

New Website Dedicated to Crafting Welcoming Statements for Seventh-day Adventist Churches

AdventistChurchWelcomingStatements.org

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has officially published many encouraging statements, from *Church Manual* to Fundamental Beliefs, welcoming *all* people.

In practice, however, Adventist churches at times have been exclusive and repellent. We have closed doors to people who didn't behave like us or think like us or look like us. We have cared more about being right than about being kind. We have confused acceptance with agreement. We have been too motivated by fear. We have turned away thirsty seekers of the free water of life.

Now is the time to be more intentional concerning the openness and warmth of our local church climates. As important as a mission or vision, a welcoming statement gives the church a face.

Visit AdventistChurchWelcomingStatements.org to find biblical inspiration for creating a welcoming statement, a list of actual welcoming statements, and tips for creating a welcoming statement for your church.

In this time of authentic revival and reformation, when the fresh wind of the Holy Spirit blows where it will, any movement by Seventh-day Adventist congregations toward hospitality is something to celebrate!

How You Can Help Spread the Word

Sample Email Announcement

Is your congregation happily open to having all people attend worship services, Bible studies, Sabbath School classes, potlucks, and prayer meetings? Does this invitation include people of every race, appearance, belief system, sexual orientation, nation, gender, economic level, age, and ability? If the answer is Yes, now is the time to craft a welcoming statement to show that your church is a safe space for everyone. Visit AdventistChurchWelcomingStatements.org to get started.

Sample Facebook Post

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Sample Tweet

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