



Garden Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Dan's Newsletter



October 6, 2016

Dear Friends!

There are a few announcements that really can't wait for tomorrow, so here they are:

1. **Conference Meeting:** Our Conference leadership team will all be at the meeting for Orange County tonight, 7-9 pm, Anaheim Sunkist, 900 S. Sunkist, Anaheim. I went to the one Monday night in Riverside because I can't go here tonight. But the very exciting thing is that they presented about 12 pages of ideas that have brought to them through a Strategic Plan process over the last few months. They are split between ideas for youth and young adult ministries, education, evangelism, etc. There are literally hundreds of great ideas, and they want feedback on anything that is missing, and how you feel about how to prioritize these projects. Probably the best list like this I have seen a Conference put out there in 40 years!

2. **OC GRACE UNIVERSITY / REVELATION:** But, yes, we will still meet at 7:30 pm tonight in the Studio. I will make a copy of the SECC document for those who come to Grace U. tonight.

3. **INTERNATIONAL BANQUET:** We are all excited about the banquet Saturday night, always a highlight and packed. 20 different culture booths, including American! Program of music and ethnic dancing and pictures. Doors open at 6:30, and hopefully you are eating by 6:45. It is all FREE—but if you would like to put a \$20 in a basket to help the Church buy some new tables for the ones that are broken after many years—that would be incredible! We need at least 12 new tables by the Christmas Banquet.

4. **COOKING CLASS:** As part of the Wellstart program, there will be a cooking class this Sunday, 11:30-1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you want to RSVP go to Facebook, Garden Grove Wellness Program. Healthy tips for quick meals, meal prepping, planning ahead, packing lunches for adults or kids—AND eat some of it. She is terrific at this—we had her speak for our pastors' group in the County. There will also be a **Workout Class at Stoddard Park** up 9th Street at 10:00 am.

5. **FUNERAL**—Steve Rivera's mother passed away last week, after a long decline. Steve has been a saint in giving her gracious and loving care. She was a member of the Catholic church, so the services are in that tradition. Today there is a Viewing from 4-6 that is open to everybody, and then a Rosary service at 6, and a Vigil Service, all at Hilgenfeld Mortuary, 120 E. Broadway, Anaheim. Tomorrow is the Funeral Mass at 10 am at Christ Cathedral, 13280 Chapman. Burial will be immediately afterwards at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, 7845 Santiago Canyon Road, Orange.

6. **FUNERAL**—Many of you know Pastor Anthony Boger, former pastor for the Westminster Good Samaritan Church. They have lost their son Emmanuel (Manny) tragically. If you would like to support him by attending, the service is this Sabbath at 3 pm, Surf City Church, 2721 Delaware Street, Huntington Beach, Ca 92648.

7. **GENERAL CONFERENCE "DRAMA":** If you are trying to keep up with what is happening with this issue between church headquarters and those unions that have been maintaining their support of equality and women in ministry, here are the two websites that are doing their best.

Items to look for: Statement by the Norwegian Union. Statement by the Andrews U. theological Seminary. Supportive statement by the Loma Linda School of Religion faculty. The proposal that the GC give the Unions one year of grace in order to study and "repent". The actual Annual Council is in the next few days.

<http://spectrummagazine.org/article/2016/10/05/perspective-vision-unity-building-annual-council-2016>

<http://atoday.org/top-officers-of-the-adventist-denomination-talk-about-how-to-deal-with-union-conferences/>

God bless you all!

Pastor Dan