

Del Rosa Church Organization

March 3, 2001

Penick: Earlier this morning, this building stood cold and empty, closed and silent. Now the fire of the furnace and the heat of gathered people give warmth to the air and to the spirit. Now the unlocked doors offer an open invitation to all who seek this sanctuary. Now the exchange of greetings will merge with the music of instruments as we make joyful noises to our God. This cold, closed, silent building has become a place of worship and a warm, welcoming home to all who enter.

People: Thanks be to God for this place where we worship.

Penick: We join with you today to celebrate an important occasion that marks your growth and transition.

People: Welcome to our worship. Let it be known that we want to become a church. We have asked to join the sisterhood of churches in the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Penick: This is a commendable desire. What will you do as a church?

People: We wish to serve our God and to worship together as His people. We want to be witnesses of God's redemption in Jesus and to proclaim this truth until Jesus returns. We hope to be an inclusive family who will make this church a place of prayer for all people.

Mallery: With joy, we received your request. It was presented on the 22nd of February, 2001, to the Executive Committee of the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The Committee voted that the Del Rosa company be organized into a church.

People: Amen!

Paschal: Come now, O People of God. Come and affirm your commitment to God and church. Do you accept Jesus the

Christ as your personal Savior?

People: We do.

Paschal: Are you in harmony with the principles of faith as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

People: We are.

Paschal: Have you been baptized by immersion?

People: We have.

Paschal: Are you in good fellowship and enjoying one another's confidence?

People: We are such a community.

Mallery: May our God bless you as a congregation and newly formed church. May He bless this community in which you reside as you move forward to do God's work.

People: We the people of Del Rosa request the Southeastern California Conference receive us as newly organized church, into the sisterhood of churches at the time of the next Conference Consistency Session.

Mallery: Indeed, this will take place at the next regular session. Let us join together in prayer.

People: God of all the Earth,

**we are animated by your Spirit,
we are captivated by your grace,
we are motivated by your love.**

It is in response to your presence in our lives that we commit to worship you as a congregation and have organized ourselves into a church so that your love and redemption may be known through us in this community. In the name of Jesus our Lord we ask it. Amen.

All Nations African Company

Announcements and Welcome

Gathering and Praise

Hymns of the People

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Good morning and welcome to worship.

People: We are glad to be here on this special day.

Leader: How is this day special?

People: It is Sabbath and we have come to celebrate God great acts of creation and recreation.

Leader: That is what we do each week. What else is special about this day?

People: This day is important! We are to be organized as a church.

Leader: What does that mean?

People: Today, we will commit ourselves to the worship of God as His people and His church in this place. Today we will be welcomed into the sisterhood of Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Leader: Come then, O people of God, come, worship and praise the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

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