Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church
November 16, 2011

Dear Church Family,

After several months of careful search and evaluation, the Administrative Board along with the Potomac Conference Executive Committee unanimously voted to approve the employment of two new pastors, effective January 1, 2012, to lead Sligo's Children & Media/Outreach ministries.

Gerard (Gerry) Lopez will be joining Sligo as the Children's Pastor. He holds a degree of Theology from Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico. Gerry has several years of experience in working with children in a variety of settings and across a wide age range. From his early years as a youngster in California, pastoral ministry and, in particular, working with young people had been a dream and a passion. Both he and his wife, Eunice, understand that without nurturing and discipling the children in our congregation, the church will not fulfill its potential and cannot sustain in the years to come a strong mission program. They are also conscious of the fact that meaningful nurturing of children must of necessity involve the entire family. Their two daughters, Bianca and Brianna are fine examples of effective nurturing.

Paolo Esposito has accepted our invitation to serve as Pastor for Media & Outreach. He received his Bachelors degree in Theology & Social Communications from River Plate University in Argentina. His experience in multi-media will be a significant factor in our efforts to fulfill our church's mission. Paolo attended both Sligo School and Takoma Academy and sees himself as part of this community. His vision for his ministry at Sligo encompasses, among other things, working alongside our youth and other interested individuals, to build a media ministry that reflects the ideals of the church and serves as an important bridge by which the public can come in touch with our values, beliefs and life-transforming experiences. Paolo's wife, Cindy, is equally passionate about serving at Sligo and looks forward to identifying opportunities where her giftedness can be a blessing to the church family.

We are confident that the presence of our two new pastoral families at Sligo and the leadership that they provide will add value to the overall program of the church and strengthen our efforts to prepare ourselves and alert the community to the event to which all history marches - the Return of our Lord.

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Senior Pastor