

SALVADOR A. GARCIA

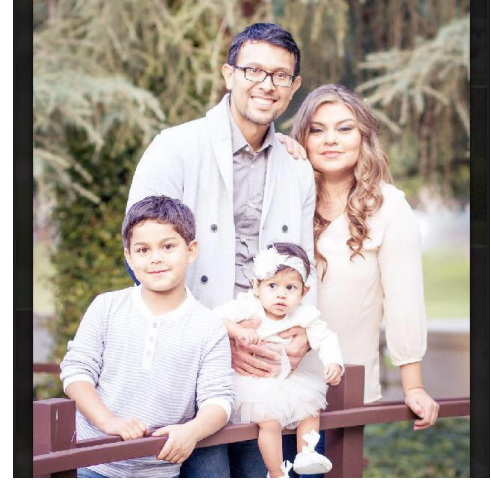
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OBJECTIVE

To be a Seventh-day Adventist Church Pastor that has a strong commitment to evangelism and discipleship and works with Children, Youth, and Young Adults in forming spiritual leaders.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. I have committed my life to Him and in doing so I desire to be completely obedient to Him and His Word.
- Experience in youth ministry
- Skilled in starting and leading ministries for youth in the local church.
- Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Teaching, Health Ministry and Children's and Youth Ministry, and Family Ministry.



EDUCATION

Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminary, 2018-Present
Doctorate of Ministry with a Concentration in Family Life
GPA: N/A

Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminary, 2004-2007
Masters in Divinity
GPA: 3.83

Pacific Union College, 1999-2003
Graduated with a BS in Theology
GPA: 3.41

RELATED WORK

Long Beach Seventh-day Adventist Church
Senior Pastor
2022- Present

Panamericana Spanish
Seventh-day Adventist Church
Senior Pastor
2020 - Present

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East Los Angeles Bilingual Seventh-day Adventist Church Senior Pastor	2018-2022
Glassell Park Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church Senior Pastor	2018-2020
Baldwin Park Bilingual Seventh-day Adventist Church Senior Pastor	2014- 2018
Culver City Spanish & Hawthorne Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Churches Senior Pastor	2012-2014
Hollywood Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church Associate Pastor	2009-2012
Central Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church Associate Pastor	2008-2009
La Voz Sylmar Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church Associate Pastor	2007-2008
Glendale Central Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church Associate Youth Pastor	2003-2006
El Sereno Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church In Ministry Student Pastor	2002
All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church In Ministry Student Pastor	2001
St. Helena Seventh-day Adventist Church Student Pastor	2001-2002

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SKILL SETS

Youth:

- Started a youth church service called "ACTS 2," a contemporary youth worship service with the goal of helping youth and young adults grow in their personal relationship with Christ.
- Planned, scheduled, and coordinated weeks of prayer for youth.
- Mentored young adults and students providing them support as they acquired significant roles in youth ministry.
- Preached and taught the Word of God on a weekly basis.
- Provided counseling for the young men in the youth ministry group.
- Worked with Adventurers, Pathfinders, and Master Guides in local churches and attended Adventurer and Pathfinder and Master Guide Camps.
- Spoke at Glendale Adventist Elementary and East Valley Elementary Schools for Student Week of Prayer.
- Gave Youth Week of Prayer at Oxnard English SDA Church, Pasadena Spanish SDA Church, and El Camino a Cristo Las Vegas SDA Church.
- Have attended Youth Mission Trips with Maranatha Volunteer International as an Outreach Coordinator with Ultimate Workout with Dr. Steve Case in 2003.

Adults:

- Implemented an Elder and Pastor Member visitation program
- Led communion services.
- Preached during church services.
- Conducted baby dedications.
- Conducted baptisms.
- Conducted weddings
- Conducted funerals.
- Coordinated Weeks of Evangelism & Weeks of Prayer
- Administrated Church Board and Nominating Committees in a holistic and biblical way.

Mission Trips:

- Have attended two mission trips with Global Evangelism as a Missionary and Speaker in the Philippines and Ghana, West Africa in 2002 and 2003.
- Have participated in the Quiet Hour to El Salvador in 2006 to help in building and constructing four churches.

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- Have visited Cuba as a Religious Missionary and an Evangelistic Speaker in 2018.

INTERESTS

- I enjoy time everyday with God. I desire to continue to grow as a husband, father and pastor. I believe that God will continue to use me as long as He is number one in my life.
- I love spending most my time with my family and friends.
- I also enjoy playing sports, traveling, and reading.

AWARDS AND SPECIAL HONORS

- Pacific Union College (2002; 2003): Religious Leader Award for Prison Ministry Leadership: in recognition of leading, promoting, and coordinating college student's visitation and participation in weekend worship service held at a California Mental Facility and Prison.
 - Pacific Union College (2002; 2003): Mae and Paul Quimby Scholarship and Ministerial Training Scholarship: in recognition of leadership as a ministerial student on campus.
 - Pico Union Neighborhood Council "Citizen of the Year" Award in 2009 for helping to organize and coordinate a large health fair in the Pico Union Neighborhood of Los Angeles with over 2,400 attendees.
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

My name is Salvador Garcia. I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California, but I currently live in Berrien Springs, MI with my wife and son. My mother, a native of the country of El Salvador, became a Christian and a Seventh-day Adventist when I was five-years old. As a result, I grew up attending the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and came to experience and have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ when I was seventeen years old. I was then baptized and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

At age twenty, while working as a receptionist and file clerk for an insurance brokerage company in Westwood, CA and serving in my local church as a Sabbath School leader, I felt God calling me to dedicate my life to Christian service and ministry. I soon left my job, family, and friends, and took a leap of faith in moving to Northern California to attend Pacific Union College, in Angwin, CA. It was the best decision I made, and as a result, I am a strong advocate for Christian Education for children of all ages.

While attending Pacific Union College and working as a Bible worker in Monrovia CA, I met my wife, Cynthia J. Hernandez. We dated for two years and a half, got engaged, and were married on March 6, 2005. While dating each other, and soon after graduating from Pacific Union College, I was hired as an associate youth pastor in Glendale, CA. I served there for two years and four months, and gained a valuable and rewarding experience in serving and training others.

While attending the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, MI to complete a Masters Degree, I received a great blessing: I became a father. My son, Daniel Antonio, who is currently six months, has been a great blessing and joy to our family.

Since returning to pastoral ministry, I have served in different churches. In August of 2015, I graduated with a Masters Degree in Divinity. In 2018, I enrolled and began a Doctorate of Ministry program degree with an emphasis in Family Ministry at Andrews University. I anticipate graduating in 2024. I have been working with several local Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern California. I enjoy working as a church pastor and working with young people in youth ministry.

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