



# SAAA Newsletter

**“Alone we can do so little, TOGETHER we can do so much”**

*- Helen Keller*

## Alerts

### SAAA May 2022 Sabbath Service:

Program Schedule:  
Date: May 14, 2022  
Time: 10:00 AM to 1:15 PM  
Eastern Time (US and Canada).

Sabbath Lesson Study -  
10:00AM Divine Service -  
11:15AM  
Social Networking -  
12:45PM or soon after  
Divine Service.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88966306791?pwd=ZzVvRmtSUjh3M1k3WmlWc2R5eWtYZz09>

Meeting ID: 889 6630 6791  
Passcode: 034484

### Telephone Coordinates

Meeting ID: 889 6630 6791  
Passcode: 034484

Telephone: Dial by your  
location +1 301 715 8592  
US (Washington DC)

May 14, 2022 Sabbath  
Service Monthly  
**Coordinator:** Seetha Milton

### Lesson Study:

**Teacher:** Margaret Solomon

## Divine Service Speakers:

**1. Speaker: Merlin D. Ponraj**  
**Sermon title: "The Power of a Praying Mother" –**  
**Scripture: Exodus 2:1-4**



Merlin Ponraj is the wife of Maharajan Ponraj who is the Treasurer of the SAAA Association for the past 6 years. She worked for the World Bank 33 years and the University of Maryland University College for 8 years. Currently she is retired and enjoys taking care of her youngest two granddaughters Eila and Alice. She is a mother to three sons: Edson Ponraj, ER Physician, in Tacoma; Erwin Ponraj, Anesthesiologist, in Portland; and Ernest Ponraj, Dentist, in Silver Spring. She is a grandmother to nine grandchildren.

**2. Speaker: Devadas Moses**  
**Sermon title: "The Motherly Characteristics of God" –**  
**Scripture: Psalm 139:13-16**



Devadas Moses is a semi-retired physician living in Loma Linda CA with his wife Dharmaseeli, and within walking distance from the families of his two children (includes five amazing grandchildren). When he is not in his primary care Internal Medicine clinic he serves as an assistant professor of clinical medicine in the California University of Science and Medicine situated nearby. He is a member of the Loma Linda University Church of SDAs, and is active in Advent Open Door Ministries, a symphony of ministries dedicated to reflecting God's love to the community through selfless service as modeled by Christ. His hobbies have included playing soccer and running marathons in the past, and reading, gardening and walking at present.



**Prayer: V-3** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. **V-5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

**FUN FACTS**

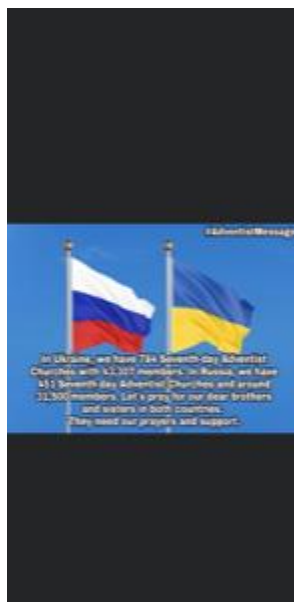
The name May originated from the Latin word *Maius*, named after the Greek goddess of growth, Maia. So, it's no surprise that May is the most common month for gardeners to start planting seeds in their flower beds and gardens. In some locations it's considered bad luck to start planting before the third weekend in May for fear of late spring frost

**Asset:Management Committee Fundraising event:**

1. SAAA Members pledge fund raising
2. SAAA Crowdfund raising based on Asset Management, and Public Relations committee recommendations

**Cooking session:** Please let us know if you would like to demonstrate your favorite recipe via Zoom by emailing [minparaj@omm.com](mailto:minparaj@omm.com)

**Special Announcement: Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers**



**Nominations for SAAA Monthly Star\* Featuring SAAA Member(s) who has/have contributed past/present. Kindly take advantage of a Pop-Up Link at [www.saaa.org](http://www.saaa.org) page for opportunity to nominate**

**SAAA Recognition Program:** Our Next Recognition will during May, 2022.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

As mentioned in our March 12, 2022 Sabbath service, prayerfully please review pledge form that will be mailed and also available via [SAAA.org](http://SAAA.org). God's guiding hand will only bless us as we wish to work and support our community for a good cause. We would like you to be a part of this vision by supporting SAAA building project. We thank you for your support and prayers. Kindly log into [SAAA.org](http://SAAA.org) and complete electronic pledge form.

