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St. James has joined Community of Hope International, a Benedictine organization which will provide training and guidance for all of our ministries. This organization does not seek to replace our ministries, but to make us more efficient in how we use our resources. By doing this, we will be increasing our footprint within the community!

Our first meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 5th after our 9:30am service**. In this meeting we will discuss a training schedule, and we encourage the entire congregation to attend. The training modules, in order, are **Week 1: Benedictine Spirituality, Week 2: Theology of Pastoral Care, Week 3: Pastoral Identity, Week 4: Listening Skills, Week 5: Prayer, Christian Meditation, & Silence, Week 6: Motivational Spiritual Gifts, Week 7: The Pastor Visit & Boundaries, Week 8: Confidentiality, First Practice Visit, and Debriefing, Week 9: Understanding Family Systems, Week 10: Grief: Coping with Loss, Week 11: Pastoral Care for Seniors, Week 12: Second Practice Visit, Week 13: Care for the Caregiver, Week 14: Commitment to Ministry, & Week 15: COHI Training Retreat.**

May everyone have a blessed and fruitful new year, and we are looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on February 5th!

Yours in Christ,

Kenneth White-Spunner