

Dear Social Meeting Participants –

June 10, 2022

We are just hours away from launching our test run of the Social Meeting, and I wanted to briefly share just a few things with those of you that have said you are planning on attending:

1. Times and Locations. The number of people that have signed up for tomorrow's meetings is in flux. So here's the best I know at this time:

- There will be at least two Social Meetings held in the Fellowship Hall Annex rooms during Sabbath School time tomorrow, June 11 (9:30 AM – 10:30 AM).
- There will be two more Social Meetings held in the same location beginning between 2:15 PM and 2:30 PM tomorrow and going for approximately an hour. (Note: If potluck goes long, one of the afternoon Social Meetings may need to meet across the hall in the Earliteen Room. We'll play that by ear.)

2. Preparation on Your Part. Those of you that were at the Social Meeting Orientation meeting on May 21 know that I talked a fair amount about the need for each of us to prepare in advance for our part in the weekly Social Meeting. No, we don't need to prepare a speech! 😊 None of us are attending the Social Meeting to impress others with our speaking skills. However, we do need to think in advance about what we'd like to share at the meeting. Some possible questions to ask ourselves as we prepare are:

- Is there a challenge in my life that I could use others' prayers for?
- Is there a victory God has brought to me that will encourage others if I share it with them at the meeting?
- Is my life in Christ humdrum and boring, and I need prayers and encouragement to move back into vibrancy?
- Is there something else of significance in my life in Christ that I should share at the meeting?

Preparing in advance for the Social Meeting helps to ensure that our meetings will be of maximum benefit to all who attend, keeping us fresh and real in the Lord.

Thank you for being willing to try this "new" method of growing in Christ! Hope to see each of you tomorrow!

Pastor Shane

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P.S. If you'd like to refresh your memory about how Social Meetings flow, check out the "Social Meeting Opening Reading" by going to the home page of our church website (www.newmarketadventist.org) and scrolling down on the right-hand sidebar, or by clicking on the following direct link: <https://www.newmarketadventist.org/wp-content/uploads/Opening-Reading-for-Social-Meeting-Apr-2022-1.pdf>