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Citizenship and Immigration Canada
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196 George Street
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Re: Osvaldo S. Santos, Jr.
Reference letter

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am the Senior Pastor for the Seventh-Day Adventist Luzo-Brazilian Church, which has three affiliated sister churches in the City of New York (Westchester, Long Island and Queens). The Seventh-Day Adventist Church is a world-wide denomination with more than 18 million members in 204 of the 230 countries officially recognized by the United Nations and is purely supported by voluntary services. The observance of the seventh day of the week as its day of worship and the strong belief in the second coming of Christ are among the Biblical pillars upon which the Seventh-Day Adventist Church is founded.

Since its inception, the Seventh-Day Adventist Church has embraced health reform, returning a faithful tithing and baptism by immersion. In keeping with its mission the church owns and operated one of the strongest and most viable parochial school systems in the world including, colleges and universities with graduate and post graduate programs and professional schools. In addition to this, the Seventh-Day Adventist Church operates an extensive health system, with hospitals and clinics world wide, and an international literature ministry comprised of 57 publishing houses that produce, and more than 7,000 literature evangelists that disseminate religious books, literature, and media in some 348 languages of the world.

This is a reference letter of Osvaldo Souza Santos Junior, and I am very happy to recommend Mr. Santos with his documentation in this process. Mr. Santos has been working for The Greater New York Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist Church, in the position of Assistant Pastor, Music Ministry and 1st Elder for Westchester Luzo-Brazilian Church in Mount Vernon, NY since April 2004 until the present time.



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In his position, Mr. Santos is assigned to address the spiritual needs of the Luzo-Brazilian Congregation in the Greater New York Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. The Luzo-Brazilian community is a vibrant and growing community in New York and needs the ministry and orientation of a dedicated and experienced spiritual leader with Mr. Santos' qualifications. He is also responsible for: coordination, directing and overseeing the music program for the church; overseeing the finances and business aspect of the Church; making missionary visits to people's homes in an effort to strengthen their health, character, and education through personal counseling, prayer and Adventist reading materials; conducting the worship; coordinating and preparing the musicians to sing and play in the church; teaching musicians, choir members, and church members music; playing the piano in our programs; responsible for leading rehearsals of choir and musical bands and coordinating musical portions of church services; ordering musical supplies when necessary; visiting the homes to deliver Christian literature; praying in homes; conducting Bible Studies; starting home prayers groups; sharing the beliefs of the Church to prospective members; serving as a counselor for people in need.

Mr. Santos has given an excellent contribution to our church as well as he is well qualified for the positions contributing to the growing of our church through his capacity, competence, organization, motivation, communication, education and leadership skills.

Please contact me at any time, if I can be of further assistance in his process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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