



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BOHOL

Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

March 22, 2023

MEMORANDUM
MLA-2023-061

**DEPED-BOHOL TEACHERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

TO : THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS:
LOON NORTH
PILAR
SIERRA BULLONES
ALICIA
TRINIDAD
TALIBON
SAN MIGUEL
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

1. Enclosed is a communication from Pastor Lelord G. Arranguez of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, contents of which are self-explanatory.
2. Please read attached communication for details.
3. For the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.
4. Widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


BIANITO A. DAGATAN EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent 

Seventh-day
Adventist™ Church
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PUBLIC AFFAIRS & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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*- For reply & dissemination
to all districts/schools involved
AS 3/16/23*

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January 31, 2023



Dr. Bianito A. Dagatan, EdD., CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent SDO Bohol
Tagbilaran City, Bohol

Dear Dr. Dagatan:

The following teachers are members of Seventh-day Adventist Church, attending fellowship in the following churches:

NAME	SCHOOL	CHURCH ADDRESS
Anecita L. Saligumba	Loon North Central Elem. School	Loon, Bohol
Ma. Jona G. Campillo	Estaca Integrated School	Pilar, Mahayag, Bohol
Richel D. Quisto	Soom High School	La Union, Bohol
Leny S. Salazar	Estaca Integrated School	Sierra Bullones, Bohol
Henry C. Chavez	Catoogan Elementary School	Trinidad, Bohol
Love F. Dacoylo	Catoogan Elementary School	Tagum Norte, Trinidad
Ma. Lourdes T. Lamorin	Ponciana E. Leoligao High School	Talibon, Bohol
Rogenlita E. Torres	San Isidro High School	Talibon, Bohol
Sibilina A. Guisando	Talibon Central Elem. School	Talibon, Bohol
Geraldine O. Cagais	Mayor Catalino Y. Casoyla Memorial High School	Tagum Norte, Trinidad
Jeranie A. Sentillas	Maonglinis Elementary School	Cabigohan, Trinidad
Mary Ann R. Bumaya	Mahayag National High School	Mahayag, Bohol
Mae Joan P. Reposposa	Mahayag National High School	Mahayag, Bohol
Queen Hyacinth Lacosta	Mahayag National High School	Mahayag, Bohol
Mary Joy Reposposa	Mahayag National High School	Mahayag, Bohol
Devorah Mae G. Pabutoy	Dusita National High School	Sierra Bullones, Bohol

One of the distinctive practices of our church is keeping the Sabbath from the **sunset of Friday to the sunset of Saturday**. Based on biblical conviction, we keep the Sabbath by abstaining from work and any activity other than religious. We set this day aside solely for worship and other spiritual endeavors.

I am also reiterating the right of a man to worship God in his own view is guaranteed by the Bill of Rights under Article III, Section 5 of 1987 in our Philippine Constitution, it states there: *"No law shall be made respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, shall forever be allowed."*

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In view of their constitutional rights, I would like to request that they will be given due consideration regarding their absence during Learning Action Cell Seminar every Saturday.

Any Christian gesture and understanding extended on their behalf due to their religious sincerity will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Pastor Lelord G. Arranguez, MPH
Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director
Cebu, Bohol and Masbate Province

Approved: 3/16/23