**Amazon Charities:** Smile Amazon.com. Please consider selecting SAAA as the Charitable Organization of choice when we purchase items from [smileamazon.com](http://smileamazon.com). Amazon contributes a certain percentage of total sales towards selected charitable organization.



**SAAA Building Project:** We are on to a great start with fundraising and we encourage all to prayerfully consider supporting and watch God's blessings take us all the way towards successfully breaking ground at our Burnsville Maryland property!

**SAAA Board**

**Chair**

Krupavaram Meesarapu

**Members:**

- Y Rathan Raj
- Nathan Purushothaman
- Swinitha Osuri
- Pierson Tharapatla
- Don Injety
- Starlet Vedomuthu
- Maharajan Ponraj (Treasurer)
- Jeyasingh Vedomuthu (Past President)
- Kingston Benjamin (Current President)

**SAAA Sub Committee**

**Chairs**

- Religious Committee – Premila Pedapudi
- Social Committee – TBD
- Project Committee – TBD
- Hospitality Sabbath Potluck – Rajee Thomas
- Website/Rebranding – Brandon Injety
- Camp Director – TBD
- Marketing - TBD
- Building Fundraising – TBD
- Asset Management Committee – Selvin Inparaj
- Communications and Technology Director – Chitty Palevela

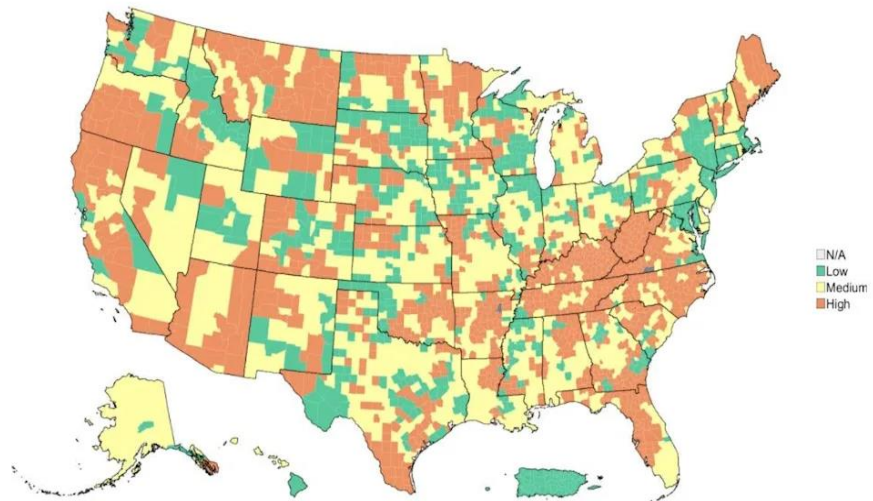
**SAAA Executive Committee**

- President - Kingston Benjamin
- Vice President - Marjorie Inparaj
- Treasurer - Ponraj Maharajan
- Assistant Treasurer - Praktan Kokila
- Secretary – Pauline Kokila
- Assistant Secretary – Bina Palivela
- Public Relations – Premila Pedapudi

**SAAA Website Development:**

- Project team:
- Web site developer and Administrator/Owner– Iron
  - Web Design - Charles Merab
  - Project Manager - Brandon Injety
  - Project facilitator - Joseph Pakianathan

**CDC COVID Guidance: CDC says 'green' and 'yellow' counties can take off their masks. A color-coded map shows where your county stands**



**Check SAAA.ORG**

- Announcement Page
- Volunteering Page
- Prayer request Page
- Monthly Illustrated Recognition Page.
- Monthly Pledge Form

**SAAA Website Features**

- SAAA, P.O. Box 4818, Silver Spring, MD 20914
- WEBSITE: SAAA.org
- Email: Kingstonb1@yahoo.com