**THE BENEFITS OF A CONFERENCE**

**A Good Conference provides the following:**

1. Vision and direction for its local churches.
2. Encouragement and inspiration for its pastors; advocating for the good care of its pastors such as an extended health care group policy sabbaticals pensions etc.
3. Assistance for the congregation in the calling of a pastor during times of transition and assistance to the pastor in finding a place of service.
4. A mechanism for the calling installation and ordination of its pastors and registration with the provincial government for the performing of weddings.
5. Peacemaking and conflict resolution for congregations in times of conflict.
6. Theological and spiritual accountability which protects both pastor and congregation.
7. A centre to assist local congregations in carrying out Christ's mission in the world.
8. A connection between local congregations and agencies which provide educational missional and relief resources.
9. The oversight and guidance of a Conference Pastor.
10. Retreats and Conferences for inspiration and blessing.