

To: Nicholas Connan
From: Brenda L. Smith
Re: UN Team Worship - Friday, 2nd September 2016
Date: 1st July 2016

Dear Nicholas:

I am certain you are very busy in preparation for the 13th World Assembly. I do apologize for the lateness of this information. Ivonne Pereira Diaz, Matilda Johnson and I have been assigned as the UN Team to conduct worship on Friday, 2nd September 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Please note the following order, which is attached:

(As members arrive, they will receive a glow in the dark stick that will be used at the conclusion of the devotion while singing "This Little Light of Mine").

- **SONG OF PREPARATION –(Assembly) "BIND US TOGETHER LORD" (One Stanza)**
- **CALL TO WORSHIP - (Spanish) CUANDO DIOS CREO EL CIELO Y LA TIERRA
(English) WHEN GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH) – Ivonne Pereira Diaz**
- **READING RESPONSIVELY - Brenda Smith (Attached)**
- **SCRIPTURE & PRAYER Matilda Johnson (1 Peter 9:8-9)**
- **Three-minute Taped Meditation (Video) CHOSEN PEOPLE*CALLED TO PROCLAIM
(introduced briefly by Brenda Smith)**
Rev. Dionne Boissiere, Chaplain
Church Center for the United Nations
- **LIGHTS TURNED OFF GLOW STICKS IGNITED - Devotion concludes by Assembly
SINGING AND WAIVING LIGHTS FROM RIGHT TO LEFT –**

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, I'M GOING TO LET IT SHINE -

OPENING SONG FOR UN TEAM WORSHIP

Artist:	Hymns
Album:	Unknown
Title:	Bind Us Together

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together in Love
There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing.

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together in Love

Fit for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Blood
Born with the right to be free
Jesus the victory has won.

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together in Love

Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together in Love

We are the family of God
We are the promise divine
We are God's chosen desire
We are the glorious new wine

(HOLD HANDS WHILE SINGING THIS SONG)

Call to Worship

CUANDO DIOS CREO EL CIELO Y LA TIERRA (WHEN GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH)

Cuando Dios creo el cielo y la tierra, dice las Escrituras que...la tierra estaba desordenada y vacía y las tinieblas estaban sobre la faz del abismo.... Y dijo Dios sea la " luz " y fue la " luz " y vio Dios que la " luz " era buena; y separo la " luz " de las tinieblas..... (Génesis 1:2-3),

En verdad amadas amigas y hnas. en Cristo en este mundo hay tres tipo de luces: la luz natural, la luz artificial y la luz espiritual;

La luz natural o luz material es la que Dios nos ha dado a través de la creación del sol, la luna y las estrellas,

La luz artificial creada por el hombre....pero estas dos luces solo sirve para alumbrarnos materialmente (= alumbramos todo lo que podemos ver y tocar o percibir con nuestros sentidos.

Pero hay una " LUZ " especial que Dios también nos ha dado y está " LUZ ", se llama Jesucristo el cual ilumina nuestro corazones a través de su " EVANGELIO ", y esta la única luz que puede hacernos entender el porqué de la nuestra existencia, el porqué de las Escrituras, por qué vino Jesús, por qué fue creado todo lo que existe, el porqué de la predicación,

Así como Dios ilumino la tierra con las lumbreras materiales (sol-luna-estrellas), hoy él ha mandado que nuestros corazones resplandezcan con la luz del evangelio para que sea separado de las tinieblas que estas representan las mentiras, engaños e ignorancia de la verdadera voluntad y propósito para nuestras vidas.

Y está verdadera luz que ilumina la vida se llama Jesucristo...él dijo " YO SOY LA LUZ DEL MUNDO " el que me sigue no andará en tinieblas..... (Juan 8:12).

Te animo a seguir a Jesucristo, a consagrar tu vida, porque es la luz que trae vida abundante, vida con propósito, vida espiritual, vida de integridad, vida llena del Espíritu santo, vida santificada, vida eterna, vida sin fin, vida con Dios por la eternidad dime no es suficientes motivos para seguirlo.Amen.

WHEN GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH

“When God created heavens and earth, according to the Scripture it says that it was without form, void and empty, and darkness was upon the face of the Deep; ... And God said Let there be the light and “was the light” and God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness”. (Genesis 1:2-3).

Truly, beloved friends and sisters in Christ within this world, there are three types of lights: natural light, artificial light and spiritual light. Natural light or material light is which God has given us through the creation of the sun, moon and stars,

The artificial light is created by man..... but these two lights only serves to enlighten materially (= enlightens all we can see and touch or perceive with our senses.

But, there is a special "light" that God has also given to us and this "LIGHT" is called Jesus Christ. He illuminates our hearts through thy "gospel", and is the only light that can make us understand the reason of our own existence, the meaning of the Scriptures, why Jesus came, why it was created all that exist, it is the reason for preaching.

Just like God enlighten the earth with louvers materials (sun-moon-stars), today He has commanded that our hearts shine with the light of the gospel to have it be separated from the darkness that represent lies, deception and ignorance of the true will and purpose for our lives.

And this true light that enlightens life is called Jesus Christ ... he said "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" Whoever follows me shall not walk in darkness..... (John 8:12).

I encourage you to follow Jesus Christ, to surrender your life, because this is the light that brings abundant life, life with purpose, spiritual life, a life of integrity, full life of the Holy Spirit, sanctified life, eternal life, life without end, life with God for eternity. Tell me: isn't this sufficient reason to follow Him. Amen.

Ivonne Pereira D.

Trans. nc



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Leader: O God of infinite possibility, grant to us all the opportunity to act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ.

All: I can do it! You can do it! We can do it!

Leader: O God of abundant life, grant to us all emotional, physical and spiritual wholeness so that we might
better serve others in your name.

All: Hear our prayer, O God!

Leader: It is more important to perform God's commandments from inward conviction and in humility.

All: I can do it! You can do it! We can do it!

Leader: God looks upon the heart, while man often looks upon outward appearances.

All: God, you are our covering.

Leader: We can always find healing for all the needs in our lives through the Word of God.

All: Lord, we thank you for your Word.

Leader: O God of strength, give us courage, hope and open hearts, that we might experience expanding
possibilities and grow through change.

All: Hear our prayer, O God! We are your chosen people.

Leader: Nurturing God, you have inspired and empowered women throughout all ages.

**All: Give us the courage and wisdom to act boldly on our faith in you, O Creating,
Redeeming and
Sustaining One.**

Leader: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

All: I can do it! You can do it! We can do it! God called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me... Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on me.