



## Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church Pastor Dan's Communiqué



October 9, 2013

My friends--

This is a mid-week list of some of the special events coming up so you can know how to plan your weekends.

**FRIDAY: THE WAY.** This will be Pastor Sara-May's first official THE WAY message now that she is really here! She has her apartment, the van came with her things, and she is truly here! Orangewood Academy is merging their vespers with ours and bringing everybody there here, so it should be a great group. Food, music, and her inaugural message!

**WORSHIP SERVICES: Pastor Filip**, young adult pastor at Laguna, will speak for SANCTUARY at 9:30, and I have the 11:30 Divine Worship Service. Pastor Sara-May will be officially installed, dedicated, and prayed over during Divine Worship!

**POTLUCK:** Our official welcoming potluck for Pastor Sara-May will be in the Fellowship Hall right after Divine Worship. We hope the whole church will come, take a minute to welcome her, promise her your love, prayer, and support. She chose us over Hawaii--make her know she made the right choice! See Earl McCoubrey's note below.

**GRACE UNIVERSITY (2:30-4:00):** We will have Grace University again Sabbath afternoon in the Fellowship Hall, for everybody who wishes to learn how to make friends for God, give Bible studies, etc. We especially want all those who took the course last Fall to come for a highlight review and then sign up for a special dedication in a few weeks.

**HEALTHCARE AND INSURANCE:** if there are any of you who are without health insurance and struggling to know how to navigate the new options, one of our members, Jeff Terreros, has been specially trained to orient people through it. While as a church we want to be careful about endorsing any particular person or vendor, we felt that we needed to at least let our members know of this option if they need this unique service. He is licensed and an active member here, but you will need to make your own decision about the options available to you. 714-916-2880.

**REVELATION SEMINAR: Monday night, Oct. 14, 8 pm. Last Session: All the questions about the Millennium, the End Game of the Universe, Revelation 20-22.**

**PASTORAL CANDIDATE:** One of the potential young adult pastors will be speaking for GGSDA in both services October 19. A roundtable interview session will be available for all young adults who would like to attend, in the Library, 2:30. There will be a lunch option in the Fellowship Hall between Divine Worship and the Roundtable if anyone would like to take advantage of that. While the official Search Committee has the final vote on the recommendation to the Board and to the Conference, we want to make sure that the process is as inclusive as possible, and so if you would like to be part of this and make your opinion known to the Committee, this is your chance! We believe God speaks the best and clearest through groups and committees!

Here is Earl's Note:

### **Absolutely Anything and Everything, Except...**

We certainly had a good time celebrating Pastor Shiphrah with a church-wide potluck in September. Thanks to all of you who prepared and brought dishes, including some of Pasta Shiphrah's favorites; noodles of many varieties. Every dish was important, as we had lots of delicious food and lots of variety.

Ah shucks, let's do it again!

Pastor Sara-May is here with us now, so let's eat! Pastor Sara-May tells me she really enjoys everything, as long as it doesn't have mushrooms in it! So, no mushrooms, please. That rules out mushroom jello and mushroom ice cream. Also, no mushroom cookies or cakes or pop tarts. Let there be no fungus among us!

This being astronomical autumn, our thoughts turn to blazing fall colors, and to squash. Yes, squash. This is the time of year when Trader Joe's has butternut squash for \$1.79 each. Perhaps someone will do roasted butternut squash, or perhaps a simple butternut squash soup. Lentil loafs, casseroles; anything veggie/vegan homemade will be grand, as will be salads and fruits.

Once you make it and bring it, please plan to join us for dinner (midday) and help us eat it. Food and fellowship both begin with the letter "f", and so they just naturally go together.

Though Jesus did take time to be alone with God in prayer as a regular part of his routine (Now, there's a hint!), he spent his ministry career bringing people together; often over food. It's so important to have pleasant time together in Jesus' name, and with a plate full of food and a fork (Oops, more "fs"). What warmer way is there to greet Pastor Sara-May than with a fellowship and food event!

I'm looking forward to this coming Sabbath with all of you, and to welcoming Youth Pastor Sara-May at midday dinner!

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Have a great week! God bless!

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