

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Events Coming in September!



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Sept. 9 and 10 will be a special weekend in Southern California Conference. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Social Justice Sabbath, Sept. 9

News media and public interest are increasingly focusing on social justice issues that are impacting the general public. These public issues are impacting the Adventist church as well, particularly in the area of Religious Liberty. We urge readers to plan to attend, and listen and learn throughout this very special Sabbath.

Four Speakers at Four Locations for Sabbath morning Worship Services:

Normandie Ave. church, 12420 S. Normandie Ave., L.A. 90044

- **Ganoune Diop**, Ph.D., director, General Conference Religious Liberty & Public Affairs Dept. – *First time in Southern California Conference!*

Vallejo Drive church, 300 Vallejo Dr., Glendale 91206

- **Alan J. Reinach**, Esq., executive director, Pacific Union Church State Council

Community Adventist Fellowship

464 E. Walnut St., Suite 211, Pasadena 91101

- **Dennis Seaton**, Director of Government Relations, Pacific Union Church State Council

Glendale Spanish church, 901 E. Broadway, Glendale 91205

- **Danny Rodela**, NARLA West board member

4:00 P.M. Social Justice & The Adventist Church in Southern California in 2017

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Presenters:

Ganoune Diop, Ph.D. – Current Global PARL Issues

Alan J. Reinach, Esq. – School Vouchers Revisited

James G. Lee, Jr., SCC Public Affairs Religious Liberty director – Repealing the Johnson Amendment?!

Dennis Seaton – How Do Adventist Churches and Members Get Involved with Religious Liberty Issues?
Following a Q&A session, light refreshments will be served.



Sunday, Sept. 10

From at least the 1600's to 1886, when the Statue of Liberty beckoned immigrants — many of them undocumented — to our country, America has been the destination for immigrants from all over the world. As a result, the cultural fabric of the U.S. today is richly diverse.

Why do we train our churches to help undocumented immigrants

today? Our rationale is not to help people circumvent the law; it is service; to serve others as Christ served. In Matthew 25, He tells us to minister, “unto the least of these, my brethren.” People who have come to this country from, in many cases, unimaginable oppression, are in need. They are in our midst, in our churches and communities. As Christians, our calling today is to help where help is needed.

If your church would like to get involved in this ministry to help immigrants in your community or your congregation, please be sure to sign up to participate in the immigration training planned for Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Compton Community church.

Complete Legal Immigration Training – 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (lunch included) Location: Compton Community church 1226 W. Compton Blvd., Compton 90220.

Topics:

- **Know Your Rights**
- **Family-Based Immigration**
- **DACA** (*Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals*)
- **DAPA** (*Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents*)
- **U-Visa** (*A nonimmigrant visa set aside for victims of crimes.*)
- **VAWA** (*Violence Against Women Act*)
- **Legal Resources and Handouts**

If you plan to attend, please email or call to confirm your attendance (plus the names of anyone who will come with you) **before Sept. 6.**

Contact: Barbara Hart at 818-546-8405; bhart@sccsda.org; or Betty Cooney at 818-516-6508 (cell); bcooney@sccsda.org

Please note that, in the interest of safety, only documented participants can take the training. Those who take the training will then train those who do not attend.