

Spiritual mentors are not necessarily religious leaders. However, they definitely do lead. It is a unique type of leadership that exudes certain qualities and characteristics. They share their experiences and knowledge as a way of guiding others to the spiritual clarity that they have obtained. They commit their lives to improving the conditions of other people rather than their own. They are leaders that inspire self-reflection and empower individuals who have shown to be faithful, available and teachable.

### **CCSA 2019 Theme: "The Lasting Legacy"**

~ Ephesians 4:11-13.

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Jackie Chan modelled his acting career after Bruce Lee. Luke Skywalker learned "the Force" from Yoda. Similarly, in Jesus' day, it was a relationship between a rabbi and his disciples. Jesus was called rabbi (or teacher). His apprentices were disciples (learners). A disciple's job was to follow their rabbi until they absorbed all he had to teach them. Jesus invited twelve ordinary, men to follow him. They learned from his teachings, his interactions with others, and from ongoing conversations with Him. Then after three years of apprenticeship, they had been transformed.

John 10:10 says "Jesus came to earth so that his followers "may have life, and have it to the full." His final instruction to his followers was to spread that good news: "Go and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. ~Matthew 28:19-20.

This the 39th CCSA season. Let us be people, leaders and a league that inspires and is genuinely interested in helping others to discover their own unique purpose and identity in life. Legacy is not leaving something for people, it is what you leave *in* people.