**Two Critically Strategic Conferences for IFES MENA This Fall of 2021**

Gathering for Second Generation of Yemeni and Saudi Emerging Leaders in Cairo Egypt

In 2021 IFES MENA had planned for a training conference in one of the Gulf countries with a focus on Bible exposition, small group Bible study, leadership training, worship and prayer. We anticipated having between 60 and 80 delegates from each of the Gulf countries. The date and venue for this conference was dependent on Covid restrictions,

However, the pioneering project in the Gulf has been sadly put on hold due to the untimely death of Shaher Luka from Covid. Shaher was the IFES Associate Regional Director for Pioneering in the Gulf. Decisions will be made soon about how and when to move forward with this.

In place of the above conference, **IFES MENA plans to have a training event for 3-5 days in Egypt in early October for a handful of strategically placed believers from Yemen and Saudi.** The purpose of this is to equip the next generation of leaders for those countries. The three IFES MENA senior leaders will lead this conference. Some of the first generation of leaders from Yemen and Saudi will also attend. We continue to thank God that our key Yemen professor who leads that work is safe, his wife is well and he will be part of this training in Egypt.

The cost of this event will be $10,000.

IFES MENA General Secretaries Conference November 2021 in Turkey

Because of the Covid pandemic many of the regional and national gatherings for IFES MENA have been put on hold. Each national movement has continued much of their online ministry. But for this reason, it has become essential that the General Secretaries from the 12 national movements and 6 pioneering countries can meet together.

We are planning this General Secretary Conference in Turkey mid-November for 5 days.

The purpose of our time together will be to reconnect after being separated for so long, to process all the loss our region has sustained, to think through the challenges we face, and to encourage and pray for one another. Spiritual restoration will be an important goal. We will also explore together our next three-year ministry plan that has recently been developed, God willing.

The cost of this conference will be $15,000.