the support and advice of many Christian brothers and sisters in order to fulfill my goal.

One of these fine brothers in Christ is the Most Reverend William ("Bill") Mikler of Sanford, Florida, who has been a steady source of encouragement and practical help as Sara and I have prepared for our "Cesta Tam" ministry in the Czech Republic. In December 2008, I met with Bill to draft a letter of commission that specifies the relationship between Cesta Tam and the CCI (Christian Churches International), the church in which I am ordained. Sara and I deeply appreciate the spiritual support we've received from Bill and his wife Lisa.

Transition

ILI is now fully engaged in the transition from Florida to the Czech Republic. We are thinking, praying and acting according to our June 2010 move to Prague.

We anticipate that 2009 will be an exciting and eventful year!



The Most Rev William Mikler, CCI Primary Jurisdictional Archbishop for the Apostolate for the Nations, with the Reverend Jaroslav Tusek