

WELCOME TO THE TRANSITIONS MEETING

Please pick up materials on table in aisle

13 May 09

"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to
harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

Opening thought

Dear Lord...as we prepare to close
one chapter in our lives and open
another, let us always remember you
are with us at all times. Send us a full
measure of your Spirit to keep us
focused on humbly serving and
representing you in all we think, say
and do. In Jesus's name we
pray...Amen.

Prayer

- Emotions
- Tying up loose ends
- Being an ambassador and recruiter

Leaving MLC

- As God decides
- Write down information
- Those receiving calls meet with DPs
- Those unassigned or deferring meet with President Schroeder and keep in touch with Prof. Tess

Call Service

Preparing to move

- Use your interpersonal skills
- Who is congregational contact?
- When will installation take place?
- How will moving be accomplished and paid for?

Preparing to move

- Enjoy the summer with fam and friends
- Change addresses (U.S.P.S. packet)
- Packing up
 - ✓ Secure transportation
 - ✓ Keep important and essential items in car

- Communicate and be prompt
- Get settled in as much as possible
- New in town
 - ✓ Banking
 - ✓ Auto licensing in new state [married women]
 - ✓ Utilities

Arrival at assignment

- Insurance
- ✓ Enrollment
- ✓ Deductible
- ✓ Flex plan
- Taxes
 - ✓ Men—quarterly payments [1 / 3]
 - ✓ Women— withholding
 - ✓ Teaching expenses and receipts

Vital issues

■ Budgeting

- ✓ First fruits offerings
- ✓ Housing and utilities
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Insurances
- ✓ Student loans
- ✓ Savings and retirement
- ✓ Miscellaneous

Budgeting

- Congregation
- ✓ Pastor(s)
- ✓ Principal
- ✓ Faculty
- ✓ Staff
- ✓ Congregation members
- First impressions
- The handshake and names

Meeting people

- Ask questions
- Listen
- Plan and prepare
- Listen

■ Find balance as much as possible

■ Listen

Your first year of teaching

Serving

- Look to Christ as a model
- Worship
- Grow through Scripture
- Lead by example
- Life long learning
- Take care of yourself

5 things I'm glad I did in year 1

- Home visits
- Joined the Y
- Kept my mouth relatively closed
- Started using a planner
- Didn't have a tv

- Called parents each week
- Kept up with daily correcting
- Done some work on Friday
- Pray and read Scripture more
- Remember that I don't always have to be right

5 things I wish I had done in year 1

- Check website—SEM Academic Dean
- Webinars this summer
- Keep in touch with us
- Prayers and blessings

Final thoughts