



Connections

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Pastor's Greeting: Health Assessment

Dear Anderson Church Family,

Each day it is estimated that 177,000 Americans will visit a doctor even though there is no health problems to be noted (<http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=486857>). Millions receive annual check-ups, and though it can be argued regarding the cost-effectiveness of such visits, most agree that the concept of “preventative” medicine makes sense.

Biblically, we are told to individually check to see if Jesus is in us: *“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified [already]”* (2Co 13:5 NKJ).

However, how do we go about ascertaining the “health” of our congregation? In a way it is based upon our perceptions of how the organization is doing, and how much we know about our Church. So, maybe a periodic assessment of our congregation would be helpful to see how we perceive our congregation's health? Unlike yearly physicals and health evaluations, this costs us nothing, just a few minutes of our time. It is with these concepts in mind, and many more that I do not have space to write about, that the Church Board has agreed to ask members to participate in an ANONYMOUS online survey designed by the Northern California Conference. It would be best to get as many replies as possible so we can get an overall impression of how you feel the church is doing right now—not how you want us to be in the future. Here are the steps:

1. Get internet access either at home, the library or at the Church (available at the church starting this Sabbath, August 30).
2. Go to our church website (anderson.adventistfaith.org).
3. Fill out the information about your church (pastor/church name)
4. Follow the directions / answering each question.

The results will be shared at our first Vision Quest session (Sept. 20), so the deadline is Sept. 15. Thank you for participating!

Three Parts to a Winning Testimony (Jac Colon & Elden Walter)

*"So everyone may be able, through his own experience, to 'set his seal to this, that God is true.' John 3:33. He can bear witness to that which he himself has seen and heard and felt of the power of Christ.....**I needed help, and I found it in Jesus. Every want was supplied, the hunger of my soul was satisfied; the Bible is to me the revelation of Christ. I believe in Jesus because He is to me a divine Savior. I believe the Bible because I have found it to be the voice of God to my soul.**" 8T 321*

This statement suggests a three part progression to a winning Testimony:

1. My Life Before I accepted Christ—"I needed help."
2. How I became a Christian—"I found the Bible to be the voice of God to my soul."
3. My Life After I became a Christian—"In Christ, the hunger of my soul has been satisfied." What is important is that we describe the fears, the uncertainties, the emptiness, the guilt, the enslavement, hopelessness that possessed us before we came to Christ [and how Christ saved us from that]. Next Week: Three Tips in Sharing a Pleasant and Positive Testimony.

Anderson Connections (please see your bulletin for more announcements)

Church Health Assessment: See "Pastor's Greeting" this month. This is part of the Pastor's Dmin project, so your support is appreciated! If you need assistance in doing the survey, then feel free to contact the Office or the Pastor.

10 Days of Prayer: September 9-19. Devotional guides will be provided and a prayer line.

Vision Quest 2014: Sabbath afternoons @ 2pm (Sept. 20 & 27 and October 4 & 11).

Roof / Solar: Continue your support by marking your tithe envelope "Roof and Solar". So far we have \$3,046.10 raised towards this project.

Area & NCC Happenings

Northern California Conference call to prayer: each Thursday at 7:00am. Dial 424-203-8400 then put in the access code: 669648#

10+10 Local: If each one of us gave \$10/month we could easily reach our Church's goal of \$14,400 for Christian education in our area for this year. Mark your envelope "Redding Adventist Academy".

Camp meeting 2015: July 23 to August 1 with Doug Batchelor, Ron Clouzet, etc! Visit www.nccsda.com/redwood for more info. The gazette from this year: nccsda.com/gazette