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Dear friends, participants and supporters of ECPCC,

We are already pacing in the New Year 2009. The joyful and auspicious light of Christmas is still warming our hearts and the Holly Epiphany blazes our existence. Unfortunately, the World faces a major economical and ecological crisis and a lot of innocent people lose their lives in the dark flames of unjust wars and inhuman violence.

In the middle of all these desolations and suffering our Churches, the clergy and the pastoral care givers at large, have the duty to be present and make the love of God apparent and visible.

A crucial element of this mission is to fulfill in any possible way the prophetic task of our job and dedication.

As you know, the theme of our 2009 conference is “Prophetic Pastoral Care and Counseling” (Leuven, Belgium, August 20-25, 2009).

Together with my best wishes for a blessed, fruitful and prosperous New Year I would like to invite you to this challenging gathering and call you to send in papers and workshop proposals.

On behalf of the Executive and Steering Committee of the ECPCC

Warm and friendly wishes to all of you and each one personally

Sincerely yours  
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