Revival and Reformation

IDEAS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE PROGRAM HOLY CONVOCATION

(January 25-26, 2013)

**Friday, January 25: COMMUNION SERVICE**

*Objectives of the celebration:*

* **Proclamation** of the triumphant death of Christ on the cross as guarantee for the salvation of all.
* **Personal Reflection** of the significance of this event for each one of the participants.
* **Communion** among the participants in a spirit of joy, forgiveness and praise, and a special invitation to the inactive members of the church to be with us that day.
* *We suggest that while the emblems of the bread and wine are being administered the following reading may be taken into consideration:*
* Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12
* John 6:35 - 56
* John18:28 to 19:17
* Reading of the book “The Desire of Ages, pg.703, starting from “the sinless son of God hanging on the cross… to pg. 705 in the expression “Having obtained eternal redemption”.
* Additional guidance can be found in the Church Manual, pg. 77 to 82, in the chapter **Services and Meetings of the Church** *and the subtitle /The communion Service*

**Sabbath, January 26 - DAY OF SPIRITUAL REVIVAL**

*Objectives for the day:*

* **Emphasize** in a practical way the importance of prayer, Bible study and witnessing
* **Celebrate** our God for the perfect salvation He has given us.
* **Reflect on** the theme of Church Unity based on chapter 17 of the gospel of John.

***Other Suggestions****:*

* In the morning, the Sabbath school as well as the Divine Service should be organized to achieve the above mentioned goals.
* During the afternoon we suggest the celebration of programs such as small groups, study panel discussion, meeting in the homes, programs of praise, music, testimonies, Bible reading and prayer.
* On Sabbath afternoon we suggest that you perform **the official launching of the year of** **the laity in each church** ,by reviewing the roadmap that your union ought to provide.
* This day is appropriate for the church to make plans to share a meal together.

**Suggested readings for Sabbath, January 26:**

* Acts of the Apostles, chapters 1 – 3
* The letter to the Hebrews
* Steps to Christ, chapter “Prayer”

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God bless you!

Sincerely,



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