

WELCOME and INSTALLATION OF PASTOR DEREK MORRIS

June 2, 2001, Calimesa Adventist Church

Pastor Penick: Friends, I am here today representing all your sister churches in the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Today we will officially welcome Pastor Derek Morris and his family into the ministry and fellowship of the Calimesa Church. We will dedicate them to service in this community.

Please join in this service of installation by using the "Welcome" insert found in your worship folder. Since the providence of God works in ways beyond our understanding, your search committee and church board recommended to the Southeastern California Conference, that we call Pastor Derek Morris. This we have done. He comes to us from his faculty position at Southern Adventist University to become your senior pastor.

Jim McMillan: As Pastor Derek joins our pastoral staff, this begins a new phase in his ministry journey. It also marks a new phase in the spiritual journey of this body of believers. We believe that God's hand can be discerned in this appointment. It is therefore fitting for both the congregation with its leadership and Pastor Derek to receive and give pledges of their support and dedication to the work of God in this community.

Pastor Derek: I would like to affirm to you, my Calimesa church family, God is leading in my life in accepting this call to serve as your senior pastor. By the grace of God, I will preach and teach His Word faithfully and with integrity. I will prayerfully be your pastor, administrator, and spiritual leader.

Pastor Penick: Calimesa church family, as you have heard Pastor Derek's pledge, will you receive him and his family in the love, respect, and support he needs from you so he can adequately fulfill his role as your senior pastor?

Congregation: Pastor Derek, we are delighted that God has led you to our congregation. We lovingly and cheerfully commit to work in cooperative service with you. May our talents and spiritual gifts be used so that the body of Christ in Calimesa will not lack any good thing. We promise you our prayerful support as we together do the work of God in this place.

Pastor Penick: Pastor Derek, we understand that your family has accepted this call along with you, and in so doing have certain hopes regarding the balance of ministry and family life.

Pastor Derek: That is correct. I say to you Jonathan and to your brother Christopher, who will hear the tape of this service: I will continue to be present and involved in your lives as a loving father, lovingly exercising wise priorities.

Jonathan Morris: And I too pledge on behalf of myself and Chris, that we will not fail to remind you of your family commitments and the priorities you have pledged this day.

Pastor Derek: To you Bodil, I will continue to be physically and emotionally available as a loving husband and lovingly exercise wise priorities.

Bodil Morris: I affirm and have also responded to God's call on our lives in coming to this place. I will stand by your side. I will encourage, support, and join you in this ministry.

- Pastor Ken: Pastor Derek, on behalf of my colleagues in ministry, Buz Starrett and Suzi Hebert, I too pledge our full support. We will keep you lifted up in prayer, asking God to give you wisdom and strength. We promise you our loyalty in word and deed as we together do the work of God in this place.
- Jim McMillan: Representatives of the church family will now present Pastor Derek and his family with welcome gifts that symbolize our desire for God to abundantly bless you and your ministry at Calimesa.
- Don Lake: Please accept this subscription extension to *Review* magazine as a reminder of your role as a minister who has set the Lord always before yourself, because He is at your right hand. May you not be moved from your position by His side as God's ambassador.
- Bobbie Durkos: As a camel falls to its knees each evening before lying down and each morning upon rising, may you also be a family who falls to its knees in prayer without ceasing.
- Fred Lloyd: As you fondly recall your times and roots in Tennessee, may you also remain rooted and grounded in love, learning to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of God.
- Pastor Penick: Now let us surround our senior pastor and his family and pray for God's rich blessings upon them, dedicating them and this congregation to ministry at the Calimesa Church. Please stand where you are, while the worship leaders and introduction participants gather around them as Pastor Furness prays.
- Pastor Furness: Dedicatory Prayer
- Pastor Penick: On behalf of the Calimesa Church and the Southeastern California Conference, I declare that you, Derek Morris, are duly installed as the senior pastor of this church.
- Congregation: The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.**
- Pastor Derek: May the grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be upon you. Amen.
- Hymn: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (Frist Stanza) 469